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Dear Sewanee Alumni and Friends,

I have been in awe of Wendell Berry for a long time. He was already a revered writer and poet when I showed up in 1969 to become a very junior mathematics faculty member at the University of Kentucky, where he was a highly regarded Professor of English. I had been moved by his work, and it was a red letter day for me when he spoke in a College of Arts and Sciences faculty meeting, arguing for traditional values in the curriculum with compelling thoughtfulness and endearing self-deprecating humor. In the years since, his work has come to mean even more to me, and it was a special joy to welcome him back to the Mountain for the Jan. 22 convocation that marked the opening of the Easter Semester in this sesquicentennial year for the University of the South.

That was a high day for Sewanee. Tennessee Gov. Philip Bredesen joined Mr. Berry in speaking, commemorating both the 150th anniversary of the granting of the University’s charter by the Tennessee General Assembly and the addition of the 3,000-acre Lost Cove tract to our fabled 10,000-acre Domain under a Land Trust for Tennessee conservation easement. As reported in the article that begins on page 20, this wonderful addition was made possible through generous gifts and grants from many sources, the largest coming from the State of Tennessee’s Heritage Conservation Trust Fund that Gov. Bredesen led in creating. Mr. Berry and the governor were joined in receiving honorary degrees by famed writer Ann Patchett and Sewanee’s own leading educator and generous benefactor, William Laurie, C’52.

Being Sewanee’s vice chancellor carries many rewards such as that happy Jan. 22 convocation, but it also entails deep sadness. All of us who have had the privilege of serving Sewanee in this way have been blessed by warm friendships with generous alumni and friends of the University. We have enjoyed many meals with them, been adopted as family members, and swapped stories for hours at a time. They have become dear to us, and us to them, and we have been saddened and lessened by their deaths. In the last few months, the losses of three outstanding Sewanee supporters have been especially hard for 13th Vice Chancellor Bob Ayres, 14th Vice Chancellor Sam Williamson, and me.

Lou Hermes, C’57, died in San Francisco on Nov. 19. Bill Weaver, C’64, died in Nashville on Dec. 10. And Pete McGriff, C’41, died in Birmingham on Feb. 16. Sewanee has been blessed by wonderfully generous gifts from these men and in their honor, but the deep sense of loss that followed the sad news of their deaths came even more from our memories of their generous friendship, their gracious hospitality, and the warm encouragement they gave every time we were with them. As I sat in the overflowing congregation at Pete McGriff’s memorial service in St. Mary’s-on-the-Highlands Church, I pulled from the back of my pocket calendar a well-worn copy of a poem by Wendell Berry that I have turned to again and again on such sad days over many years. It comforts and reminds me that the loss of dear friends is a part of a much larger and better whole. Here’s that poem:

Within the circles of our lives
we dance the circles of the years,
the circles of the seasons
within the circles of the years,
the cycles of the moon
within the circles of the seasons,
the circles of our reasons
within the cycles of the moon.

Again, again we come and go,
changed, changing. Hands
join, unjoin in love and fear,
grief and joy. The circles turn,
each giving into each, into all.

Only music keeps us here,
each by all the others held.
In the hold of hands and eyes
we turn in pairs, that joining
joining each to all again.

And then we turn aside, alone,
out of the sunlight gone
into the darker circles of return.

I am grateful to Wendell Berry for those words, and to Lou Hermes and Bill Weaver and Pete McGriff and the many others whose gifts of friendship and generosity have blessed Sewanee and her vice chancellors over the last 150 years.

It only took 118 years to get central air conditioning to the third floor of Fulford Hall, and when it was finally installed recently, a window unit was removed from my office. I arrived for work the next morning to be greeted by a brand-new view out the previously obstructed window: the south side of Rebel’s Rest, perfectly framed. In a year when the history of the University is in sharp focus for everyone on the Mountain, Major George Fairbanks’ elegantly rustic log home is, for me, a daily reminder of both how far we’ve come in 150 years and how strongly we’re connected to our past.

Rebel’s Rest was built by Fairbanks in 1866, just after the end of the Civil War, a time when the grand original plans for the University were being scaled back to recognize the financial realities of a new day in the South. Compared to the imposing Gothic academic building that was to be the centerpiece of the University — a plan that was scrapped after the war — Rebel’s Rest is a modest reminder of the beauty to be found in simplicity, the grace in humility. It’s also a testament to the steadfast resolve of Sewanee’s founders and those who refused to let the idea of the University perish in the ashes of war.

In this issue of *Sewanee* magazine, we honor those founders and reflect on Sewanee’s colorful history but, perhaps more importantly, we also take a look at where those 150 years of history have brought us and what lies ahead:

**Past:** Newsweek Editor Jon Meacham examines the lessons of Sewanee’s history in his stirring Founders’ Day address, p. 7; David Bowman profiles *The Sewanee Review* founder Robert Peterfield Trent, p. 39.

**Present:** Professor Sid Brown introduces readers to a set of teaching methods that are bringing a different kind of focus to Sewanee classrooms, p. 14; photographer Scott Suchman provides a vibrant portrait of student life at Sewanee today, p. 28.

**Future:** Henry Hamman reports on Sewanee’s acquisition of major portions of Lost and Champion Coves, which will provide countless learning opportunities for generations of students to come, p. 20.

During his years as Commissioner of Buildings and Lands at Sewanee, George Fairbanks drew on his military experience to help guide the operations of a young and struggling University. It was said that he made sure that the temperature on the Mountain never rose above 80 degrees. If Fairbanks were alive today, he would no doubt take great pride in the world-class University that grew up around his log home, and might especially enjoy the fact that a new climate-control system in Fulford Hall should keep things cool for years to come.

—Buck Butler

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**FROM OUR READERS**

I recently returned from a Christmas trip to London. On my way to see some friends in the country, I passed through Oxford, and had a pint at The Bear (a 13th-century hostelry still popular with undergraduates, as it has been for generations). The Bear is known for its collection of neckties from regiments, battalions, colleges, and clubs from all over the world. The place had to stop taking ties at some point in the ’70s. Originally, the ties were merely pinned to the walls and ceiling. They are still affixed to the walls and ceilings, but now they are under glass.

In 1959, Daryl Canfill, C’59, Bill Bretman, C’62, Alex Vaughn, C’60, and I gave the pub an example of the Wellington tie from Sewanee. Someone unknown to us also gave a University tie. Amazingly, after nearly 50 years, I found our tie in one of the glass cases. You can imagine the nostalgic feelings as I remembered those days when we were in the flower of youth and all things were possible. I am glad that there is this little bit of Sewanee tucked away in a medieval lane, and I am so happy to be a part of it.

TOM BRITT, C’60
Essex, Conn.

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**WRITE TO US**

We welcome letters. Letters should refer to material published in the magazine and include the writer’s full name, address, and telephone number. The editor reserves the right to determine the suitability of letters for publication and to edit them for accuracy and length. Opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of the University.

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On a starry October night, students, faculty, staff and alumni spread out on the green grass of Guerry Garth to enjoy the music of one of Sewanee’s own and kick off a five-day celebration of the University’s sesquicentennial anniversary. It was the Friday night before Founders’ Day, and the music of country star Radney Foster, C’81, reverberated between the venerable stone walls of Walsh–Ellet and Convocation Halls.

In the days that followed, the University community came together for events that included a service in All Saints’ Chapel honoring the families who gave the tracts of land that originally made the Domain possible. Historical campus tours explored what Sewanee was like 100 years ago, and a dedication ceremony was held for a new stained-glass window, installed in Convocation Hall, that depicts the last 50 years in the history of the University.

The highlight of the week was a busy Founders’ Day, which began in New York City when a group of Sewanee alumni wearing academic gowns outside 30 Rockefeller Plaza were interviewed by Al Roker on NBC’s Today show. Newsweek Editor Jon Meacham, C’91, delivered the keynote address at the Founders’ Day Convocation, urging more than 1,000 people packed into All Saints’ Chapel to meet the demands of our time with courage and grace by seizing history and shaping it for future generations. (See excerpts from Meacham’s address, p.7). A brief rainstorm during the picnic on the Quad following the convocation punctuated an otherwise picture-perfect day on the Mountain.

The normally utilitarian fieldhouse of the Fowler Sport and Fitness Center was spectacularly transformed for the night to host the gala Bishops’ Ball, which concluded the day’s events in high style. In black tie and gowns, guests mingled, danced and drank a toast to 150 years of remarkable history.
On a day when thousands gathered to celebrate the University’s history, Convocation Orator Jon Meacham defined Sewanee’s values and their place in the world in universal, even epic, terms. The following text is excerpted from his address.

I dislike the strain of Sewanee sentimentality that treats this place as a refuge and therefore its people as refugees. Sewanee is not a cloister from the present but an encampment on its front lines. It is a simple fact that you can see more from a mountain. From Moses to Martin Luther King, prophets have gone to the mountaintop not to escape but to engage — to see God, to pray, to peer ahead to the Promised Land, however defined and however distant. Our years here summon us to engage the battles of the age in the hope that what we learned in tranquility may one day come to transform all the world. What did we learn here? To read and to think and to love and to live; some of us learned to pray; others of us to doubt; some of us to do both at once. And we have learned that faith and reason need not be at war, that liberty is sacred and tyranny a travesty.

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Sewanee is no more a static idea, or a finished project, or a completed story than our own lives are. We celebrate the founding here today, but there is no hour of any day, near or far, when the founding is not still unfolding. It unfolds here in the teaching of a sonnet, in the explication of scripture, in the performance of a symphony, in the stewardship of a forest. For those of us who are no longer here, the founding is still unfolding when we think a thought, or do our work, or say a prayer.

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In the broader world, the abstraction of the Sewanee vision, a vision of love of neighbor, a commitment to liberty, a reverence for the sanctity of conscience, must be made manifest in how we confront the perils and the promise of our new century, a century in which the will to power, often cloaked in terms of religious extremism, threatens the vision we hold dear, a vision that is rooted on this mountain and with a firm foundation in the perennial Sewanee virtues of liberty, curiosity, free inquiry, humility and always, always, love.

To whom much is given, much is expected, and you and I have been given very much indeed. So let us dare to seize history, and to shape it, that those who come after us will find that we met the demands of our time with courage and with grace and with love. In this hour, and every hour, through all the length of days, the strife will be fierce and the warfare long. Still, from generation to generation, our forebears on this mountain have joined the fight to right wrongs, to love their neighbor, to feed the hungry, to heal the sick, to advance liberty and learning. The charge is sacred, the stakes epic. Victory will not come easily. It never does on this side of paradise. But it may well come, for Sewanee has always gone from strength to strength, pressing ahead through storm and strife to make the world a better, gentler and freer place. In that history lies our hope.
One of the lasting legacies of this year’s celebration of Sewanee’s sesquicentennial anniversary will be a series of books that, for the first time, tells the complete history of the University from its founding to the present day. The sesquicentennial history project was eight years in the making and will culminate this spring with the publication of two volumes: a narrative history, *Sewanee Sesquicentennial History: The Making of the University of the South* and a book of essays, *Sewanee Perspectives on the History of the University of the South*. The first book in the series, *Ecce Quam Bonum: A Pictorial History of the University of the South* was published last year.

Perhaps no one is better qualified to write an institutional history of Sewanee than Sam Williamson, an eminent historian and former vice chancellor of the University. Williamson says that during his tenure (1988–2000) he was dismayed to find that no official history of the University existed.

Williamson and Professor of Religion Jerry Smith led a research team that interviewed Sewanee residents and combed through the University Archives. “We were able to take advantage of extraordinary archival resources, for the most part unused, in terms of maps, pictures, files of the vice chancellors, and paper collections of individuals prominent in the life of the institution. So we had this huge expanse of material, and we’ve gone through it fairly systematically.”

The new research led to some fascinating findings, details of which are included in Williamson’s book. Among them:

- Former President of the Confederacy Jefferson Davis was offered the vice chancellorship of the University in the winter of 1869–70 after Robert E. Lee declined a similar offer. “Davis turned them down
Bredesen and Berry Address Opening Convocation

The sesquicentennial celebration continued in January when Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen and Kentucky writer Wendell Berry addressed the opening convocation of the Easter Semester and received honorary degrees.

Bredesen, who became Tennessee’s 48th governor in 2003, is now in his second term and has led a progressive administration focused on health care, education, and environmental sustainability. He received an honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree recognizing his leadership and long-standing career in public service.

Berry, a proponent of traditional agrarian values and environmental sustainability who operates a working farm in Henry County, Kentucky, received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree recognizing his contributions to literature. Called “the prophet of rural America,” Berry has published 40 books of fiction and nonfiction, 15 volumes of poetry and numerous essays, which have received wide critical acclaim; in 1994, he was the recipient of The Sewanee Review’s Aiken Taylor Award in Modern American Poetry.

Also receiving honorary degrees were Ann Patchett, one of the most highly acclaimed American writers working today, and William Ross Laurie, C’51, founder and president of American Heritage Schools in Plantation and Delray, Fla., the largest private college preparatory facility in Florida.

Financial support from the North played a significant role in the resurrection of Sewanee after the Civil War. “For the first 60 years of Sewanee’s life, Yankee money was the major source of funds for the institution,” Williamson says. “Hoffman Hall, Quintard, Walsh Hall — all these things were built in part by Northern money.”

Benjamin Lawton Wiggins, who served as vice chancellor from 1893 to 1909, led the development of the first conservation movement at any college or university in America. “By 1890, Sewanee was cut-over forest,” Williamson says. “Wiggins came and established the conservation movement to save some of the remaining old-growth forest.”

After these two books are released, Smith and Sean Suarez, C’08, will publish a Sewanee gazetteer to chronicle the origins of local place names from Abbo’s Alley to Yerger Spring. Finally, the last volume in this series — Mapping the Domain: A Cartographic History of the University of the South — will be published by early 2010.

The array of new Sewanee-related volumes continues in May with the publication of a 160-page coffee-table book of photography by Nashville-based Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Robin Hood. Sewanee: From Generation to Generation captures Sewanee’s spectacular natural setting and distinctive architecture through the changing seasons of the year. The book also includes historical photos, and essays by Sewanee faculty and alumni including Jon Meacham, Gerald Smith, Bran Potter and Tom Macfie. For more information or to order the book, go to http://ur.sewanee.edu/alumni/sewaneebooks.
A Ready-Made Posse

A unique program brings 10 freshmen from Washington, D.C., with their own built-in support system.

I t all started with a smart kid who had all the makings of a happily-ever-after story. With a solid college scholarship, the young man was ready to take on the world. But even with all his promise, he left school before the end of his freshman year. When he was asked why, he said “If I’d had my posse with me, I never would have dropped out of college.”

What he expressed so succinctly was a phenomenon that highly competitive colleges and universities all over the country were noticing. If you take bright, motivated kids from urban public high schools and drop them in the middle of a strange environment without peer support, they struggle to find success. Fortunately, that one kid who dropped out inspired a movement called the Posse Foundation that has helped 1,850 young people graduate from the nation’s best colleges.

In the Advent Semester, 2007, Sewanee became one of the select schools to welcome 10 students from a metro area who have the smarts to go to college, but not the opportunity or the funding. “The Posse Foundation finds kids in cities who have the abilities to attend a strong liberal arts college. The main ingredient they look for is leadership ability and concrete evidence of that ability,” says Trudy Cunningham, professor of math and Sewanee’s Posse mentor.

“[Vice Chancellor Joel Cunningham] and I have known about the Posse Foundation for a number of years,” she says. “But it’s very expensive to do. The participating universities have to fund 10 full scholarships. We would not have been able to do that without the bequest by Doug Hawkins.”

Hawkins, who attended Sewanee for a brief period in the 1950s, left a $3 million bequest to make a real difference in people’s lives. From the evidence of just the first class, his dream has come true.

Shameka Jennings is one student who saw the Posse program as a way to augment her college career. “I had my heart set on another school,” she says. “But I thought [the Posse program] was a really good opportunity. I knew if I had a solid group of friends, it would help me through the next four years.”

Jennings and the nine other Sewanee Posse Scholars from the Washington, D.C., area met regularly for a year before coming to the Mountain. Through weekly activities, they learned about themselves and each other in ways that made them a tight group.

That closeness was first tested when travel delays split up the group on their trip to freshman orientation. Jennings and two others were delayed because of an overbooked plane. By the time she arrived on the Mountain, she was tired and stressed out. “They were really worried about me,” she says of the Sewanee faculty and staff who met her. “I thought, ‘Wow! They just met me, and they care so much.’”

Bexter Richardson, another Posse student, also sees that caring attitude in student-professor relationships. “For a student like me, there is nothing better than coming to a school like Sewanee where you have close relationships with professors, not just in class but also outside of class. I think being able to get the professors’ attention is the most important thing for my college career.”

Richardson says that he’s adjusted well to how different Sewanee is from home. “As a freshman, you come to Sewanee with 400 students who have to adjust to life here.” He cites the geography, architecture, and religious life as aspects that might take some getting used to. And he points out, “Sewanee is red hot on academics. I am not going to joke around with this one. If you want to wear a gown, you have to work for it.”

Even with the challenges of college to face, all 10 Posse students have returned for Easter semester. A team of faculty and staff has also completed interviews for the Posse class of 2012.

— SARAH STEFFNER, ’94
A Path to Service

A one-of-a-kind summer program helps students explore a calling into ministry or outreach.

Priests talk about it. Community service professionals mention it, too. These days, you might even hear about it from a teacher or even a politician. It’s “the call”—a feeling that a higher power led someone on a spiritual journey to find a vocation rather than just a job. But how does someone first hear the call? And when does the journey begin?

Since 2002, the Lilly Summer Discernment Institute has helped undergraduates explore their callings with unusual internship experiences. “The original grants from the Lilly Endowment funded university programs all over the country,” says Robin Hille Michaels, the program’s coordinator. “Sewanee has the only summer internship institute. And we want to keep it going.”

The program allows undergraduates to explore a calling in one of two tracks—ministry or public service—in ways traditional summer work opportunities don’t. The difference is a structured core of activities that begins and ends the work program. An inaugural week on Sewanee’s campus helps students outline what they want to accomplish, learn how other interns used their experiences, and hear what it’s like to live a life of service from professionals. The week after the internships’ conclusions focuses on reflection and sharing.

Catherine Outten, a junior at Sewanee, used her Lilly experience to find out more about church outreach. She knew she was interested in the Episcopal Church; she just wanted to find out what religious life had to offer. “I knew I wanted to work in a big city,” says the Roper, N.C., native. “[Career Services Director] Kim Heitzenrater helped me narrow down my choices.”

Outten chose Washington, D.C., and the parish of the Rev. Luis Leon, C’71, H’99, a member of the University’s Board of Regents. She says the format of the Lilly program helped her get the most out of her time in D.C., and with Leon.

“The program was very structured and gave me a chance to ask questions and reflect,” she says. “It helped me see what I want to do and what God wants me to do.”

Jonathan Andersen, a junior at Furman University (a third to one-half of participants are from schools other than Sewanee), agrees that the program’s organization helped him make the most of his summer service. “I have been exploring a possible call to ministry for my life,” he says. “When I read about the Lilly program, it perfectly aligned with my ambitions and provided a great support structure for my summer experience.”

Andersen says his internship in rural Alabama showed him some universal truths. “Perhaps the most important lesson I took away is that people everywhere are hurting and are in need. Some are lonely, some can’t pay their bills, some don’t know where to turn when tragedy strikes, and some just want a decent roof over their head.”

Although both Andersen and Outten chose church-based internships, Outten points out that the opportunities with Lilly are broad. “I’ve talked with students who are very religious and some who are not religious at all. Lilly brings in both types. You don’t have to be religious to live a life of outreach.”

Because the multi-year funding for the Lilly Summer Discernment Institute winds down in 2009, Michaels is seeking individual or new foundation support for its estimated $125,000-a-year budget. (Individuals interested in supporting the program may contact Michaels at 931.598.1869 or Rob Pearigen, vice president for University Relations at 931.598.1496.)

“This is a rare gem of a program,” says Michaels. “The end results are students who have a new lens for seeing and interpreting their world and finding their places in it.”

—SARAH STEFFNER, C’94
Acoustic Beethoven for a Digital Generation

With superior acoustics, state-of-the-art equipment, and a world-class collection, Sewanee’s William Ralston Listening Library will change the way students listen to and learn about music.

When Professor of English Tam Carlson says that the imminent renovation of a portion of the second floor of Dupont Library will create the finest listening space for recorded music at any college or university in the country, no one argues with him.

And often, the people to whom he makes this claim are well-qualified to judge the truth of it: the acoustical engineers, audio journalists, and manufacturers whose advice and support Carlson has solicited for the project. In fact, plans for the listening library may be better known among audiophiles internationally than within the University community, thanks to the attention it has received in Hi-Fi News magazine and Stereophile online, and the spirited discussions it has inspired on other websites dedicated to high-end audio.

When it is completed, the William Ralston Listening Library (a three-room complex located next to the Torian Room) will house not only state-of-the-art audio and video equipment, but also one of the world’s finest private collections of classical music on vinyl and CD as well as rare music books and scores. “From the very beginnings of Western music through Stravinsky to the 20th century, it’s about as complete as a collection can be. I don’t know of any weaknesses,” says Carlson.

This nearly comprehensive wealth of recordings belonged to the Rev. William Ralston, C’51, who returned to Sewanee to teach theology and English and to serve as associate editor of The Sewanee Review in the 1960s and 70s. Upon his death in 2003, Ralston — then rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Savannah, Ga. — left the collection in Carlson’s care with the intent that it be donated to the University when it could be housed properly.

According to Carlson, the Ralston Library will provide more than just a suitable home for the collection. It will offer students the opportunity to have the transformative experience of hearing serious music in an optimal setting, in the same way that he first heard great music on exceptional sound equipment in the Sewanee living rooms of his mentors, Ralston and English Professor Charles Harrison, evenings often shared with students and other professors, including Andrew Lytle.

“For students, it can be a life-changing experience. I’ve seen it happen,” he says. “In fact, it happened to me when I was at Sewanee. It has something to do with the significance of the music as well as the company and the beauty of the place. But it’s mostly direct contact with recorded classical music that has realistic dynamics and ambience. Once students have heard Bach’s B Minor Mass and Beethoven’s Ninth in this space, they will want more. Only the concert hall will offer superior acoustics.”

To design the Listening Library, the University enlisted McLachlan, Cornelius & Filoni, the architectural firm that redesigned Heinz Hall for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and acoustical engineer Chris Huston, who engineered the world-renowned Sound Kitchen recording studio in Nashville and whose production credits can be found on recordings by artists ranging from James Brown and Patti LaBelle to Van Morrison and Led Zeppelin.

The heart of the library will be a soundproofed listening room that will house the music collection of the Rev. William Ralston, C’51 (left).
environment in which students can listen to music on high-quality headphones. The area outside the Ralston Listening Library will be renovated to house the University’s extensive collection of books on music and musical scores.

At times, the dedicated listening room will be open for those in the University community to enjoy selections from the collections. It will host listening events on special occasions, such as a composer’s birthday. But one of the primary functions of the space will be to serve as a classroom for the music department.

“I love the thought of introducing students to music on a system that will make them feel like they’re in the concert hall or in front of the stage,” says Associate Professor of Music Stephen Miller. “In classes where the students and I consider 20th-century and contemporary music, the central historical development to consider is the impact of recording technology. So many students have little understanding of how the recording and playback process continuously shape musicians’ choices. The Ralston Room will make it possible to teach the history of recording in a way never before possible.”

Will students who are accustomed to the solitary experience of listening to compressed digital music files through mp3-player headphones embrace the shared experience of dedicated, collective listening to music, much of which is on vinyl? For his part, Carlson believes students will be converted by the richness of the music and the quality of the sound: “The problem with digital files is that they’re bits and pieces of music; they’re not real music. There’s nothing that can compete with analog. Analog is all music.”

The University has received over $600,000 in gifts and pledges with $150,000 still to be raised toward a recent matching gift of $250,000. The projected cost of the project is $1,250,000. If sufficient funds are raised, major construction will take place in the summer with the goal of having the library ready for use at the beginning of Advent Semester 2008. To learn more about the Ralston Library or to make a gift, go to http://sewaneeonline.com/ralston. For additional information, please contact Tam Carlson at 931.598.1346 or tcarlson@sewanee.edu, or Vice President for University Relations Rob Pearigen at rpearige@sewanee.edu.

GETTING ENGAGED

Among the more interesting surveys of American colleges and universities is the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), an eight-year-old study of first-year and senior college students. For the first time since its inception, NSSE went public this year with its findings, partnering with USA Today to publish the results.

NSSE doesn’t rank schools, but it does provide comparison with peer institutions in five areas of educational performance. The results have been favorable for Sewanee, which has consistently outperformed its peers.

Sewanee freshmen, for example, reported in 2007 that they had meaningful experiences with learning communities, while senior students’ responses showed they valued close faculty interaction, study-abroad opportunities, and a culminating senior experience.

Complete results can be found at http://nsse.iub.edu/index.cfm

GULF OIL CEO SERVES AS EXECUTIVE-IN-RESIDENCE

JOSEPH PETROWSKI, president and CEO of Gulf Oil, spoke to a capacity crowd in Gailor Auditorium in September as part of a three-day visit as executive-in-residence for Sewanee’s Center for Applied Economics. The topic of his address was “Fueling the Future: Moral Obligations Meet Economic Opportunities.”

“The moral imperative to get off oil comes from the fact that oil happens to be in countries that are illiberal, undemocratic and that don’t particularly like us,” Petrowski said. “It’s not ironic that the most liberal, democratic, peaceful and non-confrontational countries in the Middle East don’t have oil. A government that can just poke a hole in the ground and find oil is a government that doesn’t have to make progress and develop a 21st-century economy. It’s that simple: Our addiction to oil is, frankly, causing some of their problems.”
Cultivating Wonder

A unique set of teaching methods is helping students bring new focus to their work.

BY SID BROWN
Illustrated by David Cutler

Each time I lead a class full of students in a guided meditation on a raisin, I know at least a few of them think I’ve gone off the deep end. During the exercise, I ask each of them to use 10 full minutes silently to take a close look at, touch, smell and, finally, taste, chew, and swallow a single raisin. I can always see the question in the eyes of a few students at the beginning of the exercise: “What, exactly, are we doing here?”
The first time I tried it, I admit, I asked myself whether the exercise really counted as teaching. Now I can confidently say yes, it counts. In fact, it’s one of the most instructive experiences my students have in a semester. I regularly include this and other contemplative techniques in my classes, and if I’m off the deep end, I’m in good company at Sewanee. The contemplation of raisins is just one example of a kind of teaching that has become prevalent at Sewanee, a wide range of techniques referred to collectively as “contemplative pedagogy.”

There are many ways to employ contemplative pedagogy in the classroom, but the techniques are united by several elements: an inward focus, a deliberate pause between stimulus and response, and encouragement of different kinds of attention. Professors use these techniques to help their students learn to focus their attention, become more self-aware, and find a stronger personal connection with the class material. We also hope our students will gain a greater sense of coherence in their lives and learn to think and act more creatively.

You can imagine that spending 10 minutes with a single raisin helps students increase their powers of attention, but what I find most rewarding has to do with their heightened self-awareness. As we discuss their experiences, they realize with astonishment what rewards they reap when they pay greater attention to their moment-by-moment experience of life. Slowing down to eat a raisin turns out to be really complex and exciting. Not only do they discover many facets of their relationships with raisins as memories arise, but they rediscover the taste of this wrinkly, ordinary fruit. They take notice of their own wonder, instead of allowing it to slip away, and they learn one way to cultivate wonder: to pay attention to what’s happening right now.

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A PLACE FOR CONTEMPLATION

The use of contemplative pedagogy has been growing in the United States since the mid-1990s. Institutions such as Naropa University, the Center for the Contemplative Mind in Society, and the Contemplative Studies Initiative at Brown University sponsor training sessions, workshops, and give fellowships to help professors incorporate contemplation into their classes. At least three Sewanee professors have studied contemplative practices through these institutions.

Sewanee, it seems, is a particularly fertile place for contemplative pedagogy. Professors here in fields as varied as biology, English, and religion are introducing contemplative techniques into their classrooms. And some of Sewanee’s unique characteristics contribute to the success of contemplative practice here. For one thing, there are two longstanding, local weekly support groups for the practice of centering prayer, a Christian contemplative practice. The University’s former chaplain, the Rev. Tom Ward, C’67, formed a centering prayer support group when he returned to Sewanee as chaplain in 1994. Otey Parish hosts centering prayer once a week, and St. Mary’s Sewanee, just down the road, has held 51 centering prayer retreats since 1997. Thomas Keating, the father of centering prayer himself, has visited and spoken at Sewanee, which has awarded him an honorary doctorate. University Chaplain Tom Macfie, C’80, T’89, continues local encouragement of contemplative practices by allowing a Buddhist sitting group to use St. Augustine’s Chapel every other week for chanting and meditation.

Other aspects of Sewanee may less directly encourage the use of contemplative pedagogy. Associate Professor of English Jennifer Michael, C’89, who has just begun using contemplative pedagogical
practices in her classroom, says that many of Sewanee’s best-loved qualities (its majesty and natural beauty, a respect for and appreciation of friendships, a deep attachment to the place) can all be enjoyed without the benefits of contemplative practice. This sort of practice, however, draws on just these kinds of sensibilities. When Michael thinks of the teachers who had the greatest impact on her when she was an undergraduate here, the ones who come to mind loved their subject and had a deep interest in their students. Her nine years of contemplative practice, she hopes, enable her, like them, to be fully present with her students, to cultivate and express that interest clearly.

In many ways, Sewanee is set apart from the world. Most of those who choose to come here, for two years, for four, or for the rest of their lives, are inclined toward living life at a slower pace. Of course, you don’t have to be interested in contemplative practices to eschew the pleasures of life in the urban fast lane, but the sensibility behind that decision informs the practices.

OPENING UP TO THE MATERIAL
As much as I appreciate contemplative teaching techniques, the predominant modes of inquiry in my classes are the traditional ones: memorization, analysis, synthesis, exploration and argumentation. I’ve found, however, that when I help students engage in the material of the class in a way that allows them to employ contemplative practices, these practices complement and enhance those traditional modes. As Jennifer Michael notes, contemplative techniques invite more and different aspects of the students into the classroom.

Professors using contemplative pedagogical techniques are often concerned by the many demands for attention students are subjected to daily and the ease
with which they can become distracted. Bringing the whole student into the classroom allows a personal connection with the subject matter and a recognized and respected break from the distraction that so often typifies modern life and even our educational approaches. Engaging students more completely also allows them to weave together the different aspects of their lives — academic and otherwise.

The professors at Sewanee who incorporate contemplative practices into classes do so with at least as much care as they introduce other elements into a class. These exercises can’t simply be added to a class because they’re fun or interesting. They must be included in a way that makes sense and that serves a purpose toward the learning in the class. I pay particular attention to contextualizing and sequencing contemplative exercises. For example, in the past, the section on consumerism in my Introduction to Environmental Studies class followed a traditional model. I simply lectured on the topic or had students read an article on it and discuss it in class. When I used these approaches, however, the lecture and reading and discussion had little impact on my students. Because they found the material irrelevant, they had difficulty simply learning the basic facts of the matter, never mind analyzing it.

So this year I opened the section with the raisin contemplation. The day after the raisin exercise, I showed the students 17 images of logos with the names of the companies removed, then 17 images of local plants, then eight images of people — our two Tennessee senators, our governor, and our local representative as well as those of some Hollywood stars. Silently the students took their quiz: name the companies, the plants, and the people. Then they quietly reflected on what they’d learned through taking the quiz.

The exercises not only helped the students learn the material, they helped them see the importance of it. By taking such time and attention to consume a raisin, students experienced attentive consumption. Through the logo/plant/people exercise, they experienced the implications of inattentive consumption. They came to see how much they’d come to know unknowingly. I didn’t specifically ask them what they’d learned as we discussed each exercise, but their comments revealed a new critical view and a solid emotional connection to the topic. They were shocked at how easily they identified the logos and the companies they represented as well as the Hollywood stars. Two students who had taken a class with an intense focus on plant identification were particularly troubled when they more easily named the logos than the plants. They had sought out an excellent class, studied hard under the guidance of a talented, knowledgeable, and engaged professor, yet three months later had clearly forgotten much of what they’d quite self-consciously tried to learn. Instead, their minds were full of information about companies they’d made no effort at all to learn.

When students later read about some of the forces driving consumption, they saw that the facts were relevant to their lives. These students could not dismiss what they read because they already knew how relevant it was in the makeup of their own minds and their daily experience. They learned the material better and with greater ease. And they were able to contextualize their in-class experiences — they knew why we’d used a contemplative approach at first.

**LEARNING TO LISTEN**

My incorporation of a contemplative practice in a class such as Introduction to Environmental Studies, which is so full of difficult emotional challenges, points to another advantage of contemplative practices. They can help students “open up to receive bad news” as Associate Professor Haskell of the Biology Department and Environmental Studies Program says. He first incorporated contemplation in his class Food and Hunger: Contemplation and Action, in which students are face-to-face with the facts of hunger and starvation. Students are required to watch their breath or silently repeat a word (any word, but one that reminds them of their intention) three times a week for 20 minutes each time. Haskell thus helps them “unplug their ears,” enabling them to receive, listen, and be aware.

Contemplative pedagogy can help students unplug their ears in other ways, too. When they come to Sewanee, students often know more about reading and writing and even speaking publicly than they do about listening. They’ve rarely been taught explicitly ways to listen. Haskell notes that students are particularly challenged in ornithology when, often for the first time, their performance in a class depends on their ability to listen — a critical aspect of identifying birds is learning their calls. When Sewanee students take a class in ornithology, they raise their acoustic awareness not only by the standard exercises of listening to bird calls and naming the birds that make them but also by listening and simply describing to the best of their abilities the sound they’ve heard. They also spend time listening carefully without describing and without naming — simply listening to bird calls.

I sometimes use contemplative techniques for listening in difficult conversations. At the end of my Introduction to Asian Religions class, for example, students are required to find someone whose religious commitments (or lack thereof) are different from their own or someone about whose religion they don’t know. Outside class, with phones turned off and no interruptions anticipated, the student
and the interviewee carefully answer a series of questions such as “What’s your fondest and oldest memory related to your own religion or your secular ethics/values? Why is this such a fond memory?” and “What’s your most painful memory related to your own religion or your secular ethics/values? What makes this memory so painful?” Each person answers all the questions and has at least three minutes for each one. If the person wants to speak longer, they may. The speaker’s primary responsibility is to be as honest as she can be. The listener’s job is to try to empathize and understand as well as he can, refraining from the usual overt expressions of either disapproval or approval that so often influence people as they speak. Emotions arise, of course, and the listener yearns to share his response, to share a supporting story or express his opinion. But what he has to say, for now, cannot take precedence if he is to truly understand his speaker. If the speaker uses only one minute of the three, the listener still waits patiently, making eye contact, waiting for any more words the speaker might want to share. Both students spend time as listener and speaker as they go through the questions.

This kind of conversation can be awkward and exhausting. Students often report that they realize through the experience how little they actually listen. Often in conversation they are instead remembering something or planning what they will say next. (So conversations are generally more about them than about the person with whom they’re conversing.) This new kind of listening is different and differently rewarding. Students are frequently surprised by the depth of intimacy they achieve with another person, how close they feel. And, in some cases, how much a person can love another and still utterly disagree with her worldview and ethics. One student learned that her mother thought she frequently acted immorally, for example. She was still shocked by this realization when she told the class about it, but she also felt closer to her mom and fascinated by the possible implications of this new understanding. In no way did she doubt her mother’s love for her nor hers for her mother. Refraining from judgment, if only for a few minutes, opened the door to peaceful, honest, and directly spoken disagreements. And that’s the main purpose of the exercise as we close Introduction to Asian Religions with a section on religious pluralism. In a world in which religious disagreements can lead to violence and death, a little experience with peaceful discussions on such a sensitive topic can, I hope, be helpful.

Learning contemplative techniques and being given encouragement to practice them can help students pay attention, notice how their minds work, and learn more effectively. Some feel more connected to the class and to others. Some find parts of their lives coming together that hadn’t before. But I must admit that for me, the greatest benefit is helping students connect with their own sense of wonder. I do what I can to help my students learn how to cultivate wonder, by paying close attention to their own responses. And that can start with something as simple as a raisin.

Sewanee, it seems, is a particularly fertile place for this kind of teaching. Professors here in fields as varied as biology, English, and religion are introducing contemplative techniques into their classrooms.

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Finding Lost Cove

The University’s historic purchase of 3,000 acres preserves a priceless resource for current and future generations of faculty and students.

BY HENRY HAMMAN
After 150 years, Sewanee is growing again. During a year in which the University celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary, it also undertook a successful $4.5 million fund-raising drive to purchase the mountain lands of Lost Cove — 3,000 acres of forest, creeks, springs and caves — effectively increasing the size of the University’s land holdings by a third. It is the most significant addition since the creation of the Domain 150 years ago.

“This is clearly about the future of the University of the South,” said Claude Nielsen, C’73, chair of the Board of Regents, which approved the acquisition at its February 2008 meeting and provided early support for the campaign. “This addition will extend Sewanee’s historic commitment to excellence and to environmental stewardship on the South Cumberland Plateau.”
HOW DOES THE EASEMENT WORK?

A conservation easement is a voluntary contract between a landowner and a land trust, government agency, or another qualified organization in which the owner places permanent restrictions on the future uses of some or all of its property to protect scenic, wildlife, or agricultural resources. The Lost Cove easement is being donated by the University to The Land Trust for Tennessee, which then has the authority and obligation to enforce the terms of the easement “in perpetuity.”

The University owns the property and can use it or sell it, but the restrictions of the easement stay with the land forever.

Here are a few of the restrictions included in the easement:

- Timbering will be permitted under the terms of a forestry plan to ensure the maintenance and regeneration of good quality growing stock and native species. The Land Trust must approve any forestry plans before work may begin.

- Access will be provided to the general public through a trail system developed and maintained by the University, subject to the approval of The Land Trust.

- Recreational hunting for the general public will be allowed from time to time and will be managed by the University.

- No structures will be permitted, other than up to two field stations to pursue scientific, forestry, educational and research programs related primarily to the property.

The cove has long been a popular hiking spot, but for future generations of Sewanee students and faculty, it will be much more. Faculty members in fields as diverse as religion and geology envision interdisciplinary research with one foot in the classroom and another in Lost Cove. Biologists say students will have new opportunities for field studies that likely will add hundreds of new species to the catalog of flora and fauna on the Domain. Recent advancements in archaeological research on the Cumberland Plateau suggest that the slopes of Lost Cove will be a fertile source for research into the region’s prehistory. And no other forestry department in the nation will have a teaching resource of comparable size and quality.

A remarkable coalition — the University, The Land Trust for Tennessee, the State of Tennessee (through the Tennessee Heritage Conservation Trust Fund), The Nature Conservancy, and two Chattanooga philanthropies, the Benwood and Lyndhurst foundations — among them pledged more than $2.5 million the University contributed $1.1 million by selling a piece of land, known as the Smith tract, to the state of Tennessee for inclusion in Franklin State Forest. University alumni and the Sewanee community played crucial roles throughout the campaign, providing earnest money when the Lost Cove tract became available for purchase and making donations large and small to secure the addition to the University’s holdings. Julian Bibb, C’73, a partner in the Nashville law firm of Stites & Harbison played a leadership role in the campaign and helped draft the conservation easement for the property.

The 3,000-acre tract will be placed in a perpetual conservation easement held by The Land Trust for Tennessee. The easement will allow selective timbering, but “public access will be limited and controlled by the University,” according to University Legal Counsel Donna Pierce.

ENDING A THREAT

In recent years, scientists and naturalists have become increasingly concerned that the fragile ecosystem of the plateau is under threat, worries bolstered by research carried out in Sewanee’s Landscape Analysis Laboratory. In 2005, the National Resources Defense Council listed the Cumberland Plateau as one of the Western Hemisphere’s “12 most endangered regions,” threatened by overdevelopment, clear-cut logging, and other commercial pressures. The sale by the University of the Smith tract for incorporation in the Franklin State Forest as a part of the complex Lost Cove transaction means that as much as 22,000 contiguous acres of the South Cumberland Plateau will provide a significant land range for the preservation of threatened plant and animal species and unique ecosystems.

For 20 years, The Land Trust for Tennessee had hoped to protect the Lost Cove and Champion Cove tracts, says Doug Cameron, a member of the Trust’s board. Then American Timberlands, the holding company that owned the 3,000-acre Lost Cove mountain land tract, decided to sell. The University and conservation groups, concerned about the fragile plateau environment realized that a failure to secure the property would mean that the wildlife corridor linking the Domain to the Franklin State Forest and other protected lands to the east could be destroyed by residential development, according to University faculty and administrators, local conservationists and Land Trust executives. Failure to act could have brought irreversible change to the southern flank of the Domain.

The addition of the cove’s mountain lands will mean that most of Lost Cove, stretching almost to the Alabama border, will be protected. The state of Tennessee already owns the Carter Natural Area in lower Lost Cove, which includes the main entrance to the Lost Cove Cave complex, Buggytop. Other portions of the cove
Creatures of the Cove

The slopes of Lost Cove are the summer habitat of the cerulean warbler, a small, deep-blue songbird facing an uncertain future. The cerulean warbler (above) is “the rarest bird anywhere around Sewanee,” says David Haskell, chair of the Biology Department.

Since the 1960s, the cerulean warbler population has declined by 80 percent. While the bird is not protected under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, Canadian authorities list it, and there are petitions before federal authorities to protect the warbler. Haskell says a likely culprit in the decline of the species is loss of habitat. The bird nests in the canopy of large mature trees, and while the total acreage of forest land in the Southeast United States has grown in recent years, the new forest acreage is often pine monoculture. Lost Cove is also home to the northern parula, another warbler, and the Acadian flycatcher. Ruffed grouse, woodcocks, wild turkeys, and turkey vultures also inhabit the forests of the cove.

Perhaps the rarest of the known vertebrate species in Lost Cove is the Tennessee cave salamander. The salamander, which grows to almost nine inches, is the official state amphibian and was first identified by former Sewanee Vice Chancellor Edward McCrady in 1944. The state lists it as threatened, and it is a candidate for the U.S. endangered species list.

Other rare species in Lost Cove include the Jones’ Cave millipede, found only in Franklin County and several counties in northern Alabama; Hatch's Cave fungus beetle, found only in three Tennessee counties and two in Alabama; and the Southern cave crayfish, only known to inhabit caves in the Cumberland Plateau, according to Assistant Professor of Biology Kirk Zigler.

Lost Cove and Champion Cove provide habitats for bobcats, coyotes, red and gray foxes, woodchucks, and fox squirrels, according to Professor of Biology Emeritus Harry Yeatman, who, with his wife Jean, has made a decades-long study of local wildlife. Perhaps the most tantalizing possibility is that Lost Cove may be a home to the elusive Eastern mountain lion (Puma concolor couguar). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service long presumed the Eastern mountain lion extinct, but after years of reported sightings, it placed the big cat on the endangered species list in 1982.

“When we came in 1950, they were here,” says Jean Yeatman. The Yeatmans live on a bluff overlooking Lost Cove and have hiked the cove for years. When the University operated a dairy farm, Jean Yeatman says, cows had to be confined when calving because of mountain lion attacks, and she shows an entry in a journal recounting how one family living on the other side of the cove investigated the reason for their golden retriever barking only to see a mountain lion in the yard.

In 1971, the Winchester Herald-Chronicle published a photo of a 150-pound mountain lion that had been shot by a Decherd hunter. Jean Yeatman says she sighted a mountain lion in the cove and has taken the cast of a paw print that was confirmed as a mountain lion. The question remains, though, whether the mountain lions spotted in the area — not just in Lost Cove — are of the presumed extinct eastern subspecies. The western mountain lion still ranges across large areas west of the Mississippi River, and many wildlife experts maintain that the occasional sightings of mountain lions in the eastern United States are either migrating western mountain lions or escaped or freed captive western mountain lions. The prospect that the eastern mountain lion has survived continues to tantalize.
The outline on the map above indicates the 3,000 acres of Lost and Champion Coves purchased by the University. The tan areas represent the bottomlands owned by Elizabeth Motlow and not included in the purchase. Ecologically rich habitats in Lost Cove include north-facing cool, moist forest (inset, left), streams and limestone outcrops (insets, above right). The acquisition and conservation of the Lost Cove property, along with the University’s sale of the Smith tract for inclusion in Franklin State Forest, preserves up to 22,000 contiguous acres of the South Cumberland Plateau to provide a significant land range for threatened plant and animal species and unique ecosystems.

Maps created by Sewanee’s Landscape Analysis Laboratory.

escarpment are included in the Franklin State Forest.

One portion of the cove — 400 acres of pasture and cropland — remains in private ownership. Unlike the rugged slopes the University is purchasing, the bottomlands of upper Lost Cove have a long history of cultivation, by Native Americans and later European-American settlers. “By the end of the 19th century, there were several sawmills in the cove and at least one church and school,” according to Professor of Religion Gerald Smith.

Elizabeth Motlow, who owns the bottomlands, is supportive of the purchase yet apprehensive of the change in ownership. A conservationist who seeks to preserve the bottomlands, Motlow worries that what makes the area so special, “that very few people have been down there,” may be lost. “There are no fences in Lost Cove, [and] when you have a lot of people tramping across the land, it’s very detrimental to the land,” she says. Motlow, a professional photographer who has taught at the University, acknowledges that the alternative to the University’s purchase would be “a nightmare for the cove.” What made the cove bottomlands so attractive to the generations of people who lived and worked the land was its natural abundance, says Motlow. “There was everything they needed to live there. It would be nice if it could stay that way.”

3,000 NEW OPPORTUNITIES

The acquisition of Lost Cove is already challenging faculty to consider major changes in teaching and learning at a time when the University’s environmental stewardship of the Domain has taken on new focus. In November 2007, the University’s Strategic Planning Committee adopted as a new strategic goal that “cognizant of the unique resources it enjoys and obligations it bears, especially the unparalleled asset of the Domain, the University shall achieve national distinction for the caliber
**NEW RESEARCH SUGGESTS LOST COVE COULD CONTAIN SIGNIFICANT UNDISCOVERED PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES.**

Until recently, archaeologists focused little attention on the Cumberland Plateau, working on the assumption that the plateau and its escarpments had been only hunting territory for the prehistoric indigenous people of the Southeast. New research, however, raises serious questions about this long-held assumption, and there is good reason to believe that Lost Cove may contain significant archaeological sites.

“There’s incredible potential. I’d like to be able to tell you exactly what sort of prehistoric sites are there, but that’s part of what’s exciting: We don’t know what’s there,” says Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology Sarah Sherwood. Sherwood, whose specialty is geoarchaeology — the application of the tools and methods of earth sciences to archaeological research — points out that almost no archaeological work has been done in Lost Cove, though the cove has been a site for human habitation for perhaps as long as 12,000 to 13,000 years.

“We generally think that agriculture developed in big, flat river bottoms,” says Sherwood. “And later in prehistory when large sedentary villages were relying on corn, they did mostly reside in those areas. But our most recent research has found that the earliest horticulturalists tended small plots on the escarpments of the plateau where small landslides produced minute clearings and opened the forest canopy for the growth of starchy seed plants. We’re finding based on the geology, on the slope aspect, on the hydrology, that these areas are actually very fertile soils.” In fact, Sherwood says, the plateau may well be one of the places where the indigenous agriculture of Eastern North America developed.

The many caves in Lost Cove are also likely sites for archaeological discoveries. The area is known to have several pictograph (rock painting) sites depicting human-like figures, usually with outstretched arms and legs. These paintings could be 2,000 or more years old, Sherwood says.

In addition to the human record, Sewanee Professor of Geology Martin Knoll has dated a mastodon tooth found on the Domain to the late Pleistocene period (about 13,000 years ago), and Sherwood adds, areas like Lost Cove, with its complex karst topology, may hold the remains of extinct large mammals from the Pleistocene period.

The purchase of the Lost Cove tract by the University will allow a rich program of research in an area that otherwise would have faced development and the loss of the archaeological record, since neither state nor federal law requires private owners to make any assessment of archaeological remains, Sherwood says.

University oversight can also help protect the area from artifact hunters who often loot these sites. Looting is rampant on the plateau because these rock shelters are, unfortunately, well known sites for artifacts, Sherwood notes.

“Lost Cove will provide a rich site for ongoing undergraduate research,” she adds. “Nobody ever thought of the plateau as being of much interest prehistorically. We know quite a lot about prehistoric sites in the valleys, but the sites up here are not as obvious. Only in the last couple of years have we been connecting the dots.”

**PHOTO:** It’s likely that Native American pictographs like the one here (marked by a checkerboard bar on the left side of the photo) will be found in Lost Cove. This pictograph is in the Sewanee area, but not in Lost Cove.
of its academic programs in the study of the natural environment. It shall also gain renown for the broad commitment of its campus community to the practice of sustainable living.

With the addition of dedicated space and facilities for environmental studies in the Spencer Hall addition to Woods Laboratory, the University will have the resources to meet the Strategic Planning Committee’s vision that Sewanee should “gain a national reputation for excellence in the study of the natural environment and in the application of this knowledge to sustainable living” that years of studies attempting to trace the flow of water through the springs, creeks, and sinks have yet to yield a clear understanding of the watershed’s underlying structure.

MANAGING THE COVE
Finding a way to preserve the history of Lost Cove, managing the new addition to the University’s holdings, permitting recreation without endangering the environment including archaeological artifacts, and deciding on a plan of forest management will all be significant challenges for the entire University community. While some differences of view have emerged about how the lands should be managed, there is broad agreement that extensive recreational development or major timbering would be unacceptable.

For biologist Evans, the deciding factor in land use should be undergraduate education. “Ultimately this land resource has to be an educational resource, above and beyond just an example or a demonstration, says Evans. “It has to be an active resource for the benefit of students and what they come seeking here. We have to create an infrastructure that’s above and beyond what we have right now if we’re truly going to capitalize on this resource. No other school in the nation has 13,000 acres of this kind of biologically diverse and ecologically rich landscape that is contiguous with a town and a human-mediated landscape.”

Evans’s colleague David Haskell, chair of Natural Resources and the Environment majors Emily Eastridge and Tyler Brantley, both C’09, collect water samples for analysis in Lost Cove. The acquisition of Lost Cove provides countless new opportunities for student research and fieldwork. (Photo: Martin Knoll)
the biology department, says the first priority for deciding what to do with Lost Cove is cataloging its resources. “Before we decide what we’re doing in the cove, we need to find out what’s in it.” For Haskell, “the ‘big picture’ reason for why Lost Cove is important is that it preserves a large chunk of forested land next to other protected areas. This reduces fragmentation — and fragmentation has a negative effect on most forest wildlife.”

Domain Manager Richard Winslow, C’65, says some of the tract is suitable for limited timber harvests, a position taken by the University in its comments on potential land use. (Portions of the tract have been harvested before.) “It would be irresponsible to buy a tract like that and put a fence around it,” he adds. He argues that the Lost Cove tract is part of a much larger mountain community and that the area plays a role in the economy and aesthetics of the region.

Vice Chancellor Joel Cunningham also sees the purchase of Lost Cove as a “lever- age point” in Sewanee’s thinking about the environment and environmental education. Lost Cove is making the University “think bigger, broader, more expansively.” He cites a proposal to create the position of director of environmental studies for which the University is seeking funding. The goal would be to find “a coherent organizing principle and person that will make environmental studies more than the sum of its parts.”

“I have no doubt that we are moving in the direction of being a more environment- tally sensitive, sustainable community,” said Rob Pearigen, C’76, vice president for University Relations, who led the successful Lost Cove fund-raising campaign. “We have ways to go, but we are fortunate to have many people who are focused on and passionate about these issues.”

A Literary Eden

FOR ONE OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN WRITERS OF THE 20TH CENTURY, LOST COVE WAS MORE THAN JUST A BOYHOOD MEMORY.

Despite its isolation, Lost Cove has a place in American literature in the work of Walker Percy, author of six novels, including the 1962 National Book Award winner, The Moviegoer. In Lost In The Cosmos: The Last Self-Help Book (1983) and The Second Coming (1981), Percy uses Lost Cove as a setting. This is hardly surprising, as Percy spent several summers as a youth and after his marriage living on the edge of the cove in Brinkwood, a house purchased jointly by his cousin and guardian William Alexander Percy, C’1904, and William’s Sewanee classmate Huger Jervy.

In Lost in The Cosmos, Percy invokes Lost Cove in a thought-experiment in which the cove is a latter-day Eden where the captain of a failed mission to another solar system and Dr. Jane Smith (the ship’s doctor and, eventually, the captain’s wife) retreat after returning to a post-nuclear-war Earth. Jane Smith, who was born in Lost Cove, describes it thus:

“It’s a tiny valley of the Cumberland plateau, sealed off by a ridge. No roads, no phones, no TV. Good water, sweet white corn, quail, squirrel, deer, fish, wild pig. ... All projections of East-West fallout patterns missed it.”

In The Second Coming, Percy transports Lost Cove to North Carolina, and Lost Cove Cave becomes a place of passage through which the book’s protagonist, Will Barrett, finds new life. Percy biographer Jay Tolson (Pilgrim in the Ruins: a Life of Walker Percy, 1992) said in an interview that for Percy Lost Cove was “a place associated very powerfully with the beginnings of his literary career ... as a symbol of the world before the fall, the deep preconscious or unconscious,” a prelapsarian Eden.

Photo: Walker Percy in his Covington, La., backyard with his dog Sweet Thing.
72 Hours
The schedule for Scott Suchman’s recent visit to Sewanee looked like a to-do list for a student with wide-ranging interests and boundless energy (8 a.m.: yoga class; 9 a.m.: Representative Masterpieces with Dr. Benson; 11 a.m.: Equestrian class, 12:30 p.m.: vertical cave training at Morgan’s Steep, etc.) The Baltimore-based photographer spent three days on the Mountain and captured an unfiltered portrait of student life that is as vibrant as it is diverse.
Supporting Sewanee’s One-of-a-Kind Faculty
Professors will benefit directly from gifts made to honor current and past colleagues.

As 2007 drew to a close, ushering in the last six months of The Sewanee Call campaign, donations to the Faculty Achievement Fund passed the $7 million mark toward a $10 million goal. While contributions to the Faculty Achievement Fund came in gifts large and small, the majority have come through the establishment of more than two dozen named faculty support funds, which constitute the larger Faculty Achievement Fund.

When it reaches the $10 million mark, the Faculty Achievement Fund will generate about $500,000 per year in income. That income will go directly to faculty compensation, providing a payment to faculty members in addition to salary. Governance of the fund will be determined when it is formally established, but what is clear is that in making direct payments to faculty members, Sewanee’s hand is strengthened when recruiting new faculty and supporting the current faculty.

With a little less than $3 million to go, the University is poised to meet the fund’s goal. “It is remarkable that so many donors have honored former professors through the faculty support funds,” says Rob Pearigen, vice president for University Relations. “We would like to encourage people to establish their own named fund with a threshold gift of $50,000, or, if a major gift is not possible, to honor a favorite professor for whom a fund has already been established.” (See the full list of established funds, p. 35.)

Clearly, the Sewanee faculty is a powerhouse that has earned the support it’s being given. Sparks fly in the classroom, and the testimony of admiring students is backed up by external recognition such as the Carnegie Foundation for Teaching’s Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

Professor of Art Pradip Malde, center, is one of many current and former faculty members honored with a named faculty support fund.
Award. Three Sewanee faculty members, Bran Potter in geology, Cassie Mansfield in art history, and George Poe in French, have won the award since 2002. Faculty members regularly publish books and journal articles, and their scholarly and artistic output is found in peer-reviewed journals, gallery openings, volumes of creative writing, and concerts. They are regular recipients of Fulbright awards, their networks are worldwide, and they give incredible amounts of time and energy to their students and to the University.

Keeping a powerhouse working, however, requires fuel — in this case, compensation. Salaries for Sewanee faculty are relatively low, compared to salaries of faculty at peer institutions. With over 10 percent of the Sewanee faculty having 30–plus years of service, Sewanee will be entering the market often in the next 10 years, so establishing long-term resources for faculty compensation is critical.

As Sandy D’Alemberte, C’55, former president of Florida State University has said, “Great students and great faculty are keys to a great institution. As I look over how people respond to institutional needs, I see that very often student support is more dominant. We need to make sure there is balance and that the other important foundation of a great institution is supported.”

D’Alemberte himself has established one of the 27 faculty support funds through a bequest. In the last four months of the campaign, time still remains to join this effort to honor Sewanee faculty and ensure the continued quality of a Sewanee education.

See pages 36–38 to read the stories behind some of the faculty support funds.
Raj Sivananthan, C’86, was a rising Sewanee sophomore working at a summer camp in Beersheba Springs, Tenn., when ethnic and civil riots erupted in his native Sri Lanka in 1983. His family home was burned to the ground by mobs, their property was confiscated and his parents became refugees. Living in a distant land, separated from his family, Sivananthan found guidance, comfort and aid from an unlikely source: his English professor.

“Dale Richardson was instrumental in getting me through that difficult time,” Sivananthan says. “He worked to try to get my parents over. He wrote letters on my behalf and on my parents’ behalf, and he was instrumental in making sure Sewanee knew I had gone through a very difficult period.”

Now, 25 years later, Sivananthan, a corporate defense litigator practicing in Phoenix, Ariz., has honored Richardson and his wife, Leslie, by establishing a faculty support fund in their names. “I know that their personalities are such that they live a very low-key life,” Sivananthan says. “They’re not the type of people who ever get the kind of recognition for what they do because they don’t seek the limelight. But I feel that I have achieved whatever I have been able to do in my career mainly because of the confidence that Dale and Leslie allowed me to develop, knowing that they were always there to support me.”

An English major, Sivananthan says he took every course possible from Richardson, but that it was two semesters of studying Shakespeare with Richardson that had the greatest impact. “They were not just plays that he taught. He presented a world-view from that era through the works of Shakespeare. It transforms your way of thinking about the world and who you are in the world because of its great philosophical implications. Richardson brings that out in a remarkable way. In some ways, you feel small and in some ways you feel that you have so much to do.”

Sivananthan’s work representing automotive-industry clients is high-profile, high-stress and a world away from a Sewanee Shakespeare class, but he says that his Sewanee education benefits him every day. “I can keep my perspective always, and I thank Sewanee for that. I keep my perspective because I can smile at what goes on around me and not lose my head or my convictions about what’s right and what should be right and how to defend those positions. Dale taught me always to keep my sense of humor, to have that tongue-in-cheek knowledge that all this is important but it too shall pass. What is most important is your intellectual and philosophical grounding. Sewanee is very unique because it inculcates that in every student who passes through.”

“Dale taught us to think of everything we do as a means to an end. And the end is something much greater and deeper. It is who we are, what we give back to our communities, what we give back to the human society and our ability to do so because of the learning that we’ve been fortunate and blessed to have.”

Stewart Thomas, C’84, says Professor of English John Reishman is the kind of teacher who can make Alfred Lord Tennyson relevant to the life of an 18-year-old freshman. “I tried to take a class from Dr. Reishman every semester because he would take lessons from literature and apply them to everyday life — my everyday life — in ways that made sense,” says Thomas, who established a fund in Reishman’s name last year.

“He tells great stories. He told us about his college roommates and classmates and teachers. He used stories of his own adolescence and early adulthood and tied that into the texts we
were studying,” Thomas says. “Of course, that was a subject matter that was familiar to us, so it helped make the literature seem a lot more immediate.”

Some of Thomas’s fondest Sewanee memories are of time spent in Reishman’s company outside the classroom. “I remember eating lentil soup with him at lunch on the back porch of his house,” he says. “There was a whole group of us who would go over there. Of course he’d put us to work, moving firewood or polishing floors. I’ve raked leaves and done many other things at his house gladly and willingly just to be in his good company.”

By establishing the John Reishman Faculty Support Fund, Thomas wanted to honor professors like Reishman who have dedicated their lives to teaching. “He could have done whatever he wanted to do with his life, and among the countless options he had, he chose to teach. Teaching is a God-given gift that he’s recognized and chosen to share with his students. I want to honor teachers who choose to teach, and he epitomizes that for me.”

Joseph D. Cushman Faculty Support Fund established by Carol & Roy Hawkins, C’76

“I looked forward to going to Dr. Cushman’s classes like I look forward to going to a movie now,” says Roy Hawkins, C’76. Hawkins says Professor Emeritus Joe Cushman kept students on the edge of their seats in every class he taught. “He was just a fantastic lecturer and storyteller.”

Hawkins and his wife, Carol, have established the Joseph D. Cushman Faculty Support Fund to honor the master raconteur. Cushman was the history major’s favorite professor and faculty advisor, but with their gift, the Hawkinses wanted to honor and support the entire Sewanee faculty. “The idea of doing something for the faculty really struck a chord for me,” Hawkins says. “When I was at Sewanee, there was a close relationship between the students and the faculty. They came to our parties, we went to their houses, and we got to be friends.”

Hawkins is not just a Sewanee alumnus, he’s a Sewanee parent, too. His son, Andrew, is a junior history major and, Hawkins says, Andrew is benefiting from Sewanee’s one-of-a-kind faculty just as he did when he was an undergraduate. “Being a parent reinforces the favorable experience I had. Fortunately, I think my son is having the same type of experience.”

Stephen Elliott Puckette II, C’49 Faculty Support Fund established by Nora Frances Stone McRae, C’77 & Vaughan W. McRae

English major Nora Frances Stone McRae, C’77, never had a class with Math Professor Stephen Puckette. (In fact, she says, “I took Physics 250 to get out of taking Calculus.”) But when she and her husband Vaughan, of Jackson, Miss., decided to make a gift, they didn’t hesitate to name a fund for one of Sewanee’s most beloved teachers.

“He was dean of the college when I was in school,” McRae says. “And he was very involved with the Outing Club. He went on many of the club trips, and it was evident to all who came into contact with him that he had a love of the outdoors. The Outing Club was just one way that he was involved in students’ lives.”

McRae says that even when students weren’t aware of it, Puckette was quietly paying attention to what they were do-
ing, and some would be surprised to learn their parents had even received a letter from Puckette praising their accomplishments.

“I wrote an article for the Purple about a group of students who were protesting the Pub’s increased beer prices by selling beer and undercutting their prices,” says McRae. “He never said anything to me about it, but a couple of weeks later, my parents got a letter from Dr. Puckette about how much he loved the article. He didn’t know it, but my mother had been editor of her college newspaper and nothing could have made her happier than a letter praising a story I wrote for the student newspaper.”

McRae and her family eventually bought a house in Sewanee, which gave her the chance to continue her friendship with Puckette and his family. The McRaes’ children have enjoyed getting to know the Puckettes and exploring the Domain, including the trails below the Puckettes’ dramatically situated home at Morgan’s Steep. “I feel so blessed and so privileged that I knew him, and it has meant so much for me that my children got to know him,” McRae says.

McRae says she hopes the Puckette Faculty Support Fund will help ensure that current and future Sewanee students enjoy the kind of relationship with professors that she enjoyed with Puckette before he died in 2002. “I think it’s very important that Sewanee continue to be a place where friendships can grow between students, professors and their families, even beyond graduation.”

Dr. Robert S. Lancaster, former dean of the college, once said, “Sewanee represents a covenant, made between the living and the dead and the yet unborn.” At the heart of that covenant is a promise that each generation will pass on to the next the best that it has learned about the world and the human condition.

The Order of the Purple was established to recognize those individuals whose gifts to the University guarantee that this promise is kept. Members of the Order of the Purple have made lifetime gifts of $100,000 or more and constitute the philanthropic leadership of the University. They guarantee the fiscal integrity of the institution, and they make secure its place of leadership in American higher education. The University thanks and congratulates the following people, who joined the Order of the Purple in 2007:

Weston Miller Andress, C’82, & Margaret Ward Andress
James A. Bradford, C’77, & Lyn Bradford
James H. Bratton Jr., C’52, & Alleen Davis Bratton
Susan Hinks Colby & Jonathan Elbridge Colby
Karen & Jerry de St. Paer
James W. Gentry Jr., C’50, & Peggy Gentry

David Copeland Johnson, C’61, & Katherine M. Johnson
Morgan V. Merrill, C’73, & Walter Merrill, C’70
William Scott Miller, C’85
Maibeth J. Porter, C’77 & Robert D. Eckinger
Robert F. Ross, C’80, & Shawn Ross
Roger Glenn Sisson, C’85
Gerald H. Sumners, C’63
Lee Muller Thomas, C’67 & Dorothy Bain Thomas

Charting the Call

As of March 1, 2008, The Sewanee Call campaign had reached $177.5 million.

“We’re delighted and very grateful to be so close to our ambitious campaign goal of $180 million,” says Vice President for University Relations Rob Pearigen. “But, we have several key priorities that have not yet been fully funded. We’ll continue to work hard during the remaining four months of the campaign period [through June 30, 2008] to secure gifts and commitments for these strategic priorities.”

For ongoing information about The Sewanee Call campaign, visit http://ur.sewanee.edu/sewanecall
To speak with a member of the campaign team, call 800.367.1179.
Founding Wit

The little-remembered father of The Sewanee Review was a scholar, a writer, a historian and a first-rate wiseacre. BY DAVID BOWMAN

Though William Peterfield Trent’s tenure at Sewanee was relatively brief, it’s fair to say he was one of the most productive and innovative scholars ever to teach at the University. Trent arrived in Sewanee in 1888, fresh from graduate study at Johns Hopkins, to be a professor of English and an acting professor of history and political science. In 1892, he founded The Sewanee Review and continued as its editor until he took a job chairing the English Department at Barnard College and Columbia University in 1900. In July, 1894, he was named dean of the Academic Department, in large part because of the diversity of his scholarly interests, and he received a warm tribute from Vice Chancellor Benjamin Lawton Wiggins at the moment of his departure:

“To Dr. Trent more than to any other man, the University owes its reputation in literary studies. He made his school of English the first among the Southern institutions of higher learning.

“As editor of The Sewanee Review, and as author of the Life of William Gilmore Simms, Southern Statesmen of the Old Regime, Authority of Criticism, and other publications, and as a frequent contributor to the leading journals and magazines, Dr. Trent has spread abroad the fame of the University and has also been a great stimulus to literary activity on the part of his colleagues.

“Dr. Trent has been so long in the service of the University, and has always been so loyal, time and again declining more lucrative calls in consequence of his devotion to Sewanee, that I regard his leaving with a sense of genuine sorrow.

“He will be gratefully remembered by Sewanee, both for his distinguished ability, and for his devoted personal service, and his name will be inseparably connected with the University to which he has given the best years and the best efforts of his life.”

Contrary to Dr. Wiggins’ prediction, Trent is remembered lightly, if at all, in this institutional neighborhood. Basically all we have is a 590-page dissertation — Franklin Trenaby Walker’s William Peterfield Trent: A Critical Biography — done for the George Peabody College for Teachers in 1943. This bulky typescript lies quietly in the University Archives, and like so many Ph.D. dissertations, is only semi-readable. Yet Walker’s work has at least two endearing qualities. It was written by one of Trent’s devoted students when Trent was in his very last years of teaching at Columbia, and it includes a remarkable number of memorable letters in their entirety.

We learn from Walker, for example, that Trent met a young woman named Alice Lyman — a sister of the wife of his colleague, Benjamin Wells — in Sewanee and married her in East Orange, N.J., on Dec. 8, 1896. Their daughter, Lucia, was born 12 months...
later in Sewanee. Among the Trents' notable wedding guests were Theodore Roosevelt, who had contributed a review article to The Sewanee Review in 1894, and had given Trent's Simms biography a favorable notice in the Atlantic Monthly in 1893.

Indeed, by far the best clues to the personality of William Peterfield Trent can be gleaned from reading his William Gilmore Simms (1892), one of a dozen volumes in the Houghton Mifflin series, “American Men of Letters,” edited by Charles Dudley Warner. Despite his having all the qualifications for a dyed-in-the-wool Southerner—from his birth in Richmond and his education at the University of Virginia—Trent made literary sport of all the Southern icons that Simms's life and work symbolized.

Simms today is viewed as a second-rate writer of romances and a third-rate versifier. But in his heyday—from around 1830 to a few years before his death in 1869—Simms was immensely popular all along the Eastern seaboard. Here is Trent, the gentle iconoclast, describing the horsey Charleston aristocrats who were Simms's contemporaries:

“The Episcopal Convention … met in Race Week that it might be sure of a quorum …”

“[Ante-bellum Southerners] were even more tenacious of good old customs than their prototypes: witness the gentlemanly necessity of falling dead drunk under one's host's table, a custom which, although it finally died, seems to have held sway in the South after it had died in England.”

“Nor was it [Simms's] fault that, like nearly all Southern poets down to Sidney Lanier, he failed to exercise proper control upon his imagination. Self-control is essential to an artist, but there was little in Southern life at that time that could teach a man how to control himself.”

One can easily imagine how such gibes, sprinkled liberally through Trent's critical biography of Simms, would have outraged Southerners, literary or otherwise. In fact we have evidence, cited by Walker, that such zingers sent some of his colleagues into angry responses, not to mention some of the Deep South members of the University's Board of Trustees. Nonetheless, Trent was protected by the ideal of academic freedom. The most severe test of that ideal came when Trent spoke out forcibly against U.S. imperialism around the Spanish-American War. Those views were published first in The Sewanee Review (Oct. 1900) and then collected in a book called War and Civilization (Crowell & Co. 1901).

A sketch map of the University Domain appearing in the 1900 edition of Cap and Gown shows that the Trents lived in a little house adjacent to Convocation Hall, about where Guerry Hall is located today. The map also reminds us that as of that moment in the University's history, it had but one dormitory, Hoffman Hall. That remarkable edifice—with state-of-the-art plumbing, heating, and lighting and supposedly fireproof construction—was the vanguard for the University's campaign to shake off the boarding house system. Dean Trent was credited—or blamed by the ladies who ran the boarding houses—with having pushed hard for dormitories as the only rational and businesslike way to house the University's students.

Trent, according to Walker, could not resist making a gibe about this change at the laying of the cornerstone for Hoffman Hall, saying the dormitory was “sired by progress and damned by all the old ladies on the Mountain.” One can only imagine, Walker says, how soon Mrs. Trent would be cut from that Sewanee Ladies' social circle after such a remark was made. Under such strained circumstances, perhaps it was inevitable that the North should beckon to the Trent family, particularly with the governor of New York, Theodore Roosevelt, recommending his old literary rough rider to an exalted chair at Columbia.

Anyone interested in wanting to know more about William Peterfield Trent is encouraged to dip into one or more of the two dozen books he authored or edited that have survived in the University's library and archives—including The Authority of Criticism, and Other Essays (1899), The Cambridge History of American Literature (ed. W.P. Trent and others, five editions from 1917 to 2000), Colonial Prose and Poetry (1903), Daniel Defoe (1916), Greatness in Literature (1905), A History of American Literature, 1607–1865 (1903), John Milton (1899), Longfellow and other Essays (1910), Robert E. Lee (1899), Southern Statesmen of the Old Regime (1897), Southern Writers (1905), War and Civilization (1901), and William Gilmore Simms (1892).

If that hasn't worn you out, there are dozens of articles he authored scattered through The Sewanee Review—including “The Teaching of English Literature” (May 1893)—and other first-rank periodicals waiting to be rediscovered.
A dual swim meet at Sewanee’s Fowler Center against Centre College in January came to a momentary standstill when freestyle specialist Evan Judge’s beeper suddenly sounded its high-pitched alarm. Judge isn’t just a varsity swimmer, he’s also a Sewanee fireman, and he sprinted across the swim deck, drawing enthusiastic cheers from his teammates.

Judge, C’09, rushed outside into sub-freezing temperatures, wet and nearly naked. In his wake, he left a crowd of spectators and Centre swimmers questioning what had just happened. The answer would come some 45 minutes later, when he returned to the pool deck in his firefighter’s uniform, which he removed to reveal that he was ready for his next race, wearing nothing underneath but his swimsuit.

Being a Sewanee firefighter or EMT takes up the majority of a student’s free time outside of academics. So does being a varsity athlete. For a select few on the Mountain, the two go hand-in-hand. Judge, Casey Clark, C’09, and Alex Garella, C’08, are varsity athletes and firefighters. Tyler Cooney, C’09, Audrey Jernigan, C’09, Drew Mather, C’09, and Mary Beth Epps, C’10, are varsity athletes and emergency medical technicians, or EMTs.

The combination of commitments can take its toll. Only one varsity swimmer has ever stayed on the team for four years, while maintaining his status as a fireman. That was Marc Ricker, C’05, who was also an SCAC champion, NCAA qualifier, and school record holder. As junior year swimmers, Judge and Clark are on their way, though.

“Being a part of both the SVFD and the swim team requires a lot of commitment,” says Judge. “Scheduling fire training and on-call times around meets and practice can be tough, but it pays off for me to have the ability to be involved in both aspects of college. Some of my best meets are from this year. For both, dedication is needed. Every daily action is almost planned out in advance to make my time up here work.”

“It’s a delicate balance to manage time between academics and athletics.” says veteran swimming and diving Coach Max Obermiller, who has coached five firefighters in recent years. “To throw in the totally unpredictable nature of being on-call requires the support and empathy of the entire team. From holding the beeper in practice to yielding favorable parking spots for quick emergency exits, the entire team helps to ensure that both commitments are met.”

Left to right: Casey Clark (swimming and diving), Alex Garella (lacrosse), Evan Judge (swimming and diving), Tyler Cooney (track and field), Audrey Jernigan (soccer), Drew Mather (cross-country), and Mary Beth Epps (volleyball).
community ‘gives to receive.’ As the alarm sounds and they run for the door wearing only their swimsuits, the swimmers all stop and cheer them on.”

Sewanee pole-vaulter Tyler Cooney is in his second year as a member of Sewanee EMS; he also somehow finds time to be a professional photographer on the side. Cooney is an all-conference vaulter who cleared 15’ this summer at camp. He holds the school record for indoor pole vault, clearing 14’ 7” in 2007.

Coach Jeff Heitzenrater, head track and field coach, has coached Cooney for the past few years. “Tyler has done an excellent job of balancing his academic, athletic, photographic, and EMT responsibilities. Sometimes he brings his EMT pager to pole vault practice and asks me to hold it while he vaults. He has also come out to our cross-country meets in the ambulance prepared to take any injured athletes to the hospital … and while he is there, takes some photographs of our team in action. I’m not sure how he finds time for track and field, but he is always at practice on time every day and has improved a ton since he arrived at Sewanee as a freshman,” says Heitzenrater.

A day for one of these student athletes might include an emergency call at 3 a.m. to rescue a motorist trapped in a wrecked car, a jog at 6:30 a.m., a day full of classes and studying followed by a team practice and possibly another emergency call that night.

And finally — maybe — a little sleep.

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS**

Sewanee hosted its first-ever night soccer games in the fall, thanks to a new lighting system installed at the soccer/lacrosse field on Tennessee Avenue.
Dear Fellow Alumni,

I am pleased to be serving as the new president of the Associated Alumni. Since my graduation in 1988, I have grown more and more appreciative of my Sewanee education and of my experience as a member of the Associated Alumni. Sewanee truly becomes part of who you are, and I am grateful for all the memories, friendships, and connections that are mine because of Sewanee. I feel honored that I have the opportunity to give back to a place that has meant so much to me and my family.

Since I have been serving on the alumni board as vice president for regions for the past few years, I have had many opportunities to come back to the Mountain and to see how impressive and engaged Sewanee students are. They reflect the best hopes of the new millennium, but they also embody the spirit of Sewanee in ways that we would all recognize. I hope you will find an occasion to visit campus at your reunion or otherwise to meet and get to know today’s Sewanee students.

We have a good group of new officers serving with me on the alumni board and our first meeting as a new board took place in late February. At that meeting, we set our goals for the next two years and considered ways to involve more of our alumni in service to the University. If you have any suggestion or thoughts for our board as we move forward, please send them to me at bratton234@comcast.net.

My best wishes to all of you.

VICKY VIETH BRATTON, C’88
President, The Associated Alumni

April 18–19: Perimeter Trail Weekend
Many alumni rank hiking the Perimeter Trail as one of their favorite Sewanee memories. Relive the experience by joining us to hike the trail and celebrate the Domain! Enjoy dinner with faculty and learn more about one of Sewanee’s most valuable resources.

June 13–14: Sewanee Golf Classic
Join us on Sewanee’s own golf course and on The Bear Trace at Tims Ford, a Jack Nicklaus course. Enjoy a great weekend of golf, visit with favorite faculty, and see old and new friends!

June 22–28 and July 6–12 Sewanee Summer Seminars
Lectures and outings with faculty from departments across the arts and sciences. Enjoy lively discussions in formal morning programs. In the afternoons, read, reflect, and enjoy Sewanee and the surrounding area!

Oct. 24–26: Homecoming & Reunion
Join classmates and friends for an unforgettable weekend. Class years ending in 3 and 8 will celebrate reunions and there will be a 35th anniversary celebration for the first class of women to graduate from Sewanee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on these programs, please go to http://ur.sewanee.edu/alumni or call the Alumni Office at 888.867.6884.

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Associated Alumni Honors Four at Homecoming

Hundreds of alumni flocked to the Mountain for Homecoming and Reunion in November to renew connections with friends and classmates, attend class reunions and enjoy a gorgeous Sewanee fall weekend. An annual highlight of the weekend is the Alumni Awards breakfast, which kicks off a full day of events on Saturday. The awards recognize alumni for distinguished professional achievement and service to Sewanee and the Associated Alumni. The 2007 winners:

The Crawford Distinguished Alumni Service Award

THE REV. DR. JIM YEARY, C’64, T’69, T’89

Jim Yeary is unique not only in his longstanding dedication and service to Sewanee, but also in the fact that he’s one of the few alumni who have three diplomas from the University. Yeary earned a bachelor’s degree in classical languages in 1964, a master’s in divinity from the School of Theology in 1969, and then returned to earn a doctor of ministry in 1989.

Just as Yeary earned three degrees from the University, he served a rare triple tenure on the University’s governing boards. He began 16 years of board service when he became clerical trustee from the Diocese of Atlanta in 1986. He was elected to the Board of Regents in 1991 and served until 1997, including three years as secretary. After his service on the Board of Regents, he moved back to the Board of Trustees as a clerical alumni trustee from 1998 to 2001. He has also been a member of the School of Theology Alumni Council since 1986 and he chaired the seminary’s 1991–92 Sewanee Annual Fund campaign.

As an undergraduate, Yeary was a varsity football star, vice president of the University Choir and a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. His love of football has continued well beyond his playing days and he served as a high school football official for 32 years.

Today, Yeary lives in Rome, Ga., with Frieda, his wife of 42 years. They have one son, Knox, and two grandsons, Justin and Patrick.

Distinguished Alumnus Award

LEE MULLER THOMAS, C’67

Lee Muller Thomas, C’67, has distinguished himself in every field in which he has worked, enjoying a career of more than 35 years that has taken him from the public sector to the private and from criminal justice and environmental protection to the highest ranks of business leadership.

Thomas graduated from Sewanee with a degree in psychology and earned a master’s degree in education from the University of South Carolina. After graduation, he served as executive director of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Program and later as the director of South Carolina public safety programs.

Under President Reagan, Thomas joined the Environmental Protection Agency and later became the agency’s administrator. He served in that role during Reagan’s entire second term, from 1985 to 1989. At the EPA, Thomas played a critical role in bringing about the Montreal Protocol, an international agreement to limit the use of chemicals that deplete the stratospheric ozone layer. Under Thomas’s authority, the agency also reauthorized Superfund, phased out leaded gasoline and established new standards for toxic air pollutants.

Thomas left the EPA to lead an environmental consulting firm and later joined Georgia-Pacific Corporation in 1993 to oversee the company’s environmental and governmental affairs. He served in a number of management positions before becoming the company’s president in 2002 and chief operating officer in 2003. At Georgia-Pacific, Thomas instituted environmental policies, standards and reporting that significantly affected the corporate culture and made the forest-products company more environmentally friendly.

Today, Thomas is the chairman of the board, president and CEO of Jacksonville, Fla.-based Rayonier Inc., the fifth-largest private timberland owner in the United States.

Thomas has four children and lives in Jacksonville with his wife, Dorothy.

Distinguished Young Alumni Award

REBECCA MILLER SPRICER, C’93

After graduating from Sewanee in 1993, Rebecca Miller Spicer earned a master’s degree from Indiana University and then embarked on a career in communications that has taken her from some of the busiest television newsrooms in the country to a position in the Bush White House and beyond. Along the way, she has consistently found time and energy to devote to the service of her alma mater.

Spicer spent 10 years in television news, working for CNN in Atlanta and network
affiliates in Birmingham, Houston, New Haven, Conn., and Washington, D.C. Spicer moved from the newsroom to the press room when she joined President Bush’s Office of Communications as associate director in March 2006. She worked in the White House coordinating the President’s televised events including policy announcements, bill signings, press conferences, state arrival ceremonies and interviews until March 2007, when she took her current position as vice president for public affairs for the National Beer Wholesalers Association.

A Nashville native, Spicer studied studio art and art history at Sewanee, where she was a proctor, and a member of Phi Kappa Epsilon sorority and the Order of Gownsman. As an alumna, she has served a number of important roles for the University. She has been a class gift officer, a Career Services advisor, and the gift chair for the Class of 1993’s 10-year reunion. Since 2005, she has served as an alumni trustee.

Spicer lives in Alexandria, Va., with her husband Sean, who is assistant U.S. trade representative for public and media affairs.

Distinguished Faculty Staff Award
LAURENCE R. ALVAREZ

Before retiring in 2003, Laurence Alvarez was a fixture in the classroom and on campus, where he could be found on sunny days strolling across a lawn sporting his own inimitable fashion: blazer, shorts and either hiking boots or sandals with black socks.

Alvarez graduated from Sewanee cum laude in mathematics and earned his master’s degree and Ph.D from Yale. He returned to Sewanee in 1964 and taught mathematics to generations of students. From 1972 to 1988, he coordinated the University’s program planning and budgeting, and from 1989 to 1999, he was associate provost, responsible for all computing services and telecommunications. Alvarez chaired the department of mathematics and computer science from 1999 to 2002.

For 40 years, Alvarez and his wife Gay have made their home in a brown shingle house on South Carolina Ave., where they raised three children just a stone’s throw from Abbo’s Alley. There, he instilled a love of the outdoors in his children and from there he has begun countless hikes around the Domain.

The Alvarez family is intimately connected not only to the University, but to the wider Sewanee community as well. Gay owns The Lemon Fair gift shop, a landmark in downtown Sewanee. His daughter Katherine, C’84, runs the popular Stirling’s Coffee House on Georgia Ave., and his son Stephen, C’87, is a Sewanee-based adventure photographer whose work frequently appears in National Geographic. The Alvarezes’ four grandchildren all live in Sewanee.

Members of the Class of 1957 gathered at Homecoming to celebrate their 50th reunion and to join the Homecoming Parade.
1952
William Ross Laurie was awarded an honorary doctor of civil law degree by Sewanee at the 2008 Easter Semester Opening Convocation. Bill is a pioneer in the field of special education and president of American Heritage School, the largest private college preparatory school in Florida.

1954
George E. Hall celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in 2007. Since his retirement in 1992, George has served in 26 parishes. He is now serving as priest in charge at All Saints’ Church in Wolcott, Conn. George and his wife, Beverly, live in Heritage Village in Wolcott, Conn.

1959
Carl Whately went dogsledding on a glacier last year at a camp with 30 Alaskan huskies and some trainers. He and his wife, Louanne, learned that Episcopal missionary Hudson Stuck, Class of 1892, who traveled all over Alaska on a dogsled in the early 1900s, was a Sewanee alumnus. Hudson was one of the first to scale Mt. McKinley, and he documented his challenges in Ten Thousand Miles with a Dog Sled and The Ascent of Denali.

1963
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The Rev. Preston Brooks Huntley Jr. retired from the active ministry of the Episcopal Church on July 31, 2007. He was the rector of St. John’s of Winnsboro, S.C. He and his wife, Neill, have three children and two grandchildren.

1964
Donald W. Griffis was named a 2007 Texas Super Lawyer. He is a partner in the litigation section of the San Angelo office of Jackson Walker LLP and has practiced for over 26 years in West Texas. Donald’s primary areas of interest include personal injury defense, products and premises liability defense, employment litigation, medical and legal malpractice litigation, and general business litigation. Don was also recently included in the 2008 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

1967
Jerry Bradley retired from Bank of America in July 2006 after 34 years. He and his wife, Susan, moved to Bradenton, Fla., to Annapolis, Md., where Russell enjoyed crab pizza with Sewanee friend Bert Polk. Both joined the Navy immediately after graduation.

Richard Dolbeer has been working at the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 35 years. His main focus right now is keeping birds out of jet engines. He and his wife, Saundra, live on a 19-acre farm in Ohio, where they spend time fishing and playing with their children and grandchildren.

Doc Gilbert resides on Lookout Mountain with his wife, Sherry, and their two daughters live nearby. Dean Gornto and his wife, Mary, live in Wilmington, N.C. Dean earned a graduate degree in finance at the University of Tennessee for a career in real estate. He is now administra-

A Lifetime of Investing in Sewanee

IN ADDITION to everything Andy Duncan has done over the years for Sewanee, he and his wife, Tommie, put in place a plan to estab-

lish a scholarship for students from the Diocese of Southwest Florida. The plan included a bequest in their wills, but over the past few years, Andy has funded a series of charitable gift annuities that will ultimately provide the funds for the Tommie and Andrew Duncan Scholarship Endowment Fund.

“It just made good sense,” says Andy. “Not only will it provide funds for the scholarship in the same way a bequest would, it gives me a generous annuity payment for the rest of my life, and I get an income tax charitable deduction when the annuity is established.”

While the scholarship will benefit future generations of students from the Diocese of Southwest Florida, one “new” student couldn’t wait for the scholarship. Last summer Andy enrolled in Sewanee’s School of Letters. He’ll be returning this summer for his second year in the program.

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in and around Birmingham in the 1950s and '60s. Joseph A. Kicklighter was honored with the establishment of the Joseph A. Kicklighter Endowed Professorship in History in September 2007. The professorship will support excellent Auburn University faculty in history and their programs. Sam Marynick lives in Dallas, Texas, with his wife, Sharon. George Paine and his wife, Ophelia, spent this summer with Sewanee friend John Taylor. George is the chief judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Tennessee in Nashville. John lives in Amelia Island, Fla., with his wife, Julia (Juju). John is one of the 1981 founders of the law firm, Taylor, Day, Currie, Boyd, & Johnson in Jacksonville. He is a past chairman of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee. David Paschall and his wife, Sandra, live in Austin, Texas, where he is the athletic director at St. Stephen's Episcopal School. Terry Payne was a clinical psychologist for eight years, a line officer in the U.S. Navy for 27 years, and a defense contractor for 13 years. He now lives in Charleston, S.C., where he enjoys offshore fishing. Bill Scheu and his wife, Peggy, live in Jacksonville, Fla., where Bill is an attorney concentrating in areas of estate and real estate related businesses. Bill Steele is president of the Kentucky Tie & Lumber Company in Columbia, Ky.

Lee Thomas's generous contributions to Sewanee have resulted in a significant challenge campaign to upgrade facilities for programs in forestry, geology, and natural resources. Lee has held positions in the areas supported by the project: administrator of the EPA, CEO of Georgia Pacific, and chairman of Law Companies Environmental Group. Lee lives in Jacksonville, Fla., with his wife, Dorothy. Warren Traver is an attorney in Atlanta, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Susan. PR. Walter has his own web site, www.EZas123-OIC.org. He is currently living in Catauinet, Mass. John Watkins practices general dentistry in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he lives with his wife, Claudia. They enjoy traveling, golf, hiking in the Rockies, and biking. Rod Webb is a "semi-retired radiologist" who works about 10 hours per week. He and his wife, Diane, enjoy traveling together. Ron Welch and his wife, Janet, live in Bradenton, Fla. John White lives just 30 miles from Sewanee with his wife, Joy. John practices civil trial, insurance, worker's compensation, and banking law in Shelbyville.

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**October 24–26**

Bill Tunnel has been elected president of the Historic Naval Ships Association, an international organization of 113 ship memorial museums and parks located around the United States and 12 foreign countries. His other job is running the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile, Ala. Tunnell was recently involved with the making of Ken Burns’ series, “The War,” on PBS.

**1970**

Alex Comfort is executive director of the Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association, with offices in Asheville and Brevard, N.C. Melvin Gray married Susan F. Esposito on July 7, 2007, at St. Margaret's Chapel in Hibernia, Fla. The couple live in Talahassee, where Melvin continues to serve as interim rector of St. John's Episcopal Church. Charles H. "Chip" Watt III has been hired by the YMCA of Greater Houston as the director of legal services. The organization oversees around 45 YMCA centers in an 11-county area.

**1972**

Guerry Thornton is developing real estate as president of GT Legacy, LLC. This summer, he and his family were in New York and Moscow, where they have been completing a condominium near Moscow State University. Guerry also enjoys flyfishing excursions to Europe and the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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- We accept photos of Sewanee groups at weddings and other special events. With the photo, send the names and class years of all alumni pictured; birth date, parents’ names, and class years with photos of children; dates and locations of events pictured.
- Digital and print photos must be clear and of good quality; color is preferred. Prints should be on glossy paper with no surface texture.
- Digital photos must be JPEGs of at least 250 pixels per inch. Low-resolution photos converted to higher resolutions are not acceptable.
- Prints will be returned at your request. Write your name and address on the back of the photo.

**1974**

Thomas W.D. Smith has been named 2007 Outstanding School Superintendent by the University of Virginia’s Curry School of Education Foundation. He is currently board president of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents and sits on the Governing Board of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA). Thomas and his family live in Charlottesville, Va.

**1975**

Holland West retired from the international law firm of Shearman & Sterling LLP in January 2005. He is executive director of Duke University’s Global Capital Markets Center, and lectures at the law and business schools at Duke and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Holland also serves as a director of various civic and non-profit educational and charitable organizations. He lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., with his wife, Debbie, and three children.

**1976**

Rhea F. Bowden married Nancy E. Sterne on April 13, 2007, in Atlanta, Ga. Craig P. Fickling is retired and living in Staunton, Va., with his wife, Marianne, and their dog and cat.

**1977**

Ellen Hamilton has lived in Birmingham, Ala. since 1979. Two years ago, she opened a physical therapy clinic called Birmingham Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine. She enjoys skiing, mountain biking, and traveling with her husband, Bruce.

**1979**

Robert Delaney contributes to the web site www.coastalalabama.tv. Paul Campbell Erwin is professor and director of the Center for Public Health Policy and Research at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He is continuing coursework at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill for a doctorate in public health. John Hay is the vice president for government relations for Oldcastle Materials, Inc. in Washington, D.C. John lives with his wife, Meredith, and their three children in Falls Church, Va., where he serves as the head verger for the Church of the Holy Comforter.

**1980**


**1981**

Thomas S. Edwards Jr. is the president-elect of the Florida Justice Association (formerly the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers). Tom hopes to design services that will enhance legal education and ethics as well as support information exchange among the organization’s members. Susan Banton Haynes has been named priest in charge of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. James in South Bend, Ind. Her husband, Tom Haynes, is a postulant for holy orders and the interim director of religious programs at The Culver Academies. Lisa Stolley Hines was ordained to the transitional deaconate in the Diocese of Texas on June 23, 2007, in Christ Church Cathedral. She is now serving as assistant to the rector at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in College Station, Texas. Mary Jane Meyer is the owner and founder of Empower Fitness Inc., which she started in 1993. She is living in Prospect, Ky.

in Sewanee with her family. Pictured with Becky are her two daughters Min Xi (2), adopted from China in 2005, and Leslie Matthews, C’09. Becky continues to work as a teleworker in corporate communications for Nortel.

1982

Paul Bonner is now principal at Myers Park Traditional Elementary School in Charlotte, N.C. He has lived in Charlotte for 25 years with his wife, Barbara, and three children. Juli Schrimsher Hunt is vice president of construction for Trammell Crow Residential in Las Vegas, Nev. Juli and her husband, Steve, divide their time between their homes in Las Vegas and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

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Josephine Hicks has been named to Business North Carolina magazine’s 2008 “Legal Elite” for litigation. Karen Jenkins Phillips is president of Atlantic Coast Asset Management, and her husband Mark “Moose” Phillips is a partner at the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. They live in Charleston, S.C., with their three children.

1984

Melanie Young Corcoran has joined the staff of All Saints Health Foundation, the support organization for Baylor All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. She is raising funds to build a research facility on campus and to support pancreatic islet cell transplantation and research. Jill Webb Hill has published her debut anthology, Desperate Ransom, under the name Minton Sparks. The anthology showcases her talents with flash fiction and poetry, illustrating a community of rural Southerners. Minton Sparks is also a spoken-word poet. Her DVD, Open Casket, was recently released in the U.S. and the U.K. Tricia Bowers Young completed a triathlon in Wilmington, N.C.

1985

Barry Bean is a cotton merchant in Peach Orchard, Mo., where he lives with his wife, Vicki, and farms with his brother, Jason. He spends time on the Mountain each summer, participating in Shakerag seminars and sitting on the front porch of Shenanigans. Charles Elmore, a writer for the Palm Beach Post, won first place in the Florida Press Club contest for sports columns. He and Jennifer Elmore, C’88, are proud parents of three. Ann Herpel graduated in May 2006 with a Ph.D. in Christian Social Ethics from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She lives with her husband, Raffaele D’Onofrio, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and works as a coordinator at the Park Slope Food Co-op. William Tonks is the director of facility and visitor services at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in Athens. He still makes records and performs (visit his website at www.myspace.com/williamtonks). He and his wife, Debbie, have two children and three dogs.

1986

Anne Mengedohr Fitch and Hollis Fitch live outside San Antonio, Texas. They have started a company, Cinco Solar, Inc., to install solar photovoltaic panels and solar hot water systems on commercial buildings and residences.

1987

J. Paul Board recently graduated with a doctor of ministry degree in congregational development from Seabury Seminary in Evanston, Ill. Mark Kent and Rip Kirby own and work for Southern Fidelity Mortgage Group, along with John Morissey, C’88.

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Chris Cone is a litigation attorney in private practice in Knoxville, Tenn. He was elected to Sewanee’s Board of Trustees by the Diocese of East Tennessee. Chris and his wife, Debbe, live in Louisville with their two children. Joe Johnston is living and working in downtown Chicago as the global knowledge manager for Korn/ Ferry International. He has had a few short fiction and nonfiction pieces published. John Morissey owns and works for Southern Fidelity Mortgage Group, along with Mark Kent and Rip Kirby, both C’87. Sheila Belew Webb is a stay-at-home mom in Woodbridge, Va. She and her husband, John, enjoy spending time with their four daughters.

1989

Lisa Frost and her husband, Dickson, announce the birth of Margaret Emmaline Phillips on June 16, 2006. Lisa continues to work part-time as assistant to the rector at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Hillsborough, N.C. Shawn Graham and Anna Beasnett Graham, C’90, reside in Maryville, Tenn., with their two daughters. Robb Powell launched Sage Tree in June 2007. The company works with manufacturers to help them gain retail placement for their products. He also completed his first marathon in September, with a time of three hours, 40 minutes.

1990

Anna Beasnett Graham and Shawn Graham, C’89, reside in Maryville, Tenn., with their two daughters. Anna works as a graduation coach for high-risk students at an area high school. Todd Hurst and his wife, Laurie Blanco, announce the birth of Taylor Dianne Hurst on Feb. 17, 2007. They live in Nashville, where Todd owns Harpeth Valley Animal Hospital. Anne Moore Smith and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of Stephen Smith on Feb. 26, 2007. Liz Rossi Spatafora and her family are back in the states after a sabbatical in Bangkok, Thailand. Liz lives in Corvallis, Ore., where she runs the local Meals on Wheels program and is working on renovating her historic home.
John Thomas To Lead St. Andrew’s-Sewanee

Twenty years after graduating from Sewanee, the Rev. John Thomas, C’88, is coming back to the Mountain. In July, he will return to lead that other well-respected Sewanee-based private educational institution: St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School. Thomas becomes just the second head of school at SAS, taking the reins from another Sewanee alum, the Rev. Bill Wade, C’65.

Wade has led the school since it was created in 1981 by the merger of Sewanee Academy and St. Andrew’s School. Now, Thomas says he’s in a position of taking over at a time when the school is healthier than ever. “I’ve been given the opportunity to see the school from the inside,” he says. “The faculty and staff and the board are fabulous, and I’ve been able to see what Bill Wade has done. I’m in a position to say to the school, ‘I believe very strongly in what you’re doing. Keep going. I’m just getting on the train.’”

To SAS, Thomas brings nine years of experience working closely with students in an independent school environment. Since 1999, he has been the chaplain of St. Andrew’s Episcopal School in Potomac, Md. There, he not only served in the chapel, but taught in the classroom, and worked to develop and strengthen the school’s service-learning curriculum and outreach programs.

He acknowledges that building on the already strong service elements of the SAS program in rural Sewanee will contrast sharply with the urban challenges of working in the D.C. area. But Thomas believes everyone in the school community benefits from the connections made through service programs. “There’s a trickle-up: When kids get interested in the plight of others, their parents get interested and connected to the plight of others,” he says. “I prefer to build it into the way a school works rather than to add it on as a co-curricular thing.”

At Sewanee, Thomas was an English major, a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, a student trustee and a member of the search committee that helped select 14th Vice Chancellor Sam Williamson. “Sewanee was such a seminal place in my life,” Thomas says. “It was where I kind of exploded into discovering different pieces of who I was. I played varsity soccer and I rode on the equestrian team. Where else in the world could you do that? I gained an understanding of who I was and what I valued, and I think St. Andrew’s-Sewanee is in that same business, so I get to go help others do the same.”

Thomas, his wife Janice, and their two children, Emily, 12, and Sam, nine, will live in the Ayres House on campus at SAS.

1991

Jason Ehrlinspiel and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of Erika Jane Ehrlinspiel on Aug. 17, 2007. They have moved to Northern California.

Amy Hill Lutz and her husband, Clay, announce the birth of John Tyler Lutz on Oct. 26, 2007. The family lives in Nashville, where Amy is busy being a full-time mom for her two sons.

John Winthrop Truslow III and Ethel Allison Middleton were married on April 14, 2007 in Atlanta, Ga. Winston White is now vice president of TranSouth Logistics, LLC. He is responsible for the overall warehousing and delivery services of TranSouth, which is a logistics provider for the floor covering industry.

1992

Michael Andreu and Anne Marie Gilligan Andreu, C’93, announce the birth of Branan James Andreu on Oct. 16, 2007. The family lives in Lakeland, Fla. Anne is working as a research scientist for the University of Washington and the U.S. Forest Service. Michael is an assistant professor of Forest Systems at the University of Florida School of Forest Resources and Conservation.

1993

Melissa “Missy May” Peirano successfully opened Hanover Gallery in Chattanooga, which carries her paintings along with work from other area artists. She says it has been a family affair, with her mother as business partner, her husband, Dave, as the “get-it-done” guy, her daughter as the art critic, and her son as the art arranger. John Magevney and Ellen Jefferson Magevney, C’94, announce the birth of Elizabeth Abbey Magevney on Aug. 15, 2006.

1994

Lisa Duke has been promoted to CEO and majority shareholder of Simplified Technology Solutions, Inc., an Atlanta-based software development company that provides custom application development and systems integration services. Jim Howser and Ashley Aiken Howser, C’95, announce the birth of Penelope “Ellie” Cain Howser on June 20, 2007. Shannon Prothro Welch is living on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Ed, and their Rhodesian Ridgeback, Hudson. She has been working as a hospice nurse and manager for the last three years. Jennie Bartlett Wynne, and her husband, John, announce the birth of Genevieve Augusta Wynne on June 19, 2007.
1995
Ashley Aiken Howser and Jim Howser announce the birth of Penelope "Ellie" Cain Howser on June 20, 2007. Amy Hawkins Starnes and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of Elyn Miranda Starnes (right) on Jan. 25, 2007, in Dublin, Ohio.

Trey Sturtevant has been promoted to principal at LarsonAllen. He brings more than 10 years of experience serving health care clients. Trey specializes in reimbursement services for hospitals and senior health organizations, as well as coding and documentation services for physicians and medical groups. Adrienne Evans Williams and her husband, David, announce the birth of Everett Callaway on April 21, 2007. The family lives in Corpus Christi, Texas.

1996


1997
Patrick Bowen and his wife, Susan, announce the birth of triplets, Avery Lynch, Elizabeth Everlee, and Lucy Willette on Jan. 17, 2007. Patrick is currently senior vice president and private banking group manager for BancorpSouth in St. Louis, Mo. The family lives in O’Fallon, Mo. Emily Dobbs Montjoy and William Lee Belford were married on Feb. 17, 2007, in Savannah, Ga.

Douglas J. Adair has earned a master’s degree in finance at DePaul University in Chicago. He is currently employed as an assistant vice president at LaSalle Bank. Elizabeth A. Arnett completed her master of landscape architecture degree from the University of Georgia in May 2007. She is excited about her new job with Davis Landscape of Hilton Head, S.C. where she is working on residential and commercial design in the Beaufort, Bluffton, and Hilton Head areas. Ashley Burkhardt Duva moved to Newport Beach, Calif. in June 2007. She has taken a position with an investment management firm, Strategic Global Advisors, LLC, as the chief operating officer and chief compliance officer. Brian Field and his wife, Allison, announce the birth of Anna Wheeler Field on May 16, 2007. Brian continues to teach and coach varsity basketball at Providence Day School in Charlotte, N.C. Tom Hutto and Amy Soho Hutto, C'99, live in Columbia, Tenn, where Tom is a law office manager. They announce the birth of Carson Gregory Hutto on May 13, 2007.

Ryland Moore married Brittany Blais Rovianek on Aug. 4, 2007 in Hood River, Ore. Parker Moore, C'99, was the best man and Forrest Porterfield was a groomsman. Ryland is the transactions manager for Westwater Research, a water transaction and asset-valuation company based in Vancouver, Wash. The couple resides in Portland. Erin Grossman Otto has been promoted to plant protection and quarantine officer/instructor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She will be teaching entomology and quarantine officer/instructor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Ben Stone, C'94, married Jennifer Welch in Berkeley, Calif., on Oct. 27, 2007. Ben is curator for American and British History at the Stanford University library. Sewanee alumni in attendance included: Marcel Lottre, C'94; Robert Ingram, C'93; Jon Carroll, C'93; Kristin Beise Kibbling, C'94; Fred Stickney, C'94; Walter Virden, C'90; Robert Vogler, C'93; Ward Binns, C'93; and Andrew Williams, C'95.

Kate Littleton, C'97, married Hunt Gillespie on Feb. 3, 2007, in Birmingham, Ala. Sewanee alumni in attendance included: Back Row: Page Kalish, C'96; Jamison Hinds, C'97; Frazer Buntin, C'97; Scott Dismukes, C'97; Caldwell Marks, C'97; Sarah Mussenleman Hinds, C'96; Catherine Black Koyzsa, C'97; Rhett Heyward, C'96; Molly Bagwell Colbath, C'97; Chariton Wieters, C'97; John Wallace, C'96; and Land Deleot, C'97. Front Row: Janie Taylor, C'97; Robbie Spruell Kalish, C'97; Martha Rhodes, C'97; Jay Dismukes, C'93; John Cooper, C'97; Kate Littleton Gillespie; Hunt Gillespie; Jeanne Porter Monk, C'97; Katie Cafer; C'97; Anne Lacy Wallace, C'97; Caroline Christy, C'96; Liz Greenfield Robbins, C'97; and Chad Robbins, C'97. Also present, but not pictured: Greg Colbath, Ian McVey, Jim Uden, Hunter Flick, all C'97; Stuart Hemingway, C'94; JP Hemingway, C'95; and Georganne Garzon Perrine, C'96.

Brooks Smith, C'93, and Dave Waddell, C'95, Anson Mount, C'95, Andy Hatcher, C'96, Reggie Ramsey, C'98, and Scott Nystrom, C'96, participated on a 12-man team in the Hood to Coast Relay, a 199-mile running relay race in Oregon, which stretches from Mt. Hood to Seaside. The team completed the course in 26 hours, 55 minutes, and 45 seconds.
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1999

Alli Antar married Jeffrey Jackson on June 23, 2007, in All Saints’ Chapel in Sewanee. Alli recently received a Ph.D. from the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics at Vanderbilt University. Auburn Daily has relocated from Washington, D.C., to San Francisco, Calif., and is practicing health-care law at Latham & Watkins. Carter Eddings and his wife, Megan, announce the birth of Phoebe Katharine Eddings (above) on July 25, 2007. Brooke Gibson was featured in an article in Commercial Investment Real Estate magazine for securing Shutterfly.com as the main tenant in a class A industrial/flex park. She is currently living in Charlotte, N.C. Emily McKee Goins and her husband, John, announce the birth of Ann Lindsay Goins (right) on Dec. 26, 2007.

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Lauryl Hicks Tucker successfully defended her dissertation in September at the University of Virginia for her doctorate in English. She continues to enjoy her job teaching at Ithaca College in upstate New York.

2000

Mary Missbach Dressler graduated from Emory University’s Goizueta Business School in May 2007 and is now working for Navigant Capital Advisors, an investment bank in Atlanta. Mary finished the ING Georgia Marathon in ninth place among women, while her husband finished ninth in the men’s race. Mary is currently training for the 2008 Boston Marathon. Garry Finke married Leann Benson on June 16, 2007, at Thorncroft Chapel in Eureka Springs, Ark. Stephen Fulton, C’98, was a groomsman. Garry recently completed his residency in pediatrics from the University of Tennessee in Memphis. Meredith Hitch graduated from the School of Medicine at St. George’s University in Grenada, West Indies. She is attending the University of Louisville for the pediatric residency program. Norman Adams Pickron and Margaret Daniel Pickron, C’02, recently moved to New York’s Upper West Side from Winston-Salem, N.C. Norman earned his master’s from Wake Forest University and is a risk manager for Group One Trading. Cindy Norris Pulitzer completed a residency in orthodontics and began practicing with her father and her husband, Sam. She and her husband also announce the birth of Bryce Pulitzer. J. Stuart Segrest is clerking for Justice W. William Leaphart at the Montana Supreme Court.

2001

David Coffey received his Ph.D. in physics in May from the University of Washington in Seattle. He has since road-tripped to Boston to join a startup company called Nano-Terra. Beth Hackettorn Garland graduated with her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Texas A&M University in May 2007. She completed her internship at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, and will begin a two-year post-doctorate specializing in disruptive behavior disorders at Texas Children’s Hospital. Scott Garland is continuing his work in web development at Reynolds & Reynolds in Houston.

T. Austin Lacy Jr. and Eleanor Fleming Lacy, C’02, announce the birth of Thomas Austin Lacy III on April 16, 2007, in Winchester, Tenn. The family has since moved away from the Mountain to Athens, Ga. Austin has started working toward his doctorate in higher education at the University of Georgia. Valerie Leo graduated with her JD and public policy certificate from the University of Tulsa College of Law in May 2006. She was sworn into the Illinois Bar in November 2006 and is currently living in Chicago, where she works as staff attorney and court coordinator for the Cook County Office of the Chief Judge, Juvenile Division. Jason Lee Wilson has released a CD entitled “High Country.” The album was recorded in Berlin, Germany, in the famous Lightning Recorders Studio. Jason is backed by Europe’s most authentic rockabilly band, The Roundup Boys.

2002

Lexie Caine moved from Austin, Texas, to Idaho in October 2006, where she worked at the Tamarack Resort in the Payette River Mountain Range. She has accepted a position at Lone Mountain Ranch in Big Sky, Mont. Amy Johnson and John Graves, C’03, were married in June 2007 in Sewanee. They currently live in Cambridge, Mass., where Amy is a statistical analyst for Harvard Pilgrim. Morgan Vickery, C’02, and Tappan Heinsohn, C’03, were married on May 19, 2007, in Delaplane, Va. The couple resides in San Francisco, Calif. Sewanee alumni in attendance included: Row One: Elizabeth Shaw McWilliams, C’02; Ellie Pearson, C’03; Rob Payne, C’02; Brian Goodman, C’02; Blake Vaden, C’02; Amy Robertson Vaden, C’04; Dave Reinhart, C’02; Houston Howell, C’02; Robin Pfeiffer-Thompson, C’02; Sam Parish, C’02; Taylor Hall, C’01; Cas Sochacki, C’01; Darby Hendrix Currie, C’02; Andrew Morphis, C’01; Ben Miles, C’01; Mark Gee, C’02; Owen Reed, C’02; and Lee McGriff, C’00. Row Two: Chrissie Norton, C’03; Caitlin Elam, C’03; Hill Vaden, C’01; Jen Seminou Vaden, C’02; Jessica Osaki-Howell, C’02; Kris Bush Campbell, C’03; Leslie Meyers, C’03; Lindsay Hevron, C’03; Lauren Rush Garvey, C’03; Katherine Petracek, C’03; Hayley Hardin Brown, C’03; Tim Waldrop, C’03; Jennifer Francisco Krome, C’03; and Karl Long, C’02. Row Three: Emily B. Parish, C’02; Anne Smith, C’03; Emily Alquist, C’01; Margaret Cheatham Hubbard, C’03; Rebecca Savitz, C’03; Jessica Hogle, C’02; Will Grant, C’01; and Elizabeth Mann, C’02. Present, but not pictured: Brian Plaster, C’99; Maggie Plaster, C’00; John Hinkle, C’03. Ginna Novak and Edward Roberts, both C’03, were married on June 23, 2007, at the Beach Club of Cape May in Cape May, N.J. Sewanee alumni in attendance were: First Row: Rachel Russell, C’03; Ginna Novak Sawyer; Edward Roberts; Sara Atchison Bany, C’03; and Styrne Kirby, C’03. Second Row: Katie Roberts, C’03; Megan Greene Roberts, C’03; Michal Resha, C’03; Tara Tomlin Moore, C’03; Laura Kaneshiro, C’03; and Scotty Deegear Macdaniel, C’03. Third Row: Haynes Roberts, C’72; Haynes Roberts Jr., C’00; Justin Gardner, C’03; Molly Trice, C’03; and Ben Saunders, C’03.
John Thomas, C'04, and Meg Lemon C'06 were married in September in Roanoke, Va. John is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. They are moving to Quantico, Va., in May, following his graduation from University of Georgia Law School. Many Sewanee friends attended the ceremony, including: Back Row: Edmond Lord, C'06; Fallon Gnann, C'06; Sam Moore, C'04; Muguet Cox, C'04; Nick Nichols, C'03; Johnny Shoaf, C'04; Amy Sharp, C'06; Brooke Barfield, C'06; and Nicole Manley. Middle Row: Scott Knittle, C'04; David Thompson, C'02; Lisa Shaul Thompson, C'02; Lauren Lively, C'06; Mary Bullard, C'05; Anne Wise, C'06; and Caroline Smith, C'07. Front Row: Hayden Patterson, C'05; Hilary Worne, C'05; Liz Ford, C'04; John Thomas, Meg Lemon Thomas, Ashley Deslauriers, C'06; Lindsay Coshatt, C'06; and Malia Chang, C'05. Garen Hover, C'04, married Hutton Eadie on Jan. 13, 2007 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Midland, Texas. Sewanee friends in the ceremony include: Vasser Howorth, C'03; Becky Callaway Monds, C'04; Margaret Cabaniss, C'02; Ebba Allen, C'03; and Steele Yancey, C'01. Sewanee friends in attendance: Clay Gilkerson, C'03; Tom Sherrard, C'01; Char Atwood, C'01; and Jenny Wray, C'01. The couple currently lives in Nashville.

Healthcare and Harvard Medical School. Eleanor Fleming Lacy and T. Austin Lacy Jr., C'01, announce the birth of Thomas Austin Lacy III on April 16, 2007, in Winchester, Tenn. The family has since moved away from the Mountain to Athens, Ga. Margaret Daniel Pickron and Norman Adams Pickron, C'00, recently moved to New York's Upper West Side from Winston-Salem, N.C. Margaret is a merchandiser for Polo Ralph Lauren on its golf and tennis lines.

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Ashley Gerety, C'03, married Christopher Tullier on Sept. 1, 2007 at The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas, Texas. Jean Faulkner Meadows and Erin Tatum were bridesmaids. Ashley is finishing a master of occupational therapy degree at Texas Woman's University. John Graves and Amy Johnson, C'02, were married in June 2007 in Sewanee. They currently live in Cambridge, Mass., where John is a second-year Ph.D. student at Harvard University. Thomas Hearon and Nelson Byrd traveled throughout Tibet for four weeks during the late summer of 2007. They spent their time trekking, rafting, and camping in the Mt. Everest region. Here, they are pictured in front of Cho Oyo. Elizabeth Griffin Rickman received the Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine on May 25, 2007. She is a first-year resident in internal medicine at University Hospitals in Jackson, Miss. Laura Somet is a family support worker at Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, Inc. in Washington, D.C. She is part of the home visiting program, which works with low-income families to improve child development, access to health care and social services, and prevent child abuse and neglect. Emily Wright-Timko graduated from Harvard Divinity School in June 2007 with a master of divinity degree. She is now working at her dream job as associate chaplain at Bates College in Maine. She credits the “phenomenal faculty” of the Sewanee religion department as the source of her success.

2004

Chris Brooks is enrolled in the master of studies in environmental law program at the Vermont Law School in South Royalton. Mac Brown traveled the nation after graduation, living in his truck with his Labrador retriever, Scout. He began working for the Episcopal School of Knoxville in February 2005, and he is now the chaplain, religion teacher, and fifth- and sixth-grade social studies teacher. He was elected to Sewanee's Board of Trustees in February 2006. He and Scout live in historic North Knoxville. Kate Cummings moved to Northampton, Mass., after finishing her Watson Fellowship. She teaches photography to at-risk teenage girls and works for EarthAction, the world’s largest network of organizations and individuals working together for peace, justice, and the environment. Kate is co-owner of Pedal People, a business that picks up the town’s trash and recycling by bicycle. She says she loves riding her bicycle in two feet of snow and learning about what needs fixing in the world from her close relationship with other people's trash. Rebecca Daubert is living in Costa Rica, where she teaches English and works on an organic farm named Rancho Margot. Elizabeth Ford works as a sales planner at NBC Universal in New York City. Patrick “Chase” Milner has been hired as program manager for resource protection by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation. Andrew Schmidt is living in Knoxville, Tenn., where he works as the donor relations manager for the Tennessee chapter of The Nature Conservancy. He is working with donors to protect 124,000 acres on the northern Cumberland Plateau. Hayley Shelton recently graduated from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law with a
master's degree in natural resources/environmental law and policy. She is working as an account executive for a technology firm in Denver, Colo. This summer, Hayley hiked over a dozen “fourteeners” (mountains with elevation over 14,000 feet) in Colorado with her sheltie, Roxy. She enjoys hiking, dance, and teaching health/life choice classes. **Johnny Shoaf** is a first-year student at Vanderbilt University Law School.

**Gregory Catherine Simmons** has just moved from Washington, D.C., to New York City, where she has begun work on her master's degree at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She is concentrating in broadcasting. Gregory has spent the last two years working for the re-election campaign of Bill Nelson, senator from Florida, and his wife’s non-profit organization.

### 2005

**Andrew Michael Mantini** and **Leah Frances Burchfield** were married on April 28, 2007, at All Saints’ Chapel in Sewanee. **Claire Nicoll** is attending Columbia University for a master's in elementary education.

**Elizabeth Pollard** completed two years of Peace Corps service in Mali, West Africa on Sept. 28, 2007. She was a health education volunteer in a village of about 2,000 people.

### 2006

**Elliott Dement** is a financial services representative for New England Financial/MetLife. His office is located in Alpharetta, Ga. **Alan Jackson** is beginning his second year teaching senior English at Stratford Academy in Macon, Ga. **Andrew B.C. Wood** is a first-year student at the University of Richmond Law School.

### 2007

**Ashley Logsdon** opened Dolma Jewelry, a network marketing company that sells freshwater pearl jewelry, which Ashley hand-picks in China. The company operates in 10 states, and seven other Sewanee students and alumni serve as representatives along with Ashley: **Joyce Butterworth; Stephanie Lynn Dettaan; Lanier Norville; Anna Ransier; Kayte Rhett; Lauren Turner; Sally Wilson; and Shannon Logsdon.** **James W. Sonne** and **Stephanie Lynn Dettaan** were married on May 5, 2007, at All Saints’ Chapel in Sewanee.

**Luke Padgett, C’07, and Eliza Greenman, C’06, brought a little bit of Sewanee to Germany for Oktoberfest 2007. Luke and Eliza found time in their busy schedules of fossil hunting and tree-hugging to attend what is arguably the greatest party in the world.**

**Anita Bond, C’04, married Justin C. Bise on March 17, 2007 in Coos Bay, Ore. The couple resides in Crossville, Tenn. Sewanee alumni in attendance included Chrysta Bond, C’01; Scott Biss, C’02; and Hannah Johnson, C’03.**

**Jessica Wilson and Russell Bauman, both C’04, were married on May 26, 2007 at the Montague Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They reside in Athens, Ga., where Russell is a senior vet school student at UGA and Jessica works at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education in special events design. Front Row: David Lowe, C’04; Liz Miller, C’04; Jason Wilson, C’01; Jessica Wilson Bauman; Russell Bauman; Rachel Riley, C’04; Andrew Doak, C’05; and Valerie Moya, C’07. Second Row: Reid Ward, C’04; Betsy Snowden, C’05; David Mushal, C’04; Travis Johnson, C’04; Ian Seville, C’03; Ethan Pinney, C’04; David Daniel, C’04; Jameel Clark, C’03; Kevin Hobbs, C’06; Wren Garmon Cook, C’01; and Jason Cook, C’03. The photographer was Lawson Whitaker, C’73.**
Obituaries are published for alumni of the College of Arts and Sciences and select friends of the University. Sewanee magazine’s policy is to publish the names of surviving relatives of the deceased who are alumni of the college, and the names of surviving spouses. Due to space limitations, other survivors may not be listed.

**William Price Richardson**, C’32, of New Orleans, La., died on Oct. 3, 2007. He received his master of divinity degree from General Theological Seminary in 1935, beginning a long career in the church. Richardson served in Rochester, N.Y. and throughout Michigan before settling at St. George’s Episcopal Church in New Orleans in 1953. In his 23 years there, Richardson helped found St. George’s School and was a vocal supporter of rights for women and gays in the church. After his retirement, Richardson traveled extensively in Europe, Asia, and India and was employed as interim rector in parishes from London to Hawaii.

**James Davis Gibson Jr.**, C’36, of Houston, Texas, died on Dec. 26, 2007. A retired airport manager with Pan American Airways, Gibson traveled the Americas and was stationed in Trinidad, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Houston, and Brazil. A former member of the Texas Employment Commission, Gibson was also a member of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, a supporter of the Houston Symphony, and an election judge.

**Augustus “Gus” Graydon**, C’37, of Columbia, S.C., died on June 15, 2007. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa and was president of his senior class. He later served the University as a trustee. Always a colorful character, Graydon was an attorney known for carrying his files in peach baskets instead of briefcases. He was a founder of the Historic Columbia Foundation. Graydon had an extensive collection of maps, texts, and stories, which he told well. He is survived by two children, three grandchildren, and two sisters.

**George Goodwin Bean**, C’38, of Brunswick, Maine, died on May 19, 2007. He earned his bachelor’s degree at Bowdoin in 1937 and an additional degree from Sewanee a year later. Bean entered the Army Air Corps in 1943, serving in Africa. He then returned to Brunswick and ran G.G. Bean Inc., as well as multiple restaurants. Bean was an avid inventor who was granted many patents over the years. In the late 1960s, when he had two great Danes in an area highly populated by skunks, he invented Skunk Kleen. Dishwasher Kleen, a later invention, was manufactured and sold throughout North America. Bean was a world traveler who loved railroads, steam engines, machines, Maine history, and telling stories. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Grace, two daughters, and two grandchildren.

**William Short McGuire**, C’38, of Blairsville, Ga., died on May 14, 2007. He served aboard a U.S. Army hospital ship in the Mediterranean during World War II, traveling to Italy, France, and North America. For more than 50 years, McGuire was a broker with McGuire Realty in Atlanta. He was also a member of the Atlanta Board of Realtors, where he served as chairman of the Appraisal Committee for several years. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen.

**F. Newton Howden**, C’40, of Tunbridge Wells, England, died on Aug. 28, 2007. After graduation, Howden returned to his native Northeast to attend General Theological Seminary in New York City. He continued his graduate work at McGill University in Montreal and later received his master’s degree from Central Connecticut State University. Serving in churches throughout New York, New Jersey, and Vermont, Howden was most deeply rooted in Connecticut, where he was rector of Trinity Church in Lime Rock and was archdeacon of New Haven County. Upon his retirement, he and his wife moved to England. Survivors include his wife, Mary.

**Luther Oliver Ison**, C’42, of Vista, Calif., died on Oct. 17, 2007. Born and raised in Baker City, Ore., Ison attended Reed College in Portland and General Seminary in New York City. He built congregations, rectories, schools, and church buildings in parishes from Gold Beach, Ore. to Escondido, Calif. He also spearheaded the “West Valley Towers” project in Van Nuys, a residential building for seniors and the disabled. Ison retired in 1987 and became president of the Board of the Americas Foundation, an organization that builds schools and clinics in Tijuana’s poorest barrios.

**Hamlin Caldwell**, C’43, of Huntsville, Ala., died on Nov. 17, 2007. After graduating with a degree in economics, Caldwell joined the U.S. Army, exploring India on his tour of duty. Three years later, Caldwell returned home to Scottsboro, Ala., where he began working for the Scottsboro Coca-Cola Bottling Co. He later became manager and then vice president of the company, a position he held for 33 years. Caldwell was also involved in numerous community organizations. He was a charter member of the Scottsboro VFW, as well as the Rotary Club. A member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Hamlin served as a deacon and elder. Survivors include his wife, Violet. Bendali.

**Herbert “Gene” Winn**, C’43, of Bartlesville, Okla., died on June 5, 2007. A Sewanee native, he graduated with a degree in English. After attending the Merchant Marine Academy, he was a member of the Merchant Marines during World War II and served on ships around the world for four and a half years. Winn then attended Peabody College at Vanderbilt University, where he earned his master’s degree in library science in 1953. Winn began his long career with the Bartlesville Public Library and served as director and head librarian until he retired in 1984 after 31 years of service. He then operated Media Futures Used Book Store with his wife. Winn’s passions included gardening, fishing, and reading. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, three children, nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.
Orland C. Smitherman, C’44, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., died on July 16, 2007. A Centerville, Ala., native, Smitherman was a stand-out student who was awarded a football scholarship to Sewanee while it was still a member of the Southeastern Conference. After earning a B.A. in physics, he worked on the Manhattan Project until transferring to the Union Carbide Corporation, where he worked until his retirement in 1984. Survivors include his wife, Yonnie.

David C. Tallichet Jr., C’44, of Walnut Creek, Calif., died on Oct. 31, 2007. With America’s entry into World War II, Tallichet signed up for military service. Pursuing his love for aviation, Tallichet joined the U.S. Army Air Forces and was accepted for flight school, where he successfully completed advanced flight training and was assigned to training on the four-engine Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress bomber. Tallichet and his crew flew 23 combat missions before the collapse of Germany and V-E Day. Tallichet was offered a position during 1948 with the Hilton Hotels Corp., which led to a career in the service industry. Tallichet and two partners obtained a lease with the Port of Long Beach and opened the Reef Restaurant in 1958, a pivotal theme-restaurant pioneer, with venues including HS Lordships, Pieces of Eight, Shanghai Red’s, Ports O’ Call, Proud Bird, Castaway, 94th Aero Squadron, Crawdaddy’s, and Baby Doe’s Matchless Mine. In the late 1960s Tallichet began collecting and restoring World War II aircraft to flying condition. He was able to fly his B-17 across the Atlantic to Great Britain to take part in 1990’s Memphis Belle. In July 2007, Tallichet took his Flying Fortress to an airshow in Michigan where he was honored as the last World War II combat pilot still flying one of these very rare aircraft. Survivors include his wife, Carol.

Ralph A. Law Jr., C’47, of Dallas, Texas, died on March 17, 2007. Originally from Little Rock, Ark., he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega at Sewanee. He is survived by his wife, Frances.

Kenneth Prindle Sr., C’47, of Kenner, La., died on June 1, 2007. At Sewanee, he played football and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He proudly served in World War II and the Korean War, retiring from the Naval Reserves as a lieutenant commander. Prindle served as an accountant for Lykes Shipping Company and retired as president of the Ken Prindle Theatrical Agency. He is survived by his children, grandchildren, and sister.

Thomas A. Carroll Jr., C’48, of Little Rock, Ark., died on June 17, 2007. After graduating from Sewanee, he earned a master’s degree in education from the University of Mississippi. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Carroll’s career in education spanned more than three decades. During his career, he was a principal and superintendent of many schools throughout Arkansas. Survivors include his wife, Mary, one daughter, two granddaughters, three sisters, one brother, and many nieces and nephews.

Ralph W. Fowler Jr., C’48, of Clayton, Ga., died on May 23, 2007. A member of Kappa Alpha Order at Sewanee, Fowler attended medical school at Emory University and practiced pediatrics for over 25 years in Marietta, Ga. After retiring in 1988 to Rabun County, Fowler indulged in simpler pleasures like trout fishing, backpacking, and gardening. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, brother, John W. Fowler, C’56, son, Charles Mitchell Fowler, C’80, and granddaughter, Rebecca Swanson Fowler, C’10.

Lee “Pete” McGriff Jr., C’41, H’06

Lee “Pete” McGriff Jr., C’41, H’06, died on Feb. 16, 2008. McGriff was an honored Navy fighter pilot in the Pacific Theater during World War II, a successful insurance executive in his professional life, and a devoted leader for the University of the South. As a student, McGriff was president of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, president of Omicron Delta Kappa, and a member of Blue Key and the Order of Gownsman. Majoring in mathematics, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with highest honors. McGriff served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II. As a pilot in the Pacific Theater, he flew night fighter missions off the aircraft carrier Bonhomme Richard. McGriff joined his father’s insurance firm where he was chairman and CEO from 1946 to 1986. The company presently known as McGriff, Seibels and Williams, Inc. became one of the largest and most successful insurance brokerage firms in the United States. A longtime member of St. Mary’s on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Ala., Pete served on the vestry and was senior warden and delegate to the diocesan conventions. He served as mayor of Mountain Brook, Ala., from 1972-1980. In 2006, he was inducted into the Birmingham Business Hall of Fame. His support and friendship were highly valued by a great many at Sewanee, including every vice chancellor since 1938. McGriff’s wisdom, generosity, and good humor helped make possible much of the University’s progress over those years, including the renewal in 2004 of his beloved Phi Delta Theta House to become the McGriff Alumni House. He received the University’s Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievement and the honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree. Survivors include his wife Alice; four children including son Lee McGriff III, C’74 and daughter Alice Walters, C’78; daughter-in-law Leah Guarisco McGriff, C’75, son-in-law David Walters, C’77; and six grandsons including Lee McGriff IV, C’01, Peter Denson McGriff, C’02, and David Matthew Walters Jr., C’04.
Harold Elliott Barrett, C'49, died on Feb. 8, 2008. Barrett served two and a half years in the U.S. Army in World War II in the European theater and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Sewanee and later from Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Mass. Barrett began his ministry as vicar at Trinity Church, Pinopolis, S.C., and then became assistant to the dean at Trinity Cathedral, Columbia, S.C. He served as rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd on Lookout Mountain, Tenn., for 16 years and as rector of the Church of the Holy Communion in Memphis for nine years. Barrett served as a member of Sewanee’s Board of Trustees and the Episcopal Radio-TV Foundation. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary’s Episcopal School and the boards of directors of Trezevant Episcopal Manor, University Inter-Faith Center, and the Heart Fund. Survivors include Barrett’s five children, a step-daughter, and 13 grandchildren.

Edward Harris Darrach Jr., C'49, of New York, N.Y., died on June 6, 2007. After graduation, Darrach spent a year at the Université de Grenoble, which sparked a lifelong interest in travel. Darrach also enjoyed opera and was a member of the Purple Masque at Sewanee. He later founded Bristed Manning Travel, an upscale travel agency.

Walter Ray Davis, C'49, of La Mesa, N.M., died on Dec. 19, 2007. A retired colonel, Davis served in World War II, where he met his first wife, Maria Pia DeRossi, and served again in the Korean War. After Maria Pia’s death in 1973, he met Rosemary Cecilia Welch. They both pursued advanced degrees at New Mexico State University, where Davis received a doctorate in education, and both were members of the honor society Phi Kappa Phi. Together, they established and operated the Davis Horse Farm for registered thoroughbreds in the Mesilla Valley. They successfully raised, bred, and raced horses at Sunland Park and Ruidoso Downs for over 22 years. Davis was a leader in the service, an inspiration in the classroom, and a compelling storyteller. Survivors include his wife, Rosemary.

William Bird Jr., C’50, of Clarksville, Tenn., died on June 11, 2007. At Sewanee, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. After naval aviator training in Pensacola, Fla., he flew the AD Skyraider in the Korean War from the USS Antietam. He continued to serve in the Naval Reserve until 1971. Bird enjoyed a long career in the building materials field starting with the family business, Bird Lumber Company in Jackson, Tenn. He later held positions with Georgia-Pacific in Los Angeles, Reynolds Metals in Dallas, and AJ Smith Company in Clarksville. Bird was an active member of First Baptist Church and the Clarksville Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mollie, his three children, and six grandchildren.

E. Dudley Colhoun Jr., C’50, H’93, of Winston-Salem, N.C., died on Sept. 22, 2007. After serving in the Navy during World War II, Colhoun entered the University, where he graduated with a degree in mathematics and physics. A proctor and member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he also played and lettered in football, basketball, and tennis. After graduation, he attended Virginia Theological Seminary and was an Episcopal priest in Virginia, Georgia, and North Carolina for over 50 years, including 31 years at St. Paul’s in Winston-Salem, from which he retired as rector in 1992. Colhoun was active in community groups including Hospice, Crisis Control, and Samaritan Ministries. Ever true to his alma mater, he served the University as a trustee and two terms as a regent. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Sarah Hill Colhoun; four children including Edward Dudley Colhoun, C’78; and nine grandchildren.

Guy Atchison Karr, C’50, of Pompano Beach, Fla., died on Dec. 25, 2007. A career officer in the U.S. Army, Karr was a graduate of Castle Heights Preparatory School in Lebanon, Tenn., and of Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. Karr served in the Pacific Theater in World War II and was part of the occupation of Japan. During the Korean War, Karr was on the staff of the 8th Army in Korea. His last overseas assignment was as an assistant army attaché at the American Embassy in Cairo, Egypt. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Kohrt Westeroff.

Ralph M. Roscher Jr., C’50, of Arlington Heights, Ill., died on Sept. 24, 2007. A proud Army veteran, Roscher received a master's degree from Northwestern University. Roscher was known as an avid historian, reader, world traveler, and sports enthusiast.


F. Marshall Uhrig, C’51, of Sanford, Fla., died on June 15, 2007. A member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity at Sewanee, Uhrig served in the Korean War with the U.S. Navy. He was a 50-year member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and was a former board member of the Salvation Army in Chiliicotho. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte.

Michael “Mickey” Hoke Poe, C’52, of Birmingham, Ala., died on Jan. 10, 2008. A member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Sewanee, Poe graduated with honors and pursued a long career in the transportation industry. He was a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Birmingham Traffic and Transportation Club, and the Birmingham Motor Truck Club. Poe was also involved with his church, Highlands United Methodist, where he served on the board of stewards. He stayed active in the life of the University, acting as president of the Sewanee Alumni Club of Birmingham and of the Phi Delta Theta Alumni Club for some time. Survivors include his wife, Lois.
and sons Thomas Johnson Poe, C'82, and William Hoke Poe, C'87.

Kyle Wheelus Jr., C'52, of Houston, Texas, died on Nov. 26, 2007. Wheelus interrupted his first year of law school at the University of Texas to begin Navy Officer Candidate School training during the Korean War. Following two years at Fleet Sonar School in Key West, Fla., he assumed duties on the USS Endicott, based in San Diego, Calif. After his tour of duty in the U.S. Navy, he resumed the study of law. Upon graduation, he joined the law firm of George Weller, which later became Weller, Wheelus and Green. He left the firm after many years and opened his private practice, from which he retired in November 2006. A lifelong member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, he served his parish as vestryman, senior warden, and delegate to council. He was also a trustee and regent at Sewanee. Wheelus acted as treasurer for the local YMCA, was a member of the Lions Club, and was a board member of both the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Wheelus’s love of boating steered him toward the Beaumont Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. For 35 years he taught boating safety courses, patrolled the Neches River and Sabine Lake waterways and held numerous leadership offices in both organizations. He received many awards for meritorious service in connection with these two boating groups, the most recent of which was his appointment as honorary chief judge. He retired in 2006. A lifelong member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, he served his parish as vestryman, senior warden, and delegate to council. He was also a trustee and regent at Sewanee. Wheelus acted as treasurer for the local YMCA, was a member of the Lions Club, and was a board member of both the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Wheelus’s love of boating steered him toward the Beaumont Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. For 35 years he taught boating safety courses, patrolled the Neches River and Sabine Lake waterways and held numerous leadership offices in both organizations. He received many awards for meritorious service in connection with these two boating groups, the most recent of which was his appointment as honorary chief judge. He retired in 2006.

Sylvan Eric Williams Jr., C'55, of North Adams, Mass., died on May 28, 2007. He graduated from the University with a B.S. in engineering and a B.A. in philosophy before pursuing graduate studies at the University of Toronto. While serving with the U.S. Marine Corps, he was stationed in Japan. Williams was an engineer for Sprague Electric in North Adams and worked as a biomedical engineer in Yonkers, N.Y., as well as Toronto. He later became a process control engineer for Leeds, Northrop, & Moore Instruments in the Toronto area. In 1960, Williams appeared in the Paramount Pictures skydiving documentary, A Sport is Born, which was nominated for an Academy Award. Survivors include his wife, Fumiko, his mother, three sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.


Louis A. Hermes, C'57, of San Francisco and Napa, Calif., died on Nov. 19, 2007. He graduated from the Collegiate School in New York City and received a B.A. in political science from Sewanee. After graduation, Hermes spent two years in the military, stationed in Germany. In 1960, he relocated to San Francisco, where he embarked on a successful 41-year career as a stockbroker. Starting at Davis-Skagg, where Hermes was made the youngest partner at the time, he remained there until the firm was bought out. From Davis-Skagg, Hermes joined Kidder, Peabody & Co., which in turn was bought out by General Electric, Paine Webber and lastly, UBS. He retired in 2001. A member of The Guardsmen and the University Club, Hermes had a knack for creating and sustaining long-term friendships, and he was well known in San Francisco for his hospitality, generosity, and kindness. Survivors include his partner, Tom Jefferson.

Everett Jack Dennis, C'58, of Dothan, Ala., died on Jan. 14, 2008. A native of Montgomery, Ala., Dennis received a master’s degree from American University in Washington, D.C. He served in the U.S. Navy, until he retired as a commander. During his naval career, he received many awards, including the Bronze Star Medal with Combat Valor. Dennis was also an active member of Christ the King Episcopal Church in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.

E. Capers Johnson Jr., C'59, of Keller, Texas, died on June 7, 2007. After graduating from the Sewanee, he earned a master’s degree from Middle Tennessee State University. Before his retirement, Johnson had been both an educator and a sales manager. He served as president of Toastmasters International and sergeant at arms for the Columbia Toastmasters Club. His volunteerism included the American Diabetes Association, March of Dimes, and Arthritis Foundation. A loving husband and father, Johnson enjoyed reading, fishing, gardening, and football. Survivors include his wife, Ruby, daughters, a grandson, a sister, and several nieces and nephews.

Ira Lee Thomas, C'54, of Little Rock, Ark., died on Dec. 12, 2007. Thomas was an avid sportsman throughout his life and was a Louisiana golden gloves state champion with an amateur record of 43-0. Thomas was employed by Procter & Gamble for 33 years and became district manager of the food division. He also served as president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Alexandria, a business started by his grandfather. As a businessman and leader, he was known for his integrity and exceptional work ethic.

William Cheatham Weaver III, C'64, of Nashville, Tenn., died on Dec. 9, 2007. He attended Woodberry Forest School in Virginia and Hatch School in Newport, R.I., where he graduated as valedictorian. At Sewanee, he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and lettered in basketball and tennis. After college, he served as an Airman First Class in the Air Force Reserve from 1964 to 1970. Weaver began his business career with National Life and Accident Insurance Company (later to become the NLT Corporation) in 1965. He ultimately joined National Life and Accident Insurance Company (later to become the NLT Corporation) in 1965. He ultimately
for the Advancement of American Science. Kirven was also a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon honorary society. In his 30-year tenure at the University, Kirven served many roles; he was the longtime chair of the pre-med committee and a member of the honorary degrees committee. He also served as chairman of the chemistry department and was selected as "Teacher of the Year" in 2003. Highly esteemed as a dedicated teacher, Kirven is remembered as a professor who spent considerable time attending to the needs of his students. Locally, Kirven worked with the Boy Scouts of America and was active in the Cowan Fellowship Church, where he acted as treasurer and served on its governing board. He also was a member of the volunteer fire department, an ambulance driver, and an avid gardener. Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann, and two sons.

Edward Prueit Kirven, C’68

Edward Prueit Kirven, C’68, of Sewanee, Tenn., died on Oct. 20, 2007. Kirven was born in Montgomery, Ala., and grew up in Linden, Ala. He undertook his graduate studies at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and post-doctoral studies at the University of Texas, Arlington. He taught for two years at Emory University and served as a teaching assistant and professor at the University of Minnesota before beginning his career at Sewanee. A member of the American Chemical Society and the Association

became vice president and director of agencies until he left the company in 1983. From 1983 to 1985, he was president and chief operating officer of U.S. Financial Services. In 1985, he joined Alexander & Alexander Insurance Company as vice president and was soon recognized as the company’s top producer. Due to physical limitations from multiple sclerosis, Weaver left Alexander & Alexander on disability, but continued to excel in business from his home. Weaver served on numerous boards, including those of the Salvation Army, the United Way’s Success By 6, the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, where he acted as president, and the University of the South, where he was a trustee and member of the Sewanee Development Council. Weaver founded or helped establish a number of programs to help

Nashville’s less fortunate, including Time to Rise, a free summer camp program for at-risk children. Weaver was an avid sportsman, a devoted husband, a beloved father and grandfather, and a tireless champion of the Nashville community. Survivors include his wife, Nancy, son, William Weaver IV, C’94, daughter-in-law, Kristen Rogers Weaver, C’94, and cousin, Amanda Sinclair Kelly, C’02.

Morton Monroe Webb Jr., C’64

Morton Monroe Webb Jr., C’64, of Shelbyville, Ky., died on May 23, 2007. Former president of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Webb was the owner and president of Lee- McClain Company, an apparel manufacturer. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, and two daughters.

Randolph “Randy” McKee, C’66

Randolph “Randy” McKee, C’66, of Banner Elk, N.C., died on May 4, 2007. For the past 20 years, he was a therapist and administrator of Grandfather Home for Children. McKee is survived by his wife, Jeanne, a daughter, his father, and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas McKee Jr., C’81.

Steve Kerschner, C’70

Steve Kerschner, C’70, of Chicago, Ill., died on April 27, 2007. After graduating from Sewanee with a B.A. in philosophy, he received his law degree from Illinois State University. He responded to a call to serve the church by enrolling at and graduating from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Kerschner practiced law but continued to serve the church in other capacities. He was the president of the Church Council at Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park in Chicago, as well as a member of various committees. His extensive community service included volunteering at a local food pantry and doing pro bono legal work. He is survived by his wife, Kadesh.

Edmund Kirby-Smith IV, C’71

Edmund Kirby-Smith IV, C’71, of Sumter, S.C., died on June 29, 2007. Kirby-Smith received a degree in philosophy from the University and later earned a master’s degree in engineering from Memphis State University. He pursued a career in historic preservation with H.A. Knott, Inc., restoring buildings throughout Washington, D.C., and Baltimore. In his later years, he pursued his love of plants and gardens, following the footsteps of his great-grandfather, the Civil War general and Sewanee mathematics and botany professor Edmund Kirby-Smith. Kirby-Smith was known for his eloquence, erudition, and wit.

Frank Wellford Mumby IV, C’72

Frank Wellford Mumby IV, C’72, of West Palm Beach, Fla., died on Dec. 3, 2007. Mumby received a degree in accounting from the University of North Florida and worked as a CPA for the South Florida Water Management District for more than 20 years. An active member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Mumby married fellow choir member Donna Delitz. Mumby was known by friends and family for his quick wit, quiet sense of humor, and gentle presence.

Walter Miles Warfield, C’76

Walter Miles Warfield, C’76, died Feb. 10, 2008. Warfield played football at Sewanee and was president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was a founder and owner of Brookside Properties in Nashville, where he had the pleasure of working with his two brothers and one of his sons. He was founding president of Nashville’s Ronald McDonald House and served as president of the Nashville Junior Chamber of Commerce and Middle Tennessee Chapter of the March of Dimes. Warfield was actively involved in the lives of his sons, coaching their teams and supporting their schools through participation on the Board of Trustees at both the Ensworth School and at Montgomery Bell Academy. Survivors include his wife, Sharon McClellan, and three sons, including Walter Miles Warfield Jr., C’04, and James Patrick Warfield, C’06.

James “Jim” Rodney Hogue II, C’84

James “Jim” Rodney Hogue II, C’84, of Marietta, Ga., died on Nov. 13, 2007. After graduating from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree in industrial engineering, Hogue held sales positions with Cutter-Hammer and Hughes Supply. A man with an indomitable spirit, Hogue had a unique way of making each person with whom he came in to contact feel like the most important person in the world. Survivors include his wife, Polly.

Vivian “Missy” Rowland Turner, C’90

Vivian “Missy” Rowland Turner, C’90, of Spartanburg, S.C., died on Dec. 16, 2007. Interested in furthering her education after graduating from Sewanee, Turner received a master’s degree from Converse College in early childhood education. She was also passionate about Episcopalian church affairs. In high school, she attended St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church, where she served on the vestry as a youth representative, on the Bishop’s Council, and as state president of the Episcopal Youth Council. Turner was also an active
volunteer at Spartanburg Day School, a member of the Junior League of Spartanburg, and a member of The Episcopal Church of the Advent. Survivors include her husband, Todd Turner, C’89, and two children.

Jack Heathery “Trey” Lefler III, C’04, of Nashville, Tenn., died on Nov. 22, 2007. Employed as a state field representative for the Lamar Alexander for U.S. Senate 2008 campaign, Lefler previously worked as an aide in Alexander’s office in Washington. He also served as a summer intern at the Pentagon and in the office of U.S. Senator Bill Frist. At Sewanee, Lefler was a Highlander, a member of the Kappa Alpha Order, and a member of the Order of Gownsmen. He was captain of the Sewanee men’s basketball team and participated in the St. James Pilgrimage to Santiago, Spain, and an outreach trip to Kingston, Jamaica. Survivors include his mother, Tweetie Clarkson White, C’73, father, Jack H. Lefler II, C’74, stepfather, Edwin White, C’70, and aunt, Martha Lee, C’74.

Faculty, Staff, and Friends

Mary Lucia Snyder Cornelius, of Sewanee, died on Nov. 4, 2007. A graduate of the University of Redlands and of Vanderbilt, she made Sewanee her home in 1943. She worked in a number of capacities for both the Sewanee Military Academy and the University, including a long tenure as managing editor of The Sewanee Review.

Mary Peck Wilcox Cross, of Manchester, Conn., died on Oct. 17, 2007. Cross received a degree in English literature from Connecticut College for Women in 1927 and studied statistics at Columbia University’s graduate school. In an era when few married women worked, Cross was employed as an opinion researcher for Business Week and later became an assistant to Margaret Sanger, editing some of her Planned Parenthood material in the early 1930s. The wife of the late Dr. Wilford Cross, she worked in Sewanee’s Alumni Office in addition to her many responsibilities as a priest’s wife. An avid reader, she was known for her keen curiosity and adventurous spirit.

Reginald Fuller, H’95, of Richmond, Va., died on April 14, 2007. A priest of the Diocese of Virginia, he was a retired professor at Virginia Theological Seminary and an internationally known New Testament scholar. Fuller and his wife often spent their summers in Sewanee, when he taught in the advanced degrees program. Fuller is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ilse, two daughters, grandchildren, five great-grandsons, and a sister.

G. Hendree Harrison Sr., T’69, of Roswell, Ga., died on Aug. 16, 2007. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Hendree graduated from the University of Georgia in 1966 and the School of Theology at the University of the South in 1969. As a priest serving in the Diocese of Atlanta, Hendree was rector of the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation and rector emeritus of St. David’s Episcopal Church, both in Roswell, Ga. He also served as priest at St. Paul’s in Newman, Ga., and St. Luke’s in Atlanta. A fourth generation Sewanee student, Hendree was a devoted member of the Sewanee family and served twice on the University’s Board of Trustees and as a regent from 1995 to 2001. He was also an honorary member of the Sewanee volunteer fire department. Survivors include his wife, Carol, daughter, Virginia Harrison, C’94, son, Hendree Harrison Jr., C’97, T’03, daughter-in-law, Kristin Jones, C’99, and niece, Cornelia Todd Harrison, C’74.

Stephen Jecko, H’95, of Jacksonville, Fla., died on June 7, 2007. He was the founder and first board Chairman of the Zion Episcopal School. In 1990, he became an assistant to the Bishop of Florida. Jecko designed the Vocational Deacon Formation program and the Canon 9 process for the Diocese of Florida. In 1994, he was ordained Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Florida. After his retirement in 2004, he became the assistant bishop to Bishop James M. Stanton in the Diocese of Dallas. Jecko served as a University trustee, clerical trustee for the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, and chair of the Board of Episcopal Children’s Services. He will be remembered as a man of deep spirituality, keen humor, and thoughtful preaching. Survivors include his wife, Joan, two sons, including Sean Jecko, C’95, and granddaughter.

John Macquarrie, H’67, of Oxford, England, died on May 28, 2007. One of the leading theologians of his generation, he sought to mediate between orthodox Christian thought and contemporary culture, often drawing upon existential philosophy. Macquarrie was a Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity at Oxford University and the author of more than 20 books. Survivors include his wife, Jenny, three children, and two grandsons.

Jim Oliver of Monticello, Tenn., died on May 16, 2007. He was the founder and president of The Smokehouse Lodge and Trading Post. Oliver and close friend Hank Landers helped implement several civic programs for the people of Grundy County, including the Toddler’s Club, Exceptional Citizens Center, Mountain Medical Center, and the Mountain Community Services Corporation. He is survived by four siblings, his life partner, Gwendolyn Gipson, three children, former wife Bettye Janice Ross Oliver, and step-children.

Edward Lee “Buddy” Tucker of Estill Springs, Tenn., died on May 12, 2007. He was a Sewanee resident and former employee of the University. Tucker was a U.S. Navy Vietnam War veteran and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He is survived by his parents, a sister, nieces, an aunt, and uncles.

Olwyn Paris Souter of Ashland City, Tenn., died on Aug. 16, 2007. Souter was born in 1919 and lived the first 50 years of her life with her family in England and South Africa. She moved to Sewanee in 1972 with her daughter Rosie and son-in-law Douglas Paschal, C’66. In 1977, she was appointed matron of Gailor Hall, a position she held until 1999. Souter was the model matron, living out the time-honored role of her position as well as helping introduce new and enhanced responsibilities for those who now serve as head residents. Kind, warm, and gracious, a generation of students and parents was welcomed to Sewanee by her hospitality at Gailor Hall. She was also firm and disciplined, and she held the highest expectations for the young men in her dorm. Souter cared deeply for her students and she defended Gailor Hall with great vigor, admonishing those who spoke unkindly of the condition of Gailor but constantly pushing to make much-needed improvements to the facility. Actively involved in the life of the University and the Sewanee community, Souter was a member of St. Augustine’s Guild at All Saints’ Chapel, serving as the wedding coordinator as well as taking care of the altar ware. She attended countless athletic events, concerts, and parties, all in support of her students. She was an avid walker, hiking miles every day, always accompanied by Sewanee dogs that devotedly followed her. According to her daughter Rosie, Sewanee was Souter’s favorite place.
Brian Reynolds, C’90, came to Sewanee as a 19-year-old transfer student with an interest in computer programming and left with an education that would serve as the foundation of some of the most popular titles in video game history. Reynolds has built a career on what he learned as a double major in history and philosophy, creating games that are as intelligent as they are addictive.

Reynolds got his foot in the game-industry door by writing programming code for games designed by others, but quickly rose to the top ranks of designers on the strength of the first game he created. “My breakthrough idea, the idea that got somebody to notice me, was based on a book I read in one of Brown Patterson’s classes,” he says. The book was about European hegemony during the colonial era and the game that it inspired was Colonization.

Following the success of historical games Colonization and Civilization II, Reynolds gave his knowledge of philosophy a workout on Alpha Centauri. “It’s all about warring ideologies, so for the background of the game, I drew on the work of historical philosophers – Plato and Wittgenstein and Aristotle and Kant. I mined my philosophical education to create that game.” Reynolds says. When it was released, Alpha Centauri earned the highest rating ever given to a game by PC Gamer magazine.

In 2000, Reynolds and three partners formed Big Huge Games, where he served as CEO and creative director of the 100-person Maryland-based company that turned out a series of hits including Rise of Nations and Age of Empires. In January 2008, Big Huge Games was acquired by THQ, the third-largest publisher of video games, and Reynolds retained the title of creative director. He says he can now stop focusing on business and continue concentrating on what he really loves: creating cutting-edge video games.

Reynolds loves to hear from Sewanee classmates and friends and can be reached by email at breynolds@bighugegames.com
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Sophomore, running back, gownsman, dancer, history major, Beta Theta Pi social chair, intramural basketball player, scholarship recipient

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Your gifts to the Sewanee Annual Fund help Trey get the most out of his Sewanee experience, whether he’s rushing through a gap in a defensive line on the football field or doing the tango in a performance of the Perpetual Motion dance group. To help more football players, dancers, scholars, rock climbers, artists, DJs, choristers, actors, student researchers, equestrians, and firefighters get the most out of their time on the Mountain, please make a gift to the Sewanee Annual Fund.

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**ON THE COVER:** Joseph Leray, C’09, hikes the Perimeter Trail near Morgan’s Steep. Photo by Buck Butler.

**ABOVE:** Photo by Robin Hood.

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Dear Sewanee Alumni and Friends,

In November 2002, David Beecken, C'68, William Stamler, C'56, and I met for dinner at the Palm Restaurant in Nashville. We had a great meal, told lots of Sewanee stories, and talked about how to organize a new capital campaign for the University of the South. The biggest challenge at that point was to find a great volunteer leader to chair the campaign, and it was a wonderful moment for me when Bill turned to Dave and said, “I’ll do it if you will.” They both have provided wonderful leadership ever since, and it is a joy to be able to report that The Sewanee Call campaign that they led so well as co-chairs concluded successfully on June 30.

When the $180 million campaign goal was announced at a festive dinner in Cravens Hall in April 2005, all of us who had participated in setting that target were still a bit antsy about it. Wonderfully generous donors had by then committed gifts totaling nearly 60 percent of the goal, but we were having a difficult time imagining where the rest could be found.

The splendid news now is that the Sewanee Call has raised $205.7 million, exceeding its goal by over $25 million. This largest amount ever raised for the University of the South is a testament to the commitment of more than 18,000 donors, which is also a record. The campaign’s gifts have improved the environment for learning and living at Sewanee, and the benefits of the Sewanee Call will continue for many generations to come. Endowment gifts for scholarships and academic initiatives will enhance the University’s academic excellence, and investments in new and renovated residential, athletic, and academic projects are providing students and faculty with much-improved facilities.

From the first consideration of the possibility of a campaign in meetings in 2001 and 2002 of the Sewanee Development Council, chaired then by J. Bransford Wallace, C’52, and more recently by Charles Nabit, C’77, volunteer leaders have been generous with their time, talent, and money. The volunteer members of the Campaign Cabinet have given outstanding service and exemplary generosity: Jerry Adams, C’65, Vice Chancellor Emeritus Robert Ayres, C’49, Nicholas Babson, C’68, Former Chancellor Duncan Gray Jr., T’53, H’94, David Humphreys, C’79, Lorri Oscher McClain, C’86, Nora Frances Stone McRae, C’77, Charles Nabit, C’77, Chancellor Henry Parsley, C’70, H’98, J. Bransford Wallace, C’52, Vice Chancellor Emeritus Samuel Williamson, H’06, Former Chancellor Don Wimberly, H’87, and Cabinet Chairs David Beecken, C’68, and William Stamler, C’56. The planning and implementation of the campaign spanned the service of five chairs of the Board of Regents: Jerry Adams, C’65, Blucher Lines, C’71, Nicholas Babson, C’68, John Scott, C’66, and Claude Nielsen, C’73. These and all the other volunteer leaders for the campaign have been supported by the great work of Vice President for University Relations Robert Pearigen, C’76, former Vice President for University Relations Tommy Bonner, Director of Capital Gifts Ed Moser, C’72, and many other University staff and faculty members whose devotion has made the campaign’s success possible.

All of us at Sewanee are deeply indebted to everyone who has worked in the campaign and especially to all the alumni, parents, students, friends, foundations, parishes, and dioceses that have made campaign gifts. We are warmly grateful for the love and support for the University of the South that those gifts reflect and for the role of all who answered The Sewanee Call in ensuring the University’s bright future. Thank you one and all, and thank you especially to Dave Beecken and Bill Stamler for saying yes for Sewanee that night nearly six years ago in Nashville.
Come Back

If there’s one question that nagged at me after I returned to the Mountain to take this job last year, it’s this: Why didn’t I come back sooner?

For the previous 15 years, I had worked as a writer and editor at a consumer travel magazine. I had the good fortune of being able to visit some of the world’s most appealing places on the company’s dime. But shortly after driving through the University gates on Hwy. 41A, it was clear that as a travel destination, Sewanee offered things that no tropical isle could equal: a distinct sense of place that combined spectacular beauty and a one-of-a-kind community with a fond and meaningful personal history.

I don’t want you to make the same mistake that I made by letting too much time pass between visits to a place that has the power to connect you to your own past while offering plenty of ground, both literally and figuratively, to make new discoveries. My advice, in short: Come back.

To encourage you to do this, we hope to offer some elements of travel journalism in every issue of Sewanee magazine. We want you to see what Sewanee looks like today and hope to spark some memory of what you love about this place. In this issue, we start with Sewanee Outing Program Director John Benson’s guide to the best day hikes on the Domain, on p. 14. Armed with John’s advice and the map you’ll find on p. 18, you’ll have everything you need to spend an afternoon, a weekend, or even a week, rediscovering favorite trails, overlooks and waterfalls, or exploring places you’ve never been.

Come back to Morgan’s Steep, to Green’s View, to Shakerag Hollow, to Piney Point. Come back now, and you won’t have to ask yourself why you didn’t do it sooner.

—Buck Butler

Lytle and Lost Cove

I am delighted to see that the University has purchased Lost Cove. (Sewanee, Spring 2008). It is a tremendous addition to an already wonderful Domain. I was also happy to see comment on Walker Percy’s use of the cove in his fiction. I would like to point out to your readers that the cove plays a major role in Andrew Lytle’s neglected masterpiece, The Velvet Horn. Like Percy, Lytle uses the cove as a scene of primeval innocence, but also as the site of the “original sin” of the Cropleigh family, whose story the novel tells. In The Velvet Horn, the name has become “Parcher’s Cove,” but Lytle told me when I was working on a study of his work that Lost Cove was the inspiration for the setting. If anyone cares to read a marvelously lyrical evocation of the place and see what a creative genius has done with it, I recommend them to Lytle’s work.

ROBERT WESTON, C’63
Pacific Grove, Calif.

Take a Right, Then a Right, and Then Another Right

The article “Jocks with Beepers,” (Sewanee, Spring 2008) caught my attention and sent me into paroxysms of nostalgia. What a contrast to the “fire department” of my days on the Mountain (1946-50). I’m a Phi Delt, and the beautiful old Phi House (which I understand now houses the Alumni Office), stood next to the chaplain’s house during the late ’40s. The chaplain’s house garage was home to Sewanee’s sole fire engine, which, by the way, was painted blue. Not only that, but it would only turn right, which meant that the driver had carefully to calculate, before leaving the garage, exactly how he was going to get to wherever the fire was.

The fire alarm would sound, and if there was anyone at the Phi House, we’d rush over to the chaplain’s garage, as would anyone else who had heard the alarm, pile onto the fire truck, and head for the fire, hoping the driver knew what he was doing. With absolutely no training, we did what we could.

It’s a relief to know that the Mountain not only has a group of well-trained firefighters, but also a group of well-trained EMTs. I will now feel somewhat more confident about visiting Sewanee, because they will be there to take care of my sorry old hide if I need them to.

GEORGE C. BEDELL, C’50
Gainesville, Fla.

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$205 Million: The Call Answered

Fundraising drive exceeds $180 million goal to become the most successful campaign in University history

The Sewanee Call capital campaign came to a successful conclusion on June 30, 2008 with $205.7 million in gifts and commitments, exceeding the campaign’s $180 million goal by over $25 million. The campaign, begun in 2001, is the most successful in Sewanee’s history in terms of both dollars raised and participation. In all, more than 18,000 individuals and organizations supported the campaign, including 46 donors who contributed $1 million or more.

The campaign supported significant enhancements to the endowment for scholarships, faculty support, service learning and internships; a wide range of facility construction and renovation projects; and a 3,000-acre addition to the University’s landholdings.

“The overwhelming success of The Sewanee Call is a sign of great institutional strength and momentum,” said Claude Nielsen, C’73, chair of the University’s Board of Regents. “The extraordinary support at all levels from our alumni and many friends gives us great confidence, and allows us to think boldly about the next era in the University’s history.”

Significant achievements of The Sewanee Call include:

Endowment

- Nearly $9 million in endowment will be used to supplement faculty compensation, enhancing both the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty.
- Endowment funding for the Center for Global Commerce and the William Polk Carey Pre-Business Program exceeded $7 million, supporting the establishment of a business minor and significant program enrichment. The program provides a wide range of academic and co-curricular programs that will strengthen Sewanee’s offerings and its ability to recruit outstanding students.
- Foundation grants to the campaign totaled over $20 million, and included support for the environmental studies and Asian studies programs, scholarships, internships, service learning and community engagement efforts, faculty development and facilities.
- Over $2 million was raised to fund internships that will provide students with meaningful opportunities for service and vocational exploration.

Land additions and facility development

- The Lost Cove initiative, conducted in partnership with The Land Trust for Tennessee, secured over $4.5 million to acquire 3,000 acres for Sewanee’s landholdings, increasing recreational opportunities and strengthening the University’s position as a leader in the study of forestry, geology, natural resources and the environment by vastly expanding the “outdoor laboratory” experience. The land is in a perpetual
Free Throw  Sewanee men’s basketball starting forward and 2007-08 leading scorer Ben Pursell, C'09, gets an off-season workout by entertaining children on a spring break outreach trip to Haiti. Pursell and 19 other Sewanee students spent their break assisting Sewanee Drs. Diane Petrilla and Bruce Baird at a number of free medical and dental clinics. One unexpected part of their job was entertaining the children of those who were seeking medical help. “As soon as you’d toss one kid up, they’d see how fun it is and a hundred would line up,” Pursell says. “And as soon as they’d get done, they’d go to the back of the line and go over and over. It wore you out, that’s for sure.”

conservation easement held by The Land Trust and managed by the University.

Over $20 million was raised for state-of-the-art facilities to strengthen the living and learning environment on campus, ranging from new student residences and NCAA Division III athletic facilities to a fine-arts studio and classroom building.

Of particular note is the 47,000-square-foot Spencer Hall addition to the science facilities. At a cost of more than $22 million, Spencer Hall is a state-of-the-art science building featuring chemistry and biology laboratories as well as a geographic information system (GIS) lab. The more than $13 million raised for this addition represents the most money raised for an academic building in Sewanee history.

Operating Support

Contributions to the Sewanee Annual Fund provided over $23 million in support of The Sewanee Call and the annual operating expenses of the College and the School of Theology. These unrestricted funds support diverse needs including scholarships, new programs, faculty salaries and day-to-day University operations.

With the fiscal year over and the campaign complete, there’s only one thing left to do: celebrate. The University will celebrate the successful completion of The Sewanee Call with events surrounding Founders’ Day, Oct. 7, including a dedication of Spencer Hall and a picnic for the entire University community. Sewanee clubs around the country will also be hosting celebratory events on or around Oct. 7. To learn more about the celebration as Founders’ Day approaches, visit www.sewanee.edu.
Fulbright Futures

Two members of the class of 2008 were recently awarded Fulbright fellowships: Eric Keen of Malabar, Fla., and Will Harper of McLean, Va. Over a couple of plates of food at Shenanigan’s, the two scholars spoke about what the future holds.

WILL HARPER: Where are you going on your Fulbright?
ERIC KEEN: I got accepted into a Fulbright teaching assistantship in Indonesia that entails about 20 hours a week of teaching English to high school students. A side project that involves education but that isn’t officially associated with the curriculum and my project will look at the issues of biological conservation in a country in which populations and social welfare is expanding greatly right now. There’s a huge amount of development diminishing diversity and there’s an interesting tension there.

WH: What language do they speak in Indonesia?
EK: They have a huge diversity of languages and religions — I think it’s the highest diversity of religions in the world. They have an official Indonesian language but they also speak some French and about 50 other native languages —

WH: And hopefully English by the time you leave.
EK: Exactly, that’s my goal. English.

WH: Did you apply to this one because you’re interested in the ecological issues there?
EK: Yeah, and how the ecological issues interface with human issues, looking at how you prioritize human welfare and biological welfare. And it’s the South Pacific; it’s the birthplace of biogeography. New species are constantly being discovered there, including birds and other vertebrates — things you wouldn’t normally be discovering. It’s the center for hominid evolution studies. It’s in the tropics, so there’s a lot of good dolphin and whale research there too.

Throughout my Sewanee career, different departments, especially the biology department, have supported my interest in intellectual adventures with trips to Puerto Rico, London, New Zealand, Peru. These were intellectual, academic adventures. And that’s what Indonesia will be for me, in that it’s not only learning, but also teaching, in a place that’s intellectually stimulating. More than anything, from Sewanee I’ve gotten the idea that I like adventure but I also like to learn and to help others learn at the same time.

Tell me about your project.

WH: I’m going to Mexico on what’s called a bi-national business grant that’s actually half-Fulbright, half-Garcia Robles bi-national business scholar. It’s a business program. There are 10 grantees, and they set each of us up with an internship during the day and then we also do some kind of grad school at night — business school or econ or political science, something along those lines. We’re in the process now of looking at businesses to see which one we want to work with.

EK: What kinds of businesses are you looking at?

WH: Well, my interest is primarily in international development and the role that businesses play in poverty alleviation. There are two NGOs that have a lot to do with that. One is called Ashoka and they partner along with what they call “social entrepreneurs,” people who are creating some kind of big change in any field that has to do with social welfare. The other one is called New Ventures and their focus is on how you use businesses to create growth in what they call the “bottom of the pyramid,” people who are traditionally left out of capitalist system and how to do that sustainably, so they have a dual interest in poverty alleviation and the environment.

I’m interested in international development, and it was through relationships
When Biology Professor Nancy Berner involves her students directly in her research on seasonal acclimation in Eastern red-spotted newts, students and professor both benefit. Berner’s research is advanced by the student’s findings, and the students get hands-on experience in conducting original science.

Like Berner, more and more faculty are involving students directly in research at Sewanee and other top universities. To recognize this trend and to promote a campus-wide culture that embraces research, the University has named a director of undergraduate research. That director, Associate Professor of Chemistry Rob Bachman, says that the traditional distinctions between teaching and research are not as clear as they were 20 years ago.

“Research done right with undergraduates is really the most intense one-on-one teaching you can possibly do,” says Bachman, who was also recently appointed a councilor in the chemistry division of the national Council on Undergraduate Research. “It’s not about saying ‘teaching vs. research.’ It’s about saying research is the best teaching.”

Last fall, a faculty working group assessed the state of undergraduate research at Sewanee and found what it called “sporadic islands of excellence.” Now, Bachman’s job will be to help expand that excellence by promoting research opportunities in all disciplines — the humanities as well as the sciences — and to help find ways for faculty members to gain access to the funding they need to carry out their research.

“The best students in the country, the ones we want at Sewanee, are looking for these opportunities,” says Bachman. “We’re creating a culture that promotes that.”

Above: Brad Waffa, C’08, and Biology Professor John Palsano collaborated on research that looked at the transmission of salmonella from reptiles to humans.
University Faculty Approves Business Minor

Following a period of intensive study, the University faculty approved the addition of a business minor to Sewanee’s academic programs at an Easter Semester meeting. The minor maps an academic path for students interested in pursuing careers in business and adds a curricular component to the University’s popular and growing co-curricular business programs.

Since 2004, the faculty has looked at ways to provide concrete answers to a question repeatedly posed by prospective students and their parents: “How will a Sewanee education prepare a student for a career in business?” A faculty committee that studied the issue last year came up with a clear answer to that question, according to committee chair and Professor of Economics Doug Williams: a liberal arts education is not just a good way to prepare for a business career, it’s the best way.

“A liberal arts education is great training for business for all the reasons we always talk about: Students develop an understanding of human experience, human nature, institutions, culture — that’s essential to a successful business career. Facility with writing, speaking, analytical skills — those things are essential to a business career. Developing a set of values to live your life by, to conduct your vocation by — those things are essential to a business career,” Williams says. “At the same time, we thought that with a formal program, we could do a much better job of directing students into the sort of courses that they could take here that would best prepare them for a business career.”

To meet the requirements of the business minor, students must complete four core courses — Economics 101, Finance 1, Financial Accounting and Business Ethics — and two electives. Students will choose electives from one of three tracks: finance, management or international business. The minor is open to students in any major and will include economics courses as well as courses from a range of other departments that could include philosophy, psychology and computer science.

Most of the courses in the minor were
Doug Williams

already part of the curriculum, but some classes have been added. “The real curricular enhancement in the program is in the area of finance,” says Williams. “Finance has been a growing industry over the last 10 or 15 years and that it was an area where a lot of our graduates are going to work.”

Supply and Demand

Nick Babson, C’68, says his interest in supporting business programs at Sewanee was inspired by a 2003 study of prospective students. “We learned that among potential applicants to Sewanee, the fact that we did not have a pre-business program was a non-starter for 29 percent,” says Babson. “In other words, they didn’t go one step further in looking at Sewanee because when they searched ‘business’ on the web site — nothing.”

Babson is the chairman and CEO of Babson Holdings, a private investment management firm in Chicago, and the acting director of Sewanee’s Center for Global Commerce (formerly the Center for Applied Economics). Since 2001, the center has addressed student demand for business education by enhancing internship opportunities and assisting graduating students interested in business careers. The center oversees the Beecken scholarships to summer “business bridge” programs at some of the top business schools in the country. And it exposes Sewanee students to some of the best business minds in the world through its on-campus executive residencies.

The center has done much to meet the demand for business training. But before the minor was approved, there was no formal curriculum for business study. “Now there’s a program with structure to it,” says Babson. “There’s an actual curriculum you can point to that has finance in it, that has accounting in it.”

Dean of Admission David Lesesne expects the business minor to translate to increased applications. “Prospective students and their parents are interested in academic programs, but they’re even more interested in outcomes. The business minor helps us package a liberal arts education in a way that students can grasp. It helps them see where a Sewanee education could take them.”

The question among some alumni and friends of the University is whether Sewanee can promote business education without compromising the integrity of its traditional liberal arts curriculum.

Williams says that won’t be a problem: “It’s a mistake to think of this as a radical change in our mission or our approach. This is not a vocational program. It’s a program that’s anchored in the liberal arts.”

— Susan Faludi, author of The Terror Dream, delivering the 2008 Anita S. Goodstein Lecture in Women’s History
Hanging Up Their Gowns

Collectively, Marcia Clarkson, Henrietta Croom, John Flynn, and Arthur Knoll have amassed 148 years of experience serving Sewanee. They all started teaching at the University between 1966 and 1973, and each retired in 2007 or 2008. One can only imagine how those 148 years translate into numbers of students taught and lives touched. Now that their classroom days are over, we checked in with each of them and found that retirement doesn’t necessarily mean taking it easy.

Marcia Clarkson

Marcia Clarkson says she came to Sewanee to spend one year — and never left.

“I thought Charlottesville [Va.] was the last place I wanted to live until I came to Sewanee,” she says. But 35 years on the Mountain have changed her opinion of the place, and she’s staying put.

Clarkson arrived on campus in 1973 with her husband, Professor of English William Clarkson and a three-year-old son. She joined the faculty as a lecturer in computer science and worked to set up the University’s first computer center in the days of manual typewriters.

She continued to teach computer science even after she took on the business functions of the University as director of University services in 1979. She served one year as interim director of information technology and became director of personnel services in 1990, a position she held until her retirement in 2007.

During Clarkson’s tenure in that position, the University went through a period of unprecedented growth and change, doubling its staff. She led a complete overhaul of personnel policies and procedures resulting in new retirement plans, hiring guidelines, and minority recruitment efforts.

Now that her work is done, Clarkson is enjoying her freedom. If she’s not hiking the trails on the Domain, she’s traveling the country and visiting Sewanee friends wherever she goes. “Bill always had every summer off,” she says. “But my job was year-round. He was windsurfing the Columbia River while I was working in Sewanee. Now I have the freedom to do things on my own time.”

Arthur Knoll

Between bush-hogging on his daughter’s farm in Summertown, Tenn., building stone walls at his place in North Carolina, running a series of 5k and 10k races, and serving as a Franklin County commissioner, you wouldn’t think retired Professor of History Arthur Knoll would have much time to miss the classroom. But he does.

“I miss the contact with the students,” Knoll says. “Being with young people gives you something that’s hard to define. Had I known I’d be missing it so much, I might not have retired!”

Knoll left a teaching position at Middlebury College in 1970 to join Sewanee’s history department. In his 37 years at Sewanee, Knoll taught African history, European imperialism and military history, and his expertise in these areas informed his frequent articles for op-ed pages. He traveled extensively during his career, most recently to China, Turkey, India, and Germany. And in 1993, Knoll became the University’s first David E. Underdown professor of modern European history.

Knoll’s final academic project is a book whose publication is being partially funded by the University. The German Colonial Experience is an examination of German imperialism in Africa and the Pacific from 1884 to 1914 and is scheduled to be published this year.

This fall, Knoll gets an opportunity to renew his contact with students, though this time the contact will come at the tip of his fencing foil. He will once again will teach fencing, a class he taught in the ‘70s and ‘80s.

Henrietta Croom

When Henrietta Croom joined the Sewanee faculty in 1972, she was as rare and unusual as the Hawaiian invertebrate species she studies: She was a female biologist working in the overwhelmingly male-dominated sciences.

“She was the only woman in Woods Lab for years,” Croom says. “It was a great opportunity for me.” An opportunity, she says, to educate male colleagues about the abilities of female scientists and to provide female students with the encouragement they needed to see a career in science as a possibility for themselves.

Now that her work is done, Croom is enjoying her freedom. If she’s not hiking the trails on the Domain, she’s traveling the country and visiting Sewanee friends wherever she goes. “Bill always had every summer off,” she says. “But my job was year-round. He was windsurfing the Columbia River while I was working in Sewanee. Now I have the freedom to do things on my own time.”

Arthur Knoll
She continues to contribute and publish influential papers, and encourage students to pursue graduate studies.

For years, Croom has conducted extensive research on the Hawaiian species of the *Tetragnatha* genus of spiders. Her latest work, which continues to take her to Hawaii, is on lava tube crickets. Back home in Sewanee, she works with students who are conducting parallel research on the eyeless crickets that inhabit the caves of the southern Cumberland Plateau. Together, they hope to learn more about how the crickets adapted from life on the surface to life in underground caves.

“Undergraduate research is absolutely the most important thing we do,” she says, six months into her retirement. “Science is all about doing science, not memorizing facts.”

**John Flynn**  The hallmark of History Professor John Flynn’s career at Sewanee was a relentless academic productivity. And his retirement is no different.

From 1966 to 2007, Flynn was a pillar of the history department whose courses and academic work focused on the political, social, and intellectual history of Europe since the French Revolution. His work has produced nearly innumerable articles, book reviews, public presentations, seminars and workshops, and participation in professional conferences. He did a Fulbright fellowship in Germany and two National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminars.

Even now with his teaching days behind him, Flynn continues to carry out research, digging through European archives and interviewing survivors of World War II. His latest project looks at the restoration of German women’s organizations after the war.

He says the project is particularly rewarding because there’s been very little work published about the role of women in the reconstruction of Germany. “Everyone thinks of it as a man’s project,” he says.

Flynn’s interest in women’s history reflects his efforts to introduce women’s studies programs at Sewanee after the University began admitting women in the late ’60s. (“And because I have two daughters and a wife!” he says.)

These days, if he’s not traveling abroad for research or touring the gardens of Great Britain with his wife, you can find Flynn at the weekly German and French language tables in the dining hall, where he continues his lifelong work: learning and teaching.
Sewanee Best D

Grab your daypack and lace up your hiking boots: We’re dishing the dirt on the best hikes on the Domain, from hour-long rambles to daylong treks.
There are at least 13,000 ways for alumni to enjoy Sewanee’s 13,000 acres — a Sunday service at All Saints’ Chapel, a round at the golf course, a cold beverage on the front porch of Shenanigan’s. But if you don’t hit the hiking trails at least once during a return visit to Sewanee, you’re missing an opportunity to experience the best the Mountain has to offer, from an early-morning stroll through the fog on the Bridal Veil Falls trail to a late-afternoon wildflower hike through Shakerag Hollow.

There are few people who know the Domain’s more than 50 miles of trails as well as Sewanee Outing Program Director John Benson, so we asked him to put together this guide to 10 of his favorite hikes, ranging in length from one mile to 20 miles.

Now all you have to do is to take a little time, pick a trail and enjoy a class with Sewanee’s longest-tenured professor — Mother Nature.
1 The Cross/Perimeter Trail/Tennessee Williams Trail

**The Trail:** Start at the Cross. Facing the valley, head left, following the Perimeter Trail, being careful to follow the blue blazes. You’ll cross over the old road to the Cross and then turn left on a fire lane. This will take you back to the Tennessee Williams Trail, which parallels the portion of Tennessee Ave. from the soccer field to the Cross. Take another left on this trail and follow it back to the Cross.

**The Hike:** This largely overlooked and shady section of trail offers an easy and relaxing hike through rolling topography. Remarkable features include a spot where the trail narrows through a split in a huge sandstone block and an easy stream crossing thanks to two perfectly placed flat rocks.

**The Payoff:** On the first section of this hike, the trail will take you directly over a boulder that displays a geometric design of Liesegang banding. The pattern looks manmade; it’s not. Liesegang banding is formed by iron deposits from water seeping through sandstone and is responsible for many elaborate designs found in the sandstone cliffs around Sewanee.

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2 Morgan’s Steep to the Cross

**The Trail:** Start at Morgan’s Steep. Facing the valley, head down the stairs you’ll find to the left and follow the blue blazes to the Memorial Cross and University View.

**The Hike:** It’s the most frequently hiked section of the Perimeter Trail, and for good reason: This one-mile stretch has it all — gorgeous overlooks, waterfalls, sandstone overhangs and even a stone tunnel. Most of the trail runs just below the bluff, but it starts and ends at two of the best views on the Domain — Morgan’s Steep and University View — with a bonus overlook if you scramble up to the top of Proctor’s Hall. The tunnel through Proctor’s Hall is reason enough to make the hike, inscribed with names carved over 100 years ago. This trail, as well as the one through Shakerag Hollow, was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Take a moment to admire the CCC’s impressive stone steps up the hill from the stream crossing.

**The Payoff:** Walking this section at dusk provides a continuous view of the sunset.
**3 Bridal Veil Falls**

**THE TRAIL:** Facing the valley at Morgan’s Steep, take the Perimeter Trail to your right. After two-tenths of a mile, cross a wooden bridge and turn left, following the Bridal Veil Falls Trail (white blazes) down the slope. The trail will intersect another trail; turn left to get to the waterfall. There’s 400 feet of elevation change on this trail.

**THE HIKE:** The trail is an alternating series of steep slopes and flat benches leading off the plateau to a waterfall. The falls are spectacular, especially after a good rain. Other remarkable features along the way include large sandstone blocks and boulders that long ago broke away from the bluffs above and grapevines hanging from the trees. Look for this same setting on other trails that drop off the plateau such as Thumping Dick Cove, Shakerag Hollow, and the Old Cowan Road.

**THE PAYOFF:** Bridal Veil Falls appears from the side of the mountain, cascades 27 feet down a limestone cliff, drops about 25 feet more, and then disappears into a sinkhole. Karst topography, man!

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**4 Elliott Point/Parallel Trail loop**

**3.5-mile loop**

**THE TRAIL:** Head toward the Equestrian Center on Breakfield Road and turn left on Girault Jones Drive. From the cul-de-sac at the end of this road, continue on foot in the same direction on a fire lane. After 100 yards, you’ll reach the single-track Perimeter Trail (blue blazes). Turn right onto the Perimeter Trail, and follow the blue blazes until the trail intersects the Parallel Trail. (If you want a quick detour, Lake Audubon is just down the hill to the left.) Turn right onto the Parallel Trail and follow it back to the starting point.

**THE HIKE:** Most of this trail is a beautiful bluff path with a final stretch along a wide fire lane through the woods. After the first creek crossing, the trail passes through an old sandstone quarry site where you can see evidence of drilling in the rocks. Take a look back over your shoulder at the creek bed to see a lot of the discarded quarry stone.

**THE PAYOFF:** Elliott Point seems to be the obvious overlook on this route, but the best view is farther along the trail. About halfway between Elliott Point and Lake Audubon, where the trail briefly splits in two for 200 feet, stay on the bluff side to find the rock outcrop. Perfect for a picnic for two.

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**WILDFLOWERS OF SHAKERAG HOLLOW**

*Photographed by David Coe*

Sewanee wildflower fans know that Shakerag Hollow is the place to be in the spring, when the display here changes from week to week, rewarding hikers who make multiple visits. Among the blooms you might find on the Shakerag trail are (clockwise from top left): Dutchman’s breeches, dwarf larkspur, Southern red trillium, trout lily.
10 GREAT HIKES

1. Cross/Perimeter Trail/ Tennesee Williams (1.25 mile loop)
2. The Cross to Morgan's Steep (1 mile one way)
3. Bridal Veil Falls (2 mile rd trip)
4. Elliott Point/Parallel Trail (3.5 mile loop)
5. Western Section Perimeter (7.5 mile one way)
6. Forestry Cabin/Dotson Point (4.5 mile loop)
7. Thumping Dick Cove (2 mile rd trip)
8. Cedar Hollow Lake (2 mile loop)
9. Shakerag/Beckwith's Point (3.5 mile loop)
10. Pinney Point (2 mile rd trip)

- Perimeter Trail (20 mile loop)
- University Domain Boundary
THE TRAIL: Start at Gate 5. Walk straight out the fire lane to the Perimeter Trail. Turn left onto the Perimeter Trail and follow the blue blazes all the way to Lake Audubon. Continue past the lake and turn left at the intersection of fire lanes. This fire lane will lead you to Gate 14. Turn right onto Breakfield Road, and a short walk takes you back to Gate 5.

THE HIKE: This long hike covers the westernmost portion of the Perimeter Trail and provides a bit of everything. There are many views, named and unnamed. There is a popular rock climbing area (Armfield Bluff) which is a good halfway picnic spot. After that, the terrain changes as the trail drops below the bluff, following an old roadbed thick with summer foliage and big sandstone blocks. Coming back up onto the plateau, you reach King’s Farm. A quiet and pretty clearing with two huge sugar maple trees marks the old homestead. Then comes one my favorite stretches of trail, leading to Audubon Lake.

THE PAYOFF: Are you kidding? This entire hike is the payoff.
THE TRAIL: Start at Gate 5. From here, it’s a straight shot out the fire lane to the Perimeter Trail. (At this point, a detour to the right on the Perimeter Trail will take you to the Forestry Cabin.) Turn left onto the Perimeter Trail and follow it all the way to Gate 8 at the end of Breakfield Road. Follow the road back to Gate 5.

THE HIKE: This route along the bluff and through mountain laurels is great for hiking as well as mountain biking (with a few dismounts). A short detour gets you to the Forestry Cabin for a good view of the valley. Dotson Point further along the trail also offers a nice view, but note that the farthest rock out on Dotson Point is not for acrophobes.

THE PAYOFF: Views from the Forestry Cabin and from Dotson Point are from opposite sides of Thumping Dick Cove, so you can see where you were or where you are going.

Above: Numbered fire-lane gates on Breakfield Road make useful landmarks for Sewanee hikers. (Gates are indicated on the map on p. 18 by number: “G1,” “G2,” etc.)

HIKER: Marcia Clarkson, retired Director of Personnel Services

HIKE: Equestrian Center.Forestry Cabin/Audubon Lake Loop

There are many variations to this hike, but I suggest starting at the Equestrian Center barns and heading northeast toward Gate 1. Immediately after passing the horse gates, there is a trail on the left with a slightly overgrown entrance marked by three small concrete pillars. This pine tree trail is one of my favorite places on the Domain. From here, follow the fire lanes to the Forestry Cabin (with a detour to Cedar Hollow Lake to look for the resident huge turtle). From the Forestry Cabin, follow the Perimeter Trail to Gate 7. Turn left on Breakfield Road and then right at Gate 11 toward Five Points. At Five Points turn left toward Audubon Lake, which is home to some of the most beautiful mountain laurel on the Domain, and follow the Parallel Trail back to the Equestrian Center. Not only does this route provide variety (lakes, bluff views, creeks, pine forest) but almost all of the route can be run by a senior citizen who is not as sure-footed as John Benson.
**Hiker:** Bentley Cook, C’11, SOP Summer Trail Crew

**Hike:** Morgan’s Steep streambed

I like to start at the waterfall near Morgan’s Steep (head down the stairs, follow the sound of falling water) and walk the streambed for as long as my legs will carry me. It’s a great hike for a hot summer day because the water keeps your legs nice and cool. Few people ever make this hike, so you get to enjoy the huge rock formations along the way in peace and quiet.

**Hiker:** Morgan’s Steep streambed

**Hiker:** Martin Knoll, C’82, Professor of Geology

**Hike:** Morgan’s Steep to Armfield Bluff and beyond

The stretch of Perimeter Trail from Morgan’s Steep to Armfield Bluff affords wonderful views to the valley and into deep coves. The west-facing aspect of this trail is especially welcome on cold winter days. The trail winds through historic sandstone quarries, past small lakes and blueberry and grass-covered bluff edges to the main point at Armfield Bluff. From here, you can see down into a bowl-shaped, wild cove that is trail-less and less well known than Lost Cove. You can get below the cliffs from the main point and hike straight downhill (no trail) past huge boulders fallen from the cliff and deep cylindrical shafts eroded in the limestone. Partway down into the cove is a sinkhole with the entrance to the Armfield Bluff Horror Hole — Sewanee’s longest and perhaps most difficult cave. The round-trip hike takes four to five hours.

**Hiker:** Dan McCoy, C’10, SOP Summer Trail Crew

**Hike:** Cedar Hollow Lake Loop

We take our cross-country team to this area several times a year to do interval workouts. The pine trees that dominate this area drop needles that cover the trails and make them easier on runners’ legs. The terrain is rolling in some areas and very hilly in others, so we spend much of our time doing hill intervals on the long sections of straight hills.

**Hiker:** Martin Knoll, C’82, Professor of Geology

**Hike:** Morgan’s Steep to Armfield Bluff and beyond

This is a perfect hike to make after a good rain. I love to head down the trail here with my golden retriever, Cherokee, to watch the falls disappear into the sinkhole below. After checking out some of the caves near the falls, I try to get back to Morgan’s Steep right at sunset — it’s a great way to finish the day.

**Hiker:** Martin Knoll, C’82, Professor of Geology

**Hike:** Lost Cove loop, off-trail

One of my favorite walks takes you into the northern portion of the University’s new Lost Cove land. This off-trail loop will take you down Depot Branch past a spectacular jet of water from the limestone cliff near the old Domain boundary. You may return up Barnes Branch of Lost Creek, or take the Point Disappointment ridge that lies between the two branches. The beautiful sandstone steps and giant sycamore in the Barnes Branch creekbed are memorable. To begin, drive past the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Bobtown to the end of the road at the old water treatment plant on Depot Branch. This hike is not for the faint-of-heart and may take four hours.

**Top left:** A wildflower called fire pink in the sandstone near Morgan’s Steep; the view into Shakerag Hollow and beyond from Piney Point. **Above:** the Forestry Cabin.
7 Thumping Dick Cove

**THE TRAIL:** Start at Gate 7 on Breakfield Road. After eight-tenths of a mile, the old road crosses a broken wooden bridge. A small path (which is not easily visible) is located on the left just on the far side of the washed-out bridge. Follow the little path down the steep slope to the small cave on the left.

**THE HIKE:** The trail starts on an old road that drops down into the cove and leads to a small, kid-friendly cave on the left that can be fun to explore with a flashlight. The more popular but more technical Solomon’s Temple Cave is on the right 50 yards farther down around the bend.

**THE PAYOFF:** Thumping Dick Cove has all the elements of a classic old-growth forest: a wide range of large, mature trees and smaller ones create a multilayered canopy.

Portions of the Perimeter Trail are marked by dramatic sandstone bluffs and overhangs, like this one near Morgan’s Steep.

8 Cedar Hollow Lake

**THE TRAIL:** Start at Gate 4 on Breakfield Road. (Be careful not to block the gate with your car.) Head north on the fire lane and take the first right onto another fire lane. Continue straight and take a left at the next junction. Then take a right at the next intersection, heading to Cedar Hollow Lake. Once you get past the lake, turn right at the first junction. Head straight. Just past the orange gate, look for the three short concrete posts on your right and turn right here, back into the woods. Take this all the way back to Gate 4.

**THE HIKE:** From start to finish, you’ll be on fire lanes for this entire hike. The lanes are wider than normal hiking trails, so you can easily walk side-by-side with a friend. The last section of this hike leads you through a tall pine forest straight out of a Disney movie. The trees prevent sunlight from hitting the forest floor, completely shading out plant growth. This magical area is referred to by many as “Fairyland.”

**THE PAYOFF:** The perfect outdoor setting to enjoy a stroll and catch up with an old friend. And if your old friend is a dog, the lake provides a cool swim.

Shakerag Hollow/Beckwith’s Point loop

**THE TRAIL:** Start at Green’s View. Facing the valley, take the trail on your right. When you come to the first signpost, follow the Beckwith’s Point Trail, which stays on top of the plateau. Coming out of the woods, follow the signs indicating the trail continues along the edge of the golf course. After the short section on the golf course, the trail re-enters the woods, taking you all the way to the Perimeter Trail. Take a left onto the Perimeter Trail, which leads you down into Shakerag Hollow. (Taking a right leads you to the University’s east gates.) Follow the trail and take a left at the signpost pointing to Green’s View.
The Trail: Start at the eastern University gates. Take the Perimeter Trail into Shakerag Hollow. Soon after starting down into the hollow, the trail to Piney Point takes off to the right. Follow the main trail to the point.

The Hike: Piney Point is one of the few places on the Domain where the native shortleaf pine is a dominant member of the forest community. The dense forest and thick tunnels of mountain laurel provide a sharp contrast to the overlook. A bonus is the relatively flat terrain with two bridged stream crossings.

The Payoff: Piney Point is a striking promontory that boasts a sweeping view over Shakerag Hollow and Roark’s Cove. If you time it right in the summer, you can eat wild blueberries right off the bush all the way to the point.

Bonus
The entire Perimeter Trail

The Hike: The highlight of the first section of this hike is Beckwith’s Point. This long-forgotten overlook into Shakerag Hollow was once featured on postcards sold at the University Supply Store. Today, you’ll likely have it all to yourself. Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, the Shakerag Hollow Trail is one of the oldest trails on the Domain. It descends through a virtually undisturbed cove of hardwood forest, an area frequented by botany students.

The Payoff: The best display of spring wildflowers in the area. Hike here often during March and April to see the display of blooms change from week to week.

Above: From Green’s View, you can take the Beckwith’s Point Trail, or hike down to the Perimeter Trail, which leads into Shakerag Hollow or toward KA Point. Below: Mountain laurel blooms can be found along many Sewanee trails in spring and early summer.

The Payoff: Hop on anywhere and see it all. And thank the Tate Roberts Memorial Fund for maintenance of this trail.

John Benson has been the director of the Sewanee Outing Program since 2001. In addition to hiking the trails with his wife, Math Professor Emily Puckette, and two-year-old son, Elliott, and running the trails with his dog, Joe, he enjoys leading trips with students on the mountain (caving and rock climbing) and off the mountain, near (road cycling and running marathons) and far (canoeing in Big Bend, Texas, and winter mountaineering on the Continental Divide in Colorado).
The Road to Santiago

Sewanee pilgrims find community, tradition and hard-won lessons on a long walk in northern Spain.

By Stephen Raulston, C’81
June 18, 2007: The broad hand clasps my shoulder hard. “Be safe. I’ll think of you every day, where you are, what you’re seeing. Hug the apostle for me. I love you, kid.” The door clangs shut, and the van pulls slowly away from Hoffman dorm toward the Atlanta airport. The apostle in question is St. James, to whose shrine in Santiago de Compostela in western Spain 18 Sewanee students and I are now headed. The familiar hand is Professor Tom Spaccarelli’s.

Those last words sing in my head like an old song. “I love you, kid.” That’s the thing I like most about Spacc. He’s not afraid to use the word love when he talks about the essential elements of our profession: Spain, Spanish, literature, colleagues, students. I have been the beneficiary of that effusion since I was a freshman at Sewanee in 1977. My first college Spanish course was Spaccarelli’s Spanish Culture and Civilization. One of our early meetings focused on the Camino de Santiago, the medieval pilgrimage to the tomb of St. James. Over the course of my freshman year and in the years following, Tom invited me and other students on hikes to Long’s Mill and Fiery Gizzard. We went to search out bookstores in Huntsville. We washed his windows; he cooked for us. We were in four plays together; in two of them he played my father. We coincided in Madrid the spring break of my junior year when I was studying there and he was working on a research project. One of our afternoons in Spain turned out to be a defining moment of my life. Tom took me to the scholars’ reading room of the monastery-palace of El Escorial outside Madrid, introduced me to the librarian as his assistant, and had the staff lay before us one after another of the great manuscripts of the Spanish Middle Ages. Now, 28 years later, I am a professor and a medievalist, and Spacc and I are colleagues. He still calls me kid, and he still tells me he loves me.

According to nonscriptural tradition, the apostle James traveled and preached in Spain before his martyrdom in Jerusalem. His own disciples, the story goes, placed his body in a boat which set out, unmanned, across the Mediterranean, passed through the Strait of Gibraltar, and beached itself on the Atlantic shore of the
Spanish region of Galicia, where the body was recognized, buried, and eventually forgotten. In the ninth century, the apostle’s tomb was miraculously revealed to Galician shepherds, and their discovery affirmed by the local bishop. A church was constructed over the grave; the place, Santiago de Compostela, was named for St. James, and for over 1,100 years now men and women have traveled long distances, sometimes with great sacrifice, to venerate his shrine. The westward routes through France and Spain toward the apostle’s tomb have come to be known as the Camino de Santiago, the Road of St. James.

The summer of my graduation in 1981, I walked the Camino de Santiago with Jack Hitt, Charleston native, fellow student of Spanish, and Sewanee grad. Before I left campus, Spacc gave me a gift for my pilgrimage: a broad scallop shell hung on a leather thong. Scallops are abundant on the coast of Galicia, Spain’s westernmost region, and have since the Middle Ages been a specialty of the local cuisine. The earliest medieval pilgrims, many of whom were French, feasted on them in Santiago de Compostela, kept the shells, and wore them as badges of honor on their return journey. Thus the scallop came eventually to symbolize the pilgrimage: the French still call it coquille Saint Jacques, shell of St. James. Later, pilgrims just setting out also took the shell, often passed down by a predecessor, as part of the insignia of the journey. My shell, like theirs, was a hand-me-down. Spacc had carried it on his own first pilgrimage to Santiago in 1976. This year makes the eighth time I’ve hiked the Camino. The same shell has hung from my backpack, quietly tapping out every step of every journey, resting during the year in an honored place on my office bookshelf. It is a talisman that I glance at and touch from time to time, worthless as an object; as a symbol, priceless. It reminds me that I am a pilgrim among millions, part of a venerable tradition no less powerful today than in the ninth century when it began. It reminds me that what binds me to other pilgrims is more important than what sets me apart. It reminds me also that I am part of a not-dissimilar Sewanee tradition, in which, in the best of circumstances, as our motto suggests, our common intellectual journey can flourish in a context of friendship, community, and, indeed, love.

The Sewanee Summer in Spain program was started in 1995 by Spaccarelli and Antonio Momplet, a professor of medieval art history at the prestigious Universidad Complutense. The idea for the program was born of the two men’s intellectual kinship and profound friendship, and it was conceived, appropriately, on a road trip from Sewanee to the West Coast, during which they began to imagine an experience for Sewanee students that would combine Spaccarelli’s passion for medieval Spanish literature, Momplet’s expertise in art history, and the rigorous physical and spiritual experience of the pilgrimage to Santiago. Fourteen years later, more than 200 Sewanee students have read, written, walked, and eaten their way across northern Spain. If it sounds like summer camp, don’t be deceived. Any Sewanee pilgrim will tell you that, in the classroom and on the road, this is hard, life-changing work.

Some of our students come to campus
shortly after graduation to study grammar. For them, the experience will last eight full weeks. More advanced participants come for the program proper, which spends its first 10 days in Sewanee, a kind of pilgrims’ boot camp amounting to an entire semester’s work in medieval Spanish history, literature, and music associated with the Camino de Santiago, plus an introduction to art and architecture of the road. Classes are four hours a day, including Saturdays and Sundays. There are heavy homework assignments and required sessions with a grammar tutor in the evenings. The pace is exhausting. We break up the routine with long hikes to caves and swimming holes. We try to create a sense of community while laying the intellectual foundation for the physical challenge that lies ahead. Most modern pilgrims hike the road in ignorance of the great political, spiritual, and intellectual heritage on which their experience rests. Sewanee pilgrims do not. These young people don’t yet know it, but by the end of our summer there will not be another group of undergraduates anywhere who have read, heard, seen, and experienced more of the Spanish Middle Ages than they.

After boot camp, the program moves to the Spanish capital for two intensive weeks of art history at the Universidad Complutense. We have classroom sessions in the mornings and afternoon classes in the great museums of Madrid. Five of our 14 Madrid-based days are spent on excursions to medieval towns where we get to know in context what we have studied in the classroom. The culmination of our study is three long weeks of walking 450 kilometers of the Camino de Santiago across the breadth of northern Spain from a spot near the French border to Santiago de Compostela near the Atlantic coast.

The program regularly includes a teaching assistant who serves as a tutor and counselor, helps with logistics in Spain, and acts as a liaison between the students and the professors. The TA is usually a Sewanee alum who is teaching or doing graduate work in Spanish; occasionally it’s a current student. This year’s assistant, Kevin Karpay, a senior in the college, is the youngest ever, but he’s ideal. He’s a varsity athlete, captain of the men’s soccer team, and the students like and respect him. A veteran of the 2005 Santiago program, he’s also just returned from Sewanee’s spring semester in Madrid where he studied contemporary Spanish culture and the history and art of Muslim Spain. He speaks good Spanish; he has a solid knowledge of medieval Spain; he knows the road, the program, and Madrid. He’ll be invaluable this summer.

On the ride to Atlanta, I should be thinking ahead to the details of our arrival in Madrid. I should be worried about missing luggage, fogotten passports, and the thousand things that can go awry when one travels with a group of 20. But my mind is working in reverse, replaying the awkwardness of our group’s first meetings 10 days ago. We are in a Gailor classroom. Spaccarelli has spent the morning discussing the ideology of pilgrimage: how the mobile and liminal status of medieval pilgrims liberated them from the strictures of the social and regional context in which they had lived and created a uniquely democratic and international community of individuals all moving toward a common goal; how pilgrimage was one of the few endeavors in which medieval women had some measure of equality with men; how one of the defining features of pilgrimage...
was its culture of hospitality, of treating foreigners and strangers as friends, of finding common good and common ground. These ideas are all expressed in medieval texts, so there is no division between the objects of our intellectual study and the program’s chief goal of cultivating that sense of solidarity not only with those whom we meet on the road but especially among members of our own group. I look around the classroom at our collection of pilgrims. The men and women, I’ve noticed, tend to segregate themselves in the classroom and at meals. Some of them have already judged and dismissed certain of their peers. Some are silent and hard to read. Others look discontented and tired. A few seem sensible and engaged. A few don’t seem to understand much Spanish at all. I have doubts that this mixture can ever coalesce. I know that I am part of the problem. I don’t yet know these young people well, and I struggle, too often without success, to keep from judging them. Some of them clearly have an extracurricular life that interferes with our intellectual goals and demands. I worry about their behavior in Spain, where our relationships with the carefully chosen providers of our lodging and meals have been cultivated for over a decade. A few of the group are so desperate to please that I find their questions and comments tiresome and impertinent. Chad House has missed a class, which is like missing four days of a regular semester. We’ve never had that problem before; Chad and I will have to have a talk. And I don’t know what to make of Will Linn, an intelligent young man, but clearly on his own track. He seems unremorseful about his lack of punctuality. Not good. I think ahead to all the days in Spain when our tight schedule will depend upon each pilgrim’s putting the needs of the group above his own interests. As I am returning graded work at the end of class, Will suddenly rises, executes a bizarre break dance move that brings his foot inches from my face and ends with his spinning on his back like a top in the center of the classroom.

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**JUNE 20:** We’ve been in Madrid only 24 hours, and we’re headed for a three-day excursion to explore a slew of medieval castles, monasteries, and churches. I arrive at our meeting point in central Madrid a half-hour early. Across the street I note at our meeting point in central Madrid a half-hour early. Across the street I note a lone figure, his camouflage backpack incongruous against the noble lines of the 16th-century building behind him. It’s Chad House, my Sewanee delinquent. Unsure of the new city, he’s been on the streets since 6:30 a.m. getting his bearings, determined not to hold up the group or miss the bus.

**JUNE 22:** Last evening in the Benedictine monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos in Castile we heard the monks sing compline in Gregorian chant. Now we are standing in the morning light of the monastery’s 12th-century cloister, one of the finest Romanesque spaces in Europe. Great stone piers adorned with bas relief sculpture of scenes from the life of Christ form the right angles at each corner of the arced gallery. The object of our attention is the sculpted panel depicting the encounter on the road to Emmaus from the Gospel of Luke. Not all our pilgrims are great students of the Bible; so, having discussed it once in Sewanee, we review the story now. Following the crucifixion and burial of Christ, Cleophas and an unnamed disciple were traveling to the town of Emmaus. As they walked, they were overtaken by another traveler to whom they expressed their distress at the disastrous end of Christ’s ministry. The two felt an uncommon affinity for the stranger, who spent much of the journey explaining that Christ’s death was not failure but the fulfillment of scripture. Arriving, they invited him to share a meal. And at the table, as he broke the bread, the scripture says that the scales fell from their eyes and they recognized that the stranger was Christ himself. The relief at Silos depicts the three in conversation on the road. Christ, in the lead, turns backwards to address the question of one of his companions. As he speaks, his left hand toys with the strap of a little pouch which hangs under one arm. On the pouch, familiar and unmistakable, is a scallop shell. The sculptor has represented Christ as a pilgrim — not just any pilgrim but, like us, a pilgrim of St. James. To make Christ a devotee of his own apostle strikes the viewer at first as heresy. Yet the author is surely suggesting that the highest essence of pilgrimage, in life as in the microcosm of the journey to Compostela, is realized when in moments of openness and hospitality we recognize Christ in fellow travelers and thus turn disaster into understanding, alienation into kinship.

**JULY 3:** Roncesvalles is a misty hamlet high in the Pyrenees just a few miles from the border with France. Here one finds our rustic inn, a tiny chapel, and a monastery; not much else. Pilgrims have sought refuge here after the long climb from the French side of the mountains for more than a millennium. We, in contrast, have come
by private bus to begin our journey, and we are intimidated by the appearance and characteristic hobble of those who have already walked for days or weeks to reach this place. In the evening the monastery church is overflowing with pilgrims assembled to hear mass. At the conclusion of the service, we are invited to approach the altar en masse. The priest delivers a blessing in five different languages and ends with arms outstretched, “Abrazad al apóstol por nosotros.” Embrace the apostle for us. I smile and think of Spacc, who made the same request.

JULY 6: Far ahead of me in the sharp air of morning a cluster of white shirts blinks out like so many lights behind a green bend in the road. It’s the women, perpetually kilometers ahead. This is surely what led the ancients to conceive of nymphs, fleeting and elusive female spirits always only glimpsed, ever disappearing round a curve or into the green. I’ve watched them closely — what they eat, what kind of shoes they wear — but I can’t fathom their secret. They eat and joke with us mortals at dinner. They condescend to lope alongside us on the road for hours at a time. But, inevitably, we look up and they’ve flown ahead, rising to their own speed as gracefully and naturally as medieval fire and ether seeking their proper spheres. We men stumble along behind, earthbound and leaden.

JULY 8: This is the worst day of the summer. I hate the city of Nájera. This day’s hike destroys me every year. It’s long and tedious and hot; one arrives exhausted, and there’s no reward at the end. Just this dump of a town which was a royal seat in the 11th century but which has been going inexorably downhill ever since. The Em- maus sculpture and the inspiration of its exhortation to recognize the divine in others are years behind us now. Today I am not Cleophas seeing his risen Lord in a stranger on the road. I am doubting Thomas, or worse. I see meanness and incompetence everywhere and in everyone. Despite Kevin Karpay’s jocular and fraternal dedication to ensuring that I drink, eat, laugh often, and arrive in good spirits, I hobble, grumbling, to my room overcome by chills and fever from overexertion. When I descend for dinner, I find that the students have distressed the proprietress by rearranging the dining room tables into a single row so that we can all eat together. Impressed by their spirit, and on the verge, indeed, of a smile, I smooth our hostess’s ruffled feathers. But when I notice Will Linn’s absence and am told that he has foregone dinner with the group in favor of a phone call to his girlfriend, I lose my temper and my appetite. Will and I may never see eye to eye. Tonight I see him as a boy, selfish, irreverent, and destructive of community. He sees me as a perennial gripe and a pain in his already-sore pilgrim’s backside. Neither of us looks at the other
JULY 10: The most rewarding perspective from which to observe pilgrims is from behind. A lot has been written about the contemplative solitude of the road, about the pilgrimage as a kind of extended meditation. And it is true that we don’t all move at the same pace, that we tend to string ourselves along the road giving time and space to a kind of focused and sustained contemplation enhanced by the clear, dry air, the vastness of the landscape, and the rhythm of walking. But more often I observe our group making its way westward in clusters that coalesce, disperse, and reconfigure themselves throughout the day. And whenever the Sewanee pilgrims come together what is notable even from afar is the easy physicality of their rapport: the claps on the shoulder, the passing around of food and water from their packs, the pokes and nudges of good-natured ribbing, the drone of their constant banter punctuated by occasional shrieks of laughter that echo through the rocks and scrub. There is a famous medieval sculpture in the Romanesque portal of the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela that represents two joyous men playing a single stringed instrument. I have always held it to be the quintessential medieval expression of harmony and fellowship. Today I observed two of our female pilgrims, walking closely side by side, sharing an iPod and singing, each with a single ear bud fitted into the ear closest her partner. Were I a sculptor, I would record that vision in stone and give it a place of honor in a sacred space.

JULY 16: Still rubbing the sleep from my eyes, I amble out into the silent main street of Sahagún, starting the easy day slowly. A squeak of rubber soles on cobblestones and a flash of tanned legs and white shirts rounding the stone corner of a building are all that betrays their flight. The women again. It’s the shortest walk of the summer, only 20 kilometers. Kelly Imboden and Jordan Casey have decided to run.

JULY 18: After the plains of the central plateau, the land is beginning to roll again. Fifty yards ahead of me on the rutted, traffickless, one-lane road, Mallory Thompson and Martha Burton Nalley are deep in discussion with James Brown, a lanky, laid-back Oregonian with a soccer ball ever peeking from the top of his pack. We are beaten by a scraping, whistling wind as the group winds in clusters of three or four through the hills and fields of western León. Unheard, a battered, white Seat automobile overtakes us at reckless speed. Pilgrims behind me scramble for the ditches. I lean far to the right to avoid a threatening side mirror. But James and the women are walking full in the road, deafened by the wind and bent still upon their conversation. My warning shout is flung back at me by the gale. At the last second, James senses danger, sees the car now upon them, and throws himself horizontally, parallel to the road, between the vehicle and his companions. His body pushes the women safely to the side; his pack grazes the car. He rolls, then springs back to his feet, smiling, limber and unscathed.

JULY 23: The penultimate day. We are strong as we near our goal. In the past two days alone we have walked 75 kilometers. Karpy and I are making impressive time through the hamlets and eucalyptus groves of Galicia. When we stop to pull on jackets against the blowing rain and mist, Will Linn blasts past us like a man possessed, like the ghost of the white Seat of days before. He greets us but doesn’t stop. The wind whips his plastic poncho in a high, green flourish as he rounds a bend, and he’s gone. For the rest of our buoyant hike we expect to come upon Will at a fountain or café, but he seems to have taken flight. As we arrive at our inn late that afternoon, Will bounds up to greet me, face flushed, bouncing slightly on his toes, breathing heavily with excitement. “I came this close to not stopping, to going all the way to Santiago. I felt great. I was flying! I know I can do 55 kilometers in a day!” Then he paused. “But I thought it would make you happier if I waited and walked into Santiago tomorrow with the group. I mean I wanted to arrive with everybody else; it was important.” I look into Will Linn’s flushed face and I see the incandescent goodness of a man who, on this day, understands that the community and his place in it are more and sees God; that’s for sure.
important than he alone is, that reaching the goal in the company of one’s fellows is a triumph of a higher order than the solitary sprint.

July 24: We have walked the last 20 kilometers of this road as a group, stopping to rest at the Monte del Gozo, the famous hill from which, if one knows where to look, one can just glimpse the spires of the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. We walk through the ugly outskirts of the modern city, and, crossing a street find ourselves suddenly in more familiar territory: a labyrinth of narrow streets lined with ancient stone buildings ranging from Romanesque to baroque. The Camino de Santiago eventually leads us to the door of the cathedral’s north transept. We are jubilant. And here we observe a Sewanee tradition, singing, before we enter the sacred space, a boisterous rendition of a 12th-century Latin pilgrim’s song that we’ve been rehearsing all day. After the last chorus, we shout, “Ecce Quam Bonum!”

The pilgrim has a number of customs to honor upon entering the cathedral. We descend to the crypt beneath the high altar and pause before the silver reliquary casket of St. James. We climb the narrow stairs to a small chamber behind the altar housing a jewel-encrusted silver bust of the apostle which looks down the central nave toward the cathedral’s west door. From behind, we one by one embrace our patron saint. When my turn comes, I stretch my arms around the neck, lay a sweaty cheek on the apostle’s shoulder, and hold tight — for Spacc, for the priest at Roncesvalles, for those who have been kind to me on the way, for my fellow pilgrims.

July 25, the Feast day of St. James: It’s 6:30 a.m., and though we and all of Compostela have been reveling until almost dawn, I can’t sleep. It’s over, I keep thinking. We’ll have to pack later today and leave for Madrid early the next morning. I loathe the end of things, the leave-takings, the imminent dispersal of our little community. And there is a final pilgrim ritual to attend to. Kevin Karpay and I are sharing a room, and I can hear his steady breathing in the other bed. I’ve known this man since his freshman year. We’ve been friends since the summer he first walked to Santiago. We laugh easily and talk often; we cook meals together. This summer’s work has only made things more effortless. Now that freshman is a senior and a Spanish major who has come to love and to know this country at a level I never experienced as an undergraduate. Beyond that, he has so absorbed the lessons of this pilgrimage and its literature that, without knowing it, he has been the model and the key to this summer’s success. He has suggested that I have had a role in that initiation. I recall my own afternoon with Spacc at El Escorial, and it pleases me that a circle is being closed here, a tradition upheld. I rise quietly and unlace the old shell from my backpack, surprised at how natural I find it to part with my touchstone. This is not a gift but a commemoration. It really already belongs to Kevin. I should wait till he’s awake and hand it to him in person. I should say something warm and eloquent to mark the occasion. In the best of worlds, I would deliver my most jocular Spaccarellian squeeze of the shoulder and say, “I love you, kid.” But I know myself and I am not Space. I am seldom good with words and never when it counts. So I scribble a clumsy note, leave the shell for Kevin to find when he wakes, and go out to take my leave of the city while it’s quiet. Later, as we put our things away, I can tell by the way Kevin holds the shell, by the way he wraps it carefully in a bandana and tucks it gently into his backpack, that he understands.

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**Recommended Reading**

*Off the Road: A Modern-Day Walk Down the Pilgrim’s Route Into Spain*, by Jack Hitt (Simon & Schuster, 2005): Jack Hitt, C’79, a well-known freelance magazine writer, published this account of his second walk to Santiago, which is required reading for all Sewanee pilgrims. Like Jack, the book is profound and irreverent. It’s a favorite of the students and a great read for pilgrims and armchair pilgrims alike.

*La corónica*, Spring 2008, Vol. 36.2: *La corónica* is the premier U.S. journal for scholarly work on medieval Spain. The Spring 2008 issue is dedicated to the pilgrimage to Santiago, is rich with Sewanee connections and received significant support from the Office of the Dean of the College. The issue was edited by Tom Spaccarelli and John K. Moore, a Sewanee alumnus and former teaching assistant in the Summer in Spain program. It contains articles by Antonio Momplet, Spaccarelli, Moore and Stephen Raulston.
Eisie Goes Calling

In 1940, when America was poised on the brink of war, the greatest photojournalist of the 20th century came to Sewanee to capture fraternity rush in all its campy glory.

By Stephen Alvarez, C’87

My first encounter with the Sewanee photos of Alfred Eisenstaedt was coincidental, but it was also, perhaps, inevitable. Before I stumbled on the pictures, I had no idea that the greatest magazine photographer of the 20th century had ever set foot in Sewanee, much less that he roamed the campus documenting its bizarre fraternity rituals. But the work he produced while he was here brought together two of the enduring themes of my life — photojournalism and Sewanee.

I had just typed “Sewanee” into the search field on the web site of the photo agency that represents my work, checking on the inventory of my own Sewanee photos. When the results came back showing a handful of photos with “Sewanee” in the tags and “Eisenstaedt” on the credits, my jaw dropped. Not only had Eisenstaedt been on the Mountain, apparently, but he was here in 1940 — and for Life magazine no less.

A little research led me to a copy of the Oct. 21, 1940, issue of Life that includes Eisenstaedt’s work in a three-page photo essay titled “Life Goes Calling at the University of the South.” The subtitle reads “A lively U.S. fraternity system flourishes at the ‘Oxford of America’ in Sewanee, Tenn.” Lively indeed. The photos document the fun, the camaraderie and the anxiety of fraternity rush: a Phi Delta Theta hayride complete with “girls supplied by upperclassmen to impress freshmen,” a roomful of sweaty freshmen learning fraternity cheers, and freshmen packed into All Saints’ Chapel waiting to learn whether they had received a bid to join the fraternity of their choice.
Eisenstaedt’s Sewanee photos showcase the photojournalist’s sense of humor. The Life caption for this photo read: “Couple kissing in front of the Delta Tau Delta mummy at the University of the South. Girls are told: ‘Kiss mummy or kiss me.’” (Photo by Alfred Eisenstaedt/Time & Life Pictures/Getty Images)
And then there’s the mummy. It’s the photo that first caught my attention and the one I still can’t stop looking at. With its dramatic stage lighting, the photo shows a couple kissing in front of what appears to be the seated mummy of some miniature alien from a bad ’50s sci-fi flick (Space Mummy Goes To College). The caption reads “Delta Tau Delta mummy is a useful stooge. Girls are told: ‘Kiss mummy or kiss me.’ Only one ever chose mummy.”

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Having a Life photographer and reporter arrive in the fall of 1940 to cover rush had to be quite an event. Strangely though, no mention of the visit survives either in the University Archives or at the Time-Life Building in New York. Trust me, in 15 years as a national magazine photographer and 43 years of living in Sewanee, I’ve learned how to look. I scoured both places. Nothing but the pictures survives.

In Life, this photo was coupled with the one on the opposite page to create a before-and-after look at fraternity rush. The caption for this photo read “Freshman Robert Steiner is given a Coke, a cigar and seated in best chair in SAE house during ‘rushing’ at the University of the South.” Steiner was actually a member of Phi Delta Theta and these photos were taken in the Phi house. (Photo by Alfred Eisenstaedt/Time & Life Pictures/Getty Images)

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So we can only imagine what this balding, five-foot, four-inch, 42-year-old German Jew — a man who had fled Nazi Germany only four years before — thought when he arrived at the railroad siding in downtown Sewanee. Most likely he didn’t think much of anything at all. 1940 was a very busy year for Eisenstaedt. As a refugee,
he couldn’t leave the country, so Henry Luce, Life’s publisher, had him cover the United States. And cover it he did, from Cape Cod, Miami, Colorado Springs, Richmond and Mount Rushmore, to the University of Pennsylvania, Tampa, and New York, to name just a few. Eisie always said “the moral is that you have to be there.” Boy was he ever there. Last year, I traveled 154 days for National Geographic. I feel Eisie’s pain. He had traveled so much by that October that rush at Sewanee probably didn’t seem strange at all, not even the Delt Mummy.

Eisenstaedt is known as the father of the photographic essay, a method of visual storytelling that he pioneered in the 1930s and one I still practice for National Geographic. But when I think of Eisie, I think of his photographs of the rich, powerful and glamorous. He photographed every sitting president through Bill Clinton. That is one of the reasons that the pictures of Sewanee are so stunning. They’re campy photos of college boys going through rush. He treats Sewanee gently, with an outsider’s sense of humor. This was America on the edge of war, a strange quiet and normalcy before the storm. Eisenstaedt knew what was happening in Europe. France had fallen, the Battle of Britain had reached a crescendo. Fourteen months later, many of the boys in the photographs would be sent to war, so a certain tongue-in-cheek attitude toward campus life can be excused.

And what happened to the Delt mummy? Again I’ve scoured the landscape. None of the people identified in the pictures is alive, and no one living will admit to knowing much of anything about the mummy. But I think it’s a great tradition that Sewanee fraternity men could bring back and use in a way that Eisie would certainly endorse: Kiss mummy or kiss me.

“Freshman Robert Steiner scrubbing floors at SAE house after pledging. Pledges do all the housework for fraternities at the University of the South.” (Photo by Alfred Eisenstaedt/Time & Life Pictures/Getty Images)
Honoring the Past and the Present to Secure the Future

One of the great legacies of The Sewanee Call is the dozens of new facilities, scholarships and endowments named for current and former faculty members.

By Tom Sanders

One day a few years ago, Timothy Keith-Lucas looked out from the bow of the ship he is building in the horse pasture near the Sewanee water tower and pondered the fate of another brainchild, the Island Ecology Program. Twenty years before, the New York Zoological Society had asked Keith-Lucas to help establish a colony of Rhesus macaques on a barrier island in Georgia. When he visited St. Catherine’s Island, he knew it would be a great place for Sewanee students, and back on campus, he presented the idea for an interdisciplinary ecology program to Vice Chancellor Robert Ayres. Ayres spoke with the family who owned the island, and the Island Ecology Program was born.

In the years since, the island-based program has become a triumph of education, somewhat enigmatically for a University known for its forested mountaintop Domain. (It is the same flavor of enigma, in fact, as suggested by the metal hull of Keith-Lucas’s oceangoing ship, taking form in the pasture.)

Still, Keith-Lucas was worried. Costs were rising and he could feel the pressure. A significant part of his budget each year was spent in financial aid, which helped ensure any student regardless of financial means could attend. That financial aid was also the subject of scrutiny as some other summer programs did not have similar accommodations. What was needed, he thought, was a source of revenue that was independent of tuition.

Last summer, his hope was realized when a couple who had sent three children to Sewanee reflected on their children’s experiences. While none had majored in psychology or biology or geology, they had all found the Island Ecology Program among their formative experiences. The family determined to create a new restricted endowment to provide income to support any of the...
activities of the program, including collaborative research, salaries, scholarships, and other needs. In establishing a restricted endowment, the couple was clear: They wanted to keep the focus on the people who made the program work, and the Timothy Keith-Lucas Endowment for Island Ecology was born. It will cover a small but important part of the annual program budget, giving Keith-Lucas a little extra for research supplies, salaries, and scholarships. Indeed, it is the donors’ hope that other supporters of the program will, in time, add to the endowment.

The endowment established in Keith-Lucas’s honor is just one example of the many ways that donors have found to honor faculty members through The Sewanee Call. In the last issue of the magazine, we turned attention to faculty support funds that had been established in honor of faculty members, but donors also generously supported the goals of the campaign by helping to create new academic facilities and new endowments.

“What is unusual and incredibly special is the large number of these gifts for which the donors have asked us to name the endowment or space after a favorite professor,” says Rob Pearigen, vice president for University Relations. “Faculty support endowments have accounted for a great many of these, but other naming opportunities have honored faculty as well.”

So far, not including faculty support endowments, 678 donors have contributed to over 20 new funds or facilities named for former or current faculty members. These include an international student support fund, awards, new scholarship funds, capital projects, and endowments that provide direct support for specific academic programs.

While some of these honored faculty members are from Sewanee’s legendary past, several are very much a part of directing the academic programs of the present. The Donald Brandreth Potter Student Support Endowment, for example, recognizes the superlative career of Bran Potter, the Snowden Professor of Geology. Established by Robin and Dan Hatzenbuehler, the endowment will support undergraduate research in forestry and geology, natural resources, and environmental studies. The Hatzenbuehlers were inspired to give this gift by the experiences of their daughter, Elizabeth Hatzenbuehler, C’03.

Some honored faculty are among the recently retired. When Barclay Ward announced his retirement, Carolyn Hopper Haynes, C’81, mounted an ambitious effort to establish an endowment in his honor. She envisioned a resource that would recognize the enormous contributions the professor had made both to education at Sewanee and to the world. Ward wore two hats during his decades at the University. He taught students about contemporary international politics, and he was a contributor to world events, working on the nuclear non-proliferation protocol for the U.S.
LAST DECEMBER, THE EPISCOPAL FOUNDATION OF TEXAS reached a significant philanthropic milestone: over $1 million in gifts and grants to Sewanee. Since 1982, the foundation has made 24 gifts to the University, including the establishment of the Maurice Benitez Scholarship in honor of retiring Bishop Benitez, a 1958 graduate of the School of Theology.

The foundation also contributed generously to the renovation project for All Saints’ Chapel, and one year made a generous $25,000 gift to the general scholarship fund. “We take our support of the University of the South very seriously,” says the Right Rev. Don A. Wimberly, Bishop of Texas. “It is an important relationship for us.” Wimberly has served as a regent of the University as well as its chancellor.

The Episcopal Foundation of Texas is one of two philanthropic arms of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. The foundation makes grants of more than $2 million per year for a variety of causes including significant Episcopal ministries within the diocese.

Charles Mathews Binnicker, C’50, Merit Scholarship Friends and family have contributed generously to this fund which, when fully funded, will help Sewanee attract outstanding students.

Lee McGriff/Gaston S. Bruton Math & Computer Science Research The McGriff/Bruton Endowment supports undergraduate research in mathematics and computer science.

Henrietta Croom Science Research Fund In celebration of Henrietta Croom’s distinguished career, Sewanee faculty and administrators are seeking gifts to establish a science research fund in her honor.

Joseph D. Cushman, C’49, Scholarship in History Thirty-eight donors have made generous contributions that establish a scholarship for outstanding history majors, one to a rising junior and one to a rising senior.

Robert Keele, C’56, and Burrell McGee, C’56, Scholarship Members of the Class of 1956 have honored their classmates Burrell McGee and longtime professor Robert Keele with a scholarship fund.

Timothy Keith-Lucas Endowment for the Island Ecology Program Brownie and Tom Watkins established an endowment in honor of Timothy Keith-Lucas that will support activities of the Island Ecology Program.

Edward King, C’47, Medieval Colloquium Lectureship, the King Medieval Colloquium Endowment, and King Prizes in History Robert McNeil established the King Lectureship, a part of the Medieval Colloquium, in honor of Edward King, an emeritus professor of history. In turn, Dr. King is establishing two endowments: one to support the colloquium and the King Prizes in history.

Robert S. Lancaster Endowment for the Sewanee Review William Weaver III remembered Dean Red Lancaster
Environmental Studies Gets a Helping Hand

Sewanee’s interdisciplinary environmental studies program got a major boost recently in the form of a $1.5 million grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The grant helps strengthen and raise the profile of the program at a time when the University is preparing to move environmental studies to center stage in its strategic planning.

The Mellon grant includes $500,000 to provide operational support for environmental studies over four years until $2 million in challenge funds can be raised to secure the remainder of the grant.

Sewanee’s environmental studies program offers four majors (ecology and biodiversity, environmental chemistry, environmental policy, and natural resources), but there is no full-time faculty member assigned directly to the program. The Mellon grant will allow the University to appoint a full-time faculty member to coordinate and unify the program.

“Few liberal arts colleges are positioned to offer an education in environmental studies with the curricular range and depth that Sewanee can offer,” says Vice Chancellor Joel Cunningham. “This grant will help move the program to the next level.”

During the 2007–08 academic year, two University-wide committees began drafting strategic plans for environmental studies and for campus sustainability. The plans are being refined and will be presented to the Board of Regents for review and approval.

Capital Projects Named for Faculty Members

William Bonds Memorial This memorial was made possible by nearly 100 donors, led by the Spainhour family. The Bonds Memorial in Gailor Hall provides a home for a part of Professor Bonds’ classics library.

William Tompson Cocke III, C’51, Classroom For Grover Maxwell and Scott Probasco, both in the Class of 1977, the friendship and tutelage of Willie Cocke was among their best memories of Sewanee. Their combined gifts made possible the naming of a classroom in the renovated Gailor Hall.

Henrietta Croom Office When Robert Ficklin Ross, C’80, made his generous contribution to the Spencer Hall project, he asked to name an office for a favorite biology professor, the recently retired Henrietta Croom.

The Edward Preuit Kirven, C’68, Chemistry Laboratory A fundraising effort is under way to raise $350,000 to create a memorial to the late Ed Kirven, longtime beloved chemistry professor.

Carlos Gallery in the Nath Art Building Led by Virginia and Jeff Runge, both Class of 1977, over 100 people stepped forward to name the Ed Carlos Gallery.

Abbott Cotten Martin Office Members of the Class of 1954 created a memorial to the legendary Abbott Cotten Martin as a class project. The memorial is an office on the first floor of Gailor Hall.

William H. Ralston, C’51, Listening Library The Ralston Listening Library and Archive will be housed in the Jessie Ball duPont Library and will include a listening room, a musical scores library, a reading room, and a study room. With the help of a still-open $250,000 challenge gift, $700,000 of this $1 million project has been raised.

John V. Reishman II Seminar Room The Reishman Room, named for John V. Reishman, a mainstay of the English Department, happened because Mary Rutherford and Allen Ferguson made it possible for their son Mercer, C’05, to honor one of his professors upon graduation.
Collaboration and the Undefended Heart

Desmond Tutu and Katharine Jefferts Schori offer the Class of 2008 advice on how to change the world.

The University’s 2008 Commencement ceremonies brought to campus two of the pre-eminent figures in today’s Anglican Communion: the Most Rev. Desmond M. Tutu, Anglican archbishop emeritus, City of Cape Town, South Africa, and the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, U.S.A. Tutu spoke at the School of Theology Commencement on Friday while Jefferts Schori spoke on Sunday at the College of Arts and Sciences Commencement. We are happy to present excerpts from their addresses:

The Most Rev. Desmond M. Tutu:

“We tell the story of a traveler going through the countryside when he came upon a farmer standing by the fence around his cornfield. The farmer was surveying this lush field of corn swaying gently in the breeze. The traveler joined the farmer. For a while, they were quiet together, and then the traveler said to the farmer, ‘Wow! What a fantastic job you and God have accomplished in this garden.’ And the farmer kept quiet for a while and then said, ‘But you must’ve seen what it looked like when God had it all to Himself!’

Yes, we have an extraordinary God. This omnipotent one who created all there is without our help and yet forever thereafter waits, and waits — waits for us to become God’s partners, God’s collaborators, to help God accomplish God’s purposes. Quite astounding. And God is prepared to jeopardize the success of the God project rather than dispense with our collaboration. God wants to turn the various aridities, the various wildernesses of our world into glorious gardens.

When there was the aridity, the desert of the injustice and oppression of apartheid in South Africa, God did not, as we might have wished, send a lightning bolt to dispatch the perpetrators of apartheid. No, God waited for all who were involved in the anti-apartheid movement, including, especially, students on campuses here in this country and elsewhere. So that together with South Africans who opposed that vicious system, they would work with God and, yes, today, that awful desert has become the gorgeous garden of a new South Africa. A South Africa that is stronger, free, democratic. A South Africa seeking to be non-racial and non-sexist.

One of the wonderful privileges one has is returning to places where we used to say, ‘Please, help us to overcome this vicious system.’ And you did. You helped us. And so, the victory that we won — the victory that enabled Nelson Mandela to emerge from 27 years of incarceration — that victory, our victory, is your victory as well. And so the joy is in being able to say, ‘We asked for your help, and you gave it,
and we have accomplished our objective.’ And so, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you. And that comes on behalf of millions and millions and millions. Thank you.

When someone is hungry, God, our God, wants to feed that hungry one. But it won’t be by letting hamburgers or pizzas float down from heaven, like manna from heaven. No, it will because you, I, us, God’s collaborators, God’s partners provide God with our fish, our bread that God will be enabled to perform the miracle.

Someone is naked. God wants to perform the miracle of clothing them, but that doesn’t usually happen by our seeing Levi’s floating from heaven. It will be, it will be because you, I, and all of us say, ’Yes, God, we want to be your partners. We provide you with the wherewithal.’ We give to the creator, the maker of all, we. And this one waits on us!

And so, you, perhaps on the threshold of careers, are those whom God is inviting: ‘Please, please by my helper, be my partner, be my collaborator. Let us, together, transform the various aridities of my world into gorgeous gardens. Help me transform this world, hurting from wars, injustice, and oppression.’ Think of our sisters and brothers in Zimbabwe, Sudan, Darfur, our sisters and brothers in Gaza, those devastated in Burma.

God says, ’Please help me, help me, help me transform. Help me, help me transform the hatreds, the racism. Help me, help me transform the homophobia, help me. Help me transform poverty, disease. Help me, help me to change this world so that there will be, there will be more compassion, more gentleness, more caring, more goodness, more laughter, more sharing. Help me, help me realize my dream that my children, one day, will wake up and know that they belong in one, one family. All, all of my children. Help me, help me, help me.’"

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori:

“Provoke one another. Did you hear that? Provocation is why you have come here. Provoking the ability to call forth some effective response from another person or a group of people is a key part of leadership, and I believe that your time here has been focused on helping you to become effective leaders, change agents, in particular ways and parts of life.

We’re sending you out of this place to provoke people into action. We’re talking specifically about the kind of provocation that involves loving and doing good deeds. The writer of Hebrews challenges the hearer not just to go and live a good life, but to lead and prod and encourage and motivate others in that direction as well. The courage to do that work comes from the confident hope born of a relationship with God, whom that writer knows in Jesus. There are a variety of ways of provoking others to love and do good. Almost all of them have to do with a vision to be good that’s rooted in hope.

Effective leadership depends on knowing how you’re connected to the Creator and the rest of creation. In other words, the hope that it takes to provoke and lead others depends on knowing something about the love of God, or life in the spirit.

Let me tell you something about one of your own, a provocateur who graduated from this institution in 1985. Becca Stevens took a group from Nashville to Rwanda to meet some of the survivors of the genocide there. And she went with the hope that her group might help those survivors heal and become more whole through what they have learned about living in community. Becca Stevens happens to be an Episcopal priest and, some years ago, she began to work with prostitutes and drug addicts trying to leave their life on the streets. She founded a community called Magdalene to help those women help each other. Together, that community has written a book called Find Your Way Home: Words from the Street, Wisdom from the Heart. That book reflects the founding principles of the Magdalene community — wisdom that is born out of the spiritual genius and teaching of St. Benedict.

Benedict was another seeker after God who wrote a framework for life in monastic communities in the fifth century. His rule, that’s what he calls his framework, has something in common with the rules that let strangers live together in places like dormitories and Greek houses. But it goes further because it’s really designed to help people learn how to love themselves and each other. He’s interested in what he calls ‘a heart broadened with the unutterable sweetness of love.’ And he’s talking about more than just putting up with each other until you graduate, or until you move and never again have to deal with toothpaste on the mirror or dirty socks on the floor. He’s talking about the ‘undefended heart’ — a heart that’s courageous enough and vulnerable enough to feel the pain of the world.

I want to provoke you graduates into thinking about how you’re going to be thistles in life’s field. There are many times when your work as leaders is going to need that prickly and attention-getting gift of a thistle. And there are times when the breathtaking beauty of a field of purple is what’s going to be needed. And there are always times when you just have to feed the hungry. All those parts of thistles are gifts from God. Learning to love the many parts of your own thistle nature will lead you to a less-defended heart. And a less-defended heart will learn to love the thistle nature of your neighbor, both friend and foe.

Look around you and see your fellow provocateurs. You are all needed in this world because there is a great deal to do. Your leadership can and will change this world. May God richly bless each one of you. But don’t just sit there and consider how to provoke others. Go on out there and do it.”
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Oberlin, Guilford, and Hendrix. A large number of incoming freshmen lacrosse players, combined with the returning players’ year of varsity experience, bodes well for next season.

The women’s team also exceeded expectations during its inaugural season, with a 5-8 record and wins over Ferrum College, Fontbonne University, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges, Adrian College and a thrilling 22-21 overtime victory in Sewanee over Whittier College.

“We clearly established that we are capable of playing beautiful lacrosse,” says women’s lacrosse head coach Michele Dombrowski. “This team has the commitment and the desire to reach the next level, and I believe we’re capable of competing nationally in the future.”

Steffi Renninger, C’09, was the top offensive player on the women’s team, scoring 35 goals and logging seven assists. “I really enjoyed being a part of the beginning of Sewanee lacrosse,” says Renninger. “We had a lot of fun, and Coach Dombrowski helped us have a great season. I look forward to this team’s continued success.”

The impact of having varsity lacrosse teams is felt from the Athletics Department to the Office of Admission, where the last two years have been marked by increased attention from students in areas where lacrosse is well-established as a prep-school standard. “We’re seeing interest and applications from students in the Mid-Atlantic, the Northeast and even out West who wouldn’t have considered applying to Sewanee before we had varsity lacrosse,” says Dean of Admission David Lesesne.

By the time the 2009 lacrosse season begins, a new home for soccer and lacrosse players, under construction now next to “The Pit,” will be complete. The Kyle Rote Jr. Field House will contain locker and shower facilities, a laundry, a training room, and administrative offices. The new field house will play an integral role in attracting scholar-athletes to carry on the athletic traditions established over the past 150 years just as they hope to create their own tradition of excellence.

Above: Senior Louis Smart (4) and freshman Teddy Peterson (33) scramble for a loose ball in the first-ever Sewanee varsity men’s lacrosse game, versus Kenyon College, in March.
Dear Fellow Alumni,

I recently returned from Alumni Volunteer Weekend and the meeting of the Alumni Council at Sewanee. I learned much about the many new initiatives on the Mountain and was excited to see the enthusiasm of the alumni volunteers who attended. We’ve come a long way from just doing late night phone-a-thons in Thompson Union. Sure, these still go on, but there are so many different ways to volunteer for Sewanee. Here are three suggestions that I hope you will consider:

**Recruit a student.** When you see motivated and responsible young high school men and women in your hometown, make sure you find a way to introduce them to Sewanee. And please make sure to pass along their name and contact information to the Admissions Office or the Alumni Office so they can be included in the mailings from Sewanee. You can call Admissions at 931.598.1238 or email them at admiss@sewanee.edu. Great prospects make great students, and they are the future of Sewanee. You know the kinds of people who would value the Sewanee experience, so please spread the word.

**Hire a graduate.** With a degree from the University and the well-rounded education Sewanee affords, a Sewanee graduate could be your best hire. If you have a job opening or if you know of job openings in your community, please let Career Services know of these opportunities. Sewanee students and graduates are always looking for valuable internship opportunities, so if you think you might be able to offer an internship (paid or unpaid), please contact Kim Heitzenrater, C’89, Director of Career Services. She can be contacted at 931.598.1948 or at kheitzen@sewanee.edu.

**Make a gift to the Sewanee Annual Fund.** Each year, alumni are asked to make a gift to the Sewanee Annual Fund to supplement the revenue from tuition, the endowment and other sources. The Annual Fund makes the Sewanee experience available to students now just as it did for many of us. There is no better way to show your support for the University than by a regular gift to the Sewanee Annual Fund. With your support, we may finally reach our goal of 50 percent alumni participation. You can make a gift online right now at www.givetosewanee.com.

Thank you to all of you alumni volunteers throughout the country for what you do to support our alma mater. Whether you call friends to get their gifts in on time, or attend a recruiting event in your community, you make a difference. Today, Sewanee is thriving because of all you do. If you are not already an active volunteer, I encourage you to find your own way to give back to a place that has given so much to all of us. I look forward to seeing you on the Mountain!

**VICKY VIETH BRATTON, C’88**
President, The Associated Alumni

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**Homecoming and Reunion**
**Oct. 24–27, 2008**

It’s time to start making plans to attend this year’s Homecoming and Reunion Weekend on the Mountain! Reunions being held this year include all classes with years ending in 3 or 8, a special reunion for all women graduates and a special celebration of the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Tennessee Williams Center.

To pre-register for the weekend, go online to http://ur.sewanee.edu/alumni/hc. Please pre-register by Oct. 1 to be included. All registered alumni receive helpful weekend information and updated schedules. Registration fees cover all official Homecoming & Reunion activities, including reunion materials, food, entertainment, and football tickets. In addition, when you pre-register, you will be entered in a drawing to win a limited edition of the new coffee table book Sewanee: From Generation to Generation.

**SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS**

For a look at the wide variety of activities planned for the weekend, take a look at the full schedule at http://ur.sewanee.edu/alumni/hc. Highlights include:

- Awards brunch for all alumni
- Opportunities to go “back to class” on Thursday and Friday mornings
- Admissions workshop for those with a prospective student in the family
- Friday afternoon academic panels and discussions
- Childcare for children of alumni
- Reception with faculty on Friday afternoon to visit with your favorite professors.
- All Alumni Dance
- “Tiger Town” kids fair
- “Old Sewanee” D.J. party

Want to find out who will be attending your reunion? Log on to this website to see who has registered: http://ur.sewanee.edu/alumni/hc/whoscoming. Make sure you register, so your name will be included.
The second in a series of three annual Sewanee alumni study-tours, “Ancient Capitals of the Mediterranean World—Athens, Rome, Byzantium,” took two groups of Sewanee alumni and friends to Rome and Umbria. Led by Nigel McGilchrist, former director of Sewanee’s European Studies Program, the groups toured sites in the Eternal City and some of the finest villas of its hinterland. The 2009 trip concludes the three-trip series with a tour of Istanbul, Turkey, and beyond. If you’d like information about the 2009 trip, email Susan Askew at saskew@sewanee.edu, and she’ll add your name to a list of people who will receive information when it’s available.

Tennessee Williams Center Anniversary Celebration

The Theatre Department invites not only all theatre majors, but anyone who has ever been in or worked on a theatre production at Sewanee to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Tennessee Williams Center during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. The celebration will include a cocktail party and buffet on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Proctor Hill Theatre. There will be a performance of songs from Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht’s “Threepenny Opera,” and a dance. If you were involved in theatre at Sewanee in any way, we encourage you to make plans to be at this one-of-a-kind celebration. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Mary Cook at mcook@sewanee.edu.

Alumni Volunteers Enjoy a Weekend on the Mountain

Alumni volunteers returned to the Mountain in June for the annual Alumni Volunteer Weekend. While they were here, they learned more about life on campus today and participated in workshops to brainstorm and learn more about the areas in which they volunteer, including career services, admissions, communications, the annual fund, planned giving and Sewanee clubs. If you’re interested in volunteering for the University in any area, email Susan Askew at saskew@sewanee.edu.

Calling All Sewanee Women

As part of Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, the Class of 1973 — the first Sewanee graduating class to include women who entered as freshmen — will celebrate its 35th reunion. The University is pleased to invite all alumnae, from all class years, to join us in marking this milestone anniversary with a celebratory breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 25. The breakfast will feature remarks by distinguished alumnae as they reflect on their Sewanee experience, as well as the opportunity to interact with current women faculty, students and administrators. If you’re a female graduate of the University, please join us for this very special occasion.
Ed Nelson, C’52, was recently honored by the government of Japan with the prestigious decoration, the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, in recognition of his contributions to Japanese-U.S. relations in Tennessee.

The Orders of the Rising Sun recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to friendly relations between Japan and other countries. Ed was recognized for his longtime service and dedication as honorary consul-general of Japan in Nashville from 1988 to 2007.

As a successful investment banker and business leader, Ed facilitated business partnerships between American and Japanese companies. He played a key role in bringing Nissan to Tennessee in the late '70s.

Ed has been a board member of the Japan-America Society of Tennessee since 2000 and vice president since 2003. Additionally, he serves as a board member of Vanderbilt University and chairman of its Medical Center Board. He also led efforts to establish the Center for U.S.-Japan Studies and Cooperation at Vanderbilt University.

Howard Baker Jr., who was a student in the Navy V-12 officer training program at Sewanee in the ’40s and who received an honorary doctor of civil law degree from the University in 1990, was also recently honored by Japan. The former U.S. senator from Tennessee and former U.S. ambassador to Japan received one of the country’s highest civilian honors, the Grand Cordon of the Order of Paulownia Flowers.

1956
Prim Wood was the volunteer coordinator with Horses and the Handicapped of South Florida, but he says he got “too old for the job.” Now he is on the riding team, helping to train and keep the horses fit. There are currently 80 students in the program with various physical and mental handicaps, and they range in age from four to 84.

1961
Bob Schneider was awarded the Genesis Award by the Episcopal Network for Science, Technology and Faith for his book, A Catechism of Creation. He currently teaches biblical literature at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

1962
Richard Tillinghast is publishing three books this year: The New Life, a book of poems; Finding Ireland: A Poet’s Explanation of Irish Literature and Culture; and Dirty August, a book of translations from the Turkish poet Edip Cansever. Richard retired from teaching at the University of Michigan several years ago and now lives in rural Ireland. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Sewanee at the 2008 Baccalaureate service, at which he read the first part of his five-part poem Sewanee When We Were Young.

1949
Hugh Saussy has retired after 38 years as a federal employee. He spent six years with the Office of Economic Opportunity and 32 with the U.S. Department of Energy. During that time, he served as director of the Northeast Region Renewable and Conservation Office. He also recently moved from Boston, Mass., to Florida.

1950
William S. Stoney has published Pioneers of Cardiac Surgery in Their Own Words, a book that documents the dramatic transition of cardiac surgery in the modern era with profiles of 39 surgeons who were active between 1940 and 1985. Bill is emeritus professor of cardiac and thoracic surgery at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

1964
Doug Bulcao and his wife, Paula, announce the birth of Gabrielle Gaar Bulcao on Feb. 5, 2008. Prescott N. Dunbar received the Isaac Delgado Award at the New Orleans Museum of Art on April 18, 2008, for outstanding service to the museum as a trustee for over 36 years. Don Griffis was named Civic Leader of the Year by the San Angelo, Texas, Chamber of Commerce on May 13, 2008. His civic activities include participation in the Boy Scouts of America, the YMCA, and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley. Don currently resides in San Angelo, where he is a partner at Jackson Walker, L.L.P. Joe Winkelman is an artist living in England. For information on Joe and his work, visit his new web site, www.winkelman.co.uk.

1967
Connie Armbricht and his wife, Eugenia, live in Mobile, Ala. Connie specializes in environmental and natural resources law at Armbricht Jackson LLP. He is listed among the Best Lawyers in America. Beeler Brush and his wife, Paula, are prospering at Hampden-Sydney College in Hampden-Sydney, Va., where Beeler is vice president for institutional advancement. Beeler hopes to retire before the age of 70 and move back to Sewanee. Lencho Dicus and his wife, Elizabeth, have moved from Townsend, Tenn., to nearby Maryville. Lencho plays golf once a week and serves on the board for the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. Morgan Elland lives in Birmingham, Ala., with his wife, Susan. He recently had dinner with Bill Hay, who lives in Tacoma, Wash. Jim Forbes and his wife, Jane, reside in Franklin, Tenn. Mike Gilchrist is still with NASA in Huntsville, Ala., where he lives with his wife, Shannon. Mike is the lead payload training integrator for international partners, and he works with “space cadets” who are conducting experiment training for astronauts in Europe, Russia, Japan, and Canada. Mike is also working on a training program for the new NASA crew vehicle. Bill Steele lives in Columbus, Ky., where he is president of the Kentucky Tie and Lumber Company. His wife, Sharon, works with him. Bill ran a 10K and a 10-mile race this spring.

1968
Ben Walker recently published his second novel, Winds of the South.
It takes place in Georgia during the 1830s and centers around Zimri Rhodes, a Connecticut Yankee who heads south for adventure and romance. Winds of the South is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

1971
Alexander “Sandy” Johnson is retiring in June after teaching high school math for 31 years. He and his wife, Gloria, are missionary candidates with SAMS (South American Missionary Society), which involves working with the Anglican Church’s two orphanages, K-12 school, seminary, and college-prep academy in Arequipa, Peru.

1973 Reunion Year October 24–26
Randy Bryson and his wife, Judy Cameron Bryson, C’76, have been married for almost 32 years. They have twins — their son is a freshman at the University of North Carolina and their daughter is a freshman at Sewanee. Josiah M. Daniel III was appointed chair of the Visiting Committee of the History Department of the University of Texas at Austin. He currently resides in Dallas, Texas, with his wife, Susan, where he practices law at the offices of Vinson & Elkins.

1974
Mary Eschbach’s book River Road Stories was published by the Florida Historical Society. Bill Folger has been appointed chairman of the Feline Welfare Committee of the American Association of Feline Practitioners. He recently purchased a summer home in the mountains south of Asheville, N.C.

1975
Gary Harris was promoted to the senior rank of professor of theatre by the Board of Trustees of Lyon College in Little Rock, Ark. Gary is in his 11th year as resident designer for the theatre program. His son, Josh Harris, C'07, is a Watson Fellow who is currently playing hockey and extending his knowledge of Slavic languages.

1976
Judy Cameron Bryson has been in drug development for over 20 years and is currently vice president of clinical development, for a small biotech company that was recently acquired by Pfizer. She and Randy, C’73, have been married for almost 32 years. They have twins — their son is a freshman at the University of North Carolina and their daughter is a freshman at Sewanee. Michelle Mauthe Harvey is celebrating the conclusion of her first year in Bentonville, Ark., where she co-leads Environmental Defense Fund’s corporate partnership work with Wal-Mart, supporting the world’s largest retailer in achieving sustainability goals. She, along with her husband and son, recently returned from a European vacation in Paris, where they joined her daughter, who is studying abroad. Rachel Lynch has recently moved back to Sewanee from New York City where she lived for many years. She adopted a girl from China in November 2006; Mary Ming Lynch was born Sept. 8, 2005, on a plateau in southwestern China — the family now resides on a plateau in southeastern Tennessee. Herb Jacobs, aka Tzvi, recently moved with his wife, Esther, and their children to Spring Valley, N.Y. He wrote Truths Revealed, followed by a hardcover edition, retitled From the Heavens to the Heart. Says Herb, “The lead story is about a caving adventure with fellow Sewanee friends and ’76 classmates Mark Feckele and our late friend of blessed memory Blanton Miller.” Herb also works as a medical writer at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. Nancy Jane Lee Jones is living in Atlanta and teaching art. Nancy is the founder and executive director of Blue Heron Nature Preserve, which recently received Park Pride’s Inspiration Award, given to those who show “commitment to the preservation of parks and greenspaces.” Phillip Jones has lived in Little Rock, Ark., for almost three years and is rector of St. Andrew’s Church, the founding church of the Anglican Mission in the

At the running of the Preakness Stakes on May 17, 2008, at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Md., two members of Sewanee’s only undefeated cross-country team had a mini-reunion. Jim Bradner, C’56, and Kent Rea, C’57, and their wives, Jan and Mary, spent the day together and watched Big Brown coast to victory. From left to right: Jim Bradner, Jan Bradner, Mary Rea, and Kent Rea.
Nanette Rudolf, C’77, was recently named director of gift planning at Sewanee, after returning to the University last year as a major gifts officer in the Office of University Relations.

After graduating from Sewanee, Nanette earned a law degree from the University of Miami in Florida in 1982. She practiced law for 10 years before joining Fort Lauderdale’s Holy Cross Hospital as director of planned giving.

Now, she’s back in planned giving, helping alumni and friends of Sewanee establish bequests to the University. “Everyone has differing levels of ability to give back, but everybody can make a bequest to Sewanee in their estate,” Nanette says. “If everybody set up an estate gift for Sewanee, it would make a tremendous difference.”

While Sewanee underwent tremendous change and growth in the 30 years between her graduation and when she returned, Nanette says some things never change. “When I went to the last Cinema Guild movie of the year, I went in the theatre, I looked around and I thought ‘Oh my God, nothing has changed!’ I sat down, and when the film started, it was upside down. Well that’s the way it always was! I couldn’t believe it. That kind of weird stuff happens all the time.”

Tony Atwell, C’82, (right) recently returned from Costa Rica, where he caught two 100-pound tarpon on 25-pound-test line. It took over an hour to fight and catch each fish, and the fish jumped up five feet into the air. Tony currently resides in Santa Fe, N.M., where he owns Santa Fe One Realty.

1981

Thomas S. Edwards Jr. was named president of the Florida Justice Association, a trial lawyers group. The FJA was established to ensure consumer rights in the Florida justice system. Tom is a partner at Peek, Cobb, Edwards, & Ragatz, and lives with his wife, Julie, in Jacksonville, Fla.

Lisa Stolley Hines was ordained to the sacred order of priests at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas. She currently serves as assistant to the rector at St. Thomas.

Melinda Pensinger just opened a coffee shop in Lehigh Acres, Fla., after being a practicing CPA for the past 10 years. Her shop sells fair-trade coffee and tea, plus smoothies, sandwiches, pastries, and other desserts.

1985

Jonathan Woolfson and his wife, Lori, announce the birth of Leah Woolfson. The family is living in Atlanta, Ga., where Jonathan practices ophthalmology, specializing in LASIK surgery.

1986

Darby Ray was recently promoted to full professor at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., where she is a member of the religious studies department. Her third book, *Incarnation and Imagination: A Christian Ethic of Ingenuity*, was published this summer by Augsburg Fortress.

1978

Reunion Year
October 24–26

Ed Colhoun lives in Winston-Salem, N.C., with his wife, Bonnie, and three children. He enjoys fishing and hunting whenever possible.

1979

Walter Givhan was promoted to brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force in a ceremony at the Pentagon on Jan. 2, 2008. He and his wife, Francis Beeland Givhan, live in Alexandria, Va.

Michele Davenport Salchow (above) and her husband, Greg, announce the birth of their son, Owen Wright Salchow on Dec. 18, 2007. In March, Greg adopted Owen’s older siblings, Marshall and Haddie. The family currently resides in Troy, Mich.,...
but Michele reports that they hope to return to the South soon. Chris Sturgeon married Julie Nguyen on Sept. 22, 2007, at their home in Valley Village, Calif. Chris is the vice president of digital strategy for BIG Interactive in Los Angeles, Calif.

1987
Howie Acuff continues to practice law as a member of Acuff & Acuff, P.C., in Cookeville, Tenn. In addition to keeping up with his children’s soccer schedules, he is now a self-proclaimed roadie for his wife, Delnora, and her band, Blue Eyed Grass. Steve Shankle and his wife, Mary Jo Livengood Shankle, C’89, are approaching their 19th wedding anniversary.

1988 Reunion Year October 24-26
Bryan Murphy and Julie King Murphy, C’88, have recently moved back to middle Tennessee. They now live in Winchester, and Bryan has an obstetrics and gynecology medical practice in Tullahoma. They announce the birth of Elise Murphy on Nov. 11, 2007.

1989
Lisa D’Ambrosia reports that she is still happily married to Greg Glover, C’90. The couple have three daughters and live in Denver, Colo. Lisa is a director at Minor & Brown and Greg is a medical sales representative. Elizabeth Mebus Greenwood, Kim Hatfield Heizenrater, Katie Curran Pearson, and Lynn Adams Wilkins recently held a reunion on the Mountain to celebrate turning 40. Many past and present Sewanee friends celebrated by dancing the night away, and all were happy to see the old Phi house with clean bathrooms. Jennifer Davis Michael and James Christopher Pappas III, T’05, were married on May 25, 2008, at All Saints’ Chapel in Sewanee. Jennifer is a professor of English at Sewanee. They are spending the summer in Oxford, where Jennifer is teaching in the British Studies Program. Julie King Murphy and Bryan Murphy, C’88, have recently moved back to middle Tennessee. They live in Winchester, and Bryan has an obstetrics and gynecology medical practice in Tullahoma. They announce the birth of Elise Murphy on Nov. 11, 2007. Amy Holleman Schiek left the corporate world to pursue a career she really enjoys. In June 2008, she launched Lucky Dogs Canine Services, offering dog walking, sitting, transportation, and massage. Mary Jo Livengood Shankle reports that she and her husband Steve Shankle, C’87, are approaching their 19th wedding anniversary. Her next big project is co-chairing the Antiques and Garden Show in Nashville, Tenn. The event is scheduled for Feb. 5-9, 2009. John Swallow chaired Davidson College’s Curriculum Study Group, bringing together 22 faculty members to create a set of scenarios for Davidson’s 2015 academic program. He has been a mathematics professor at Davidson for 14 years. He was also recently elected to Sewanee’s Board of Regents. John, his wife Cameron Wallace Swallow, C’90, and their two daughters live in Davidson, N.C., where Cameron teaches seventh-grade mathematics. Laura McColley van Assendelft and her husband, Dirk, celebrated their 40th birthdays and their 15th wedding anniversary. Laura was promoted to full professor at Mary Baldwin College, where she serves as chair of the department of political science and division coordinator for the social sciences. John Varden and his wife, Nancy, report that they are currently serving Snow Camp, N.C., as Methodist ministers. In their spare time, they raise chickens and keep a

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Ashly Smith Maag and Laura Millard Ladd, both C’89, ran together in the Country Music Marathon in Nashville, Tenn., two of 30,000 participants in the half marathon. Ashly has one son and is the director of the annual fund for the Carolina Day School in Asheville, N.C. Laura has two sons and works in the communications department of Community Health Systems, a hospital management company in Nashville.

In April 2008, a team of Sewanee alumni participated in The Relay as members of a 12-man team. The Relay runs from Calistoga, Calif. to Santa Cruz, Calif. Their team completed the 200-mile run in 27 hours and 7 minutes. From left to right: Andy Hatcher, C’96; Reggie Ramsey, C’98; Willis Cantey, C’95; David Waddell, C’95; and Scott Nystrom, C’96.

Alexander Wesley Caramico is the son of Courtenay Budd Caramico, C’90, and her husband. Elka Olsen Carroll, C’90 and Jon Carroll, C’93, announce the birth of Rowan Baker Carroll on April 4, 2008.

Ann and Helen Davis, daughters of Susie Davis, C’94, and her husband James, enjoy some new Sewanee T-shirts.

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Lauren Mcdonald was ordained a transitional deacon in the Episcopal Church on Feb. 1, 2008, at Bruton Parish in Williamsburg, Va.

1990

Courtenay Budd Caramico and her husband announce the birth of Alexander Wesly Caramico on Feb. 15, 2008. The family resides in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Elka Olsen Carroll and Jon Carroll, C’93, announce the birth of Rowan Baker Carroll on April 4, 2008. The family resides in Dallas, Texas. Cameron Wallace Swallow and John Swallow, C’89, live in Davidson, N.C., with their two daughters. Cameron teaches seventh-grade mathematics.

1991

Lynda Hodgson married Shaun Redman on Dec. 31, 2007. They live in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Lauren McDonald was ordained a transitional deacon in the Episcopal Church on

1992

Brannon Denning, associate professor at Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, recently received the Harvey S. Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award for upper-division classes. Holli Oakley, C’92, married Stephen Mast on April 26, 2008. Sewanee friend Susan Mueller Mew, C’93, attended the ceremony. The new couple live in Panama City Beach, Fla.

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Kimberly Cook and her husband, Damian, announce the birth of their daughter Virginia Grace on March 23, 2008. Susie Davis is in her 10th year of teaching French at the Lovett School. Susie and her husband, James, live in Atlanta, Ga. James M. Dixon has been named the executive vice president of Arlington Properties, a real estate firm based in Birmingham, Ala. He is currently developing projects in Jacksonville, Fla., worth up to $70 million. He resides in Birmingham with his wife, Marilyn Hulsey Dixon. Debby McCaughan Fields lives in Seattle, Wash., with her husband, Mike, and their daughters Sarah and Caroline. Debby works part-time helping families through the adoption process. Jeri Lee Gardner runs her own vet clinic outside of Denver, Colo., and she has a home in Evergreen. Jeri married her high school sweetheart, Jim, and they have two daughters. Buffy Gilman Mackenzie recently underwent back surgery and reports that she is recovering well. She lives in Jacksonville, Fla., with her husband Ross, who serves in the Navy, and their two sons, Stuart and Cameron. Travis McDonough is the chair-elect of the Tennessee Bar Association Litigation Section. It is the Tennessee Bar’s largest section, composed of more than 800 members. Travis is also a member of Miller & Martin PLLC and the vice chairman of the firm’s litigation department. He and his wife, Teresa, live in Chattanooga, Tenn. Paul Douglas Morrow and her husband, Greg, live in Seattle, Wash., and have a one-year-old son. They will soon be relocating to Bend, Ore., for the summer with another subsequent move to Colorado in the fall. Johannah Rogers Phelan and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of Elizabeth Caroline Phelan on Oct. 10, 2007. Elizabeth Edmunds Smith reports that she will be hosting a group of Sewanee alumni for her annual Women Only, No Kids weekend. She and her husband, Childs Smith, live in Charleston, S.C., with their daughter. Childs teaches English at Porter-Gaud, and Elizabeth is a stay-at-home mom. Leslie Sisco-Wise reports that she is in her orthopedic residency preparing to embark on a year-long fellowship. She lives in New Orleans, La., with her husband, Whit, a plastic surgeon. They have two sons. Mary James Stevenson and her husband, Mike,

1995
Keith Coates and his wife, Stacy, announce the birth of Katherine Michelle Coates on Oct. 30, 2007. The family lives in Jefferson City, Tenn. In July 2007, Susie Anderson Eaton moved from Jackson, Miss., to Nashville, Tenn., with her husband, David. He is an attorney with Wilkins, Stephens & Tipton. Susie does some contract work for Counsel on Call, but spends most of her time at home with Mark, her 20-month-old son. Charles Israel recently made tenure at Auburn University, where he is an associate professor of history. Hillary Covington Szalay and her husband, John, announce the birth of Adelaide Margaret Szalay on Aug. 7, 2007.

1996
Cara Freeman Bowyer and her husband, Jason Bowyer, C’97, announce the birth of their son, Wright Bowyer, on Oct. 26, 2007. Cara is the assistant executive director of Arc Jacksonville, a non-profit organization designed to improve the quality of life for people with developmental handicaps, and Jason is an attorney with Joseph & Marees, PA. The Bowyers live in Jacksonville, Fla. Ashley Brown Callahan and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of Copper James Callahan on Feb. 17, 2008. The family lives in Athens, Ga. Katherine Shuman Chapman, C’96, and her husband, James, announce the birth of Martha Mundy Chapman on April 22, 2007. The family lives in Dublin, Ga. where Katherine owns Rubyroo’s Catering.

Leigh Ann Cox Longwitz and her husband, Will, announce the birth of Sophie Rose Longwitz on Dec. 4, 2007. The family resides in Madison, Miss., where Leigh Ann is the vice president of a development company. Lindsey Delaplaine McCoy and Matthew McCoy, C’00, announce the birth of their son, Griffin Frye McCoy. They live in Hope Town, Abaco, in the Bahamas, where Lindsey and Matthew own a production company, Loggerhead Productions. Linda Latchford Nelson and her husband, Ben Nelson, T’02, announce the birth of Cooper Camille Nelson on Oct. 8, 2007. The Nelsons report that they have moved to the island of Kauai, Hawaii, where Ben is the rector of All Saints’ Episcopal Church in Kapaa, Hawaii.

Paul Randall and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of Luke Nicholls Randall.

Caroline Christy, C’96, married David Kearney on March 14, 2008, in New Orleans, La. Sewanee alumni present at the ceremony include, from left to right: Katherine Shuman Chapman, C’96; Anne Osborne Tibbals, C’96; Hayden Ward Kelly, C’96; Rebecca Parke Weil; Lauren Shannon Lindsay, C’96; William Patrick Lindsay, C’96; David Wilkins Kearney; Brooke Westfall Miller, C’97; Andrew Charles Perkins, C’97; Ruth Catherine Neal Perkins, C’96; Marion Renneker Fennell, C’96; Scott Durham Ellis, C’95; Holley Montiel Ellis, C’96; Stacy Henerson Mellon, C’97; Mary Marshall Smythe, C’95; and Alyson Hargrove Davis, C’97.

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1998

Sam Backfield married Katlin McKelvie on Jan. 19, 2008, at St. John’s Church in Washington, D.C. The Rev. Luis Leon, C’71, H’99, officiated at the ceremony. The family resides in Washington, D.C., where Sam is an associate at Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP. Whit Davis and Claire Lambert Davis announce the birth of Wills Whitworth Davis on April 9, 2008. The family lives in Atlanta, where Whit is vice president at EdgeCapital Partners, LLC. Collin Husbands and Catharine Jackson Husbands, C’01, announce the birth of their son, Jackson Pearce Husbands, on April 26, 2008. They currently reside in Nashville, Tenn. Collin is the donations director of LeBoeuf LLP. Whit DAVIS and Claire Lambert Davis announce the birth of Wills Whitworth Davis on April 9, 2008. The family lives in Atlanta, where Whit is vice president at EdgeCapital Partners, LLC.

Joe Underwood, C’96, and Mary Spotswood Box C’02, were married on April 26, 2008, in Winston-Salem, N.C. Sewanee friends and alumni in attendance included: (front row) Rachel Eason, C’03; Katie Long Stevenson, C’03; Sangeeta Patel Hardy, C’02; Elizabeth Barnett, C’02; Meggie Tujague Lucas, C’02; Carrie Cutchins Boyd, C’02; Lindsay Jesse, C’02; Cathy Schmidt, C’02; Kav Millward, C’02; Brent Miller, C’96; Maryetta Anschultz, C’95; Anne Budros Fletcher, C’96; Joe Thoni, C’79; Pete Dillon, C’96; and Julian Bibb, C’95; (back row) John Wallace, C’96; Andrew Fletcher, C’95; Hunter Connelly, C’96; and Lyle Tenpenny, C’96. Mary and Joe are living in Nashville, Tenn.

Kimberly Harvin Bryant, C’97, and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of Carter Beck Bryant on Sept. 25, 2007.

Madeleine Grace Seal is the daughter of Paula Sereebutra Seal, C’97, and Britt Seal.
non-denominational Christian charity called The Belize Project. While she’s there, she will be tutoring children, helping teachers, doing research, and whatever is needed. She has set up a blog to document her experience: http://preshkillebrewbelize.blogspot.com.

Alex MacKinnay Locklear and her husband, Randy, announce the birth of Susanna Lee Locklear on Feb. 14, 2008.

Michael Waller and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of Marian Katherine Ard Waller on June 29, 2007, in Washington, D.C. Michael is currently a staff attorney with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, an organization that provides free civil legal services to Atlanta’s poor.

April Varn Welch resides in Clinton, Tenn., with her husband. She works as an interpreter for the Division of Tennessee State Parks East Region, and she oversees the natural, cultural, resource management, environmental education, and special event programming of 16 state parks. April was recently awarded the 2007 Ranger of the Year award for outstanding services and excellence.

1999

Forrest Jessee is currently working for C-lab, the Columbia Laboratory for Architectural Broadcasting, which is an experimental research unit devoted to the development of new communication forms in architecture. He is attending Columbia University. Joe Mobley and Janie Mebane Mobley announce the birth of Louisa McCrady Mobley on Nov. 2, 2007. Arpie Parker Starke, C’99, and her husband, Keen, announce the birth of Mary McKeen Starke on Feb. 11, 2008.

2000

Quinn Welch McFall and her husband announce the birth of Katherine Quinn McFall on Sept. 24, 2007. The family resides in Raleigh, N.C. Matthew Myers and his wife, Edgeley, announce the birth of Anna Burns Wiley Myers on May 14, 2007.

2001

Catharine Jackson Husbands and Collin Husbands, C’98, announce the birth of their son, Jackson Pearce Husbands, on April 28, 2008. They currently reside in Nashville, Tenn. Collin is the donations director for l’Été du Vin. Matt Lozier and his wife, Amy Martin Lozier, announce the birth of their son, Oliver Martin Lozier, on May 20, 2008. The family resides in Fort Thomas, Ky. Matt is an account manager with Parker Marketing Research and Amy is a copywriter at CoActive Marketing. Claire Tempelin Makins and her husband, Daniel, announce the birth of Cal Campbell Makins on May 1, 2008. The family lives in San Angelo, Texas, where
she is a teacher. **Benjamin Whitman** "Whit" Mayo is still working with Stephens, Inc., but has relocated from Little Rock, Ark., to Nashville, Tenn. **Stephen Still** married Katie Lee on Sept. 9, 2007, in Fairhope, Ala.

### 2002

**Rob Hazlehurst** and his wife, Amanda, announce the birth of Virginia Addison Hazlehurst on May 4, 2006, and the birth of Virginia Addison Hazlehurst on Nov. 29, 2007. **Jennifer Helms** ran the Virginia Beach Shamrock Marathon on March 16, 2008, and she finished 39th in the Eastern Kentucky University triathlon on April 10. She is currently studying geology at EKU. **Mandy Waters McCaulley** and **Esauc McCaulley** announce the birth of their son, Luke Isaiah McCaulley, on March 7, 2008. **Matthew McCoy** and **Lindsey Delaplaine McCoy**, C'06, announce the birth of their son, Griffin Frye McCoy. They live in Hope Town, Abaco, in the Bahamas, where Matthew and Lindsey own a production company, Loggerhead Productions. **John Kavanaugh Milward** and Catherine Anne Schmidt were married on May 24, 2008, in All Saints' Chapel in Sewanee. The couple live in Lexington, Ky., where Kav is an account manager at Powell-Walton-Milward and Cathy is the president and owner of Photo Therapy, a publishing and printing company. **Noah Murphy** married Lauren Anne O’Ferrall on Sept. 2, 2006, in Peachtree City, Ga. The wedding was followed by a two-week Mediterranean honeymoon cruise. Noah is self-employed as a commercial real estate broker, and has been running car washes and self-storage facilities since April 2007. **Owen Reed** recently moved from Gatlinburg, Tenn., where he worked for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, to Asheville, N.C. He now works for the U.S. Forest Service at the Bent Creek Experimental Forest.

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**Eliza Lewis Colson** and Christopher Caruso, C’04, were married on May 31, 2008, in All Saints’ Chapel in Sewanee. Chris is a statistical analyst at a bank, and Eliza is a traffic manager. They live in Atlanta, Ga. **Sue Ellen Guettler** and **Graves Fromang** announce the birth of Addison Harriett Fromang on Dec. 15, 2007. **Sarah Raines O’Rear** reports that she and her husband Brandon moved from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Lexington, Ky., where she has started working for The Nature Conservancy as protection coordinator. **Alston Stuart Reeves** married James N. Williamson at St. Helena’s Episcopal Church in Beaufort, S.C. on April 28, 2007. **Elizabeth Weinman** reports that she has moved to northwest Arkansas to

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**Katherine Quinn McFall** is the daughter of **Quinn Welch McFall**, C'00, and her husband. **Virginia Addison Hazlehurst** (left) and Meredith Anne Hazlehurst are the daughters of **Rob Hazlehurst**, C’02, and his wife, Amanda. **Addison Harriett Fromang** is the daughter of **Sue Ellen Guettler** and **Graves Fromang**, both C’03. **Anna Burns Wiley Myers** is the daughter of **Matthew Myers**, C’00, and his wife, Edgeley.
**Judson Williford**, **Rhett Holland**, and **Michael Brown**, C’04, took part in the ING Georgia Half Marathon in Atlanta, Ga. Judson traveled from Memphis, Tenn., where he is a sales representative for Capital Financial Group, LLC. Rhett made the trip from Savannah, Ga., where he works for Bank of America. Michael (pictured with his brother, Anthony) is the director of sales for Suwanee Sports Academy and lives in North Metro Atlanta with his wife, Becca.

**Lydia Brooke Gibson**, C’03, married Taylor Carr Jr. on Sept. 9, 2007, at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in Claremont, N.H., Sewanee alumni in attendance included **May Leinhart**, C’03, and **Barbara Hungerford**, C’04.

**Shawn Means**, C’06, **Rachel Robinson**, C’98, and **Nora Shepherd**, C’01 (from left to right) graduated from the University of Virginia School of Architecture on May 18, 2008, with master of urban and environmental planning degrees. They wore their Sewanee gowns during the diploma ceremony.

**Kathryn Williams** is a freelance writer living in Nashville, Tenn. Her first book, *The Debutante*, was published in May by Hyperion Books for Children. It’s a young adult novel for ages 12 and up. Kathryn has written other junior novels for Disney Press under the pen name Lucy Ruggles, such as *Camp Rock* and *Roomies: Sharing Your Home with Friends, Strangers, and Total Freaks*.

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**2004**

**Christopher David Caruso** and **Eliza Lewis Colson**, C’03, were married on May 31, 2008, in All Saints’ Chapel in Sewanee. Chris is a statistical analyst at a bank, and Eliza is a traffic manager. They live in Atlanta, Ga. **Stevie Smoot** announces the birth of Evelyn Simone Smoot on April 25, 2007.

**2006**

**Kilby Allen** will start an MFA program at Brooklyn College this fall. **Caroline Osborne Crosby** has finished his first year of graduate school at the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, in Birmingham, Ala. **Ariel Givens** has been the director of youth ministries at Second Presbyterian of Nashville and has been taking classes at Vanderbilt Divinity School. This fall, she’ll go to India to volunteer in education. **Mikala Glanton** is a program coordinator for Clayton County Parks & Recreation and is living south of Atlanta, Ga. As part of Sewanee’s dual degree program, **Melissa Glaser** graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., on May 16, 2008, with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. She has

**Kimberly Brooke Bennet**, C’05, married Adam Casey on May 20, 2005. Kim is a second grade teacher at Sewanee Elementary School and lives in Cowan, Tenn.

accepted a job at Environmental Resources Management in Houston, Texas. For two years, Nigel Green has worked for John Falconetti, C'89, and Bob Morales, C'87, at The Drummond Press in Jacksonville, Fla. Alex Hancock worked as an assistant high school English teacher in Douai, France, for the 2007-2008 school year. She will be moving to Paris to work in the thoroughbred horse racing industry. Bert Harris has been in Ecuador working for the Jocotoco Foundation studying endangered birds. He reports that in July he will start his Ph.D. project on the effects on birds of climate change and habitat loss at the University of Adelaide, Australia. Sallie Hart is working for a financial nonprofit as the Home Protection Pilot Program coordinator and assisting North Carolina homeowners who have lost their jobs for economic reasons. Grace Kennedy begins her Ph.D. program this fall at the University of Santa Barbara after completing her master's degree at the University of Picardy in Amiens, France. Amy Metzger completed her first year of medical school at Washington University in St. Louis. She will do research this summer in Berlin, Germany, at the Charité Institute for the History of Medicine. Having graduated from Emory University with a master's of public health, Lindsey Miller lives in Washington, D.C., and is a health policy intern for Sen. Charles Grassley's health staff on the Finance Committee. Jeff Patenaude lives in Tallahassee, Fla., where he has completed his second year of law school at Florida State University. Drew Phillips works with Sewanee alumni Garen Eadie, C'04; Will Arnold, C'02; Justin Galloway, C'07; Meghan Galloway, C'04; and Charlotte Ward, C'01, at Currey Ingram Academy, in Brentwood, Tenn. Drew teaches language arts in the middle school division. He and Will co-taught an elective course entitled, “American Folk: Homemade Music.” Drew is also embarking on a tour of the Southeastern United States with Alex Murray and their band, The Here We Go, Boys. Eva Rocke is working for the Feather River Land Trust and Quincy Natural Foods while skiing and backpacking in the Sierra Nevada. Lauren Jay Russell married Adam Russell on Dec. 29, 2007. The couple resides in San Angelo, Texas. Maggie Vogel has been working as a Duke research assistant in neurobiology and developmental cognitive neuroscience. She says she'll travel across the United States and to Western Africa this summer. Maggie begins her Ph.D. program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the fall.

2007

Grant Doyle Benere and Celina Jane Cavett were married on June 6, 2008, at All Saints’ Chapel in Sewanee. Grant is an account executive at Cotton States Insurance and Celina teaches Spanish at Franklin County High School. They currently reside in Estill Springs, Tenn. Josh Harris is a Watson Fellow who is currently playing hockey and continuing his knowledge of Slavic languages.

J.J. Johnson, C'05, and Sarah Beer, C'06, were married on Sept. 8, 2008, at Sewanee. Alumni in attendance included: Will Copeland, C'04; Sarah Shipp Copeland, C'04; Wynter Jones, C'04; Kate Reed, C'08; Melissa Manwaring, C'03; Ashley Conklin, C'07; Kyle McKinnon, C'03; Jason Jones, C'05; Anna Weitnauer, C'07; Kilby Allen, C'06; Mariah Hiller, C'06; Catherine Maddox; Lori Beth Johnson, C'03; Mary Bullard, C'05; Ellen Murphy, C'05; Tanner Horton-Jones, C'07; Kate Neal Harrison, C'05; Pete Harrison, C'04; Tyler Echols, C'06; Wilson Finch, C'07; Hub Weller, C'06; Ian Bratton, C'02; Mary Katherine Karlson, C'06; Andrew Hawkins, C'08; Melissa Glaser, C'06; John Hammond, C'06; Amanda Robinson Cramer, C'06; John Miller, C'06; Philip Cramer, C'04; Andrew Melo, C'07; Micah Hargrove, C'03; Travis Johnson, C'04; Laruen Ainsworth, C'08; Derrick Rogers, C'08; Emily Estes Rogers, C'07; Sara Miller, C'05; Cassie Gaul, C'07; Christy Johnson, C'07; Katie Bellis C'06; Betsy Snowden, C'05; Emily Eastridge, C'09; Elizabeth Wise Duncan, C'05; Molly Dyson, C'04; Lydia Mott, C'06; Tim Ochsenschlager, C'08; Jonathan Duncan, C'05; Cynthia Grey, C'04; and Leah Breitenstine, C'06.

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Lawrence Fricks Stewart, C’43, of Winchester, Tenn., died on March 20, 2008. After graduating from Sewanee Military Academy, Stewart attended the University of the South until 1942, when he entered military service. He served as a lieutenant in the 1st Calvary Division, 124th Regiment, in the China Burma India Theater. After recovering from minor injuries, he returned to active duty as a captain and ran a demarcation camp in Minchow, China. After his discharge, he graduated from Vanderbilt Law School in 1949. He began his law career in Nashville, but quickly returned to Winchester, where he practiced until 1966. He was appointed to the position of chancellor for the 12th Chancery Division for the State of Tennessee by Gov. Frank Clement and served in that capacity until 1989. After retiring, he remained active among local organizations and regularly taught Sunday School at the First United Methodist Church in Winchester, of which he was a lifelong member. He is survived by three sons, including Jeffrey F. Stewart, C’72, and John Mark Stewart, C’81, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Burwell Connor Harrison, C’49, of Lanark Village, Fla., died on April 15, 2008. A lifelong native of the Tallahassee, Fla., area, Harrison joined the U.S. Navy after graduating from high school, eventually becoming a naval aviator. After serving in World War II, he attended Sewanee, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and a forestry major. He became the senior vice president at Lewis State Bank and was the head of the computer and data processing center, pioneering statewide efforts in electronic funds transfer and clearinghouse automation. Harrison was also a member of Rotary International and an Eagle Scout. He was a charter member of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Tallahassee and an active layman at the Church of the Ascension in Carrabelle, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Betty, six children, 16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Myles L. Vollmer, C’49, of Nashville, Tenn., died on March 28, 2008. While on campus, Vollmer studied English and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II and was a member of the American Water Works Association. He was also a member of Church of the Advent. He is survived by his wife, Joan, two sons, a daughter, and four granddaughters.

Michael Van Hook McGee, C’50, of Pole, Alaska, died on April 6, 2008. Originally from Arkansas, McGee attended universities in Memphis and Colorado Springs before transferring to Sewanee as a junior, where he graduated opitme merens. On campus, he was a political science major and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He continued his education at Southern Law University, graduating in 1957, and joined the Air Force soon after. He worked as an appraiser and real estate agent before being stationed in Germany and Thailand during the Vietnam War. He was then transferred to the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon. After retiring as a major in 1979, McGee attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks and received a master’s degree in writing. As a freelance writer, he was published in many periodicals and wrote a successful play. He served as the president of the Fairbanks Arts Association and was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. Living in Alaska provided him ample opportunity to participate in his favorite outdoor activities, particularly camping and fishing. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and their two daughters.

Frank E. McMurry, C’50, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., died on Feb. 23, 2008. On campus, McMurry was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. He retired from Shrine Motor Corp. and St. Thomas Hospital. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of North Boulevard Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Anne, a granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

George W. Dexheimer, C’52, of Columbia, Mo., died on May 2, 2008. He spent the majority of his career as a realtor in the Columbia area, serving as president of the Columbia Board of Realtors and a member of the National Association of Realtors and the Missouri Association of Realtors. He was also a dedicated member of the American Cancer Society. While at Sewanee, Dexheimer was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and he later became a trustee of the University. He was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church, where he was a vestryman and youth group sponsor. He is survived by his wife, Ann, two sons, and five grandchildren.

John Radney Foster, C’52, of San Antonio, Texas., died on May 9, 2008. After graduating from Sewanee with a degree in history, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, Foster attended the University of Texas School of Law, graduating in 1955. After serving in the Army, both actively and in the Reserves, he entered private practice with Lowery, Foster, and Hodge. Foster led a successful and acclaimed law career, ultimately winning the Judge Sam Williamson Award for services rendered to state and local bar associations. He served as City and State Attorney and was a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar. He was also the president of the Val Verde County and Border District Bar Associations, and sat on the board of the State Bar of Texas. Foster was a board member of theDel Rio National Bank and a trustee of the University.
of the South. He attended St. James Episcopal Church, where he was a vestryman, lay reader, senior warden, trustee, and member of the choir. He was also a distinguished Rotarian. His hobbies included golf and tennis. He is survived by his wife, Bette, four children, including Radney Foster, C’81, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Donald S. Clicquennoi, C’53, of Vancouver, Wash., died on March 26, 2008. After graduating from Sewanee with an economics degree, Clicquennoi served in the Navy from 1956 until 1959. He worked for 39 years as a sales representative for Belden Wire & Cable. His hobbies included golf, woodworking, antiques, and traveling, and he was an avid supporter of the Oregon Ducks. He is survived by his wife, Isabella, two daughters, and two sons.

Jack W. Hatfield, C’53, of Jackson- ville, Fla., died on Jan. 15, 2008. A member of Kappa Alpha Order, Hatfield continued his education after graduating from Sewanee, receiving a graduate degree at Louisiana State University. After serving in the Air Force, he worked as an officer with Independent Life Insurance and later as an officer at Barnett Bank. His pastimes included world travel, and he was a communiquant of St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral in Jacksonville. He is survived by his wife, Isabella, two daughters, and two sons.

William F. Low, C’53, of Voorhees, N.J., died on Feb. 11, 2008. After graduating from Sewanee with a degree in political science, Low spent most of his career in banking. Dedicated to physical fitness, Low regularly completed 50-mile bicycle rides. His friends say that his commitment to church and community was inspiring to everyone around him. He is survived by his son, Stewart A. W. Low, C’83.

Benham Jones Sims Jr., C’53, of Louisville, Ky., died on Jan. 3, 2008. While at Sewanee, Sims was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and majored in philosophy. Most of his career was spent in the telecommunications field. He served as the Kentucky Director of Communications from 1974 to 1987. He was the former president of the National Association of State Telecommunications Directors and the director of the G.E. Answer Center. He also served on the Davies Chapter of the Council of Mental Retardation and was an active member of Springdale Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, Marti, and their five children.

Glenn E. Schafer, C’54, of Louis- ville, Ky., died on April 30, 2008. At Sewanee, Schafer studied mathematics and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. After graduation, he worked for General Electric before co-founding Rapidata, a company that specializes in direct debit payments. He was also the founder, former CEO, and former president of Aries Software Corporation. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and three sons.

Charles Edwin Holmes, C’58, of Greenwood, Miss., died on July 24, 2007. Holmes attended the Sewanee Military Academy before attending the University of the South, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epilson fraternity. In 1961, he joined the Air National Guard, but never saw combat. He was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and won several medals of civic service. He held numerous leadership positions in the National Order of the Elks, including grand exalted ruler of North Mississippi. His work in the cotton industry led him to Allenberg Cotton Co., allowing him to work in Colombia and Mexico. He later worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and became the owner and manager of Holmes Florist, a

Charles O’Connor Baird Jr.

Charles O’Connor Baird Jr., of Sewanee, Tenn., died on April 3, 2008. Baird served as a professor of forestry, chairman of the department, the university forester, and as dean of men during his tenure. Generous in spirit, thorough and meticulous in his teaching and field research, and abiding in his commitment to his family and to the Sewanee community, Baird exemplified the University ideals of scholarship and service throughout his long and distinguished career as a member of the forestry faculty and as an administrator.

“He brought a strong interdisciplinary approach to his work, and really was the architect of the Natural Resources major,” said Bran Potter, who was hired as a member of the faculty by Dr. Baird in the early 1980s. “Where forestry once was a pre-professional course of study, his work in incorporating forestry, geology, political science and economics made the program fit more closely in the liberal arts curriculum.”

Baird earned his B.S. in engineering at the University of Tennessee, completed his master’s degree in forestry at Yale and received his doctor of forestry degree at Duke University following distinguished service in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during World War II. He was the recipient of the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal with bronze battle star, the Philippine liberation ribbon with bronze star and the World War II victory medal. While at Sewanee, he chaired the University’s first comprehensive land use study in 1979 and played a leadership role in the development of the lakes system on the Domain as well as the spray irrigation system.

“He had a wonderful ability to see the Domain in its whole — to understand the economic benefits as well as the delicate natural balance that exists here,” said Potter. “He was a forerunner of the modern forester who really is an ecologist.”

Baird is survived by his wife, Joan Fitzwater Baird; a son; two daughters, Libby Thoni, C’82, and Julia DeNegre, C’77, and eight grandchildren.
Eric H. Ellis

Eric H. Ellis, of Sewanee, died on July 12, 2008. Ellis moved to Sewanee in 1964 when he joined the physics department. He served as the chair of the department and was one of the design planners of the original Woods Laboratory. Ellis was an enthusiastic professor who created strong bonds with his students, often keeping in touch with them well after graduation. His 1993 heart transplant was performed by a former student.

Born in Mannheim, Germany, Ellis and his family escaped World War II to Syracuse, N.Y., where he received his B.S., master’s, and doctorate degrees in physics. He directed the National Science Foundation’s summer institute during the 1970s and served in leadership roles for several academic and scientific honor societies, such as Sigma Xi and Sigma Pi Sigma. His theoretical research centered around the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle and formulaic equations.

In 1969, Ellis helped found the Cumberland Mountain Learning Disability Center, which was later integrated into the Franklin County School District’s special education curriculum.

He was a longtime member of B’nai Zion in Chattanooga, Tenn., and a founding member of Temple Beth El in Tullahoma, Tenn. He was also a member of Lions Club, EQB, and the Tennessee Academy of Science. He is survived by two sons, two daughters, and five grandchildren.

James Howard Gungoll, C’59, of Enid, Okla., died on Jan. 16, 2008. At Sewanee, Gungoll was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and a history major. He continued his education after leaving the Mountain. He graduated from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific with a bachelor of divinity degree and received his law degree from the University of Oklahoma. Until the time of his death, he was a managing partner of Henry Gungoll Associates, LLC, an oil and natural gas company. He filled several civic roles, serving as a state legislator and highway commissioner. He was also a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He served on the boards of St. Mary’s Hospital and the First National Bank of Enid and was the president of the Great Salt Plains Boy Scout Council for two years. Gungoll was also a member of Gideons International and Enid Mennonite Brethren Church. He is survived by his wife, Linda, two sons, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

James Clark Wood Jr., C’61, of Washington, D.C., died on May 6, 2008. After leaving the Mountain, Wood received undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Arkansas. He worked as a lawyer and public servant in Washington until his death. He is survived by his wife, Janet, a daughter, and a son.

Robert H. Cass, C’65, of Virginia Beach, Va., died on April 19, 2008. An English major and member of Kappa Alpha Order, Cass continued his education at the University of Connecticut, where he earned his master’s degree. He was a Navy veteran, having served in Vietnam. He was also a professor at Virginia Wesleyan College. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, and two sons.

Andrew Harrison Auld, C’69, of Indian Rocks Beach, Fla., died on March 27, 2008. After graduating from Sewanee, Auld earned his master’s degree in marine biology from the University of West Florida. Auld worked as an environmental and natural resources consultant for L-3 Communications until the time of his death.

Thomas C. Tierney, C’62, of Anchorage, Alaska, died on Jan. 16, 2008. At Sewanee, Tierney was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and a founding member of The Tranquilizers, a singing group. After graduating with a degree in English, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy on the USS Philip and spent two tours of duty in Southeast Asia. Tierney moved to Alaska in 1971 and accepted a position with the National Bank of Alaska, eventually becoming the senior vice president of personnel and marketing. In 1980, he became the senior vice president at KIMO Channel 13 and spent most of the rest of his career in media, owning several radio stations throughout Alaska. He also served as the director of employee relations for the city of Anchorage and held positions on local- and state-level boards of commerce. Tierney spent his free time volunteering for several organizations, including United Way, Anchorage Hockey Association, Alaska Zoo, and Rotary. An outdoorsman, Tierney enjoyed woodworking, scuba diving and sailing. He is survived by three children and four grandchildren.
W. Kirk Snouffer, C’70, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died on March 25, 2008. Snouffer, a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, graduated with a law degree from the University of Texas as a member of the Order of the Coif after graduating magna cum laude from Sewanee with a degree in political science. In 1975, he started private practice at Chambless, Bahner, & Stophel, specializing in estate planning, real estate, and corporate taxation, also serving as the firm’s managing partner. His professional activities included membership in the American, Tennessee, and Chattanooga Bar Associations, the Chattanooga Estate Planning Council, and the National Association of Bond Lawyers. He was also active in United Way, the East Tennessee Legal Aid Society, and the alumni associations of both the University of Texas and Sewanee. He had a deep love for traveling, baseball, and animals. He is survived by his wife, Marian.

W. Thomas Suttle, C’71, of Washington, D.C., died on April 26, 2008. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, Suttle graduated cum laude with a political science degree. He served as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1971 to 1973. In 1975, he received a master’s degree in international studies from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University in Washington. He was a member of the Washington-based Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers USA, a trade union, and served as its managing director. Suttle was also a member of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. He is survived by his lifelong companion, John Moshier.

Marion Fisher Trost, C’73, of Newark, N. J., died on Dec. 26, 2007. Trost excelled academically at Sewanee, graduating Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude with degrees in mathematics and biology. She continued her education at the University of Tennessee Space Institute, earning a master’s degree in applied mathematics. Trost worked as a software development specialist and a marketing solutions analyst in the pharmaceutical industry during a long and illustrious career. She was a driving force in the creation of the first Physician Connect products, which allow doctors to access patients’ information quickly and easily. She was also an active conservationist and a proponent of human and animal rights. She is survived by her husband, Ronald.

FRIENDS

George Palmer Garrett Jr., H’95, of Charlottesville, Va., died on May 26, 2008. Garrett authored eight volumes of poetry, seven collections of short fiction, and nine novels. He received an honorary degree from the College of Arts & Sciences at Sewanee in 1995. Until his retirement, he was the Henry Hoyns Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Virginia and was named the poet laureate of Virginia in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Susan, two sons, one daughter, and two granddaughters.

Evelyn Haney, of Sewanee, Tenn., died on May 20, 2008. Haney worked for the University at Emerald Hodgson Hospital from 1969 until her retirement in December 1981. She is survived by five sons, 13 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

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Thomas C. Payne, H’97, of Atlanta, Ga., died on Jan. 7, 2008. After receiving a Ph.D. from Yale, Payne taught at Colgate University and Haverford College before becoming president of Hamilton College and Williams College. Since 2000, Payne had been the president of Woodward Academy in Atlanta. Payne also volunteered time to a variety of organizations including the Breman Museum, the Atlanta History Center, the National Association of Independent Schools, and the Jesse Draper Boys & Girls Club. He is survived by his wife, Deborah, and two sons.
Afterword

With a cookbook, a guide service and a home in Paris, this Sewanee grad is introducing the world to the other cuisines of France.

Charlotte Puckette, C’83

When Cordon Bleu-trained chef, caterer, food guide, cookbook author and Sewanee alumna Charlotte Puckette, C’83, gets hungry in her adopted hometown of Paris, France, she says she does what the locals do: She goes out for Lebanese food.

Or Vietnamese, or Cambodian, or Algerian.

“Paris isn’t all croissants and baguettes and confit de canard,” Puckette says. “It’s also mint tea and couscous and spring rolls and all these wonderful things.”

Puckette came to Paris in 1989 via Uganda, and married into a Jewish Moroccan family. She developed a taste for exotic cuisine in her own home at the same time she was training in traditional French cooking at the elite Cordon Bleu. After graduation, Puckette started a catering business, where she introduced some of her favorite ethnic dishes into her menus.

“The French have always eaten this stuff and they were excited to see that somebody was bringing it out of the ethnic restaurants and more into the mainstream,” says Puckette. “I thought, if the French are this enthusiastic about it, other people would be too.”

To capitalize on that idea, Puckette teamed up with journalist Olivia Kiang-Snaije to write a book that originally was conceived as a guide to the cultures of the former French colonies that enliven Paris in the same way that Indian and Iranian and Caribbean cultures thrive in Great Britain. The guide turned into *The Ethnic Paris Cookbook*, published in 2007, a way for Puckette to introduce the world to some of her favorite flavors, from Saharan almond cake with orange coulis to Vietnamese bo bun.

“We wanted to direct the book to people who want an insider’s view of what’s really happening in Paris,” says Puckette. “It’s a big cosmopolitan city. It’s full of immigrants, and they have their own communities and they have held on to their cultures.”

If you want an even more personal introduction to exotic cuisines next time you’re in Paris, Puckette offers guided food tours that take visitors from a North African open air market and an Algerian pastry shop to a Laotian restaurant and, if they wish, back to her own kitchen where she offers a hands-on cooking demonstration.

“There’s a market up at Chateau Rouge, and it’s like stepping off the Metro into West Africa,” Puckette says. “The tour is like traveling the world without leaving Paris. It’s just a way to show people that Paris is all about food and there are all these wonderful cuisines here.”

The easiest way to contact Puckette for more information or to schedule a tour is by email: cpuckette@yahoo.com.
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DIANA PATTERSON, C’10
Trussville, Ala.

Junior anthropology major Diana Patterson will soon be leaving for Jordan, where she’ll spend next semester in an intensive Arabic language course, living with a local family and conducting an independent study on Bedouin culture. “I’ve always been interested in that region of the world,” Diana says. “Growing up, I remember studying maps of the Holy Land hanging in the back of my church and knowing I wanted to see it someday.”

Thanks in part to your Annual Fund gifts, Diana will be visiting the Middle East not as a sightseer, but as a scholar. By helping fund study-abroad opportunities in Europe, Asia, South America, the Middle East and Africa, the Sewanee Annual Fund supports a Sewanee education with global reach.

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