

Hatcher Leaves Footprints of Leadership By Judith Lunsford

Robert F. Hatcher, BB&T Georgia chairman, is all about leadership. He talks it, he walks it, and, fortunately, he generously provides it as a volunteer.

During 2002, the Macon bank executive has filled three top leadership positions as chairman of Mercer University's Board of Trustees,

Macon's Community Foundation and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. While Hatcher admits holding several major leadership positions at the same time can be challenging, he wears the responsibilities comfortably.

Sitting in his executive office on the first floor of the BB&T building in downtown Macon, he punctuates his sentences with an easy smile. His conversation moves effortlessly from banking trends to the legislative needs of businesses statewide to the need for vision and values in business today. It all reveals why others call upon the Macon banker for direction and leadership.

"It is most important for companies, particularly CEOs, to have a vision, to have values, and to live them and articulate them," said Hatcher, who has been chairman of Leadership Georgia, Leadership Macon and Leadership USA. "When they have these qualities, suddenly you don't have ethics issues anymore because they are living the kind of values that really make a difference. It's part of leadership, and it's part of success."

It would be easy to believe that Hatcher comes by his business acumen naturally as the grandson of Eugene W. Stetson, one of the country's legendary business pioneers and one of Mercer's most noted alumni. After all, Stetson is credited with saving Illinois Central Railroad from bankruptcy during the Depression, arranging the merger of Guaranty Trust Company of New York with J.P. Morgan & Co, resulting in the formation of The Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., and brokering the purchase of the Coca-Cola Company from the Candler family by the Woodruff family.

Yet, Hatcher has blazed his own trail that has earned him the trust and respect of both business and community leaders throughout Georgia.

The Making of a Banker

Born in Kewanee, Ill., he spent his formative years there, where his father owned a Coca-Cola bottling company.



Family plays an important role in **Bob Hatcher's** life. He always makes time for his wife, **Georgia**, left, his son, **Robbo**, right, his daughter-in-law, **Betsy**, and his grandchildren, **Felton**, second from left, and **Janie**.

After he graduated from high school, his family moved to his parents' hometown of Macon.

He discovered his career path while looking for a summer job after his freshman year at the University of

Georgia (UGA). He worked that summer in the mailroom of First National Bank (owned by Trust Company Bank) in Macon, returning the next two sum-

mers as a teller.

After graduating from UGA in 1964, with majors in finance and marketing, he had several offers from banks. But he chose to return to First National, and in 1975, graduated from the

School of Banking of the South.

At First National (renamed Trust Co. Bank and now known as SunTrust), Hatcher steadily moved up the corporate ladder. In 1988, he was senior vice president and senior credit officer at Trust Co. Bank of Middle Georgia when First Liberty Financial Corp. named him president of Liberty Saving Bank's Middle Georgia Division.

A year later, Hatcher became president and CEO of First Liberty Financial Corp. & First Liberty Bank. In 2000, Liberty merged with BB&T, the 14th largest bank in the country, and today, Hatcher serves as Georgia chairman of BB&T.

A Natural Fit

Hatcher sees his involvement with the community as being a natural fit for him. "When you're building a bank, you tend to build a community at the same time. They work together," he said in a *Macon Telegraph* article earlier this year.

He has carried his partnership philosophy forward during his year as Georgia Chamber president. This year the state Chamber, at Hatcher's behest, established a regional council in each of the organization's 12 economic

development districts. Each council has 30 to 40 people from the region who come together to discuss their various business needs.

"The role of the Georgia Chamber is to represent the needs of business in the legislative session," explained Hatcher. "At these regional council meetings, the local members are letting us know what they want the state Chamber to work on. It has been a very beneficial communication tool."

Charlotte McMullen, Macon's Chamber chair, sees the regional councils as an extension of Hatcher's style of leadership. "Bob is a very participatory kind of person," she explained. "He listens very well. He has the ability to say, 'What if we did this ...' and start a conversation to bring everyone on board."

"He understands that we will accomplish so much more if we are all working together," said McMullen. "The regional councils give people outside of Atlanta an opportunity to get involved in the state Chamber and that's important for the economic development of the whole state."

His Time as Mercer's Chairman

With his current term on Mercer's Board of Trustees coming to an end in

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University Honors Presented to Kay, Setzer, Withers By Lance Wallace

Kay encourages graduates to rediscover childhood imagination.

Award-winning Georgia novelist and screenwriter Terry Kay told graduates of Mercer University's four undergraduate schools in Macon to not let their education stand in the way of their imagination and ultimate success during commencement ceremonies in May.

More than 1,500 graduates of the College of Liberal Arts, Stetson School of Business and Economics, School of Engineering and Tift College of Education participated in the ceremonies held at the Macon Coliseum. Kay, the author of such notable works as *To Dance With the White Dog*, *Shadow Song*, *The Runaway* and *Taking Lottie Home*, challenged the graduates to retain the spark they pos-

sessed as children as they set out to build successful careers.

"I do not want to talk about who you will be, but who you have been," Kay said. "I want to take you back to a time most of you will not remember clearly, but was, perhaps, the most important year of your life — back to that time when you were four years old. And I do this not from the reference of studies conducted by sociologists, but from my own observations as a parent of four children and four grandchildren."

At four years old, Kay contended, the mind is not hindered by rigidity or societal convention. It is the four-year-old mind that sees and expresses the intricacies

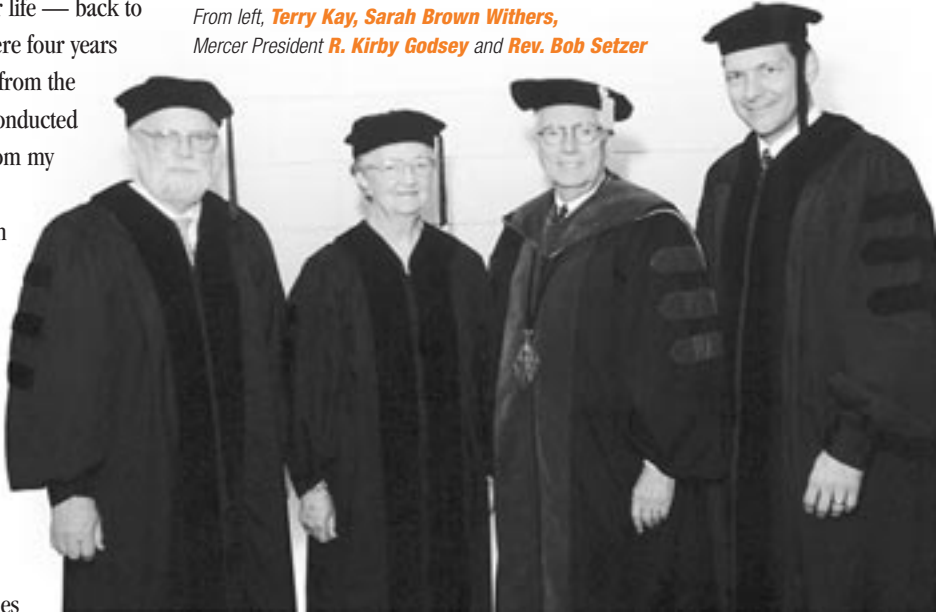
of life with refreshing imagination. That, more than a degree, will make a graduate successful, Kay said.

"As you accept your documents of diploma today — signifying success in your fields of study — I can tell you on behalf of every person who has

ever stood before you in a classroom, that it is perfectly acceptable to reclaim your four-year-old mind, the mind that dazzled you with its power of exploration, the mind that made each moment inconceivably vibrant,"

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From left, **Terry Kay**, **Sarah Brown Withers**, Mercer President **R. Kirby Godsey** and **Rev. Bob Setzer**



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Fleming Named Executive V.P. *By Lance Wallace*

Mercer University welcomed back Dr. Horace W. Fleming Jr. as executive vice president in July after five years.

Reporting directly to the president, Fleming now serves as the senior officer of the University and as the University's chief operating officer. He oversees all academic and administrative programs of the University as well as coordinating all the University's planning, program development and budget development processes. He will also assist the president with the University's executive responsibilities.

Fleming was most recently an educational consultant based in Washington, D.C. He served as president of the University of Southern Mississippi from 1997 to 2001, after serving Mercer for five years as executive vice president and provost.

"After conducting a national search, the Trustees and the administration agreed that Dr. Fleming is both an outstanding leader and extraordinary educator," said President Godsey. "The University was well-served during his first tenure of service and will again greatly benefit from his vision and leadership."

While he served as the institution's president, the University of Southern Mississippi's enrollment increased 13 percent, growing to 15,059 students. Freshman enrollment jumped by 15 percent with the freshman-to-sophomore retention rate increasing by 20

percent. He managed a university budget of \$240 million and initiated the first, comprehensive University fund-raising campaign. He led the university to implement four new doctoral degree programs, seven new master's degree programs and eight new undergraduate degree programs while completing a university-wide comprehensive technology reorganization and upgrade.

He also led a \$150 million building program, which was funded and 50 percent complete as of last fall. He also initiated a reorganization of tutorial and counseling services for student athletes, which resulted in increased grade-point averages and improved graduation rate of student athletes "on-time" to second overall among Conference USA institutions. The university also completed construction of a new athletic center, women's softball stadium, field house for baseball and stadiums for soccer and tennis, during his tenure.

"After five years away, I am in awe of what the University has accomplished in this brief period of time,"

Fleming said. "It is a great time to be associated with Mercer University."

While serving as executive vice president and provost at Mercer, he was responsible for overseeing the University's annual budget process and played key roles in the establishment of Tift College of Education and McAfee School of Theology.

Prior to coming to Mercer in 1992, Fleming was executive vice president of the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., from 1990 to 1992.

Fleming began his teaching career in 1971 as a member of the faculty at Clemson University. During his 19-year tenure at Clemson, he served as president of the faculty senate, and was chosen Alumni Master Teacher in 1979 by the Clemson student body. He was also the founding director of the Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs.

Fleming took leave from Clemson from 1980 to 1982 to serve as chief economist for the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate. He also was

Dr. Horace W. Fleming,
former president of
University of Southern
Mississippi and former
D.C.-based educational
consultant, is now chief
operating officer of
Mercer University.



staff director of the Office of President Pro Tem of the Senate, Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

A native of Elbert County, Georgia, Dr. Fleming earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Georgia. He received his doctorate in political science from Vanderbilt University. A U.S. Army veteran, he served as a captain from 1969 to 1971 in Vietnam, earning the Bronze Star and Regimental Cross of Gallantry.

Fleming and his wife, Steve, have two children — Susan, a practicing accountant, and Patrick, a college student.

Call for Artifacts

Do you have any pieces of the Mercer history that you would like to loan or give to the University for the new **Heritage Hall** in the **University Center**? We are looking for momentos, rat caps, letterman sweaters, china from the dining hall, photos from life at Mercer or other items that you think would be of interest. So, check your attic or closets. If you have items, please contact Alice Knierim, our Heritage Hall curator, at (478) 301-2715 or by e-mail at alice@lapaglia.com.

Alice Knierim



Mercerians' Unselfish Acts Enhance Lives of Others *By Roban Johnson*

A common bond exists between two Mercerians whose selfless acts have given relatives new leases on life. Eola Hodges and Mark Stich are organ donors. Both have been able to resume their normal activities while witnessing their loved ones' inspirational recoveries.

It was seven years ago that Hodges' niece faced years of undergoing dialysis if she did not receive a kidney transplant. Hodges, who serves as host at Mercer's two alumni houses in Macon, decided she would donate a kidney to her niece if she were a good match.

"I went to the hospital for blood tests and they called me back to say I was a match," said Hodges. In fact, she was a perfect match, and so far her niece has not experienced any additional health problems due to the transplant. "You would never know she had been so sick," said Hodges.



Organ Donors
Mark Stich, left,
and **Eola Hodges**

hospital in Richmond, Va., was performing liver transplants using live donors. When he heard this, Stich knew he

wanted to be the donor, but had to undergo tests to be sure he was a match. "There were four of us who had initial blood tests to determine if any of us were matches — my older brother, aunt, uncle and me," he said. "All four of us had the same blood type." Further testing proved Stich to be an excellent match.

"My grandmother didn't want any of us to go through surgery for her, but we told her that was selfish," Stich

said. "She's always looking out for everyone else. This time it was our turn to look out for her."

There was one potential set-back for Stich when they realized you have to be 21 to undergo the procedure. "Since he wanted to donate so badly, the head of the liver transplant program said if he's old enough to give his life for his country, he's old enough to do this for his grandmother," said Atkins.

The surgery went so well that Stich was able to join Mercer's entering class in fall 2001, just four weeks after surgery. His liver has already grown back to its original size, and the portion he gave to his grandmother has also grown to a normal size.

Like Hodges' niece, Atkins is also doing well. "I woke up from the operation feeling the best I had felt in years, even though I was cut from one end to the other," said Atkins. "It's just

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UNIVERSITY NEWS BRIEFS

ATS Accredits McAfee for Initial 5-Year Period

The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) accredited Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology for five years, the longest period of time ATS will give for initial accreditation.

"This is a tribute to the leadership of Dean Alan Culpepper and the faculty of the School of Theology," said Mercer University President R. Kirby Godsey. "We congratulate them on this achievement, which was at least one year earlier than the traditional accreditation schedule would have indicated."

Culpepper officially received the accreditation, and McAfee was granted full membership into ATS at the recent biennial meeting in Pittsburgh.

ATS accredits more than 240 theological schools, seminaries and divinity schools representing all of the major Christian denominations. ATS is the theological education accrediting body for the United States and Canada.

In February, ATS sent a three-member accreditation team to McAfee. The team returned a recommendation for full, five-year accreditation. The ATS Commission on Accreditation met at the end of May, and notified McAfee of their decision to accredit in early June.

Sabbath Named Law School Interim Dean

Mercer University President R. Kirby Godsey named Michael Sabbath to the

position of interim dean of the Walter F. George School of Law in Macon, effective July 1, 2002. Sabbath, who joined the Law School faculty in 1978, has served as associate dean for the past five years.

President Godsey expects to select a new Law School dean by July 1, 2003. University Trustee James A. Bishop of Sea Island, JD '67, is chairing the search committee. Other committee members include: Suzanne Cassidy, director of the Law library; David Hudson, an Augusta attorney and member of the Mercer Board of Trustees; Stephen Johnson, associate dean and Law School professor; Patrick Longan, Law School professor; Emily Myers, senior vice president for University Advancement and Admissions; and Richard "Doc" Schneider, JD '81, an Atlanta attorney and member of the Law School Board of Visitors.

R. Lawrence Dessem, who has served as dean of Mercer's Law School, accepted a position at the University of Missouri School of Law.

Pharmacy's Undergrads Ensured of Enrollment

While most of the Southern School of Pharmacy Class of 2006 waited anxiously for their acceptance letters this year, six of them knew their fate as early as their freshman year as Mercer undergraduates. That's because they had received early acceptance to the Pharmacy School as part of Mercer's early acceptance program through the College of Liberal Arts.

With 1,029 applicants vying for 130 slots this year, the Pharmacy School's Early

Acceptance Program put these six students' minds at ease.

"Mercer's early acceptance program is perfect for college freshmen who have already decided on pharmacy careers," said Jim Bartling, Pharm.D., associate dean for student affairs and admissions. "It really gives students peace of mind to know they are guaranteed a slot when they finish their undergraduate requirements."

Before they are guaranteed placement, students must fulfill specific requirements of the program. They must make satisfactory progress in the two-year pre-pharmacy curriculum and maintain an overall GPA of 3.0. Falling below 3.0 automatically cancels a student's early acceptance status.

EAP students also participate in academic advising and career seminar programs provided jointly by Dr. Bartling and the CLA pre-pharmacy adviser, and must keep in touch with the Pharmacy School's Office of Student Affairs and Admissions as specified in the EAP requirements and procedures.

For information about the Early Acceptance Program, call the Pharmacy School's Office of Student Affairs and Admissions at (678) 547-6232.

School of Medicine Celebrates 20 Years

The School of Medicine is commemorating two decades of teaching, serving and healing with a series of celebrations throughout Georgia this year.

More than 130 alumni and friends helped kick off the Medical School's 20th Anniversary Celebration in April at the home

of Mercer Trustees Chair Robert F. Hatcher and his wife, Georgia. Among those speaking at the Macon event were charter class member Jean Sumner, M.D. '86, of Sandersville; Charles H. Jones, founding chair of the School's Board of Governors, who, with his wife, Ves, is co-chairing the 20th Anniversary Celebration, and President Godsey.

"This School of Medicine was not the doing of any one person," said President Godsey during the Macon event. "This School is a tribute to everyone here and many who are not with us tonight whose dedication and determination led to the opening and ultimate success of this School."

Other spring receptions were held on St. Simons Island and in Stockbridge.

"These celebrations allow us to recognize alumni, friends, preceptors and community leaders whose contributions and commitments to the School have helped to improve health care in Georgia," said Dr. Ann C. Jobe, dean of the Medical School.

Some 600 students have graduated from Mercer Medical School. More than 50 percent of Mercer's graduates are treating patients who live in federally-designated Health Professional Shortage Areas. More than 1.3 million Georgia residents are treated annually by physicians who graduated from Mercer School of Medicine.

College of Nursing Offers MSN Degree

With the demand for nurses continuing to rise, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing (GBCN) has added a master of science in nursing (MSN) degree to its offerings. Known

for its reputation for excellence in nursing education, GBCN has tailored its graduate program to meet two critical needs in health care today: nursing education and acute/critical care nursing of the adult.

"Graduates of our program will help ease current and future shortages in both areas," said Dr. Susan S. Gunby, dean of the College. "By earning the master's degree, students will also expand their career opportunities."

The nursing education track will prepare graduate students for careers as nurse educators, whether in an academic environment, the corporate world or a traditional health care agency. Students will be paired with experienced faculty members and will become involved in classroom and clinical responsibilities in their area of interest.

The track for acute/critical care nursing of the adult will prepare students to move into leadership roles in their nursing careers. The program involves clinical experiences that encompass all areas of adult health. Classroom instruction and work in the on-campus learning lab, where critical care environments are simulated through state-of-the-art technology, will supplement the off-site learning experience.

This 42 semester hour program is available to students on a part-time or full-time basis, with full-time students completing the degree requirements in four semesters.

The College also offers a bachelor of science in nursing degree and the R.N. to B.S.N. track. For more information contact the Office of Admissions at (678) 547-6700, or e-mail nursing@mercer.edu, or visit www.mercer.edu.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHARITABLE ESTATE PLANNING — Year End a Good Time to Assess Goals

By Claude Smith, Advancement Office

As the calendar year comes to a close, it is a good time to take a personal inventory of our financial goals. Some key questions to ask are:

1. Have I made provisions for my family in case of my death or disability?
2. What steps can I take to lower or eliminate all that credit card debt?
3. Have I started a steady and consistent retirement plan?
4. How can I best support the charity or educational institution of my choice?

At least 50 percent of adults in this country do not have a will at death. This means that the state and federal government decide how your estate is divided and who will administer that estate.

Plus, if you have children under 18, the state determines their guardian. By simply executing a will or living trust, you decide how your estate is divided. If you become disabled, having an existing power of attorney or living trust allows your loved ones to adequately care for you and your

financial matters.

Also, do you realize that reducing or eliminating your credit card debt will lead you to question three? With no more 14 to 18 percent interest on debt, you can begin to save for a time when you can enjoy a life of financial independence. You also gain the power to help others succeed by contributing to the charity of your choice.

Take Mercer, for example. The major focus of our mission at Mercer

'As we move swiftly toward the end of the year, do not forget the power you have — the power to help students at Mercer succeed.'

is to educate young men and women in a Christian environment. However, without your help, it cannot happen. Tuition only covers part of a student's total cost. The other part comes from you, alumni and friends. It might be beneficial to illustrate a few examples of how your gifts help.

Most gifts to Mercer are made annually through The Mercer Fund. Each of you have been called at one time or another by a Mercer student through the Phone-a-thon asking for a

gift. Your positive response is critical. These gifts, no matter how small, allow us to make up the shortfall in the amount of tuition paid. It allows us to heat and cool the buildings, and provide equipment for the classrooms.

Another way to give is to establish endowed scholarships. This allows us to attract the best and brightest students to Mercer. Some scholarships are based solely on academic performance, while others are based on financial need. Many of you believe as we do that no qualified student should ever miss the opportunity to attend

Mercer because of financial need. Other donors choose to support our infrastructure by giving to building projects. These types of gifts allow excellent naming opportunities.

As we move swiftly toward the end of the year, do not forget the power you have — the power to help students at Mercer succeed. Without you, we could not have achieved the prominence we now hold among our peers. Mercer is only as great as those who have come before.

Harrisons Use Charitable Remainder Unitrust to Benefit Mercer

By Claude Smith

When growing up in a small south Georgia town, John Harrison learned the value of helping others. His parents involved him in church and made sure he understood that Biblical



John and Loretta Harrison

teachings guided his life.

"I never dreamed that I would be able to attend college, much less earn a law degree," Harrison said.

A 1955 graduate of the Walter F. George School of Law, Harrison and his wife, Loretta, an Emory graduate, recently established the John and Loretta Harrison Charitable Remainder Unitrust. During their lifetimes, they will receive an income from the trust. After their deaths, the remaining proceeds will benefit the John and Loretta Harrison Endowed Scholarship in the law school.

Harrison, a retired estate planning attorney in Decatur, well understands the mutual benefits of a charitable remainder trust.

"In this situation, Loretta and I, as well as Mercer, benefit,"

he said. "Since we receive an income for life from the trust, we could make a larger gift now which will endow a larger scholarship later. We also receive a nice tax deduction for our gift, which doesn't hurt."

"However," he added, "our main interest is helping some deserving young student afford to attend law school."

The Harrisons are enjoying their retirement in Grayson. Knowing that their gifts to Mercer will help future generations of Mercerians makes life just a little bit sweeter.

Mercer Army ROTC Focuses on Leadership

By Lindsay Moss

Thanks to such popular movies as Platoon, Saving Private Ryan and Black Hawk Down, the common perception of Army ROTC is of basic training, demanding drill sergeants, camouflage uniforms, weapons and combat.

The reality, however, is quite different from that perception. Over the past two years, Mercer's 55-year-old Army ROTC program has focused less on specific military skills and more on leadership training.

"The entire understanding of the Army is shaped by Hollywood," said Maj. Mark D. Fox, assistant professor of military science. "Hollywood depictions tend to focus on an injustice, the action of warfare, movie heroism, etc. Students are surprised when they get here. They are expecting some drill

sergeant to be waiting for them, and they expect to be treated harshly, but the Army does not encourage that. That's not how it is. We are here to mentor, teach, train and motivate."

While cadets do get some minimal combat training, the ultimate mission of Mercer's Army ROTC program is to commission the future



Mercer Army ROTC cadets must learn survival skills such as swimming with full gear.

officer leadership of the U.S. Army, as well as motivate young people to be better citizens.

"ROTC provides opportunities for young men and women to develop their leadership, planning and professional skills before beginning their service in the Army," said cadet Kelley Nalley, a senior from Stockbridge double majoring in international business and Spanish. "Also, the program allows the Army to observe the performance of each cadet within the program. It allows them to see who's weak or strong, who's active in the program and who's not.



Army ROTC students learn teamwork along with climbing skills during repelling exercises.

Basically, ROTC is important for the development and evaluation for upcoming officers."

Currently, 90 percent of Mercer's ROTC cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants into the U.S. Army, Army National Guard or U.S. Army Reserve.

"The Army could not function without the officers produced from ROTC," Fox said. "ROTC produces approximately 60 percent of the officer needs of the Army. Because the Army is such a people-oriented organization, leaders are needed to motivate, mentor, counsel and lead individual units so those units reach their optimal potential. At the sharp edge of the Army, the combat arms, the need for young people of exceptional leadership has not changed since conflicts began."

Along with the Hollywood perceptions of the Army, there are other misconceptions surrounding Army ROTC programs. Students mistakenly think taking ROTC classes will automatically enlist them in the Army, or they will automatically go into combat after completing an ROTC program.

According to Fox, there is no obligation to the Army unless the student is on a scholarship or the student becomes a commissioned officer.

"When you do receive a scholarship, then you must serve four years active duty in the Army or eight years in the U.S. Army Reserves," said cadet Curtis Armstrong, a senior from Waycross, who is on scholarship and

majoring in computer science.

Many typically think Army ROTC is only for males. Last year, however, Mercer's Army ROTC program has twice as many females than males in its junior class.

"We look for qualified candidates to be potential officers," said Fox, adding that the average grade point

average (GPA) for a cadet at Mercer is above a 3.0. "We look for the best and brightest. We look for the scholar-athlete who has leadership abilities and who will demonstrate excellence."

Established in 1947, Mercer's Army ROTC program is thriving with 54 cadets. While it may seem that the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have increased ROTC enrollment, Fox says that's not the case.

"The attacks on Sept. 11 have had zero impact on the growth of our program, because so far the U.S. response has mostly been with special operations," Fox said.

"It's the quality of cadets that is the reason for the increase. By their own example, they are breaking the stereotypes and selling themselves."

With the numbers of cadets increasing every semester, the future for

Mercer's Army ROTC program looks prosperous.

"Young people today appear to be searching for organizations that fulfill their desire to be a part of something greater than themselves," Fox said. "Military officership meets that criteria, and Mercer University is a place that fosters those types of thoughts, as well as encourages each student to give something in service to others."

Commons Funds Service Overseas

By Lance Wallace

When Mercer senior Nikki Carroll Hardeman first arrived at Shishubhavan Children's Home in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), India, fall semester 2001, she was overwhelmed by the enormity of the needs of the children she met.

By the time she left four months later to return to Mercer's Macon campus, she was overwhelmed by the enormity of the love and affection she received from the children.

At the Children's Home, which was founded by Mother Teresa, Hardeman served as teacher and assistant as part of a Mercer Service Learning study abroad course. Funded by University Commons, Hardeman's service learning experience was the first of its kind offered at Mercer.

She cried during her first day on the job at "Shishu," as she and the other six Americans working with her called it. She was convinced that she had little to offer the nearly 70 children who were all under age 4 and had a range of disabilities.

"The first two weeks were absolute chaos," said Hardeman, a Christianity and Service Learning double major who graduated from Mercer last May. "There is an order to the place, but you don't see it until you're immersed in it for a little while."

Her supervisors reassured her that she was there to give individual attention to the children, especially the ones who were quiet and withdrawn and needed a lot of love.

"They told us our job was to show the kids love," Hardeman said. "There were two or three kids I tried to focus on, but the one I bonded with the most



Nikki Carroll Hardeman spent last fall semester with the children of Shishubhavan Children's Home in Kolkata, India. The home was founded by Mother Teresa.

was a four-year-old girl named Dona." Dona was blind and had significant hearing loss. She was not able to walk or move on her own. She was withdrawn and rarely made a sound.

"I'll never forget when I came in the room, Dona was lying in the floor

in the fetal position," Hardeman said. Bit by bit, Hardeman was able to coax Dona out of her shell and teach her to play rudimentary "patty cake" games. Hardeman had to learn new ways to communicate in order to get through to Dona. She held her hands, made noises and gestures and used repetition to teach her basic functions.

By the time Hardeman's stay ended, Dona was scooting around the room, sitting up to eat and signaling to get more attention when she needed help.

"We developed a special relationship," Hardeman said. "She had an infectious smile that really touched me. Dona taught me a lot about sur-

vival, adapting and joy. As much as I gave to that relationship, I took away that much more."

Hardeman learned a lot about other religions during her time in India. "I was submerged in a Hindu culture," said Hardeman, who stayed with a Hindu family. "I saw how their religion influenced their daily life. I also experienced other religions and what it is like to be in the religious minority."

Hardeman also took away from the experience the idea that service isn't just charity done for the less fortunate. Service is a relationship that someone enters into with people, showing them attention and respect.

"Service is about participating in relationships," she said. "We have to learn to give of ourselves."

Hardeman is now a first-year student at Mercer's McAfee School of Theology, and she and husband, 2002 Mercer graduate Daniel Hardeman, now live in Atlanta. The Hardeman's both took mission trips while undergraduates and plan to continue their commitment to international missions.

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Mercer Singers Make *Musica Magnifica* By Elizabeth Flader

Voci belle! (Beautiful voices!) No doubt, the Mercer Singers heard that many times over the course of their two-week tour of Italy. Under the direction of Dr. Stanley L. Roberts, CLA '84, associate professor of music at Mercer University, the group of 39 students performed seven concerts between May 16-May 22, 2002, in the Italian cities of Rome, Florence, Castelfiorentino, Ravenna and Venice.

Although Dr. Roberts worked with a company who coordinated the events, he was required to submit an audio sampling of the Mercer Singers' work for consideration. Apparently, the CD was well received, as their first concert was held at the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. "It was an extreme honor to perform at the Vatican. The Basilica, with its immense structure and impressive history was amazing. Seeing Michelangelo's *Pietà* on our right as we entered was a strong indicator to me that this would be one of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences."

At each concert, the students performed *à cappella*, without instrument

accompaniment, for one hour and 10 minutes. The program included classical sacred works, as well as several American spiritual pieces. "Europeans love American hymns and spirituals. They enjoy the rhythmic nature of our music and can identify with its spiritual earthiness," said Roberts.

The group included time for sight seeing as well. "We went to the

'This is such a wonderful learning experience that goes beyond the classroom — a mutual sharing of gifts, talents and dedication.'

Coliseum and the Pantheon," said Lindsey Owings, a senior in the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics. "When we stopped at the Pantheon, they allowed us to sing inside!" They also visited the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, one of the oldest museums in the world.

In both Castelfiorentino and Ravenna the Mercer Singers had the unique opportunity to perform several pieces together with each town's community choral group.

Their final concert in Venice at Santa Maria dei Miracoli was bitter-

sweet. "The students had worked so hard to prepare over the entire academic year," said Roberts. "For those who had just graduated prior to our departure, it was also their final performance as Mercer Singers."

While Venice may have marked the ending of one journey, it was also a new beginning for recent graduate Lindsay Judy, BA '02, and her boyfriend, Jason Kruse, who were engaged in Venice. Similarly inspired were alumni Ben T. Bridges, BME '97, and Sylvia Shadinger, BS '00, who had rejoined the Mercer Singers for this tour. They were also engaged in Venice while riding a traghetto (traditional gondola).

Dr. Roberts would like for this type of tour abroad to become a biennial tradition. If feasible, the plan for 2004 would include concerts in Prague, Czech Republic, as well as in the Austrian cities of Vienna and Salzburg. "This is such a wonderful learning experience that goes beyond the classroom — a mutual sharing of gifts, talents and dedication."



Mercer Singers at St. Peter's Basilica

Mercer Arts Calendar November 2002–February 2003

November	
9	Opera Guild: La Bohème , 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$35
10	Mercer Theatre: Playfest , 2:00 p.m., Backdoor Theatre, \$4
12-16	Mercer Theatre: Playfest , 7:30 p.m., Backdoor Theatre, \$4
13-14	Broadway: Swing , 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$35/\$30
16	Macon Symphony Orchestra , 8:00 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$30
19	Mercer Wind Ensemble , 8:00 p.m., Grand Opera House, FREE
23	Mercer Singers & Macon Sinfonia Performing Haydn's Mass in D Minor (Lord Nelson Mass) , 8:00 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$10
December	
4-5	Broadway: Fosse , 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$35/\$30
5	Mercer/Macon Symphony Youth Orchestra , 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, FREE
6-7	Mercer Singers: Lessons & Carols , 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, \$5/FREE Mercer ID
8	Mercer Singers: Lessons & Carols , 3:00 p.m., Recital Hall, \$5/FREE Mercer ID
11-15	Nutcracker of Middle Georgia , 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$20/\$10 stdt.
14-15	Nutcracker of Middle Georgia , 2:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$20/\$10 stdt.
17	John Berry , country artist, 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$26
January	
9	Kiwanis Travelogue: Bali , 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$6
14	New Shanghai Circus , 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$10/\$5 stdt.
14	Mercer Music: Robert Parris, organ , 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, FREE
27	Mercer Chamber Players , 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, FREE
29-30	Macon Civic Club Musical Revue , 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$15
31	Macon Civic Club Musical Revue Gala , 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$25
February	
1	Macon Civic Club Musical Revue Gala , 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$25
8	Macon Symphony Orchestra , 8:00 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$30
10	Mercer Music: Larry Gerber, tenor, & Roy Delp, bass , 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, \$5
13	The Acting Company Performing Shakespeare's As You Like It , 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$10
14-15	Mercer Theatre: Antigone in New York , 7:30 p.m., Backdoor Theatre, \$7/\$5 Mercer ID
16	Mercer Theatre: Antigone in New York , 2:00 p.m., Backdoor Theatre, \$7/\$5 Mercer ID
18-23	Mercer Theatre: Antigone in New York , 7:30 p.m., Backdoor Theatre, \$7/\$5 Mercer ID
20	Kiwanis Travelogue: Australia , 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$6
23	Broadway: Cinderella , 2:30 & 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$35/\$30
24	Broadway: Cinderella , 7:30 p.m., Grand Opera House, \$35/\$30
28	Mercer Jazz Ensemble , 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall, FREE

World Notes

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Political Science Studies Abroad By Lance Wallace

Mercer's Department of Political Science brought the classroom alive for 11 students last summer through its first-ever study abroad program.

The two weeks of travel took the students and three faculty members from London, England, to Edinburgh, Scotland, to Cardiff, Wales, to Brussels, Belgium. The students toured government buildings and historical sites while spending time in lectures from faculty members at Redding University in London, the University of Paisley in Scotland and the University of Swansea in Wales.

"The world is changing every day, and our world changed forever on Sept. 11, 2001," said Dr. Greg Domin, chair of the Political Science Department. "I felt the time was right to enhance our students' College of Liberal Arts experience by exposing them to other cultures."

The trip was led by Domin and Political Science faculty members Dr. Eimad Houry and Dr. Jessica Perez-Monforti. Each member of the faculty lectured on the area of their expertise, allowing the trip to cross several Political Science disciplines. The study abroad experience covered

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and applied material from national security, political theory, international relations, modern political thought and American government classes.

The five-week experience began with three weeks of lecture and readings at Mercer before spending two weeks abroad.

"It opened their eyes to the fact that the United States is part of a global

community," Domin said. "I think the trip taught them tolerance for other cultures, while at the same time giving them an appreciation for where they live."

The group visited such sites as Westminster Abbey, and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, parliament buildings in Scotland and Wales and the European Union headquarters in Brussels.

"We are connected and need to understand how the other six billion inhabitants of the world live," Domin said.

The trip was funded by a grant from University Commons, reducing the costs to the students. Political Science hopes to make study abroad an annual part of its summer offerings. Domin said tentative plans are being made for a 2003 trip to Central America, including stops in Mexico, Costa Rica and Honduras.

TCO Celebrates Decade of Achievement

By Sonal Patel

Mercer University's Technical Communication Department gears up for its 10th anniversary this year, celebrating a commitment to education and growth in student involvement.

Over its 10 years, the TCO program has achieved success by ensuring that its students are well prepared for the careers they intend to pursue.

Required mathematics, science and engineering classes have helped give students a strong theoretical background, while projects and internships also provide students with impressive portfolios.

"We receive excellent ratings from employers who hire our graduates," said Marjorie Davis, professor and chair of the TCO Department. "They always express surprise at the breadth of the students' capabilities and the strength of our students' technical skills."

The Department's strong reputation has led to growth from only a few stu-

dents to now almost 50 undergraduate majors and minors, with almost 25 graduate students participating through distance learning. The program has evolved from an emphasis in technical

writing to web design, online information management and other multimedia projects.

"Our department is now able to offer a broad range of courses with confidence that we are maintaining our cutting edge," said Davis.

"Students have changed a

great deal in preparedness. Though not many high school students are aware of technical communication as a possible career field, they come to us with sophisticated computer skills and a strong interest in the high-tech aspects of communication."

While the current job market has become much more difficult than when the TCO Department first introduced its degree, Davis believes it is only a temporary setback. Mercer students are finding good jobs after graduation, and though the field grows increasingly competitive, student interest in technical communication has remained strong.

Over the next few years, the TCO Department hopes to continue its progress. To

mark the anniversary, the Department is coordinating a campus celebration this spring for alumni and friends. A new Web page, commemorative gifts and funding for a new scholarship are also being proposed.

"I am extremely proud of all our students, faculty and alumni," said Davis.

"We look forward to strong growth and continuing improvement in the quality of the programs in technical communication. We want to be recognized as the premier teaching institution in the region, and our TCO Department wants to lead the way towards this vision of excellence."



From left, TCO professors **Dr. Helen Grady, Dr. George Hayhoe, Dr. Susan Codone** and Department Chair **Dr. Marj Davis**

Senior Design Project Becomes Technology Showcase for TSI

By Lance Wallace

For their senior design project, Mercer engineering students Monterey Elkins, Adam Wofford and Brian Anderson accomplished the unthinkable — they designed and built a fully-automated manufacturing leather coaster press that is both practical and cool to watch.

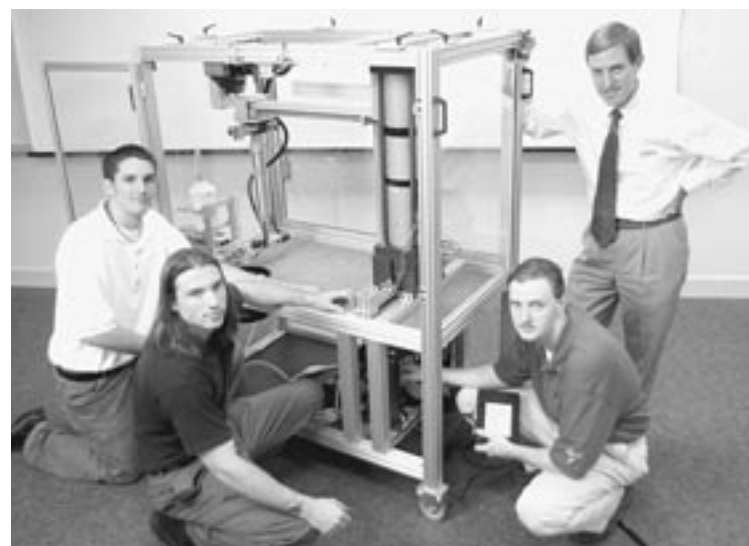
Tackling a project for TSI Solutions of Stone Mountain, a company that specializes in the sale and distribution of automated pneumatic components, meant the student team had not only to design a machine that would make a product, but do it in a way that would demonstrate the pneumatic technology the company sells.

"This is a show machine," said recent engineering graduate Monterey Elkins of Decatur. "This is something TSI wouldn't have been able to do if we hadn't taken this on for them."

Pneumatics and the closely related field of hydraulics involve using a gas or a liquid to create pressure

and ultimately force. Many devices utilizing pneumatic or hydraulic technology are used for tasks that require a great deal of force in a small amount of space. The device Mercer students were challenged to build used pneumatic and hydro-pneumatic

'Most people don't get to see machines like this in their daily lives.... This allows us to take technology out of the factory and to our customers to showcase what our products can do.'



From left, design project participants **Brian Anderson, Monterey Elkins, Adam Wofford** and TSI Vice President and General Manager **Charles Post**

technology.

"It is quite literally a production machine," said Charles Post, vice president and general manager of TSI Solutions. "Most people don't get to see machines like this in their daily

The students put their mechanical, electrical and computer engineering knowledge to the test to build the automatic coaster press. The device required that they build a robotic arm to move the coasters into position for the pneumatic press to stamp an image into the leather. The whole operation had to be fully automated and show observers how pneumatics can be used in industry.

Initially, the students wanted to build a machine that would stamp out aluminum coins or tokens, but instead shifted to leather drink coasters as a way to give people a

useful item they were more likely to keep.

"We stumbled onto the idea of the doing leather coasters," Elkins said. "That brought the project to a whole new level. Leather has a lot of variables to account for."

Elkins and his fellow team members had to find out which companies supplied leather, what impacts climate could have on the product, inconsistencies in the surface of the material and even which part of the cow the leather came from.

"The deeper we got into it, the more complicated it got," said senior Brian Anderson of Warner Robins.

The team was also required to custom build 43 parts on the device, putting their limited machining training to good use. And because the machine was going to be used in sales calls and trade shows, it had to look like a finished product.

The team built an aluminum frame with a Lexan covering that had to incorporate safety shutoffs in case the protective case was opened during

production. The device also had to run at variable speeds, allowing disks to be turned into coasters faster or slower.

The remaining challenge was to build it so that it was portable. When Mercer engineering faculty members questioned the students about the device in the Critical

Design Review, one of the most important concerns was whether or not the machine would tip over.

With a few minor modifications, the team assured their professors that it wouldn't tip over.

"What we have accomplished is far beyond what I would

have believed we were capable of when we started," said Wofford, a senior from Calhoun. "It turned out better than we imagined, too."

"I've got to think this has been an excellent education for the students," Post said. "Monterey had been an intern for us, and he was a known quantity in terms of his capabilities. We had a need and he and his team were able to do something we couldn't do for ourselves."



Detail of the hydro-pneumatic coaster maker

Mercer Engineers Assist NASA with Research

By Roban Johnson

As Summer Fellows, faculty members contribute to space research at NASA facilities throughout the country.

For three faculty members in the School of Engineering, this past summer provided them with unique opportunities to further their research activities while assisting the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Dr. Behnam Kamali, Dr. Loren Sumner and Dr. Renee Rogge spent 10 weeks as summer faculty fellows of the American Society of Engineering Education and NASA. Each worked on special projects related to their individual areas of expertise.

Controlling Errors in Digital Transmissions

For Kamali, a professor of electrical and computer engineering, it was his second summer as a faculty fellow. When he arrived at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) at the California Institute of Technology this year, he was offered a project involving Reed-Solomon codes. This class of codes is widely used to correct errors in digital data transmission and storage systems — from compact disc players and high-definition television, to satellite and wireless communications.

"For years, NASA has used a particular Reed-Solomon code in its spacecraft, including the Hubble Telescope and space probes, such as Voyager II and Pathfinder," said Kamali. "Because some of these spacecraft are now millions of miles away, the signals received at earth stations are getting weaker."

To improve the quality of pictures and sounds being transmitted back to Earth, Kamali's job was to develop a new decoding algorithm for Reed-Solomon codes. "If successful, this would not only improve transmissions, but could also prolong the usefulness of these coding schemes," said Kamali.

What Kamali discovered was that a decoding algorithm traditionally used for another class of codes, known as low density parity check (LDPC) codes, may be the key to the problem. "This decoding technique has been applied to LDPC codes, but no one had applied it to Reed-Solomon codes," said Kamali. "Because Reed-Solomon code is word-oriented and LDPC is bit-oriented, changes need to be made on the decoding procedure

to make it work. That is the subject of further study."

Kamali presented his findings to the JPL coding group at NASA before returning to Macon. His report has been peer-reviewed and recently approved for publication as a NASA/JPL document.

Microgravity Fluid Physics Problem

Sumner spent his summer at NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked on the theoretical analysis of nonwetting droplets. Although he had not conducted research in this particular area, he developed a proposal for a project that he thought would contribute to the field of microgravity fluid physics.

In earlier studies, researchers had found that a liquid droplet coating a flat, solid surface would remain separate while supporting a load from an opposing solid boundary. His goal was to help explain that phenomenon.

Using an asymptotic analysis, Sumner predicted the shape of the droplet and then went to work to explain the necessary physics contributing to this shape. "I already knew that a lubricating layer prevented it from touching," said Sumner.

The big question was, Can the deformed droplet shape be a purely viscous effect?

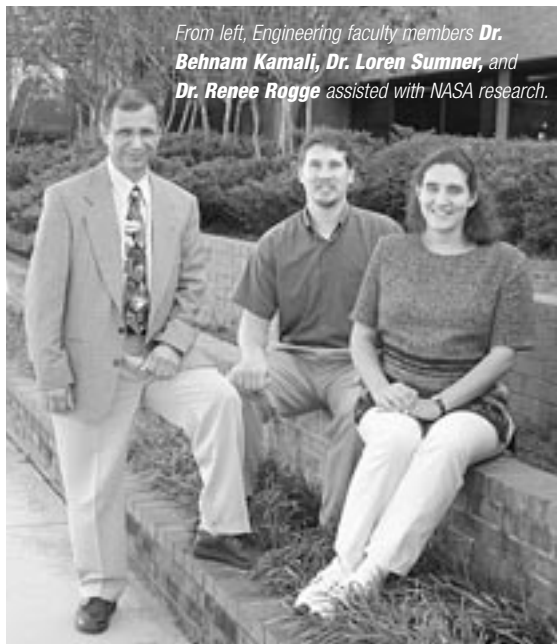
He was surprised to find that the shape of the droplet was caused by inertia. "That was not expected because you normally don't associate inertia with lubrication theory," said Sumner.

Understanding the physics inside this layer may enable NASA scientists to use nonwetting droplets more effectively in space. "It can certainly support small loads associated with microgravity," said Sumner, an assistant professor of mechanical engineering. "It also has potential applications for such things as heat pipes and fuel cells used on Earth."

Sumner presented his findings at the annual meeting of the American Physical Society, Division of Fluid Dynamics, on Nov. 25.

Biomechanics in Space

Rogge, an assistant professor of biomedical engineering, was based at the Anthropometry and Biomechanics Facility (ABF) at Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, for her fellowship. As part of NASA's Space Human Factors Branch, the ABF group researches and evaluates flight equipment, procedures and systems from the perspective of



biomechanics, human performance and ergonomics.

"For years, NASA has had body measurements on all of the astronauts and candidates in the space program. Based on that data, they had created a three-dimensional model that is used when designing space hardware.

Although the model is three dimensional, it is a stick figure that doesn't show body surfaces at all," said Rogge.

Over the past few years, complete body scans were taken of all the astro-

nauts and those in training. Her job was to figure out a way to merge the data from the stick figure model with data from the body scans so the original anthropometric data could continue to be used.

"It was fascinating work," said Rogge.

"This type of

data is used to make sure astronauts can fit through hatches and get into various positions so they can work on equipment or projects in space. It's not only about size and space limitations, but also where restraints should be placed so excessive pressure or force is not felt on the body."

During her 10 weeks at NASA, Rogge tested various software to see what would best merge the two sets of data. One of the programs she wrote was successful.

"I ended up with a stick figure wrapped in contours that represented body surfaces," said Rogge. "It was an exciting process because I began with a cloud of data that didn't resemble anything. Piece by piece, it came together on my computer screen. I could see that the data from the two programs were colliding and that our stick figure now had a body."

Combining Teaching with Research

All three faculty members agree that research enhances teaching, and that the summer faculty fellowships are excellent ways to combine the two. Sumner was influential in getting a student involved in one of NASA's summer research programs, and Rogge hopes to take a student with her when she returns for the second year of her fellowship.

"It's wonderful to show students that there is more to their studies than the theoretical aspects of engineering," said Rogge. "By taking part in the fellowship, I can share with students the practical aspects of our work, and encourage them to follow in our footsteps and pursue their own research."

Student Graduates from NASA Academy

By Elizabeth Flader

While most students spent their summer recovering from the rigors of classes, senior biomedical engineering student, Wendy Krauser, spent 10 weeks at the NASA Astrobiology Academy working on the research project, "Cellular Effects of Hyper-gravity and Mechanical Substrate Deformation on Bone Osteoblast Cultures."

Krauser was one of 13 students nationwide, and the only one from a school in the state of Georgia, to be chosen for this highly selective opportunity.

"I first heard about the NASA Academy during my sophomore year from Mercer professor, Dr. Phillip Olivier, who is a member of the Georgia NASA Space Grant Consortium," she explained. "Unlike other internships, it was not just about research. We were introduced to all aspects of NASA, including the management, projects, facilities, and leaders of the organization."

The management and technical courses Krauser completed at Mercer proved helpful, as she was the manager/co-leader of the group project. "No one else at the academy had taken

courses to prepare them for writing big documents and organizing large teams except for me," she said.

Breaking the trend of doing something scientific for their group project, they instead decided to produce a document identifying

reasons for the necessity of a human mission to Mars.

"The United States has been suffering from a decrease in students studying engineering and science since the Apollo era," said Krauser. "If something is not done to toggle the decrease, then other countries will surpass the U.S. in

technology." Their final document establishes political and technical benefits of such a mission, including stimulating interest in these fields. It has been sent to members of Congress across the country.

While much of their research occurred at the Ames Research Center, at Moffett Field, Calif., their work also took them to locations such as Lake



Wendy Krauser

Tahoe, Monterey, Santa Cruz, all in Calif., and Washington, D.C.

"My father would ask, 'Where are you calling from this time?' because we traveled so often and to so many places." Additionally, the "academites," as they called themselves, experienced behind-the-scene research and facilities at NASA and its affiliate facilities. "We saw the Mars 2003 rover, huge telescopes, stealth fighters and more."

Krauser also worked on an independent research project that ended successfully. "The Automated Centrifuge Fixation Unit I worked on performed wonderfully and the scientific impact it will have in the field of gravitational molecular biology is quite large," she said. The results from this device may help to predict what causes astronaut bone loss in space.

When she receives her bachelor of science degree in May 2003, Krauser plans to enter graduate school and "definitely continue to work for NASA." While she has settled back into life at Mercer, the program has left a lasting impression.

"Working with students from other states and countries was a great learning experience," indicated Krauser. "The contacts and friends I made this summer have impacted my graduate school decisions and the way I approach life."

Crossfire Duo Reunites at Executive Forum

By Judith Lunsford

After a spectacular speaker series last year, The Executive Forum is once again off to a fantastic start with the most sought-after speakers coming to Mercer for the 2002-2003 speaker series, including a special presentation of CNN's Crossfire in October.

After economist Todd Buchholz, a former award-winning economics professor at Harvard and co-founder and managing director of ENSO Capital Management, kicked off the series in September with a presentation titled "Is the Economy Headed Up or Off a Cliff?," Mercer welcomed former Crossfire opponents Tucker Carlson and Bill Press in October.

Carlson, current co-host of Crossfire, CNN's popular and lively political debate program, and Press, former co-host of Crossfire and now co-host of MSNBC's Buchanan and Press, covered a broad range of issues, including the mid-term elections, potential war with Iraq, the war on terrorism and the Bush presidency. The fall series concluded Nov. 19



Former Crossfire opponents Tucker Carlson, left, and Bill Press, right, debated a broad range of issues when they were featured speakers at the Oct. 29 Executive Forum.

with Pete Babcock, vice president and general manager of the Atlanta Hawks. He gave a breakfast presentation at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in Macon and a lunch presentation on the Atlanta campus.

The spring series will include Porsche Cars North America Inc. President and Chief Executive Officer Fred Schwab on Tuesday, March 18; AGL Resources Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Paula Rosput, Tuesday, April 29; and Southern Company Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Allen Franklin in May.

Last year, The Executive Forum

brought in former Senator Bob Dole, who was the 1996 Republican presidential candidate; Soledad O'Brien, co-anchor of NBC's "Weekend Today;" Roger Dow, senior vice president of Marriott International;

1979, is a membership-based speaker series designed to link the business community to Mercer's Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics. The Executive Forum serves as a resource for working pro-

fessionals in Macon and Atlanta and provides an opportunity for executives to hear from some of the country's best speakers, while inter-

acting with other business leaders. A total of six speakers are heard throughout the year, with three in the fall series and three in the spring series.

Anyone interested in becoming a member can call the Office of University Advancement at (478) 301-2724.

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Rebecca Paul, president and CEO of the Georgia Lottery Corp.; Phillip Humann, president and CEO of SunTrust Banks Inc.; and Pat Mitchell, president and CEO of the Public Broadcasting Service.

The Executive Forum, established in

Professor Publishes First Book

By Lance Wallace

Dr. Harold Jones, assistant professor of management in Mercer University's Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, released this summer his first book, *Personal Character and National Destiny*, published by Paragon House of St. Paul, Minn.



Dr. Harold Jones

In *Personal Character and National Destiny* Jones shows that economic progress depends upon personal morality. Commenting on the book, Dr. D. James Kennedy of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church writes, "This is straight talk about the essentiality of Christianity in the motivation of achievement in America's history and in its future." Jones' message, he says, is one that "demands our attention."

Judge Griffin B. Bell, who served as U. S. Attorney General during the Carter administration, is equally enthusiastic. "Professor Jones has made a powerful case for saving the values of an America built on self-reliance and self-achievement from the ever-present danger of the elitists, who abound in the Congress, in academia and in the non-profit think tanks," he said. "These elitists would govern us with sumptuary laws and processes, which will gradually devour the seed corn of our country. We must be on guard to maintain a value system based on the individual right to achieve and to be left alone."

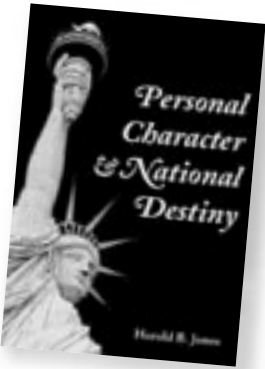
Jones said his ideas for the book began with Economics 101 — a

course he describes as his "first class in moral theology." He said that everything he learned from his seminary classes on ethics and from his experience as an Army chaplain, a pastor and financial planner squared with what he had learned as a sophomore at the University of Omaha. "For everything that is given, something is required," Jones said. "There is no such thing as a free lunch. Each of us has a right to what he or she has earned but no right at all to what others have earned. These are the first principles of both economics and morality."

When Jones left the full-time ministry to go into financial planning, he began to systematically study the relationship between personal religious convictions and practical success. He soon came to the conclusion that the economic fate of both individuals and societies is the direct result of the values they hold.

When he returned to school for his Ph.D. in 1992, he hoped he could use his doctoral studies to examine the historical and psychological evidence for the truth or falsehood of this conviction. His dissertation chairman, though, wanted him to do something more conventional.

"Arguing with your dissertation chairman is less effective even than arguing with the IRS," Jones said, "so I did as I was told. I submitted my dissertation on March 28, 1997, and on March 29, I began the preliminary work for *Personal Character and National Destiny*. This is the dissertation I really wanted to write."

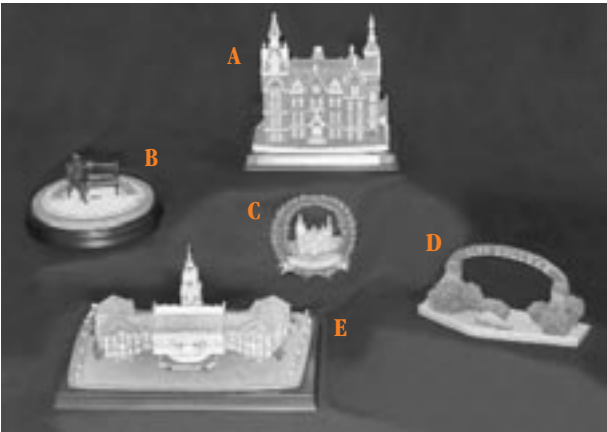


Mercer University Miniatures

Through Alumni Services

Mercer University Miniatures are reproductions from original sculptures created by Ridgewood Collectables for Mercer University. Each piece is cast using marble and porcelain powder mixed with resin and is hand painted under careful quality and artistic standards. These limited edition productions are available only while supplies last.

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Footprints of Leadership

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December, Hatcher reflects on his time as chairman as being one of support.

“When Kirby [Godsey] asked me to be chairman, I told him I wanted to be the most supportive chairman he ever had,” said Hatcher. “When anyone calls up and says, ‘We need you to do something,’ then I say, ‘Put me in coach. Let me see what I can do.’ That doesn’t leave footprints in the sand, but that’s all about being part of the team.”

However, according to Mercer President R. Kirby Godsey, Hatcher has left many footprints on Mercer’s campuses. “He wants the University to be all that it can be,” said Godsey. “Nothing seems impossible to Bob. He has a realistic side to him, but he is always pushing the envelope. His chairmanship will be remembered for that.”

Hatcher has been one of the primary voices behind the campus improvements the University has undergone in recent years. During his chairmanship, the University’s physical appearance has continued to be transformed on the Macon and Atlanta campuses with the addition of new buildings and the groundbreaking of the University Center.

“Bob looks at what will build the organization, what will contribute to the profitability of the company, what will ensure the endeavor long term,” said Godsey. “Having the longer vision is a characteristic of a significant leader, and Bob Hatcher is a very significant leader, not only for Mercer, but for BB&T, for Macon and for Georgia.”

The Stetson School of Business

In addition to his work with the entire University, Hatcher has a special interest in the School of Business, which bears his grandfather’s name. He and his family have financially supported the School, funding much of



For the past two years, **Bob Hatcher** has hosted a reception at BB&T for the new Mercer business freshmen. He enjoys having the opportunity to stay connected with Mercer students.

the renovation of Stetson Hall, and building the School’s endowment.

But, Dr. Carl Joiner, dean of Stetson School of Business, sees Hatcher’s impact on the School to be much more than financial support. “He deserves significant credit for the mission that we have as well as for our efforts to seek further accreditation by AACSB (American Association of Colleges and Schools of Business),” said the dean.

Hatcher also stays connected to the students. The past two years, the bank executive invited all new freshmen of the School of Business to a reception and dinner at BB&T.

“The students loved it,” said Joiner. “They know the stature that he has and the titles he has; yet, he stood there talking with them and patting them on the back.

“But that’s what makes Bob Hatcher who he is,” he continued. “Bob is genuinely interested in people. He really cares about people.”

On the Slopes

While Hatcher takes on many responsibilities, he makes sure he balances his personal and professional life. Family and friends are very important. Business success never preempts personal and professional relation-

ships and respect.

One of the ways he has found balance is snow skiing. His love for “flying” over the snow developed 35 years ago, just after his son, Robbo, was born. Snow skiing is now a family affair, including his two grandchildren, Felton, almost 5, and Janie, 3, to whom he brought miniature skis, poles and snow suits to the hospital only hours after each was born.

“You know when you’re on vacation how you still have business going through your mind,” he explained. “Well, if you go out West and strap two boards on your feet and jump off the side of a mountain, it is really hard to worry about the bank.

“It is a physical exercise, but it is one that you have to pay attention to what you are doing,” said Hatcher, who competes in races down the mountains of Colorado, last year winning two gold, eleven silver and

four bronze medals. “I can get away from the business world faster and more completely up in the mountains.”

As 2002 draws to a close, Hatcher will step down from some of his volunteer responsibilities, including the chairmanship of Mercer’s Board of

Trustees. The organizations and institutions he has led have benefited from his vision and leadership. While he would easily characterize his terms of leadership as being just a member of the team, he has left definite footsteps of service across Mercer University, Macon and the state.



Bob Hatcher, left, and his son, **Robbo**, have a father-son retreat each year at their home nestled in the mountains of Colorado. Robbo shares his father’s interest at Mercer and serves on Mercer’s Executive Forum steering committee and the Grand Opera House board.

University Honors Presented

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Kay said. “Poetically, that is what your degree declares — a permission to be as extraordinary as you used to be, before we began to educate you.”

Kay related that in his writing career he does not set out to tell stories, he attempts in writing to discover one. He called it a “simple matter of letting imagination chase after questions of ‘What if?’”

“To simplify it, consider the child’s exercise of connecting the dots,” Kay said. “Imagination places the dots where they are, thinking connects them. I believe the same is true in every enabling pursuit that any of us may elect to follow, from science to art, from civil service to spiritual search, and all the in betweens.”

In closing, Kay shared with the capacity crowd at the Coliseum an original poem he wrote just for the occasion — “From books and lectures I have learned, There’s lots and lots to be discerned. And, yet, my soul has found its wings In lofty flights of imaginings.”

The ceremonies were also highlighted by the presentations of the University’s most prestigious honorary degrees and student and faculty awards.

The University presented Kay with the honorary Doctor of Literature degree; Dr. Robert Setzer, First Baptist Church of Macon pastor, with the hon-

orary Doctor of Divinity degree; and Sarah Brown Withers, 1952 Mercer graduate, retired teacher and state Baptist lay leader, with the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

Ken Taft of Manor received the Louie D. Newton General Excellence Medal for his scholastic achievement, personal integrity and character, service to the campus community and commitment to spiritual values. A double major in economics and political science, Taft was frequently named to the Dean’s and President’s lists; was inducted into such honor societies as Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma and Pi Sigma Alpha; and served as an orientation assistant, Student Government Association parliamentarian and chief justice of the student judicial system.

Sonal Patel of Rome received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for



Sonal Patel, left, and **Ken Taft** received highest honors for scholastic achievement and community involvement.

exemplifying excellence in character, leadership, service to the community and commitment to spiritual values. A double major in communications and theater arts and art history, Patel served as president of Chi Omega sorority, a Mercer cheerleader, and member of Panhellenic Council, the Student Government Association and the Up ’til Dawn philanthropic organization benefiting the St. Jude’s Research Hospital. She was also a volunteer at numerous Macon-area non-profit organizations, including the American Red Cross, the Georgia Children’s Home and the Macon Children’s Hospital.

Faculty honors went to business professor Dr. Harold Jones as the recipient of the Vulcan Award for Teaching Excellence, Dr. Scott Nash as the recipient of the Spencer B. King Jr. Distinguished Professor Award in the College of Liberal Arts, Dr. Allen Lynch as the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award in the School of Business, Dr. Kevin Barnett as the recipient of the School of Engineering Teacher of the Year Award and Dr. Billy Slaton as the recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award in the Tift College of Education.



Atlanta Commencement Ceremony — Stetson School of Business and Economics Dean **Carl Joiner** presents the Aprile M. Holland Outstanding Student Award to **David Croft** of Atlanta. Croft also received the top award for marketing at the commencement ceremony in May, which featured Peter Yensel, vice president and regional director for Davis Advisors, as the speaker.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Man of the Century

Judge William A. Bootle Celebrates 100th Birthday

Judge William Augustus "Gus" Bootle, AB '24, LLB '25, LLD '85, whose distinguished career of landmark decisions led to the naming of the federal courthouse in Macon in his honor, was the recipient of a 100th birthday celebration June 28 at the historic Fox Theatre in Midtown Atlanta. The event was sponsored by the Mercer University President's Club, whose members gather annually for a weekend event.

Judge Griffin B. Bell, LLB '48, LLD '67, senior partner with King & Spalding in Atlanta and chairman of the Mercer *Advancing the Vision* capital campaign, introduced Judge Bootle. Judge Bell said that even though he is 83 years old himself, Judge Bootle still calls him "son."

Judge Bell, in his introduction, said, "I'm not going to say much, because introducing Judge Bootle would almost be a violation of a protocol. They say, if you introduce the President of the United States, you are just supposed to say, 'Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States.' Judge Bootle is almost in that same category."

Judge Bell called Judge Bootle "a wise man, a wise judge and a great American."

When Judge Bootle was introduced, he made his way to a platform chair, and with assistance was seated and wired for sound. But, he then promptly stood and walked to the podium. As he hooked his cane on the side of the podium and began to speak, those in attendance gave him a standing ovation.

Referring to his 1960 ruling that desegregated the University of Georgia (UGA), Judge Bootle said, "It wasn't hard to do. It's never hard to do what's right." His ruling led to the admission of Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter on the UGA campus in 1961.

"In my office, I have a plaque that says I was a 'barrier breaker.' Race should be no barrier to admission to a university. We've had a whole century of change. Barriers must be broken and removed," he said.

Distinguished Alumnus

In June 1998, the federal courthouse in Macon was officially named the William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse.

The Mercer University Board of Trustees voted to endow a teaching chair, focused on professionalism and ethics in the practice of law, after Judge Bootle.

Judge Bootle's many contributions to the University include serving as a law school professor and then dean from 1933-37. He is a lifetime Mercer Trustee, after serving five terms on the Board.

He played a leading role in the decision to locate the Mercer Law School to the building that resembles Independence Hall atop Coleman Hill in Macon.



From left, **Judge Griffin B. Bell**, **Judge Bootle**, **President Godsey** and **Robert L. Steed** (not pictured) were presented the first replicas of the Mercer Law School building.



Family members, from left, **Gus Bootle Jr.**, his wife **Brenda, Ann Hall** and her husband, **Ellsworth (Buzz) Hall III**, stand outside the Fox Theatre in Atlanta with **Judge Bootle**, center, prior to the celebration.



Judge Bootle addresses the overflow crowd from the Fox Theatre podium.

Judge Bootle with a portrait of him in front of the federal courthouse named in his honor.



Georgia Supreme Court **Chief Justice Norman Fletcher**, standing left, and Federal **Judge Anthony Alaimo** give **Judge Bootle** best wishes for his birthday.



MERCER REMEMBERS

One Year Anniversary of September 11, 2001

By Dr. R. Kirby Godsey

You and I are not defined by the passing of days, of hours or minutes, or even months or years. The truth is that our lives can never quite be summed up by the days we live. Moments turn out to be more important than minutes. In each of our histories, it is the moments that count — not the minutes.

There are moments that are unique and defining for each of us, some experience, some encounter, some event that makes an indelible difference. There are moments in your life which no other individual shares and which alter forever the contours of your life. Think about it. When certain, specific events occur, we are never quite the same. These special moments in your life are sometimes public. Often they are private. An encounter, a marriage, a divorce, an automobile accident, an illness, a fire, an angry word, a broken relationship, an enduring friendship without conditions.

There perhaps have been or certainly there will be moments that define your professional lives, a choice between duty and devotion, a choice between money and integrity, a choice between doing the right thing and what will get you by. The people you meet, the cases you argue, the decisions you make will make their mark on you. They will alter the steps you take as a professional.

But, beyond moments that define our personal lives and our professional lives, there are moments that define our lives together, our corporate lives, our lives as citizens of a nation, our lives as citizens of the world.

We have drawn aside today, September 11, 2002, because we cannot escape the presence of September 11, 2001. This day on the calendar will not be the same. This morning at 8:46, the bells on the main campus of the University peeled as we observed a moment of silence on our campuses joining hands with people around our nation.

September 11, or 9/11 as we have come to call it, has become a watermark for America, imprinted indelibly, though not always visibly, upon everything that we do. This startling moment, this moment in which we all fell silent, has changed our nation forever. We are unlikely to ever cross the threshold of this day on our calendar without being distracted from the ordinary.

Clearly, we have become a nation far more aware of our vulnerability. Before September 11, we would not have been preoccupied with the regi-

mens or the rhetoric of homeland security. I yet remember a sense of feeling vulnerable during the Cold War in the 1960s. People were building bomb shelters in their homes. After September 11, there seems no place to run, no safe shelter.

In the aftermath and the bewilderment of watching towers crumble and

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a tragedy that caused us all to weep, we recovered among us a sense of healthy patriotism, rescuing for a time that great tradition, wrenching it away from the crazies, the self-appointed militia living in the wilderness, and the unbridled right-wingers who were stealing and defiling the notion of being a patriot.

As we remember this dreadful, defining moment, we should learn that we will be tempted to take away the wrong lessons from September 11. This day bears searing, unforgettable testimony that we have not yet become fully civilized. At best we are somewhere along the way of becoming civil people, perhaps only in the infancy of that long journey. This anguishing event and its twisted wreckage expose the deep divides and the profound suspicions that haunt us along our way of trying to become more human. We are stunned by the hatred and bitterness that yields such destructive passion. Whenever people act hatefully and cruelly in the name of God or in the name of Allah, it is usually because they are acting in inhuman ways. Fear drives us toward hatred and we claim the approval of God in order to dampen the guilt that floods in from our own conscience.

Coping with our own raw sense of vulnerability, we are tempted to become focused on some combination of “buttoning-up” and revenge. We are naturally inclined to strengthen barriers, to build walls, and to secure boundaries. We find ourselves becoming a more closed society. Our reactions, mine and yours, are born of grief and dismay, born of fear and moral indignation, all of which are

lodged deep within us. And while we have now engaged and are likely to remain engaged for years to come in this war against terrorism, we should not ourselves fall prey to regarding such actions as our own holy war. The war against terrorism is not a holy war. The acts of Al-Qaeda do not constitute a holy war. A war against Iraq would not be a holy war. These wars may represent the best that we can do, the best we can muster as a nation. But we would be mistaken to believe that our ultimate victory will be wrought by our military might. Wars, at best, represent our

efforts to protect the modest advancements of civilization, but they will rarely, if ever, become themselves instruments for advancing the progress of civilization.

Our human hope will lie in other directions. In the final analysis, becoming more closed, securing our boundaries will not bring us hope. At most, these steps can only deter tragedy. Intolerance and prejudice against other true believers who are themselves victims

of the “holy war syndrome” will not bring us hope. We will have to look elsewhere if we are to find hope for our civilization.

Let us learn this hard lesson: Hatred cannot drive out hatred. Intolerance and prejudice cannot

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overcome ignorance and hostility. So, our day of remembrance will itself become defiled if we use our mourning to whip up the fires of national hostility and revenge.

Let our day of remembrance be marked more by silence than by scorching rhetoric.

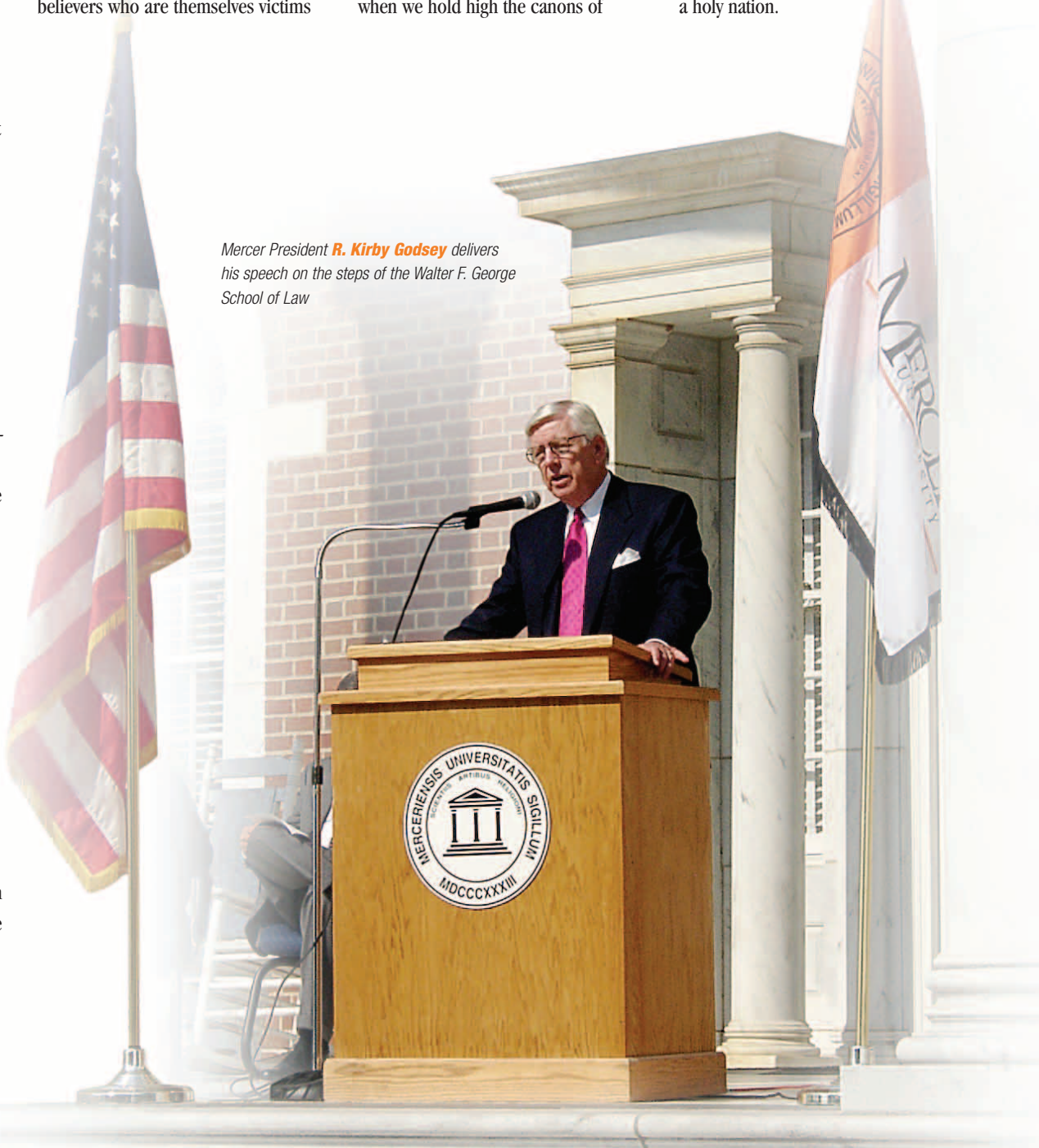
In truth, the pathway of light and the way that breeds human hope is close to where you live and near the heart of what you study and teach here. Military power may hold off the defeat of civilization’s gains, but military power alone can never yield civilization’s promise.

Human hope will have a chance when we hold high the canons of

justice and the gifts of grace. Justice and grace seem frail words in the face of crumbling towers and fallen heroes. But let us learn this lesson — a lesson more to live than to speak. The courage to pursue justice and the courage to embody grace will give us light that will never come from the blazing light of bombs and bullets. The relentless pursuit of justice and learning to live with grace will be the lamps of light that bring us hope.

Our life together must reach for a wider embrace. Let us remember. God is not a Christian. God is not a Muslim. And God is not a Jew. God is above all our little gods. God is with us all. God is in us all. God is for us all. The tragedy of human evil is that in our fear, our human insecurity, we cannot find a way to be present in the world for one another. It will take great courage to pursue justice and to embody grace, ultimately far more courage than to bear weapons. But I believe that it is the only way to become a civilized people. Pursue justice. Live with grace. It is the only way to become the people of God and a holy nation.

Mercer President **R. Kirby Godsey** delivers his speech on the steps of the Walter F. George School of Law



Fleming Calls on Educators for Leadership

By Lindsay Moss

Addressing more than 300 graduates at the Tift College of Education Atlanta Commencement Ceremony May 9, former education consultant and recently-named Executive Vice President for Mercer, Horace W. Fleming, called for leadership in the classroom in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"You must take a leading role in our response," said Fleming. "We look to you, as teachers, to reaffirm our basic values, in the same way we look to reaffirm our faith and the promise of our salvation. You are society's 'moral exemplars.' Teachers, along with the clergy, are the most trusted persons in

our society, according to every public opinion survey that has ever been conducted on the subject of public trust. To a large extent, how you respond will shape how the rest of us will respond. We will look to you for leadership."

With standing room only at the Sheffield Center on Mercer's Atlanta

campus, Fleming emphasized the important role teachers will have in this wake of terror.

"You as teachers, must help the family and the church to reinforce our core values as a nation and to put our history in the perspective of the threat we now face," said Fleming. "We need to be especially attentive to the pressures our young people feel now, in the aftermath of Sept. 11. If it is hard for us, as adults, to adjust, imagine what it must be like for our young people. We need to speak encouragingly to them about their future and about the capacity we still have as a nation to afford them a life of fulfillment and a future free of unnatural fear."

In his conclusion, Fleming stressed teaching understanding and compassion for all human conditions.

"We need your leadership," Fleming told the graduates in his conclusion.

"As you teach your young people the skills they will need to earn a living, you must also nurture in them a renewed confidence about their future, so that they will live their lives fully and productively in a world that has forever been changed by the tragedy of Sept. 11. We are counting on you."



More than 300 students received their degrees at Tift College of Education's Atlanta commencement.

Following the commencement address, Tift College of Education Dean Richard Sietsema awarded Wynetta Scott-Simmons with the Outstanding Student in Early Childhood Education Award and Walt W. Henry with the Outstanding Student

in Middle Grades Education. Scott-Simmons, a resident of Fayetteville, graduated with a Master of Education degree and is currently a teacher at Peeples Elementary in Fayette County. Henry, a resident of Lawrenceville, also graduated with a Master of Education degree. He currently teaches at the Gwinnett Intervention Education Center, an alternative school for at-risk students in Gwinnett County.

"I'm really honored to have received this award," Henry said. "I was among so many talented and intelligent people, that it really is a true honor to have been selected."

Mercer University Hosts Atlanta Metro Educators' Conference

By Lindsay Moss

The Tift College of Education hosted the Metro Atlanta Educator's Conference titled "Sharing Best Classroom Technology Practices" on Mercer's Atlanta campus. The conference focused on integrating technology in classroom activities, procedures and techniques, and provided teachers the opportunity to come together and share their "best practices" with one another.

"Things in education are changing and very rapidly," said Tift College of Education Dean Richard Sietsema in his welcome address. "We have to bring technology into the mix."

Among the day's agenda included classes titled "Technology & Teaching: How does Technology Fit into my Curriculum," "Powerpoint Slides — How to put the zing and pow without the sugar and fat and hours of prep time into Powerpoint shows," "Curricular Web Pages for Teachers" and "The Trials and Tribulations of Integrating Technology," to name a few.

"I'm learning that it's not as difficult as I thought to create technology practices for the classroom," said Sunny Williams, who teaches at Merdock Elementary in Cobb County.

Joseph Bogozan and Rita Harris, both 2002 graduates of Mercer's Intec class, talked about integrating powerpoint into the classroom. In their presentation, Bogozan explained how his second graders at Sweet Water Elementary used Powerpoint to learn about matter.

"It's important that we get technology into the schools because it's everywhere else in the world," Bogozan said. "Powerpoint is an easy program for students to use. It's a way to help accumulate their thinking and put it into a slide show. It makes it fun for them because they can see the different aspects of a computer such as the font and colors."

According to Bruce Sliger, associate professor in the Tift College of Education, the main goal of the conference was to provide a forum so that classroom teachers can come together and share their best classroom practices.

"If these teachers can walk away with one or two ideas that they can use in their classroom, then this conference has been a success because technology will be more effective and help children learn," Sliger said.

organ or tissue donation.

A program initiated by the Department of Community Medicine, Mercer School of Medicine, is concentrating on ways to promote organ donation in Georgia. Funded by the Carlos and Marguerite Mason Trust, the program helps physicians discuss organ donation with their patients, advising them of the need for organ donations, and how they can reduce the chances of needing a transplant in the future.

For Hodges and Stich, there are no regrets. "I feel that I saved her life," said Hodges. Stich concurs, "I think it's a great thing to do for another person."

Mercerians' Unselfish Acts

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a wonderful experience, and I firmly believe that prayer and faith in God brought us all through."

The United Network for Organ Sharing reports that more than 80,000 Americans are on the national waiting list for organ transplants.

While the majority of transplants use cadaver organs, living donors can provide blood, bone marrow, kidney, liver, lung and pancreas. There is no cost to the donor's family or estate for

Mother, Daughter Share Experience

By Lindsay Moss

On May 9, Kathy W. Fincher and her oldest daughter, Michelle A. Williams, shared one of their most meaningful mother-daughter experiences. Both of them graduated from Mercer's Tift College of Education with a bachelor of science in education degree. While many parents look forward to the occasional call home from their children in college, Fincher was able to be a part of her daughter's college experience.

"The best thing about going to school with my daughter was being able to share this time in her life," Fincher said. "We studied together and pulled each other through the hard times. You just can't replace time spent with your children."

For Williams, going to school with her mother was a wonderful and memorable experience.

"I really liked going to school with my mom — it is something not many people can say they did," Williams said. "The best part was carpooling together. We are both so busy that the car rides were our times to catch up on things."

While Williams started college right out of high school, the decision for Fincher to go back to school occurred while working at her youngest daughter's elementary school, Brooks

Elementary in Fayette County. Wayne Stone, who is now on staff with Mercer, was the principal at the time.

"By the end of my first year working at Brooks, Dr. Stone was trying to convince me to return to school," Fincher said. "I tried every excuse possible —



Both mother, **Kathy W. Fincher**, left, and daughter **Michelle A. Williams**, feel going to college together was a wonderful experience.

telling him I was nearly 40 and would be 44 by the time I graduated. His reply was 'You will be 44 anyway, so why not have your own classroom.'"

For Fincher and Williams the decision to choose Mercer was an easy one. Not only was the Griffin Center a convenient location for the Fayette County residents, but both women were encouraged to go to Mercer by people they worked with. Fincher also had a close family connection. Her uncle, William W. Brewer, attended Southern College of Pharmacy before it joined with Mercer University and became the Southern School of Pharmacy in 1959.

He graduated from the pharmacy school in 1950 and was instrumental in the beginning phases of the merging of Mercer and the Southern College of Pharmacy. His involvement made Mercer the top choice.

With their days as students over, both are excited about teaching.

Williams is a fourth grade teacher at Willis Road Elementary, a brand new school in Sharpsburg. Fincher will be teaching first grade at Sara Harp Minter in Fayette County.

"I knew I wanted fourth grade because I feel that it is the perfect age group," Williams said. "The children are still 'children,' but are gaining more and more independence."

Even as Williams and Fincher begin their teaching profession, they will remember their shared experience as students at Mercer, and especially remember the night they graduated together.

"Graduating with my daughter was great," Fincher said. "She was my moral support. She kept me going when I just wanted to quit."

Williams added, "If I had the chance to do it all over again, I would. I enjoyed going to school with my mom. It was an experience we were able to share together."

‘Holistic’ Program Focuses on Classroom Diversity *By Sonal Patel*

Mercer introduces a new teacher education program designed to prepare educators to better meet the diverse needs found in today's classrooms.

Prospective teachers at Mercer University can now learn how to understand the various types of children they will encounter in today's classrooms. With the Tift College of Education's newest program, The Holistic Child, future educators have the opportunity to

maximize their teaching skills by studying diverse groups of students.

“This program is the first truly integrated program of its kind in the state,” said Associate Professor Margaret Morris. “Most teachers in regular education classrooms don't have the skills to handle children with special needs, such as behavioral disorders, learning disabilities and mental or physical disabilities. We are offering a program of Early Childhood Education and Interrelated Special Education to enable teachers to reach every type of child.”

Mercer students enter the new program as freshmen and follow a



Associate Professor **Margaret Morris** heads the Holistic Child program at Mercer.

four-year track of classes and field experiences. Every class is team-taught by Morris, for Early Childhood Education, and Assistant Professor Calandra Lockhart, for Special Education. This approach provides a unique combination of instruction that allows students to become certified in two fields.

“Having a program with dual-certification is definitely appealing,” said Julie Gerbert of Warner Robins, one of the 12 students in The Holistic Child program. “By knowing more about special education, we will be more marketable as teachers.”

Other types of special needs of children are also addressed in program courses. Spanish classes are required of students in order to assist with some of the language barriers they may later encounter in their

classrooms as teachers.

“Class structures are changing, and more classrooms now hold diverse groups,” said student Kristina Sapp of Cochran. “It is, therefore, important to be able to include children that struggle with English.”

Students in Mercer's program even have the option to take summer classes and receive an endorsement on their certification that enables them to instruct children who use English as a second language. The English to Speakers of Other Languages program provides strategies for teachers to effectively work with non-native speakers of English in the regular classroom.

classrooms are dissected, and even children with different personal backgrounds are considered,” Lockhart said. “We will produce teachers that can deal with today's children in every imaginable venue.”

As the program evolves, The Holistic Child professors aim to continue a focus on how to teach the various types of children entering mainstream classrooms. Each course involves a small group of students and works well because of peer support and the program's unique vision and process.

“I like that I will be able to meet all of my students' needs and give each one my personalized attention,” said

student Jessica Harrell of Thomasville. “With this program, I know

that I will be ready to give more to each child in my classroom.”



Assistant Professor **Calandra Lockhart**, far right, and Holistic Child students discuss the role of Special Education in mainstream classrooms.



Students in the new program receive instruction in Early Childhood Education from Associate Professor **Margaret Morris**, standing.

Coweta Schools and Mercer Develop Partnership *By Lindsay Moss*

Coweta County high school students interested in becoming teachers can gain a head start on their college course requirements, thanks to a new partnership agreement between the Coweta County Public School System and Mercer University.

On May 2, public school and university officials signed an agreement that Mercer will waive the required education course Fieldwork I for students who successfully complete the Introduction to Teaching/Teachers' Apprenticeship Program in one of Coweta County's three high schools.

Through the program, high school

juniors and seniors who are interested in becoming teachers and meet specific requirements, spend the first period of their school day at a local elementary school. Under the mentoring of a teacher, a student assists in the classroom and interacts with the young pupils throughout the academic year.

“Education students who attend Mercer will certainly benefit from this, as will Mercer, because of the high quality of students who will be drawn to our program,” said Penny Smith, Ph.D., associate professor and site chair of Extended Teacher Education for Mercer's School of Education.

“However, what is most important is the University's commitment this agreement represents to the local school system. Developing collaborative programs such as this one strengthens both educational institutions and enables them to enhance offerings to their students.”



On hand at the partnership signing were, standing left to right, **Dr. Penny L. Smith**, **Susan Mullins** and **Andrea Chavez**; seated left to right, **Carolyn Garvin**, Tift College of Education Dean **Richard Sietsema** and **Dr. Peggy Connell**, Coweta County School Superintendent.

Seniors Continue Lifelong Learning at Mercer *By Lindsay Moss*

Mercer University turns students into lifelong learners. At Mercer's Senior University on the Atlanta campus, seniors and retirees can tackle such subjects as Personal Money Management, Colorful Georgia Political Figures, Art and Thought of the Middle Ages, Chinese Life and Astronomy.

With a variety of courses to choose from, Senior University keeps its students up-to-date with world affairs, as well as teaching them new and wonderful things. Other classes offered include Genealogy, U.S. Foreign Policy, Selected Plays of Shakespeare and Classical and Theatrical Music, as well as a variety of history, religion and philosophy classes.

“Senior University provides intellectual stimulation that is not really available for senior adults,” said William

“Dusty” Miller, a retired naval officer and lawyer from Atlanta who became a member of Senior University in 1990. Miller's wife, Jane, CLA '45, joined the program shortly after it was founded in

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1979, and caused her husband, also a former Mercer student, to join when he retired in 1990. “It is a great organization and it is directed towards a more intellectual and educational level than many senior programs.”

A large curriculum committee, which is chosen by peers, meets frequently to decide on the courses offered. Professors for the Senior University classes are all volunteers. Some are Mercer alumni, as well as professors from several of Mercer's departments. The classes are non-credit courses and are designed to create discussion. They do not require

homework and most of the classes do not use textbooks.

“We have had some great classes such as French History, the History of French Art, Political Philosophy, Native American Culture and Geography,” said Miller, who has also taught classes at Senior University on Foreign and Military Policy. “We get a great deal of social interaction. There's a great deal of diversity in political ideas and religious ideas which contributes to great discussions.”

Senior University, which has more than 300 members, meets quarterly on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon. During the summer session, classes meet only one day a week. Tuition is \$125 for a single and \$200 for married couples. For more information on how to become a member of Senior University or if you are a retired educator who would like to volunteer to teach a course, call the community programs office at (678) 986-6109.

‘Gone With the Wind’ Books Among Top 20

By Lindsay Moss

With Mercer University Press (MUP) located in the heart of the South, it’s no surprise two books about the Southern classic, *Gone With The Wind*, made it on the MUP’s top 20 all-time best seller list.

Herb Bridges’ books, *The Filming of Gone With the Wind* and *Gone With The Wind: The Three-day Premiere in Atlanta*, are number seven and number 13, respectively, all-time best sellers for the Press.

Bridges credits *Gone With the Wind* for the popularity of his books, saying everyone read *Gone With the Wind* when it came out in 1936

because it had all the elements that made a great story at that time: a beautiful love story, a war, reconstruction, death, a love triangle and a murder. He added he has been able to capitalize off the name.

“People are so fascinated by the film, *Gone With The Wind*,” Bridges said. “So, when I did the book about the filming of the movie, people were

intrigued. It’s a picture book and easy to look at, and I think people were intrigued to learn things about the movie, like it was filmed in California, even though the movie was set in the South. Many people don’t know that.”

The Filming of Gone With the Wind was first published in 1984 and is a photographic essay complete with nearly 1,000 black-and-white photographs covering day-to-day activities of the classic film’s making. *Gone With the Wind: The Three Day Premiere in Atlanta* is also a photographic essay that reveals the three-day event from every perspective, including who attended the event and what they wore. It was published in 1999.

“The premiere book is fun because sometimes you find someone who really attended the premiere,” Bridges said. “A lot of people claim their mothers or grandmothers attended the premiere, and sometimes someone is able to find their relative’s name on the list that is in the book and then they can see what they wore. It’s intriguing and fun.”

Another all-time MUP bestseller set in the South is Jaclyn White’s *Whisper to the Black Candle: Voodoo, Murder, and the Case of Annette Lyles*. In fact, *Whisper to the Black Candle* is set in the Press’s hometown of Macon and is the number nine all-time best seller.

The book, published in 1999, is a true story of Annette Lyles, a glamorous, charismatic restaurant owner in 1950s

Macon who was indicted for murdering two husbands, a mother-in-law and her nine-year-old daughter over a six-year period.

“The popularity of the book is mainly due to people in Middle Georgia because it touched a chord for a lot of people, and they remember the time and that case,” White said. “It was a notorious case, and parents used Annette Lyles instead of the boogie man to get their kids to behave.”

White hopes readers walk away with a piece of history after reading her book. “Aside from giving them an accurate story, I hope the book is able to reveal the town of Macon as it was in the 1950s.”

Also offering readers a bit of history is the number two all-time best seller, *The Melungeons: The Resurrection of a Proud People*, by N. Brent Kennedy. In the book, published in 1994, Kennedy offers a look into the origins and identity of the Melungeon people, a small and hitherto obscure group of swarthy white Protestants living on the Cumberland Plateau in remote parts of

the Southeastern United States, from Virginia to Kentucky.

“I think, for many readers, the book answers old questions and brings closure to long-standing family and regional disputes over origins,” Kennedy said. “Most of us want to know who we are and from where we came. It’s a basic human need, and in 19th-century America, our ethnicity was, in effect, mandated for us. That was a great human tragedy and a loss, I think, for our country. One can be a patriotic Turkish-American or African-American just as easily as one can be a patriotic Irish-American. A number of readers have told me that they felt

more American after reading the book, which is gratifying.”

Kennedy was surprised by the success of his book, which came behind the all-time best seller, *Mercer Dictionary of the Bible*, which has sold 28,580 copies.

“I never expected the book to do so well, but timing is everything, and I suspect that the world is more open to discussion of race and ethnicity and human kinship than it was, say, 30 years ago,” Kennedy said. “Of course, I’m grateful that MUP took a chance on a first-time author with a controversial story to tell. But I believe the Mercer editors also saw the relevance of the Melungeon odyssey to so many of the issues our society is dealing with today. For that, I am deeply grateful.”

For more information about these books or any books on the top 20 best seller list, visit www.mupress.org or call (478) 301-2880.



Mercer University Press Top 20 Best-Sellers 1979-2002

1. **Mercer Dictionary of the Bible** 28,580
Watson E. Mills, General Editor
2. **The Melungeons: The Resurrection of a Proud People** 21,470
By N. Brent Kennedy
3. **The Tragedy and the Triumph of Phenix City, Alabama** 9,884
By Margaret Anne Barnes
4. **Biblical Ethics** 9,390
By T.B. Maston
5. **Money, Power, and Sex: A Self-Help Guide for All Ages** 9,241
By Robert L. Steed
6. **Lucid Intervals** 8,510
By Robert L. Steed
7. **The Filming of Gone With the Wind** 6,089
By Herb Bridges
8. **Mercer Commentary on the Bible** 5,646
Watson E. Mills and Richard F. Wilson, Editors
9. **Whisper to the Black Candle: Voodoo, Murder, & the Case of Annette Lyles** 4,763
By Jaclyn Weldon White
10. **Biblical Ethics** 4,513
By T.B. Maston
11. **Ante Pacem: Archaeological Evidence of Church Life Before Constantine** 4,012
By Graydon F. Snyder
12. **The Color of God: The Concept of God In Afro-American Thought** 3,579
By Major J. Jones
13. **Gone With the Wind: The Three-Day Premiere in Atlanta** 3,542
By Herb Bridges
14. **Introducing the Holy Land** 3,448
By Max Miller
15. **Fat, Dumb, and Happy Down in Georgia** 3,384
By Bill Boyd
16. **Introduction to Sahidic Coptic** 3,384
By Thomas O. Lambdin
17. **The Stem of Jesse: The Costs of Community at a 1960s Southern School** 3,068
By Will Campbell
18. **Zell: The Governor Who Gave Georgia HOPE** 3,064
By Richard Hyatt
19. **Carl Sanders: Spokesman of the New South** 2,929
By James F. Cook
20. **The Crucifixion of the Jews: The Failure of Christians to Understand the Jewish Experience** 2,877
By Franklin H. Littell

Brown Honored at Authors Luncheon

By Sonal Patel

The Watson-Brown Foundation, along with its chairman Tom Watson

Brown, was honored for its sustaining support of Mercer University Press (MUP) at its 13th annual Authors Luncheon on Nov. 16. With more than 300 in attendance, Mercer unveiled a portrait of Brown, commissioned by the University, to commemorate the occasion.

As chairman of the Mercer University Press Board of Directors, Brown has greatly contributed to mak-

ing MUP a competitive front-runner in academic publishing. “He has led, and has been the strength of, the Press



In honor of his support of Mercer University Press, Tom Watson-Brown was presented with a portrait at the Nov. 16 Author’s Luncheon.

Board,” said Mercer President R. Kirby Godsey. “We appreciate his financial commitment to the Press, and his distinctive leadership in mak-

ing it the success that it is today.”

In 2000, The Watson-Brown Foundation, at the recommendation of Brown, made a gift of \$2 million to MUP for its endowment, which completed the Press’ capital campaign goal.

The Atlanta event, which benefits MUP, opened with a reception and book signings by 14 national and regional authors, including best selling writers Carol Higgins Clark and James Grippando. Authors Jeanne Braselton, Arnold M. Ludwig and Frank T. Hollon joined Clark and Grippando as featured speakers. Other authors signing books at the event included Ann Uhry Abrams, Judy Allison, Amelia James, R. Alan Culpepper, Milton M. Ferrell Jr., Tammy H. Galloway, William C. Harris Jr., Kathryn W. Kemp and Jaclyn W. White.



Mitchell's Hoop Dreams Shift to Coaching

By Lindsay Moss

Mercer's all-time leading scorer ends a successful playing career to join the coaching ranks.

Sam Mitchell is living beyond his wildest dreams. Even when he became Mercer's all-time leading scorer in 1985, a record he still holds today, Mitchell could not have imagined a long and successful career with the Minnesota Timberwolves in National Basketball Association (NBA). His dreams have been fulfilled by a 13-year NBA career and now an opportunity to serve as an assistant coach with the Milwaukee Bucks.

"Sam has a great respect for the game and what it's about," said Milwaukee head coach George Karl. "His team-first mentality and his people skills make him an asset not only to our players, but to the entire organization. I think everyone will benefit by having Sam around, and I look forward to working with him."

Mitchell, the most successful athlete to come out of Mercer, attributes luck, hard work and his wife, Anita, for his longevity in the NBA. Luck, he says, of avoiding injuries and staying healthy, and the hard work of keeping in shape. He credits his wife, who he met in a first-aid class at Mercer, for giving him continuous support and encouragement.

"I am lucky to have a wife who has allowed me to follow my dream and encouraged me to try," Mitchell said. "If it weren't for her, I wouldn't have made it. She basically kicked me out and made me go. She just laid down the law. She believed I could do it and didn't want people to talk about the 'what could've been of Sam Mitchell.' Because she believed in me, I began to believe in myself."

His NBA career began in 1989 with the Minnesota Timberwolves. He was traded in 1992 to Indiana, but re-signed with Minnesota in 1995. He has appeared in 56 career NBA Playoff games, averaging 4.6 points per game and 2.3 rebounds per game. He played his 900th career game against Miami in March 2001, following his 1,000th assist in January of that same year. In February 2000, he scored his 8,000th career point against the Denver Nuggets. He recorded his 200th career blocked shot against the Dallas Mavericks in December 1995 and scored a career-high 37 points against the Philadelphia 76ers in February 1991, averaging a career best 14.6 points per game during that 1990-91 season.

Looking back over his career, which includes thousands of games

and many career highlights, there is one game that stands out in Mitchell's mind — a double overtime win against Philadelphia in which he had a steal to clinch the victory. It was the first home win for the Timberwolves.

"I had been out with an injury for two weeks," Mitchell said. "I was put in the game the last few minutes and had a couple of steals. The fact that I was injured and had not been playing but was able to go in and make a

difference with a steal is memorable. It's the little things like that, that make a difference."

Most of all, though, what comes to mind when Mitchell is thinking about his time in the NBA, are the friendships he has made. Some of his closest friends include Reggie Miller and Dale Davis of the Indiana Pacers, and Todd Murphy of the Timberwolves.

"When you are with guys seven to eight months out of the year and you are all working hard to achieve the same goal, you do become friends with them," Mitchell said. "They all have a place in my mind and heart."

While his days in the NBA have given Mitchell great friends, a successful career and a greater quality of life, Mitchell, who has homes in Peachtree City and Minneapolis, Minn., will never forget the hard work it took to get there.

Out of college, the 6'7" forward was selected in the third round of the 1985 NBA draft by the Houston Rockets but was the last man cut before the season opened. Mitchell then played in the Continental Basketball Association for two years, leading the Rapid City Thrillers to a CBA title in 1987.

Later that year, Mitchell headed to France for two years, where he played in a French league and emerged as the third leading scorer in the league.

Never losing sight of his ultimate

goal, Mitchell says he applied the lessons he learned while at Mercer to get to the NBA.

"Coach Bibb used to tell us, 'Life's not fair, you've got to work hard to make your dreams come true,'" Mitchell said. "He would tell us, 'Everyone gets knocked down, but the question is do you get up? You only fail when you stop trying. As long as you're trying, you're always winning.' I live by those words."

In 1989, Mitchell finally got the call he had always dreamed of. Bill Musselman, for whom Mitchell had played in Rapid City, was named the head coach of the newly franchised Minnesota Timberwolves. Musselman asked Mitchell to try out. After enduring two free-agent camps and a veterans'

camp, Mitchell made the team.

The only NBA player to come out of Mercer, Mitchell still holds several basketball records, including all time leading scorer with 1,986 points and most points scored in a season with 774 points. While at Mercer, Mitchell led the Bears to two TAAC championships and two NCAA tournament appearances. In 1985 he was named to the All-TAAC basketball team and received the TAAC Most

Valuable Player Award.

Mitchell laughs about one of the many reasons he chose Mercer University — something called "Wonderful Wednesdays."

"Mercer had what they called 'Wonderful Wednesdays' where there were no classes on that day," Mitchell said. "When you start college, you don't realize that it is serious business and very demanding, so I thought no classes on Wednesday sounded great. Little I did know — they were not as wonderful as I thought they would be. They should have named them 'Work Wednesdays' because that's the day you caught up on all your school work. The school work at Mercer was very demanding."

For Mitchell, Mercer will always hold a special place in his heart. After all, it is where he met his wife. He and Anita have four daughters — Morganne, Mia and twins Regan and Raina.



Before going on to play pro ball, **Sam Mitchell** became Mercer's all-time leading scorer — a record he still holds.

"Of course Mercer is special to me," Mitchell said. "Just the idea of knowing I met my wife there makes it special. Mercer is a close knit school. I not only met my mate for the rest of my life, but I met some of my best friends there."

'Everyone gets knocked down, but the question is do you get up? You only fail when you stop trying. As long as you're trying, you're always winning.'

And while the lessons from Coach Bill Bibb guided him through his career, Mitchell says the things he learned as a student, helped him in life.

"You have to learn what is important and make choices," Mitchell said. "Mercer helps you do that."

The future will undoubtedly hold many decisions for Mitchell to make, but for now, he is still living his dream.

"I'm looking forward to taking on the challenge of a new career," Mitchell said. "In this position, I couldn't ask for anything more than a chance to work with a great organization and learn from one of the league's most successful coaches."

Mercer Athletes, Excellent Students

By Richard Cameron

Student-athletes at Mercer not only compete at a top level on the playing field but also successfully compete in the classroom.

Mercer's student-athletes finished runner-up to top-ranked Belmont for the Atlantic Sun Conference Academic Trophy for the 2001-02 academic year.

For spring semester 2002, 18 student-athletes posted a 4.0 grade-point-average. They included: Bethany

Lowrie and Andrea Shipley, women's volleyball; Elizabeth Bolton, women's tennis; Christy Cantrell, Samantha Daniel, Kristin Levesque, Karolina Revay, women's soccer; Angela Coleman, Leanna Dailey, Amanda Whatley, women's cross country; Will Emerson, men's basketball; Michael Beatie, men's cross country; Oskar Modin, Jonathan Riley, Neil Zarac, men's soccer; and Carla

Paschke, cheerleader.

During their playing seasons for the spring semester, 42 of Mercer's athletes were All-Academic. The cumulative grade-point-average for athletes for spring semester was 3.057 and — for the entire academic year — was 3.047.

Mercer has twice previously — in 1992-93 and 1993-94 — won the conference All Academic trophy.

1942

A scholarship fund has been established in the DeKalb County School System in honor of **Wilma Sowell Cravey**, AB, who had served as the first library supervisor. She resides in Atlanta.

1945

Henry A. Buchanan, AB, has published 17 books, on matters such as Southern humor, theology, love and marriage.

1948

Augustus M. Parker, AB, M.Ed., was installed as president of the National Exchange Club at the 84th National Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. He resides in Macon.

1954

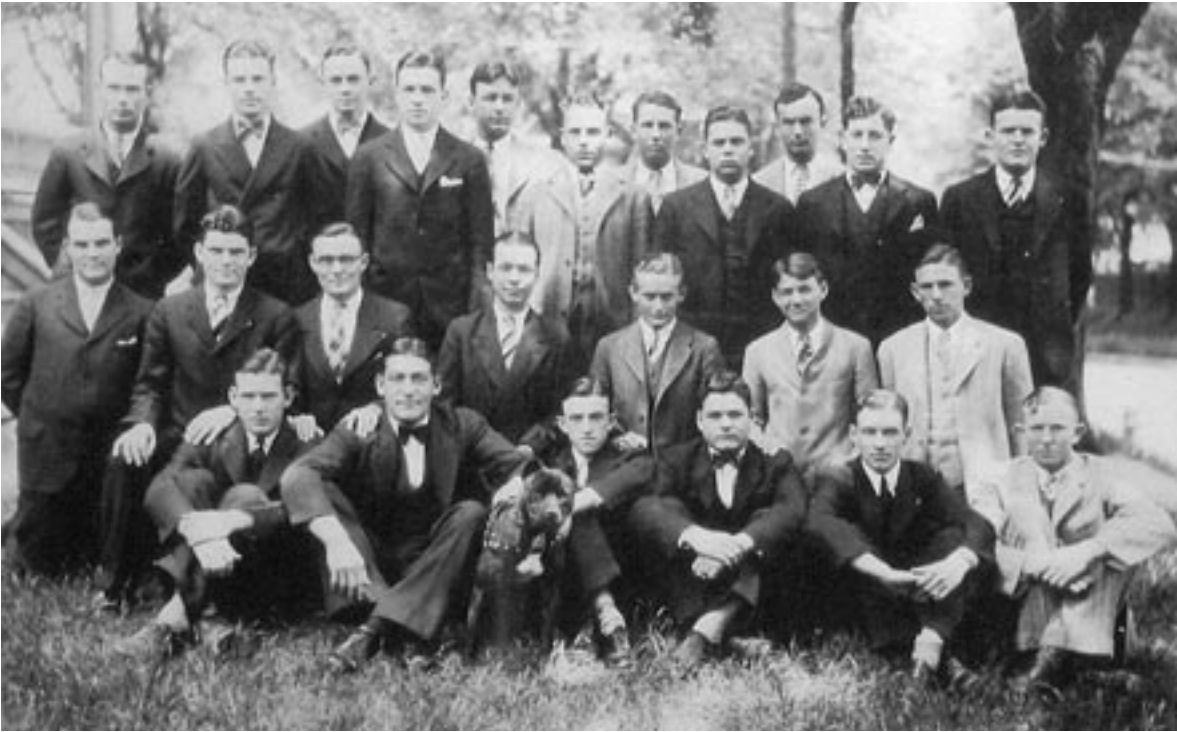
Lamar Willis, AB, commemorated 50 years in the music ministry in May. He and his wife of 45 years, Twila Fleming, have four children and seven grandchildren and reside in Athens.

1956

Rev. Stephen Krysalka, AB, and his wife, Juanita, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 12. Krysalka is the pastor of Smyrna Baptist Church in Deepstep.

By-Gone Days —

This photograph, submitted by Mercer Trustee **Dr. James H. Hall III**, was taken at Mercer sometime during the time of **James H. "Red" Hall II**, who is the first student on the right on the front row. Now deceased, Red Hall graduated from the College of Liberal Arts in 1929. His son found the photograph and would like your assistance in helping to identify the group and the occasion. If you have information about this photograph, contact Raleigh Mann in the Mercer Alumni Office at (478) 301-2715.



1957

Charles C. Poteet Jr., AB, has retired as a State Farm Insurance Company agent after 42 years of service. He resides in Norcross.

1959

Nancy Stone Little, AB, has retired from the Fairfax County Public Library, Va. She now resides in Lancaster, Ky.

1960

John J. Hurt III, AB, published *Louis XIV and the Parlements: the Assertion of Royal Authority* and teaches history at the University of Delaware.

1961

Bob L. Gordy, AB, works as a journalist and writes short stories. He resides in Louisville.

1962

Dr. Charles D. Williams, AB, of Tallahassee, Fla., has recently been named to the Board of Chancellors for the American College of Radiology and chairman of the Commission on Human Resources for the College. A dinner was held in the spring in his honor in Birmingham, Ala., by the American Society of Radiologic Technology. He was also given the Gold Medal from the Florida Radiological Society. *Redbook* maga-

zine named him one of the top specialists in breast cancer in the country in the October 2001 issue.

1963

Betty J. Phillips, AB, has had a scholarship established in her honor with an anonymous \$15,000 endowment to the Georgia Association of Professional Educators. Phillips works for the Bibb County Board of Education in Macon.

M A R R I A G E S & B I R T H S

1952

Anne Mintz Garner married **Dr. William B. Trimble**, '51, on April 11. The couple resides in Rockmart.

1975

Bradford R. Pierce, BA, married Laura Lark Ledbetter on May 25. The couple resides in Albany where Pierce is an assistant district attorney.

1976

O. Frank Whiten Jr., BA, and his wife, Carrie, announce the birth of their daughter, Macie Nicole, on May 17. She joins sisters, Erica and Callie. The family resides in Kingwood, Texas.

1977

Mitchell Beene, BA, married **Robyn Gray**, BA '80. The couple resides in Chattanooga, Tenn., where Mitchell is an agency owner with Allstate Insurance, as well as a registered representative with Allstate Financial Services, LLC. Robyn is a flight attendant with Delta Airlines.

1979

Joan Wilson, BS, married Morton Silberman on June 14. The couple resides in Erie, Colo.

1984

Anne Marie Ernst Stack, BS, and her husband, Donald, have adopted two daughters from Guatemala, Caralynn Graciela (Carrie) and Anna Katherine (Anna Kate). They join brothers, Corey and Caleb. The family resides in Savannah.

1987

John W. Geiger, BBA, and his wife, **Mia Brown Geiger**, BA '89, announce the adoption of their daughter, Madeline, in February. The family resides in Perry, where John is an attorney with Geiger and Geiger, PC.

Marylynn Landers Reynolds, BA, and her husband, Jeffrey, announce the birth of their son, Joshua Glenn, on Feb. 12, 2001.

Marian L. Savige, BA, married Glenn Shrum on May 16. The couple resides in Baltimore, Md., where she is an arts administrator at the Maryland Institute College of Art.

1988

Lisa Shadburn Lemon, BA, and her husband, Ron, announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on Feb. 16. She joins a brother, Matthew. The family resides in Macon.

1989

Kathryn O'Briant Roper, BA, and her husband, Tracy, announce the birth of their fourth child, Jaynie Claire, on Feb. 22. The family resides in Meridian, Miss.

1990

S. Dean Asher, BA, announces the birth of his child, Reese Lee, on Feb. 11. The family resides in Orlando, Fla.

Charles W. Davis, BBA, announces the birth of his daughter, Alexis Nicole, on Jan. 29, 2001.

Sonia Butts Vick, BBA, and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their daughters, Anna Elizabeth and Mollie Catherine, on Nov. 8, 2001. The family resides in Thomasville.

1991

Ralph Gehrig Austin Jr., BSE, and his wife, Rosemary, announce the birth of their son, Harley James, on Nov. 10, 2001. He joins a sister, Kathryn Rose. The family resides in Wilmington, N.C., where Austin is the senior mechanical engineer for Carolina Power and Light.

1992

Renet Lucas Jackson, BA, and her husband, Dan, announce the

birth of their daughter, Annaliese Elizabeth, on June 18. The family resides in Warner Robins where Jackson is a Spanish teacher for Northside High School.

Jeanne Hanley Matey, BA, and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their first child, Elissa Marie, on April 16. The family lives in Alpharetta.

Katherine Brown McDonald, BA, and her husband, **Raymond A. McDonald**, BSE '92, announce the birth of their son, Walker Alexander, on Dec. 22, 2001. He joins a brother, Barrett Gray. The family resides in Savannah.

Dr. Ricardo Vargas, BS, and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of their second daughter, Elena Vargas, on March 23. Vargas was voted Physician of the Year at Montgomery Memorial Hospital where he works as a family physician. The family resides in West End, N.C.

1993

Jennifer High Barfield, BA, and her husband, Ron, announce the birth of their son, Carter Reid, on June 16. Barfield works in University Advancement for Mercer University and the family resides in Perry.

Dana Payne Fairman, BA, and her husband, Michael, reside

in Brunswick.

Julie Carney Hall, BA, and her husband, Andy, announce the birth of their son, Patrick Thomas, on March 28. Hall is a speech-language pathologist for Chatham County Schools. The family resides in Apex, N.C.

Daundria S. Phillips, BA, married Thomas Arthur Phillips Jr. on Feb. 23. The couple resides in Lawrenceville where Phillips is a teacher.

Jennifer Anneke Sherwood, BS, married Steve Bragg in August. Sherwood earned her degree from the Medial College of Georgia in 1997 and now works as a dentist in Cumming. The couple live in Atlanta.

1994

Susan Lawton Copeland, BBA, married Allen Hodges on May 11. The couple resides in Ft. Pierce, Fla.

Sharon Flagg Dailey, BA, and her husband, Charlie, announce the birth of their son, Preston Brady Dailey, on April 12. Preston joins his brothers John-Scott and Will. The family resides in Tallahassee, Fla.

Will Higginson, BBA, and his wife, **Delisa Allen Higginson**, BA '96, announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Anne, on June 20, 2001. She joins a sister, Hannah Elizabeth. The family resides in Waycross.

Jones’ ‘Grand’ Mercer Connections Continues to Grow

For ’52 Mercer graduates The Rev. *Grover Jones* and his wife, *Ethelene*, Mercer University is not only a place where they had many fond memories, but it is also where their family is making memories. This past May, the Jones’ granddaughter, Elizabeth Berenguer, already a ’99 Mercer graduate, earned her law degree from Mercer. This year, their granddaughter, Christina Marie Berenguer, is in her second year at Mercer’s School of Medicine. Meanwhile, granddaughter Paula Berenguer is in her sophomore year in Mercer’s School of Engineering. “We appreciate the contribution Mercer University continues to make in the education of our family members,” Ethelene Jones said.

Grover is retired from the ministry, and Ethelene is retired from teaching. They now live in Epworth.

If you have a family member currently enrolled at Mercer, let us know about your “legacies.” Call or e-mail Jennifer Thompson in the Office of Alumni Services at (478) 301-2189, thompson_jz@mercer.edu, and add your name to the “Chip Off the Old Block” list.

1964

Judy Bass Hollow, AB, was elected to a second term as finance director of Delta Delta Delta Fraternity at the 50th Biennial Convention. She resides in Knoxville, Tenn.

J. Marco Hunsberger, AB, serves as the campus minister at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa. In April, he received the Makisu Award, given by the student body to the faculty or staff member who exhibits extraordinary service to students.

1965

William T. Abare, BS, M.Ed. ’80, has been named president of Flagler College, a private college in St. Augustine, Fla. Abare has served in a

variety of posts at Flagler, holding several positions concurrently. He was initially hired in 1971 as director of admissions. He later served as director of admissions and college relations, director of admissions and enrollment planning and dean of admissions and assistant to the president, among other titles before being named vice president for academic affairs in 1989.

1966

Amelia Adams, AB, is finishing her 30th year teaching English at Monroe Area High School.

1974

Randi Whitsel Jones, BA, announces a new drug study spon-

sored by Laxdale, Ltd., a drug company in Scotland, to be done in partnership with Johns Hopkins University Hospital. Jones is the director of Emory University’s Center of Excellence for treatment and research for Huntington’s Disease. She is in private practice in Atlanta.

1975

Kathleen Hartman, BA, is the assistant dean for admissions and financial aid at Vermont Law School. She and her husband, **Lew Hartman**, BA ’75, reside in Randolph, Vt., where he is a free-lance artist.

1980

Cindy Morris, BA, JD ’84, has been appointed to the Superior Court

Bench by Governor Barnes. She resides in Dalton.

1982

Jeffrey Ray Martin, BBA, is currently attending Asbury Theological Seminary, enrolled in the master of divinity program. He and his family reside in Lawrenceville.

1985

Jennifer Thomas Lindsay, BA, has been promoted to supervisor of the foster care unit of Marshall County Department of Human Resources in Guntersville, Ala. She and her husband, Shelby, have two children, Patrick and Katie.

1986

Paul M. Midkiff, BA, has been named high school principal of Mount de Sales Academy in Macon.

Joseph B. Testa, MBA, passed the Louisiana Notary Exam and works as the vice president/manager of examiners for Hibernia National Bank in New Orleans, La. He is also the Tae Kwon Do state champion in form, sparring and weapons.

1987

Joe Allen, BA, (CAS) has joined the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce

as director of external affairs. He and his wife, Melanie, have two children and live in Lawrenceville.

1988

Barbara Williams Boyer, BA, is the head librarian at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, as well as an adjunct professor at Old Dominion University. She also serves as library chair for the Virginia Association of Independent Schools. She and her husband, Timothy, reside in Hampton, Va., with their two children.

Frederick B. Gates, BBA, completed his Ph.D. in history at the University of Georgia in August 2001. He is an assistant professor at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla.

1989

Debby Goodner Farias, BA, earned a master’s degree in varying exceptionalities from the University of South Florida in May. She is an ESE Specialist for Pinellas County Schools and resides in Largo, Fla.

1990

Timothy D. Phillips, BS, received his M.Ed. in Middle Grades Education from Mercer University in the spring of 2000.

M A R R I A G E S & B I R T H S

Mandy Horne, BA, married J. Kendall Eley on June 9, 2001. The couple resides in Milledgeville, where she teaches kindergarten at John Milledge Academy.

Karen Williams Minnick, MBA, and her husband, James, announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren, on April 12, 2001. Minnick is a principal and chief financial officer of eVestment Alliance in Marietta.

Amanda Stone-King, BBA, and her husband, Lee, announce the birth of their first child, Lee Austin King Jr. on Oct. 31, 2001. The family resides in Thomasville.

1995

Samantha Cufr Baumgardner, BA, and her husband, Bryan, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Noel, on Feb. 17. The family resides in Clermont.

Ben R. Buckelew, BA, married **Brooke Elrod**, BS, on Dec. 1, 2001. The couple resides in Covington, where he is the executive director of Rockdale/Newton Counties for Boy Scouts of America. She is a flight attendant with Delta Air Lines, Inc.

LeAnna Rensi Casey, BA, and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of their son, Aiden Ramsey, on May 9. The family resides in Cumming.

Laura Sowers Dufford, BA, and her husband, Wayne, announce the birth of their second son, Troy Samuel, on June 19. He joins a brother, Ethan Grant. The family resides in Covington where Dufford works as a medicaid specialist.

Jenna Kiser, BA, married Wes Thurmond on May 19, 2001. The couple resides in Clearwater, Fla.

Tina Marie Blassingame Wilson, BBA, announces the birth of her son, Christopher Lee Wilson Jr. on April 25. Wilson is a financial systems analyst for E/M Coatings. The family resides in Fayetteville.

Matthew C. Yeager, BSE, and his wife, Angela, announce the birth of their daughter, Tera Ann, on June 8. The family resides in Cortland, Ohio.

1996

Matt Akins, BS, and his wife, Kimberly, were married on Sept. 8, 2001. The couple resides in Thomaston.

Carey Martin, BS, and his wife, Claire, announce the birth of their son, David Bradley, on June 5. The family resides in Panama City, Fla.

1997

David Curley, BBA, and his wife, **Lisa Curley**, BBA, announce the

birth of their son, Brayden Thomas, on April 17. The family resides in Augusta.

Kimberly Marshall Emener, BBA, and her husband, **Scott William Emener**, BA, announce the birth of their son, Austin Marshall, on June 1. The family resides in Macon.

Angela Scott Girdley, BA, and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Louise, on April 27. The family resides in Parma, Mo.

Zachary T. Lewis, BS, MD ’01, married Ashley T. Peery on June 8. He is a pathology resident at Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Rebecca Porter, BA, married Peter Bronnum on April 1, 2000. She works as a teacher at Collins Hill High School in Atlanta and has recently completed her master’s degree in education.

Stephanie Sullens, BA, married Nathan Long on Aug. 31. She graduated from Appalachian State University with a master of arts degree in marriage and family therapy. The couple resides in Macon

Kate Bosma Welch, BA, and her husband, **Jeffrey Welch**, BBA ’96, announce the birth of their first child, Samuel Jeffrey, on Dec. 21, 2001. She

works as a physical therapist, and the family resides in Pooler.

1998

David H. Abney II, BA, married Susan C. Coblin on May 10, 2001. The couple resides in Lexington, Ky.

Karen Kelly Brenneman, MBA, married Brian Brenneman in February 2001. The couple resides in Clearwater, Fla., where she is the regional customer relationship manager for Allstate Insurance.

Nina Kimberley Kosakoski, BBA, married Robert Kosakoski on Oct. 20, 2001, in Atlanta.

Tyson Douglas Long, BS, married April Lewandowski on March 9. He is a project engineer for Underwriter’s Laboratory. The couple resides in Morrisville, N.C.

1999

Dorothy E. Harris, BSE, married Adam Jaffe on May 17, and graduated from Vermont Law School on May 18. She is an associate attorney for an environmental law firm in Phoenix, Ariz.

Terri Newham, BA, married Jeremy Seth Massey, class of 2003, on May 18. The couple resides in Macon.

Ryan McWaters, BA, married **Shannon Tolin**, BS ’98, in April

2001. The couple resides in Tampa, Fla.

2000

Samuel H. Haskins IV, BS, married Jessica Lynn Stevens on May 26, 2001. Haskins serves as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and the couple resides in Senatobia, Miss.

Kelly Franks Hohenstern, BA, and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of their daughter, Shelby Nicole, on Sept. 16, 2001. The family resides in Warner Robins.

TaReesa King Saunders, BA, and her husband, Ray, have a daughter, Brianne TaRae, and the family resides in Ft. Bragg, N.C.

2001

Kimberly Moss Hayes, BS, was married on Sept. 8, 2001. She is the council registrar for the Girl Scouts of Pine Valley Council Inc. in Griffin.

Joey McGraw McCord, MBA, married David Alan Tabor on June 10, 2000. The couple resides in Marietta.

2002

Shirjuanga Miller Gates, BSBS, was married on Sept. 7. The couple resides in Ellenwood.

Class of '60 Alumnae
Maintain Close Connection

An annual round-robin letter among Mercerians *Ila Kidd Tribble, Tempie Hill Oliver, Kay Hatcher Norton, Ruth Kilpatrick Pearce, Betty Ann Echols, Martha Clark Almand, Emmalyn Phillips Wilson, Mary Phail Boyd* and *Beverly Bloodworth Presley* has helped maintained friendships for more than 40 years.

All graduated from Mercer in 1960, and began circulating the letter not long after graduation. Now, the friends-for-life have a reunion each year. This year, they met at the home of Pearce, who lives in Oconee County.

Tribble now calls Anderson, S.C., home and Oliver lives in Jonesboro. Norton lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.; Echols in Jacksonville, Fla.; Almand in Macon; Wilson in Lake Jackson, Texas; Boyd in Copperas Cove, Texas; and Presley in Statesboro. Only Presley was unable to be at the September reunion in Oconee County.



Alumni Needed to Assist with
Student Career Counseling

Dear Alumni —

Do you remember when you were at Mercer and trying to determine what you wanted to do in life? What profession or career path you should take? Do you remember how difficult it was to plan your educational journey when you really didn't know what you wanted to do?

Our students still wrestle with the same problem. A few arrive at Mercer knowing exactly what they want to do but have little understanding of the workplace. Some wait until their last year before they are able to identify their calling in life. Some do not know what they will be doing the day after graduation. This wastes time and money and causes much parental grief. We now have an answer.

Several years ago we began to discuss how we as alumni, parents, friends of Mercer and as one-time pilgrims along this same route, could somehow help today's students find their niche. After a lot of hard work, our Office of Career Services developed a program to encourage alumni and parents to join with them in an Internet mentor program for students and graduates. This program is called the *Alumni and Parent Career Network*.

The process is quick and easy to access and tailored to specific professions or career paths. It is manageable without creating the need for additional internal resources. It is affordable, and it will be an enjoyable aid in helping our students.

What is involved? We are glad you asked. The program is NOT a job-seeking, résumé-sharing process. It is an advisory and experience-sharing process where alumni and parents share their experiences, the problems they encountered in preparing for and getting started in a career, the realities of the workplace and those things students should be thinking about as they pursue their educational goals.

How does it work? The alumni/parent user goes to the Mercer Web page, www.mercer.edu, and clicks onto Departments and Services, then Students, then Career Services. The alumni user then completes the registration process following simple instructions. You can specify how frequently you wish to be contacted by a student whose goals match your profession. This can be as infrequent as once a month.

You define the frequency of contact, which is usually by telephone or e-mail. The goal is to make available to a student someone they can trust, someone they can ask honest questions of and someone they can learn from. Won't you consider joining us as we promote this very valuable program? You will be glad you did.

Questions? Contact Steve Brown or Gene Wells in the Office of Career Services at (800) 837-2911, ext 2863, or (478) 301-2863.

Sincerely,

Mike Crook, CLA '69

Stella Patterson, CLA '83

Clayton Jolley, EDU '94

Sam Martinez, ENG '97

Danielle Carey, BUS '98

Joel L. Tolbert, BSE, is pursuing a master of divinity degree through Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, where he lives with his wife, Jill, and their three sons, Adam, Daniel and Michael.

1991

James S. Skesavage Jr., MBA, is the vice president/director of marketing for Atlanta Capital Management Company, LLC.

1992

Drew Tomlin, MBA, is the senior commercial lender with First Bank of Gwinnett and has been selected as a member of this year's "Leadership Gwinnett" class. He and his wife, Lisa, and their four sons reside in Suwanee.

Eddie Wilson, MBA, was elected president and chief executive officer of SunTrust Bank, Northwest Georgia in June. He resides in Rome.

1996

Rallie D. Cogburn received his bachelor of science degree in physician assistant studies from the Medical College of Georgia in 2000. He works in internal medicine with a Veteran's Administration outpatient clinic in Macon.

Jon E. Coriell, MBA, is the vice president of finance with C.A. Murren and Sons Co. in Grayson.

Shannon Dianne Dunn, BA, was named "Teacher of the Year" at Brewer Elementary in Columbus. She was also honored by Columbus State University as Outstanding Ed.S. student in early childhood education.

Karen Christian Mizell, BS, is the 2002 Georgia Middle School Science Teacher of the Year for District V. She resides in Griffin.

1997

Matthew Crouch, EMBA, is the chief executive officer of Peachford Hospital in Atlanta.

Reginald D. Lewis, BS, has been named Mr. Nubian Gentleman America 2002. He is a business analyst with Atlanta Life Insurance Company and also an adjunct instructor at the Art Institute of Atlanta.

Andrea Claire Miller, BBA, is the human resources manager for HCA Shared Services in Nashville, Tenn. She resides in Antioch, Tenn.

1998

Brandy C. Bragg, BS, graduated from the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine on May 4. She is a practicing veterinarian in Rincon.

Kim Lyn Day, BA, graduated with a master of arts degree in college student development from Appalachian State University in May. She is the director of student activities and leadership development at Spartanburg Methodist College in Spartanburg, S.C.

Sharon Renee Edwards, BA, was promoted to academic advisor/coordinator of student services for the

Alumni...
Commemorate your time at Mercer

Mercer University is in the process of designing and building a brick-lined plaza that will serve as the campus entryway to the new University Center. Alumni, students, parents and friends of Mercer now have the unique opportunity to capture and preserve their memories by purchasing a brick that will help line this pathway.

Your \$100, tax deductible gift secures a personalized brick that can include your name, year of graduation, and even your primary student organization, such as a fraternity, sorority, BSU or SGA — up to three lines on the face of the brick. As part of this offer, Mercer University will send a written acknowledgment of your gift, including the wording as it will appear on the brick.



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Your Name _____ Class Year _____

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Abbreviations for Colleges & Schools

CLA College of Liberal Arts

BUS Stetson School of Business and Economics

EDU Tift College of Education

ENG School of Engineering

LAW Walter F. George School of Law

MD School of Medicine

PHA Southern School of Pharmacy

THEO McAfee School of Theology

TIFT Tift College

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School of Technology at Kent State University. She resides in Akron, Ohio.

Erin “Michelle” Hitt, BA, is the communications director for the Saxby Chambliss Senate campaign and now resides in Atlanta.

Eli Denard Oates, BA, BBA, earned his JD degree from Wake Forest University School of Law in 2001, and is now an associate for Adams Kleemeier Hagan Hannah & Fouts, PLLC. He resides in Greensboro, N.C.

Jacqueline Marie Smith, BSE, is an environmental engineer for Milliken and Company in Greenville, S.C. She is pursuing a master of science degree from Clemson University.

Kevin B. Suckman, BS, graduated from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus Air Force Base,

Miss., in April. He currently serves as a second lieutenant and has been assigned to the 317th Airlift Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., where he will fly the C-17 Globemaster III cargo aircraft.

2000

Susan Dawkins Patton, BS, graduated with a master of science degree in community counseling in May. She also received the Most Outstanding C.C. Award from Columbus State University. Patton resides in Zebulon.

Meredith Stallings, BA, will graduate with dual master’s degrees in family and marriage therapy and school counseling from Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., on Dec. 14.

Alumni Student Recruitment Referral Form
If you know an outstanding prospective student, please complete and mail this form to Mercer's Office of University Admissions, 1400 Coleman Ave., Macon, GA 31207. You may also call in your submission at (800) 840-8577 or e-mail us at admissions@mercer.edu.

Alum Name _____

Student Name _____

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High School _____

Year of graduation _____ SAT/ACT _____ GPA _____

Activities _____

Home telephone number _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Jeannie R. Sumner, BS, is a sales representative for Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals. She manages a large area in south Georgia and

resides in Valdosta.

Liz Valliyil, BA, earned her master of science in broadcast journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in 2001 and received a grant from the Lilly Foundation to spend the summer learning to cover religion. She now works as a free-lance newswriter at WGN-TV in Chicago.

Peter Wilson, BBA, is a senior software engineer with Motient Corporation. He resides in Reston, Va.

Matthew W. Younce, BS, was named a Graduate Fellow by the National Science Foundation and the University of Southern Mississippi. He resides in Hattiesburg, Miss.

2001

Devin Maxey-Billings, BSEE, works in the modular power supply industry at Vicor Corporation in Boston, Mass.

2002

Mandi Sheree Walton, BA, received the University of Alabama Graduate Council Fellowship for the 2002-03 academic year. The most prestigious and competitive graduate fellowships at the university, the Graduate Council Fellowships go to 60 graduate students each year. Walton is pursuing her master of arts degree in English.

Memory of '67 Grad Lives On through Dedication of School Building

The Cobb County School System is taking steps to recognize the legacy of a Mercer alumnus with the dedication of a building on the Wheeler High School campus to his memory. ***Everett Coker***, a 1967 Mercer graduate, was a math teacher for more than 20 years at Wheeler High School. A former state Teacher of the Year, Coker died suddenly of heart disease in December 1997. Yet, his commitment to excellence in teaching is remembered.

“The positive characteristics that defined Mr. Coker are too many to describe, but if I could only choose one, it would be dedication,” said Gregg Farmer, magnet coordinator at Wheeler High School. “Dedication to this profession, Cobb County, Wheeler High School, family and students.”

His wife, ***Beatice Middleton Coker***, also a 1967 Mercer graduate, lives in Marietta. His son, Preston Lee Coker, teaches English at Etowah High School in Cherokee County, and his daughter, recently graduated from college.

IN SYMPATHY				
1925 Lewis W. Petteway , died Feb. 23, 1999.	1935 Gerald McQuaig , died Feb. 2001.	1945 E. Anne Horton , AB, died May 17. Anne Dumas Rankin , died June 26.	1957 Geraldine Garrett Jordan , M.Ed., died March 20, in Macon.	1977 Jerry A. Ray , BA, died May 3.
1926 Rev. King Israel Evans , AB, died July 4, in Macon.	1936 Dr. Asa D. Duggan , AB, died July 19.	1948 Clara Frances Johnston , AB, died Dec. 2, 2001.	1963 Dr. Richard M. Fix , AB, died Feb. 10.	1981 Elder William Greene Jr. , BA, died June 21.
1928 Joseph L. Houston , died Sept. 30, 2001.	1937 Jordan Masee Jr. , AB, died March 21.	James S. Roberts , AB, died March 26, 2001.	1967 James M. Hammick , BS, died in February.	1983 William L. Copeland Jr. , BBA, died June 1.
1929 J. Alfred Curry , AB, died Dec. 8, 2001.	1940 Frederick Reynolds Ford , AB, died April 18.	1949 Dr. Norman H. McCrummen , AB, died March 6. Dr. Samuel W. Popejoy Jr. died March 21.	1969 Lt. Col. Robert M. Brambila , M.Ed., died May 25, in Macon. He was professor of military science and later treasurer of Mercer University following his retirement from the Army.	1987 Susan L. Finley , MBA, died March 9, in Tucker. She had served on the Mercer Alumni Executive Committee.
1930 Rev. George Hugh Dozier , AB, died May 5.	1941 George C. Martin , AB, died Sept. 9, 2001.	1951 Col. Joseph A. Donnan , AB, died June 2. J. Val Sheridan , AB, died Sept. 15, in Macon.	Harry F. Moore , BA, died May 29, in Augusta.	1988 Dianne Harris Land , BS, died March 12.
1931 Wellborn “Bill” Chaudoin Carlton Jr. , AB, died Feb. 3. G. Clyde Dekle Jr. died March 2000. Houser Bacon Gilbert , BSC, died May 6, in Perry.	1942 Walter Glenn Ashmore , died Aug. 29. Helen Klinefelter McKenna , AB, died March 10, in Macon. She had been a former professor at Mercer University.	1954 J. Walter Cowart , AB, died Sept. 11, 2001.	1972 John McKenzie Truesdel , BA, died May 25.	1989 Annie Archer Waldrop , BA, died on May 25, 2001.
1933 Joseph Ransom Clisby , AB, died April 1. Vivian L. Exum , AB, died Nov. 27, 2001.	1943 Robert G. Matson Jr. died Dec. 6, 2001.	1955 Mildred Watson Hull , M.Ed., died August 10, in Macon. Rev. William M. Moore Jr. , AB, died June 5.	1973 Patricia R. Carmichael , BA, died June 20, 2000. Patrick Hubert Kelly , BA, died July 9.	1990 Shirley Reynolds Cray , M.Ed., died August 28, in Lizella. Donald Hooper II , BA, died March 14.
	1944 Margaret Elizabeth Smith , AB, died March 13.		1974 John S. Carpenter , BA, died June 26, 2001.	1996 Paula Worley , M.Ed., died Oct. 19, 2001.

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Please list any family members who are Mercer alumni.

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Hatcher

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