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Business School Receives AACSB Accreditation By Jenny Butkus

 be Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics of Mercer University has been inducted into an elite group of business schools worldwide who have received accreditation from AACSB International — The Association to Advance

Collegiate Schools of Business.

Mercer School of Business received an official certificate marking its accreditation at a special ceremony in Montreal, Canada, on April 18. Of the 13 universities to receive initial accreditation at this year's AACSB International annual conference, only six are in the United States, with Mercer being one of them.

"Achieving AACSB International accreditation is a testament to the high caliber of the Business School's faculty, staff and students," said Mercer University President R. Kirby Godsey. "Mercer University is committed to providing the highest quality education possible to its students, and this accreditation is another indicator that we are accomplishing that."

Only 418 business schools out of more than 1,500 in the United States have this prestigious accreditation. Among the other institutions with business schools having AACSB International accreditation are Harvard University, Vanderbilt University, Baylor University, Wake Forest University and University of California-Berkeley.

AACSB International accreditation means the Stetson School of Business and Economics meets quality standards relating to strategic management of resources, interactions of faculty and students in the educational process and During the candidacy period, the Business School reaffirmed its mission as student education. The School reduced faculty teaching loads, enriching the classroom experience, and overhauled the business curriculum to provide an education tailored to the needs of the student and the work

student and the workplace. Business faculty strengthened their commitment to conducting research in the field and interacting with other practitioners.

At the end of the candidacy period, a team of deans from other AACSB International accredited business schools visited and evaluated all aspects of the School, talking with trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, students and alumni. This peer review team then submitted a recommendation to the Board of Directors for AACSB International, who voted to grant accreditation to Mercer.

Among the strengths that the peer review team noted in its report was the School's faculty, which they stated "collectively and individually demonstrates attention to continuous improvement and innovation in teaching." The report also said that "interviews with students demonstrated a high degree of satisfaction with the faculty and with faculty

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availability outside the classroom."

Regarding the learning environment, the team stated that the University provided a strong sense of "family"

culture on both the Atlanta and the Macon campus and credited its religious heritage and orientation in helping "inculcate values of respect, collegiality and mutual support."

Mercer was commended for its innovative Managed Academic Path to Succes (MAPS) undergraduate curriculum for the bachelor of business administration degree. This interdisciplinary program, offered on Mercer's Macon campus, allows students to identify their interests and, together with their faculty adviser, develop a personalized program of study. The report stated, "MAPS builds on the close academic advisement relationship between student and faculty to provide a personalized approach to shaping an individual student's academic program."

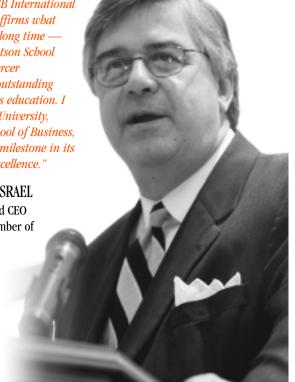
The peer review team also noted the strengths of the MBA and Executive MBA programs at Mercer, finding both meeting AACSB International standards.

When learning of the accreditation, Mercer University Trustee Robert Hatcher, Georgia chairman of BB&T and President and CEO of MidCountry Financial Corp., said, "AACSB International is the most prestigious accreditation that a business school can receive. It represents a strong commitment to quality in the classroom and to the overall learning experience that goes far beyond the typical.

"Throughout my long association with Mercer, the University has always been dedicated to preparing students with the highest quality education possible," he added. "This accreditation simply reaffirms the University's efforts. I am pleased to have my grandfather's name on a school that is so committed to the highest standards in educating tomorrow's business leaders."



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Commencement Speakers Inspire More than 1,600 Graduates

hroughout the month of May, more than 1,600 students from Me 10 schools and colleges were rewarded for all their hard work, long hours and lessons learned as they received their well earned degrees in graduation ceremonies. The University held a total of nine commencements in Macon and Atlanta, and graduates heard from an array of distinguished speakers. Mercer University President R. Kirby Godsey presented three honorary degrees. Larry Braden, president of Lacey Drug Company, was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree on May 1 at the Southern School of Pharmacy commencement. At the

Macon commencement on May 9,

emeritus of Harveys supermarkets,

received an honorary doctor of com-

Joseph Hillman Harvey, vice chairman



Larry Braden, a 1965 graduate of the Pharmacy School and chairman of the Board of Trustees for the United States Pharmacopeia, advised graduates of the professionalism required in the field of pharmacy.

achievement of learning goals. The application process for accreditation takes a minimum of five years.

Mercer business professor Walt Austin, Ph.D., who coordinated Mercer's AACSB International accreditation efforts, said the School used the extensive application process as an opportunity to review and further strengthen its curriculum and programs.

"Achieving AACSB accreditation means that the Stetson School of Business and Economics not only has high quality to achieve accreditation, but also that it has demonstrated over the five-year candidacy period that it has effective quality control processes that will ensure that we provide a high-quality education in the future," Austin said.

Preparing for the Macon commencement were, from left, commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient **Dr. David Shi**, president of Furman University; Mercer University President **R. Kirby Godsey**; Chairman of the Mercer Board of Trustees **James A. Bishop**; and honorary degree recipient **Joseph Hillman Harvey Jr.**, vice chairman emeritus of Harveys supermarkets.

merce degree, and David Shi, president of Furman University, was granted an honorary doctor of laws degree. Braden and Shi also gave commencement addresses. Below are highlights from the commencement speeches. To read the full speeches, visit www.mercer.edu and click on "More News" in the "Mercer Spotlight" box. "Today you enter a profession in which all parties, physicians, patients and the standards of the courts fully expect you to exercise your complete judgment in assuring the best possible outcome of therapy and the bigbest level of safety for the patient," Braden told the estimated 2,000 pharmacy graduates and guests. "Treat every person you encounter with dignity and respect; respect yourself, and project yourself by your deeds in a manner that earns the respect of others."

David Shi, who has written several books, two of which were nominated — *Continued on page 7*



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CAMPUS TALK UNDERST

University Offers Tuition Pre-Pay

By Jenny Butkus

esponding to a national call to make higher education more affordable and more accessible to students, Mercer has joined more than 200 other private colleges and universities across the country to offer an income taxadvantaged way for families to save on tuition

It's called the Independent 529 Plan, and it's a new prepaid college tuition plan tailored specifically for private colleges. The plan enables a parent to purchase a certificate for part or all of tuition that can be used at any participating college. The parent pays today's prices, less a discount that reduces the cost even further. Then, years later, they redeem the certificate

for guaranteed amount of tuition.

"We see this new plan as part of our ongoing effort to make higher education accessible to families," said Carol Williams, associate vice president of student financial planning at Mercer. "This plan offers families a unique opportunity to freeze college tuition rates, which means more students will have a chance to receive a top-notch Mercer education in the future."

Section 529 Plans, so named for the IRS code that defines them, have gained popularity over the last decade. Families have been attracted to these plans because accounts generate no federal income tax if used as intended, benefits are transferable to other members of the family, certificates are usable at any participating school in

the consortium and refunds are available if the student receives a scholarship or decides not to attend college.

For purchasers, the effectiveness of the Independent 529 Plan is not dependent on the performance of the stock or bond markets. Rather, contributions are actually pre-purchasing tuition, in part or in whole, at less than today's prices.

The purchase of a tuition certificate does not guarantee admission or enrollment at a participating institution. Students must meet entrance standards at the institution they choose to attend. For more information on the Independent 529 Plan, visit www.independent529plan.org or contact the Mercer University Office of Student Financial Planning at (478) 301-2670 or (800) 837-2911.

At its annual meeting, the Mercer National Alumni Board voted unanimously to support the Independent 529 **Plan** and to encourage alumni to participate in the program when planning for college for their children or grandchildren.

New Administrators Assume Posts at Mercer

ercer welcomes several outstanding individuals to fill key leadership positions for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Daisy Hurst Floyd is the new dean of the Walter F. George School of Law, effective July 1. Previously a professor of law at Texas Tech University School of Law, Floyd is one of only 29 female law deans in the country.

"Daisy Hurst Floyd brings a commitment to preparing law graduates of the highest caliber," said Mercer President R. Kirby Godsey. "Her professional accomplishments demonstrate strong leadership skills in both the academic setting and the legal community. Mercer Law School will greatly benefit from Dean Floyd's administrative leadership and her commitment to excellence in teaching and legal scholarship."

During her 13-year career with Texas Tech, she served two terms as associate dean for academic affairs. She is a graduate of University of Georgia School of Law and served as an attorney with Alston, Miller & Gaines (now Alston & Bird) in Atlanta.



Daisy Hurst Floyd Dean, Walter F. George School of Law

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management Program. He also will assist with the Center for Excellence in Engineering Education and the various activities required for maintaining accreditation.

"Mercer is very fortunate to have a person with Dr. Leonard's accomplishments and experience to assist in leading the School of Engineering," Aldridge said of Leonard's appointment.



Michael S. Leonard Senior Associate Dean School of Engneering

> Douglas R. Pearson, Ph.D., is the new vice president and dean of Students. In his new position, Pearson serves as the senior administrator for student life services for the students attending the University's College of

Liberal Arts, Stetson 'Strong leadership School of Business and Economics, School of skills' ... 'Mercer Engineering, Tift College is very fortunate' of Education and the

"The search commit-





Bruce T. Gourley Director of The Center for Baptist Studies

dean of students at the University of West Florida (UWF) in Pensacola since 1999.

Bruce T. Gourley is the associate director of The Center for Baptist Studies at Mercer University. He manages the Center's web site, helps produce The Baptist Studies Bulletin, coordinates conferences and participates in all other phases of the Center's work.

Bruce Gourley is a remarkable fit for the Center for Baptist Studies and for Mercer University," said Dr. Walter B. Shurden, executive director of The Center for Baptist Studies. "His background, education, skills and commitment will greatly enrich the work of The Center for Baptist Studies." Currently a Ph.D. student in American History at Auburn University, Gourley is specializing in Southern studies and writing his dissertation on the subject of Baptists in Georgia during the Civil War. He is the author of The Godmakers: A Legacy of the Southern Baptist Convention and a growing number of professional articles and book reviews. He is also nationally known as the online editor and columnist for Baptists Today.

Vice President and Dean of Students

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Michael Steven Leonard, Ph.D., is the latest addition to Mercer's

School of Engineering. He is the senior associate dean of the School of Engineering.

In this new role, Leonard works closely with Mercer School of Engineering Dean Dayne Aldridge to provide general oversight of the School of Engineering and represent the School to internal and external constituencies. He will be responsible for the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Program and the

Leonard comes to Mercer from Clemson University, in Clemson,

S.C., where he served as a professor of industrial engineering. During his 14 years at Clemson, Leonard served in several leadership roles. He was head of the Department of Industrial Engineering from 1990 to 1995, interim chair of the Department of Industrial Engineering from 2000 to 2001 and chair of the Department of Industrial Engineering from 2001 to 2003. He was named Outstanding Industrial Engineering Professor at Clemson in 2000.

'Outstanding College of Continuing and **Professional Studies** experience' ... in Macon. 'A remarkable fit ... for Mercer tee was committed to University.' selecting an administrator

> who could advance the University's student life programs to a higher level of service to students," said President Godsey. "The committee has succeeded with the selection of Dr. Pearson, who brings to Mercer 16 years of outstanding experience in student services administration and an in-depth understanding of student needs on a residential campus. Mercer students will benefit greatly from his leadership."

Pearson has served as associate vice president for Student Affairs and

New University Center Buzzes with Activity By Rachel Garza

ercer's Macon campus has reached a new level of energy and excitement with the opening of the new, state-ofthe-art University Center on March 15. The \$40 million facility, commonly referred to as the "UC," is becoming the focal point of campus life.

Along an indoor tree-lined "street" is a variety of offerings, including a coffeehouse, food court, indoor track, aerobics room, indoor pool and weight and exercise room. The "street" leads to an arena that seats some 3,500 for athletic events and close to 5,000 for concerts, with display cases just outside the doors exhibiting historic university memorabilia. The facility is also home to Mercer's athletic offices and facilities, including team locker and meeting rooms, a varsity weight room, and physical therapy center.

The UC also includes the new Presidents Dining Room, featuring portraits of all of Mercer's presidents since its founding, and the elegantly appointed Griffin B. Bell Trustee Board Room.

In January, the Mercer community had a sneak peak of the facility as the arena opened to host the Homecoming basketball games. Students, faculty, staff and friends were amazed at the sight of the spectacular new facility. More than 3,000 excited fans packed the arena as the Bears delivered victories over Georgia State University, Stetson University and Troy State University. The first two students to the first game won prime seating in two leather recliners near the goal, with pizza and cola delivered to them during the game.

When asked her opinion of the arena's opening night, Priscilla Danheiser, associate provost and interim vice president for Student Life, said, "My favorite thing is just seeing the students' reaction when they walk into





... A 'powerful, tangible monument to Mercer's rich beritage as an institution of higher learning.'





It is great to open our doors and have everyone come together and

support Mercer and the new University Center," said Michael Junod, director, University Center.

To conclude the celebration of the opening of the University Center, a dedi-



cation ceremony was held on April 15 during the annual Mercer Board of

much more.

comedian performances and



Trustees meeting. More than 300 faculty, staff and students attended the ceremony. President Godsey led those in attendance through a dedication litany declaring the University Center a "powerful and tangible monument to Mercer's rich heritage as an institution of higher learning." The Griffin B. Bell Board Room was also dedicated during the same ceremony in honor of the 1948 Mercer Law School alumnus for his loyalty to Mercer and his outstanding leadership to the nation.

After opening, the University Center averaged more than 2,000 visitors a day while school was in session. Students are enjoying the facility for more than just exercise. They are gathering in study groups, taking advantage of wireless internet access, and hosting such student events as the wildly popular

"Mercer Idols" competition. There are plans in the works to make

the University Center a venue for exciting events, such as concerts by national recording artists,

Griffin B. Bell Board Room Dedicated Judae Griffin B. Bell. LLB '48.

LLD '67, and his wife Nancy stand with President R. Kirby Godsey in front of the Judge's portrait hanging in the University Center. The Griffin R Bell Roard Room and the LIC. were dedicated April 15 following the Mercer University Board of Trustees' meetina.

the building. I enjoy seeing their excitement!"

Mercer student Racquel Moxey said, "Now more fans can come to the games. This gives the community a chance to see the Bears."

The games in the arena gave students and faculty a preview of the center, and excitement continued to mount on the Macon campus as preparations were made to open the rest of the facility.

On the day of the grand opening event, hundreds of students gathered outside of the Center's entrance, hoping to be one of the first through its doors. There was a wide variety of activities for students to participate in as they opened a new chapter in Mercer's history. Students sampled the food being offered by the food court's four restaurants. Basketball games were organized as students wandered down to the three intramural courts. Many took advantage of the cardiovascular equipment, including stair climbers, stationary bikes, treadmills and cross trainers. Others pumped

iron on the weight machines. From taking a kayak-rolling lesson in the pool to sharing a latte in Java City, there was something for everyone at the grand opening.

"We couldn't have made this happen without the incredible support of the Mercer community.

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College of Liberal Arts

McDuffie, Distinguished University Professor

orld-renowned violinist and Macon native, Robert McDuffie, has joined Mercer as Distinguished University Professor of Music. The Grammynominated artist is considered one of the top violinists in the world, regularly performing with major orchestras in the U.S., Europe, Asia and Australia, in solo recital, and in chamber music collaboration with other musicians.

"We are delighted to establish this arrangement with Robert McDuffie, which we hope will endure for many years to come," said University President R. Kirby Godsey. "Mercer is

extremely fortunate to have Mr. McDuffie on campus to share his enormous talent and wealth of experience with

our young, gifted musicians here. Robert's interest in becoming a faculty member at the University is a tribute to Mercer's music program and his participation will underscore Mercer's ongoing commitment to excellence in every arena of its endeavors."

As Distinguished University

Professor of Music, McDuffie will make regular visits to the Music Department of the University. During each visit, he will conduct master classes in violin and chamber music and offer other

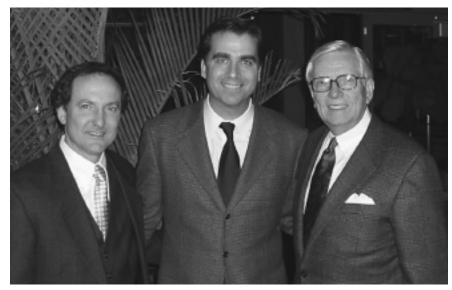
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> instructional activities to a select group of promising young musicians. He will also perform one major concert at the University each year.

McDuffie has appeared as soloist with many of the major orchestras of the world, including the New York and Los Angeles Philhar-monics; Chicago,

San Francisco, Montreal and Toronto Symphonies; Philadelphia, Cleveland and Minnesota Orchestras; Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, North German Radio Orchestra, Frankfurt Radio Orchestra, Deutsche Kammer-philharmonie Bremen, Orchestra del Teatro alla Scala, Santa Cecilia Orchestra of Rome and all of the major orchestras of Australia.

He was a Visiting Artist at the American Academy in Rome during 2002 and gave several concerts in the famed music salon of Villa Aurelia. During his tenure in Rome, he teamed up with Italian financier Simone Chiarella and formed the Rome Chamber Music Festival at Villa Aurelia, an annual two-week festival held in June. Additional European performances have taken place at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam with the Netherlands Radio Philharmonic Orchestra, the Philharmonie in Cologne with the Bochum Symphoniker and in Rotterdam with



L-r: Calloway Professor of Music John Roberts, Robert McDuffie and Mercer President R. Kirby Godsey

the Noord Nederlands Orkest.

McDuffie's acclaimed recordings for Telarc include the violin concertos of Mendelssohn, Bruch, Adams, Glass, Barber and Rozsa, as well as Viennese favorites. He plays a 1735 Guarneri del Gesù violin, known as the "ex-Ladenburg," which has been played by some of the world's greatest violinists, including Niccolò Paganini during the last year of his life.

McDuffie began his study of the violin in Macon with Robert Schwarzenberger at age six. Three years later, he continued studies with Henrik Schwarzenberger until age 16, when he

relocated to New York to attend the pre-college division of The Juilliard School. He has also studied with Dorothy DeLay, Jens Ellerman, Robert Mann and Margaret Pardee. He later received his performance diploma from Juilliard. Mr. McDuffie has been profiled on NBC's "Today," "CBS Sunday Morning," PBS's "Charlie Rose," A&E's "Breakfast with the Arts" and in The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. He has served as a commentator for National Public Radio. Robert McDuffie lives in New York with his wife, Camille, also a Georgia native, and his two children, Eliza and Will.

Franklin Awarded Stegner Fellowship

r. Russ Franklin, CLA '88, was recently awarded one of Stanford University's 10 coveted Wallace Stegner Fellowships for emerging writers. Franklin, who was teaching fiction-writing to Florida State University undergraduates when he learned of the award, has been published in numerous literary magazines.

The fellowship, which has opened doors for many now-acclaimed authors, allows new writers to continue to hone their craft as

has been nurturing his love for writing, however, since high school. And to a certain degree, he did study English at Mercer. "I read a lot of texts on the reading lists of Mercer's English classes," he recalled. "I use to borrow books from all my friends who were English majors."

Franklin received his doctorate in English from FSU in 2000, attending on a Kingsbury Fellowship. He won the 1999 Quarterly West Novella contest for a tale titled "Strong Like Johnny Weiss-

muller." Current projects include a book of short stories.

"Winning the Stegner Fellowship was a huge surprise, and since new scenery is always good for the imagination I can't wait to get to California where I can continue to focus on my writing," he said.



Bluestone Wins Merton Poetry Award

tephen Bluestone, professor of English and film, has been awarded the 2004 Thomas Merton Prize for Poetry of the Sacred. His poem, "The Rug Maker," was selected from 810 entries submitted from 22 countries.

The poem can be read by visiting the Thomas Merton Foundation Web site at www.mertonfoundation.org. It will appear in The Merton Seasonal, a publication of the International Thomas Merton Society.



Stephen Bluestone

working artists" in the supportive company of world-class peers. Competition for the prestigious twoyear Stegner Fellowship is stiff, with more than 1,500 writers applying annually for the 10 slots, each worth approximately \$56,000 in tuition and living stipends.

Robert Olen Butler, interim director of Florida State University's Creative Writing Program and a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, offered high praise of Franklin. "He's an extraordinarily talented and accomplished writer," said Butler, "whose distinctive voice and vision will one day be a major part of the American literary scene."

Surprisingly, Franklin was a math and science major while at Mercer. He





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Columbus, Ga.

College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Sallie Carter: 'Pediatrician Hits the Road'

The following story describes events in the past year for **Dr. Sallie Carter**, a 1971 graduate of Mercer's College of Liberal Arts. It has been adapted and reprinted from three stories that originally appeared in the Anderson Independent-Mail in Anderson, S.C.

July 31, 2003

Anderson County families will be able to avoid some of the headaches associated with pediatric care with the help of Anderson physician Dr. Sallie Carter, who has decided to leave her practice for a mobile office that will tour schools all year.

Dr. Carter, president of the Anderson County Medical Association, will visit the 10 Anderson School District 5 elementary schools and the West Market Family Education Center with her 45-foot refitted recreational vehicle. She also will bring the office on wheels to the Jockey Lot on to reach children outside District 5. The Jockey Lot is a huge flea market in Anderson County open every Saturday.

When kids are too sick to be in class, parents often must miss work

while they wait for their child to get the care they need, Dr. Carter said. She hopes to help them avoid those situations, keep kids in school, make sure they have the medicine they need, and identify any chronic illnesses earlier in the child's life. "I won't be at every school every day, but if I know a child from experience from previous visits, then I know the next time around I'll be able to see that child as a followup," she said.

Kids without insurance or their own primary care physician will likely benefit the most from her care, but all children will have access to her office.

Calhoun Street Elementary physical education teacher Donna Smith visited the trailer Wednesday at her school. "There are so many children who can't get medical care or won't get medical care, but this will be so enticing for them," she said as her two sons explored the office and tried out the doctor's stethoscope.

Dr. Carter is still working out a schedule with District 5 officials, but said she is likely to begin school visits in late August and be at each school every three weeks.

University Honors Its Finest Faculty

'Papa Joe' Recognized at Homecoming — Mercer President R. Kirby Godsey unveiled a portrait of Dr. Joseph M. Hendricks, better known as 'Papa Joe,' at the Men's Homecoming Basketball Game. A 1955 Mercer College of Liberal Arts graduate, he has been on the faculty of Mercer for more than 40 years. Pictured, from left, are Papa Joe's son Joseph J. Hendricks, CLA '86; Milton Ferrell, CLA '73, LAW '75; President Godsey; and Papa Joe Hendricks, CLA '55.





Dr. Sallie Carter CLA '71 was nominated by U.S. Rep. Gresham Barrett, R-Westminister, for a national honor for her work with her mobile health-care unit.

She is paying for the trailer, the truck that pulls it and the high-tech records and billing system inside, and will make less than she would in a normal practice. But she brushed that aside. "This style of practice is something I really want to do," she said. That attitude went over well with District 5 principals who toured the trailer last week. "Tm not only impressed with the idea, but I'm just so impressed with her," Whitehall Elementary School Principal Kevin Snow said.

Dr. Carter said the medical community is beginning to recognize that the traditional office model doesn't work for everyone. "This is just a different mode, a different approach that I think will appeal to a lot of children and families," she said.

December 20, 2003

Sallie Carter is making even more rounds with her mobile medical practice by expanding it to Anderson School District 3 elementary students. Dr. Carter has seen more than 1,000 patients since she first took her healthcare van on the road in August, she said. "We've had a very positive response from people," she said. She has administered more than 700 flu vaccinations, for instance.

However, she said, she believes the practice can grow. So she has made her first trips to Iva Elementary and Starr Elementary in District 3. "I think this is going to be very worthwhile," said Hugh Smith, District 3 superintendent.

Dr. Carter will begin by visiting each of the District 3 schools twice a month, similar to her schedule in District 5. A board-certified pediatrician who has worked in Anderson for more than 14 years, she provides diagnosis and treatment of non-emergency medical conditions as well as routine medical evaluations for healthy children. The billing for the practice is based on the Medicaid fee schedule, and school districts do not financially support the work.

February 5, 2004

Anderson County is home to a "Local Legend," in the person of Dr. Sallie Carter. Each member of Congress was invited last year to nominate up to three female physicians from their state for the honor. Dr. Carter was nominated by U.S. Rep. Gresham Barrett with the help of friends and acquaintances who wrote supporting letters. Winners were selected based on commitment, originality, innovation or creativity in their field. Dr. Carter will be South Carolina's representative in a traveling exhibit celebrating women physicians that begins this fall, said project coordinator Lindsay Hemphill.

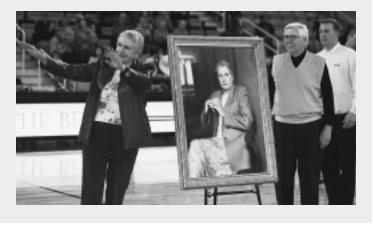
"I think it's a very nice honor, and I wasn't expecting it," Dr. Carter said. "I do hope that it will help promote the concept of wellness of children that I'm trying to get going." The 53year-old Columbus, Ga., native and mother of three came to medicine late, having first obtained a master's degree in divinity from the Yale Divinity School in 1977. She started a private practice in Anderson but in 1996 became a staff pediatrician at the AnMed Child Health Center. Concerned about local barriers to children's health care, from transportation to lack of Medicaid acceptance, she researched mobile clinics and last summer bought a 40-foot recreational vehicle she custom outfitted as a medical office. Wellness for Children LLC was born in August 2003.

The clinic is not "a big money earner," she said. "I'm working at a subsistence level. I had this built on a private basis and have a big debt to pay." © *Copyright 2003 & 2004 Anderson Independent-Mail*

Former Students Honor Trimble, Nordenhaug and Other CLA Faculty — Several Mercer alumni gathered April 24-25 to observe a memorial service for Ted Nordenhaug, who died Jan. 11, 2004, on Saturday and then hold a retirement roast for Tom Trimble on Sunday. The weekend celebration was held at Camp Martha Johnson in Lizella, just outside Macon. For a detailed story of the weekend's event, go to the Mercer Web site at www2.mercer.edu/News/Articles/040713celebration.htm.



Mary Wilder Portrait Unveiled — Dr. Mary Wilder was honored with a portrait unveiling at the women's Homecoming basketball game. Wilder dedicated more than 41 years to teaching Mercerians. Pictured, from left, are Wilder and President Godsey.



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'Carl Vinson: Patriarch of the Armed Forces'

New biography reminds Georgians of great legislator

By Wes Griffith

During the Memorial Day holiday, the World War II Memorial in the nation's capital was dedicated, commemorating the men and women who fought and made the ultimate sacrifice defending the nation. One man who didn't fight on the battlefield, but deserves recognition for his war efforts is Carl Vinson.

A Milledgeville, Ga., native who graduated from Mercer's Law School in 1902, Vinson is, according to biographer James F. Cook, "the patriarch of the armed forces." Without his efforts toward strengthening U.S. naval forces in the 1920s and 1930s, a time when America was more committed to disarmament and isolationism, World War II may have resulted in a much different scenario.

Cook and Mercer University Press teamed up to tell the life story of this one individual who played such an important role in our nation's history in the recently published *Carl Vinson: Patriarch of the Armed Forces*. Surprisingly, Cook's work is the first full-length biography of this master legislator responsible for transforming the Armed Forces through Congress.

Vinson's great nephew, Georgia's longtime U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, is one of several of Vinson's family members that have been vocal about the book being written. Having followed in Vinson's footsteps by chairing the Armed Services Committee, Nunn knows as well as anyone the significance of Vinson's achievements.

"Carl Vinson dedicated his life to America's strength, security and freedom," wrote Nunn in a statement regarding the book. "He also inspired me, and I am sure many others, to serve our nation in the U.S. Congress. Carl Vinson's story is, in large part, the story of American's national security in the twentieth century. The lessons of his leadership should be learned by the young leaders who must protect America in the twenty-first century." Starting in 1914, Vinson spent 50 years in the United States House of Representatives. During that time, he chaired the

House Naval Affairs Committee, as well as its successor, the Armed Services Committee. By the 1930s, his folksy wit, strong work ethic, intense patriotism and what Cook calls "an ability to be domineering without offending people" gained him the trust and respect of everyone in the U.S. government.

Armed with credos like "The paramount duty of government is selfpreservation" and "enemy capabilities — not dollars — must determine our defenses," Vinson used his stature among fellow politicians to swiftly pass legislature of real consequence and build up the nation's defense. Many feel that he is the principal architect of our nation's modern defense system.

"In the 13 January 2002 issue of *Parade Magazine*," writes Cook in the preface, "a reader from West Virginia noting the prominent role the USS Carl Vinson was playing in fighting terrorism in the Middle East, asked: Who was Carl Vinson? It was a valid question, for a whole generation now has grown up with no memory of Carl Vinson."

The answer to why Carl Vinson has drifted into relative anonymity lies in the essence of the man's character.

"Vinson never sought out much publicity," explains Cook. "He also had no children to carry on his legacy," and more importantly, he never aspired to any other position. "Everyone in Georgia knows the name Richard Russell," said Cook, "but not many know Carl Vinson, and yet his contributions were on par with Russell's." Vinson was in the House, while Russell was in the Senate and, at one time, in the running for the presidency.

"From time to time," Cook continued, "Vinson was recommended for higher positions, such as a seat in the Senate or Secretary of the Navy, but he always turned them down." Vinson's standard response to those who questioned his choice to remain in the House was "I'd rather run the Navy from here." After he established seniority status, he exerted tremendous influence over the Navy and later all of the military. Believing his role to be important,



President Lyndon Johnson and **"Lady Bird" Johnson** honor **Carl Vinson** with a gala birthday party in the White House on his 85th birthday in 1968.



During a trip to Georgia on Nov. 18, 1973, Vinson's 90th birthday, **President Richard Nixon** announced that a new nuclear aircraft carrier would be named for **Carl Vinson**. From left to right, **President Nixon**, Secretary of the Navy **John Warner**, **Carl Vinson** and Secretary of Defense **Melvin Laird**.



Elder statesman **Carl Vinson** chatting with his great-nephew Senator **Sam Nunn** on the front porch of his farm house in 1973

Vinson maintained his post out of a sense of duty and patriotism. "He developed a reputation of confidence and patriotism," said Cook. "No one questioned his integrity. When he made a statement about a program or project, his argument carried weight."

Writing the Book It was about four years ago when Cook was approached by Emmett Hall, a family member of Vinson's, to write the biography. As Hall put it, "If a man has done enough to have a nuclear carrier named after him, he ought to have his biography written." Vinson kept no journal, so Cook relied heavily on interviews, letters, newspaper articles and the Congressional record. Cook found conversations with friends of Vinson, such as Lou and Neta Stockstill, to whom the book is dedicated, particularly informative and inspiring. Lou was a Washington journalist during much of Vinson's career, while Neta was a staff member of the Armed Services Committee during Vinson's active political years.

The result of Cook's efforts is, according to Willard B. Gatewood, professor emeritus of history at the University of Arkansas, "a superb piece of historical scholarship on a subject of great historical significance." It provides not only keen insight into the prolific career of a great Congressman, but a heartfelt portrayal of a man who lived an exemplary life.

When asked what he would like people to take from this biography, Cook replied, "I would like for people to understand that Vinson was a real American patriot that devoted his life to public service, that he considered it a noble calling, and that his efforts paid off in the results he achieved in improving our military and national security."

When Vinson joined the House of Representatives in 1914, he was the youngest ever to do so. When he retired in 1964 after 50 years of service, it was, at the time, the longest anyone had ever served in the House. Though still quite capable at 80 years of age, he felt his duty had been served.

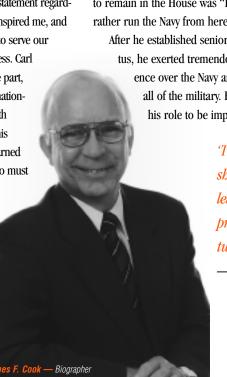
At the last of several retirement ceremonies held on his honor, Vinson rose and said, "I have received my award, and you have made my day in this Congress of the United States a complete fulfillment of what I have sought in life."

Always reluctant of fanfare, Vinson quietly went to Union Station and boarded a train and returned to Milledgeville, Ga., where he lived out the rest of his years on his 600-acre farm.

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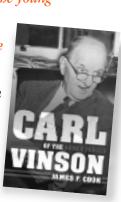
Mercer University Press, now in its 25th year, has published more than 1,000 books. The press publishes more than 40 books annually, primarily on subjects of history, philosophy, religion and Southern studies.

Join the MUP in celebrating 25 years of publishing excellence at the fifteenth annual Authors Luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Westin Buckhead Atlanta (formerly Swissotel), adjacent to Lenox Square.



'The lessons of his leadership

sbould be learned by the young leaders who must protect America in the twenty-first century.' — Senator Sam Nunn



Authors in attendance will be Rick Allen, Steve Berry, David Bottoms, Ron Chernow, James Cook, Lucy Corin, Louise Dodd, Hollis Gillespie, Terry Kay, Buck Melton Sr., William Rawlings Jr., Haywood Smith and Michael Thurmond. Authors will meet, greet and autograph copies of their latest and previous works.

For information on this year's Authors Luncheon, call (800) 837-2905, (678) 547-6439 (Atlanta-area) or e-mail *Wallace_am@mercer.edu*. For an MUP catalog, call (478) 301-2880 (Macon) or (800) 342-0841, 2880 (in Ga.), or online at *www.mupress.org*.

STETSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Business School Unveils New MBA Offerings By Sonal Patel

ercer's Stetson School of Business and Economics has big plans for the start of the 2005 year. The School will introduce a new MBA program designed specifically for physicians on the Macon campus in January. The School also will extend its successful Executive MBA (EMBA) program, which is currently offered on the Atlanta Campus, to the Regional Academic Center in Henry County.

The School is breaking new ground with these two programs. The new MBA for Physicians is the only program of its kind in Central Georgia, and the EMBA program is the first graduate-level business degree to be offered on the south side of Atlanta.

The MBA for Physicians, a dream frequently discussed by the School of Medicine Alumni Board of Directors, is designed to equip medical doctors with managerial skills to help them effective-

ly operate their practices. The curriculum will focus on managing different aspects of a physician's business, starting with foundations in business and the business environment, and continuing to address managing human and financial resources and planning for the future. Special seminars will address topics such as medical informatics, negotiations and investments.

With the program especially designed to fit into the busy schedules of physicians, participants will attend classes on Friday evenings and all-day Saturday on alternating weekends over a two-year period. No classes will be held in July.

"One of the challenges for physicians is that they are taught how to doctor - but they also end up running a business," said Dr. Linda Brennan, associate professor of management and director of graduate programs on the Macon campus. "Even doctors whose practices have business managers want to better understand the implications of the decisions they make. This program is designed to specifically address these needs."

The EMBA program, which will be offered at the University's Regional Academic Center in January, is for business professionals with at least seven years of work experience. The program focuses on the growing international competition that managers face, while training them to use their



Mercer's new Regional Academic Center in Henry County

skills to become global in perspective, improve the total quality of their firms, maximize ethical standards and implement effective leadership.

EMBA students attend class every other weekend on Friday evenings and all-day Saturdays for 21 months. Midway through the program, students

take a 10-day trip to Europe, South America or Asia, where they visit companies and talk with corporate executives to learn how business is conducted in a different area of the world.

For more information on these programs, visit www.mercer.edu/ business or call (800) 837-2905.

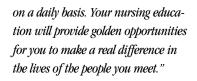
Commencement

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for the Pulitzer Prize, addressed an estimated 6,000 graduates and guests at the Macon Coliseum.

"I share your joy in what this day represents, and I cherish your

potential, for you are our future, our bope, our promise," Shi said. "You overly active, overly-achieving graduates are going to do great things, but you're also going to encounter accidents, setbacks and failures. How you



Dr. Kevin Soden, a national medical correspondent for NBC's Today and an emergency room doctor for 25 years, was the commencement speaker for the School of Medicine on May 1.

From left, President R. Kirby Godsey presents an honorary Doctor of Science degree to pharmacy commencement speaker Larry Braden, president of Lacey Drug Company, as H.W. Ted Matthews,

On May 8, the Walter F. George School of Law commencement speaker was Col. James P. Terry, principal deputy assistant secretary of state for Legislative Affairs (United States) and a 1973 Mercer Law School graduate.

"The Mercer law faculty, led by Dean [Michael] Sabbath, has given you every tool, every advantage,

> ty to succeed as attorneys in the broadest range of disciplines," Terry told the estimated 130 law graduates. "You have studied in a beautiful facility, in a bucolic community, and among faculty who have taken a

> > warm and per-

sonal interest in

The difference is not just the result of attending classes or acquiring and, in some cases, reading many books or writing more papers than you care to remember. When theological education works, you have had an encounter with God that has involved your mind, your beart, and your soul," Aleshire said. "You are changed so that you can do the work ahead of you, so that you can faithfully live the Gospel that you proclaim,

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society in the world.'

and so that you become the stewards of part of the blessing that God wants to bestow on God's people."

> Floyd Delano "F.D." Toth, executive secretary of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, gave the Tift College of Education commencement

president and chief executive officer of Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, as the speaker.

"Let me urge you to do your part to restore and build trust in the greatest system and society in the world. We need it today more than anytime in at least the last 35 years," Christman said in his commencement address. "Trust begins with our leaders. It is a form of capital that is priceless. You need to

> bonor it and protect it as your best asset. In the process, it will free your minds — and those of your future col-

leagues and associates — to create the products and services, and to provide the inspiration, to build our country to ever-greater heights."

Dr. C. Randy Gregg, founder and CEO of Corporate Performance Resources, gave the commencement address for the College of Continuing and Professional Studies Atlanta graduation ceremony on May 15.

every opportuni-

respond will define your

character and shape the quality of your life. My wish for you is that you will summon up the spiritual fellowship, mental toughness and creative resilience that Mercer has helped nurture in you."

State Rep. Sharon Cooper of the 30th District of Georgia, who holds a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing, was the speaker for the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing commencement on May 1.

"You have chosen the perfect profession to help you live a meaningful life," she told the estimated 90 graduates. "As a nurse, you will have an opportunity to counter indifference and lack of caring, and to offer solace

dean of the Southern School of Pharmacy and vice president of the health sciences, looks on.

"Always seek a mission in life that is grounded in a higher good and service to others,"

Soden advised the graduates in his 'Seven Lessons for Successfully Keeping the Fun in Your Life ... and Your Practice.' "You are doing that by choosing the various professions that all of you represent today.

We don't become healthcare professionals for the money or prestige, but for the emotional equity that special feeling that we have done something good for another person."

both your education and your future success. You have completed a curriculum as competitive as any in the nation. 'Always seek a mission in life that is grounded in a higher good and service to others.'

Speaking for every parent, every professor, and every alumnus present today, we salute you and your accomplishments." Dr. Daniel Aleshire, executive director of The Association of Theological Schools, gave the commencement address for the James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology on May 15. *"When theological education*

does its work well, you exit different than you were when you entered.

address on May 15.

He told the graduating class of educators not only to teach their students, but also to learn from them as well. As society changes, so do the needs of today's students, and educators should realize the need for new and effective methods of teaching, he advised. Toth also reminded graduates that they are what they teach, and that kindness, understanding, goodness and love are important values that educators should exemplify for their students. (At the request of Toth, his commencement address is not available on Mercer's Web site.) The Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics commencement on the Atlanta campus on May

15 featured Raymond R. Christman,

"Write your own story ... use your own material," Gregg told the graduates. "Pick and choose carefully what you want to include. ... Don't write your story like everyone else. Use bright colors. It will take courage.... You will need to be creative.... Write...with bonor.... Help us remember to laugh.... Include service.... Remember to march to the beat of your own drum. Our world needs you to be non-traditional. Wear your badge with honor. Wear it with pride."

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STETSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Budding Lebanese Pop Star Studying at Mercer

By Jenny Butkus

ercer MBA student Ramzi Bou Hamdan isn't your average graduate student. The 22-year-old is a pop star sensation in his homeland of Lebanon.

Before opting to move to Atlanta to earn his MBA, Hamdan won second place in a popular musical talent contest back home. He was a winner in "Studio al Fan," an Arabic TV show similar to the popular American Idols TV show in the United States.

Hamdan has always had a flair for music. He began singing at the age of eight. A fan of opera and jazz, his formal training is in classical music. He studied at the National Lebanese Conservatoire and sang in the choir with the National Lebanese Orchestra.

Hamdan said becoming a pop star was not always a goal of his. He

decided to try out for "Studio al Fan" at the urging of his friends. After switching from the classical to the pop music category at the suggestion of the show's judges, he advanced in the television contest. Hamdan won first place in

the pop music category in the city of Beirut before

going on to the final competition and winning second.

This experience landed him a contract with one of the most popular Arabic television stations, and he was soon giving solo concerts in Lebanon. Amid the media interviews and concerts that ensued from his win, Hamdan continued to pursue his studies at the American University of Beirut, where he earned his undergraduate degree in computer science.

The glimpse of stardom tempted him to pursue a musical career, but the young man decided last summer to end his contract with the TV station and to move to the United States pursue his MBA. He said it was a tough

decision, but it *Tm still young ... right now I need* was what he felt like he needed to focus on my education." to do.

> "I was pretty famous, but I wanted to be a full-time student," he said. "I'm still young. After I finish school, I will take a few years and see if I can really be a star, but right now I need to focus on my education."

> Hamdan has been at Mercer since August, and he said he has enjoyed his life as a student of the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics on the Atlanta campus.

"I like the system at Mercer. The professors are very helpful," he said.

He still works on his music when he can. He practices singing with a student he knows from Georgia Tech who plays the keyboard. When he returned home for winter break, he gave a New Year's Eve concert, and he plans to return home this summer to give a few concerts and produce a new song before returning to Mercer to finish his MBA.

"I think earning my MBA will help me a great deal both in a possible music career and in the business world," he said. "I can make better decisions now that I know more

Ramzi Bou Hamdaı

about contracts and marketing. I've learned negotiating skills, so when I return to Lebanon I'll know what I'm doing when working with any company."

Court TV's Nancy Grace Returns Home to Speak at Executive Forum

By Jenny Butkus

ourt TV anchor and frequent Larry King Live guest host Nancy Grace, CLA '81, JD '84, returned home in April to speak at Mercer's Executive Forum. The Macon native gave presentations on both the Atlanta and Macon campuses.

"It's really great to be back home, not just in Georgia, but also at Mercer University," said Grace, who moved to New York seven years ago to work on Court TV.

Grace told The Executive Forum audience she had not originally planned to pursue a career in law. A lover of Shakespearean literature, she had planned to become an English professor. This dream was derailed by the random murder of her fiancé, while she was still a student in

The tragedy propelled her to change her plans and to enroll in Mercer's Law School. After completing her law degree, she began working as a special prosecutor for major felony cases in the office of longtime Fulton County District Attorney Lewis Slaton in Atlanta. At the time, Grace explained,

'There are people in our society who are too weak to speak for themselves. ... If not you, who? If not now, when? Now's the time to make a difference.'

Atlanta was considered the murder capital of the world. For 10 years, the Mercer graduate served as a special prosecutor trying cases involving serial murder, serial rape, serial child molestation and arson.

But it was what she felt called to do. She likened her work as a special prosecutor to an experience of a good friend who had taken up running as part of her personal recovery from breast cancer. Her friend believed she had signed up for a 5K race and ended up running in a 12K race.

"An hour and a half passed and she passed a five-mile marker. She looked at the sign and said, 'This is not what I signed up for!' But I'm proud to say she kept on, and she ran across that finish line with her hands above her head in victo ry," Grace said with a smile. "That strikes me as Mercer President R. Kirby Godsey and Nancy Grace



triple homicide. She was defending three drug users who had been murdered, and she said it was hard to gain empathy for the victims. But in watching the children in the community play on a playground filled with broken glass, bullet shells, and plastic bags that once held cocaine, she realized what she needed to tell the jury.

"I told them there are people in our society who are too weak to speak for themselves. To the jury, I said, 'If not you, who? If not now, when? Now's the time to make a difference."" she recalled.

The jury found the defendant guilty, and the conviction was just one of Grace's perfect record of nearly 100 felony convictions at trial and no losses.

Mercer's College of Liberal Arts.

"When Keith's world ended, my world exploded," she said.

It was not glamorous. It was nasty and hard and dirty," Grace said of her time in the D.A.'s office.

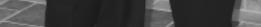


Chick-fil-A Founder and Chairman Truett Cathy was the featured speaker for Business Week. Pictured, from left, are Assistant Professor Dr. Tammy Crutchfield, Business Week Chair Kim Johnson, Truett Cathy and Dean Carl Joiner.

how I felt. Wife, mother, English professor ... that's not what was meant to be. But as part of God's mysterious plan, I got a new life. It was not what I signed up for, but, by God, that's the race I am in."

Grace told the story of her first murder case. The victim in the case was asphyxiated with a plastic bag. The young woman was a mentally handicapped minority named Mary. She was the only child of an impoverished woman — a woman with no phone, no car and no job.

Grace recalled in vivid detail pulling up to Mary's home in the government housing community. The young



woman's mother greeted her with a huge hug and gave her a seat in what appeared to be the family's only chair.

"She looked at me like I was somehow going to make everything better," Grace said. "It struck me how the people who need the most protection are most often the victims. It was that case that turned me from a lawyer to an advocate ---- to where you care more about somebody else than you care about yourself."

Mary's murderer is still in the penitentiary today, Grace said.

She went on to share more stories of cases she's tried, including her first

Grace encouraged the audience to transform themselves from "ordinary to extraordinary."

"I believe with all my heart that one person can make a difference. Look at you, all your education, your good looks, your talent," she said with a smile. "Your duty is greater because your gifts are greater. As leaders and winners in this community, you have a duty to not turn away. As a leader, you have a duty to do all the good you can, wherever you can, whenever you can."

TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Elementary Students Become Published Authors

By Jenny Butkus

ore than 600 Gwinnett County students will soon have the thrill of seeing their work published in a hardback book, thanks to Mercer's

Budding Authors summer writing enrichment workshops.

A joint effort of the Tift College of Education and Mercer's College for Kids, Budding Authors is a program in which kindergarten through fifth-grade students try their hand at writing in a variety of formats. The students attend

"college" on the Cecil B. Day Atlanta Campus for one week and work with Mercer graduate education students and alumni to hone their writing

skills. Then, at the end of the workshop, they select one piece of their work for publication.

In the fall, the students will return to Mercer for a special graduation ceremony. At the event, they will receive a hardback book featuring one piece of writing from each of the participants. A copy of the book will also be sent to

the library of each of the participating students' schools.

As the result of a partnership agreement with Gwinnett County Schools, Gwinnett students are nominated for Budding Authors by their

'This is a rewarding academic experience and the elementary students ...'

> teachers based on their writing talent and interest. This is the third year the program has been offered on the Atlanta Campus.

Through innovative writing exercises, the Mercer graduate students and alumni help students sharpen their reading and writing skills. For example, one of the teachers takes pictures from

children's books that her class isn't familiar with and covers up the words. She then gives her students copies of the pictures and asks them to write their own stories based on the drawings. The students can mix up the order of the pictures and write whatever they want. Then, after everyone is finished with their writing, the teacher reads the students the original story.

"The children really enjoy that exercise," said Dr. Mary Willingham, professor of education at Mercer and co-director of the Budding Authors on the Atlanta Campus. "This a rewarding academic experience for both the Mercer graduate

students and the elementary students because the students who participate in the program are there because they love reading and writing and they're eager to learn."

Willingham said she particularly enjoys watching the students' reactions when they receive the hardback book



Tift College of Education alumna Mariah Carr (left) works with budding author Julia Fox on a writing assignment during the June workshops series on the Atlanta campus.

with their work published inside.

"The children get to become published authors," she said. "When they receive their books, they immediately open them up and they become oblivious to everything else around them."

Editor's Note: Budding Authors workshops are also offered on

Mercer's Macon campus and regional academic centers in Henry County and Douglas County. However, the Budding Authors program on the Atlanta Campus is the only one in which College for Kids partners with the Tift College of Education.

Mercer Partners with Cross Keys to Bridge Racial, Economic Achievment Gaps

ercer has entered a partnership with Cross Keys High School that will allow the Tift College of Education's Atlanta campus students to gain insight into the challenges that educators face with today's diverse populations. The partnership will also allow high school teachers and students to draw from the Tift College of Education's faculty and students for assistance in research and tutoring.

This is part of a larger initiative DeKalb County Schools has entered with 17 Georgia institutions called Student & Teacher Support Initiative: A Collaborative Effort." Institutions are paired with DeKalb high schools to provide support to the students and

teachers and work on instructional programs to close the racial and economic achievement gaps.

"I think the campus always needs to be looking

for ways to be involved in the communi-

ty," said Dr. Richard V.

Swindle, senior vice president -

Atlanta. "This new partnership is a way we can be true to Mercer's mission."

While the fine points of what this new partnership will entail are still being defined, Dr. Chris McCormick, assistant professor of education, said the College will pool its faculty resources and assist Cross Keys faculty

with whatever challenges they would like to tackle.

For example, if a social studies teacher has a student who is having

difficulty reading the textbook, 'We're excited about a chance to and his literacy connect. A school cannot live apart problem is from its community' affecting his

> performance, Mercer can pair a reading specialist with the student and teacher, and they can come up with an intervention plan to assist the struggling student.

social studies

Such interaction between Mercer faculty and Cross Keys teachers and students is a win-win for both the College and the high school.

"The Tift College of Education faculty will become more immersed in the challenges teachers are facing in our community, and in turn, they'll be better able to prepare our students," Gilmore said.

In addition, the partnership will provide avenues for both the high school teachers and Mercer faculty to do research and participate in staff development.

"This shows we're all learners," Swindle said. "We can connect with the community and learn from them."

McCormick said he is looking forward to this opportunity to strengthen Mercer's relationship with the DeKalb County School System.

"We're excited about a chance to connect. A school cannot live apart from its community," he said. "We don't want to be an ivory tower."

Alumni Student Recruitment Referral

If you know an outstanding prospective student, please complete and mail this form to Mercer's Office of University Admissions, 1400 Coleman Ave., Macon,

for both the Mercer graduate students

Half Century Club to Convene in the University Center on October 1

The Half Century Club will meet Friday, October 1, 2004, in the new University Center for the reception and dinner. Bobby Wilder, EDU '52 (Mercer basketball legend), will be



presiding at the annual event. Also, the Golden Anniversary of the Class of 1954 will have their reunion and special program on Saturday, October 2! Invitations including complete event details will be mailed in late August.

If you have questions or for more information, call Jennifer Joyner at (800) 837-2911.

Cross Keys has a high number of students who speak English as a second language, and Rose Prejean-Harris, the college/universities partnership liaison for Cross Keys, says she believes Mercer professors and students will benefit greatly from seeing the issues that arise while teaching a diverse classroom with students who don't speak English as their first language.

"I believe this partnership will bring positive changes in the curriculum for new educators," Prejean-Harris said.

Dr. Allison Gilmore, associate dean of the Tift College of Education, agreed. GA 31207. You may also call in your submission at (800) 840-8577 or e-mail us at admissions@mercer.edu.

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UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS 2004

Students Honored for Leadership

n nine commencements over a two-week period in May, Mercer graduated more than 1,600 students from the University's 10 schools and colleges. The graduation ceremonies provided the University opportunities to bonor several students who had made significant contributions to Mercer through their academic and community leadership. Those awards presented during the commencement programs of the University's six undergraduate and graduate programs are listed below.

Tara Jameson

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award

College of Liberal Arts student Tara Jameson, a biology major, was honored with the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, one of the two top undergraduate awards at the Macon commencement ceremony. This is presented to the graduating student who best exemplifies excellence in character, leadership, service to the community and a commitment to spiritual values.



Jameson overcame a life threatening illness during her sophomore year, and was so committed to her studies that she missed only half a semester of classes, yet managed to graduate on time. Her compassion for helping others is evident through her involvement in philanthropic organizations like Up 'til Dawn, which supports St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and through her many hours volunteering and the Ronald McDonald House in Macon. She will enter medical school at Pikeville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, Ky., in the fall. Jameson was a Mercer Ambassador.

Cassandra Shular

Louie D. Newton General Excellence Medal

Cassandra Shular, a double major in psychology and English in the College of Liberal Arts, was the recipient of the Louie D. Newton General Excellence Medal, the second of the two top honors. The medal is presented to the graduating student who best exemplifies scholastic achievement through personal integrity and character, service to the campus community and a commitment to spiritual values.



Leigh Ann Glosson

Aprile M. Holland Outstanding Student Award

Leigh Ann Hendricks Glosson received the Aprile M. Holland Outstanding Student Award from the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics of Mercer University. The Aprile M. Holland Award is the highest scholastic honor offered by the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics in Atlanta and is given in honor of the founding dean of the School.



Glosson exhibited an exceptionally high level of academic achievement throughout her studies at the Stetson School of Business and Economics. Her consistent placement on the Dean's List or the President's List every semester for which she was eligible is even more impressive in light of the demands of a full-time job and a family.

She and her husband have two teenage daughters.

Lisa Mirsky

Outstanding Master of Education Student Award

Lisa Mirsky was the recipient of the Outstanding Middle Grades Education Student Award from the Tift College of Education. She completed her master of education degree in reading with a 4.0 grade point average.

She taught elementary school in Fulton County for



Nancy Vitoria Outstanding Specialist in Education Student Award

Nancy Vitoria received the Outstanding Specialist in Education Student Award from the Tift College of Education. Vitoria brings an exemplary commitment to her work as a graduate student and as a teacher. She is an outstanding role model for her students and completed her specialist in education degree at Mercer with a 4.0 grade point average.

She has taught science

and gifted education at Alton C. Crews Middle School in Gwinnett County since 1999 and was one of three finalists for Teacher of the Year for the 2003-2004 school year. Vitoria serves in many leadership roles within her school, including science chairperson, mentor to new teachers and sponsor of the Beta Club. In 1995, she served on the United States Olympic Festival Track and Field Team and was the 1997 SEC Track and Field 10K champion. She continues to use her athletic skills with students by coaching the running club and serving as the cheerleading sponsor.



A student on the Great Books track and a member of the crosscountry team, Shular excelled in balancing academics with athletics. She often impressed her professors with original and creative work and energized class discussions through her passion for learning. She often volunteered her time around campus serving as a preceptor, including serving as an orientation assistant, an officer of Psi Chi and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies, a Mercer Ambassador and an English and psychology tutor in Mercer's Academic Resource Center. two years and has taught third grade at the Davis Academy since 2001, where



she serves as chairwoman for the Reading and Writing Task Force. She also serves as Cluster Leader for kindergarten through third grade students, and is the grade level chair for third grade. Her love of learning is an inspiration to her fellow graduate students as well as the students she teaches.



FACULTY AWARDS 2004

Six Faculty Awarded for Academic Excellence

ix of Mercer University's finest undergraduate professors were bonored at a special awards ceremony spring semester for their commitment to providing the highest quality education to their students.

Helen Grady

The Vulcan Award for Teaching Excellence

This year's recipient of the Vulcan Award for Teaching Excellence was Dr. Helen M. Grady, associate professor of technical communication in the School of Engineering. Each year, the Southeast Division of the Vulcan Materials company presents this award to a member of the Mercer University faculty who has made outstanding contributions to undergraduate edu-

cation, student learning and campus life.

Grady joined the faculty of Mercer School of Engineering in 1991 with more than a decade of industry experience leading a technical communication unit. Her teaching exemplifies the very best in engaging students in active, real-world learning experiences through imaginative and challenging collaborative projects. From freshmen to graduate students, all praise her depth of knowledge and caring for their personal and professional growth. Grady also is the founder and director of the Center for Excellence in Engineering Education at Mercer, and has focused faculty attention on ways to improve teaching and learning in engineering.

Mary Ann Drake

Spencer B. King Jr. Distinguished Professor Award — **College of Liberal Arts**

The College of Liberal Arts honored Dr. Mary Ann Drake, professor and chair of the Interdisciplinary Studies Department, with the Spencer B. King Jr. Distinguished Professor Award. This award commemorates the career of Spencer B. King Jr. a distinguished Southern historian and beloved teacher in the College of Liberal Arts for more than 30 years.



Allen Lynch

Distinguished Faculty Award — **Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics**

Dr. Allen Kenneth Lynch, associate professor of economics and quantitative methods, was honored with the Distinguished Faculty Award by the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics. Lynch joined the Mercer faculty in 2000. Prior to Mercer, he worked as a senior demographic research analyst for the Blockbuster Entertainment Group.

He has published a vari-



ety of journal articles, including "Identifying the NCAA Tournament Dance Card," a statistical model which accurately predicted 94 percent of college basketball teams that earned At-Large bids for the NCAA Tournament over the last 10 years. This article prompted stories related to this research to appear in The New York Times, Investors' Business Daily, and The Wall Street Journal, as well as several Associated Press outlets. Lynch's elective economics courses are oversubscribed, and students in both quantitative methods and

economics courses give him superior marks. He also developed a graduate course that has received rave reviews from master's degree students who are able to learn statistical tools by applying them in a course project to solve a problem for their current employer.

Kevin Barnett

School of Engineering Teacher of the Year Award

Dr. Kevin Barnett, assistant professor of electrical engineering, was awarded the School of Engineering Teacher of the Year Award Barnett joined the faculty of Mercer School of Engineering in 1993. At Mercer, he has taught 11 different undergraduate courses and nine graduate courses, many of which he



Catherine Gardner The Excellence in Teaching Award —

Tift College of Education

The Tift College of Education presented The **Excellence in Teaching Award** to Dr. Catherine Gardner, associate professor of teacher education. Gardner joined the Tift College of Education as a full time faculty member in 1991.

A model educator, student advocate, lifelong learner and transforming practitioner, her passion for science and teaching engenders



within her students a love of discovery, inquiry and intellectual curiosity. She has consistently participated in professional development and research projects to improve her practice. She has attended workshops, conducted research, published articles, or presented papers and presentations every year since 1966. Her colleagues recognize for her high academic standards for both herself but for her students. One student described her as "an extraordinary teacher who inspires students to gain new perspectives, to ask their own questions rather than respond only to those tendered, and to seek perpetually the slaking of their own innate thirst for knowledge."

Timothy Craker

Teacher of the Year Award — **College of Continuing and Professional Studies**

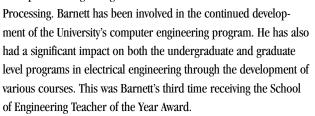
Dr. Timothy Craker, associate professor of liberal studies, was this year's recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award for the College of Continuing and Professional Studies. He joined the Mercer community in 1994. Craker has brought to Mercer a vision and determination that have resulted

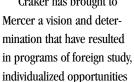


Drake joined the Mercer

faculty in 1982 and has taken on many roles over the past 22 years. She has taught programs in psychology, education and interdisciplinary studies, and has provided leadership in forming and developing the Great Books, Freshman Year Seminar and Women's and Gender Studies programs. Drake has a notable gift for sensing how to frame the issues of today for students and colleagues alike. She has advocated tirelessly for the idea that everyone in the Mercer community, regardless of race, class, or sexual orientation, should have a seat at the table. Whether in a Capstone class on Death and Dying or a conversation with a student, she has a gift for dealing with critical issues with sensitivity and principles.

developed. His primary area of emphasis is Digital Signal





for working adults to tailor their academic life to meet particular career and personal goals and the enhancement of writing as a basic component of the Mercer experience. Students point to his creativity, sensitivity and caring in the classroom while maintaining challenging standards for their performance. Colleagues value his friendship, seek his advice and trust his judgment. Ever concerned to keep Mercer true to its mission, he has been a consistent advocate for integrity in purpose and practice.



Students Learn Link Between Religion and Science By Jenny Butkus

raditionally people may not immediately see a strong link between the study of engineering and the study of theology. But Dr. Graham Walker, associate dean and associate professor of theology at McAfee, says it is extremely important for engineering students to understand that religion and engineering,

or more broadly religion and science, are, in fact, interrelated.

Mercer School of Engineering Dean Dayne Aldridge agrees. That's why he asked Walker to teach a one-day class to students as a part of the Engineering Freshman Honors Seminar.

Since the engineering honors program's inception three years ago, Walker has taught Freshman Honors students how people in both the theological realm and the engineering field can benefit from an understanding of how one affects the other.

The class is part of a series of discussions students partake in during the two-semester Freshman Honors Seminar, in which they design and construct self-governing, electromechanical devices.

"Our study of autonomous robots raises many 'God questions,'" Aldridge said. "The course is designed to move from a systems description of a selfgoverning robot to a description of a human being as a self-governing entity with abilities, needs and limitations. Our quest to determine whether it may be possible to design a robot that exhibits human-like behavior

opens doors for lots of interesting discussion."

These are just the type of discussions Walker enjoys having. He was awarded a grant a few years ago from the John Templeton Foundation to create and teach course at McAfee titled "Science, Religion and the Sacred Self." He has studied the relationship between science and religion intensively, including having spent time at the Center for Theology and Natural Science, an affiliate of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif.

"Without a doubt, science and religion have always had a close relationship" Walker said. "Unfortunately, however, too often people see the fields as separate. We need desperately not to do this. The two fields need each other."

As a case in point, Walker notes the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, Aug. 6, 1945. With this tragedy, he said, humans realized the destruction science can cause. "We better have values that drive

technology," he said.

In his discussions with the engineering students, Walker draws many parallels between religion and science. He explains to the students

'We discuss how humanity has been given a gift to create things, and we explore for what purposes we create things. Can we be co-creators with God and create in the 'image of God?"

> that as students they are creators, just as God is Creator. "We discuss how humanity has been given a gift to create things, and we explore for what purposes we create things," he said. "Can we be co-creators with God and create in the 'image of God?"

And in designing robots, the students have realized there is interplay between the designed and the designer, just as there is interplay between human beings and God. Walker demonstrates to the students that there are similarities in the way God relates to the world and the way they relate to their robots.

Aldridge and Walker both agree that students have benefited greatly from the class.

> "We hope classes like this show students to see how biology, psychology and theology are important to future engineering practice," Aldridge said. Walker said he hopes

the class helps the students begin to see analogies between faith and science. "I hope theses students will use their sharp, agile minds to bring discussions on the topic into their communities of faith and that they will help open the door to a mutually beneficial relationship between people in the scientific community and people in communities of faith."

Robots Face Off in Botball Competition at Mercer By Jenny Butkus

A new sport is becoming all the rage. It's called Botball, and it takes smarts, rather than physical stamina, to win.

o become a Botball champion, students must build and program robots to perform a series of tasks. The students then bring their robots to a competition to see who built the superior "bot" --- meaning which robot can place the black or white balls on the 4' x 8' board in the scoring position the fastest.

In the recent Georgia regional Botball tournament at Mercer in April, a group of students from Buford High

School in Buford, Ga., won first place and are now preparing to go to the national competition this summer.

As this new sport, sponsored by the KISS Institute for Practical

Robotics, sweeps the nation, Mercer is playing a lead role. Mercer hosted the first-ever Georgia high school Botball tournament in 2002. And this spring Mercer brought the Botball regional tournament back for the third straight year to the

Macon campus. Mercer hosted nine high school teams from Georgia.

Alabama and Tennessee in an intense series of Bothall matches

"It's a high-energy game, and robots are absolutely captivating to students. This is a unique way to get students interested in engineering," Dr. Phillip Olivier, the Mercer electrical and

computer engineering

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professor who coordinates the Georgia Botball tournament, said. Through Botball, students get a taste of

most of the engineering disciplines. In order to create and program robots, they must use mechanical engineering,

electrical engineering and computer programming principles. Olivier said once students begin putting together the robot, which is made from

their robot kits — giving them six weeks to build and program their robots and to prepare for Botball.

Dr. Dayne Aldridge, dean of the School of Engineering, said once the students arrive at the Botball competition, they learn some more important lessons that will later transfer to their engineering careers.

"Students learn they have to try to

anticipate what the competition will do. Sometimes you can become enamored with your own ideas," he said with a smile. "But in this competition, as well as in the industry, it's important to remember that others could have come up with a very similar idea or even a better idea. Through Botball, students learn to appreciate the ingenuity of others."

Mercer University Alumni Online Directory

Debuting Aug. 17





Students from Buford High School prepare to face off with students from Campbell High School in the 2004 Georgia Botball tournament at Mercer.

easy-to-use Legos, and the robot does a task they program it to do, they become "hooked." "Robots are just fun. Learning is hard work," Olivier said. "It's nice to have fun with it occasionally." To participate, student teams purchased a kit provided by the KISS Institute. Six weeks before the competition, Mercer held a workshop for teachers from participating high schools to go over the rules and regulations. The students are then given to the alumni user! An easy and convenient way to reconnect with your alma mater and fellow Mercerians with the Alumni Online Directory.

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To register for the Alumni Online Directory on or after Aug. 17, please visit the Mercer website at www.mercer.edu. Questions? Please call Kristi Dobbins at (800) 837-2911.

School of Engineering



Mercer Reaffirms Partnership with Robins Air Logistics Center By Jenny Butkus

ercer University President R. Kirby Godsey and Warner Robins Air Logistics Center (WR-ALC) Commander Brig. Gen. Michael A. Collings recently reaffirmed a longstanding partnership between the University and the Base.

Godsey and Collings recently signed a modified educational partnership agreement between the WR-ALC and the University. The University established the School of

'By educating young men and women to become highly qualified engineers, *Mercer is enabling Robins* to accomplish its critical work of defending and securing our nation.'

Engineering in 1985 as a commitment to assist WR-ALC in fulfilling its mission by providing well-rounded, highly educated engineers in the Central Georgia area.

Mercer University School of Engineering now provides the largest percentage of engineers to Robins of any educational institution in the nation, with an estimated 40 percent of the new engineers hired by the Base this fiscal year being Mercer graduates.

"The University values its partnership with Warner Robins Air Logistics Center," Godsey said. "We have an institutional commitment to strengthening the communities we serve as well as our state and our nation through quality education. By educating young men and women to become highly qualified engineers, Mercer is enabling Robins to accomplish its critical work of defending and securing our nation."

The partnership agreement provides a win-win situation between WR-ALC and Mercer in the area of research and development. In part, the Center benefits from attaining extra assistance and a new perspective in research and development areas of interest to its work, and Mercer students, faculty and staff have access to resources, such as unique, state-ofthe-art equipment and expert

Mercer University President R. Kirby Godsey (left) and Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Commander Brig. Gen. Michael A. Collings shake hands after signing papers reaffirming a longstanding partnership between the University and the Base.

knowledge, along with the opportunity to work on practical problems of the Department of Defense and the aerospace industry.

"This partnership enables us to prepare engineering students with a level of expertise that would not be available only in the classroom setting," said School of Engineering

Dean Dayne Aldridge. "Our students have a more in-depth knowledge of translating theory into practice so they can better address the important engineering needs of the Base and Air Logistics Center when they graduate. And our faculty and staff benefit from opportunities to continue important research in their fields of expertise."

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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 have the unique opportunity to 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.

YES, I want to participate in this unique opportunity!

Freshmen Battle It Out During Field Day

An estimated 120 engineering students put their designs to test during Freshman Design Competition Field Day spring semester. Students enrolled in EGR 107 - Introduction to Engineering Design - began the semester by building self-propelled cars made from note cards, rubber bands and other supplies.

Their next assignment was to design and build vehicles for use in the Freshman Design Competition Field Day in April. Using K'Nex building kits, which are plastic building pieces similar to old Erector sets, student teams crafted vehicles to perform specific tasks. The course culminated with the competition field day, and students competed in various events, include boat, amphibious, dragster, cable car, rampster and tug-o-war.

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MERCER ATHLETICS UPDATE



Raptors Name Mercer Alumnus Mitchell Head Coach

am Mitchell understands there might be questions about his inexperience as a head coach going into his first season leading the Toronto Raptors. So he has a few answers.

Mitchell, hired June 29 just two years after he retired as a player, will rely on his assistants to help him out.

Mitchell, a standout at Mercer who played in the NBA for 13 years, was an assistant coach for the expansion Charlotte Bobcats for the past month. After playing for Minnesota and Indiana, Mitchell spent two years as an assistant with the Milwaukee Bucks before leaving for Charlotte.

"I understand the concerns ... that's why we're going to have a great support staff around me," said Mitchell, who is expected to add longtime NBA assistant Jim Todd to his staff. "We're going to have guys that have coached many years."

The Raptors gave Mitchell a threeyear contract worth nearly \$5 million.

Born in Columbus and a star at Columbus High, Mitchell played for Mercer from 1981-85. Mercer went 65-49 with Mitchell and earned a spot in the NCAA Tournament in 1985. He is still the school's all-time leader in

THE MITCHELL FILE

Born: Sept. 2, 1963 Hometown: Columbus, Ga.

High School: Columbus High

Family: Wife, Anita, and daughters, Morgann, Maya, and twins Rhagan and Rhana

College: Mercer University, BA '93

College Highlights: Ranks first at Mercer in scoring (1,986 points), single-season scoring (774 points), tied for sixth in career rebounds (703), also ranks in career top five in field goals made and attempted (768-1,500), free throws made and attempted (450-590), FT percentage (76.3); Trans America Athletic Conference player of the year as a senior; two-time first-team all-TAAC; selected 54th overall by Houston in the 1985 draft.

NBA Career: Played at Minnesota in 1989-92, Indiana in 1992-95, then returned to Minnesota until his 2002 retirement.; second on Timberwolves career list with 7,161 points, 1,773 free throws made, 2,664 field goals made, 3,030 rebounds, and 449 steals; averaged 8.7 points and 3.7 rebounds in 1,053 games; assistant coach with Milwaukee and Charlotte. points scored in a season (774) and career (1,986).

Mitchell was a candidate for the Raptors' job last season before it went to Kevin O'Neill, who was fired after a 33-49 season.

The Raptors fired general manager Glen Grunwald during the season and recently replaced him with Rob Babcock, Minnesota's former vice president of player personnel.

Mitchell and Babcock know each other well. The 40-year-old Mitchell spent 10 seasons with Minnesota, and served as a mentor to league MVP Kevin Garnett, who jumped to the NBA from high school. Mitchell is the club's leader in games played at 757, and was second in scoring with 7,161 points.

"Sam was more than a player, he was like a player/unofficial assistant coach," Babcock said. "He was the type of guy who would stay after practice every day, not just to work on his game but also to talk the game with the coaches, with Kevin McHale, with myself."

The Raptors chose Mitchell over Seattle SuperSonics assistant Dwane Casey and Detroit Pistons assistant Mike Woodson.

"Sam doesn't have a big ego. He knows he has some things to work on and learn," Babcock said. "I guarantee with his work ethic and his desire to learn, he's going to be a better coach in February than he is in November."



Sam Mitchell, shown with Director of Athletics *Bobby Pope* when his jersey was retired, was elected into the Mercer Hall of Fame in 1995. He is Mercer's all-time leading scorer with 1,986 points. Thanks to Sam's generosity, the women's basketball locker room at the University Center is named for his wife, Anita, a Mercer graduate who also played basketball while she was at the University.

Mitchell, Toronto's third coach in the last three years, takes over a team that's been decimated by injuries. Raptors star Vince Carter hasn't played a complete season in four years.

Mitchell missed just 40 games during his playing career due to injury or illness. Mitchell wants to meet with Carter.

"We have to get Vince's heart and passion back into it. We need his all, just being here is not enough," Mitchell said. "We need Vince back motivated and ready to play."

He said he'll implement an up-tempo offense. The Raptors also have solid contributors in point guard Jalen Rose and second-year forward Chris Bosh.

Asked whether the Raptors are

good enough to make the playoffs next season, Mitchell smiled and said, "I sure hope so."

Mitchell hopes to replicate the success of first-year Milwaukee coach Terry Porter, whose team surprised many by holding the fourth playoff position in the East until the final day of the regular season. Porter was an assistant for just one year before becoming a head coach.

"We had a goal to shock everybody in the NBA by making the playoffs. Whether that's going to happen here, I don't know, but we're going to work to be a playoff team," Mitchell said.

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Basketball Legends Named to Conference Anniversary Team

By Joel Lamp, Sports Information Director

(Note: Atlantic Sun Conference (A-Sun) was known as the Trans America Athletic Conference (TAAC) before 2001. For this story, everything is referred to A-Sun.) with Mitchell playing in the NBA for 13 years and Congreaves playing in the WNBA for the Charlotte Sting.

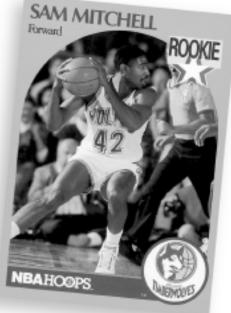
Mitchell played for Mercer from 1982 to 1985 and led the Bears to the NCAA Tournament in 1985, where Mercer lost to Georgia Tech in Atlanta. During those four years, Mitchell rewrote the record book, becoming the University's all-time leading scorer with 1,986 points.

But Mitchell made his impact on the conference as well as he is second on the all-time scoring list in the A-Sun, behind only Centenary's Willie Jackson.

He was named A-Sun "Player of the Year" in 1985 and was a two-time all-conference and all-tournament selection. On top of that, he was named MVP of the A-Sun Tournament in 1985 after leading Mercer to the title. On the women's side, Congreaves transformed women's basketball at Mercer, becoming the University's only All-America honoree. In her four seasons at Mercer, Congreaves racked up a school record 2,796 points, averaging 25.9 points per game. Her point total is also the highest

in A-Sun history, with Florida International's Albena Branzova coming in second with 2,515.

During her stint as a Bear, Congreaves led Mercer to two A-Sun regular season titles, going 10-2 in 1990-91 and 1991-92. She was a three-time all-conference selection and was named A-Sun "Player of the Year" all three times. On top of that, she was named "Player of the Week" 10 times and is also second all-time in the A-Sun in rebounding. "This is a great honor for two of the greatest players ever to wear the Mercer uniform," said Mercer athletics director Bobby Pope. "Sam and Andrea played at a very high level their entire career and have really set the bar high for our players now to attain." Joining Mitchell on the men's team is Georgia State's Shenard Long,



Andrea Congreaves, CLA '93, and Andrea Congreaves, CLA '94, had legendary careers at Mercer during the 1980s. And their legend continues to grow as both were named to the Atlantic Sun Conference's 25th Anniversary team this spring. Both players left their mark at Mercer before making it to the pros,

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Andrea Congreaves is Mercer's only basketball's All-America honoree.

Sam Mitchell went on to play for the Minnesota Timberwolves in the NBA.

College of Charleston's Thaddeous Delaney, Jackson from Centenary and Georgia Southern's Jeff Sanders. On the women's side, Branzova of FIU joined Congreaves along with Leslie McElrath of Georgia State, FLU's Andrea Nagy and Campbell University's April Cromartie.

Mercer Athletics Update



Former Mercer Basketball Player Now Suits Up in Hungary By David Driver

t was early in the third quarter, and Mercer graduate Ledon Green had a prolonged conversation with a basketball referee during his professional game in Hungary's top league. Green was whistled for a foul, and he gently pleaded his case with the man with the whistle and the black and white shirt.

There is nothing unusual about a basketball player debating such calls. But in this instance Green was speaking in Hungarian, considered one of the world's most difficult languages to learn for a non-native speaker.

"I am about 95 percent fluent. I can understand everything," said Green, after leading Debrecen to a close win in late November in tiny Szolnok, Hungary.

Green played for Mercer from 1992-96, and averaged 18.8 points and 5.2 rebounds per game in his final season.

He is the only former Mercer player with a pro hoop team overseas, according to the website usbasket.com. Last season he was named to the Eurobasket.com All-Hungarian firstleague team, and this season he was averaging about 17 points per game in November.

Green, 30, was born in Jacksonville, Fla., grew up in Columbus, Ga., and spends his summers in Atlanta. But this southerner is getting more comfortable in Hungary, a former Communist stronghold that joined the European Union in May, 2004.

This is Green's seventh season as a pro player in Hungary, and Debrecen is the fifth different team for which he has played. His girlfriend is from Szeged, Hungary, a town of 175,000 where he played during the 2001-2002 season.

Debrecen is two hours east of capital Budapest and is also home to Calvinist College, and the largest Protestant denomination in Hungary.

"I am real comfortable. There are a lot of different customs you have to learn," the 6-7 forward said of Hungary, which is about the size of Indiana.

So what was the biggest challenge of moving to a different country?

"Getting adjusted to the customs. You just can't go to a normal store and buy something without learning some of the language," he said.

Green has a degree in business from Mercer, and credits his college education for his success on and off the court in Europe.

"I had a great education at Mercer. I had a great experience," he said.

Green averaged 28.1 points per game for Falco in his first pro season in Hungary, in 1996-97. He then averaged 25.7 points per contest for Corpus Christi in the United States, and 21.7 points an outing for a team in France the next season.

But he returned to Hungary for the 1998-99 season, and has been there

Student-Athletes Honored for Athletic,

Academic Accomplishments By Joel Lamp

ever since as a player.

"Anybody who loves basketball, you are going to continue to play as long as you can," he said.

Each Hungarian team is allowed two non-Europeans, and Green's fellow American teammate the past two seasons has been Patrick Lee. A guard, Lee grew up near Charlotte and played in college at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Americans are generally the toppaid players on European teams, but Green said Debrecen does not allow him to comment on his salary. He is also provided a car, apartment and one meal per day for a regular-season that runs from early October to early April.

Green said he is not sure how long he plans to play overseas. He said he evaluates his future after each season.

The quality of play in Hungary is not as good as Italy, France or Spain, which pays some top Americans at least \$300,000 per year. But Hungary is ahead of some eastern European countries, and this season former college players from major conferences, such as the Big 12, Big 10 and Atlantic 10, are in the league.

Most Hungarian games draw about 2,000 to 3,000 fans in arenas that do not hold much more than that. But most of the fans are loud, and some bang on drums throughout the game.

After Debrecen won at Szolnok in November, Green led his teammates to one side of the court after the game and saluted about 100 of their fans who traveled for the road game.



Ledon Green is currently the only former Mercer men's basketball player playing professionally.

"It is kind of like showing respect. We would have (also) done (a salute) if we would have lost," Green said. But Debrecen came back to win that game, and perhaps Green's prodding with the referees made a small difference.

So, exactly what does Green say, in Hungarian, of course, to the whistle blowers?

"Did you see it? Did you see it?" he said.

Editor's note: David Driver, a free-lance journalist, has covered basketball for the Associated Press, Eastern Basketball and major daily newspapers. He is a native of Virginia and is spending this year in Szeged, Hungary, where his wife is a visiting English literature professor.

New Women's Golf Coach

Sally Hammel, who was a fouryear starter for the Bears from 1996-2000, has been named the new women's golf coach by Director of Athletics Bobby Pope. Following her graduation from Mercer in 2000 with degrees in marketing and management, Hammel served as an assistant coach for the men's and women's golf teams at East Carolina. At ECU, she helped launch the women's golf program that advanced to the NCAA



regional tournament in its third year. This past year, she worked as an assistant professional at the Greystone Golf and Country Club in Birmingham, Ala.

NCAA Announces Certification of Mercer

named second-team all-conference.

ercer was one of 10

have undergone the Association's cond cycle of athletics certificat

Each year, the Mercer Athletics Department hands out its awards to several student-athletes who excelled

player with the highest cumulative grade point average after two semesters. Emerson has a perfect 4.0 GPA and played in 30 games as a sophomore, averaging 5.5 points and 3.5 rebounds. Additionally, Emerson was named to the District III and A-Sun All-Academic team.

leading scorer on the team with 10 points, booting four goals and dishing out two assists. For his efforts, Canovas

both on and off the field.

Senior Roger Alvarez of Lake Worth, Fla., won the Doyle E. Watson Leadership Award, which is presented annually to the baseball player displaying outstanding leadership. Alvarez started as shortstop for the Bears this season, finishing second on the team in batting average at .302 and was third on the team in runs batted in with 24.

On top of that, the sure-handed Alvarez committed just 10 errors in more than 200 chances at shortstop.

Will Emerson of St. Marys, Ga., won the Henry H. "Trot" Ware Jr. Award, given annually to the men's basketball

Claiming the Virginia "Cowboy" Williamson Award for most outstanding female student-athlete was Andrea Shipley of Soddy Daisy, Tenn. A senior on the volleyball team, Shipley battled through injuries to lead the Bears to their first A-Sun Tournament since 1996 and a school best 7-3 record in conference.

The Charles C. Morgan Award that goes to the most outstanding male student-athlete was shared between seniors Scott Emerson of St. Marys, Ga., and Ramiro Canovas of Argentina. Canovas led the men's soccer team to the A-Sun semifinals this season as the

For the past five years, Emerson has been the backbone of the men's basketball team, leading the Bears to their first A-Sun Championship in 2003. Despite being hampered by injuries, Emerson led the Bears in scoring, averaging 15.3 points and 8.2 rebounds per game.

The Sportsmanship Award is given each year to the student-athlete who displays a strong team spirit on top of being an exemplary sportsman. The award is voted on by the Mercer head coaches and administrative staff. Thiago Aleixo of Brazil of the men's soccer team and Bobby Hansen of Ocala, Fla., of the men's basketball team were both honored for their achievements both on and off the field.

colleges and universities who were fully certified by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The accreditation process was a nearly two-year process in which some 50 University faculty and staff members completed the athletics self-study process.

Dr. Thomas G. Estes, senior vice president for Mercer, served as the chair of Mercer's 21-member Steering Committee that compiled data in the areas of academic integrity; equity, welfare and sportsmanship; fiscal integrity; and governance and compliance for the University's report. The NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification announced the certifications in May of the 10 Division I member institutions that

The purpose of athletics certification is to ensure integrity in the institution's athletics program and to assist institutions in improving their athletics departments. NCAA legislation mandating athletics certification was adopted in 1993. A designation of certified means that an institution operates its athletics program in substantial conformity with operating principles adopted by the Division I membership. The second round of athletics

certifications is being completed on a 10-year cycle rather than the fiveyear cycle used during the initial certification process. All 325 active Division I members participate in the certification process.

Robert Parris Performs Famed Piece at Disney Hall By Wes Griffith

obert Parris, University Organist at Mercer, gave quite a performance at the 2004 National Convention for the American Guild of Organists on July 8.

After being interviewed on National Public Radio's Soundscapes earlier that day, Parris perform Leo Sowerby's "Concerto for Organ and Orchestra," a piece so difficult that only four people have ever performed it, with the Los Angeles Philharmonic in the newlyconstructed Disney Hall, one of the finest performance halls in the nation. It was the inaugural performance on the hall's Manuel Rosales-designed pipe organ.

The 35-minute "Concerto for Organ

and Orchestra" is shrouded in mystique. Sowerby, who won the Pulitzer Prize in1946 for composing "The Canticle of the Sun," originally wrote the famed piece for E. Power Biggs. It was not published, nor did anyone but Biggs play it, until his death in 1977.

At that time, many had heard of the piece, but few had actually heard it. Since Biggs performed it with the Philadelphia Orchestra in the Lincoln Center in 1963, there had been no performances of it in a major venue until Parris's recent performance.

The spectacular piece consists of three movements, all of which require and make extensive use of a full orchestra. Many rumors have circulated in the music world as to who has or can perform it. Nonetheless, Parris, who performed the piece in 1996 (not in a major venue), is the only person

still living to have publicly performed it with an orchestra.

This was quite a pleasant surprise to Frederic Swann, president of the American Guild of Organists. Last year, Parris had dinner with Swann, who was in Macon playing a recital. When conversation led to Sowerby's "Concerto," Swann was delighted to learn Parris could play the piece. Days later Parris received a call from Swann who offered Parris the prestigious job.

Parris took a sabbatical from his university responsibilities last semester to prepare for the performance. Though he had played it before, extensive practice was required to perfect it.

Occurring every two years, the convention is the main event of the organ profession. Parris was one of three organists performing for the convention in the \$274 million Disney Hall. Built by architect Frank Gehry, the hall opened in October of 2003 to rave reviews for its elaborate architecture.

The Manuel Rosales-designed pipe organ was under construction until a few weeks before the event. Gehry also designed the organ's façade, including its distinctive pipes, which are 32 feet long and bent. They

Robert Parris, Charles B. Thompson Professor of Music and University Organist

have garnered much attention and make the organ extremely unique. "Sowerby's 'Concerto' was enthusiastically received at the Lincoln Center 40 years ago," said Parris. "It is fitting that it was the

first piece played on the Disney Hall organ and the grand finale of the convention."

College of Liberal Arts

ACHIEVEMENTS

1945

Dr. Malcolm Lester, AB, was presented a plaque Feb. 8 by the Davidson College Presbyterian Church as the oldest ruling elder in years of service and for his contributions to the life and governance of the congregation and to the larger Presbyterian Church.

1953

Ethelene Dyer Jones, AB, continues to write a column for two newspapers and the quarterly Attitude magazine. She wrote a drama for Lebanon Baptist Church in Epworth, which was presented May 10-14 in the church's Sesquicentennial Celebration. She and her husband, the Rev. Grover D. Jones, BA '52, reside in Milledgeville.

1955

A. Wayne Joiner, AB, M.Ed., reached his 50th year of perfect Sunday school attendance at Central Baptist Church in Sanford, Fla. He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Longwood, Fla.

1956

The Rev. Stephen Krysalka, AB, of Macon is retiring from the pulpit after 53 years in the ministry.

1957

Elliott E. Brack, AB, retired as associate publisher of the Gwinnett section of the Atlanta Journal Constitution, and is now publishing an executive news digest of Georgia news on the Internet. GeorgiaClips, published each business day, is a compilation of the most significant news of the day compiled from state and national media about Georgia.

1958

The Rev. Bradley D. Brown, AB, celebrated 50 years of ordination as a Baptist minister on April 7 after serving 37 years as a Southern Baptist missionary in Liberia, West Africa.

1962

Brenda Storey Bynum, AB, was awarded the Heilbrun Distinguished Emeritus Fellowship for 2004-05 by Emory University College of Arts and Sciences.

1965

Toni V. Sweeney, AB, had her fifth book, The Rose and the Dragon, accepted for publication in hardcover by PublishAmerica Inc. It is a futuristic romance and will be released at the end of the year. She also has an article, "The Life You Save," concerning diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer, published in The Torch, the Beta Signa Phi Sorority magazine.

1972

Charles L. Pritchard, BA, resigned as ambassador and special envoy for negotiations with the DPRK in the Bush Administration to join The Brookings Institution in September 2003.

David A. Thompson, M.Ed.,

received his master of liberal arts degree from St. Edward's University in December 2003. He presently works as coordinator for undergraduate programs at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. He is also a member of the executive board of the Texas Storytelling Association and was the 2002 and 2003 National Irish Storytelling Champion.

1980

Linda Hester Browne, BA, completed her chaplaincy residency at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in June and accepted the position of chaplain and director of Spiritual Life of SalemTowne Moravian Residential Community in Winston-Salem, N.C.

1981

Chris J. Brantley, BA, was named managing director for IEEE-USA, the organizational unit that promotes the careers and public-policy interests of more than 225,000 technology professionals who are U.S. members of the IEEE. Brantley is a 15-year veteran with the IEEE.

1982

Ernest W. Lee II, BA, was presented with an award from the Atlanta chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators at the annual IABC/Atlanta Golden Flame Awards program Oct. 16, 2003, at the Fox Theater, Atlanta. He is a legal counsel and adviser at the Savannah College of

1994

Mary Jo Kieve Hollis, BA, earned her master's degree in chemical engineering in December 2003 from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. In February, she was promoted to environmental, health and safety site manager with GE-Energy Services, working at the Municipal Electrical Authority of Georgia in Roopville.

MARRIAGES & BIRTHS

1950

Kermis M. Frost, AB, and his wife, Jean, announce their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 2, 2003. They celebrated by taking a short cruise. The couple resides in Lakeland, Fla.

1962

Dr. Edward A. Johnson III, AB, married his wife, Chumpea, in October 2001. They announce the birth of their son, Jeisada Kendrick, March 30. The family resides in

Mercer Alumna Honored in Augusta

Janet Kirely Hudson, BA '68, was recently honored as the recipient of the James W. Bennett Advocate of the Child Award at the MCG Children's Medical Center in

Augusta. She was introduced by Advocate of the Child nominations committee member Rodger B. Murchinson, right, of the First Baptist Church of Augusta. Ms. Hudson and her husband, David, BA '68, are loyal supporters of the University.



1975

Col. Frank B. Bragg Jr., BA, retired from the U.S. Army Jan. 1, 2003. He and his wife, Cynthia, reside in Riva, Md.

1976

Anne Braughton Kerr, BA, was named president of Florida Southern College. Her term began June 1. She is the school's 17th president. She resides in Lakeland, Fla.

1978

Dr. J. Dale Browne, BS, was promoted to professor of surgical sciences at Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Art and Design.

1985

Jennifer Thomas Lindsay, BA, was recently named quality assurance coordinator for child welfare for the Marshall County Department of Human Resources. She also earned a master of arts degree from Jacksonville State University in April.

Cynthia Hall Chandler, BA, was recently promoted to director of development for the Gwinnett Hospital System Foundation.

1986

John D. Mills, BA, has recently published his third novel, The Objector. The novel is a murder mystery set on an island in southwest Florida.

Ukiah, Calif.

1991

Elizabeth McLeod Bower, BA, JD, and her husband, James, announce the birth of their daughter, Tessa Delaney, March 29. Tessa joins older sister Brynn, 3. The family resides in Evans.

1992

Jennifer Brown Arends, BA, and her husband, Gregory, announce the birth of their daughter, Avery, Oct. 27, 2003. She joins her brother, Knox. The family resides in Travelers Rest, S.C.

1993

Catherine Tutterow Flanders, BA, and her husband, Doug, announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Grace, Jan. 9, 2003.

1995

Jeffrey J. Marshall, BA, and his wife, Candace Austin Marshall, BA '94, announce the birth of their daughter, Madelna Ruth, Sept. 25, 2003. She joins their son, Jackson. The family resides in Baltimore, Md.

Erica Khan Graus, BA, and her husband, Mike, of Surfside Beach, S.C., announce the birth of their daughter, Ashton Leigh, Feb. 17, 2003.

1996

Christophor J. Lyons, BS, and his wife, Debra, announce the birth of

their son, Quentin James, Jan. 1.

1997

Rebecca Porter Bronnum, BA, and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of their son, Tanner Roger, Sept. 21, 2003.

1998

Adrienne Harris-Hill, BA, married Tyrone Hill in June 2003. The couple is expecting their first child in September.

Douglas F. Grogan, BA, married Rebecca Siver, BA '99, on May 31, 2003, at Newton Chapel. Rebecca currently works for the Methodist Children's Home of Mississippi.

Margaret Zeigler Winship, AB,

of Bainbridge died May 29, 2003.

Ralph L. Conner, of Vidalia died

H. Rogers Nelson, BA, of

Concord died in August 2001.

1943

Ann Maria Domingos, of Macon

Addison L. Webb, of Signal Mtn.,

1944

1946

The Rev. Alvin Hearl Brackett

Jr., AB, of Macon died April 30.

Helen Williams Wynn, AB, of

1947

The Rev. Richard Blanchard, AB,

of Swannanoa, N.C., died April 19.

1948

Joe W. Andrews Jr., AB, of Macon

1949

Clarkston died May 17, 2003.

Thomas A. White Jr., BA, of

Gordon died April 19.

died June 2.

Dr. Millard E. Agerton, AB, of

Tenn., died Oct. 10, 2003.

Preston died May 23.

Feb. 9, 2003.

died Jan. 16.

Douglas is in graduate school at Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss., pursuing a MM in choral conducting. The couple resides in Ridgeland, Miss.

1999

Athena Bolden Lock, BA, married Carlos A. Lock Dec. 27, 2003. Both are captains in the U.S. Army. Carlos is stationed in Korea. Athena is enrolled in a clinical laboratory scientist program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Wendy Sellers Bennett, BA, and her husband, Christopher, of Bremen

announce the birth of their daughter, Kate, March 25.

2000

Jennifer Niemeyer, BME, married Stephen McGrew July 19, 2003. The couple resides in Kennesaw.

Kimberly Smith, BA, married Brad Nash Oct. 18, 2003. The couple resides in Gainesville.

Jason Walraven, BA, married Elizabeth Highsmith in 2000. Their son, Luke Isaac, was born in 2002 and Nicholas Asher was born in 2004. They reside in Louisville, Ky.

2001

Shelli L. Sheets, BA, married Jeremy Attaway, BA '00, JD '03, March 29, 2003. Shelli works for University Advancement at Mercer as Executive Forum coordinator. Jeremy works with the Superior Court Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit with Judge J. Lee Parrott. The couple resides in Macon.

Mary Burgin Edwards, BA,

announces the birth of her daughter, Allison Elizabeth, April 10, 2003. The family resides in Gainesville, Fla.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

1918

Dr. Luman F. Marsh, BS, of Berkeley, Calif., died Feb. 11.

1928

G. Price Barnwell of West Point died Jan. 9.

1933

Robert P. Ruff, AB, of Decatur died Jan. 30, 2003.

1934

John W. Lewis, M.Ed., of Atlanta died Feb. 2.

1935

Louise Smith Paulk of Greensboro died March 2.

1936

Sarah Martin Oxford, AB, of Culloden died June 5.

1937

Russell L. Floyd, AB, M.Ed., of Macon died May 26.

Dr. Charles L. Ridley Jr., AB, of Macon died Feb. 27, 2003.

1938

C. Copeland Ozier, of Bowdon died May 23, 2002.

1939

Ν S Y M P A T H Y

1951

Charles R. Rawlins, AB, of Loveland, Ohio, died Feb. 3.

Chaplain S. Jack Payne, AB, of Bartlett, Tenn., died May 13, 2003.

1953

The Rev. E.C. Ruffin of Decatur died June 9, 2003.

W. Ellis Birch, AB, of Macon died May 9.

Julian N. Sparrow, AB, of Macon died Dec. 19, 2003.

Dr. Irvin L. Northcutt, AB, of Douglas died June 7.

1954

The Rev. Joseph S. Andrews, AB, of Macon died June 1.

Doris Reeves, AB, of Albany died Oct. 17, 2003.

Carolyn Worthy McClanahan, AB, of Norcross died Jan. 30.

1956

Paul R. Oxley Jr., AB, of St. Simons died April 5.

1957

Doris Stutts Waters, AB, of Mauldin, S.C., died Dec. 17, 2003.

1967

Walter Y. Rhyne, BS, of Albany died May 24. *1979*

T. Brad Vaughn of Leary died April 20.

1980 Roy A. Wood of Fort Myers, Fla., died Jan. 10.

1982 Gwendolyn Sorrell Sell, MLS, of

Macon died Jan. 18.

1987 Lisa Merrifield Riley, BA, of Lawrenceville died Feb. 9.

SSBE

1980

William R.Durrance, BBA, of Appleton, Wisc., died June 7, 2003.

1983

John B. Hain, MBA, of Roswell died April 30.

1988

H.T. Anderson II, BBA, of Macon died May 22, 2003.

1990

Paul F. Sullivan, BS, of Thomaston died March 13, 2003.

1958

Sara McCall Dix, BS, of Greenville, S.C., died Jan. 10. **1972** Lt. Col. Stephen M. Knowles,

M.Ed., of Warner Robins died Dec. 19, 2003.

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. G. Chester Owens, of Palm Coast, Fla., died Sept. 4, 2003.

Sara G. Moore, of Atlanta died Sept. 7, 2003.

Dr. W. Derrel Hazlehurst of Macon died Sept. 10, 2003.

Lamartine G. Hardman III of Athens died Sept. 13, 2003.

Philip H. Dohn Jr. of Atlanta died Dec. 23, 2003.

Sara K. Skelton of Mableton died Sept. 15, 2003.

Jane S. Struby of Tampa, Fla., died Nov. 9, 2003.

Minta J. Greene of Conyers died April 6.

Orrin Skolnick of Atlanta died May 3.

Ruth Petty Hitchcock, AB, of Macon died Dec. 17, 2003.

1940

Joseph Emory Barge Shi, AB, of Gainesville died March 10.

Robert E. Rivers Jr., AB, of Tallahassee, Fla., died Aug. 28, 2003.

1941

Eloise Kilgore Neisler, AB, of San Antonio, Texas, died Jan. 13.

1942

Dr. Joe W. Daniel Jr., AB, of Lizella died Dec. 17, 2003.

The Rev. John H. Davidson Jr., AB, of Athens died June 29, 2003.

M. Royce Gordon, AB, of Macon died April 4.

W. Earl Marshall III, AB, M.Ed., of Perry died Jan. 23.

Joseph P. Massey, AB, of Chamblee died March 2.

Dr. Robert S. McMichael, AB, of Macon died Oct. 11, 2003.

Dr. James W. Waters Sr., AB, of Macon died Feb. 12.

1950

Helen Walker Clark, of Macon died April 20.

George L. Abernathy, of Americus died March 6, 2003.

1958

William T. Wood, AB, of Tallapoosa died March 26.

1959

Harold P. Scogin, AB, of Buda, Texas, died Feb. 11.

1960 Katherine G. Fite, AB, of Atlanta died March 16.

1961

Bobby L. Bedgood of Bandera, Texas, died in May. 1962

Gary A. Bunting of Shallote, N.C., died Feb. 16.

2000

Valerie Katrina Nushan, EMBA, of Knoxville died April 5.

TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

1952

William G. Hasty Sr., M.Ed., of Canton died Nov. 5, 2003.

1954

Velma J. Rigsby, M.Ed., of Albany died Jan. 8.

1956

Carolyn Wilder Dillard, M.Ed., of Cochran died Sept. 11, 2003.

Evelyn B. Smith of Blowing Rock, N.C., died June 1.

Rev. Ralph H. Norman Jr. died on June 19. Rev. Norman served as Vice President of Development at Mercer from 1987 until 1999.

Mrs. Virginia Childs Bootle, wife of Judge W.A. "Gus" Bootle, AB '24, LLB '25, LLD '82, died June 24 in Macon. Judge Bootle is a lifetime member of the Mercer University Board of Trustees. The Bootles were married Nov. 28, 1928.

Stetson School of Business & Economics —

ACHIEVEMENTS

1983

Alan L. Wilkinson, BBA, was promoted when Marmon/Keystone Corporation announced management changes. His additional responsibilities include the Houston and Denver/ Kansas City operations. He presently oversees the Eastern region, including Atlanta, Orlando, Charlotte, Birmingham, New Castle, Southampton and Butler.

1984

Layne Graham Hadaway, BBA, was promoted to director of employee relations at the Medical Center of Central Georgia. She resides in Milledgeville.

1986

Jeanne DiAngelo Adam, BBA, has been appointed director of alliance marketing for Orlando Regional Healthcare. She has more than 13 years experience in the healthcare marketing industry. She has served as

marketing manager for women's services, Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children & Women and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Orlando.

1990

Todd S. Duffy, BBA, joined SunTrust Securities Inc. as an investment consultant. Duffy will serve SunTrust's regional brokerage firm by providing investment solutions and services to high net worth consumers. He previously worked for Morgan Stanley of Atlanta where he was an associate vice president of retail investments.

Carlos A. McCloud, BBA, has become founder and pastor of the new Abundant Love Fellowship, a full gospel church in Brunswick.

1991

Gary Yip, BBA/MBA, began his real estate company in March. He and his wife, Hsiao, MBA '92, reside in Duluth.

1993

Donald J. Humphrey, MBA, has been the president and CEO of a

consulting firm specializing in business brokerage, business appraisals and general consulting since 2001. He currently resides in Canton.

1997

Reginald D. Lewis, BS, was named Outstanding Young Man of America in 1998, Mr. Georgia-America in 2002, Mr. Black America Achievement in 2003 and Mr. Nubian Gentleman America in 2002. He is a business analyst and adjunct professor at the Art Institute of Atlanta. He resides in Fairburn.

Nekita L. Robinson, BBA, recently passed the Georgia Real Estate Exam and is now a licensed real estate agent for Ben Farmer Realty in Savannah.

2000

Jeffrey L. Williamson, BBA,

received his juris doctorate from the University of Georgia School of Law in May of 2003.

2003

Melvin Carol Moore, MBA, accepted a position as vice president with CoreBrix Inc. CoreBrix is a commercial real estate service and technology company focused on providing real estate professionals and organizations process and information outsourcing services. He resides in Atlanta.

MARRIAGES & BIRTHS

1986

J. Todd King, BBA, and his wife, Carrie, announce the birth of their daughter, Kayla Marie, on Jan. 12. The family resides in Stockbridge.

1994

Elise Hudgin Hertweck, BBA, and her husband, Jeff, BBA '95, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Marie, on July 22, 2003. The family resides in Tampa, Fla.

1995

Jeff T. Hertweck, BBA. See Elise H. Hertweck, BBA '94.

1997

Lawrence K. Kemper, MBA, and his wife, Katie, announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Lynn, on Aug. 4, 2002. The family resides in Macon.

B. Todd Smith, MBA, and his wife, Mary Kay McPherson Smith, BA '93, announce the birth of their triplets: Benjamin Todd, Matthew Jackson and Mary Margareton on May 31, 2002. The family resides in Lizella.

Jennifer L. Jenkins, BBA, married Dustin Heizer on June 21, 2003, at the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Atlanta. She received her MBA from Emory University in May 2003. The couple resides in Atlanta.

1998

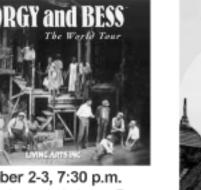
April L. Angeles, MBA, married Carey Wells on Sept. 20, 2003. The couple resides in Braselton.

2003

Amy Lynn, MSHA, was married on May 22. The couple resides in Dunwoody.

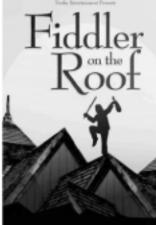


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CLASS NOTES



Mercer Alumni Get Connected

Marietta Mercer alumni enjoyed an evening of conversation and refreshments at the Mercer Connection held at the Gone With The Wind Museum in Marietta. Sponsors for the spring event were, left to right, Matthew A. Getz, BUS '91; Melissa McMath Nohr, BUSM '93; Thomas E. Cauthorn III, LAW '72; Allene Corley, NUR '84; Pamala Smith Marquess, PHA '93; Sharon Mills Sherrer, PHA '84; John T. Sherrer, PHA '77; Micheline Hicks; Robert E. Hicks, CLA '50, LAW '51; Martha Ware Curtis, CLA '65; and Alton E. Curtis Jr., CLA '64, LAW '66. Check out the Mercer Connections for 2004-2005 by visiting the Mercer's website at www.mercer.edu and clicking on "Calendar" on the top bar.

UNIVERSITY NEWS **B** R I E F S

The first class of students in the Doctor of Ministry Degree Program at the McAfee School of Theology will began their studies in July 2004. The School will initially accept 15 students into the program each year.

Daisy Hurst Floyd became the new Dean of the Walter F. School of Law on July 1. Dean Floyd comes to the Mercer Law School from Texas Tech University. During her 13-year career at Texas Tech, she served two terms as associate dean for academic affairs. A member of the State Bars of Georgia and Texas, and the American Bar Association she is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Texas Bar Foundation.

The School of Medicine, which only accepts Georgia residents into its doctor of medicine program, received 634 applications for its 60 seats. The entering class of 2005 represents 41 Georgia counties.

This year, the Southern School of Pharmacy's applicant pool for the entering class of 2004 had a record 1,822 applicants, an increase of 35 percent from last year. The School continues to have one of the highest applicant pools in the nation.

The Georgia Baptist College of Nursing has a record fall enrollment of more than 400 students. Up 23 percent from last year, the College also received a record number of applications.

The School of Engineering's Chapter of Society for Technical Communication (STC) was honored with two awards at the Society's international conference in May. For the second straight year, the chapter received the Student Chapter of Distinction Award, the highest honor given to a student chapter in this professional society. The chapter also was honored with the Award of Excellence in the STC Newsletter Competition.



Mercer University Press will celebrate its 25th anniversary of publishing excellence at the 15th annual Author's Luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Westin Buckhead Atlanta.

Authors in attendance will be Rick Allen. Ron Chernow, Steve Berry, David Bottoms, James Cook, Lucy Corin, Louise Dodd, Hollis Gillespie, Terry Kay, Buck Melton Sr., William Rawlings Jr., Haywood Smith and Michael Thurmond. These authors and more will be in attendance to meet, greet and autograph copies of their latest and previous works.

The Tift College of Education is in the process of developing a master's program in educational leadership for school administrators.

— TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

ACHIEVEMENTS

2001

Carole Anderson, M.Ed., was selected Teacher of the Year at Stoneview Elementary School after six years of teaching experience.

Stephanie McClung, BS, is working as a teacher and minister to children. In January, she plans on pursuing her master's degree at NOBTS.

2002

Kathryn Leshea Walker, BLS, is enrolled at in graduate school at the University of West Georgia. She plans to receive her degree in special education/interrelated study.

Michael Terrance McCain, BSSS, was appointed city of Cartersville's chief of police on April 1. McCain is Cartersville's first African-American police chief.

2003

Lornette Grace Dunbar, M.Ed., worked as the domestic violence advocate for the Atlanta Municipal Court and was promoted to manager Management Group at Cross Keys Counseling Center in Forest Park. She resides in Jonesboro.

Jill Lehman, BS-ECE, traveled to the Middle East in January for two years of missionary service.

MARRIAGES & BIRTHS

1966

Louise Donnan Priester, M.Ed., and her husband Wyman of Macon announce their 60th wedding anniversary on April 22, 2003. They celebrated in March with a reception for 200 people.

1996

Julie Daniel Scott, CLA '95 and BA, and her husband Bryan, JD '98, of Macon announce the April 17 birth of their daughter, Avery Clare.

1997

Cassie Dorsey Rayburn, BS, and her husband, Stacey, of Thomaston announce the birth of their first child, Colby, in 2002.

Tyrone A. Hill, BA, married Adrienne

1999

Elizabeth Highsmith Walraven, BA, married Jason Walraven in 2000. The coupled welcomed their first child, Luke Isaac, in 2003. In 2004, they gave birth to their second son, Nicholas Asher. The family resides in Louisville, Ky.

2000

Amy Phelps Fouse, M.Ed., and her husband announce the birth of their daughter, Brenley Elise Fouse, on Jan. 29, 2003. Amy also received her secondary education degree on May 10, 2003.

2002

LaKisha Dennis Deon, BLS, was married in October 2002. She is an admissions officer for Wesley College in Dover, Del., and is working on her MBA in executive leadership. The couple resides in Dover, Del.

2003

Amanda Lynn Rachels Nation, BAS, married Jon Paul Nation July 21, 2003. Their son, Jon Kaleb Nation, celebrated his first birthday July 31,

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of support services in May 2003. She is also a facilitator for the Anger N. Harris, BA, in June 2003. They are 2003. The family resides in Griffin. expecting their first child in September.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

1995

Barry F. Hollis, BSE, was awarded his master's degree in chemical engineering in December 2003 from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. In February, he was promoted to environmental, health and safety site manager with GE-Energy Services working at the Municipal Electrical Authority of Georgia in Roopville.

1997

Erick R. Holsonback, BSE, completed his M.S. in management from Rensselacs Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He is pursuing his M.B.A at Carnegie Mellon Graduate School of Industrial Administration in Pittsburgh, Pa.

2002

Larry Compton, MSE, recently accepted a position in Las Vegas, Nev., as an electronics/radar engineer. He previously worked at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins.

MARRIAGES & BIRTHS

1995

Tuan Nguyen, BSE, and his wife, Angela, announce the birth of their first daughter, Paris, in February. The couple resides in Melbourne, Fla.

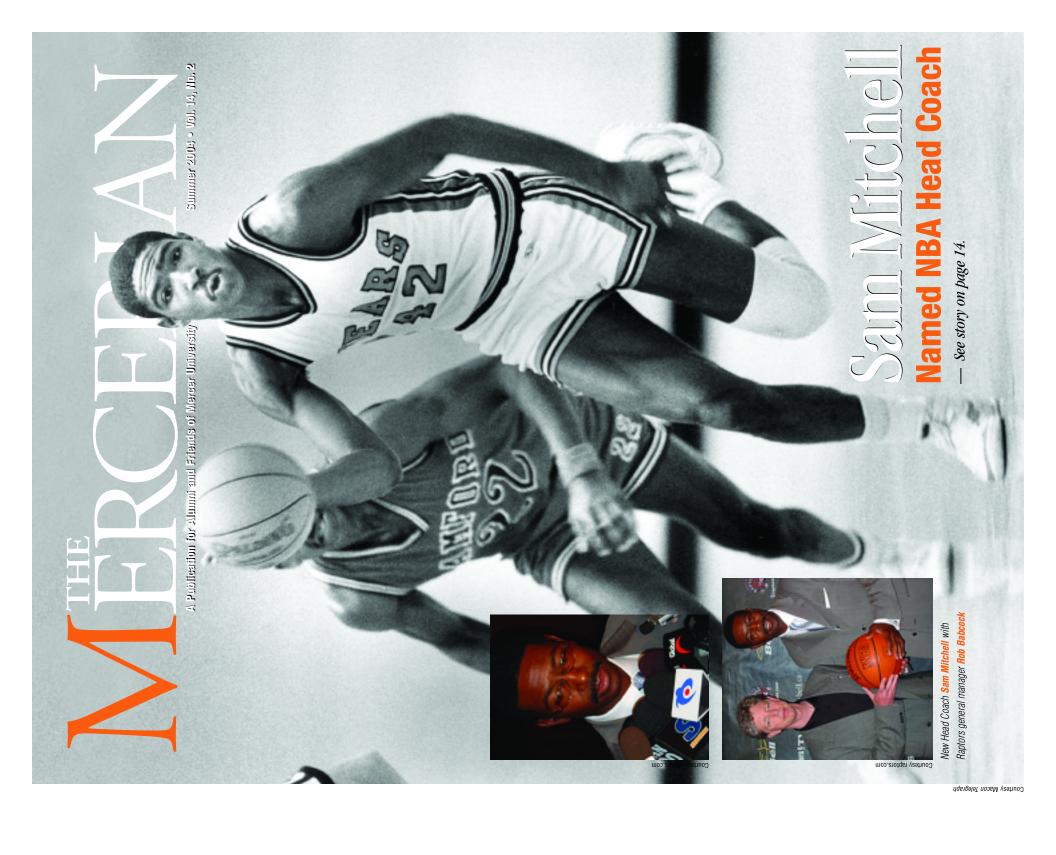
Barry F. Hollis, BSE, and his wife, Mary Jo, announce the birth of their son, James Riley, on Feb. 10, 1998, and their daughter, Rachael Caroline, on July 5, 2002.



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