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New Tradition

In recent years students have altered the route of the baccalaureate procession to make a pass by Jesse Mercer's statue for one last head rub, a practice students have embraced to bring good luck.

Celebrating the Past, Charting the Future

It is entirely fitting that in the year Mercer University celebrates the 175th anniversary of its founding, the Board of Trustees endorsed an ambitious 10-year plan designed to build on our solid regional reputation and achieve national recognition as one of the top private universities in the Southeast. It is our ambition — articulated in the plan titled “Charting Mercer’s Future: Aspirations for the Decade Ahead” — to move Mercer’s reputation into the same sphere as institutions such as Emory, Duke, Vanderbilt and Wake Forest.

It is an achievable vision, largely because of what Mercer has accomplished over the past 175 years. Long recognized for graduating outstanding men and women who have gone on to become leaders in their professions and their communities, Mercer in the last quarter century has developed into a comprehensive private university with an unmatched array of academic programs and geographic reach. We are the only private university in the Southeast to offer programs in liberal arts, engineering, law, medicine, pharmacy, theology and nursing. When you include our programs in music, education, business, and continuing and professional studies — located on campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah, and at Centers in Henry County, Douglas County and Eastman — you realize Mercer’s tremendous influence in American higher education.

Over the next decade, we will focus on deepening the quality of our academic programs, student bodies, faculty and staff, and athletic programs. It will require major new investments and greater involvement of all of our constituents, most notably our 63,000 alumni.

A significant component of the 10-year plan is to strengthen alumni outreach. What you are holding in your hands — a new University magazine — is a reflection of that initiative. You will be hearing from your alma mater more frequently. We want to keep you apprised of our progress as we pursue our ambitions — ambitions that will enhance the value of your Mercer degree.

We also want you to be more engaged with each other, with the campuses and with our outstanding faculty and staff. You will see in this issue of *The Mercerian* information about Homecoming, which in previous years has been largely a student event. This year we are moving Homecoming to the fall and focusing on programming that will appeal to alumni. We want you to come back and reconnect, reunite and rediscover. One of the weekend’s highlights will be a men’s basketball game featuring the Mercer Bears against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. You will want to get your tickets early, because it will be a sell-out.

My appeal to you is to take a greater interest in what is happening at Mercer. In return, I will work to ensure that your alma mater takes a greater interest in you.

I hope to see you at Homecoming.



William D. Underwood
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— Bill Underwood

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New Administrators Welcomed

A number of changes to top administrative posts went into effect with the new fiscal year on July 1. In addition to reorganizing external affairs functions, Mercer President William D. Underwood appointed several new administrators, including a new provost, new senior vice president for enrollment management, a senior vice provost for service-learning, and a senior associate vice president – Atlanta.

The University announced in January that Wallace L. Daniel, Ph.D., former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Baylor University, would become the University's provost. Dr. Daniel took office July 1. Dr. Daniel, a prominent historian, succeeded Horace W. Fleming Jr., Ph.D., who had served the University on two separate occasions. Dr. Fleming has been appointed Distinguished University Professor of Educational Leadership.

Dr. Daniel previously served as the Ralph L. and Bessie Mae Lynn Professor of History and editor of the *Journal of Church and State* at Baylor. From 1996-2005, he served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Baylor's largest academic unit with more than 400 faculty and 6,500 students. He also served as founding director of the Slavic studies program from 1986 to 1996, chair of the history department from 1992 to 1996 and director of the honors program from 1991 to 2003. An honors graduate in economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dr. Daniel earned his Ph.D. from the same institution, specializing in Russia.

Mary Alice Morgan, Ph.D., professor of English and director of Women's and Gender Studies, was named the University's first senior vice provost for service-learning and also took office July 1.

In her new position, Dr. Morgan works to promote, support and coordinate Mercer's work in service-learning, community-based learning and civic engagement. She also works with faculty and academic units to develop service-learning curriculum, coordinate professional development activities, and collaborate with



Dr. Wallace Daniel

students, faculty, advisory boards and committees to facilitate service-learning and community engagement.

Dr. Morgan, who joined the Mercer faculty in 1997, serves as an advocate within and outside the University for the values of lifelong civic involvement and for campus-community engagement. A native of North Carolina, Dr. Morgan holds an undergraduate degree from Duke University and earned her master's and doctorate in American literature from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Under the reorganization of external affairs, Richard Swindle, Ph.D., senior vice president – Atlanta, was named senior vice president for university advancement, succeeding Emily P. Myers, who served Mercer for almost 30 years as senior vice president for university advancement. She resigned July 31 to become president of Jon McRae and Associates, an Atlanta-based executive search firm that specializes in higher education.



Dr. Richard Swindle

As senior vice president for university advancement, Dr. Swindle oversees Mercer's development, special events and alumni relations functions, as well as continuing to provide administrative oversight for the Atlanta campus and regional academic centers. Swindle has been at Mercer for 22 years, serving from 1979 until 1996 in various administrative positions in Atlanta and Macon. In 1990, he joined the university advancement staff as assistant vice president for development and later served two years as associate vice president for university relations, alumni and development.

Dr. Swindle left Mercer in 1996 to serve as senior vice president for institutional advancement at Franklin College in Indiana, where he was responsible for development, public affairs, corporate and foundation relations, alumni services and church relations. While

at Franklin College, Dr. Swindle planned and directed the successful completion of a \$48.5 million capital campaign, which exceeded its goal by more than 21 percent. He returned to Mercer in 2003 as senior vice president in charge of the University's Atlanta campus operations. He holds a doctorate from Emory University, a master's degree from the University of Montevallo and a bachelor's degree from Samford University.

Dr. Penny L. Elkins, associate dean, Fred L. Miles Chair of Educational Leadership, and professor of education in the Tift College of Education, has assumed additional responsibilities as senior associate vice president – Atlanta. In her new position, Dr. Elkins reports to Dr. Swindle and is responsible for day-to-day operations of Mercer's Atlanta campus and Regional Academic Centers in Douglas County, Henry County and Eastman. Dr. Elkins will continue to serve as associate dean in the Tift College of Education, responsible for educational leadership programs, community partnership development, and grants administration for the college.



Dr. Penny Elkins

Dr. Elkins has over 18 years of experience in leadership, curriculum design and development, educational leadership, program planning, teaching, and program evaluation. She holds two degrees from Mercer — a bachelor's degree in Christianity and early childhood education and a master's degree in early childhood education. She also earned an education specialist degree in education, administration, and supervision from Georgia College & State University. Her Ph.D. is in educational leadership from Georgia State University.

Larry D. Brumley, President Underwood's chief of staff for the past two years, was named senior vice president for marketing communications, in addition to his duties as chief of staff. Brumley is in his second stint at Mercer as well, having served from 1991 to 1997 as senior associate



Larry Brumley

New Administrators —

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vice president for university relations. In 1997, he returned to his alma mater, Baylor University, where he served as associate vice president for communications and later interim vice president for communications and marketing.

Jim Netherton, Ph.D., executive vice president for administration and finance, assumed responsibility for operation of the University Center, which formerly was managed by university advancement. He joined the senior administration last October after serving for seven years as president of Carson-Newman College.

In April, Brian Dalton was named senior vice president for enrollment management. Dalton previously served as vice president for



Dr. Jim Netherton

enrollment management and associate academic dean for program development at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn. He is a frequent presenter at professional conferences and has written numerous articles on enrollment management for a variety of higher education publications. As a senior associate consultant for Noel-Levitz Inc., he has worked with more than a dozen private colleges and universities in the United States and Canada on enrollment management issues.

Prior to his current position, Dalton served as dean of enrollment at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas, and also worked in admissions at his alma mater, Gannon University, in Erie, Pa. He has a Master of Arts degree from Gannon and is completing a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Texas at Austin.



Brian Dalton

Dickson Named Music School Dean

Internationally renowned choral conductor John H. Dickson, D.M.A., assumed the deanship of the Townsend School of Music on July 1. Dr. Dickson succeeded Stanley L. Roberts, who returned to full-time teaching after having served as interim dean since May 2007.

Prior to joining Mercer, Dr. Dickson served as director of choral studies and chair of the Conducting Division at Texas Tech University.

He conducted the University Choir, Madrigal Singers and the Lubbock Chorale, and supervised the Doctor of Musical Arts, Ph.D. and Master of Music programs in choral conducting.

Prior to joining Texas Tech, Dr. Dickson served as professor of conducting and associate dean for doctoral studies at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's School of Church Music.

Dr. Dickson received the

Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting from The University of Texas at Austin and the Master of Music degree in music history and literature from Baylor University. He has done post-doctoral study at Cambridge University in Cambridge, England, where he was appointed Visiting Fellow of Wolfson College.

Dr. Dickson founded and served as artistic director for the Cambridge University, St. John's College/Texas Tech University Summer Choral Institute, as well as musical and founding director of the C.S. Lewis Foundation's Oxbridge Choral Institute, a professional chorus serving the triennial symposium in Oxford and Cambridge, England.

He has served as conductor and guest clinician for numerous state, regional, and national American Choral Directors Association conventions, All-State choruses and choral festivals around the world. Internationally known as a conducting pedagogue, he has presented master-classes before the Association of British Choral Directors, the Russian State Music Conservatories of St. Petersburg and Moscow and workshops throughout England, Wales, Scotland, Finland, France and Canada. *The Choral Journal* and *The Mastersinger* have published his articles on a holistic approach to conducting.



John Dickson

New Science and Engineering Building Opens New Learning Experiences

Mercer dedicated the new Science and Engineering Building and celebrated the School of Engineering's 22-year partnership with Warner Robins Air Logistics Center during a ceremony on Nov. 26, 2007. U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, U.S. Rep. Jim Marshall and Logistics Center Commander Maj. Gen. Tom Owen spoke at the event.

As the largest provider of engineering graduates to Robins Air Force Base, Mercer remains committed to addressing the need for skilled engineers to support the aerospace industry in Central Georgia. The two-story facility increases the level

of instructional and educational activity under Mercer's longstanding Education Partnership Agreement with the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

One of the greatest needs for WR-ALC engineers is training through short courses and graduate education. The Science and Engineering Building further equips Mercer to address these needs. A materials testing system and the new laboratories in the facility expand research capabilities at Mercer and offer hands-on undergraduate laboratory course experience and graduate thesis research for students, while also providing additional production capacity and advanced training for WR-ALC personnel.

The building includes an introductory physical science instruction suite of three classrooms, seven laboratories and three support shops, all designed to support students as they master physical science. The Department of Physics, within the College of Liberal Arts, is housed on the second floor of the building.

Among the features of the building are laboratories related to the work being performed at Robins, including materials, aging aircraft, electromagnetic interference, avionics and corrosion. Classrooms equipped with leading-edge instructional technology, student laboratories for research and senior design projects, and a 150-seat auditorium are other features of the building.

Video streaming of the event is available online at www.mercer.edu/mercerian/EngineeringDedication.



MATT SMITH PHOTO

Students from Susan Codone's technical communication class were the first to study in the new building on Aug. 21, 2007.

Eight Mercer Graduates to Serve in National Programs

Eight members of the Class of 2008 are participating in two highly selective national and international service programs after graduation. Rizza Ibanez, of Milledgeville, will enter the Peace Corps, while seven other members of the class will participate in Teach For America, the rigorous and nationally competitive program that places top college graduates in low-income schools across the nation.

Entering the Teach For America program are Akeem Anderson, of Columbus; Farley Burks, of Bowling Green, Ky.; Jamie Alongi, of Woodstock; Whitney Davidson, of Alexander City, Ala.; Sydney Nehrig, of Tampa, Fla.; and Meghan Lasseter and Elizabeth Carson, both of Peachtree City.

Lasseter, a philosophy and French double major, will teach elementary school in the Mississippi Delta along with Davidson, a Program in Leadership and Service major, who will teach special education.

Nehrig, an anthropology major, will teach in an elementary school in Charlotte, N.C., as will Alongi, a sociology major.

An education major, Burks has been assigned to Atlanta and will teach middle school language arts.

Anderson, a political science major and former Student Government Association president, will teach English to middle and high school students in New Orleans.



ROGER IDENDEN PHOTO

The eight Mercer graduates who have been named to highly selective service programs gathered at the University Center recently, including: Rizza Ibanez, foreground, who will be joining the Peace Corps, along with the seven students who will be joining Teach For America, left to right, Farley Burks, Elizabeth Carson, Sydney Nehrig, Jamie Alongi, Meghan Lasseter, Whitney Davidson and Akeem Anderson.

Carson, a music and communications double major, will teach elementary school for the Houston, Texas, Independent School District.

Established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy Jr., the Peace Corps is an independent federal agency designed to provide trained

workers to serve in developing nations. Almost 190,000 Peace Corps volunteers have provided their skills and talents to other nations while also promoting a better understanding between Americans and the people of the 139 countries where they have served. To be considered for the rigorous volunteer service program, applicants must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age and agree to a 27-month commitment. Each year, more than 12,000 people apply to be volunteers with the Peace Corps, with 4,000 accepted into the program. There are currently more than 8,000 Peace Corps volunteers serving abroad, including five Mercer alumni.

Teach For America encourages applicants from all backgrounds and educational experiences, not just education majors. The program seeks applicants who have strong academic and leadership backgrounds and it recruits heavily from the top undergraduate institutions in the nation. In 2007, Teach For America accepted only 21 percent of applicants from a pool of more than 18,000, with an average undergraduate GPA of 3.6 and more than 95 percent having held leadership positions while in college.

Carter to Deliver Second Mercer President's Lecture

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter will deliver Mercer's second President's Lecture Series address on the Macon campus on Oct. 23 at 3 p.m. The address, which will cover themes from his best-selling book, *Our Endangered Values: America's Moral Crisis*, will be held in Willingham Auditorium.

The President's Lecture Series brings leading thinkers to Mercer whose ideas and viewpoints intersect with the University's mission as a faith-based institution of higher learning. The programs are designed to promote Mercer's core principles of religious and intellectual freedom and respect for religious diversity while generating reflection and conversation on issues of importance.

The lecture series was inaugurated in April 2007 with an address by Francis Collins, then-director of the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health and author of the best-selling book *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief*.



ROD REILLY PHOTO

Former President Jimmy Carter, right, and Mercer President William D. Underwood worked together to convene the New Baptist Covenant Celebration this year in Atlanta.

Knight Foundation Awards Grant for College Hill

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation awarded Mercer a \$250,000 planning grant to help Macon redevelop the intown neighborhoods around the campus. The grant will facilitate a voluntary alliance of redevelopment partners to coordinate plans and leverage new development. Macon Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert, LAW '81, and Mercer President William D. Underwood announced the grant at a joint news conference on June 6.

The grant will fund start-up costs for designing and implementing the alliance along with the creation of a master plan for the College Hill Corridor, a year-old initiative that began as a student project. The initiative is a joint effort of the city of Macon and Mercer to improve the social and physical connection between the University and downtown.

The news conference came on the heels of the announcement of the first two businesses in Mercer Village, a Mercer-owned retail development that will be one of the linchpins of the new alliance effort. Ingleside Village Pizza, one of Macon's best-known pizzerias, opened its first franchised location in April and Jit-

tery Joe's, an Athens-based roaster and coffeehouse, announced plans to open in the fall. As *The Mercerian* was going to press, alumnus Carl G. Fambro, CLA '78, announced that he was moving Francar's Buffalo Wings, a popular Westside Macon eatery frequented by students, to Mercer Village in January.

The College Hill Alliance will be based on a model pioneered by the University of Akron — the University Park Alliance. Macon's alliance will seek to provide enhanced communication, coordination and investment in downtown and Intown Macon. "Communities are stronger when everyone works together for the greater good, and that's what this alliance is about," said Beverly Blake, Knight Foundation's Macon program director. "A similar partnership in Akron, Ohio, capitalized on an initial \$3 mil-



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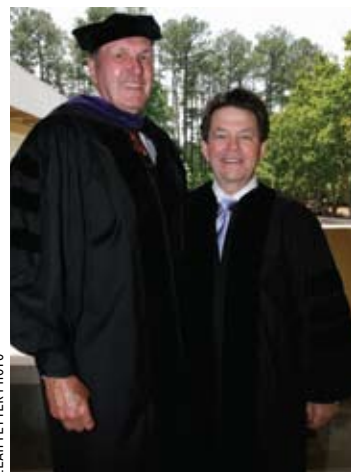
Left to right: Mike Ford, CEO of NewTown Macon, Kevin DuBose, co-chair of the College Hill Corridor Commission, Macon Mayor Robert Reichert, LAW '81, Mercer law student Matthew Wetherington, Mercer President William Underwood, Ingleside Village Pizza franchisee Andrew Collier and IVP owner Tina Dickson, cut the ribbon to officially open the pizza restaurant, located across from Mercer's Macon campus.

lion investment and has since garnered upwards of \$500 million in infrastructure, new college and community buildings focused on life-long learning, affordable housing and new business development. Macon has ideal conditions for replicating the Akron success."

Laffer and Fleming Named Distinguished University Professors

Economics icon Arthur B. Laffer Sr. and long-time educator Horace W. Fleming Jr. were both appointed Distinguished University Professors in the spring. President William D. Underwood made the announcement of Dr. Laffer as Distinguished University Professor of Economics at the May 17 commencement of the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics in Atlanta. The president announced Dr. Fleming's appointment as Distinguished University Professor of Educational Leadership at the May 10 commencement on the Macon campus.

"Dr. Laffer stands among the most gifted and influential economists in the world today," President Underwood said. "We are pleased that this extraordinary individual will be joining us at Mercer as a Distinguished University Professor of Economics.



LEAH YETTER PHOTO

Former Mercer Trustee William A. Fickling Jr. (left) and Distinguished University Professor of Economics Dr. Arthur Laffer before the announcement of Laffer's appointment at the commencement of the Stetson School of Business in Atlanta.

"Dr. Fleming is one of the most respected leaders in higher education, and we are grateful that he will return to Mercer as a Distinguished University Professor of Educational Leadership following a year at the University of South Carolina, where he will serve as a visiting professor of educational leadership and policies."

Dr. Laffer was also awarded the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Mercer at the Atlanta commencement. Dr. Laffer's economic acumen and influence in triggering a worldwide tax-cutting movement in the 1980s have earned him the distinction in many publications as "The Father of Supply-Side Economics."

Dr. Fleming, whose academic field is political science, has twice served as a senior officer of the University. From 1992 to 1997 he was executive vice president and provost at



Dr. Horace Fleming

Mercer, before being appointed president of the University of Southern Mississippi. He returned to the Mercer administration in 2002 as executive vice president and served as provost from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2008.

Dr. Laffer and Dr. Fleming become

the fourth and fifth individuals to be named Distinguished University Professors at Mercer. The Honorable Griffin B. Bell, U.S. Attorney General in the Jimmy Carter administration, was the inaugural honoree in 1983 when he was named a Distinguished University Professor of Law. World-renowned violinist and Macon native Robert McDuffie joined the University July 1, 2004, as Distinguished University Professor of Music. On July 5, 2007, Mercer announced the appointment of prominent ethicist David P. Gushee to the position of Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics.

New Programs Launched in Education, Business, Counseling

Tift College of Education is expanding several programs, including its increasingly popular graduate offerings. The College's Master of Education degree with a concentration in early childhood education, which is currently offered on the Atlanta campus, also will be available at the Douglas County and Henry County Regional Academic Centers beginning this fall.

In addition to the Master of Education program, other programs are expanding their borders. The College introduced the early care and education program at the Henry County Regional Academic Center in fall 2006. In addition to the campus in McDonough, students can now enroll at the Douglas County Regional Academic Center in Lithia Springs and at the Atlanta campus. This Bachelor of Science in Education, with a major in early care and education, is designed for individuals who wish to be certified to teach children from birth to five years of age.

The educational leadership program will also expand to the Savannah campus this fall, making Tift College of Education the third of Mercer's schools and colleges to offer programs in Savannah.

Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics will add to its degree offerings this fall, with a new Master of Accountancy and a combined Bachelor of Business Administration/Master of Business Administration degree on the Atlanta campus. The new degrees, which will both be evening programs, target the growing number of professionals in the Atlanta area in need of career-focused programs to help them succeed.

The Master of Accountancy links the successful undergraduate accounting program in Macon with Atlanta. The Master of Accountancy degree will be offered over one calendar year. The degree is a 10-course, 30-semester-hour program.

The combined BBA-MBA provides an accelerated route to completing both the degrees by allowing qualified BBA students who meet increased admission standards the opportunity for early admission to the MBA program. The combined degree requires 150 semester hours, down from 164 semester hours for the two degrees pursued separately. In the combined program, the BBA and MBA degrees are awarded concurrently at the end of the program, upon successful completion of all the program requirements.

The College of Continuing and Professional Studies in partnership with the Tift College of Education will offer the Master of Science in School Counseling program on Mercer's Atlanta campus this fall. In addition, the College will offer an add-on certificate program in School Counseling for those who already have a master's degree in counseling.

Pending Georgia Professional Standards Commission certification, both programs will prepare counselors to address Georgia's efforts not only to meet the needs of its growing elementary, middle and high school populations, but also to help students remain in school and ultimately improve graduation rates across the state. Schools, particularly in rural and urban school systems, need these "graduation coaches," said W. David Lane, Ph.D., associate professor and head of the Counseling Department in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies.

Mercer Loses Three Beloved Faculty

THREE EXEMPLARY MERCER PROFESSORS DIED IN RECENT MONTHS. HOWARD GIDDENS, JIM BRYANT AND DONA HARRIS ALL LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE INSTITUTION.

HOWARD P. GIDDENS, Ph.D., 97, CLA '34, '35, '55, died June 16. Dr. Giddens was known as "the professor with the open door" at Mercer. Students knew he cared about them, and that they were always welcome to visit him in his office. Long a fixture of Mercer life, Dr. Giddens lived on campus many years after his retirement with his wife, Gladys Holder Giddens, CLA '37, who survives him. The two would have been married 68 years on June 19.



DR. HOWARD GIDDENS

Dr. Giddens graduated from Mercer with a Bachelor of Arts in 1934 and a Master of Arts in 1935. Mercer University awarded him a Doctor of Divinity degree in 1955.

He spent a number of years as a pastor before returning to Mercer in 1967 to serve as Curry Professor of Christianity, a position that he held until 1984. He also served as assistant to the president for denominational relations from 1982 until his retirement in 1984. In retirement, he served Mercer as a consultant for denominational relations. He was named Outstanding Faculty Member in 1977, 1979 and 1981. In 1975, he was named the first recipient of the Zeta Omega Zeta Chapter, Lambda Chi Alpha Outstanding Faculty Member award, which they named "the Howard P. Giddens Award."

JAMES C. BRYANT, Ph.D., 76, died Feb. 11. Dr. Bryant was a professor of English at Mercer University - Atlanta, and former chairman of the Humanities Division until 1989. He later taught adult education for Mercer's University College



DR. JIM BRYANT

before he was named as a special assistant to the president. He served in that capacity until his retirement in June 2006. As special assistant, he served as the University's historian and was working on a history of the University. Dr. Bryant came to Atlanta

from the faculty of Florida State University in 1973.

He was a former President of the Atlanta Writers Club, a longtime member of the Atlanta Press Club, a member of the Society of Professional Journalists and a former Board Chairman of the Council of Authors and Journalists. For a number of years, he directed the Council's Summer Writer's Conference and Workshop on St. Simons Island.

Dr. Bryant wrote the memoirs of former Fulton County Commission Chairman Charlie Brown, the biography of the Rev. James P. Wesberry, and the biography of Lamar R. Plunkett.

DONA L. HARRIS, Ph.D., 63, a respected faculty member at the Mercer School of Medicine, was very involved with students in addition to her duties as the associate dean of faculty affairs and development.



DR. DONA HARRIS

Dr. Harris died unexpectedly on June 18.

She headed the Personal, Professional Leadership Program for first- and second-year students. This program starts during orientation for the incoming class and continues throughout students' second year. Dr. Harris especially loved this program because she interacted and bonded with a small group of medical students throughout their first two years, including dinners she hosted at her home.

Dr. Harris came to Mercer from East Carolina University in 2002 to serve as associate dean and made a mark on Mercer's students and faculty. She recently earned two major awards for service to her students and her profession. In 2007, Georgia Academy of Family Physicians presented her with its President's Award in recognition of invaluable service, mentorship and friendship. The Society of Teachers of Family Medicine presented her with its Recognition Award for service to family medicine education in accordance with the highest aims and principles at its annual meeting in 2005.

NewsBriefs

Princeton Review Ranks Mercer's Atlanta MBA Program No. 1 for Opportunities for Women

EUGENE W. STETSON School of Business and Economics was listed among the *Best 290 Business Schools* by The Princeton Review in its 2008 edition of the book by the same name. The School's Atlanta MBA program was ranked No. 1 in the category of "Greatest Opportunities for Women."

The Princeton Review selects schools based on its high regard for their academic programs and offerings, institutional data collected from the schools, and the opinions of students attending the schools.

The publication ranked the programs in this category based on the percentage of students who are female, the percent of faculty who are female, and student assessment of resources for female students, how supportive the culture is of female students, whether the business school offers coursework for women entrepreneurs, and whether case study materials for classes proportionately reflect women in business.

School of Engineering Among Tops for Female Grads, Professors

THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING recently received national attention in two publications for its female-friendly atmosphere. The School was ranked third in the nation for percentage of female students earning Bachelor of Science degrees in *PRISM*, the American Society for Engineering Education's magazine. The School also ranked No. 18 in the country among engineering schools for percentage of tenured or tenure-track women faculty by *Connections*, an ASSE electronic newsletter.

PRISM ranked schools based on the number of women who graduated with an engineering degree during the 2005-2006 academic year. Of that class year, 36.6 percent of Mercer's graduates were women. The data was compiled by the American Society for Engineering Education from a pool of 261 schools that awarded 50 or more Bachelor of Science degrees.

Alumnae, students and faculty say the School offers a supportive atmosphere for

all engineering students regardless of gender and is an attractive learning and working environment to women for a variety of reasons.

"Mercer University School of Engineering provides an excellent education for all of its students," said Jackie Smith Baxley, a 1998 Mercer environmental engineering graduate and president of the Engineering Alumni Board. "I think that women, in particular, are attracted to its program because Mercer can offer what larger engineering schools lack: a closer setting that fosters a deeper connection to faculty and staff. Essentially, at Mercer, you are a person, not just a number."

Engineering Wins Major Grant to Enhance Entrepreneurship

THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING received a \$50,000 grant last fall to expand and modify course offerings. The School is one of just five in the country to receive the grant for 2007-2008 from the Kern Entrepreneurship Education Network, sponsored by the Kern Family Foundation. The grant will run for two years, with options for renewals thereafter through a competitive process.

The KEEN program offers institutions access to vital resources for building quality entrepreneurship education programs that engage engineering and technical students in hands-on learning. The goal of KEEN is to make entrepreneurship education opportunities widely available at U.S. institutions of higher learning, and to instill an action-oriented entrepreneurial mindset in engineering, science, and technical undergraduates.

The curriculum changes will include an introduction to entrepreneurship during the freshman year, as well as a new entrepreneurship general education option. The new general education option will be a series of five courses, including three from Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, and a course in the School of Engineering. Students' senior design projects will focus on an entrepreneurial technical solution to a real-world problem and will require a full business plan for the project. Projects in this category also will compete for



The Atlanta Administration and Conference Center on Mercer's Atlanta campus welcomed the first shipments of the American Baptist Historical Society Archives this summer, including thousands of items from the archives in Valley Forge, Pa. The remainder of the collection, located in Rochester, N.Y., is scheduled to arrive in the fall. Once the shipments arrive, the consolidated archives on the Atlanta campus will offer the largest collection of Baptist historical material in the world. The University and the Historical Society will hold a dedication for the massive collection on Sept. 27.

an Entrepreneurship Award. The grant also allows the School to promote entrepreneurship to all students through lectures, faculty advising and invited presentations.

Law School Legal Writing Program Again Ranked Best in Country

THE LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM in Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law is again the top-ranked program among all of the law schools in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. The 2009 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools listed Mercer's program first in the country after being tied for first with Seattle University in 2006, second in 2007 and first in 2008. The specialty ranking, begun by *U.S. News* in 2006, is voted on by legal writing directors throughout the country, reflecting the opinion of those with specialized knowledge.

Overall, Mercer's law school remains among the top 100 Law Schools in the country, tying four other schools at that mark — Stetson University, Syracuse University, University of Buffalo-SUNY and University of Louisville. This is the fifth consecutive year the Mercer Law School has been among the top 100 in the country. Founded in 1873, it is one of the oldest law schools in the country.

McAfee Will Host Two New Lectureships

McAFEE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY has received two gifts for endowed lectureships that are expected to add significantly to the ongoing theological conversation at the School. The Ellen and Peter Rhea Jones Lectureship in New Testament will bring to McAfee eminent scholars in the New Testament, while D. Perry and Betty Ginn Lectures on Christian Faith and Modern Science will host prominent Christian scientists to enhance scientific knowledge and to help reconcile faith and science.

The Rev. Dr. D. Perry Ginn, a pastor of more than 60 years, endowed the Faith and Science lectureship. Ginn developed an interest in science and, as he studied it, he increased his appreciation for the parallel and

Mercer University Press Executive Director Marc A. Jolley and President William D. Underwood presented James N. Griffith with a certificate commemorating the James N. Griffith Endowed Series in Baptist Studies, which Griffith's nephew, Benjamin W. Griffith III, endowed. Dr. Griffith served as executive director-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention from 1981 to 1993. Published by Mercer University Press, the annual book series will promote the exploration and investigation of Baptist history, offer analyses of Baptist theologies, and examine the role of Baptists in societies and cultures around the world. Pictured at the presentation are, left to right: Benjamin W. Griffith Jr., Ph.D., CLA '44, Benjamin W. Griffith III, CLA '77, The Rev. Dr. James N. Griffith, CLA '49, his wife Mildred "Mimi" Roads Griffith, Jolley and President Underwood.



LEAH YETTER PHOTO

interrelationship of science with the Christian faith in the search for ultimate truth. He also developed an increasing concern regarding the widespread misunderstanding and ignorance of many of his fellow pastors regarding the true nature of science and how it relates to the Biblical revelation.

"I fear that too many theologians and preachers continue to create the false idea that there is a fundamental conflict between the insights of modern science and Christian truth," Dr. Ginn said. "My experience is that young adults, in particular, are prone to consider their religious faith irrelevant when Christian spokespeople confront them with half-truths, outright false statements about science or commend irrational rejection of strongly confirmed finding of modern science."

Dr. Ginn will give the inaugural lecture on Sept. 23 at the McAfee School of Theology and will issue his challenge there.

The Rev. Dr. Peter Rhea Jones Sr., who serves as professor of preaching and New Testament and holds the J. Truett Gannon Chair at McAfee, endowed the New Testament lectureship. Dr. Jones served for more than 20 years as pastor of First Baptist in Decatur. He and his wife, Ellen, a longtime Sunday School teacher and an educator in Fulton County schools, decided to create the lectureship in New Testament to augment the existing offerings at McAfee.

"There is something memorable about an outside lecturer — particularly a good one — that represents a significant enrichment," Dr. Jones said. "Lectureships bring in a broader world. I want to give our students exposure to

international scholarship in the field of New Testament."

Three Professors Named Governor's Teaching Fellows

ALL THREE MERCER NOMINEES to the prestigious Governor's Teaching Fellows Program were selected for the elite program. Two professors studied over the summer, and one will enter the yearlong program this fall.

This summer's participants are Philip McCreanor, Ph.D., associate professor of biomedical and environmental engineering, and Brenda Rowe, R.N., J.D., associate professor in the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing. They served as Fellows in the two-week Summer Symposium Program, May 12-23. The fall selectee is Hani Khoury, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematics and chair of the Mathematics, Science and Information Systems Department in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies. He will be a Fellow in the Academic Year Symposium, meeting in six three-day symposia during the academic year.

Faculty members from colleges and universities throughout the state apply to become one of the Fellows chosen for the highly competitive program. It is unusual for more than one professor from a university to be selected for the program. Among the criteria for selection in the program are excellence in teaching, interest in continuing to improve instruction, ability to have an impact on the home campus, and the strong commitment of the home institution to the faculty member's participation.

Serving, Searching IN Zambia

Alumna finds calling through Peace Corps experience

By Denise Cook | PHOTOS COURTESY KATHERINE CONLEY

Author's note: One of the most amazing people I know is my former roommate, sorority sister and friend Katherine Conley, or "Katie" as she is known to close friends and relatives. A native of LaFayette, Katie graduated from Mercer in 2004. Even in college, she was clearly developing a passion for helping others as a volunteer for the Ronald McDonald House of Central Georgia and as a Panhellenic Counselor for the Greek community, guiding freshman women through the process of joining a Greek organization. I was not surprised when I learned that Katie had joined the Peace Corps some time after graduation. I had the opportunity to correspond with Katie about her experience during her third year of service. She completed her assignment in May 2008.

"My decision to join the Peace Corps was more a process of realization rather than a single momentary epiphany," Katherine Conley explained of her choice. "I had studied abroad during my junior year at Mercer, and that experience influenced my interest in living in another country sometime after graduation. Peace Corps allowed me to do that, and it also gave me a chance to work on the ground level in a developing country, which seemed like a possible future career path." An international business major with a minor in German, Conley spent a semester abroad in Salzburg, Austria, while at Mercer.

In Conley's words, her experience at Mercer allowed her "to see that the world extends beyond my little community." It also taught her "to be as involved positively as I can in that greater community as I had been in my local one." That sense of commitment and service led her to serve for the past three years.

Conley's assignment placed her in Zambia, a country slightly larger than the state of Texas, located in south-central Africa with a population of approximately 11.9 million, according to the U.S. Department of State. Zambia resembles the Western world in several ways. The official

language is English, and it is politically organized as a republic with a three-branch government.

"Many things are similar to the U.S., especially in the towns and cities," Conley said. "For my third year, I have lived in the capital, Lusaka, which has 1.5 to 2 million people. It has a transportation network of second-hand minibuses and taxis, fairly constant water and electricity supplies, decent schools, a major university, and even two large, Western-style strip shopping malls, complete with Subway restaurants."

However, Conley noted that there are also many striking differences. "In Zambia, especially in the rural villages, everything is a challenge. For example, food preparation takes a long time and a lot of planning — picking vegetables from the garden, chopping firewood, cooking each dish one-by-one, and fetching water from a shallow well or nearby stream. Walking is a major form of transportation, but I was surprised by the number of bicycles (granted, of lower, cheap-Chinese quality) in the village," she explained.

"Access to health care and education are theoretically guaranteed to everyone by the government, but in reality the nearest clinics or schools could be over five miles away, and often these places don't have the

promised, required materials for them to function on even a minimal level," she said.

Despite these challenges and struggles, living conditions are not as bad as many might think.

"I'm sure that most people [in the United States] would be surprised by the fact that not everyone here is starving. Under-nutrition is endemic, but severe malnutrition like you would see on TV is rare. Much of Zambia receives plenty of rainfall during the rainy season that lasts from October to March to allow the farmers to grow and harvest enough food for the rest of the year," Conley said.

The Peace Corps volunteers work with the Zambian government to improve development, growth and living conditions. According to the U.S. Department of State, "more than 160 two-year volunteers and as many as 10 extension and Crisis Corps Volunteers promote sustainable development through their activities in agricultural and natural resource management, health and sanitation, rural education and humanitarian assistance."

"The government of Zambia identified six main health issues: malaria, tuberculosis, HIV and AIDS, safe motherhood and family planning, child health and nutrition, and water and sanitation," Conley said. "They

feel that these are the most pressing issues and solving or improving these can make the biggest impact on the general health. Everything else is just gravy.”

Village Life

For her first two years in Zambia, Conley worked in one of the rural villages with a group of other Peace Corps volunteers. “We worked with Neighborhood Health Committees. Each village or group of villages forms a committee, which also works with the Rural Health Center. I lived next door to the center, a clinic. I taught committees about basic health information and worked with them to teach other community members. We also taught things like project planning and implementation (how to deal with money, how to monitor a project to see if it was effective) so that the Committee can continue working after Peace Corps leaves. We worked with the committees to analyze the situation in the village and determine how to fix it,” she said.

“For example, every month a nurse from the clinic will visit health ‘outposts’ in the zone to weigh children under five years old (the best and easiest way to tell if a child is well-nourished is by his or her weight), give immunizations, check on pregnant women, and deal with health problems in people who live too far away to visit the clinic,” she said.

“In one of the areas, we noticed that the percentage of underweight children was almost double the average from the rest of the area. I worked with the committee to decide what we could do about it. The committee decided to start a nutrition club for mothers. I held a one-day workshop on nutrition, explaining basic nutritional needs, which foods contain which nutrients, what nutrients are, and why good nutrition is important, along with cooking demonstrations. The mothers at that workshop then give short nutrition talks at the ‘under five’ clinics for the other mothers,” Conley said.

She also described other critical challenges faced by the Rural Health Centers. “The clinics are almost



“Peter was my favorite kid partly because he was one of the first I got to know. When I first moved to my village, he was about three-and-a-half. He wore this cute little pink hoodie sweatshirt with the hood cinched around his face. It was adorable (and the way I knew it was him at first). His mother did my laundry for me. About a year after I moved in, I used to see him walking around the village all alone. Usually it was within sight of his house, but sometimes he would wander by my house, a good three-minute walk for an adult. He was shy, but began to open up and would let me take him away from his mother or house without problems, and he always reached for my hand. With so many children afraid of me, Peter was just curious and always accepting.”

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always understaffed and lacking in supplies. Vaccines must be refrigerated, but my clinic’s fridge had not worked for over two-and-a-half years. The casual day worker, who does odd jobs around the clinic, [such as] getting water, driving the motorbike, slashing grass, and weighing patients, goes 30 kilometers one-way to another clinic to get vaccines on the mornings they will be used. There is only one nurse at my clinic. The second one retired while I was there, so when she’s out

or sick or doesn’t feel like going to work, everyone else is out of luck. The village is only 50 kilometers from town, so an ambulance (a mini-van) can come pick up a patient, but only if that emergency doesn’t happen while the ambulance is gone somewhere else.”

Empowering Girls

In addition to providing aid for critical health problems, Conley and her co-workers organized and led programs to help improve

quality of life for the local residents.

“I also worked with girls’ empowerment a bit. I organized a ‘Girls’ Empowerment Week’ for girls from all over Northern Province and worked with girls from my village who attended previous Girls’ Empowerment Weeks to teach the other girls in their class,” she said.

“Basically each volunteer in the province brings two girls from his or her village to a central location. In my area, the girls spent the week learning about HIV and AIDS; life skills like decision-making, planning for the future, and sticking up for one’s self; and the importance of staying in school. The girls stay with a woman who has a job and a family. Usually teachers are the most helpful, but girls already know they can be teachers, so we try to find other women who work in different areas, such as the post office or agriculture, or entrepreneurs. It is a chance for girls to see that there is more available than getting married and being a subsistence farmer and for those girls to watch women who have more. We have women talk about how they got to where they are. We talk about peer pressure and how to overcome it, and we teach them about their bodies and how to protect them. It’s a really fun week, and the girls always seem to enjoy it,” she said.

“Another group of volunteers in our region led a camp GLOW (Girls Leading Our World). It’s a Peace Corps-designed camp. We use parts of it in the Girls’ Empowerment Week. It’s more or less the same thing, just in a different format. Instead of living with a family in town, it’s more of a camp setting, like a 4-H camp in Zambia, and focuses more on team and self-esteem building,” she said.

Working in the Capital

After completing her two-year term in the village, Conley felt that there was still work for her to do in Zambia. “I wanted to



“Justin [pictured with his family and Conley] was the casual day worker at my clinic. His official job was to keep the grounds and clinic clean. His unofficial job was weighing people (and any other preliminary work for the nurse) and helping out with some patients (like if someone was hurt and needed stitches, Justin would clean them, hold them, hold the instruments). When the nurse was away, he gave out medicine to the routine cases, such as malaria meds or pain killers for minor pains. He was the night guard when I first moved to the village. Since I lived next to the clinic, he also patrolled my house. Most nights he stopped by to chat or for tea. His English is not great so it was a great opportunity for me to practice Bemba, the local language. A few months into my service, he was moved to the day shift because he can read. I liked him because he always protected me, was always helpful, and is one of the few villagers who understand the concept of saving money and planning ahead.”



“Waiting to cross the Lukulu River. Upstream is Chishimba Falls, which supplies part of Northern Province’s power and is a national historic site. Downstream it flows into the Chambeshi River, the site of a World War II battle, that also supplies power. My favorite Neighborhood Health Committee was on the other side. The bridge they were building in the background had been in progress for over two years, and is now finished. The construction provided work for several villages, and the completion will enable those same villages (and many more) easier access to a major road for transporting their crops as well as quicker, easier access to Kasama (nearest town, Provincial capital), which means a market for their crops, access to a larger hospital, and many other services.”

stay for a third year because I had decided that I possibly wanted to go into the field of international public health. For my extension, Peace Corps helped to connect me with a nonprofit that works in public health at the rural level, and I figured that such an experience would show me whether or not I actually wanted to do this as a career,” she said.

On weekdays, Conley’s mornings began around 6:40 a.m. “Even in the city, I bathe with a bucket of warm water and a cup, so I usually do this at night. After breakfast and getting ready for the day, I walk about 45 minutes to my office, which often isn’t too

bad but recently during the rainy season, it’s either stifling hot or very wet. I work from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday as a lead trainer for my nonprofit, Catholic Medical Mission Board. In this role, I develop training materials, such as manuals, PowerPoint presentations and record-keeping instruments, for the many church-run health clinics affiliated with my organization.”

The program Conley works with at the mission board is called “Men Taking Action.” Funded by U.S. aid, the program is “an innovative project aimed at getting men actively and meaningfully involved in HIV

services in their communities,” according to the Catholic Medical Mission Board.

“When we go for trainings in the field — which can last between four days and two full weeks — we spend the work day training clinic workers and local community members, such as traditional leaders, other respected people and cross-sections of our target group, on the importance of providing full access to antenatal care for pregnant women. This includes being tested for HIV and AIDS and receiving the proper treatment for it and other diseases, such as malaria or tuberculosis. In rural Zambia, as in many traditional societies across the world, women

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often have little say in their own health care, and so our program aims to educate men about why allowing women to visit the local clinic is a good thing,” she said.

Conley learned that city life in Lusaka is vastly different from what she experienced in the villages. “There isn’t much of a middle class in Zambia, especially not in the capital. I can get pretty much anything I want here, if I’m willing to pay for it, including iPods and computers,” she said.

“Veggies are crazy expensive because everything is grown outside town and transported in, instead of being grown next to the house like in a village. I was on a trip last week and bought three bags of mangoes for 4,000 kwacha [little more than one U.S. dollar]. In Lusaka, one mango costs 1,000 kwacha,” she said. “Some things are still the same

though. The poor are still poor, though arguably worse off than villagers because of cramped living conditions and distance to farmland.”

Reflection

Conley returned home in May, after more than three years of service in Zambia. She confessed that during her time in Zambia she has missed a number of things from the U.S. “Recently, I missed Chick-Fil-A, delivery fast food and washing machines and dryers. In the past, I’ve missed lazy mornings watching TV, easy transportation or being anonymous.” Surprisingly, Conley said that it has not been difficult for her to readjust to the U.S. during home leaves or to Zambia when returning back to work. “Both have become normal in their own

peculiar ways to me,” she said. Looking to the future, Conley plans to go to graduate school for international public health.

Conley’s experience has stirred a great deal of soul-searching and raised many questions about herself and the world. “In the past three years, I never had a definite moment of revelation about my religious beliefs. However, my time in Zambia has definitely made me reflect more seriously on my beliefs and certainly question them. Zambia is a land of heart-breaking despair, but also of great triumph over significant odds. It is simultaneously amazing and comforting and yet also incomprehensible that such things can happen. I am still looking for an answer,” she said.

“Africa is not a faceless continent of AIDS and war. Africa is not all one

country, one culture or one problem. Throwing money at ‘development’ does nothing to alleviate the problems of daily life for regular people here. There is a lot of natural and human beauty here, in the environment and geography, in the cultures of song and dance and storytelling, in the way that the land and its peoples go from day to day regardless of what new trend in aid comes along or what snag the weather throws at them. We could all learn something from the take-it-as-it-comes attitude ingrained in Zambians over the centuries.”

“As they say in the Nyanja language, ‘If you’re ugly, know how to dance.’”

“The Makonko Neighborhood Health Committee was my favorite to work with. They were motivated, they liked working with me, and the village on the whole was friendly. The training we had just finished was in my very last week at the site. I facilitated most of it, but let committee members facilitate some, such as for tuberculosis and nutrition, because they had already been trained in those particular subjects.”



If you, or other alumni you know, are currently serving in the U.S. Peace Corps, let Mercer know by submitting your information to the University’s online alumni directory. For more information about the U.S. Peace Corps, visit www.peacecorps.gov.



Judge Griffin B. Bell

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Last December, Mercer's Board of Trustees appointed Judge Griffin B. Bell as only the sixth lifetime trustee in the University's 175-year history. It was a most fitting honor for the highly decorated Mercer graduate. A great American statesman, Judge Bell shaped the development of the South and influenced the entire course of the nation's history. Embodying

the highest and best instincts of the American character, he has been a prominent voice in most of the political, economic and social changes that have molded the character of a new South and the nation for more than 60 years. He has been an adviser to presidents, foreign governments, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense and numerous Fortune 500 companies.

Even though he achieved national, and even international, recognition as an American political and legal leader, Judge Bell has faithfully maintained his loyalty and love toward his alma mater, Mercer University. Since obtaining his LLB degree from Mercer Law School in 1948, Judge Bell has been not only an ardent supporter and friend of the University, but has demonstrated time and time again a passionate concern for the well-being of the institution and a strong commitment to strengthening higher education. He is a Mercer icon.

Since Mercer was founded in 1833, arguably no trustee has impacted more the transition of Mercer into one of the leading private universities in the South. While serving six terms as a trustee — including four years as board chair from 1992-1995 — Judge Bell played a major role in the development and strengthening of Mercer's 11 schools and colleges. He has served as general chairman of Mercer's two most successful fund-raising campaigns, which collectively raised more than \$500 million for the University.

"Throughout Mercer's long and distinguished history, the University has been blessed with great leaders and men and women of influence who have shaped,

guided and nurtured this remarkable institution," said President William D. Underwood. "I believe Judge Griffin Bell stands out among many great Mercerians in that regard. He loves this University, and that passion has helped make Mercer what it is

today, one of the finest private universities in the Southeast. All who cherish Mercer and what it represents owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to this loyal son of Mercer University."

In 1999, the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges recognized Judge Bell nationally by awarding him the Distinguished Service Award in Trusteeship. In support of his nomination for this honor, letters of support



were submitted by former President Jimmy Carter, former President George H. W. Bush, former Attorney General Janet Reno, former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, and former Mercer President R. Kirby Godsey.

As a Life Trustee, Judge Bell joins five other notable Mercerians who have received this honor: current Life Trustee Remer Crum, and the late Gerald Saunders, Frank Jordan, William A. "Gus" Bootle and Tom Watson Brown.

GRIFFIN B. BELL TIMELINE

1948

Graduated *cum laude* from Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law with an LLB degree

1960

Named co-chairman of John F. Kennedy's Georgia campaign for the presidency

1961

President Kennedy appointed Bell as a Justice of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Served as director of the Federal Judicial Center



1977

On Jan. 26, sworn in as 72nd Attorney General of the United States following his nomination by President Jimmy Carter



1959

While a senior partner with King & Spalding, appointed chief of staff by Gov. Ernest Vandiver and credited with conceiving the creation of the General Assembly Commission on Schools, which ultimately recommended that the public school system be preserved at all costs rather than close in the face of court-ordered desegregation

1965

Appointed co-chairman of the Atlanta Commission on Crime and Delinquency

1967

First elected to the Mercer Board of Trustees

1976

Returned to practice of law at King & Spalding

1980

Asked by President Carter to serve as head of the American delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe



Judge Bell, while widely recognized for his intellect and wisdom, is also known for his quick wit and affinity for good fellowship, as evidenced by these anecdotes contributed by friends and colleagues.

■ Judge Bell's main hobbies have always been bird hunting and golf. His law partner, Bob Steed, says that the judge abides by the principle that "no client or potential client should ever have to shoot birds or play golf alone."

■ When it comes to golf, Judge Bell's favorite event is the annual springtime "Judicial Invitational," a rag-tag group of lawyers and judges who have played two-day matches for the last 38 years. Judge Bell has never missed a tournament — even arranging his schedule as attorney general to be present. Judge Bell, on numerous occasions, won the Judge's Trophy and the Senior Division Trophy. In fact, this tournament is known for having about as many trophies in various divisions and flights as there are participants.

■ Despite all of his accomplishments, Judge Bell rarely passes up the opportunity to engage in a little self-deprecation. He tells the story of a Carter White House staff reunion several years ago where a guest approached him and proceeded to praise him for all he had done during the Carter years. Judge Bell was very pleased and thanked the person, who then said, "And I hope with all my heart that you will be reappointed, Chairman Greenspan."

■ He also is known for his sometimes-impenetrable South Georgia accent. A former Department of Justice staffer tells the story of a conversation Judge Bell had with Zoë Baird, the unsuccessful attorney general nominee under President Clinton. While exchanging pleasantries, Judge Bell was telling her that he had been quail hunting that weekend. Being from Seattle and living in Connecticut, she thought Judge Bell said "whale hunting." She asked, somewhat surprised, "Did you get any?" Judge Bell replied, "Sure, got 50 of them." "What did you do with them?" she asked. "We ate them," he said.

■ In 1960, Judge Bell was one of the chairs of Georgians for John F. Kennedy for President. He went to Washington to meet Kennedy, and displayed the self-confidence that is so characteristic of him. Kennedy asked Judge Bell if it bothered him as a Baptist to be campaigning

for a Catholic. "No," Judge Bell replied, "but it bothers me that you had to ask."

■ While serving as attorney general, Judge Bell was traveling with a reporter who was quizzing him on his ambitious agenda for the Department of Justice. "How can you accomplish such an ambitious agenda?" the reporter asked him. "It will take an enormous amount of time." Judge Bell snapped back, "I work fast." The reporter responded: "Don't you worry that you will make mistakes working fast?" To which Judge Bell replied, "I don't recommend working fast for a dumb person."

■ In the late 1970s, federal agents discovered and seized two Russian spies while Judge Bell was serving as attorney general. In response, Moscow seized an International Harvester salesman in Russia on business and tried to arrange a swap. When this swap was proposed to Judge Bell by a Soviet delegation, he answered, "I'm not trading a tractor salesman for two Russian spies."

The Mercerian is deeply indebted to Mercer alumni, current trustees and longtime King & Spalding partners Bob Steed and Doc Schneider, as well as Mercer alum and former trustee David Hudson — a former law clerk to Judge Bell — for contributing material for this tribute.

1981

Served as co-chairman of the Attorney General's National Task Force on Violent Crime

1983

Became the first person in the history of Mercer to hold the Distinguished University Professor title

1985

Elected President of the American College of Trial Lawyers

1986

The Griffin Boyette Bell Chair of Law is established at the Walter F. George School of Law

1989

Appointed by President George H. W. Bush as vice chairman of the President's Commission on Federal Ethics Law Reform



1982

William Morrow and Company published Judge Bell's political memoir, *Taking Care of the Law*

1984

Received the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Award for excellence in law

1988

Became director of the National Science Center Foundation; elected president of the Walter F. George Foundation

1991

Elected Chairman of the Mercer University Board of Trustees

1992

The Annual Griffin Bell Quail Hunt founded by friends in Americus and Sumter County



1999

Awarded the Distinguished Service Award in Trusteeship by the Association of Governing Boards and Universities; Judge Bell's biography, *Uncommon Sense*, written by friend and fellow Mercerian Reg Murphy

2004

The \$40 million University Center opens on the Macon campus, and the facility's board room — where trustee meetings are held twice annually — is named in honor of Judge Bell

2008

Named recipient of the 11-Alive Community Service Award as the Spirit of Atlanta; nominated by former Ambassador Young for his role in the desegregation of schools in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

1995

Received the Georgia Freedom Award from the Georgia Public Policy Foundation

2000

Mercer Board of Trustees voted to establish the Griffin B. Bell Award for Community Service, to be presented annually to deserving graduating students from among Mercer's 11 schools and colleges

2007

Mercer Board of Trustees elected Judge Bell as only the University's sixth Life Trustee



Robert L. Steed, Judge Griffin B. Bell and Richard A. "Doc" Schneider, in addition to having served together on the Mercer University Board of Trustees, also have practiced law together for many years at King & Spalding in Atlanta.

Judge Bell holds court with fellow trustees, who all happen to be lawyers, prior to a recent Mercer Board meeting. Seated, left to right, are the Honorable Hugh Thompson, justice on the Supreme Court of Georgia; William D. Underwood, Mercer president; Judge Bell; David Hudson, partner, Hull, Towill, Norman, Barrett & Salley; the Honorable Louis Sands, chief judge, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia; and Tommy Malone, the Malone Law Firm.





Defense Department Inspector General Claude M. "Mick" Kicklighter, left, visited a number of military officials serving in Iraq and Afghanistan in September 2007. He is speaking with the commanding general of Task Force Phoenix, Brig. Gen. Robert Livingston.

Kicklighter On Duty

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By Mark Vanderhoeck | PHOTOS COURTESY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

EDITOR'S NOTE: As The Mercerian was in production, Claude Kicklighter announced his retirement from the Department of Defense and accepted a position as director of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Program at the George Mason University School of Law in Virginia.

Duty. It is a word that demands soldiers know the answer to the questions: What do you owe your country? What do you owe your fellow soldier?

The word duty is not taken lightly in the military, but few have taken it to heart as faithfully as retired Lt. Gen. Claude M. "Mick" Kicklighter Sr., CLA '55. For Kicklighter, it has become his

way of life, not simply a word. His answer to those questions of duty: a half century of national service and counting.

In addition to more than 35 years as an Army officer, Kicklighter has served for more than 15 years in various high-ranking positions within the United States departments of State, Veterans Affairs and Defense.

Kicklighter is currently the inspector general of the Department of Defense, where he oversees more than 1,400 staffers as they root out waste and corruption among the armed forces and military contractors. The job is tough, but not one from which the nearly 75-year-old is backing down. It is a job to which he is uniquely suited; it is his responsibility to make sure that everyone in the Pentagon and the companies it contracts with do their duty. In an organization whose people have dedicated their lives to duty, rooting out those who are derelict in their duty can be a difficult process.

“We do our very best to support the men and women on that battlefield and make sure they are getting absolutely everything they need,” Kicklighter said. “It’s all about finding what the truth is — it’s a noble calling, but it’s tough.”

Kevin T. Hanretta, who served with Kicklighter in the Army, the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, summed up Kicklighter’s appointment this way: “When the Department of Defense needed a man of integrity and unquestionable honesty, he was at the top of the list — a proven soldier, statesman and gentleman. With the War on Terrorism still raging, he again said: ‘Yes,’ he would serve.”

With the exception of 10 months in the private sector, the Glennville native has spent his entire professional life in service to his country.

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Mercer Years

Despite those long years of service, it was not a path to which Kicklighter aspired. Though he was raised during World War II and was deeply influenced by the patriotism of the era, the biology major was thinking about other careers. He joined the University’s Reserve Officer Training Corps in part because he enjoyed the people in the program. He also joined the U.S. Army Reserve, attaining the rank of sergeant before he graduated and earned his commission as a second lieutenant.

He attributes his success in the military to Mercer and the ROTC Department’s leaders.

“It was just a great environment,” Kicklighter said of his Mercer experience. “The training I received from the leadership of the ROTC program was really the foundation for what I’ve done in the military.”

Another formative part of Kicklighter’s Mercer experience was meeting his wife, the former Betty Exley, whom he credits with supporting him through his entire career and making him successful.

“Without her support I couldn’t have done anything that I have done,” Kicklighter said.

The couple met in 1953, when Betty was a freshman, and were married in 1954. They had their first child, Elizabeth, just before he graduated. Even after receiving his commission, Kicklighter was still unsure about a military career. However, the rewarding experiences he found once he was in the military changed his mind, and, with Betty’s support, he embarked on a distinguished career. The couple had two more children, both boys, Claude Jr. and Richard, both of whom graduated from Mercer’s College of Liberal Arts. Claude continued his Mercer education with a law degree from the Walter F. George School of Law. Elizabeth graduated from the College of William and Mary and earned her Doctor of Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia.

“It’s interesting. I would not have chosen the profession of arms, but I have no regrets,” Kicklighter said. “Looking back and knowing all that I know now, I’d do it again.”

Kicklighter speaks with Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont following a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee.



Kicklighter speaks with Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California following the Senate hearing.





Military Life

Working his way up through the ranks, Kicklighter did two tours in Vietnam, earning commendations for his service and helping to propel his career in the military. Through the 1970s and 1980s, he moved up the ranks to general, commanding a brigade, then a division, then a theater army.

It was as commander of the Army of the Pacific, during which time he oversaw all U.S. land forces from the West Coast, including Alaska, to the East Coast of Africa,

China and India, that Kicklighter made his most lasting impact in the military. As the Soviet Union collapsed, many socialist and communist states that had been aligned with it were left without a partner. One such state was India which, despite its democratic government, hewed toward socialist policies and had military ties with the USSR. Kicklighter realized that India would be looking for a new military ally and opened up talks with the Indian Army. The talks led to a high-level military relationship and increased relations with the Subcontinent.

To this day, Kicklighter maintains many relationships in India and is well-known there, despite his relative anonymity at home. Though he is a well-known figure in a country of more than a billion people, even his close friends find the level of notoriety a shock.

Richard Foth, a friend of almost 15 years, knew some of the story, but had little idea about scope. On a trip the two took several

years ago to visit members of India's parliament and army, Foth was speaking with an American colonel attached to the U.S. Embassy in Delhi about Kicklighter's notoriety on the Subcontinent.

"I asked the colonel what Mick's reputation was in the Indian military, and the colonel replied with one word: 'Mythic,'" Foth recalled.

Celebrating 'The Greatest Generation'

Shortly after opening relations with India, he retired and earned an essential, if little-known, post in the federal government. In 1991, he was named director of the nation's effort to thank and honor its World War II veterans. The four years Kicklighter worked to organize events honoring the "Greatest Generation" were among the most rewarding experiences of his life.

"At that time, a lot of people had forgotten that these veterans really were a part of

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“... they did what they had to, and fought, and not only won that war, but saved the world. Then they came home ... rolled up their sleeves and got to work.”

the ‘Greatest Generation,’ Kicklighter said. “They were not prepared for their war, but they did what they had to, and fought, and not only won that war, but saved the world. Then they came home and said very little about the war, but rolled up their sleeves and got to work. That generation, in my opinion, built that strong and wonderful America we know today.”

Kicklighter’s gift of organization and diplomacy did not go unnoticed. Following his work with the World War II anniversary, he was named deputy under secretary of the Army for international affairs. In that capacity, he coordinated the military’s relations with all friendly armies around the world. He served in that role from September 1995 until July 1999.

Since that appointment, Kicklighter has held a number of roles in government service, including assistant secretary for Policy, Planning and Preparedness and chief of staff at the Department of Veterans Affairs.



Kicklighter met with Gen. David Petraeus, left, the commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, during a trip to Iraq in 2007.



Kicklighter led an interagency, inter-service Assessment Team for Munitions Accountability on a seven-week inspection visit in Southwest Asia. Kicklighter, third from right, often spent time in the field meeting with inspectors and auditors as they worked on the assessment.

He has had several major roles in the War on Terror since the September 11 attacks. Before he was named inspector general, Kicklighter was tapped by then-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to lead the planning efforts to replace the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. Following that, he was selected by the secretaries of state and defense to establish and direct the Iraq/Afghanistan Joint Transition Planning Group, a joint Department of State and Department of Defense team that has provided analysis and recommendations for coordinating efforts to address transition challenges in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Faith and Service

Kicklighter has accomplished a great deal, but remains humble, Foth said, in part as a result of a faith that he lives every day. Foth, who met Kicklighter through his work with the National Prayer Breakfast, has been impressed by the Mercerian. Not by what Kicklighter says, but what he does and how he lives.

“He has a great faith in God, experienced in the person of Jesus,” Foth said. “He doesn’t wear his faith on his sleeve, but everything he does comes out of that.”

That faith includes the way he treats others, which has helped him in his career, Foth said. By embracing each individual as a person first, he can relate to nearly

everyone, no matter what their station in life or their beliefs.

When asked to sum up Kicklighter’s defining characteristics, Hanretta said, “Mick Kicklighter is a Christian gentleman and soldier who continues to serve his country today. His love of family, his faith and his country define who he is, and that has never wavered.”

Meeting a New Challenge

His faith in God has driven him to continue his service to others, and though accepting the appointment as inspector general was a “tough yes,” Kicklighter said he wanted to continue to serve.

“When we’re at war, it’s hard to say no and it’s hard to say no to an especially challenging job,” Kicklighter said.

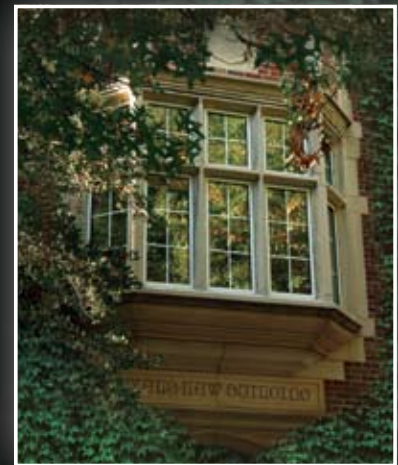
In answering his call to duty, in fulfilling his oath as an army officer, both as a soldier and civilian, Kicklighter has served his country and the soldiers he led, the veterans who came before him and the soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Despite his already impressive contributions, Kicklighter doesn’t plan on resting even after he leaves the Inspector General’s office.

“I’m always open to a chance to serve,” Kicklighter said. “If my health holds up and my wife supports it, and the Good Lord is willing, I think I can go to bat another time or two.”

CHARTING MERCER'S FUTURE: Aspirations for the Decade Ahead

SOON AFTER assuming office on July 1, 2006, Mercer President William D. Underwood convened the University Planning Council, a representative body of faculty, staff, students, alumni and community leaders, and issued a charge. His challenge to the group was to help chart a course that would allow Mercer to become widely recognized as one of the leading private universities in the Southeast, along with other outstanding institutions such as Vanderbilt, Emory, Duke, Wake Forest and Tulane. He also charged the group with drafting a vision statement and a plan that would position Mercer as the preeminent faith-based university in the Baptist tradition and manifest a new and compelling model for Christian higher education — a model that treasures intellectual freedom, honors religious diversity, and fosters both intellectual and spiritual growth in students, faculty and staff.

After almost two years of countless committee meetings, listening sessions, feedback, revisions and, finally, endorsement by the Board of Trustees last April, Mercer has a new vision statement and 10 university-wide goals that will guide institutional planning for the next decade. The process that led to “Charting Mercer’s Future: Aspirations for the Decade Ahead” was participative, comprehensive and, at times, grueling. “Achieving these aspirations will require entrepreneurial planning, appropriate benchmarking, effective execution, and strong engagement throughout the Mercer family,” Underwood said. “I truly believe Mercer is well positioned to expand its influence and reputation in American higher education.” As a framework for realizing Mercer’s aspirations, the University will operate under the following vision statement and pursue the accompanying goals over the next decade. The full UPC report that contains the goals with additional supporting information is available online at www.mercer.edu/upc/future.



Vision Statement



ONE OF THE finest private universities in the Southeast, Mercer University will be nationally renowned for providing a dynamic, diverse, and rigorous education where every student matters and learns to make a difference.

Mercer is held together in conversation by a love of learning, our respect for each other, and excellence within our disciplines. We celebrate our Baptist heritage, a tradition that insists on an open search for truth, ensures religious freedom, and encourages service to others.

Achieving this vision will take widespread collaboration and responsible stewardship as we:

- ✿ Foster a lively and inclusive intellectual, social, and spiritual community;
- ✿ Engage students in challenging, holistic, and transformational learning throughout the University;
- ✿ Infuse liberal learning in professional programs and connect undergraduate students to graduate and professional programs;
- ✿ Cultivate the virtues of practical wisdom, reflective judgment, moral integrity, ethical leadership, compassionate service, and civic engagement;
- ✿ Emerge as the premier source of professional leadership in the Southeast;
- ✿ Attract and nurture outstanding staff and creative educators who are also first-rate scholars and practitioners;
- ✿ Make contributions on the frontiers of knowledge through distinctive research agendas;
- ✿ Transform communities locally and globally through University-community partnerships, service-learning, and volunteerism; and
- ✿ Become an international center for dialogue and inquiry about faith perspectives.

GOAL 1: Attract, enroll, retain, and graduate even more highly qualified undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

- Increase undergraduate entering class credentials and undergraduate retention and graduation rates as follows:
 - > 25th Percentile: From 1080 SAT to 1140 SAT
 - > 75th Percentile: From 1280 SAT to 1370 SAT
 - > Top 10 Percent of High School Class: From 42 Percent to 62 Percent
 - > Top 25 Percent of High School Class: From 74 Percent to 90 Percent
 - > Freshman-Sophomore Retention Rate: From 83 Percent to 89 Percent
- Each of the graduate and professional schools will establish target student profiles during 2008-09.
- Increase the endowment for undergraduate scholarships by \$50 million.

GOAL 2: Recruit, develop, and retain a talented and diverse team of faculty and staff who achieve excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.

- Improve faculty compensation to reach 100 percent of the average for faculties at designated peer institutions.
- Improve staff compensation to reach 100 percent of the average for the appropriate market.
- Reduce the undergraduate student/faculty ratio from 13/1 to 11/1 by creating at least 80 new faculty positions.
- Provide necessary institutional support for faculty to pursue research agendas, competitive start-up packages, improved laboratory and library resources, and increased sabbatical opportunities.
- Enhance faculty and staff development



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programs to ensure professional growth, to improve retention, and to enhance the institution's reputation through increased participation in professional activities.

- Attract and develop as many as seven additional distinguished university professors who will be nationally recognized scholars in their fields.
- Increase annual federally funded research expenditures from \$11.7 million to at least \$40 million.

GOAL 3: Further enhance the learning environment to engage students in challenging, holistic and transformational learning.

- Ensure that the University prepares undergraduate students to communicate effectively through the written and spoken word.
- Enhance undergraduate research opportunities by facilitating participation in individualized research projects with faculty, presentation of papers at regional, national, and international meetings, and publication of research papers in recognized professional and peer-reviewed journals.
- Increase participation in study abroad programs so at least half of all undergraduate students participate in at least one study abroad program before graduation.
- Achieve at least 80 percent undergraduate student participation in meaningful service-learning opportunities and obtain an endowment of at least \$10 million to support service-learning programs.
- Continue substantive contributions to community development and engage students in these efforts. Mercer will also support revitalization through investments in new business ventures adjacent to campus that will

benefit local neighborhoods and through annual investment in a down payment assistance program for faculty and staff.

- Enhance undergraduate leadership opportunities.
- Expand post-graduate opportunities for Mercer students by placing on average at least five graduates each year in such prestigious post-graduate academic and service programs as Rhodes, Truman and Marshall.
- Enhance the residential character of the undergraduate community in Macon by establishing a fully residential campus for undergraduate students.
- Increase the residential capacity of the Atlanta campus from 200 to 800 students.
- Improve the vibrancy of the area surrounding the Macon campus by continuing to encourage student-friendly retail development.

GOAL 4: Develop signature academic programs that will enhance the academic profile and reputation of the University, enrich the intellectual environment, and more effectively promote existing centers of excellence.

- Obtain a Phi Beta Kappa chapter in recognition of the centrality of liberal arts at the University and the academic excellence of its programs.
- Have at least five Mercer academic programs achieve national prominence.
- Establish as many as five additional Ph.D. programs.
- Develop a number of distinctive programs to encourage interdisciplinary dialogue and further collaborative research among disciplines.

GOAL 5: Redefine what it means to be a faith-based university in the Baptist tradition and establish Mercer as the world's leading Baptist university.

- Encourage faculty and students to explore questions that are frequently not asked at secular universities, questions that are fundamental to religion and an informed life — questions about meaning and good and evil, questions about God, and questions about life and death.
- Invite faculty and students from a full range of faith traditions to engage us from the perspective of their worldviews in openly exploring these fundamental questions, as well as other important moral issues of our age.
- Help students to grow spiritually by putting feet to their faith through service to others.
- Develop strategies to prepare students to lead virtuous and responsible lives as free citizens within a democratic society.
- Serve as the leading international center for the study of Baptist principles and heritage through the Center for Baptist Studies, the McAfee School of Theology, the Columbus Roberts Department of Christianity, the Mercer Commons, and the Mercer University Press.
- Assist churches and other faith-based organizations by preparing the next generation of well-educated clergy, missionaries, chaplains, worship leaders, teachers, and scholars, by developing worship resources such as a new hymnal, and by making its facilities available for use by churches and other faith-based organizations.
- Enhance relationships with faith-based organizations throughout the world.

GOAL 6: Continue developing outstanding facilities.

- Construct a medical education facility in Savannah.
- Build a new undergraduate sciences building on the Macon campus.
- Construct a chapel/performing arts center on the Atlanta campus.
- Expand the Henry County Regional Academic Center.
- Convert interior streets on the Macon campus to pedestrian walkways and continue enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the campus through landscaping and installation of new signage.
- Relocate administrative offices on the Atlanta campus to the Administration and Conference Center and convert the Davis Administration Building into a health sciences building.
- Create a new research facility for Pharmacy through acquisition and conversion of the YMCA office facility adjacent to the Atlanta campus.
- Construct a new student center on the Macon campus.
- Renovate several historic Macon campus facilities, including Ware and Newton Halls and Willingham Auditorium.
 - Refurbish or replace Wiggs Hall on the Macon campus.
 - Construct additional student housing in Macon and Atlanta (as described in Goal 3).
 - Renovate the Human Resources/Communication and Theater Arts Building to accommodate a new theater.
 - Incorporate “green” technology to make facilities more environmentally friendly and strive to meet LEED (U.S. Green Building Council) standards on all newly constructed facilities.

GOAL 7: Enhance administrative and academic technology.

- Replace financial, student, human resources, alumni and donor information systems to maximize efficient operations.
- Upgrade online communication systems (e-mail, web) to facilitate effective communication with on-campus and off-campus constituents.
- Link all campuses through advanced video conference systems to facilitate instruction and administrative operations.
- Equip at least 75 percent of all classrooms with appropriate technology for interactive instruction (“smart classrooms”).
- Implement campus-wide wireless Internet service in Macon, Atlanta, Savannah and the Regional Academic Centers.

GOAL 8: Further engage Mercer’s constituents to generate greater understanding of and support for the University’s mission, achievements, and aspirations.

- Develop more effective programs and communications — including reunions, alumni-focused Homecoming events for the Macon campus, a University magazine and expanded use of online channels — to enhance the affinity Mercer alumni have for their alma mater.
- Create a stronger, more active organization for parents.
- Further engage donors in the life of the University and enhance initiatives to cultivate future donors.
- Develop additional outreach programs to churches and other faith-based organizations.
- Play a leadership role in improving the communities in which Mercer offers educational and/or research programs.
- Ensure effective and ongoing communication with local, state, and federal legislative bodies and governmental agencies.
- Generate greater visibility for the University among peer institutions and higher education associations through active

engagement and ongoing communication.

- Explore the feasibility of resuming intercollegiate competition in football.

GOAL 9: Establish competitive success in intercollegiate athletics while preserving and enhancing the traditions of integrity and academic achievement.

- Achieve an academic progress rate of at least .925 for all intercollegiate athletics teams.
- Maintain an overall athletic grade point average of at least 3.0.
- Have at least 65 percent of our student-athletes achieve Academic All-Conference honors.
- Strive to be competitive in every athletic venue in which Mercer competes and seek to consistently compete for the All-Sports Championship in our conference.
- Strengthen the Mercer Athletics Foundation for the purpose of raising additional funds to achieve increased competitive success and enhance intercollegiate athletics at Mercer.
- Ensure that the athletic program at Mercer supports and enhances the academic mission of the institution.

GOAL 10: Enhance the financial structure and resources of the University to ensure adequate resources to achieve our goals.

- Develop an endowment of \$1 billion.
- Enhance tuition revenue by optimizing enrollments and developing relevant and attractive new academic programs.
- Enhance cash flow and eliminate deferred maintenance.
- Continue developing a budget system that encourages innovation and accountability within operational and academic units.
- Operate within a balanced budget and improve key financial indicators.
- Enhance environmental stewardship by reducing wasted energy, water, and other natural resources.

Throughout the 2008 calendar year, Mercer has been celebrating the 175th anniversary of its founding.



Relatively few institutions in America can claim a heritage as rich and lengthy as Mercer's. The following timeline highlights some of the most notable and important milestones in the University's illustrious history.

Mercer University was founded in 1833 in Penfield, Georgia, by Georgia Baptists. The school, under the leadership of Baptist minister Adiel Sherwood, was named for Jesse Mercer, a prominent Baptist leader who provided a founding endowment and who served as the first chairman of the school's Board of Trustees....

1833

Mercer Institute, the forerunner of Mercer University, is founded by Georgia Baptists in Penfield, Georgia, as a manual labor school for boys.



Penfield Porch

1841

First college class is graduated.

1843

Principal college building at Penfield is destroyed by fire.

Early 1860s

Mercer is one of the few colleges in the South and the only one in Georgia to remain open during the War Between the States. When war was declared, students and graduates of Mercer responded "to defend their constitutional rights and sacred honor." Most of the senior classes of 1861 and 1862 joined the Confederacy together.

1838

Mercer's first Board of Trustees is elected and Mercer Institute becomes known as Mercer University.



1839

First college classes begin.

Female Seminary is approved by the Mercer Board of Trustees.



Penfield Female Seminary

1866

Mercer awards General Robert E. Lee, C.S.A., the honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Mercer is the only university to grant an honorary degree to General Lee.



Letter of Award to General Lee



Dorm room, 1893

Initially a boys' preparatory school named "Mercer Institute," the school at its founding consisted of a red clay farm and two hewed log cabins, valued at approximately \$1,935....

1870

During the 1870 convention meeting, the decision is made to move the University to Macon. The end of the year marks the closing of the school at Penfield.

1871

On December 1, 1871, Macon's Mayor George S. Obear presents to President David E. Butler of the Mercer Board of Trustees bonds in the amount of \$125,000 and a deed to six acres of land. Mercer relocates in Macon that year.

1873

A law school is organized and classes begin in February 1874. The first classes are held in the courthouse and in law offices.

1874

Construction of the Administration Building is completed.

1880

The cornerstone of the new chapel building is in place. The chapel is dedicated in 1881.

1888

Mercer's semicentennial is observed and a campaign for endowment is launched.

1893

Mercer's football team plays the University of Georgia. The game scheduled for Thanksgiving Day, 1892, is postponed until January 1893. Georgia triumphed, 50-0.



Mercer football team

1918

The School of Pharmacy closes.

During World War I, the Mercer Board of Trustees authorizes President Rufus W. Weaver to tender to the secretary of the Navy and the secretary of war the buildings and equipment of the University that they might be used effectively in service of the nation. The Student Army Training Corps

is established at Mercer on October 1, 1918, and continues until the following spring. Following the war, Mercer discontinues systematic military training. Altogether, Mercer's war dead number 14.



Soldiers on Mercer's campus

1895

On-campus housing becomes available to students for the first time.

1903

Mercer opens the School of Pharmacy.



Mercer pharmacy students

1919

Mrs. W. E. Jackson is the first woman to receive a degree from Mercer. Mrs. Jackson, who later becomes Mrs. Joseph Seth Weekly, is awarded the LL.B. degree.

1922

WMAZ Radio, with call letters standing for "Watch Mercer Attain Zenith," goes on the air, located in the tower of the chapel building.



WMAZ tower atop Willingham Chapel

Senior Class of 1913

Enrollment was 39 students and tuition was \$35 for the year. Board was provided at \$8 per month, and each student was required to supply his own bedding, candles and furniture....

1927

Mercer turns the fledgling radio station over to the Macon Junior Chamber of Commerce.

1933

Mercer celebrates its centennial.

1939

Macon Baptist Pastors Union requests an investigation of the character of teaching in some of Mercer's classrooms. After a 10-hour hearing held in Roberts Chapel on March 30, the Board of Trustees accepts the action of the special committee disposing of the charges.

1940

Willingham Chapel Building is rededicated and a new organ is installed.

1942

Mercer sets apart the Law Building and Roberts Hall for use by the War Training Service during World War II.



Navy personnel on Mercer campus

1943

The Navy V-12 School is established on July 1 and continues until October 1945. Mercer is one of nine institutions in the Southeast selected to give aviation instruction in the Navy War Training Service. During this period, 731 trainees receive basic aviation instruction in the Mercer V-12 program.



Mercer aviation instruction

1947

In ceremonies held in Willingham Chapel and Ryals Law Building, the School of Law is named for Walter F. George.

1949

Mercer dedicates the restored Mercer Chapel at Penfield with Dr. Louie D. Newton, speaker.



Penfield Chapel

1957

Construction is completed on the George B. Connell Student Center.

1959

The Southern School of Pharmacy in Atlanta merges with Mercer University.

1963

Sam Jerry Oni of Ghana, Africa, becomes the first black to enter Mercer. On April 18, Mercer trustees vote to admit qualified students without regard to race, and Mercer becomes one of the few private colleges in the South to do this before being required by the 1964 Civil Rights Act.



Mercer classroom (1963)

1965

Mercer dedicates the Eugene W. Stetson Memorial Library.

1967

Mercer dedicates Knight Hall of Humanities.

1968

The Hugh M. Willet Science Center is dedicated.



Penfield Hall, c. 1920

From its humble beginnings in Penfield, Mercer today is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate and professional education....

1972

Mercer dedicates the new School of Pharmacy building in Atlanta. Atlanta Baptist College merges with Mercer University and becomes known as Mercer University in Atlanta. Today it is known as the Cecil B. Day Campus.

1973

The Law School's centennial is celebrated and Congressman Carl Vinson's 90th birthday is observed.



Carl Vinson

1974

Construction of the Ida B. Patterson Infirmary is completed.

1978

The former Tatnall Square Baptist Church is rededicated as Newton Hall in honor of Dr. Louie D. Newton.

Mercer acquires the Overlook Mansion, now known as the Woodruff House. Later in the year, Mercer gives the mansion to the city of Macon, and after restoring the exterior, the city of Macon returns the mansion to Mercer in November 1981.



Newton Hall



Woodruff House

1980

Mercer dedicates the restored Administration Building.

Inauguration ceremonies are held for Mercer's 17th president, R. Kirby Godsey.

Mercer dedicates the A. T. Davis Administration Building and the Sheffield Building in Atlanta.

1981

Mercer dedicates the School of Medicine's Education Building in Macon.



Mercer School of Medicine

1982

The School of Medicine admits its charter class of students.

1983

The School of Business and Economics is established in Atlanta.

Mercer dedicates the Woodruff House and W. G. Lee Alumni House in Macon, and Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., Library in Atlanta.

1976

Mercer acquires the Insurance Company of North America Building as the home of the Walter F. George School of Law



Mercer Law School

1979

Mercer dedicates the Law School building, with U.S. Attorney General and Mercer alumnus Griffin B. Bell on the program and Chief Justice Warren Burger, guest speaker.



Griffin B. Bell

The Plunkett-Sewell family commissions a Holtkamp pipe organ, specially designed for Newton Hall. The instrument is one of the largest of its kind on the eastern seaboard, establishing Mercer as a center for organ performance and teaching.

1984

The Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics is established in Macon.

The Engineering Building in Macon is dedicated.



School of Engineering building



Penfield Hall today

The University has 7,300 students; 11 schools and colleges — liberal arts, law, pharmacy, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing and continuing and professional studies; campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah....

1984, *continued*

The Walter F. George School of Law becomes home to the National Criminal Defense College.

The College of Arts and Sciences in Atlanta becomes the Cecil B. Day College of Arts and Sciences.

1985

The charter class of the School of Engineering begins its studies.

1986

Tift College of Forsyth merges with Mercer University.

1987

University College, formerly the College of Continuing Education, is established, with educational centers in Macon, Thomaston, Griffin, Eastman and Douglasville.

Nine kaolin industries in middle Georgia join to establish the world's first Kaolin Industry Endowed Chair at the School of Engineering.

Groundbreaking is held for a new library on the Macon campus.

1991

The University breaks ground on a new education and research center for the Southern School of Pharmacy.

1992

The Southern School of Pharmacy moves from downtown Atlanta to Mercer's Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta.



Mercer Pharmacy building

1994

Mercer 2000: Advancing the Vision Campaign is launched.

The Board of Trustees approves plans to establish a School of Education and a School of Theology.

1996

Construction is completed on the School of Theology building on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta, and the School's charter class of students is admitted.



McAfee School of Theology and Jesse Mercer Plaza

Renovations are completed in Boone, Dowell, Porter, and Shorter residence halls in Macon.

Mercer acquires the former Georgia Natural Gas building, located on the corner of Poplar Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in downtown Macon.

Mercer partners with the Macon Heritage Foundation to help renovate the Huguenin Heights neighborhood adjacent to the Macon campus.

1988

The Walter F. George School of Law receives the largest gift in the University's history at that time — \$14 million from George W. Woodruff.

1989

The University discontinues undergraduate liberal arts education on the Atlanta campus. The mission of the Cecil B. Day Campus is changed to focus on graduate and professional education.

1995

Trustees vote to transfer University College's programs to Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, the School of Medicine, and the School of Education.

Mercer enters into a 20-year lease with Bibb County for the management and administration of The Grand Opera House in downtown Macon.



Grand Opera House

1997

Trustees approve naming the School of Theology for James and Carolyn McAfee.

The former Findlay House on Coleman Avenue in Macon is restored and dedicated as the Tift College Alumnae House.

continued



Fine Arts Building, c. 1935

The University also has three regional academic centers; a university press; two teaching hospitals; educational partnerships with Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in Warner Robins and Piedmont Healthcare in Atlanta....

1997, *continued*

Construction is completed on the Douglas County Center and the Mercer Engineering Research Center in Warner Robins.

The School of Medicine completes construction of its research wing.

The former Stetson Library is rededicated as Stetson Hall and converted into office and classroom space for the Stetson School of Business and Economics and the School of Education.

1998

The University breaks ground on the Department of Music building.



McCorkle Music Building in Macon

1999

McAfee School of Theology graduates its charter class.

1999, *continued*

Mercer completes renovations on two School of Medicine buildings in downtown Macon, including buildings for the Departments of Internal Medicine, Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, and for graduate medical education.

2000

The School of Engineering dedicates the Lockheed Martin computer labs.

Mercer dedicates the Jack Tarver Memorial Library.

Mercer breaks ground for a student union ministries building in Macon.

Renovations are completed on Groover Hall, becoming the new home of Interdisciplinary Studies.



Tarver Library in Macon

2000, *continued*

Mercer and LaGrange College are co-recipients of a \$123-million gift of property from Remer and Emily Crum. The 83-acre Century Center Park property, located near I-85 north of Atlanta, is not only the largest gift in Mercer history at that time, but also one of the largest gifts from an individual to an institution of higher education in the nation.

2001

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing in Atlanta merges with Mercer.

The School of Education is renamed the Tift College of Education of Mercer University.

Mercer establishes the Center for Baptist Studies.

2002

The Georgia Baptist College of Nursing building on the Atlanta campus is dedicated.

Mercer breaks ground for a Greek Village in Macon and student apartment buildings in Macon and Atlanta.



Greek Village

Mercer opens a new police station and seven new apartment buildings on the Macon campus and two new apartment buildings on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta.

Mercer dedicates the new 18-building Greek Village.



Student apartments on the Atlanta campus

2003

In ceremonies, Mercer and Robins Air Force Base pay tribute to a 20-year partnership for engineering education and research.

Mercer dedicates the recital hall of the McCorkle Music Building, naming it Neva Langley Fickling Hall.

Mercer opens its Henry County Regional Academic Center. The University's programs in Griffin and Covington are merged into the McDonough location.



Fine Arts Building today,
Hardman Hall

Mercer also has an engineering research center in Warner Robins; a performing arts center in Macon; and an NCAA Division I athletic program....

2003, *continued*

The College of Continuing and Professional Studies is established from the former Division of Extended Education.

Mercer purchases the Georgia Baptist Center adjacent to the University's Atlanta campus. It becomes the Atlanta Conference and Administration Center.



Atlanta Conference and Administration Center

2004

The University plays its first basketball games in the new University Center Arena during homecoming, and the official dedications of the University Center and the Griffin B. Bell Board Room are held.



University Center in Macon

2005

Mercer partners with Piedmont Healthcare to establish the Center for Health and Learning in Atlanta.

The Townsend-McAfee Institute is established to offer graduate programs in church music.



R. Kirby Godsey

2006

R. Kirby Godsey becomes University Chancellor.

William D. Underwood becomes the University's 18th president.



William D. Underwood

2006, *continued*

Tift College of Education's Educational Leadership Program offers a Doctor of Philosophy in P-12 School Leadership on the Macon and Atlanta campuses.

The historic Macon campus Administration Building is named the R. Kirby Godsey Administration Building, in honor of the University's 17th and, at that time, longest serving president.

Southern School of Pharmacy changes its name to the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

The American Baptist Historical Society, with the world's largest and most diverse collection of Baptist historical materials and archives, announces its relocation to Mercer's Atlanta campus. The ABHS, consolidating from

Mercer begins participation in the Independent 529 Plan, a prepaid tuition plan enabling students to lock in prices against future increases.

R. Kirby Godsey becomes the longest serving president in the University's history at that time.

The Department of Music becomes the Townsend School of Music through a gift from Mercer Trustee Carolyn Townsend McAfee and her son and daughter-in-law, James Thomas McAfee III and Julie Crangle McAfee.

The Townsend-McAfee Institute and Mercer University Press announce the development of a new hymnal, titled: *Celebrating Grace Hymnal*.

The Robert McDuffie Center for Strings is established in the Townsend School of Music.

facilities in Valley Forge, Pa., and Rochester, N.Y., positions Mercer University and McAfee School of Theology as a national center of Baptist scholarship.

A partnership forms between Mercer and Georgia Public Broadcasting, radio station WMUM-FM (Mercer University Macon), formerly WDCO-FM, opens on Mercer's Macon campus.

Dorm room today

Mercer's reputation for exceptional academics in an engaged learning environment continues to grow. For almost two decades, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Mercer among the leading universities in the South. The Princeton Review has repeatedly ranked it in the top 10 percent of all colleges and universities in North America. The University has been named a "College with a Conscience" by The Princeton Review and College Compact and has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for distinguished community service.

2007

The Baptist History and Heritage Society, founded in 1938 as the Southern Baptist Historical Society, relocates from Brentwood, Tennessee, to Mercer's Atlanta campus. An independent organization with historic ties to the Southern Baptist Convention, the society moves to the University's Atlanta Conference and Administration Center, formerly occupied by the Georgia Baptist Convention, where the American Baptist Historical Society also will be relocated.

The Douglas County Regional Academic Center building is dedicated to Fred and Aileen Borrich.

Tift College of Education's Educational Leadership Program offers its second Doctor of Philosophy degree with the Higher Education Leadership track on the Macon and Atlanta campuses.

Three teams of students and faculty inaugurate the Mercer On Mission program over the summer in Kenya, Brazil and Guatemala. The program combines academic credit with service-learning opportunities.

MERCER ON MISSION
Crossing cultures. Changing lives.



Mercer School of Medicine celebrates its 25th year and announces it will open a second, four-year Doctor of Medicine program in Savannah in fall 2008. The program will be based at Memorial Health University Medical Center, where Mercer has had a clinical relationship since 1996 to provide instruction for part of the school's third- and fourth-year medical students.

2008

Mercer University celebrates its first 175 years.

With former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Mercer helps plan and stage the Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant in Atlanta, drawing more than 15,000 Baptists from throughout the world for the most significant and diverse gathering of Baptists in North America in more than 200 years.

The Board of Trustees approves "Charting Mercer's Future: Aspirations for the Decade Ahead," an ambitious strategic plan that calls for more than \$1.2 billion in new investments in the institution's endowment, faculty and staff, facilities and technology, and academic and co-curricular programs over the next 10 years.



The Mercer Athletic Foundation is established to raise funds needed to support intercollegiate athletics.



The new Science and Engineering Building opens on the Macon campus.



Science and Engineering Building

A new gateway entrance to the Macon campus off Mercer University Drive, off I-75, is completed, and a new Hilton Garden Inn opens on that side of the campus.



University Center arena

See the 175th Anniversary commemorative display and many other displays on Mercer's history at this year's homecoming, Nov. 16-23, and throughout the year in the University Center Heritage Hall, just outside the University Center arena on the Macon campus.



MERCER BEARS ROUNDUP

New Men's Basketball Head Coach Only Knows One Way — **the Right Way**

By Rick Cameron

Bob Hoffman is a man known for “doing things right.” Whether it is structuring a program, providing leadership for one of his teams or preparing for the next opponent, Hoffman believes the only way to do those things is the right way — which is why he and Mercer are a great fit.

Following a brief stint as a head coach in an NBA developmental league, Hoffman was named Mercer’s men’s basketball head coach in March. It was the right time to return to the collegiate level, he said. “Mercer was the right type institution for my return. Mercer is known for not only offering the highest quality academics, but also for teaching that is ethically sound. Mercer has a great history, great leadership and a great future. I want to be a part of that future,” Hoffman said.

As a Christian and one of the many coaches who is a “P.K.” — “preacher’s kid” — Hoffman understands the distinction of coaching at a Baptist institution and feels his coming here was from a “higher calling.”

A native of Oklahoma City, Hoffman has been successful at all levels with a proven track record from high school through the professional ranks. His overall record as a head coach at the collegiate level is 400-171. When his Mercer team takes the court this fall, he will rank among the top 25 active collegiate coaches in winning percentage.

In the short time he has been in Macon, there have been coaches to hire, schedules to complete, players to recruit and camps to in-



RIO GRANDE VALLEY VIPERS MEDIA RELATIONS PHOTO

Bob Hoffman, who last season was the head coach of the Rio Grande Vipers, an NBA Developmental League team, returns to the collegiate level this year as head coach at Mercer. With 400 wins, Hoffman will be among the top 25 active college coaches when he takes the court for the first time with the Bears.

struct. He said the hardest thing has been “to get all of our families here.”

“With a complete new coaching staff, there were homes to secure, school selections to make, utilities to turn on and moving vans to schedule,” Hoffman said. “Even while we have been moving at a rapid pace, we still have managed to recruit some great players.”

Among his top priorities with a new staff is the need to engage the community.

“We want to go into the community, both within our own campus and off-campus,” he

said. “We want to serve the Mercer community and be an integral part of the University. Sports can isolate you if you let them, but we want to teach our players how to be successful in life.”

Hoffman has a reputation for generating community support, and he plans on achieving that objective with his Mercer squad.

“As a staff, we want to speak at churches, civic clubs, schools and other organizations to let people know we are a part of the community,” he said. “We want to be ambassadors for the University and do things

Bob Hoffman's Coaching Record

Southern Nazarene College WOMEN

1988-90: 88-16 (NAIA National Championship, SAC, District 9, NAIA National Coach of the Year)

Oklahoma Baptist University

1990-91: 15-17

1991-92: 16-17

1992-93: 34-4 (NAIA Runner-up, District 9, SAC Champs, District 9 Coach of the Year, Basketball Times National Coach of the Year)

1993-94: 30-7 (NAIA Final Four, defeated NCAA Division I opponent Oregon State)

1994-95: 28-6 (NAIA National Tournament)

1995-96: 29-7 (SAC Coach of the Year, NAIA National Tournament)

1996-97: 36-4 (NAIA Runner-up, SAC Coach of the Year, SAC Champions)

1997-98: 24-9

1998-99: 31-7 (NAIA Elite Eight, Tied for First in SAC)

Texas-Pan American

1999-00: 12-16 (posted 9-5 home record, UTPA's best record in five years)

2000-01: 12-17 (posted 9-2 home record, 18-7 home mark was UTPA's best two-year record in two years)

2001-02: 20-10 (12-2 at home; ranked nationally in scoring and FG percentage, named Independent Coach of the Year)

2002-03: 10-20

2003-04: 14-14 (longest winning streak since 1985)

University of Oklahoma (ASSISTANT COACH)

2004-05: 25-8 (NCAA Big 12 Champions)

2005-06: 20-9 (NCAA First Round)

Arkansas Aeros

2006-07: 25-2 (Led the ABA in scoring)

Hoffman —

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right with the people with whom we interact. We want the community to send their kids to our camps so we can get to know them and they can get to know us and then come watch us play. We want them to identify with our program."

The new head coach believes Mercer can become a competitive squad battling annually for the conference championship, just as Belmont has done in recent years.

"With the right support and the right people on the floor, we feel we are in a position to make strides," he said. "I came here because I believed we can win. Mercer has made a commitment with great facilities and administrative support, and we want to add to that."

Challenges are nothing new to him as he turned programs around at Southern Nazarene and Oklahoma Baptist University. As the women's basketball head coach at Southern Nazarene, Hoffman took a team that had never posted a winning season and led it to the 1989 NAIA national championship in just his second season with the team. In three seasons at the helm of the Crimson Storm, he compiled an 88-16 record, and was named Sooner Athletic Conference, District 9 and NAIA Coach of the Year.

Building on his success at Southern Nazarene, Hoffman took the reins of the men's program at his alma mater, OBU, in 1990, and three seasons later guided the Bison to a 34-4 record and berth in the NAIA national championship game. Hoffman was named National Coach of the Year by *Basketball Times* and once again earned Sooner Athletic Conference and District 9 Coach of the Year honors for his efforts. At OBU, he compiled a record of 244-78, a winning percentage of .758, and earned six trips to the NAIA Tournament, including two appearances in the national championship game.

He coached 10 All-Americans and 21 All-Conference selections during his tenure with the Bison. Hoffman was named Sooner Athletic Conference Coach of the Year four times.

During his nine years at OBU, Hoffman's teams averaged more than 90 points per game and led the NAIA in field goal percentage seven times.

A standout guard and forward and a 1979 graduate of OBU, Hoffman is one of just 30 players to score at least 1,000 career points there.

"Our expectations can be achieved by providing our players with a plan and the vision to succeed," Hoffman said. "That is no different here than anywhere else. It won't happen overnight. But you know the old saying, 'Success happens when dreams put on work clothes.' It won't happen with a magic wand."

Every member of Hoffman's coaching staff has previous head coaching experience. The staff includes:

- Spencer Wright, who spent five seasons with Hoffman at Texas Pan-American;
- Paul Johnson, who spent the previous three seasons as head coach of Bevill State Community College;
- Mark Osina, who guided the Weatherford College Coyotes to six conference championships, and
- Jon Shaw (director of basketball operations), who comes to Mercer after serving as the head coach at Cascade College.

Hoffman's Bears will have a daunting non-conference schedule that will rank among the toughest in the country. There may not be another Division I university that will face the caliber of competition faced by the Bears in the first two months of the season. Mercer's

schedule includes: UCLA, Loyola-Marymount, Dayton, Alabama, Auburn, Georgia Tech, Oklahoma State, Iowa State and the Chicago Invitational Tournament.

So how will Hoffman attempt to mesh a new coaching staff, the players from last year's team and this year's recruits into the team concept by the start of the season?

"Give them a vision and dream and get them to buy into it. And then hold people accountable."

In other words, the new Mercer coach will expect them to do things "the right way." It's the only way he knows.

Hoffman is married to the former Kelli Lumry. The couple has a son, Grant.

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Men's and Women's
Basketball Schedules
on the back cover
of this issue

Dortch Epitomizes True Student-Athlete with Mercer, Atlantic Sun Conference and National Recognition

John Dortch will be remembered as one of the premier student-athletes in Mercer history. Dortch was the recipient recently of three distinguished academic awards recognizing his ability as an athlete and a scholar.

In late June, the Bears' right fielder was named a recipient of the national NCAA Academic Post-Graduate Award. A national committee selected 29 male and 29 female winners for each of the three seasons — fall, winter and spring — with Dortch selected among the top 29 males in the spring nationally.

Earlier in June, Dortch became the second consecutive Mercer baseball player to earn the Atlantic Sun Conference's male post-season graduate scholarship. Dortch was named the recipient of the 2008 award, which is in only its second year of existence.

In May, Mercer presented Dortch with the Louie D. Newton Award for General Excellence during commencement exercises — one of the two top awards given to Mercer undergraduate

students. He graduated *summa cum laude* with a 3.98 cumulative grade point average as an economics major with a chemistry minor.

Dortch, a native of Tallahassee, Fla., added to his impressive list of accolades on the baseball diamond, earning second-team All-Conference honors in his senior season, a first in his career. The right fielder was also selected to College Sports Information Directors of America's Academic All-District first team in May.

"In addition to his obvious distinction in academics, John has always impressed me with his honesty, maturity and ability to make others feel valued," said Jeff Hugdahl, Ph.D., Mercer faculty athletics representative and associate professor of chemistry. "I believe that John truly represents the best attributes of our student-athletes and the excellence we expect of Mercer University students as a whole."

In addition to his success on the baseball diamond and the classroom, Dortch has sought to help others in his personal time, directing the

Upward Basketball Camp League in Tallahassee, working for the Macon Habitat for Humanity and volunteering at the Coliseum Medical Center.

He joined the Bears as a walk-on four years ago and became a productive member of the team's starting outfield for three years, including this past season, when he led the team in triples (four), RBIs (50), total bases (106) and was tied for the team lead in home runs with six.

Dortch plans to attend the University of Florida Medical School this fall.

Mercer baseball player John Dortch, CLA '08, lit up the diamond and the grading scale in his four years at Mercer.



BRUCE RADCLIFFE PHOTO

Maxey Earns A-Sun Student-Athlete of the Year Honors

Women's soccer standout Courtney Maxey was named the 2008 Atlantic Sun Conference Female Student-Athlete of the Year. While at Mercer, Maxey compiled an impressive list of accomplishments both on and off the field.

During her senior campaign, she helped lead Mercer to its best season in program history as the Bears reached the A-Sun Tournament Championship. Maxey completed her career with seven goals and 10 assists in 71 appearances while being named team captain for her junior and senior seasons.

The Verona, N.Y., native was named to the A-Sun All-Academic squad all four years, notched honorable mention honors on the NSCAA/Adidas All-South Academic Team, selected as a finalist for the Georgia Sportswoman of the Year award in 2007 and was a finalist for the 2008 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

"I am so happy for Courtney," said Director of Athletics Bobby Pope. "This is a great tribute

to her and to Mercer University. She embodies everything you strive for in a student and an athlete."

Maxey excelled in the classroom as well, recently graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, specializing in biomedical engineering. She is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society and the Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society while garnering Mercer University Outstanding Sophomore of the Year in 2006 and the School of Engineering Outstanding Student in Biomedical Specialization in



BOB SNOW PHOTO

Courtney Maxey, ENG '08

2008. She earned a spot on the President's List three times and was on the Dean's List every semester.

Maxey was also active in the community, serving as a volunteer head coach for 4- and 5-year-olds at Stratford Academy and spent a season as a volunteer head coach of the Middle Georgia Soccer Association's under-11 girls' team. In 2007, Maxey took part in a Johns Hopkins University Research Experience for Undergraduates as part of the Selective National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center for Computer-Integrated Surgical Systems and Technologies Internship. Maxey's other commitments include: Mercer Athletic Council, 2004-05; Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society treasurer, 2007; volunteer reading buddy for elementary-school aged children, 2005; Ocmulgee River clean up volunteer; Tour de Georgia/Komen Race for the Cure course marshal; Adopt-a-Highway volunteer; and an American Cancer Society Relay for Life participant.

Foundation Created to Support Mercer Athletic Program

The Mercer Athletic Foundation was created in 2007 as a fund-raising arm to support Mercer University athletics. Members of the Foundation met their initial goal of raising \$250,000. These funds have been used to hire a full-time strength and conditioning coach, to enhance recruiting budgets, and to enhance salaries to help attract and retain outstanding coaches.

President William D. Underwood also appointed an Athletics Task Force last year to assist in developing a vision for the future of intercollegiate athletics at Mercer. Among the issues being studied by the task force is re-instatement of football at the University. The task force is expected to complete its work and make recommendations to the president by the end of the fall semester.



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Mercer Seeks Hall of Fame Nominations

Mercer alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends are invited to nominate former student-athletes, coaches or sports contributors whom they deem deserving candidates for the Athletic Hall of Fame. The University inducts members into the coveted Hall of Fame every two years. Each of the current 137 members of the Athletic Hall of Fame is recognized with a photo in designated showcases in Heritage Hall, adjacent to the arena in the University Center.

In February 2007, the University inducted basketball coach Peggy Collins, baseball player Jack

Pool, basketball player Benton Wade and track and field specialist David Rowe (posthumously) into the Hall of Fame during a dinner ceremony. Afterward, Collins, Pool and Wade were presented plaques during the halftime program of the men's Homecoming basketball game in the University Center Arena.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1971 to recognize and preserve the outstanding achievements of selected Mercer athletes in intercollegiate sports. Eligibility is limited to former athletes, coaches and sports contributors

who have brought acclaim to the University, with consideration given to integrity, sportsmanship and character.

Nominations, which must be received by Sept. 15, should be mailed to T. Raleigh Mann, senior associate vice president of alumni services, Mercer University, 1400 Coleman Ave., Macon, GA 31207, or faxed to (478) 301-2684. E-mail submissions should be sent to mann_tr@mercer.edu.

A roster of current Hall of Fame members can be viewed online at www.mercer.edu/mercerian/HallofFame.



Savannah Campus Welcomes First Class of Four-Year Medical Students

Sunday, Aug. 17, was a historic day for Mercer and the city of Savannah, as the first 30 students in a four-year program at the Mercer University School of Medicine at Memorial University Medical Center received their white coats.

Mercer formerly had a two-year clinical program at Memorial that is now a full four-year campus of the Mercer School of Medicine. The Savannah location for the Medical School, which will eventually double the number of medical doctors graduating from Mercer, was made possible by funds allocated in the 2007-2008 fiscal year state budget signed into law by Gov. Sonny Perdue.

"The expansion of Mercer's medical program into a four-year medical school in Savannah is good news for Georgia. It will help meet the increased demand for doctors, especially in underserved areas of our growing state," said Perdue. "The Savannah campus will ensure that more Georgians have access to the quality medical care they need."

The Mercer Medical School in Savannah admitted 30 students this year, but that number will grow to 60 students as facilities become available. A new academic building for the Medical School will be constructed on the Memorial Medical Center campus in Savannah in the next several years through major fundraising initiatives.

"When the Mercer University School of Medicine opened 25 years ago in partnership with the State of Georgia, the University made

a commitment to establish an outstanding program of medical education that would prepare physicians to meet the health care needs of rural and underserved areas of Georgia," said Mercer President William D. Underwood. "Mercer has kept that commitment, and we are pleased to have this opportunity to join with Memorial in expanding our ability to address the health care needs of Georgia."

The public/private partnership between Mercer and the State of Georgia has proven to be a successful means of meeting the health care needs of the state. Each year, Georgia residents make an estimated 1.3 million visits to physicians educated by Mercer. Nearly two-thirds of Mercer graduates remain in Georgia to set up their medical practices. More than 83 percent of these graduates practice medicine in federally designated, medically underserved areas; 112 Georgia communities and 87 counties have a Mercer-educated physician.

Mercer's medical involvement in Savannah began in 1996 when the University established a clinical relationship with Memorial, which provided instruction for third- and fourth-year medical students. The expanded four-year program in Savannah

will confer the Doctor of Medicine degree and will employ the same curriculum and teaching methods as the Macon campus.

Glasgow Named Medicine Interim Senior Associate Dean - Savannah Campus

Wayne Glasgow, Ph.D., has assumed the role of interim senior associate dean - Savannah Campus, according to Dr. William Bina, interim dean of the Mercer School of Medicine.



Dr. Wayne Glasgow

Dr. Glasgow will continue with his current duties leading the basic science faculty in Macon and Savannah while the school begins a search for a permanent senior associate dean.

"Dr. Glasgow has an intimate detailed knowledge of the preparation needed for the arrival of 30 first-year medical students on the Savannah campus in August," Dr. Bina said.

Dr. Glasgow joined the faculty at the School of Medicine in 1996 as an assistant professor. He was promoted, with tenure, to associate professor in 2002 and to professor in 2006. While at Mercer, he has served as chair of the Medical School Curriculum and Instruction Committee and as chair of the University Faculty House of Delegates. He was named vice chair of the Division of Basic Medical Sciences in Macon in 2004 and became interim chair of the division in 2006. A year later, he was named chair of the Department of Biomedical Sciences, Savannah Campus.

Dr. Glasgow is the author of more than 50 research publications and a member of the American Association for Cancer Research. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Georgia Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. in pharmacology from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He also completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the National Institutes of Health.

School of Medicine Interim Dean William F. Bina, left, cloaks Jared Breyley of Tucker, during the presentation at the inaugural White Coat Ceremony on the Savannah campus.



PA Students Soon to Be Addressing Needs In Georgia

The first cohort of physician assistant students in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is well on its way toward becoming health care professionals. The 26 students entered the program in January and will complete their work in 2010, in just 28 months.

The program was up and running before the students arrived, having been launched by director Brad Schwarz, who was recruited from Emory University. It now has four faculty and staff and will look to expand for the next class, coming in January 2009. The program also secured provisional accreditation by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant Inc.

"The current cohort is progressing extremely well, and has set the bar for future Mercer PA classes," Schwarz said. "We're very proud of them and excited about the next class as well. The PA program has thus far received more than 300 applications for the incoming Class of 2011 and anticipates receiving an additional 100-200 applications by the closure of the current admissions cycle on Sept. 30."

The first cohort has a lot of great things to say about the program.

"This program has far surpassed all of my expectations," said student Dannyyelle Wilcox of Lakeland. "I am from a small town where ev-

eryone is family and I can honestly say that I still feel right at home at Mercer University. The PA department faculty is outstanding and my classmates are great."

The program is gaining notice among those in the health care community as well, said student Doug Eastham, of Atlanta.

"Recently, I was speaking with one of our guest lecturers, a respected physician in the Atlanta medical community, after his lecture," Eastham said. "He said that he was very impressed with the physician assistant students in our class and that we 'really know our stuff.' His comments let us know that this program is giving us what we need to work successfully in this field."

The 32 students selected for the next cohort will begin classes Jan. 8, 2009.

The current cohort spent the spring and summer semesters conducting mentored patient



Physician assistant students take the Physician Assistant Oath during their white coat ceremony in January.

STEVEN JONES PHOTO

encounters at Piedmont Hospital, as part of the program's close association with Piedmont Healthcare and the Center for Health and Learning. The program has established more than 35 clinical rotation sites with participation by 120 physicians and physician assistants, Schwarz said.

The program is based on Mercer's Cecil B. Day Graduate and Professional Campus in Atlanta and will eventually enroll up to 50 graduate candidates per year.

Mercer On Mission Students Assist China's Earthquake Victims

Nursing, public health, science and pre-med students visiting China embraced the victims of China's earthquake in early June with personal care packages and hospital visits in Chongqing. William Bina, M.D., interim dean of the Mercer School of Medicine, led 15 students and four faculty members



MERCER ON MISSION PHOTO

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing students Laura Lunsford, left, and Deanna Johnson talk with a quake survivor during their Mercer On Mission trip to China.

on the first Mercer On Mission trip to China.

Recognizing the plight of the earthquake victims from the Wenchuan earthquake in Sichuan province, students initiated the project. They collected donations and purchased personal care items for distribution to the patients and their families, then made personal visits to the local hospitals in Chongqing.

"This is bigger than anyone can realize," said Laura Lunsford, a junior in Mercer's Georgia Baptist College of Nursing. "There is so much that needs to be done to help these people. Although our efforts have been small, everyone has been so open, welcoming, and appreciative of every small gesture."

In visiting China, the Mercer students focused on China's health care system in comparison to the U.S. health care system. They visited a local orphanage, the children's hospital in Beijing and the Chongqing Medical University. They met with local Chinese medical students and health care officials, including

the Beijing Center for Disease Control.

"Our purpose was to transform the lives of students, and these experiences outside of textbook learning — through orphans, special needs children, and victims from the earthquake — have surpassed our expectations," Dr. Bina said.

Students and faculty visited a rural community to learn more about China's challenges in health care delivery as it relates to the medical school's mission to train physicians to serve rural and underserved communities in Georgia. Mercer On Mission is a two-year-old program that offers students life-changing experiences through a combination of study abroad and service-learning.

In 2007, Mercer sent teams of students and faculty to Kenya, Guatemala and Brazil to partner with local Baptist missions agencies in service opportunities. This summer, Mercer On Mission deployed teams to China, Liberia, Senegal, Costa Rica and South Africa.

GCC Funds Two Distinguished Cancer Scholars at MUSM

The Georgia Cancer Coalition has funded two Distinguished Cancer Scholars for the School of Medicine in Savannah. Distinguished scientists Shi-Wen Jiang, M.D., and Edward L. Perkins, Ph.D., joined the teaching and research faculty in Mercer's doctor of medicine program, with joint research appointments in the Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute at Memorial University Medical Center.

"These outstanding scholars not only provide leading-edge cancer research to benefit the citizens of Georgia, but also equip our medical students with this knowledge so they can better serve patients in their practices in the future," said Mercer President William D. Underwood. "Mercer is committed to providing the highest quality medical education possible, and having researchers of this caliber in the classroom assures our students are well equipped for their life-saving profession."

The Georgia Cancer Coalition is an independent, not-for-profit organization committed to re-

ducing the number of cancer-related deaths in the state. The first of its kind in the nation, the coalition unites government agencies, academic institutions, civic groups, corporations and health care organizations in a concerted effort to advance scientific research and discovery into the prevention, treatment and cure of cancer in Georgia.

The coalition's Distinguished Cancer Clinicians and Scientists program assists Georgia's research universities, medical schools and nursing programs in recruiting leading cancer clinicians and scientists who are engaged in the most promising areas of cancer research. Mercer will receive a total of \$500,000 for Dr. Jiang and \$250,000 for Dr. Perkins, with the University agreeing to a dollar-for-dollar match.

Prior to joining Mercer, Dr. Jiang was an associate professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Mayo Medical School, Rochester, Minn. His research interest concerns the molecular mechanisms of gynecologic diseases, and his laboratory focuses on the epigenetic

regulation of gene expression in the preeclamptic placenta and endometrial cancers.

Dr. Perkins comes to Mercer after serving as an assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Duluth Medical Campus, and serving as the Duluth Clinic Chair of Molecular Medicine. His laboratory focuses on elucidating the mechanisms by which cells maintain stable genomes, in search of the changes in genome stability that are hallmarks of many inherited disorders, including the multistage process leading to cancer.

\$3.1 Million NIH Grant Funds Diabetes Study

The National Institutes of Health will provide the Department of Family Medicine at the School of Medicine with \$3.1 million to conduct a five-year study of the Church-Based Diabetes Prevention and Translation program. The CBDPT is a community-based program designed to prevent diabetes by partnering with churches to teach lifestyle improvement through healthy diet and physical activity. The goal is to decrease the burden of suffering and health disparities from diabetes in the African-American community.

This study will combine the efforts of the faith community, health and educational institutions. It will take place in African-American churches in Macon and Hartford, Conn. The research team includes principal investigator Dr. John Boltri, a professor of family medicine, and co-investigators Dr. Paul Seale and Dr. Monique Davis-Smith, of the Department of Family Medicine, and Dr. Judith Fifield. Dr. Boltri will supervise the entire project and coordinate the study in the Macon churches, while Dr. Fifield, a nationally known investigator from the University of Connecticut-Hartford, will coordinate the study in the Hartford churches.

This project will translate the NIH Diabetes Prevention Program into a community setting, thereby meeting the Healthy People 2010 objective of reducing the incidence and economic burden of diabetes, Dr. Boltri said. The church-based program is relatively brief and inexpensive, and suitable for widespread dissemination. Dr. Boltri said the project will both contribute to a greater understanding of community-based health promotion for preventing diabetes complications and help diminish suffering from diabetes in African-Americans.

Grant Boosts Pharmacy and Health Sciences

The Georgia Research Alliance awarded College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences faculty Martin J. D'Souza, Ph.D., and Ravi Palaniappan, Ph.D., a grant to study oral vaccines for melanoma, a form of skin cancer. The grant, the first of its kind for the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, marks a

significant step in bolstering research at the College and helping it to secure a second grant.

"It was a very significant accomplishment for the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences to be awarded Mercer's first funding from the Georgia Research Alliance Collaborative Grant," said Dean H.W. "Ted" Matthews. "As a result of the award, Mercer has become one of only nine institutions in the state of Georgia eligible to receive funding through the GRA Collaborative Planning program. Through the program, we received a second grant, which is further good news for the College and the University as it will fund significant research and allow us to work collaboratively with the best research institutions in Georgia."

The first grant was awarded in January, and



STEVEN JONES PHOTO

Martin D'Souza, Ph.D., works with one of his Ph.D. advisees, Sanjay G. Gayakwad, Ph.D., PHA '08, this spring.

by July the College had received word of the second grant, also with Emory University, in which Dr. D'Souza will collaborate with principal investigator Sang-Moo Kang, Ph.D., an assistant professor in Emory's School of Medicine. Mercer will receive \$45,000 from the \$100,000 grant,

which will help to investigate the creation of an oral vaccine against influenza.

The first grant to Dr. D'Souza and Dr. Palaniappan, who both work in the Nanotechnology Cancer and Vaccine Laboratory at the Center for Drug Delivery Research at the College, received \$35,000 of the \$50,000 grant, with the remainder going to collaborator Selvaraj Perisamy, Ph.D., from Emory.

Dr. D'Souza has been developing oral vaccines for a number of vaccine candidates such as typhoid, tuberculosis, hepatitis B and melanoma. By using his patented technology to prepare nanospheres and microspheres, his method encapsulates more than one antigen in a single vaccine microparticle. Dr. Palaniappan works in the area of mucosal immunity.

Medical Students Respond to Savannah Factory Disaster

Within minutes of the explosion at the Imperial Sugar refinery in Port Wentworth, on Feb. 7, students from Mercer University School of Medicine sprang into action. Several students were on call that evening and immediately received “mass casualty” pages from Memorial University Medical Center, where three dozen Mercer medical students are completing their clinical studies. Others saw footage of the disaster on television and headed to the emergency room to see if they could help.

“We were afraid we might just be in the way,” said Siri Raju, a fourth-year medical student from Richland who saw the news reports on television. “But we decided it would be better to risk it than to not be there if they needed help.” Raju need not have worried; she ended up in the ICU,

where, among other things, she helped rub off burned skin, a process known as debridement, before washing and wrapping the burned areas.

Like Raju, Melissa Rosa, a third-year medical student from Bonaire, was at home when she heard the news. In the car on the way to the hospital, Rosa tried to imagine the scene waiting for her at the E.R. “I wasn’t sure what to expect,” she said, “but I knew that times like these reminded me of exactly why I wanted to become a physician.”

The tragedy hit home for Rosa as she assessed the condition of a patient who had severe burns on 60 percent of his body. “We were the same age,” she said. “I helped get supplies to intubate the patient and assisted with manual

respirations until a ventilator was available. It was a small role, but it freed the nurses to tend to other patients.”

Rosa also was impressed by the atmosphere in the E.R. “I was amazed by how everyone — the attending physicians, resident physicians,

nurses, techs, respiratory therapists, students, policemen, firemen — remained calm and so efficient while taking care of

so many critical patients at once,” she said. “I was proud to be able to work beside them.”

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Undergraduate Research Program Gives Students High-Level Opportunity

A new program, launched this summer, helped nine undergraduate students work on high-level research with professors in the School of Medicine, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts.

The Biomedical Scholars Training Initiative sponsored nine students for 10 weeks as they worked in labs of the professors learning valuable skills and assisting the advancement of research in such diseases as Alzheimer’s, diabetes and several forms of cancer. In addition to the benefit of working full-time in an academic research lab, the students also received a \$3,500 stipend and free housing. This unique opportunity led to a large pool of applicants for the summer spots and competition is expected to increase next year.

“This was a part of our continued effort to bolster research at the University, particularly multidisciplinary research, and to involve undergraduate students in that research,” said D. Scott Davis, Ph.D., senior vice provost for research and dean of graduate studies. “We’ve received great reviews from our faculty and students who participated, and we hope to expand the program next year.”

Four students from CLA spent the summer in Atlanta, working with four members of the faculty from the College

of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. In addition, five other CLA students conducted research in Macon with members of their faculty and Associate Professor James Thomas, Ph.D., of the School of Medicine.

“The program represents a fantastic opportunity for our undergraduate students,” said David Aiello, Ph.D., an assistant professor of biology. “It is designed to take those students with a serious interest in biomedical research and provide them a mentor and the funding to conduct research.”

The program also helps to further collaboration among the academic units, as the students become a part of the link between faculty members who collaborate on various projects.

Kevin Bucholtz, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, and Nader Moniri, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, are planning a collaboration, which they may do in part through the work of Moniri’s Biomedical Scholar, Emilianne McCranie. McCranie will be working with Dr. Bucholtz this fall.

Dr. Bucholtz is currently collaborating with Dr. Thomas on research funded through a National Institutes of Health grant.

Aside from the advantages of cross-pollination among the research within the University’s colleges, it also offers students a chance to do master’s- and even Ph.D.-level research that advances science. The program also provides a number of opportunities for the students and professors to present at regional, national and international conferences.



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Mercer Biomedical Scholar Emilianne McCranie

Mother and Daughter Alumnae Giving Back to Nursing

Debbie Dunning Liipfert, NUR '69, of Marshallville, and her daughter, Susan Liipfert Shelton, BSN '97, of Suwanee, share a passion for nursing. The passion was nurtured at Georgia Baptist, where Liipfert earned her diploma when it was the School of Nursing and Shelton earned her bachelor's when it was the College of Nursing. Georgia Baptist nurtured in the two a love of nursing and, today, they continue to give back to their alma mater.

Liipfert retired as a director of perinatal education at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon and was recently elected to the presidency of the Nursing Alumni Board, while Shelton is in her second year as an instructor at the College of Nursing and continues work as a registered nurse.

"Debbie and Susan both are exemplars of commitment to excellence in the nursing profession," said Dean Susan Gunby, Ph.D. "Years ago, Debbie and I taught together in the first nursing courses offered to the School of Nursing students. I recently taught with

Susan in one of the first nursing courses offered to College of Nursing students. Both Debbie and Susan have boundless energy, display incredible communication skills, and demonstrate a passionate commitment to advancing nursing education."

Though they have taken different paths, mother and daughter say that they look back fondly on their experiences at Georgia Baptist and hope to continue contributing to the College in the future. Shelton and Liipfert both earned the prestigious Davison-McKie-Newton Award for outstanding performance in the nursing field.

A mother of four children, Liipfert has more time to spare now that she is retired and an empty nester with husband Jimbo Liipfert. She enjoys watching son James play football for Georgia Tech and participating in community activities.

"I really didn't have a lot of time to be involved before, but now that I do, I'm honored to be on the board, and I'm honored to be asked to



Susan Shelton, BSN '97, left, with mom Debbie Liipfert, NUR '69

serve as president," Liipfert said.

Shelton, now a mother of two, is also enthusiastic about Georgia Baptist, enjoying the teaching she gets to do, and imparting her enthusiasm to students.

"I love being a nurse — that's what's exciting to me — and to be able to share that excitement with my students is great. I love doing what I'm doing," Shelton said.

Med School Provides Supplies to Zimbabwe

School of Medicine professor Mike Smith, Ph.D., recently led a Mercer effort to secure funding to send a 40-foot container of medical supplies and equipment to Zimbabwe. Working with Atlanta-based nonprofit MedShare International, the medical products benefit the Sanyati Baptist Hospital in Sanyati, Zimbabwe, a government-owned hospital that has trouble meeting the demands of its patients because of very limited medical supplies.

The container, which left MedShare on June 19, includes items specifically chosen for the hospital by Mark Byler, Ph.D., a voluntary physician at the hospital in Harare and also an adjunct professor at Mercer.

In 2007, Smith and two other Mercer representatives took an exploratory trip to Zimbabwe, taking along commonly needed supplies in their suitcases from MedShare and AmeriCares. When they realized how much of an impact the supplies had on the patients there, they knew they had to sustain the relationship with the hospital. Dr. Smith, Dr. Byler and Harold Katner, Ph.D., professor of internal medicine, were scheduled to return to Zimbabwe with three medical school students this fall. Due to the political upheaval in the country, the trip has been postponed.

The relationship with MedShare and Sanyati Baptist Hospital is a component of Mercer On Mission, an international service-learning initiative.

Second Class Set to Begin Atlanta's First MFT Program

This fall, the second class of students will begin the Master of Family Therapy degree program in Atlanta. The Mercer School of Medicine partnered with Piedmont Healthcare in 2007 to offer its MFT degree program in Atlanta.

"This past year was spent getting the program up and running," said Steve Livingston, Ph.D., assistant director for the MFT program in Atlanta. "I have been recruiting students for the first full class this August. We have accepted 20 and the response to the program here in Atlanta has been excellent."

Dr. Livingston has been integrating the program into the Piedmont Healthcare system via the Center for Health and Learning. "We will have our Family Therapy Training Clinic operational by next summer, which will provide clinical family service to Piedmont patients and the community on an outpatient basis. Mercer family therapy students will do clinical internships in various Piedmont Hospital units, providing clinical therapy services to hospitalized patients as well as receiving a quality clinical learning experience," he said.

Mercer Family Therapy students will also do year-long internships on various units in the Piedmont Healthcare system, as well as various local social service agencies, providing clinical family services to Piedmont patients. The faculty will provide in-service training and workshops to the Piedmont staff and the Atlanta community. All classes are offered at Piedmont Hospital.

The Mercer School of Medicine has the first master's degree program in Georgia to receive the prestigious full accreditation of the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education. With a strong biopsychosocial emphasis, the Mercer MFT program is one of only two programs in the nation to be embedded in a medical school. Mercer recently added a post-graduate certificate in medical family therapy program. MFT graduates enrolled in this program are trained to work as part of collaborative health care teams with families and individuals affected by serious or chronic illness.

The Atlanta program is a part of the existing Macon program, with continued administrative oversight from the Macon campus. Recipients of the Master of Family Therapy degree will be eligible to apply to the state of Georgia for licensure for the independent practice of family therapy. For more information about the MFT program, visit www.mercer.edu/mercerian/MFT.

Achievements

1940s

Norman Shands, CLA '41, of Chillicothe, Mo., was recognized at a breakfast at All Saint's Episcopal Church in Atlanta by the Regional Council of Churches of Atlanta. The breakfast honored the surviving signers of the 1957 "Ministers Manifesto," a document asking Southerners "to obey the law, resist hatred and keep the schools open," in the face of conflict over integration. Shands, then pastor of West End Baptist Church, was one of 80 pastors to support the Ministers Manifesto and was quoted in the Oct. 20, 2007, issue of the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*.

The Rev. Henry V. Langford, CLA '42, of Richmond, Va., received a resolution of praise and approval from the General Assembly at the Hermitage United Methodist Home in north Richmond. After passionately endorsing the Supreme Court's 1954 school desegregation decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, parishioners, politicians and many others made life unbearable for Langford. He was dismissed in 1959 from his pastorate at Shockoe Baptist Church in Chatham, Va.

1950s

Willis A. DuVall, LAW '50, of Edison, was presented the Robert Benham Award of Lifetime Achievement, presented to a lawyer or judge who has demonstrated an extraordinarily long and distinguished commitment to volunteer participation throughout their legal career.

Sidney E. Wood Jr., CLA '57, of Alexandria, Va., retired on July 13, 2007. He spent 50 years in the U.S. intelligence community, 28 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a captain, and 22 years at Science Applications International Corp.

1960s

Carolyn R. Richey, CLA '60, of Florence, S.C., retired from the Darlington School District in June 2007 after 47 years in education. The National Office of Federal Programs named her Outstanding Title I/Federal Program Director for 2006-2007 in the state of South Carolina.

John S. Currie, CLA '61, of Smyrna, serves on the state psychology licensing board, as appointed originally by Gov. Roy Barnes. The board meets in Macon.

Charles W. Brown, CLA '61, retired senior minister at Maryville, Tenn., recently won three track and field medals in the East Tennessee Senior Olympics at Gatlinburg, Tenn. He won a gold medal in the 200-meter and silver medals in the 100-meter and the 400-meter.

Tommy T. Holland, CLA '60, LAW '62, has joined the Atlanta office of Smith Moore LLP, which combined with Holland's former firm, Carter & Ansley LLP.

Lawrence C. Collins, CLA '62, LAW '69, was re-elected for his fourth term as mayor of the city of Byron.

N. Tyrus Ivey, CLA '64, of Macon, received the Award of Merit from the Georgia Dental Association, the highest award given to a member. Ivey has practiced dentistry in Macon since 1970.

Gail S. Parrott, Tift '64, of Shady Dale, and her husband, D.W. Parrott Jr., sold their pharmacy, Monticello Drugs. They stay busy with their grandchildren, Zach Parrott and Joy Cooper.

Aogu Masuda, CLA '66, is the president of Orio Aishin Junior College, Orio Aishin High School, Orio Aishin Junior High School and Aishin Kindergarten in Kitakyushu City, Japan.

Gwen D. Sherwood, NUR '66, has been elected vice president of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing. She is a co-author of the *International Textbook of Reflective Practice for Nursing*, published in May 2008 by Blackwell Science and Sigma Theta Tau Press. Dr. Sherwood is associate dean of nursing at the University of North Carolina.

Robert A. Weathers, CLA '67, LAW '69, retired Fulton County senior assistant district attorney, has agreed to serve as the Fulton County Retiree Association's attorney.

Maurine W. (Renee) Bennett, CLA '68, MED

'94, of Macon, a senior vice president for family based services with Morningstar Treatment Services, served a year as moderator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia.

1970s

William E. Boyes, LAW '70, was selected as one of Florida's Super Lawyers for the third consecutive year. He is also a member of the American College of Estate and Trust Counsel's Fiduciary Litigation Committee.

James R. Dirmann, LAW '70, of Sarasota, Fla., received the James Slater Professionalism Award from the Sarasota County Bar Association. Dirmann was a Florida Super Lawyer in 2006 and 2007 and has been board certified as a criminal trial lawyer for 20 years.

C. Russell Floyd, CLA '73, of Macon, announces his son, Taylor Floyd, recently signed a golf scholarship with Augusta State University. His son is currently the fifth-ranked player

in Georgia and earned medalist honors at the 2007 Georgia State Amateur qualifier in Cordele with a score of 66.

Patricia A. Jones, EDU '74, received an Education Specialist degree in instructional leadership from Tennessee Technological University. She was named a building level Teacher of the Year at Fulton High School in Knoxville, Tenn.

Perry E. Woodard, CLA '74, was named department chair for degree programs at Remington College, Tampa, Fla.

Sarah (Randi) Jones, CLA '74, of Atlanta, was awarded the Huntington's Disease Society of America Vision Award for her role in founding the HDSA Center of Excellence program for the society. There are now 21 such centers nationwide, and Jones is the clinical director of the original HDSA Center of Excellence at Emory University and an assistant professor of neurology.

Thomas C. Bobbitt III, LAW '78, of Dublin, completed a one-year term as president of the Council of Magistrate Court Judges.

Linda S. Finley, CLA '78, LAW '81, was elected to fellowship in the American College of Mortgage Attorneys. She recently joined Gambrell & Stolz LLP as a litigation partner in the firm's real estate group.

Stewart A. Reese, CLA '79, is the assistant principal at Forest Grove Middle School in Fort Pierce, Fla. He has been in the education field for 28 years. Reese, who also coaches, is married with five children.

Daniel J. Craig, LAW '79, was appointed superior court judge for the Augusta Judicial Circuit in January 2008 by Gov. Sonny Perdue.

Dewey N. Hayes Jr., LAW '79, of Douglas, is serving as district governor for Lions Club International for 2007-2008.

1980s

Gerald Blaney Jr., LAW '80, of Lawrenceville, became solicitor general emeritus after 20 years of service as solicitor general for the State Court in Gwinnett County.

Sammy Carter Cox, BUS '80, of Asheville, N.C., qualified for the 2009 Western States 100 Endurance Run, one of the oldest and most challenging ultra trail events in the world. The run follows the Western States Trail from Squaw Valley, Calif., to Auburn, Calif. Cox qualified for the event with a 8:46:25 finish at the 45th Annual JFK-50 Miler, Nov. 17, 2007, in Washington County, Md. Cox and his wife, **Candace**, CLA '84, have two children, Taylor and Carson.

Jon Pensyl, LAW '80, of Fort Valley, was featured in the Pearl Harbor Day (Dec. 7, 2007) issue of *The Macon Telegraph*. Pensyl joined the Army Air Corps Flying Tigers and flew missions in China during World War II. He served in the military for almost 36 years and retired as an inspector general at Robins Air Force Base in 1977 before going to law school.

The Rev. Carol S. Dalton, CLA '81, of Swannanoa, N.C., was ordained to the gospel ministry by The Chapel Door, an ecumenical congregation supported as a new church start by the North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

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William J. Gabbard, CLA '81, of Arnold, Md., and his wife, **Mary Lynn**, CLA '80, announce that their son, Michael, has received an Army ROTC scholarship to Towson University, Baltimore, Md. Their oldest son, Benjamin, is a senior and midshipman first class at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., where he is a starting offensive lineman on the varsity football team.

Dr. Ken Pittman, CLA '81, MED '86, of Longwood, Fla., is a board certified pediatrician with Pediatric Associates of Central Florida.

Scott Sorrels, BUS '81, of Alpharetta, has been named the national vice chair for the Venturing Program of the Boy Scouts of America. He is active in his community and serves as Area Six President, Southern Region, for the Boy Scouts of America. Sorrels is a partner with Powell & Goldstein in Atlanta. He also was recently honored as the Marketing Partner of the Year at the 2007 Marketing Partner Forum.

William J. Mickler, CLA '81, was featured on the "Today Show" on May 7, 2008. The show highlighted his organization, Wilderness Works, which works with underprivileged children.

The Rev. Steve D. Reed, CLA '81, announces a new granddaughter, Abigail Elizabeth Clark, born May 9, 2007.

David C. Rosenberg, CLA '83, of Jupiter, Fla., and his wife, Mary, announce that their son, Daniel, is a freshman computer science major at The California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif.

Katherine M. Soler-Sala, CLA '83, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., was voted "Favorite Lactation Consultant" in the Reader's Choice Edition of *Jacksonville Family Magazine*. She is a private practice lactation consultant at Coastal Birth and Breastfeeding in Jacksonville, Fla.

Allen M. Peake, BUS '83, state representative for the Georgia House of Representatives District 137, was awarded the 2007 Citizen of the Year award by the Bibb County Medical Society.

W. Dwight Payne, LAW '83, as a volunteer with the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, participated in a mission trip that involved traveling up Canada's icy roads to within 90 miles of the Arctic Circle. Payne is a resident of Rome.

James E. Hardin Jr., LAW '83, a superior court judge in North Carolina, has filled the vacancy created by the resignation and suspension of Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong at the request of Gov. Mike Easley.

Darcee S. Siegel, LAW '85, of North Miami Beach, Fla., was installed as chair of the government and public sector lawyers' division of the American Bar Association for 2007-2008.

Julia C. Dudley, LAW '85, became acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia in May 2008.

W. Lee Robinson, LAW '85, BUS '85, was one of nine recipients of the Robert Benham Award of Community Service.

Carolyn H. Pfude, CLA '87, was named vice president and transition planning/management business unit director at Gilbane Building Company, Ashburn, Va.

Brian T. Wilson, LAW '87, with the firm of Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna & Ruffier, was

SIBLING ACT: Mercer Graduates Dr. Conrad Miller and Judge M. Yvette Miller

By Jennye Guy

They are both Mercer double graduates. An alumnus of Mercer University's School of Medicine, he is the president of the Middle Georgia Medical Society, the local branch of the National Medical Association. Educated at Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law, she is the first African-American woman to serve on the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia. Together, siblings Dr. Conrad N. Miller Jr., CLA '87, MED '92, and Judge M. Yvette Miller, CLA '77, LAW '80, paint a unique picture of the impact of a Mercer education.

Dr. Miller opened Miller Family Practice in Macon after working nine-and-a-half years as the only full-time practitioner in Jeffersonville. Dr. Miller's time in Jeffersonville is a direct result of the Medical School's imperative to provide physicians for Georgia's rural and medically underserved areas.

Prior to being appointed to the state appellate court, Judge Miller was the first woman and first African-American to serve as director and judge of the Appellate Division of the State Board of Workers' Compensation.

The siblings credit their parents' teachings with shaping their approaches to life. Their father, in particular, impacted their career choices. Seeing his activism for legal and fair treatment for African-Americans spurred Judge Miller to become a lawyer. Dr. Miller became interested in medicine as a result of witnessing his father's medical problems worsen while seeking treatment for a worker's compensation injury.

Despite a 10-year age difference, the siblings are close. Dr. Miller says they "are totally in sync" and talk every week. Often they "bounce professional concerns off each other."

"With medicine, especially today, there are legal aspects that have to be considered," Dr. Miller said. "Patients tend to make requests of physicians that are probably on the cusp of being illegal. One example is being asked to write prescriptions in the name of a relative who has prescription coverage because the patient is uncovered. That's a very common request, which is clearly illegal. With other questions, I sometimes need to ask 'Is this acceptable?'"

Totally in sync means that on those issues where he needs a second opinion, they each, independently, come close to the right answer before considering the question, resulting in discussions of "the fine, detailed points."

The siblings' closeness extends to the next generation as Judge Miller is the "loving, doting auntie with all the toys and gifts" for Dr. Miller's 10-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter.

Recalling their childhood years, Dr. Miller says he was the "pesky little brother" who was driven off whenever Judge Miller and her friends got tired of him hanging around them. When they got to Mercer, however, Dr. Miller describes Judge Miller as being "a tough act to follow." Despite being at Mercer at different times, Dr. Miller and his sister had one professor in common — history professor Jamie Cockfield. As they both enjoy history, Dr. Miller believes they did "fairly well" in Cockfield's class.

Mercer's first medical school class entered when Dr. Miller was a junior in high school. During that class's matriculation, Dr. Miller visited the School of Medicine with his Boy Scout Explorers troop. The School's problem-based instructional approach (and the plastinated organs which the troop handled) fascinated him. That experience solidified his decision to attend Mercer.

"We both had great educations from Mercer and enjoyed our affiliations during the times we were in school and in our postgraduate times," Dr. Miller said. "I try to speak for my sister in saying that we recommend other Mercer grads create a family legacy of their younger siblings or offspring attending Mercer as well."

In keeping with his belief of building a Mercer family legacy, Dr. Miller's son has already been on campus "once or twice."

Speaking of his membership on the Medical School's alumni board, Dr. Miller says, "I enjoy helping Mercer get more involvement from the alumni. Now that we have graduated a decent number of classes and a lot of us are getting established, it's important that we remember where we came from and the contribution Mercer has made to our lives."

For this brother and sister, it's clear that through Mercer's contribution to their lives, the lives of many Georgians have also been touched.



Judge Yvette Miller, left, and Dr. Conrad Miller, far right, with their mother, Patricia M. Miller, and Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue

the presented sponsor for the annual Hearts of Gold event, raising \$225,000 for the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida.

Morgan C. Leverett, CLA '88, of New Orleans, La., was one of two keynote speakers for the fourth annual Beloved Community Symposium at Mercer's Macon campus on Feb. 19-20. His topic was "The Lost Art of Redemptive Suffering."

David M. Calhoun, LAW '88, represented Marketworks Co. in its acquisition by ChanelAdvisor, a provider of e-commerce channel management solutions. Atlanta's Marketworks provides marketplace management software and services.

Dr. Guy D. Foulkes, MED '89, was elected president of the Bibb County Medical Society. He is a hand surgeon with Macon Orthopaedics.

T. Shawn Lanier, CLA '89, LAW '95, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's "Legal Elite." Lanier is an attorney in the real estate development and finance group at Morris, Manning & Martin LLP, of Atlanta.

1990s

Dr. Michael E. Greene, MED '90, received the Distinguished Service Award for 2007 by the Bibb County Medical Society.

J. Jeffrey Deery, LAW '90, of Winter Park, Fla., was included in the 25th anniversary edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*.

Dale Akins, LAW '91, of Bluffton, S.C., was elected to the South Carolina Bar House of Delegates. Akins, of Akins Law Firm LLC, also has been certified as a Circuit Court mediator by the South Carolina Bar.

Dorsey B. Chitwood, CLA '91, of Cornelia, graduated in May 2008 with highest honors from Piedmont College with a Master of Arts degree in middle grades education.

Angela Dawn Downes, CLA '91, was appointed to the Texas State Board of Examiners for Psychologists by Texas Gov. Rick Perry. She lives in Irving, Texas.

Gina R. Collins, LAW '91, joined Kennedy Covington, a law firm, as an associate in the development section of the real estate department. Located in the Charlotte, N.C., office, she will focus her practice on real estate development and leasing.

Marian A. Lindquist, LAW '91, received the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for 2007 from the 17th Judicial Circuit.

Thomas W. Huyck, CLA '92, LAW '99, made partner in the law firm of James, Bates, Pope & Spivey LLP, in Macon.

William J. Sheppard, LAW '92, was a speaker at the seminar, "Understanding the Construction Process From the Developer's Perspective in Georgia."

Ngozi Ojiyi Anachebe, PHA '93, of Fayetteville, is an assistant professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology at the Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta. She was recently appointed interim assistant dean for student affairs.

Bryan L. Brendle, LAW '93, appeared on "CBS Evening News with Katie Couric" and CNBC's "Power Hour," explaining the burden of EPA regulations on American industry. In May 2008, he joined the Washington, D.C.-based National Association of Manufacturers, the largest industrial lobbying group in the U.S., as director of environmental policy.

Russell G. Seney, BUS '93, of Smyrna, was promoted to tax senior associate in Moore Colson's Tax Services Practice in Marietta.

Jeffrey M. Rutledge, CLA '93, has joined the law firm of Martin Snow LLP. He will focus on wills and estate planning. He formerly was with Wachovia Securities as vice president of investments.

Charles H. Weathers, CLA '93, of St. Marys, was made a limited partner with Edward Jones Investment Co.

Esther Michelle Tyde, CLA '93, LAW '96, has joined the law firm of Woodcock Washburn in the Atlanta office.

William Jonathan Martin II, LAW '94, was named one of Georgia's "40 Super Lawyers Under 40" for 2007 by *Georgia Trend* magazine. Martin is a partner with the Macon firm of Constangy, Brooks & Smith LLC.

Dr. Alice House, MED '95, of Byron, was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical honor society. **Dale W. Klaus**, LAW '97, of Naples, Fla., was named one of Florida's "Legal Elite." This list, compiled by *Florida Trend Magazine*, names the top lawyers in Florida by the Florida Bar.

Reginald D. Lewis, BUS '97, of Fairburn, runs Crown 1 Communications, a pageant-consulting company. His role at Crown 1 is to brand Miss America and Miss Georgia contestants, while preparing them for the publicity, interviews and the crowning process. Lewis is a former Mr. International and Mr. Georgia.

Colleen C. McCrory, CLA '97, BUS '01, of Atlanta, was named to the Board of Trustees for Georgia Eye Bank. She is director of National Workers' Compensation at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta.

Kristin D. Byrd, LAW '97, was elected to partnership with Armstrong Teasdale LLP. She is

a member of the firm's litigation department. Her practice concentrates in the area of medical malpractice defense.

Christine C. Gilbert, BUS '97, is now employed as a senior consultant with the Palladium Group in Boston.

Erick Erickson, CLA '97, LAW '00, was elected to the Macon City Council for a four-year term in November 2007.

Jack W. Kennedy Jr., CLA '98, has joined Troutman Sanders LLP in Atlanta as an associate in the Corporate and Securities Practice Group.

Rafic H. Barrage, LAW '98, was promoted to partner in the Washington, D.C., office of the international tax firm of Mayer Brown, LLP.

Carolyn Cotton Bayless, BUS '98, of Hiawasse, was inducted into Marquis' "Who's Who in America 2002-2007" and Montclair's "Who's Who in Nursing 2008."

Marsha Meloan Banks, LAW '99, announced the opening of Banks & Associates P.C., in Aiken, S.C. The firm serves the entire Central Savannah River Area, including Georgia and South Carolina.

Justin Cabral, LAW '99, is returning to the District Attorney's Office for the Southern District of the Southern Judicial Circuit after two years in the public defender's office. He lives in Valdosta.

Brett C. Bartlett, LAW '99, was made a partner in the national law firm of Seyfarth Shaw LLP. He is a member of the firm's Labor and Employment Department and the Atlanta office leader of the firm's Wage and Hour Complex Litigation Practice Group.

Lottie L. Bash, LAW '99, was made a director at the law firm of Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell, of Alexandria, La.

André F. Washington, EDU '99, of Macon, received a Master of Business Administration in human resource management degree from DeVry University. Washington is a collection manager at AT&T.

Brooke E. Buckelew, BUS '99, recently graduated from the University of Georgia with a Master of Education degree in mathematics education. She works at Towers High School in DeKalb County.

Windsor Primous-Williams, EDU '99, has earned a Master in Education in school guidance counseling.

Benjamin Reid Buckelew, CLA '99, was recently promoted to district director of the Hightower Trail (DeKalb County) region of the Atlanta Area Boy Scouts

2000s

Majed Awamleh, BUS '00, of Atlanta, owns Buckhead Cleaning & Janitorial Services, a full-service commercial and residential cleaning service. In 2008, the company became the first recipient of the new Entrepreneur of the Year Award given by the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution* and the Buckhead Business Association.

Ernest Gilchrist, BUS '00, of Conyers, was named senior project manager at the DeKalb (Georgia) Office of Economic Development.

Robert J. Ireland, LAW '00, formed a new law partnership, Ireland Costell PC., in Banks, Ore. The firm's Web site is www.oregontrialattorney.com.

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Dr. Virginia (Jennie) C. Leslie, MED '00, is an Ob/Gyn in Washington, D.C., where she practices inner city medicine as a National Health Service Corps Scholar and teaches on the faculty at the Washington Hospital Center.

Dina Pon, BUS '00, was elected assistant vice president with underwriting responsibilities for GEICO's Southeast operations, headquartered in the Macon regional center.

Melissa Simms, LAW '00, received a Master of Laws degree in International Law from London Metropolitan University and has accepted a position as an assistant attorney general and administrative immigration judge in Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Michael O. Weems, BUS '00, was elected to the Marion County (Indiana) Bar Association Board of Directors. He is an attorney with Bingham McHale LLP, of Indianapolis, Ind., concentrating in business services, and banking and commercial lending.

T. Harry Hurt, LAW '00, was sworn in by Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue in January 2008 as the new superior court judge for the Cordele Judicial Circuit.

Nathan Bowen Atkinson, LAW '01, was named senior attorney in the Winston-Salem, N.C., office of Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC.

Anthony Dornacher, BUS '01, of Chicago, Ill., had a photo published in *The Chicago River: A History in Photographs*, a coffee table book by Jonathan R. Genzen. His photo was of a "fish hotel" on the river.

Mary Burgin Edwards, CLA '01, of Gainesville, Fla., is pursuing an Education Specialist degree at the University of Florida's College of Education Educational Technology program. After she earns the Ed.S., she plans to transition to the Ph.D. program as an "all but dissertation" student.

Amy Michelle Landers, LAW '01, joined the firm of Rogers, Townsend and Thomas P.C., of Columbia, S.C.

Stephen Robert Sullivan, LAW '01, and his wife, **Bree O. Sullivan, LAW '02**, opened The Sullivan Firm LLC, in Thomasville. It is a general practice with some emphasis on estate planning, real estate, commercial litigation and business formation.

Jason W. Swindle Sr., LAW '01, of Drummond & Swindle P.C., was recently appointed to municipal court judge for the city of Whitesburg.

Kelly Castellow Webb, LAW '01, moved from the firm of Finley & Buckley P.C., to Davis, Matthews & Quigley P.C., of Atlanta.

Molly Kesmodel, BUS '01, has been promoted to senior director of retail sales at The Honey Baked Ham Co. of Georgia. She lives in Decatur, and has been with the company for 10 years.

Robert Chad Reese, BUS '01, has been promoted from senior accountant to manager at Trinity Accounting Group in Athens. He has worked for the company for three years.

James Aycock, CLA '02, of Warner Robins, earned a Master of Theological Studies degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Erin Atkins Janssen, LAW '02, of Charlotte, N.C., joined Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, of

Alumna Trades Stocks and Bonds for Teacher of the Year

Growing up, Gina Coss loved children. Throughout her teenage and college years, she tutored, taught Sunday School, worked as a camp counselor and participated in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

After college Coss left her home in Hampton Roads, Va., where as a child she performed ballet and played classical piano, for the fast-paced world of stocks and bonds in Atlanta. She spent eight years working for brokerage firms, earning securities licenses and traveling extensively. Despite the excitement of a Wall Street career, Coss eventually decided something was missing.

"I felt I was meant to do something much more meaningful with my life," Coss said. "In the back of my mind, I knew I wanted to be a teacher." Leaving the corporate world behind, she enrolled in the Master of Education program at Tift College of Education, graduating in 2001 with a concentration in early childhood education.

Although Coss's gut told her that she had made the right decision, making the jump from the corporate world to teaching was not easy. "Changing careers is an intensely personal decision," she said. Coss cautions anyone considering a career change "to examine their motivations and perceptions of other occupations, particularly the teaching profession."



Gina Coss

awe-struck and humbled by this honor," Coss said of her selection. "I do not take for granted the enormity of what I do as a teacher, and to be named a Teacher of the Year goes beyond what I had ever imagined."

"She is a wonderful, energetic, stimulating teacher," said one of Coss' fellow teachers who nominated her for the award. "She focuses on a child's strengths, and not only that, she takes the time to look for their strengths. She is not an easy teacher and maintains high expectations for her students."

"Like business, teaching is highly demanding, requires outstanding professional performance, and should be customer-driven in terms of delivering differentiated instruction with results," Coss continued. "Rightly so, today's teachers are held to the highest of expectations consistent with the belief that children deserve the best teaching available. In the corporate setting passive performance is not tolerated. It should not be tolerated in education either."

Coss, a teacher at Sedalia Park Elementary School in Marietta, was selected 2007-2008 Teacher of the Year by the Cobb County School District. In February, the Georgia Department of Education named Coss as one of the ten finalists for the statewide Teacher of the Year award.

"I have been simultaneously

Charlotte, as an associate in the capital markets department.

Adam M. Walters, LAW '02, was appointed to the Georgia's Athlete Agent Regulatory Commission by Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle. Walters is an attorney at Powell Goldstein and specializes in health care and state/local government. During the 2007 General Assembly session, Walters served as legal counsel to the Judiciary Committee in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Rhonda R. Wilcox, LAW '02, was included in "2007 Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Stars" by *Law & Politics Magazine*. She is an associate with Fisher & Phillips in Atlanta.

William Marc Dwigins, CCPS '03, of Norcross, received a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. **Sharri Edenfield, LAW '03**, moved from Atlanta to Statesboro to practice law with her father at Edenfield, Cox, Bruce & Classens P.C. She was also named to the executive board of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia and is the co-chair of the YLD Leadership Academy. Edenfield has a general civil litigation practice.

Dr. Carrie Danielle Lawson, MED '03, completed the obstetrics and gynecology residency program at Georgetown University

Hospital in Washington, D.C. She will join the practice of Armstrong, Alagia and Bannon in McLean, Va.

Tedra L. Clemons, CLA '03, was promoted from bonding agent to office manager of Anytime Bail Bonding in Augusta.

John T. Hansford, CLA '03, of Watkinsville, was elected president of the Student Government Association of the Medical College of Georgia. He is a second-year dental student at MCG and served as class president last year.

Shellie L. Hammock, LAW '04, was a member of a team of attorneys from Morris, Manning & Martin, of Atlanta, representing the underwriters, Raymond James & Associates and Morgan Keegan & Co., in a recent public offering of common stock by a Texas-based provider of insurance and financial services, American Physicians Service Group.

Charles A. Dorminy, LAW '04, received a Master of Laws degree in health law from the University of Houston.

George R. Meyer von Bremen, CLA '04, has been named dean of academics for the summer school program at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Va.

Dr. Eric Nix, MED '04, is working in Zambia as a Yale/Johnson & Johnson Physician Scholar in

international health. He will spend two months of his residency training in tropical medicine.

J. Barrett Carter, BUS '04, was hired as the vice president and director of transactions at Timbervest LLC, a timberland investment management organization.

John M. Carroll, CLA '05, of Waynesboro, and his wife, **Casey, CLA '06**, participated in a commissioning and blessing service at First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon. They were also commissioned at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly in Washington, D.C. The couple left in July to serve as CBF missionaries in Southeast Asia, doing relief and recovery work.

Jill U. Edmondson, LAW '05, was promoted to manager of internal audit/compliance for Home Depot USA. She has been with the company since August 2005.

Stacey McSwine Cameron, LAW '05, announces the opening of her new law office in Tucker.

Darian Emory, EDU '05, of Atlanta, was an Education Specialist degree in instructional technology graduate at the University of West Georgia in 2008.

Dr. Mark Allen Lee, MED '05, of Jacksonville, Fla., is finishing an emergency medicine residency at

the University of Florida/Shands in Jacksonville. He plans to begin practicing in Thomasville.

Felicia LeRay, LAW '05, was appointed to a two-year term on the Georgia Commission on Access and Fairness to the Courts. At the first meeting, she was appointed secretary of the commission. LeRay is an associate in the corporate group at

Morris, Manning & Martin LLP.

Adam D. Neal, CLA '05, received a Master of Theological Studies degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Kenneth Lane Mullinax, BUS '05, of Cartersville, recently completed his MBA in finance specialization from Walden University.

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Dr. Bob Umberhandt, MED '06, moved to Richmond, Va., to start a residency in orthopedic surgery at Virginia Commonwealth University Hospitals.

Ryan Elliott Brightman, CLA '07, is now a student at the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer.

Marriages, Births & Anniversaries

1940s

Anne F. Gardner, Tift '46, and her husband, **Robert G. Gardner**, CLA '49, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December 2007.

1950s

The Rev. Stephen Krysal, CLA '56, and his wife, **Juanita**, CLA '62, EDU '71, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary July 12, 2007.

1980s

David Linch, BUS '80, and his wife, **Nancy A. Grace**, CLA '82, LAW '84, announce the birth of twins, Lucy Elizabeth and John David, Nov. 4, 2007.

Frances Samples Lee, CLA '81, married Tim Lee, a State Farm agent, in Austell. The couple resides in Douglasville.

Tamara Stonecypher Weaver, CLA '82, married Larry Weaver June 2, 2007. She has 21 years of service with Chick-fil-A in Atlanta and is supply chain systems senior supervisor.

Nathan M. Jolles, LAW '87, and his wife, Lauren, announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Drew, July 6, 2007. The family resides in Martinez.

Susannah V. Cox, Tift '89, announces the birth of her seventh child, Aidan Malcolm Cox, Dec. 1, 2007. Her family lives in Stephenson, Va.

1990s

Beth Bower, CLA '91, LAW '94, and her husband, James, announce the birth of their son, Charles Martin, Sept. 25, 2007. They also have two daughters, Brynn and Tessa. The family resides in Evans, where Beth is a partner at Fulcher Hagler LLP, of Augusta.

Shanna Wilford Nichols, CLA '91, married Jeff Nichols Nov. 3, 2007. The couple resides in Marietta. Shanna is a human resources communications manager at Turner Broadcasting System in Atlanta.

Noland Peterdy, PHA '92, and his wife, Geraldine, announce the birth of their son, Brendan. Their other children are Anna, Nicola, Killan, Owen and Sean. The family resides in Veradale, Wash., where Noland is an attorney with the Grupp Law Firm PLLC, of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

Jennifer S. Bragg, CLA '93, and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their son, Beau Davis, July 2, 2007. The family resides in Cumming, where Jennifer is a dentist.

Holly Ann Osburn Bennett, CLA '94, and her husband, John Bennett, announce the birth of their daughter, Sidra Eve, Oct. 14, 2007. The family resides in Decatur.

Andrew J. Braunstein, CLA '93, and **Mary B. Braunstein**, EGR '94, of Troutman, N.C., announce the birth of their third child, Amelia Rose, on Dec. 4, 2007. They have two sons, Joshua Bower and Zachary David.

Trent L. Coggins, CLA '95, BUS '98, LAW '01, and his wife, **Anna Edwards Coggins**, PHA '01, announce the birth of their son, Owen Spencer, Feb. 7, 2007. The family resides in Valdosta. **James J. Daniels**, LAW '95, and his wife, Stacy, celebrated their 16th anniversary. They have six children: Dove, Sarai, James, Tabitha, Jacob and Joshua.

Stacy S. Stanton, CLA '95, and her husband, Jerome, announce the birth of their son, Caleb Jerome, June 6, 2007. The family resides in Guyton.

Ivey Miller Nelson, CLA '95, and her husband, **Christopher**, BUS '98, announce the birth of twins, Olivia Grace and Tyler William Joseph, Jan. 8, 2007. The family resides in Medford, Mass.

Mary M. Andrews, BUS '95, and her husband, Jay, announce the birth of their son, Emmett Charles, Nov. 28, 2007 in Atlanta. They also have a daughter, Harper.

Laura Berglund Cowart, CLA '96, and her husband, **Zach**, EGR '99, announce the birth of their daughter, Harper Delaney, April 29, 2007. The family resides in Hixson, Tenn.

Julie Daniel Scott, EDU '96, and **Bryan D. Scott**, CLA '95, LAW '98, announce the birth of their third child, Asa Harrison Scott, on Oct. 1, 2007.

Andi Price Reynolds, EGR '96, and her husband, **Bobby**, BUS '04, announce the birth of their daughter, McKlayne Pearl, June 1, 2007. They also have a son, McCray. The family resides in Cumming.

Catherine Pemble Barnes, EGR '97, and her husband, **Joe**, EGR '98, announce the birth of their son, Carter Mason, May 3, 2007. The family resides in Glen Allen, Va. Catherine earned a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering in 2007 and Joe is a professional engineer at Hamilton Beach.

Christine C. Gilbert, BUS '97, married Matthew E.L. Cordes Dec. 1, 2007, in Washington, D.C.

Jenny Blanchard, CLA '98, and her husband, **Michael**, BUS '98, announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Jayne, Aug. 29, 2007. The family resides in Charlotte, N.C.

A. Lesley Beaty Kessinger, LAW '99, and her husband, **Christopher**, LAW '99, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Adair, Aug. 3, 2007.

Alice L. Morrison, CLA '99, married Tom Johnson June 23, 2007, at Amicalola Falls in Dawsonville. Matrons of honor were **Elizabeth Glenn Howell**, CLA '99, and **Courtney Mercer Pirozzi**, CLA '00. The couple resides in Pottstown, Pa., where Alice is a theology instructor at The Hill School.

Kristen W. Thomas, CLA '99, and her husband, Sean, announce the birth of their son, Cole Patrick, Aug. 17, 2007. The family resides in Atlanta.

Andy Tillis, PHA '99, and his wife, **Jordan**, PHA '99, announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine, in August. They have a son, Nicholas. The family resides in Jacksonville, Fla., where Jordan is employed by Walgreens.

2000s

Dr. Angela Niedbala Beck, MED '00, and her husband, J.D., announce the birth of their daughter, Jamison, Aug. 2, 2007. The couple has another daughter, Arden. Angela is practicing general and trauma surgery in Savannah at Memorial Health University Medical Center.

Dr. Mark Edward Eaton, MED '00, married Melody Taraneh Khalatbari Feb. 24, 2007. The couple resides in Washington, D.C.

Jennifer R. Harbaugh, CLA '00, LAW '03, married Edmund P. Harbaugh Sept. 29, 2007. The couple resides in Rogers, Ark.

Damon Eric Woodson, EGR '00, and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Perry Woodson, April 3, 2007. They also have a daughter, Persephone Kathleen. The family resides in Macon.

Jennifer Carter, EGR '01, announces the birth of her daughter, Julia Carol Lyles, July 12, 2007, in Jacksonville, Fla.

Amy Landers May, LAW '01, married Jon C. May Sept. 22, 2007. The couple resides in Columbia, S.C., where Amy is an attorney with Rogers, Townsend & Thomas P.C.

Shawn Z. Rowland, LAW '01, and his wife, Deborah, announce the birth of their son, Miles Zachary, Aug. 9, 2007. The family resides in Hazlehurst, where Shawn operates his own law office.

H. Lawren Hutchinson, BUS '01, married Reid Hutchinson May 19, 2007. The couple resides in Atlanta where she is attending Mercer's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Dallas R. Ivey, LAW '02, adopted a daughter, Jane Jian-Ning Ivey, from Fujian Province, China.

Lauren L. Mason, CLA '02, and her husband, **Christopher**, BUS '04, announce the birth of their daughter, Lilah Brooke, Jan. 16, 2007. Lauren is a registrar associate at Mercer's Atlanta campus and Christopher is an insurance agent at Strawn & Co. in McDonough.

Dr. Tricia (Tippy) Matthews, MED '02, married Joe Matthews June 23, 2007, in Savannah. The couple resides in Smyrna, where Tricia is a pediatrician.

Shelby Lynn Biagi, PHA '03, and her husband, Gerard, announce the birth of their son, Enzo Drake, Feb. 2, 2006. The family resides in Sugar Hill.

Shaun Mock, BUS '03, and **Laura Brown Mock**, EGR '05, announce the birth of their child, Hannah Lauren, Aug. 19, 2007. They reside in Waycross.

Corbin Boekhaus, BUS '04, married **Melissa Harrison**, CLA '05, June 23, 2007. Melissa is in her third year of medical school and Corbin received a Master of Divinity degree from Wake Forest University. The couple resides in Augusta.

Dr. James (Jay) T. Doss Jr., MED '04, and his wife, Becky, announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Campbell, Feb. 25, 2007. The family resides in Portsmouth, Va., where Jay was selected chief resident of ophthalmology at Eastern Virginia Medical School for 2007-2008.

Joshua Henry Evans, CLA '04, and his wife, **Lauren Dunant Evans**, CLA '05, announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Grace, Aug. 7, 2007. The family resides in Pooler.

Quinyonia Anderson, CLA '05, married Walter A. Kearse on July 14, 2007, in Atlanta.

Dr. Angel Nickolov Boev, MED '05, and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of their daughter, Athena Rose, March 16, 2007. They also have a son, Nicholas. The family resides in Fairport, N.Y., where Angel is entering his third year of neurosurgery residency training at the University of Rochester.

Mitch W. Miller, EGR '05, married **Kathleen Green**, BUS '06, on April 21, 2007. The couple resides in Macon, where Kate is a portfolio manager for SunTrust Bank. Mitch works for the Department of Defense as an electronics engineer in Warner Robins.

Karen M. Voiles-Leaders, PHA '05, married

Allen R. Cast, of Warner Robins, died Feb. 15, 2007.

Penny Cato, of Macon, died May 4, 2008.

Bess Vaughn Clark, of Macon, died Dec. 30, 2007.

Samuel R. Connally, of Macon, died May 24, 2008.

James M. Cowan, 89, of Vero Beach, Fla., died Dec. 21, 2007.

Richard B. Domingos, of Macon, died Oct. 27, 2007.

Margaret F. Duncan, of Statesboro, died Aug. 12, 2007.

Jule W. Felton Jr., of Atlanta, died Jan. 17, 2007.

Duross Fitzpatrick, of Macon, died Jan. 6, 2008.

Z. Thomas Grapes, of Tucker, died May 6, 2008.

William R. Hauser, of Forsyth, died Oct. 31, 2007.

James E. Hilley, of Macon, died

March 15, 2007.

David L. Horwitz, 72, of Macon, died July 5, 2007.

Virginia G. Howell, of Macon, died Oct. 2, 2007.

Clyde M. Jordan, of Lizella, died Dec. 19, 2007.

Ruth J. Logue, of Macon, died Feb. 16, 2007.

Louis A. Luzzi, of Kingston, R.I., died May 12, 2007.

Edgar C. Mills, of Marietta, died July 10, 2007.

Brooksie E. Netherland, of Gulf Breeze, Fla., died, Aug. 27, 2007.

H. Burke Nicholson Jr., of Atlanta, died June 27, 2007.

David E. Nordan, of Atlanta, died April 12, 2007.

John Darrek Offutt, of Huntsville, Ala., died April 9, 2008.

Samuel A. Powell, 88, of Macon, died March 31, 2007.

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Kelly M. Wooten, NUR '94, Atlanta

Brian Leaders on June 16, 2007, in Naples, Fla.
Karen is the pharmacy manager at Walgreens Pharmacy in Naples.

Caroline Hatcher Fleming, BUS '07, married

Jacob Fleming, CLA '07, in November 2007. The couple resides in Lubbock, Texas, where Caroline is a marketing specialist with The Décor Group.

In Sympathy

Friends of the University

Glenda Adams, of Thomaston, died May 31, 2008.

Blanche Avery, of Pine Mountain, died April 1, 2007.

A. Emmett Barnes III, of Macon, died March 27, 2008.

Margaret A. Barnes, of Decatur, died Oct. 11, 2007.

Russell A. Blanchard, of Evans, died March 31, 2007.

John W. Brooker, 79, of Sandersville, died Dec. 4, 2007.

James C. Bryant Jr., of Atlanta, died Feb. 11, 2008.

Don Caldwell, of Macon, died Dec. 14, 2007.

William M. Campbell, of Lake City, Fla., died March 21, 2008.

Edward S. Sell Jr., of Macon, died Feb. 2, 2007.

Sandra Shuler, of Atlanta, died Oct. 6, 2007.

Elizabeth Stacey, of Lexington, Ky., died Nov. 29, 2007.

James W. Stribling, of Atlanta, died Nov. 24, 2007.

Margaret T. Tarver, of Atlanta, died Jan. 27, 2008.

Paul F. Thiele, 93, of Sandersville, died Nov. 27, 2007.

Karl P. Warden, of Macon, died March 17, 2008.

Max J. Westmoreland, 79, of Powder Springs, died April 5, 2007.

The Rev. Charles C. Worthy, of Jonesboro, died Feb. 8, 2008.

1920s

Rosa M. Pryse, Tift '29, of LaGrange, died June 14, 2007.

1930s

M. Felder Barfield, LAW '39, of Tucker, died May 21, 2007.

Sara C. Bittick, Tift '37, of Forsyth, died June 3, 2008.

Maude C. Bretz, CLA '35, of Waycross, died March 2, 2008.

Joseph Canipelli, 90, CLA '37, of Jacksonville, Fla., died July 3, 2007.

Samuel W. Causey, CLA '34, '46, of Lilburn, died Feb. 18, 2007.

Joseph M. Cohen, CLA '36, of Atlanta, died March 15, 2007.

Edna B. Colquitt, 96, Tift '31, of Tifton, died Oct. 27, 2007.

Jane L. Cope, Tift '30, of Atlanta, died Aug. 5, 2007.

Charles H. Davis Jr., CLA '39, of Lakeland, Fla., died March 14, 2007.

Evie N. Dominey, Tift '35, EDU '70, of Macon, died May 17, 2008.

Louvenia L. Edge, Tift '38, of Toombsboro, died May 29, 2008.

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Shirley O'Quinn, Tift '58, Milledgeville
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Lauren Thomas, TCS '06, Macon
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Nicole Nather, CLA '06, Charlotte, N.C.
Martha Wansley Van Cise, CLA '69, EDU '73, Rome
Karen Durr Yarbrough, CLA '75, EDU '81, Macon

Howard P. Giddens, CLA '35, of Macon, died June 16, 2008.
Georgia T. Glore, Tift '36, of Stockbridge, died Nov. 19, 2007.
Frank L. Groce, 93, CLA '37, of Macon, died March 31, 2007.
Julia S. Gugler, CLA '39, of McLean, Va., died Jan. 26, 2008.
H. Gerry Gurin, 89, PHA '37, of Atlanta, died Feb. 15, 2007.
J. Charles Hearn, 90, CLA '38, of Knoxville, Tenn., died May 22, 2007.
Evelyn R. Jarman, 92, Tift '36, of Macon, died Sept. 13, 2007.
Albert E. Jenkins, CLA '38, of Brunswick, died Nov. 1, 2007.
Gus B. Kaufman, CLA '39, of Macon, died Jan. 4, 2008.
Sara D. Lanier, 89, Tift '38, of Waycross, died Sept. 12, 2007.
Emory Leonard, 91, CLA '37, of Macon, died April 25, 2007.
Mignonne R. Mather, Tift '38, of Douglasville, died June 9, 2007.
Lois H. Mays, Tift '30, of Clayton, died Jan. 9, 2007.
Billie H. Moore, Tift '37, of Atlanta, died June 6, 2008.
Janie C. Oakes, 92, CLA '38, of Albany, died May 5, 2007.
Helen H. O'Neal, CLA '35, of Colquitt, died Jan. 15, 2007.
Harry F. Orr, 92, CLA '36, of Tampa, Fla., died June 20, 2007.
Joseph H. Pinkerton, 97, CLA '37, of Macon, died Feb. 14, 2007.
Frances Shearouse, 91, Tift '36, of West Columbia, S.C., died Sept. 8, 2007.
Mary Pennell Smith, CLA '38, EDU '61, of Macon, died Sept. 25, 2007.
Helen B. Spears, 97, Tift '30, of Atlanta, died Aug. 20, 2007.
Margaret H. Stephens, 89, CLA '39, of Macon, died Nov. 5, 2007.
The Rev. Earle F. Stirewalt, CLA '36, of St. Simons Island, died Dec. 1, 2007.
Katherine M. Swint, Tift '38, of Decatur, died Sept. 17, 2007.
Edna T. Tatum, 90, CLA '39, of Demorest, died Aug. 19, 2007.
Sara E. Taylor, Tift '39, of Manassas, Va., died Jan. 15, 2007.
Catherine T. Tucker, 91, CLA '38, of Macon, died Oct. 16, 2007.
John M. Vandiver, 97, CLA '32, of Stone Mountain, died July 24, 2007.
Marjorie S. VanHimbergen, Tift '39, of Elkhart, Ind., died March 27, 2007.
Doris W. Walker, Tift '37, of Jonesboro, died July 9, 2007.

1940s

Marian H. Aderhold, 82, Tift '46, of Atlanta, died Aug. 24, 2007.
Nannie P. Allen, EDU '48, of Quitman, died May 20, 2008.
Wudie G. Anderson, Tift '43, of Statesboro, died April 27, 2008.
Don W. Beaty, CLA '48, of Macon, died May 23, 2008.

Blanche S. Bomar, Tift '40, of Stockbridge, died May 29, 2008.
Mary L. Boswell, 80, Tift '47 of Hogansville, died Aug. 23, 2007.
Samuel W. Causey, CLA '46, see **Samuel W. Causey**, CLA '34.
Rosemary R. Cook, CLA '48, of Memphis, Tenn., died Feb. 17, 2008.
Dan D. Dunwoody Jr., 80, CLA '49, of Macon, died April 18, 2007.
Audrey W. Ezell, Tift '48, of Monticello, died March 28, 2008.
Nell C. Farmer, CLA '43, of Atlanta, died Jan. 17, 2007.
Edward A. Hawkins, CLA '49, of Kathleen, died Aug. 15, 2007.
V. Elizabeth Hinton Forsling, CLA '47, of Atlanta, died Jan. 13, 2008.
Charles N. Hall, 84, CLA '48, of Emerson, died Nov. 4, 2007.
Elizabeth D. Hamill, Tift '40, of Roswell, died Feb. 4, 2007.
Mildred K. Harrison, Tift '47, of Tallahassee, Fla., died May 5, 2008.
Walter E. Harrison, CLA '44, of Atlanta, died Nov. 3, 2007.
Dewey N. Hayes Sr., LAW '49, of Douglas, died March 2, 2007.
Edwin M. Highsmith Jr., CLA '49, of Orlando, Fla., died Jan. 13, 2007.
Jean R. Horton, 80, CLA '48, of Fort Pierce, Fla., died March 24, 2007.
Harry W. Karsznia, CLA '43, of Erie, Pa., died March 25, 2008.
Mary P. Lamb, CLA '49, of Dublin, died April 27, 2008.
Malcolm Lester, CLA '45, of Davidson, N.C., died March 8, 2008.
Mary M. Mitchell, Tift '41, of Forsyth, died Dec. 15, 2007.
H. Joe Nichols, CLA '47, of Enterprise, Ala., died Feb. 1, 2008.
Dorothy S. Odell, 96, CLA '46, of Macon, died May 8, 2007.
Weslie P. Parker, Tift '46, of St. Simon's Island, died March 13, 2008.
Imogene Rainey, NUR '46, of Tucker, died Oct. 13, 2007.
Dorothy P. Richter, CLA '42, of LaGrange, died April 22, 2008.
Hazel E. Rogers, CLA '44, of Macon, died June 1, 2007.
Joseph M. Rush, CLA '49, of Kingsland, died March 24, 2008.
Jack M. Selman Sr., PHA '41, of Cumming, died July 15, 2007.
Gwendolyn M. Shugerman, CLA '42, of East Brunswick, N.J., died Nov. 26, 2007.
Janie Ruth J. Stewart, Tift '40, of Warner Robins, died April 6, 2008.
J. W. Threatte, CLA '44, of Lakeland, died Feb. 20, 2008.
Oscar D. Todd, 85, CLA '43, of Columbia, S.C., died Dec. 11, 2007.
Lou Jean Tribble, 78, Tift '49 of Atlanta, died June 27, 2007.
John K. Wall, CLA '48, PHA '59, of Atlanta, died Jan. 6, 2008.
H. Thomas Ward, 81, CLA '49, of McDonough, died July 18, 2007.

Coleen J. Wert, Tift '42, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Sept. 30, 2007.
Doris C. Williams, 81, Tift '47 of Snellville, died Oct. 31, 2007.
Helen H. Williams, 85, CLA '49, of Newnan, died Dec. 28, 2007.
Edward T. Wright, CLA '49, LAW '50, of Clearwater, Fla., died May 30, 2007.
Amile D. Younis, 84, CLA '46, of Macon, died July 15, 2007.

1950s

Eugene L. Argo, PHA '58, of Atlanta, died May 28, 2008.
Dr. Robert B. Barnes, CLA '51, of Sumter, S.C., died May 16, 2008.
Donald W. Barnes Jr., CLA '50, of Winston-Salem, N.C., died April 23, 2008.
Dennis John Flanagan Beall, 76, CLA '52, of Macon, died April 28, 2007.
The Rev. Richard M. Bole, CLA '55, of Palm Bay, Fla., died Aug. 22, 2007.
Dr. Gene T. Bowman, 79, CLA '58, of Perry, died Dec. 13, 2007.
Bettie J. Bradley, Tift '57, of Spring Hill, Fla., died Feb. 21, 2008.
Pauline B. Burney, 71, CLA '57, EDU '59, of Oxford, died June 11, 2007.
Robert H. Candler, PHA '50, of Rome, died Dec. 8, 2007.
The Rev. Braswell D. Carter, CLA '54, of Baxley, died July 1, 2007.
Dewey Cave, 81, CLA '52, of Evans, died Aug. 7, 2007.
W. Lamar Clements, CLA '51, of Greensboro, N.C., died Feb. 15, 2008.
Elton L. Cook, PHA '55, of Decatur, died May 1, 2008.
Edith R. Crider, 75, Tift '53 of Atlanta, died June 25, 2007.
Nell Culverhouse, Tift '50, of Cartersville, died Nov. 24, 2007.
Edgar B. Dalton, CLA '56, of De Soto, died Jan. 6, 2008.
Gwen H. Daniel, Tift '54, of Thomaston, died March 15, 2008.
Josephine Early, EDU '53 see **Josephine Early**, CLA '35.
Dr. Andrew S. Edwards, CLA '50, EDU '57, of Statesboro, died Feb. 7, 2007.
Jacqueline W. Faulkner, 77, CLA '50, of Macon, died April 6, 2007.
Jerre J. Field, LAW '55, of Rome, died Aug. 26, 2007.
Margery M. Fitzsimmons, 85, EDU '53, of Atlanta, died Nov. 26, 2007.
Talmadge D. Fowler, CLA '51, of Atlanta, died May 15, 2008.
L. Judd Goodman, 72, CLA '58, of Macon, died Dec. 25, 2007.
Esther N. Graham, CLA '54, of College Park, died July 4, 2007.
Dr. Robert D. Green, 81, CLA '55, of Dahlgonega, died Oct. 31, 2007.
Eloise Hagar, NUR '57, of Bloomington, Ill., died Aug. 21, 2007.
Charles M. Hairston, CLA '50, of Albany, died May 24, 2008.
Marion H. Hall, LAW '51, of North

Alumnus Presents Bookcase for Youth Leadership Archives

H. Lee Perdue, CLA '84, founded Youth Leadership Bibb County in 1994. Modeled after Leadership Macon and Leadership Georgia, the goal of the organization was to make the next generation of civic leaders aware of the critical issues impacting the growth and development of Middle Georgia. The program sought to develop students' personal and collective leadership skills while examining and solving community issues.

After educating students for 13 years, YLBC ended annual programming at the close of 2007. Though a popular, award-winning program, the decision to end YLBC was prompted by its founder's health issues. A long-time cancer patient, Perdue is often away from home receiving medical treatment.

For the last four years of its existence, YLBC was closely tied to Mercer. Perdue's former professor, Peter Brown, Ph.D., senior vice provost, was then head of the Mercer Center for Community Engagement. YLBC became a resident program of MCCE, sharing office space and employing Mercer undergraduate students as interns.

At the close of the final activity, the YLBC Board of Directors designated Special Collections at Mercer's Tarver Library as the official depository of the YLBC archives and purchased a large museum-quality display case to house the organization's memorabilia. The materials designated for exhibit included many of Perdue's personal items and awards, prompting his mother to offer up a family heirloom as a companion piece to the case funded by corporate and individual benefactors.

Shipped from Nashville, Tenn., the antique bookcase belonged to Perdue's late grandparents, Newton S. Holiday and Louise Scruggs Holiday, whose photograph now sits atop it. The bookcase was officially dedicated to the couple by their children, Carol Holiday Perdue and Newton S. Holiday Jr.

The elder Holiday, a veteran educator, was also the founder and president of Triangle Chemical Company in Nashville, where his wife was a teacher. Their gift of teaching runs in the family: Carol Perdue is a retired educator in Macon, and Holiday, an artist, formerly taught at both the high school and university levels in Nashville. Lee Perdue is Bibb County's first honorary lifetime member of the Professional Association of Georgia Educators, having served as an adjunct faculty member at the former University of Georgia J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership in Athens, and at Stratford Academy in Macon, as



Left to right: H. Lee Perdue, CLA '84, founder and president emeritus of Youth Leadership Bibb County, stands with the barrister bookcase, along with Stephen C. Brown, CPA, CFO of M. Buckland Paving and president of YLBC, and John Kennedy, CLA '87, LAW '90, partner at Hall, Bloch, Garland & Meyer and immediate past president.

well as a guest lecturer at Emory University in Atlanta, where he also studied.

The family's relationship with Mercer began unexpectedly back in 1946, when the younger Holiday, then a private in the military, passed through Macon on his way to MacDill Air Force Base in Florida and picked up a postcard to send home.

"That postcard was of Mercer University — then a segregated private institution," said Perdue. "Years later I would graduate with honors from this fully integrated school, and my uncle and mother would make this gift to the university on my behalf and because of Youth Leadership Bibb County."

"This speaks volumes about the positive social changes in the South over the past 60 years, with Mercer often at the forefront," said Stephen Brown, YLBC president, who considers Perdue his best friend.

The barrister bookcase, which once housed books, his grandmother's fan collection, and even his cousin's childhood model airplanes, now features photos of YLBC alumni situated among Perdue's many awards. Several of the awards were bestowed by YLBC upon its founder; others include the 1997 Humanitarian of the Year Award given by 13WMAZ Television and First Liberty Bank (now BB&T), the 2000 Liberty Bell Award from the Macon Bar Association, and the 2007 E. Dale Threadgill Community Service Award from the Leadership Georgia Foundation.

Augusta, S.C., died June 25, 2007.
G. Hughel Harrison, LAW '54, of Lawrenceville, died Aug. 27, 2007.
The Rev. Angus Hart Jr., 85, CLA '54, of Jeffersonville, died June 22, 2007.
Robert C. Huntley, 84, PHA '51, of Palm Coast, Fla., died Jan. 22, 2007.
The Rev. Charles G. Johnson, CLA '50, of Conyers, died April 15, 2008.
Robert M. Kerr Jr., PHA, BS '55, of Lexington, S.C., died Aug. 15, 2007.
Olan L. Kersey, PHA '52, of Cumming, died Jan. 18, 2008.
The Rev. J. Frank Kirkland, CLA '57, of Americus, died April 2, 2008.
George Kushinka, CLA '57, LAW '58, of Warner Robins, died Dec. 4, 2007.
Carl E. Lancaster Jr., 77, LAW '54, CLA '55, of Macon, died Dec. 6, 2007.
Walter E. Leggett, CLA '50, LAW '51, of Macon, died March 2, 2008.
James M. Matthews, CLA '50, of Atlanta, died Oct. 29, 2007.
John B. Mathews Jr., CLA '51, of Canton, died May 2, 2007.
Sarah Mashburn, EDU '57, of Moultrie, died May 19, 2007.
Wallace D. Massey, 83, PHA '54, of Carrollton, died Marc 31, 2007.
Lois D. May, 77, Tift '52, of Tallahassee, Fla., died Dec. 8, 2007.
Olena McCullers, Tift '50, of Carrollton, died June 9, 2008.
N. Lamar McDaniel, 71, PHA '59, of Brunswick, died May 10, 2004.
Martha Mary McDevitt, PHA '56, of Atlanta, died May 25, 2008.
Bryant A. Meeks, 81, CLA '53, of Dublin, died May 30, 2007.
Einar P. Michaelsen, CLA '52, of Williamstown, Mass., died Feb. 10, 2008.
The Hon. T. Peyton Miles Jr., LAW '50, CLA '51, of Baxley, died March 16, 2007.
Clayton C. Mobley, 76, CLA '58, of Vero Beach, Fla., died Nov. 19, 2007.
Louise B. Murphy, CLA '52, of Vero Beach, Fla., died March 19, 2008.
Rachel H. Newberry, 99, Tift '58, of Lizella, died Jan. 1, 2008.
Allison M. Nichols, CLA '51, of Austin, Texas, died May 2, 2008.
The Rev. Dewey L. Norton, EDU '54, of Milledgeville, died Jan. 13, 2008.
The Hon. Howell C. Ravan, LAW '51, of Marietta, died March 31, 2008.
Max A. Ragland, CLA '58, of Macon, died Jan. 26, 2008.
The Honorable Howell C. Ravan, LAW '51, of Marietta, died March 31, 2008.
Phyllis B. Rawlins, Tift '56, of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., died Nov. 15, 2007.
Jane Rehak, NUR '58, of Powder Springs, died Dec. 22, 2007.
P. E. Roland, CLA '51, of Macon, died Feb. 23, 2008.
William L. Shepherd, CLA '56, of High Point, N.C., died July 12, 2007.
William L. Shockley Jr., CLA '50, of Powhatan, Va., died March 7, 2008.
Donald B. Smith, LAW '51, of

Tuscaloosa, Ala., died Oct. 9, 2007.

J. Mac Smith, 71, CLA '58, of Bremen, died Nov. 9, 2007.

Nancy R. Smith, 72, CLA '57, of Wake Forest, N.C., died Feb. 27, 2007.

Ramona T. Strother, EDU '57, of Martinez, died Aug. 7, 2007.

Spencer A. Teal, EDU '54, of Bowdon, died April 21, 2008.

Richard S. Thompson, CLA '55, of Indialantic, Fla., died June 10, 2007.

Dr. Sherman D. Tomlinson, PHA '58,

'74, of Nahunta, died July 20, 2007.

Joan C. VanderBurg, 74, CLA '53, of Orlando, Fla., died April 8, 2007.

Jim Murray Walker, CLA '51, of Lexington, Ky., died March 7, 2007.

John K. Wall, PHA '59, see **John K. Wall**, CLA '48.

Catherine G. Ward, Tift '52, of McDonough, died Jan. 8, 2008.

Ruth M. White, 77, EDU '51, of Fripp Island, S.C., died Oct. 19, 2007.

Guy S. Williamson, 80, CLA '50, of

Atlanta, died Nov. 5, 2007.

The Rev. Henry F. Wilson, CLA '52, of Kathleen, died Jan. 30, 2008.

W. Julian Woodard, EDU '53, of Waycross, died Feb. 2, 2008.

Margaret Woodruff, NUR '56, of Loganville, died Dec. 26, 2007.

Ralph Wong, PHA '54, of Augusta, died Oct. 24, 2007.

Julian C. Wilkes, CLA '52, of St. Simon's Island, died Jan. 26, 2008.

Jane M. Williams, Tift '58, of

Tallahassee, Fla., died Feb. 7, 2008.

Mary F. Williams, Tift '52, of Panama City, Fla., died Sept. 17, 2007.

Edward T. Wright, LAW '50, CLA '49, see **Edward T. Wright**, CLA '49.

1960s

Martha H. Allen, 89, Tift '68 of Forsyth, died Oct. 22, 2007.

Lena J. Blankenship, NUR '61, of Hampton, died Nov. 6, 2007.

Stephen D. Bowen, III, CLA '65, LAW

'67, of Summerville, S.C., died Nov. 12, 2007.
Thomas H. Calhoun, CLA '69, LAW '71, of Warner Robins, died Dec. 1, 2007.
William I. Carr, CLA '60, of Daytona Beach, Fla., died Feb. 15, 2008.
Grace D. Chambless, Tift '62, EDU '70, of Sandersville, died Feb. 8, 2008.
Madge W. Chapman, CLA '65, of Macon, died Aug. 3, 2007.
The Hon. J. Robert Coleman, LAW '64, of Atlanta, died Jan. 21, 2007.
Anne M. Cork, 64, CLA '65, of Macon, died Oct. 21, 2007.
John C. Cork, LAW '66, of Macon, died Feb. 23, 2008.
John N. Feazell, EDU '60, of Lake Park, died May 19, 2008.
M. Lee Going, CLA '62, of Fishersville, Ky., died May 9, 2007.
Doye E. Green Sr., CLA '60, LAW '62, of Macon, died Aug. 20, 2007.
Marie Hewett Hart, 67, NUR '61, of Southport, N.C., died May 11, 2007.
Virginia L. Joslin, EDU '68, of Macon, died April 14, 2007.
The Hon. Stephen L. Jackson, CLA '69, LAW '74, of Blackshear, died Dec. 29, 2007.
Joel T. Kennedy, PHA '63, of Cumming, died Jan. 21, 2008.
Julie S. Lassiter, 67, CLA '61, of Arlington, died April 24, 2007.
Emmalynn S. Lee, Tift '65, of Marietta, died Jan. 11, 2008.
Cerise G. Long, Tift '67, of Sparta,

died Jan. 13, 2008.
N. Kemp Mabry, 81, CLA '60, of Statesboro, died March 1, 2007.
Franklin E. May, PHA '62, of Gainesville, Fla., died May 31, 2008.
Genelda A. McClain, CLA '65, of Thomson, died May 30, 2007.
R. Bruce McDaniel, CLA '60, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died May 26, 2008.
Diane E. Nix, 63, CLA '66, of Clermont, died Nov. 19, 2007.
Madelyn M. Leach, 60, CLA '68, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., died March 16, 2007.
Richard M. Olnick, CLA '63, LAW '66, of Columbus, died Jan. 16, 2007.
Carolyn D. Pittman, Tift '68, of St. Simon's Island, died Jan. 20, 2008.
Lt. Col. Curtis J. Smith, 81, EDU '63, of Bossier City, La., died in November 2007.
Mary Pennell Smith, EDU '61, CLA '38, see **Mary Pennell Smith**, CLA '38.
Marvin T. Thome Jr., PHA '62, of Tucker, died Nov. 28, 2007.
Ronald D. Wagner, CLA '68, of Rockledge, Fla., died March 3, 2008.
J. Tom Webb IV, CLA '62, of Milledgeville, died Jan. 22, 2008.
Sara Y. Willis, EDU '63, of Macon, died May 25, 2007.

1970s

Randy Abare, Tift '71, CLA '72, EDU '76, of Macon, died March 3, 2008.
The Rev. Edward L. Aiken, CLA '72, of Baldwin, died April 24, 2007.

W. Michael Armistead, CAS '77, of Lilburn, died Jan. 26, 2008.
Thomas H. Calhoun, LAW '71, CLA '69, see **Thomas H. Calhoun**, CLA '69.
Grace D. Chambless, EDU '70, see **Grace D. Chambless**, Tift '62.
Daniel G. Henningfeld, CAS '72, of Cordele, died Jan. 10, 2008.
Frederic M. Hill Jr., CLA '75, of Cayman Islands, died April 12, 2007.
G. Edwards Hughes, 55, PHA '79, of Midlothian, Va., died Feb. 20, 2007.
Richard A. Hughes, CLA '75, of Acworth, died May 15, 2008.
Marion P. Jackson, LAW '76, of Lithonia, died May 22, 2007.
Stephen L. Jackson, LAW '74, see **Stephen L. Jackson**, CLA '69.
James K. Lange, LAW '76, of Ocoee, Tenn., died Feb. 20, 2008.
C. Lane Lovein, CLA '72, of Macon, died June 2, 2008.
Jewell G. Perkins, CLA '71, of Hampstead, N.C., died Nov. 12, 2007.
Luther B. Presley, 76, EDU '73, of Thomaston, died April 25, 2007.
Terri Brown Roberts, NUR '77, of Cedartown, died Oct. 28, 2007.
James R. Sams, 51, CLA '79, of Macon, died Dec. 26, 2007.
Sherman D. Tomlinson, PHA '74, see **Sherman D. Tomlinson**, PHA '58.
Evie P. Williams, CLA '73, of Tallapoosa, died Nov. 24, 2007.

1980s

Tammy L. Bowen, LAW '84, of Savannah, died June 5, 2008.
Jeanni Haddock Budd, 45, BUS '84, of Macon, died July 11, 2007.
John S. Gresham, LAW '84, of Atlanta, died Sept. 21, 2007.
Patricia M. Grey, CAS '84, of Dunwoody, died March 3, 2008.
S. Wayne Lunsford, CAS '83, of Marietta, died April 3, 2008.
Marvin Dewey Martin, 67, BUS '81, of Hillsboro, died July 15, 2007.
Dr. Miles H. McDonald, MED '87, of Milledgeville, died Jan. 29, 2007.
Nancy M. Meek, CLA '87, of Macon, died March 14, 2008.
Beverly R. NeSmith, 54, BUS '82, of St. Simons Island, died July 5, 2007.
Stephanie J. Sutton, CAS '84, of Norcross, died May 8, 2007.
Joseph B. Testa, BUS '86, of Pflugerville, Texas, died March 21, 2008.
The Rev. Larry P. Walker, CLA '83, of Independence, Mo., died March 19, 2007.
Bobby A. Wheeler Jr., CLA '81, of Alma, died April 22, 2008.

1990s

Wayne C. Asbell, 62, CLA '90, of Haddock, died May 20, 2007.
Keith D. Dabrowski, 44, EGR '90, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died July 20, 2007.

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Emilie Minor Lacy, LAW '92, of Atlanta, died July 28, 2007.
Keith A. Lipham, PHA '95, of Bowdon, died Dec. 7, 2007.
Joseph M. Moore, CLA '92, of New York, N.Y., died Feb. 4, 2008.
Dr. Charles Richard Moseley, 41, MED '94, of Cochran, died

July 11, 2007.
Anthony W. Yother, BUS '94, of Anniston, Ala., died Feb. 28, 2008.
Carolyn J. Zatto, 71, BUS '97, of Atlanta, died April 8, 2007.


2000s

Curtis Armstrong, CLA '03, of Waycross, died Jan. 27, 2008.
Sharon L. Smith, BUS '01, of Macon, died June 5, 2008.
Robert D. Walker, BUS '00, BUS '01, of Macon, died April 2, 2008.

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2008-09 Bears Basketball

2008-09 Men's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 6 Georgia College & State (Exhib/Coaches vs. Cancer)
Nov. 14 **Piedmont**
Nov. 16 at Alabama
Nov. 19 at Auburn
Nov. 22 **Georgia Tech (Homecoming)**
Nov. 25 at Dayton
Nov. 27 at Chicago Invitational
(vs. Texas Southern, Chicago State or Bethune-Cookman)
Nov. 29 at Chicago Invitational
(vs. Texas Southern, Chicago State or Bethune-Cookman)
Dec. 3 **USC Upstate**
Dec. 5 **ETSU**
Dec. 17 at Oklahoma State
Dec. 20 at UCLA
Dec. 22 at Loyola Marymount
Dec. 31 at Iowa State
Jan. 3 at Campbell
Jan. 9 at Jacksonville
Jan. 11 at UNF
Jan. 16 **Florida Gulf Coast**
Jan. 18 **Stetson**
Jan. 24 at Lipscomb
Jan. 26 at Belmont
Jan. 29 **Kennesaw State**
Feb. 2 **Campbell**
Feb. 5 at Kennesaw State
Feb. 7 **Jacksonville**
Feb. 9 **UNF**
Feb. 14 at Florida Gulf Coast
Feb. 16 at Stetson
Feb. 20 **Lipscomb**
Feb. 22 **Belmont**
Feb. 26 at USC Upstate
Feb. 28 at ETSU
March 4-7 Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament, Nashville, Tenn.

2008-09 Women's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 15 at Texas A&M
Nov. 18 at South Carolina State
Nov. 21 at Louisiana-Lafayette
Nov. 24 at South Alabama
Nov. 29 **High Point**
Dec. 3 **USC Upstate**
Dec. 5 **ETSU**
Dec. 14 at Florida State
Dec. 18 East Carolina (Bahamas Sunshine Shootout)
Dec. 19 Florida International (Bahamas Sunshine Shootout)
Dec. 29 at Wichita State
Jan. 3 at Campbell
Jan. 8 at Jacksonville
Jan. 10 at UNF
Jan. 15 **Florida Gulf Coast**
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