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Thousands Witness First Combined Atlanta Commencement

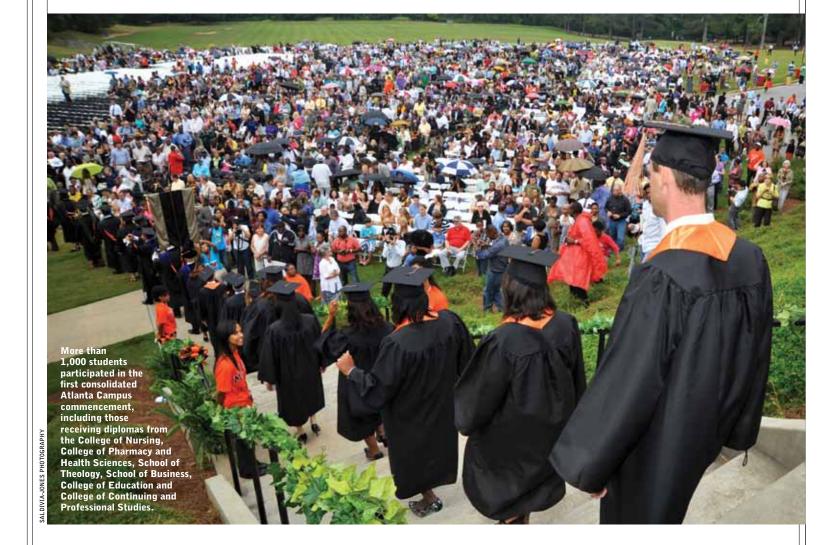
ercer held four commencements this year — down from 11 in 2010 — involving more than 1,700 graduates. On May 7, the School of Medicine held the first commencement of the spring in Macon and two ceremonies were held in Macon on May 14 — the Walter F. George School of Law commencement in the morning and the University's Macon campus at 3:30 p.m.

Mercer Chancellor Dr. R. Kirby Godsey delivered the commencement address at the first-ever combined outdoor ceremony in Atlanta on the morning of May 14. Graduates from six of the University's 11 schools and colleges participated in the Atlanta event, including all graduates from the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and McAfee School of Theolo-

gy, as well as the Atlanta-area graduates from the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, Tift College of Education and College of Continuing and Professional Studies.

Honorary doctorates were awarded to the Honorable Karen N. Moore, a circuit court judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and speaker at the Law School commencement, and Dr. William Raw-

lings, author and physician from Sandersville and speaker at the Medical School ceremony. Receiving honorary doctorates at the May 14 Macon ceremony were Alberto Ibarguen, president of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and speaker for that commencement, and Neva Langley Fickling, Macon resident and longtime supporter of the arts in Georgia and at Mercer.



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Griffith Pledges \$2.5M Toward Scholars Program

ahaj Khan, a 2011 graduate of Macon's Central High School, has been named the first recipient of a new endowed scholarship created at Mercer and funded by former trustee, alumnus and Macon businessman Benjamin W. (Benjy) Griffith III, CLA '77. Griffith has pledged \$2.5 million to endow the Griffith Scholars program, which will enable academically gifted graduates from Bibb County high schools with demonstrated financial need to obtain the premier education available at Mercer.

Each scholarship dollar awarded from this fund will be matched by the University. Given the match by the University, the ultimate effect of this partnership between Griffith and the University will be equivalent to a \$5 million endowed scholarship fund, enabling scores of

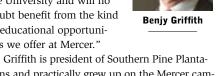
future students from Bibb County to obtain a Mercer education.

"The University is deeply grateful to Mr. Griffith for establishing this endowment that will ensure that many talented graduates of our local high schools have access to a Mercer education," said Mercer President William D. Underwood. "We are grateful for Mr. Griffith's investment in the future of our community's greatest resource — its young people."

While at Central, Khan carried a 3.72 grade point average and was recognized for his leadership abilities, character and commitment to service. His extracurricular activities include Key Club, Model UN, National Beta Club, Spanish Club, varsity soccer and math team.

"We are looking forward to having Wa-

haj at Mercer," said Dr.
Penny Elkins, senior vice
president for enrollment
management. "He embodies many of the qualities
we look for in students at
the University and will no
doubt benefit from the kind
of educational opportunities we offer at Mercer."



tions and practically grew up on the Mercer campus. His father, Benjamin Griffith Jr., was a long-time, revered member of the University's faculty.

"I am certain that Griffith Scholars will go on to become leaders who enrich our community," Benjy Griffith said.

The Princeton Review: Mercer One of America's Best Colleges

he Princeton Review has again named Mercer as one of America's best colleges in the 2012 edition of the book, "The Best 376 Colleges." Only about 15 percent of the 2,500 four-year colleges in America and three colleges outside the United States were

chosen for the book. This marks the ninth consecutive year that Mercer has been featured.

In its two-page profile on Mercer, The Princeton Review reports that Mercer is a "school on the rise" and its administration "is moving toward a nationally recognized name, taking some critical steps in that direction, by building a reputation for several standout programs, imposing academic rigor throughout the curriculum and inspiring the sort of student loyalty that translates into alumni donations down the line. Solid offerings in business, pre-pharmacy, engineering and music lead the way here. All are supported by a solid liberal arts curriculum grounded in the classics."

The profile goes on to quote extensively from Mercer students that The Princeton Review surveyed for the book. Among their comments on the University are: "The professors and staff offer exceptional outreach to students, and the relationship between professors and students is unparalleled," and Mercer creates "the perfect college experience complete with friendly professors, helpful staff, easy accessibility and student activities to maintain interest."

Among the 62 specialized rankings in the book, Mercer was ranked in two categories. The University was ranked 13th in "Everybody Plays Intramural Sports" and 20th in "Future Rotarians," which, among other items, took into account political persuasion, prevalence of religion, and popularity of student government.

In a "Survey Says ... " sidebar in the book's profile on Mercer, The Princeton Review lists topics that Mercer students surveyed for the book were most in agreement about. The list includes: "low cost of living," "(almost) no one smokes," "very little drug use" and "athletic facilities are great."

he University's Board of Trustees at its
April 15 meeting voted to add several
new degree and certificate programs,
including Mercer's sixth Ph.D. program and
the first in the School of Medicine.
The five-year Ph.D. in Clinical Medical

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The five-year Ph.D. in Clinical Medical Psychology is one of only two of its kind in the United States and will prepare students to be licensed to practice clinical psychology, particularly in integrative health care settings. Graduates will also be prepared for careers in research and in higher education, especially medical education.

The Ph.D. in psychology is viewed by the American Psychological Association and state licensing agencies as the terminal degree in psychology. The program will begin in fall 2012 on the Macon campus. In order for graduates of this program to attain licensure in most states, they must be graduates of a clinical psychology program approved by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association. A program cannot apply for accreditation until its first cohort has completed

the first four years of class work, so the school will apply for the approval in 2016.

Trustees Approve New Degree Programs, Sixth Ph.D.

In addition, the board approved a new concentration for the College of Liberal Arts. The Bachelor of Arts in Social Entrepreneurship replaces the Program in Leadership and Community Service. The new trans-disciplinary academic- and service-oriented program began this fall. It provides students with the values, academic training and skill sets necessary for the creation and management of public service organizations, including businesses that put social or environmental concerns above profit, as well as more traditional non-profits and religious organizations.

Trustees also approved a new Post-Baccalaureate Artist Diploma for the Townsend School of Music in Macon. The diploma is designed to prepare international students with bachelor's degrees in music to become more proficient in musical performance. The two-year certificate will be individually tailored to meet the needs of each student. The diploma will be offered beginning this fall.

Changes for several Atlanta campusbased programs, including a new joint degree between the James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology and the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, were also approved by the board. The joint Master of Divinity and Master of Science in Organizational Leadership program began this fall. The program is designed to incorporate advanced theological training with leadership and organizational studies, providing students with the essential knowledge for ministry, as well as the skills to manage today's complex organizations. Also approved was the School of Theology's new Non-Profit Organizational Leadership track within its existing Master of Divinity program.

The Atlanta campus will also have a new Certificate in Graduate Business Preparation program offered through the English Language Institute. It is designed to strengthen the skills of international students in order to help them enroll and succeed in a traditional Master of Business Administration program.

Trustees Chair Diane Owens Steers Mercer Toward National Prominence

M. DIANE OWENS IS THE FIRST WOMAN to chair Mercer's Board of Trustees in the University's 179year history. But she's sure she won't be the last.

A double graduate of Mercer, CLA '77 and Law '80, Owens started her career as an associate of Long, Weinberg, Ansley & Wheeler in Atlanta, becoming the first female partner there in 1986. When the firm dissolved in 1999, she joined as a partner with Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP, her current firm. Twenty of the 80-plus lawyers at Swift Currie are Mercer law graduates. Among other things, Owens specializes in products liability, employment discrimination, premises liability, catastrophic injury and wrongful death.

While at Mercer, Owens was active in intercollegiate athletics, competing in basketball and tennis. She served as director of the women's intramural program for two years.

Owens has remained loyal to her alma mater and has been very active in contributing her time to the University in many areas.

In 2006, she received the Meritorious Service Award from the Walter F. George School of Law. She is former chair of the Board of Trustees Executive Committee and a member of the Athletics Committee. She also served as a director of the Mercer Athletic Foundation.

Owens can regularly be seen on campus at many University events, whether at an athletic competition, Homecoming or academic gatherings.

Elected chair of the Board of Trustees last November, Owens hopes to steer Mercer toward a higher profile. "My primary goal as chair is to build on my predecessors' good work by continuing to improve and expand the academic programs of the University to meet the needs of our students and the communities we serve," she said, "As a part of this effort, we want to continue to expand the recognition of Mercer as an institution that attracts the best and brightest students and that is recognized nationally for excellence in academics, particularly in regards to our professional schools such as law, medicine and pharmacy. I believe that one of the ways we can bring recognition to Mercer is through our athletic programs, and I am excited about the reinstitution of intercollegiate football as a part of that effort.

"We also want to continue to build our relationships with the communities we serve, with our alumni, and within our own campus community. I have been amazed over the past few years at the commitment of our students to service through programs like Mercer On Mission. I am also proud of the leadership Mercer and its graduates have provided within the Macon community

Diane Owens

Diane Owens

in projects such as the College Hill Corridor. We intend to continue that leadership now and in the future."

After more than 30 years of legal achievements and recognition, one accomplishment stands alone for Owens: "I can honestly say that being selected to serve as chair of the Mercer University Board of Trustees is the honor of my lifetime."

Macon Commencement 2011 —
Alberto Ibarguen, president of the John S. and
James L. Knight Foundation, addressed more than
400 graduates at the May 14 Macon Commencement
in the University Center. Ibarguen, who challenged
graduates to make a difference in the world by first
impacting their own communities, was awarded an
honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

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Townsend School of Music Commits to All-Steinway

egendary concert pianist Ann Schein held the inaugural concert on Mercer's first Steinway D grand piano on Oct. 22, 2010. Mercer's Townsend School of Music has made a commitment to become an All-Steinway School, joining a select group of colleges and universities worldwide to acquire all Steinway pianos, which are the recognized hallmark for superior musicianship.

"The quality of a music school's pianos is, in part, a reflection of its priorities. The excellence of our faculty and students, the elegance of our building and recital hall, the reputation of our program and graduates — all require that we invest in the very best pianos for our School," said Dean John H. Dickson. "The consistently increasing levels of artistry among faculty, students, and programs require artistic instruments that only Steinway can ensure."

Schein was on the piano faculty of the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore from 1980 to 2000 and taught Elizabeth Pridgen, who holds the G. Leslie Fabian Chair of Music and is the piano chair at Mercer's McDuffie Center for Strings.

The \$1 million investment will provide 40 new Steinways for the school. All of the investment will be raised through private support. To date, \$125,000 has been raised, which was used to acquire the Steinway D grand piano that is the new performance piano in Fickling Hall.

"We are most grateful for this first significant gift toward our initiative to become an All-Steinway School," Dr. Dickson said. "This beautiful new concert grand will raise the bar for performance artistry in Fickling Hall and, hopefully, become the inspirational seed for others to contribute to this worthy goal."

Carol Goff, Townsend's Helena Wall Rich Professor in Keyboard Performance, and the School's commitment, historic. "The gift of this piano brings a new creative freedom that will enable every area of music in our School to rise to a new level of musicianship," she said. "We are deeply grateful. The whole Macon community, and beyond, will benefit from this stunning gift for many, many

To view photos of the new Steinway D piano and photos from the concert visit gallery.mercer.edu/music.

Mercer Engineering Joins New Statewide Consortium

ercer's School of Engineering has joined with four other engineering schools in the state to form the Georgia Consortium of Engineering Schools, dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of engineering education in Georgia.

The other founding schools include the University of Georgia, Southern Polytechnic State University, Georgia Southern University and Georgia Institute of Technology.

The Consortium will provide opportunities for Georgia's engineering deans to gather and

discuss crucial issues facing their schools, as well as the engineering profession. The consortium will seek to expand the depth and breadth of engineering educational and professional opportunities in the state.

"Mercer is going to benefit because we're not isolated looking at this from just our perspective. We're seeing it from the different regions of the state, and it helps us to understand what they're dealing with and it also allows the deans to share what's working and maybe what's not," said Dr.

Wade H. Shaw, dean of the Mercer School of Engineering and Kaolin Chair of Engineering.

"We're sharing the private school perspective on engineering education in a state that is rapidly growing," Dr. Shaw said. "There's a lot of interest in the state in terms of how do we prepare students for employment, what kind of needs are out there, what kinds of career opportunities exist and what kind of challenges the engineering schools are going to face in meeting those needs."

The next meeting will be hosted at Mercer in the fall semester with topics focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.

"All the engineering schools are concerned that high school, junior high or middle school students need to have a better opportunity to learn science, technology, engineering and mathematics so they can be more successful as engineering students," Dr. Shaw said.

By engaging in productive discussions and finding areas to collaborate and address common concerns, the hope is that a strong consortium can help to build stronger engineers for the state, a key founding principle of the School of Engineering. "My hope is that we present Mercer

strengths and we identify our competitive advantages so that we're out there marketing our programs to the students who are going to benefit from Mercer's approach to engineering education, because we are distinctive," Dr. Shaw said.

Student, Veteran Earns SMART Scholarship

MERCER ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING student Derek Munday has earned a full scholarship through the SMART scholarship program, a Department of Defense initiative to increase the number of scientists and engineers in the country. The highly selective program pays a yearly stipend of as much as \$40,000 in addition to a full tuition scholarship.

The Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation Scholarship for Service Program is an opportunity for students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines to receive a full scholarship and be gainfully employed at graduation.

A veteran who served four tours in Iraq, Munday spent six years in the Air Force before his discharge in 2008. His wife, a Taylor County native, encouraged him to consider Mercer's engineering program, and he enrolled in 2009. Munday has maintained a 3.81 GPA at Mercer, while also serving as



Derek Munday

a youth pastor in his church and helping his wife raise their two children, as well as a

As part of the SMART program, Munday will also work at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in the C130 group while he pursues his degree. "I'm thankful for this scholarship, and the experience," Munday said.

Research Events Expanded to Daylong Celebration

he College of Liberal Arts held its inaugural Breakthroughs in Engagement, Arts, and Research Day — or BEAR Day — on April 15, cancelling all classes to facilitate this day-long celebration. The concept combined two previously separate events and gave undergraduate students from the Macon campus the opportunity to present their scholarly and creative works in a wide range of venues to faculty, staff, administrators and fellow students. In all, more than 200 students presented.

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BEAR Day combined and expanded on two research events held last spring, the Undergraduate Research Symposium and the Undergraduate Research Conference. The combined

event included a poster session, oral presentation sessions and venues for digital storytelling, performance and art display. Projects included undergraduate research and creative writing, as well as student reflections on service-learning, internships, study abroad and Mercer On Mission. In all, the event included 104 oral presentations, with 124 student presenters, and 43 posters, with 93 student presenters.

"BEAR Day was a unique opportunity for students to present their research results and creative works in different venues and it was a great success," said Dr. Kevin Bucholtz, assistant professor of chemistry, founder of the Undergraduate Research Symposium and a

BEAR Day organizer. "In doing it, we showed the culmination of five years of work to promote undergraduate research and development of that culture across campus. In addition, I believe underclassmen were inspired by their peers to pursue these opportunities for themselves, broadening their educational experience at Mercer."

In addition to the student presentations, there was also an invited speaker, Dr. Gabrielle Foreman, the Ned B. Allen Professor of English at the University of Delaware. Dr. Foreman is internationally known for her work in 19th century literature, American studies and African-American studies.

Mercer Law School Captures Buffalo Moot Court Title; **Hosts First National Legal Ethics Competition**

team from Mercer Law School captured the Buffalo Criminal Law Society's moot court competition last spring, and the School last fall hosted the nation's first moot court competition in legal ethics and professionalism.

The Mercer team of second-year students Matt Shoemaker and Dodson Strawbridge won the 13th Annual Herbert Wechsler Moot Court Competition, held April 2 in Buffalo, N.Y. The team was coached by third-year student Tyler Oldenburg and Professor Tim Floyd. Mercer competed against teams from 23 other law schools, including American University, Valparaiso, Hofstra, New York University, University of Michigan, University of Richmond, William & Mary, and Rutgers. The Mercer team defeated Appalachian Law School in the finals.

The Wechsler Moot Court Competition, named after the drafter of the Model Penal Code, is the only national moot court competition in the United States to focus on topics in substantive criminal law. This year's problem was based upon a case that is currently pending before the United States Supreme Court.

In November 2010, Mercer Law School hosted the nation's first moot court competition in legal ethics and professionalism.

"Issues involving lawyers and their conduct have become increasingly important," said Professor Floyd, who helped organize the competition. "A law student moot court competition is an excellent vehicle for law students to explore

the ethical dimensions of lawyering. And given the strength of our academic programs in legal writing and in legal ethics and professionalism, as well as our national prominence and successes in moot court competition. Mercer is a

natural and fitting home for this competition."

Sixteen teams competed in the competition. To avoid any home-court advantage, Mercer did not enter a team. A team from Stetson defeated Liberty in the final round.

Regional Academic Center Opens in Newnan

MERCER HAS EXPANDED into the city of Newnan, opening its fourth Regional Academic Center with three undergraduate programs. The city, county and Mercer celebrated the new location within the Coweta County Central Educational Center with a ribbon cutting and open house attended by more than 100.

Noting the long history of the relationship between Mercer and Newnan through its graduates, including then-Board of Trustees Chair Judge Homer Drake, President William D. Underwood declared Newnan "Bear Country."

The response to the center has been tremendous, and the University added two graduate programs this fall — a Professional Master of Business Administration degree offered by the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, and a Master of Education degree from the Tift College of Education.



The Honorable W. Homer Drake Jr. and his wife Ruth (center), who were instrumental in Mercer's decision to locate a new Regional Academic Center in Newnan, were among those who participated in the ribbon cutting of the facility.

The three undergraduate degree programs at the center are the Bachelor of Science in Education in early care and education and early childhood/special education from the Tift College of Education and the Bachelor of Science in Social Science in Public Safety from the College of Continuing and Professional Studies.

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Lyceum to Foster University-Wide Discussion

he University is launching a new initiative, Mercer Lyceum, to help channel existing University lectures and events, as well as new ones, built around a single theme. The lyceum will allow for more in-depth discussions, and, organizers hope, more in-depth learning, while helping to create new partnerships among the many disciplines at Mercer's campuses.

The term lyceum is an ancient Greek term that dates to the creation of Aristotle's famous philosophy school. Today, the term is used for any significant context designed for lectures and discussions about the most important issues affecting the life of the community. The organizers of the Mercer Lyceum wanted to engage in those issues, and encourage Mercer students across the University to do so as well.

"As we have become a larger, more diverse institution over the past 25 years, we have become in many ways a multiversity, but by working cooperatively together on a shared theme, we will encourage everyone be a part of the university, not just the multiversity," said Dr. David Gushee, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics, executive director of Mercer's Center for Theology and Public Life and one of the organizers of Mercer Lyceum.

The initiative has been approved for four

Conference on Sexuality and Covenant Set for **April 19-21,2012**

MERCER'S CENTER FOR Theology and Public Life and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will cosponsor the Conference on Sexuality and Covenant April 19-21, 2012, at First Baptist Church, Decatur.

The conference seeks to broaden the conversation begun during last year's "A Family Conversation about Same-Sex Orientation" at the CBF General Assembly in Charlotte, N.C. The conference is designed to offer context for a comprehensive reflection on Christian sexual ethics in a changing cultural environment.

"The questions young adults are raising about what has been the traditional Christian sexual ethic are, in a sense, unavoidable," said Dr. David Gushee, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and director of the Center for Theology and Public Life. "It's our responsibility to create a space for conversation about these issues."

The conference will cost \$50 and \$25 for students from CBF-partner theology schools. Online registration is available at www.thefellowship.info/conference.

years, with two biennial cycles focusing on a single theme. The first theme is "Rebuilding Democracy" and will run from Fall 2011 to Spring 2013. The theme is built in part to help educate students about the challenges facing American democracy — hyper partisanship, governmental gridlock, low voter turnout and weak understanding of constitu-

tional democracy, as well as outside threats, such as the growing gap between rich and poor, a shrinking middle class and the decline

of America's influence in the world. The Lyceum will help to inform students about these issues, but also help to train them to become better citizens themselves by examining possible solutions to those issues. The organizers hope the conversations help them find ways to address those challenges both as citizens and in their chosen career fields.

"This is our response to the predominance of uncivil forms of debate — the yelling, the staking out of polarizing positions — rather than having serious debates or discussions that work toward shared solutions," said Dr. Mary Alice Morgan, senior vice provost of service learning and member of the team that developed the Mercer Lyceum. "How we come together to

find solutions to our problems is modeled so little in the various forms of media. It is really important to model constructive debate for our students, and not only for them to see it, but to practice it themselves as a part of the dialogue.

> The commitment to that kind of civic dialogue represents our society in our highest form and at our best moments."

> > Among the events already planned for this school year include a discussion on Oct. 4 in Atlanta with two young Capitol Hill

leaders on "Practicing Christian Faith in a Divided Washington," featuring Joshua Trent, a Republican and health policy adviser to Sen. Tom Coburn, and Katie Paris, a Democrat and senior vice president at Media Matters. On Oct. 7, the Mercer Law Review will hold its annual symposium in Macon based on the theme "Citizenship and Civility." In January 2012 around the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Rachel Laser, of Third Way, will speak on the theme "Can There be Common Ground on Abortion?" In February, well-known theologian Brian McLaren will deliver the Self Preaching Lectures at the McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta around the topic of Christian engagement in public life.

MUP Authors Claim Author of the Year Awards

MERCER LYCEUM

'Rebuilding Democracy'

MERCER UNIVERSITY PRESS had a banner night at the 47th annual Georgia Author of the Year Awards banquet, with three of its authors taking top awards and another receiving a lifetime achievement award. The program was held June 11 at Kennesaw State University Center.

The Georgia Writers Association recognizes Georgia's authors of excellence by presenting the Georgia Author of the Year Awards. The GAYA has the distinction of being the oldest literary awards in the Southeastern United States while reflecting the current publishing world. The GAYA honors both independently published authors and those whose books are published by traditional publishing houses.

Winning Mercer Press authors include: Georgia Author of the Year Award for Poetry: Phillip Lee Williams for The Flower Seeker: An

Epic Poem of William Bartram.

Georgia Author of the Year Award for Biography: Larry L. McSwain for Loving Beyond Your Theology: The Life and Ministry of Jimmy

Georgia Author of the Year Award for History: Toni P. Anderson for 'Tell Them We Are Singing for Jesus:' The Original Fisk Jubilee Singers and Christian Reconstruction,

Lifetime Achievement Award: Terry Kay, whose Mercer Press titles include

The Book of Marie and Bogmeadow's Wish, as well as The Greats of Cuttercane, which will be released by MUP in the fall.

In addition to the honors that went to Mercer Press authors, Mercer English professor Dr. Anya Silver was named a finalist in the poetry category for her book, The Ninety-Third

Authors Luncheon MERCER UNIVERSITY PRESS

Save Dec. 10 on Your Calendar for the 22nd Annual Authors Luncheon

The 22nd Annual Mercer University Authors Luncheon, sponsored by Mercer University Press, will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, at the InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta, where an outstanding line-up of talented, interesting and inspiring authors will meet their fans and autograph their books. Be sure to mark the event now on your calendar. For more information, call (678) 547-6419.



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A Conversation with Author and Mercer Chancellor R. Kirby Godsev



I have become increasingly concerned that our

religious perspectives have become too narrow and

self-indulgent. None of us has perfect sight and our

religious defensiveness is making us lesser people.

Christians to open themselves to the voices of God

that others have heard and discover the presence

If we are to know God more fully, I believe that we

must widen our embrace. This book is a call to

Why did you write this book?

at other faiths, some of which I was more familiar with than others. Sections one and three are more personal and passionate. Section two is more didactic, intending to open a window on other belief systems and provide a sympathetic glimpse at the meaning and origins of their beliefs.

It was important to be clear that this book does not represent a scholarly interpretation of other faiths. Such scholarship abounds and I recommend it for those who wish to become more thoroughly grounded in another religion. My goal is more modest. I want the reader to understand that men and women of other faiths struggle with the same issues and their beliefs reflect much of their

What was this process like for you?

of God in new places and among new people.

Writing for me is therapy for the soul. Writing. putting words to thoughts, clarifies my thinking and enables me to see more clearly and to enrich my understanding of others and the world we share.

The book was born as an idea and its structure took shape in the writing. For example, organizing the book into three sections came rather late in the writing as my thinking continued to unfold and

How did you research the book? Naturally, a good deal of study went into looking

foundation for building bridges.

as I began to see the barriers to understanding

and the kind of steps that would be necessary to

overcome those barriers. The religions themselves

will either exacerbate the barriers or serve as a

history and culture as does our own. What is the core message

of the book for you?

My core message is that religious prejudice and intolerance is diminishing us and threatens the fiber of human civilization. If religion is to survive as a relevant and constructive force in the world. which I believe it should, we must see every person as a gift of God to the world and we should begin to meet and to listen

to one another

with deeper humility, more profound respect, more genuine gentleness and more abundant grace.

Where was the most unexpected place you found God?

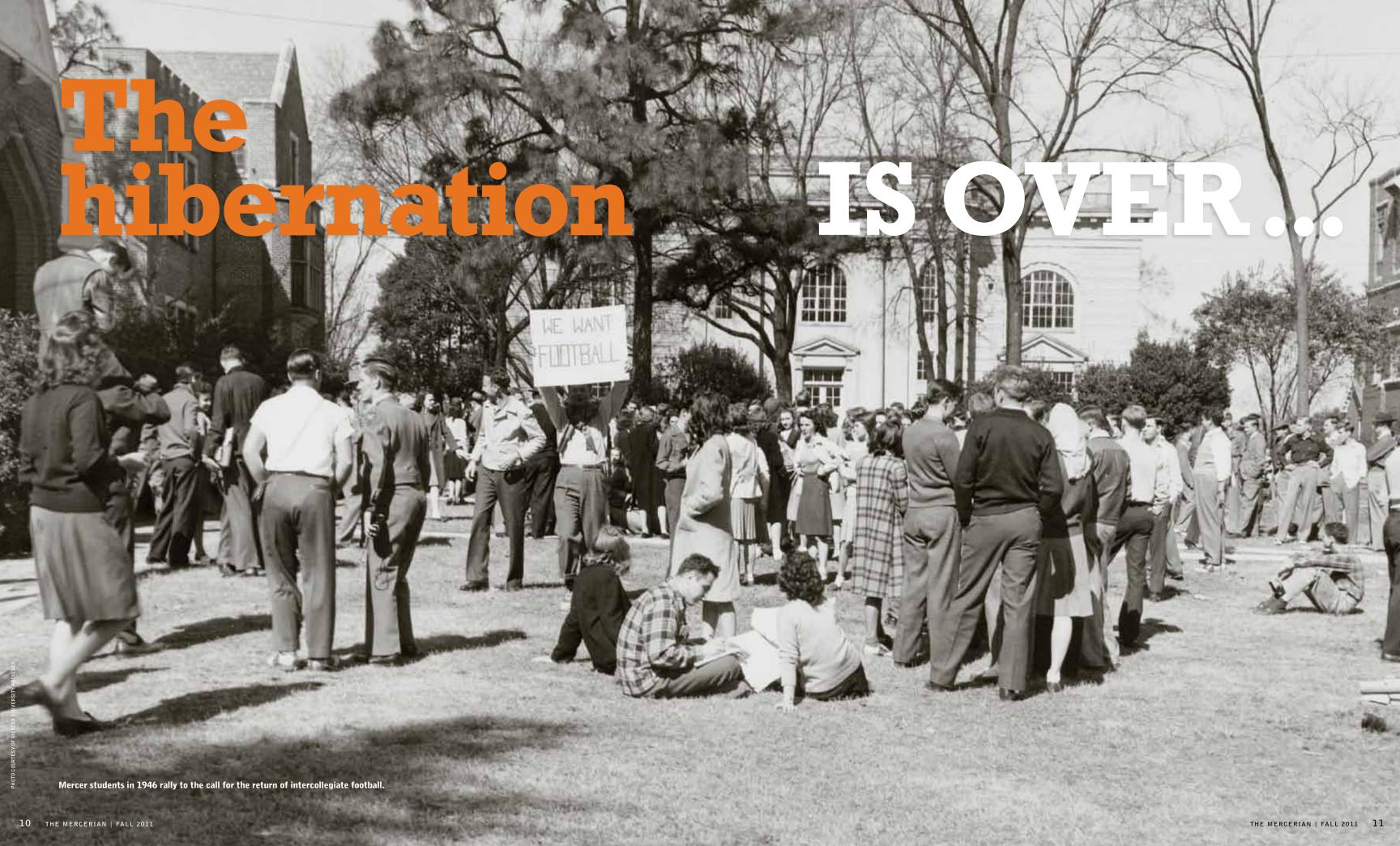
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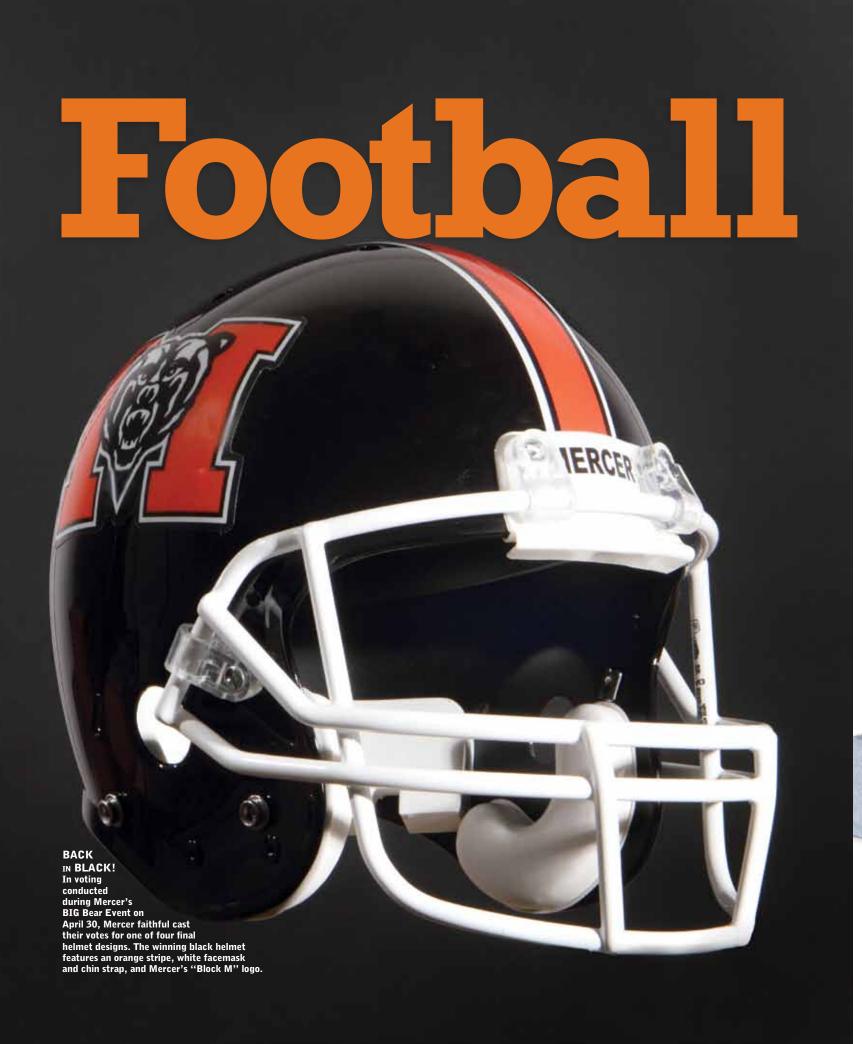
What is the most essential thing we can do to foster peace in our world?

We must begin to listen more carefully and care for people more freely. Grace, not bombs or bullets, will be the ultimate pathway toward peace.

Did your relationship with your own faith change as you researched this book?

My faith is always changing. Faith is not about finding a place to rest. Faith is about building new pathways on which to walk on earth in a manner that contributes to life and hope and peace. Civilization is yet in its infancy. As we grow up as human beings, we must learn to solve problems with understanding rather than conflict and we must allow the corrosive presence of resentment and bitterness to be replaced with the power of grace and compassion.





Returns to INTERCER

THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL WILL BE RETURNING TO THE MERCER UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AFTER AN ABSENCE OF MORE THAN 70 YEARS. ON NOV. 10, 2010, THE UNIVERSITY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A PLAN TO RESUME COMPETITION IN FOOTBALL IN FALL 2013, AND THAT HAS SET IN MOTION A NUMBER OF STEPS TO PREPARE FOR MERCER'S RETURN TO THE GRIDIRON.

"Reinstating football was a well-thought-out, carefully deliberated decision by the board that followed more than two years of study and discussion," then-board chairman W. Homer Drake Jr. said when making the official announcement. "The board's action reflects the trustees' support for President Underwood's ongoing efforts to further strengthen the University's academic profile, reputation and level of student engagement."

As a component of the decision, Mercer sought out — and

recently was granted — membership in the Pioneer Football League (PFL), one of only three NCAA Division I conferences in the nation — the others being the Ivy League and the Patriot League — whose members compete in non-scholarship football. The Pioneer League is the only one that is a football-only conference. In June, the Bears' program was officially accepted into the PFL for membership.

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think the football program is going to be great for the University because it's going to bring people on campus. Anytime you get the chance to bring new people on campus, I think it's a win-win for us. Out of all the people we could have chosen to re-start our program, I think we have the right guy in Bobby Lamb. I have really been impressed with him, and it's exciting to be a part of it from the internal point of view and as a Mercer alum. I think it is great for our Mercer name to get out across the Southeast, and it's just going help the University tremendously as a whole."

— CRAIG GIBSON '86, Mercer baseball head coach

'm really looking forward to seeing what Mercer has to offer the community with its football program. It will be interesting and exciting to see this program get off the ground, especially with a well-respected head coach like Bobby Lamb."

- DANIEL SHIRLEY, sports editor, The Telegraph

The PFL's current members include Butler University and Valparaiso University (Indiana); Campbell University and Davidson College (North Carolina); the University of Dayton (Ohio); Drake University (Iowa); Jacksonville University (Florida); Marist College (New York); Morehead State University (Kentucky); and the University of San Diego (California). Stetson University in Florida, which also will resume competition in football in 2013, was admitted to the league at the same time as Mercer.

"This kind of college football will enhance our academic reputation by aligning us with other outstanding universities that compete in Division I non-scholarship football and by making Mercer even more competitive in attracting the most sought-after students," President William D. Underwood told a packed press conference audience in the University Center. "By attracting and retaining outstanding students, by aligning

the University with other leading colleges and universities, and by raising the visibility of the University through the exposure that a football program brings, the sport will play a role in achieving Mercer's aspiration of being more widely recognized among the ranks of America's finest private institutions."

With a program and a league, Mercer also needed the right head coach for the job. On Jan. 20, the University got its man when President Underwood introduced former Furman University head coach and Georgia native Bobby Lamb to guide the Bears (see sidebar on page 17).

"Bobby Lamb embodies the goals and direction we set for the reinstatement of football at Mercer University," President Underwood said. "His track record in recruiting and coaching young men who are serious student-athletes is well estab-

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Official Football Program

Mercer University

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was very excited to hear of football returning to Mercer. I think it's something the local community as well as alumni from around the state will support and come back to campus to see games and see the school and how things have grown here. I will be very excited to bring my family out to Mercer football games to have something to point to and say 'hey, that's my school, that's my team.' A lot of us have split loyalties when cheering for football here in the South, but for our school to have a football team we can support is very exciting."

- CAL GARRETSON '99, owner of Caliente's restaurant

think football is going to be good for the student body because we aren't going to have to travel to Atlanta or Athens anymore to watch a college football game. We are going to have something right here on campus. I think it's also going to be good for Macon – people can come and see what Mercer has to offer. We already added lacrosse, and the more sports we get, I think the more support we are going to get." - DAVID RANDALL, junior, marketing/management major, Lawrenceville

lished. He brings the kind of integrity and character that will mold young men into leaders."

"In searching for a head coach to re-establish the football program at Mercer, we looked for traits such as strong leadership, strong character and the ability to understand the goals and objectives for the program set forth by President Underwood and the Board of Trustees," Director of Athletics Jim Cole added. "Bobby Lamb quickly rose to the top of our search list. His on-the-field success is just icing on the cake compared to what he brings to the table as a person. He is a 'winner' by every criterion.'

Since assuming duties as Mercer's head coach, Lamb has seized every opportunity to spread the word about Mercer football via such avenues as speaking engagements, media interviews and summer football camps. He has been equally

> aggressive in attacking all the nuances that come along with starting a football program from scratch.

> While Lamb's "to-do" list probably grows larger each day ("I have the responsibility of planning for everything from tackling dummies to shoe laces," Lamb quipped.), the one thing he can scratch off his list is the helmet design for the Mercer team when it takes the field. That task was actually turned into a fan poll at the Athletic Department's "BIG Bear Event" awards night/ fundraiser, with the winning entry —

a black helmet — announced at the end of the evening.

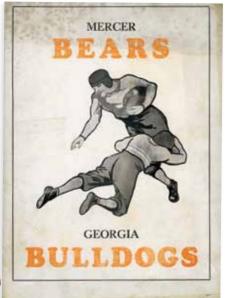
Lamb also announced his top two assistant coaches — Carroll McCray (assistant head coach/offensive line coach) and Jeff Farrington (defensive coordinator) — as the Bears' program looks to sign its first recruiting class in February 2012. The duo has not only previously worked with Lamb, but has a cumulative total of 53 years of experience coaching on the college level.

Although Mercer has not competed in football since 1941, the University at one time had a rich football tradition. The first intercollegiate football game in the state — and one of the first in the Southeast — pitted Mercer against the University of Georgia in January 1892. Georgia Tech's first football game was against Mercer in November 1892, a 12-6 victory for the Bears. Mercer's last football game was against Chattanooga.

"As a former Mercer student-athlete, I know the benefits of competing in intercollegiate athletics at a University like this," said Diane Owens, current chair of the Board of Trustees. "There are many outstanding young men around the state and the Southeast who want a rigorous, liberal arts-based education, but who also want to continue to compete in football. Like other former Mercer student-athletes, many of Mercer's future football players will go on to become leaders in their communities and their professions. I am very excited about the return of football to my alma mater."

Many exciting things are still to come for the Bears' program as 2013 approaches, including schedule announcements, uniform design and facilities, to name a few. Check www.MercerBears.com for all the latest information







Hired to Lead Mercer's Return to the Gridiron

orn in Augusta and raised in Commerce, Bobby Lamb joined the Mercer coaching ranks after nine successful seasons as head coach at Furman University and a 29-year overall relationship with the Paladins' football program as a player, assistant coach and head coach. He became the 19th head coach in Bears' football history.

Lamb's Furman teams posted outstanding academic credentials. In the seven seasons since the NCAA instituted the Academic Progress Rate (APR) monitoring system — which tracks eligibility, retention and graduation — Furman's program produced the highest APR scores among Southern Conference schools. Likewise, Furman football had the SoCon's top results on the NCAA's Graduation Success Rate (GSR) with a score of 97 percent in 2009-10.

During his tenure guiding Furman's program, Lamb had a 67-40 record (.626) as its head coach. He led the Paladins to winning records in eight of his nine seasons and made four trips to

the NCAA I-AA (now Football Championship Series) playoffs, reaching the guarterfinals in 2004 and the semifinals in 2005. His 2004 squad won the SoCon championship and Lamb was tabbed as the Conference's Coach of the Year. He also produced three runner-up, two third-place and two fourth-place SoCon finishes during his tenure. Lamb's Paladins achieved national rankings of No. 5 in 2004 and very similar expectations. No. 3 in 2005.

Including his 16 seasons as an assistant coach — where he spent the majority of his time as the passing game coordinator and working with quarterbacks — Lamb-coached teams at Furman compiled a composite record of 193-105-3 (.646) in 25 seasons. When you factor in Lamb's four seasons as a quarterback for the Paladins from 1982 to 1985, when Furman was 39-10-1, that aggregate won-loss record the reinstatement of football at Mercer. I look forward to leading Mercer jumps to .667. In 29 seasons on the collegiate gridiron, Lamb has only been involved with three sub-.500 campaigns.

championship teams and three NCAA I-AA playoff berths. As a senior, he was the SoCon Player of the Year, the NCAA I-AA passing efficiency national leader and led the Paladins to an NCAA I-AA national runnerup finish. He is a member of Furman's Athletics Hall of Fame.



Bobby Lamb, left, and Mercer Athletic Director Jim Cole hold an early prototype of the Mercer helmet at the Jan. 20 press conference announcing Lamb's appointment

"I have been very impressed with President Underwood and Athletic Director Jim Cole and the vision and leadership they are providing at Mercer," Lamb said of his decision to come to the Macon institution. "One of the qualities that most attracted me to Mercer was its emphasis on the true student-athlete. I have spent the past 29 years at an institution with

'Sometimes the term 'student-athlete' is used nonchalantly. People forget that it is 'student' first and 'athlete' second. I have always stressed the importance of academics before athletics as a player, coach, and father. I believe my philosophy for building strong men who will become leaders in their communities will be a perfect fit with Mercer.

"God has provided this tremendous opportunity for me to assist in football to the top."

Lamb is a 1982 graduate of Commerce High School and went on As a player at Furman, Lamb was a part of three SoCon to earn his B.A. in health and exercise science from Furman in 1987. He also earned his M.Ed. degree from Furman in health and exercise

> Lamb, who was born on Christmas Eve in 1962, is married to Allyson Acker. The couple has two children: a daughter, Sallie, and a son, Taylor.



Student Inspiration: The Fate of the City

"The key to economic growth lies not just in the ability to attract the creative class, but to translate that underlying advantage into creative economic outcomes in the form of new ideas, new high-tech businesses and regional growth," noted Richard Florida in his 2002 book, The Rise of The Creative Class: And How It's Transforming Work, Leisure, Community and Everyday Life. In fall 2006, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation funded travel for a group of Mercer seniors — Kimberly Humphries, Veronica Mc-Clendon, Alex Morrison and Matt Wetherington — to meet Richard Florida in Washington, D.C., and learn how they could help spur economic development in Macon. These students, who were enrolled in Dr. Peter Brown's senior capstone class, "The Fate of the City," learned that a baseline indicator of a region's overall standing in the creative economy is based on four equally weighted factors. Those factors are the creative class share of the workforce, high-tech industry, innovation and diversity. Members of the "Creative Class" are scientists, engineers, architects, educators, writers, artists and entertainers.

An incubator for attracting and retaining the Creative Class who influence future economic growth, the College Hill Corridor concept was formed in spring 2007 out of these students' inspiration to unite Mercer University, downtown Macon and the neighborhoods connecting the two entities. The College Hill Corridor is a twosquare-mile area between Mercer and Macon's downtown business district, and is comprised of several historic city neighborhoods. Originally formed as a Commission appointed jointly by the mayor and Mercer President William D. Underwood, this group of volunteers now serves as advisers to the College Hill Alliance. The College Hill initiative is funded by a \$5 million grant from Knight Foundation — \$2 million awarded to Mercer to create the College Hill Alliance and \$3 million to the Community Foundation of Central Georgia to be administered to residents who develop projects that improve the Corridor. College Hill Alliance staff are responsible for implementation of the Master Plan — drafted in 2008-09 with community input and funded by another Knight grant — that fosters neighborhood revitalization, improves public spaces and infrastructure for multimodal transportation and is a catalyst for commercial

and residential development that strengthens the character of the College Hill Corridor.

College Hill Corridor: Catalyst for Mercer Village

In spring 2008, more than 100 Mercer students, faculty and staff joined President Underwood and city officials to celebrate the opening of Ingleside Village Pizza on Montpelier Avenue, adjacent to Mercer's Macon campus. One of the early student visionaries for the Corridor, Matt Wetherington, told the crowd, "This is a great first step in bringing students off campus and really seeing what we have to offer as a Mercer-Macon community." Excitement and anticipation circled the crowd, as a physical marker breathed life in the process of linking Mercer students to Macon's downtown began.

A second business, Jittery Joe's Coffee, opened next door. The coffee shop's owners Kim Collins, who attended Mercer Law School, and her husband Ben, received a warm welcome by students and the community. Collins commented on the developing college-friendly commercial district, saying "It's a great little neigh-

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE Committee in August authorized the University to proceed with Phase II of the Lofts at Mercer Village, which, like Phase I, will be a partnership between Mercer and Macon-based Sierra Development Corp.

The second phase will feature housing for up to 87 students, as well commercial space for three retailers. Construction is expected to begin early fall and be complete by fall 2012.

on Coleman Avenue that have served as rental properties or University offices will be moved a few blocks away to the Beall's Hill neighborhood. Removal of the structures will make room for additional parking to service the residents, customers and employees of the Lofts at Mercer Village. The houses will be restored by the Historic Macon Foundation and sold as single-family homes.







Modern day living at the Lofts at Mercer Village is a joy for many Mercer students, with such amenities in the apartments as fully equipped designer kitchens with granite countertops, environmentally friendly cork flooring, all utilities with Wi-Fi and cable, housekeeping services and all bedroom suites with private bathrooms.





borhood with great potential, and we appreciate what the College Hill Corridor Commission is doing to help it grow." The vision to repurpose an existing underutilized historic neighborhood commercial center into a set of college-friendly businesses blossomed, and the beginnings of Mercer Village gained traction.

Mercer Village then welcomed Francar's Buffalo Wings. Carl Fambro, a Mercer graduate and retired U.S. Army officer, had been operating his business for 15 years on Macon's west side before deciding to relocate to Mercer Village. Awaiting the move in early 2009, he said, "I enjoyed my time at Mercer, and I've always enjoyed my interactions with students. I'm really looking forward to being a part of Mercer student and alumni events. I'm hoping our business becomes an extension of the University."

By spring 2011, the once vacant commercial space tucked between Montpelier Avenue and Coleman Avenue reached capacity. Rodeo Beach Outfitters completed the existing retail space by catering to the weekend warrior, casual camper, fitness junkie and outdoor enthusiast. In the storefront previously occupied by The Bike Store, Rodeo Beach continues to carry bikes, bike parts and accessories, and cycling clothing.

"Mercer Village has become a point of destination and the Corridor's anchor commercial area," said Pat Madison, executive director of the College Hill Alliance. Mercer Village serves not only a physical, but a cultural and social path to connect Mercer and downtown Macon.

Lofts at Mercer Village: Fostering Community

From an underutilized and deteriorating commercial space, Mercer Village was born into a vibrant invitation for interaction with likeminded creatives. A place to relax, shop and converse over a cup of coffee. Not only a place to visit, Mercer Village now is a place to live, with the August grand opening of its newly constructed Lofts at Mercer Village.

Expanding retail space at Mercer Village by 13,750 square feet and adding 117 student residents, the Lofts at Mercer Village is the new that meets the old in a momentous cycle of creating and supporting community in the College Hill Corridor.

"The Lofts at Mercer Village," Dr. Jim Netherton, Mercer's executive vice president of administration and finance, noted "is part of the University's 10-year strategic plan." The construction of the Lofts at Mercer Village is a significant step in continuing to create a vibrant neighborhood adjacent to Mercer's campus.

"Vibrant neighborhoods attract students, allowing Mercer to accept more competitive students," added Dr. Netherton. Increased student populations, however, demand more housing. The Lofts at Mercer Village is Mercer's newest housing option and one answer to keeping students close to campus.

"Studies show that universities where students live on campus have higher retention and graduation rates," explained Dr. Netherton.

Jim Daws, president of Macon-based Sierra Development, worked with Mercer's vision for increased residential housing adjacent to campus, and brought plans to reality with the Lofts at Mercer Village.

"Mercer's administration is forward-thinking, and it's been a pleasure working with their professional team," Daws said.

A trendy urban interior with brick exterior reflecting the traditional architectural elements of the Mercer campus, the Lofts at Mercer Village offers students year-round housing in fully

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\$1 Million GDOT Grant

to Fund Tattnall Square Park, College Street Improvements

COLLEGE HILL CORRIDOR will benefit from a \$1 million Georgia Department of Transportation grant designated for improvements to Tattnall Square Park along College Street. The announcement was made June 3 at a news conference led by Macon Mayor Robert Reichert, Georgia DOT board member and Mercer Athletic Director Jim Cole and College Hill Alliance Executive Director Patrick Madison. The funds are part of the Transportation Enhancement Grant Program, which supports projects that make cities more pedestrian and bike-friendly, beautify landscapes and restore historical sites.

"One project that I had known about for a long time. even before I went on the (GDOT) board, was the efforts of College Hill Corridor and its partners to connect Mercer to downtown and truly make it a pedestrian, biker, student-friendly area, not only for Alexander II but also for Mercer students," said Cole, who is the 8th Congressional District representative on the State Transportation Board. "Tattnall Square Park is such a great asset and we're really looking forward ... to taking it to the next level.

The renovations to Tattnall Square Park will focus on College Street from Oglethorpe Street to Coleman Avenue and will include streetscape enhancements and three elevated crosswalks. Parallel parking along both sides of the street, as well as a bike lane and new sidewalk along the park, will also be added. These improvements will facilitate traffic flow and parking for Alexander II Magnet School, located across from Tattnall Square Park on College Street.

"This is going to truly be an enhancement for Alexander Il and for the children who cross the street daily," said Mayor Reichert, "It will enhance the utilization of the park, and it will certainly improve the streets, gates and the connection between Mercer. The Medical Center and downtown Macon, which is what we're all about."

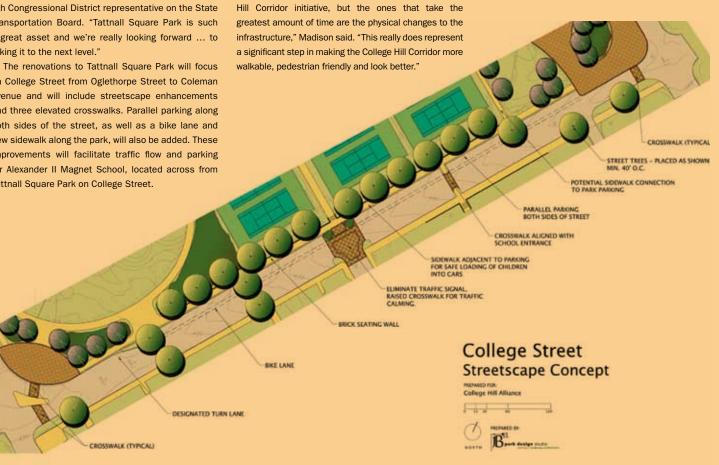
The project is supported by the College Hill Corridor Master Plan, which guides the efforts of the College Hill Alliance and was crafted with community input. Improvements funded by the grant will facilitate the first step in the restoration of the park as a centerpiece for leisure and recreation, which is a priority of the Master Plan. By improving road conditions for pedestrians and cyclists, the project also fulfills recommendations made by the plan that aim to create a vibrant streetscape in the Corridor

"We've had so many successes with the College

The estimated total cost for the Tattnall Square Park improvements along College Street is \$1.375 million. The Transportation Enhancement Grant awarded to the City of Macon will cover \$1 million of the project's costs and Mercer has pledged to raise the matching funds.

"I am deeply grateful to Jim Cole and the Georgia Department of Transportation for funding this project that is so important to the City of Macon, the College Hill Corridor, Alexander II Magnet School and Mercer University," said President William D. Underwood. "It is another significant and positive step toward implementing the College Hill Corridor master plan."

To view and download a concept drawing of the Tattnall Square Park and College Street improvements, visit bit.ly/tspconceptmap.



furnished suites with private bathrooms, private laundry, and full kitchens with high-end finishes such as granite countertops and environmentally friendly cork floors. A lobby area with lounge areas, two private study rooms, and a common-use eating area invite residents to gather in conversation and study in groups. Key-card access and security cameras around the building's perimeter, at elevators, and in the lobby ensure safety of Loft residents.

"We regularly receive calls from people wanting to live in the Corridor," Madison said. This demand is most evident with the fully occupied three floors of three- and four-bedroom loft-style apartments across the street from Madison's College Hill Alliance office in Mercer Village.

The proximity to Mercer's campus, with the convenience of shops and restaurants, makes the Lofts a desirable choice for students seeking off-campus freedoms.

"Students are most impressed with having their own private bathroom — something they don't get in traditional on-campus housing," said Eric Martinez, property supervisor at the Lofts. "Students are drawn to the Lofts, however, because they can be close to their friends

on campus, plus have the freedoms associated with living on their own in an area with retail and restaurant conveniences," added Daws.

Loft Retail

The Lofts has created a vibrant streetscape, enhancing the retail development at Mercer Village. Of the 13,750 square feet of retail space, approximately half is occupied by Mercer's Bookstore operated by Barnes & Noble. Serving the needs of Mercer students with textbooks, the bookstore also attracts a cross-section of the Mercer and Macon communities with its availability of new best-seller and classic titles. In addition to books, visitors will find a large selection of merchandise bearing the Mercer name or logo.

"There is a tremendous pride for our school
— not just on campus, but all over Macon.
Our new merchandise will help more people show their Mercer pride," said Bill Green, bookstore manager.

The Lofts also brought three additional retailers to Mercer Village: Fountain of Juice, Margarita's Mexican Grill and Designer Tan.

Serving Paninis, salads and smoothies in their European market setting, Fountain of Juice is locally owned by Natasha and Carl Phillips. They plan to further connect the College Hill Corridor to downtown Macon by offering food delivery to downtown employers.

"We received immediate interest in retail space at the Lofts," Daws said. "This allowed us to choose retailers who would create the best mix for the vision of a vibrant place to live and hang out," he added. With Phase II of Lofts at Mercer Village on its way, Daws is looking to further diversify Mercer Village's retail mix. A hair salon, dry cleaner and trendy clothing stores reflecting college-student preferences are being discussed. "The retailers, including those already established in Mercer Village, will be able to feed off each other's success and create a destination area on Macon's map."

Where historic foundations meet new beginnings, the College Hill Corridor stands as a model of urban community. Today, Mercer Village is the "college town cool" with locally owned and unique businesses that invite both students and neighborhood residents to eat, shop, relax and interact. Students residing at the Lofts at Mercer Village have the fortune to be part of the developing storyline whose modest beginnings started in the classrooms at Mercer University.



A FRESH DINING EXPERIENCE

UNIQUELY MERCER

DISPLAY COOKING • DIVERSE MENU • REDUCED WASTE • SUSTAINABILITY

BY JENNIFER BUCHOLTZ

ith rich dark woods and pops of orange, The Fresh Food Company's green initiatives recently received a new look uniquely Mercer. The \$1.5 million renovation increased the market-style restaurant's seating by 125, with total capacity close to 500, in a space that carries a Mercer theme.

Partners since 1989, Mercer worked with ARAMARK in 2003 to introduce a dining facility in the Connell Student Center that employed the highest quality service based on the concept of display cooking. Mercer was the seventh school in the country to adopt this dining style, allowing students more control over what they consume by providing fresher meals made to order.

"Our priority is to provide students with diverse menu options that match their diverse tastes, and in an environment that is familiar and inviting," explained Aaron Probst, food service director with ARAMARK.

Organized by central cooking areas with cooks taking orders and serving meals prepared from fresh ingredients on display, The Fresh Food Company strives to use local vendors for foods and operates the facility with a focus on sustainability.

When The Fresh Food Company was renovated this summer, using sustainable elements such as bamboo and recycled glass was par for the course. "To minimize our impact on the environment, materials replaced during the renovation program were recycled, and environmentally friendly products were selected where possible," noted Ken Boyer, Mercer's director of auxiliary services.

In this renewed space, materials such as table bases were reused, recycled or repur-



posed elsewhere. Internal space was reorganized, such as the dining and catering offices, and other space reallocated to open room for additional seating. The dining entrance, for example, is where the Quadworks office previously was located. Today, the Macon campus main dining facility carries Mercer's face in more ways than one. Diners converse with each other in a space immediately recognizable as Mercer, with furnishings carrying the school's colors and logos. Neutral wall colors and new tile flooring complement the clean sleek space. Artwork created by Mercer students adorns the walls.

Good looks, however, aren't everything to the Macon campus main dining facility. Mercer's face is grounded in green business operations and sustainability, proving that there is more than meets the eye. Napkins and paper towels are made of recycled content; potato starch is the base of disposable forks, spoons and knives; and Styrofoam to-go cups have been completely replaced with biodegradable paper cups.

Two additional initiatives that group Mercer with model universities for economically and environmentally sustainable dining operations are trayless dining and the use of reusable togo containers. The current goal is to become permanently trayless with trays available only upon request in order to reduce food waste by as much as 50 percent, increase energy savings from decreased dishwasher use, and significantly reduce water and chemical use from washing trays.

Growing enrollments necessitated renovations to The Fresh Food Company, and the result is a progressive dining facility that is identifiably Mercer.

Photos of the Fresh Food Company can be viewed at www.mercer.edu/freshfood.

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McDUFFIE STRINGS EXTRAVAGANZA

obert Spano, renowned conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, visited Mercer's Robert McDuffie Center for Strings for a weeklong residency to conduct orchestral rehearsals and master classes in April.

The week culminated in a concert on April 16, featuring the Center for Strings Orchestra performing with Macon natives Robert McDuffie and Mike Mills of R.E.M., conducted by Spano. The concert was held at The Grand Opera House in downtown Macon and was immediately followed by a tented gala reception under the marquee.

Spano is recognized as one of the brightest conductors of his generation. Now in his 10th season as music director of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, he and the orchestra have created a discography of 16 critically acclaimed recordings for Telarc and Deutsche Grammophon, garnering six Grammy® Awards.

"I am thrilled to be able to join
Bobby McDuffie and all the other
talented people with this magnificent
new enterprise," Spano said. "The
establishment of the Robert McDuffie
Center for Strings makes it a welcome one-of-a-

In only four years, the Robert McDuffie Center for Strings of the Townsend School of Music has leapt onto the international music scene as an innovator in classical music education. As-

kind in the Southeast, even in the country."



More than 800 community members and supporters of the Center for Strings attended the concert and gala.

sembling an unparalleled faculty of international performing artists to teach 26 carefully chosen young string players, the Center operates in a conservatory setting while offering a liberal arts education. Each academic year, the Center accepts up to 10 exceptionally talented string



(Above left) Mike Mills of R.E.M. performs his composition, "Nightswimming," with Robert McDuffie and Center students. (Above right) Mike Mills, Macon native and member of R.E.M., performed and emceed the event.

BRINGS DOWN THE HOUSE

students from around the world. Total enrollment is limited to 12 violinists, six violists, six cellists and two double bassists. In the last academic year, the Center's students hailed from Korea, Canada, Greece and nine states.

"It is rare that students have an opportunity to work closely with an orchestral conductor of such merit this early in their careers," said McDuffie, founder of the McDuffie Center for Strings and the Mansfield and Genelle Jennings Chair of Music at Mercer. "The potential musical and career impact for these students to work with Maestro Spano is tremendous. The Center hopes to further solidify our standing as a great musical institute for learning and performance with many more residency and performance events like this one."

Mills is a childhood friend of McDuffie's, as well as the bass player and a founder of R.E.M. Though known primarily as R.E.M.'s bassist and pianist, Mills' repertoire includes many other keyboard, string, wind and percussion instruments. He has also collaborated with numerous musicians on various projects. Mills and his R.E.M. band mates were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2007 and into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in 2006. R.E.M. released its 15th album this year, "Collapse Into Now."

"My hometown of Macon has long been known for exporting great musicians to the world," McDuffie said. "Today, I'm proud to say that many of the world's most promising young musicians are moving to Macon to realize their potential. Many thanks to Mercer University, especially President William D. Underwood and Dean John Dickson for their unwavering support of our vision to provide a 'real-world' education to talented young musicians. A huge thank-you to Robert Spano and Mike Mills, two of the



Robert McDuffie thanks Maestro Spano and Mike Mills for their support of the Center for Strings.

world's greatest musicians, for agreeing to share their talent and enthusiasm with us as we celebrate music, a unique approach to arts education and the never ending curiosity of our students."

Photos from the event can be viewed at *gallery.mercer.edu/music.*



(Above left) Maestro Robert Spano, internationally renowned conductor and music director of the Atlanta Symphony, visits for a weeklong residency to teach and perform with students. (Above right) Center for Strings students and faculty perform with Maestro Spano.

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Mercer Distinguished Alumnus

Nathan Deal

Inaugurated as

Georgia's 82nd Governor

Mercer Distinguished Alumnus and former trustee Nathan Deal was inaugurated as Georgia's 82nd governor on Jan. 10 at the State Capitol in Atlanta. He becomes the 12th Mercer alumnus to serve as governor of a U.S. state or territory.

In addition to Gov. Deal, six other
Mercerians have led the State of Georgia —
Ellis Arnall, Allen Daniel Candler, Lamartine
G. Hardman, Thomas W. Hardwick, Henry
Dickerson McDaniel and William Jonathan
Northen. Five others have served as governors
of the states of Alabama (William Dorsey Jelks
and Chauncey Sparks), Texas (Richard Bennet
Hubbard), New Hampshire (Meldrim Thomson
Jr.) and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
(Blanton Winship).

Mercer students and alumni were originally scheduled to play a role in the inaugural festivities, but a winter storm led to the cancellation of all public events, including a morning prayer service where the Mercer University Orchestra was scheduled to perform. Members of Mercer's Student Government Association, Mercer Ambassadors and other students were to serve as ushers at an outdoor swearing-in ceremony

at the Georgia Capitol. And current and former members of Gov. Deal's fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, were lined up to help out at the prayer service and at the Inaugural Celebration Ball at Phillips Arena in downtown Atlanta.

About 20 students from the Townsend School of Music's McDuffie Center for Strings did perform during a private reception at the Governor's Mansion on Sunday morning, before the winter storm moved into the area. The McDuffie Center students also performed at a special worship service on Jan. 16 at the governor's home church, First Baptist of Gainesville, that was a make-up for the inauguration prayer service. The governor hosted a reception for current and former ATO members at the Governor's Mansion on April 16.

Gov. Deal earned his undergraduate degree from Mercer in 1964 and graduated from Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law in 1966. As an undergraduate, he served as student body president. He would later serve a term on the Mercer Board of Trustees and was named a Distinguished Alumnus by the University.

Following law school, he served two years in the U.S. Army, where he rose to the rank of captain. Upon leaving the Army, Gov. Deal moved to Gainesville to begin an extensive career in the public legal system and private law practice.

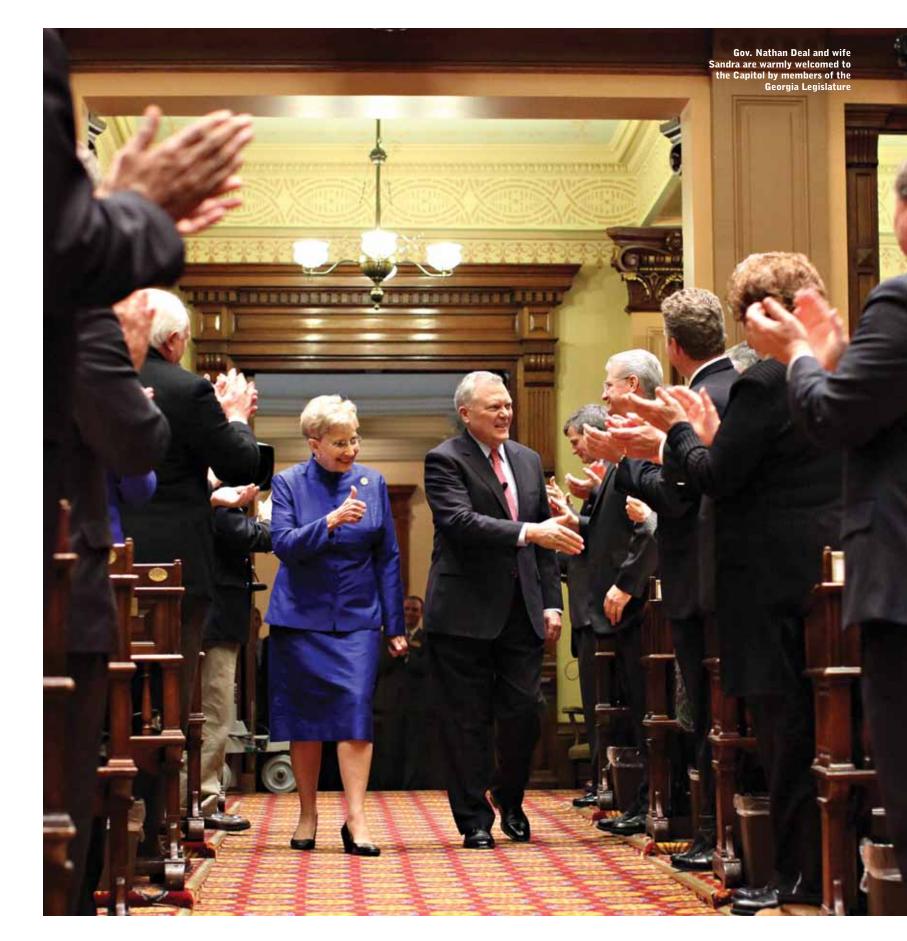
Gov. Deal served Georgians as a U.S. Representative to Congress from 1992 until 2010, when he resigned to concentrate full-time on his gubernatorial campaign. His last vote as a U.S. Representative came just before midnight on March 21. The next morning he gave his first speech as a full-time candidate to an audience of students, faculty and staff on Mercer's Macon campus.

Before being elected to Congress, Gov. Deal served as a Georgia state senator, including president pro-tempore, the body's highest-ranking senator; as a Hall County Juvenile Court judge; and as assistant district attorney of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia.

The governor was raised in the Middle Georgia community of Sandersville, the son of two schoolteachers. In addition, Gov. Deal's wife, Sandra, is a retired public school educator who remains involved in education issues today. They are parents of four children and six grandchildren, and are members of First Baptist Church, Gainesville, where he has served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

"Since its founding in 1833, generations of young men and women have left Mercer to become leaders of great deeds and influence, including 12 governors, four United States senators, and an attorney general of the United States. Governor Nathan Deal stands in this great tradition," said Mercer President William D. Underwood. "We are proud of his record of public service over the past several decades, and look forward to working with him in his role as governor of the state of Georgia."





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Mercerians Blend Talents to

Brew Business

Steeped in Family Tradition BY JENNIFER BUCHOLTZ

"I stood anxiously awaiting their arrival, and as the warehouse doors opened, I experienced what it feels like to discover treasures of the lost ark," remarked Jaron Bergeron (BUS '10, MBA '12) as he recounted the moment he and Victor Dias (ENG '13) found themselves in Savannah's customs warehouse, claiming ownership of 5,000 pounds of coffee beans shipped from the Dias family farm in Brazil.

More than 4,000 miles from the Papa Dukes farm in Aguas da Prata, Brazil, Dias brewed an American partnership seeded on the Mercer tennis courts. Attention to paces

and spins of tennis balls on the court shifted to blends and roasts of coffee beans off the court less than two years after Bergeron and Dias first met as members of the Mercer men's tennis team.

The prime coffee bean depends on its environmental conditions: altitude, soil and climate. Similar

to the harvest of a farm, success of a business depends on its characters. Dias's curiosity and enjoyment in discovering how things work, coupled with Bergeron's self-starting desire to capitalize opportunity, cultivated a fruitful



Papa Dukes Coffee owners and Mercerians Jaron Bergeron and Victor Dias deliver premium coffee beans "straight from the farm."

Coffee, a small distribution company based in Macon, was founded. When asked what gave them the idea to start Papa Dukes Coffee, Dias explained, "These coffee beans are supplied around the world to big-name corporate producers who add it to their blends. However, it has never been

supplied at the household level in its original state. So, we had the idea of providing households with some of the best coffee I've ever experienced, and in its purest form straight from the farm."







From plants grown on family-owned Brazilian hillsides, Papa Dukes Coffee's 100 percent Arabica beans are processed, bagged and shipped for retail in Macon.

Bergeron and Dias, however, looked no farther than the Dias family farm situated at one of the highest points on the Mantiqueira Mountains in tropical Brazil. Quality of product and responsibility to community are traits that thread Dias's and Bergeron's small coffee distribution business. Harvesting Papa Dukes Coffee starts with hand-stripping trees of their beans. After coffee beans, in their juicy raw green form, fall from plucking onto crisp white sheets, they are cleaned and transported onto large patios for drying under the warm Brazilian sun. Packaged in bulk and shipped to the Atlantic shores of Savannah, Papa Dukes Coffee is composed of 100 percent prime Arabica beans roasted and packaged in Macon for retail. The care in which Papa Dukes coffee beans are handled is unique, and the bean quality is considered exceptional.

100 percent prime Arabica beans.

Even more impressive than the quality of coffee beans is the stewardship both the Dias family farm and Papa Dukes Coffee show their community. The Dias family farm has, over the years, donated land for their town cemetery, middle school, and most importantly, the main tourist site of the town that stretches 100 acres around spring water fountains and surrounding forests.

"The farm has been in our family for more than 150 years, being passed along from father to son. My grandfather passed the farm to my father who is active in the farm's cultivation and production of coffee beans," Dias said. "Papa Dukes Coffee is my first step into the industry, where I am fortunate to learn the ropes alongside my dad. I have always known that I would become part of the farm some day, and

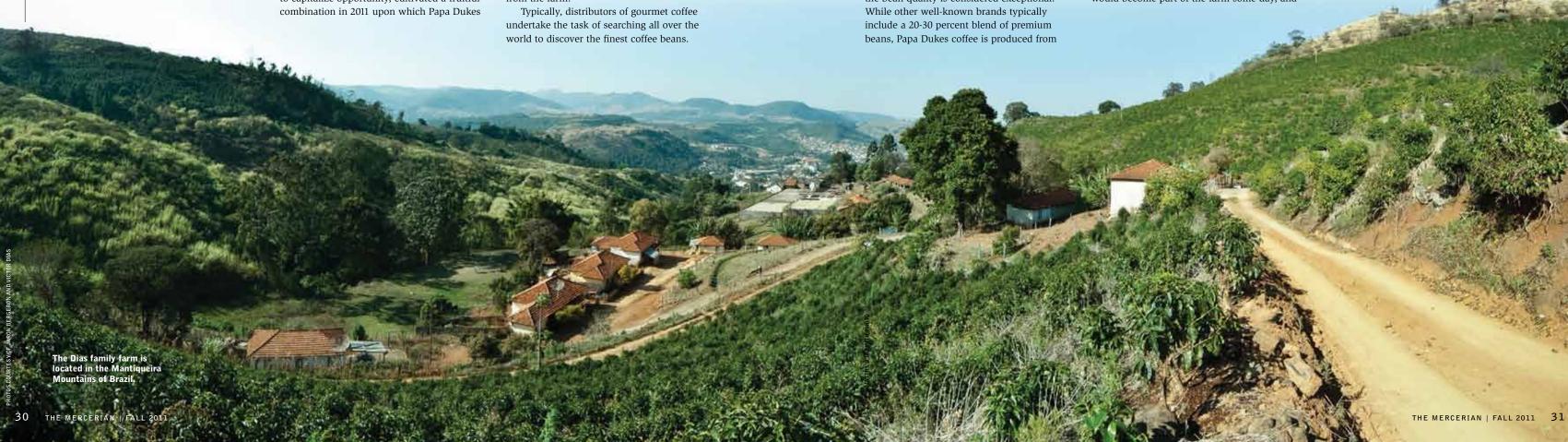
I'm anxious to start sooner than later."

Locally, Papa Dukes Coffee intends to develop an educational facility where community members can experience the process in which Papa Dukes coffee is produced.

"One of our long-range goals is to cultivate a relationship where our customers know the farmer; where they are educated on the origin and preparation of their coffee beans," Bergeron said.

Realizing the value of engaged learning, Bergeron also looks forward to offering Mercer students structured real-world experiences through internships at Papa Dukes Coffee.

Leaders on campus, in their professions, and in their communities, Bergeron and Dias embody what it means to "Be the Bear."





CHANGE IN MAJOR LEADS TO

PERFECT-FIT CAREER

BY LAURA RAINES

nly three years into her career at Chick-fil-A,
Mercer technical communication graduate Sara
Fruscione Hyde, a member of the media and technology team in the learning and development department, leads a national training project for the Georgia-based company whose ads with the cows have become ubiquitous.

"I love the autonomy and freedom of this job," said Hyde ENG '08. "To be so green in the workforce and to see my work already making a contribution is amazing. I feel very fortunate."

Hyde credits her experiences at Mercer with preparing her for the working world. Like many high school students, she had no idea what she wanted to study in college, but she had earned general and engineering scholarships.

"I was an industrial engineering major for 18 months and I didn't like it," said Hyde. Advisement with then-Dean Dr. Dayne Aldridge introduced her to a lesser-known engineering degree — technical communication.

"I had never heard of it, but the major broke down into three areas: technical writing, graphic and web design, and usability and instructional design. I liked the variety of skills, and learning how to create materials that not only looked cool, but were useful turned out to be a great fit," she said.

A chance conversation at church about her major led to a summer job and then an internship with Chick-fil-A, where she and another intern created a training video for making lemonade. "We had a budget, talked to vendors and hired actors," she said. They made it a wordless video of people doing tasks to eliminate the need to translate it into Spanish, and used a lemon character with the universal 'no' symbol — \emptyset — to demonstrate what not to do.

"The video is still in circulation four years later, which is a long life-cycle for company training. Our materials change all the time with new recipes and federal regulations," Hyde said. "It felt great to be given

the responsibility for a real project."

Chick-fil-A offered her a job as a technical writer after graduation in May 2008, but she soon learned that her interest lay in design and usability functions. "What I love about Chick-fil-A is that they are passionate about you doing something that you are passionate about doing," she said.

Supervisors helped her define a new role to maximize her skills. As leader of the eT-MPD (eTeam Member Development Program), she was charged with creating an online delivery system to combine paper-based and video training materials into a more automated and mobile system for on-the-job training.

Designed for an Apple iPad, Hyde's team rolled out the pilot program with 12 training modules in the summer of 2009. The company asked her to introduce it nationally at its annual seminar in February 2011.

"The short deadline was challenging, but I love being challenged and constantly learning new things. Running with this project and seeing it achieve greater-than-expected success was very fulfilling," Hyde said. Equipped with training materials, tests that are automatically graded and employee progress tracking systems, the touch-screen program saves printing costs, space and training time. Adopted by 85 percent of the company's restaurants, Hyde is adding new materials and features. She finds it fun to travel to different markets to train new users. "I love watching people get excited about something that I helped to build," she said.

She says that her experience giving tours and working in Mercer's Office of Undergraduate Admissions as a student made her comfortable meeting new people and taught her to take initiative. Working on real-world projects in classes taught her how to apply her skills, how to analyze and how to juggle what needed to be done.

"It was a fantastic major. I had no idea where it was going. When you're in college it's hard to see yourself working at a company, but where it led is pretty exciting."

McAFEE UNVEILS

CENTER FOR TEACHING CHURCHES

BY KATHERINE MANSON, CLA '13

he Center for Teaching Churches in the James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology held its inaugural convocation on April 12 on the University's Atlanta Campus, officially launching the Center during a daylong celebration. The Center is funded by a \$1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. to develop a new model for transitioning theology students into congregational ministry.

The Center drew praise from the convocation's keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Fred Craddock, an emeritus professor of preaching and New Testament at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. He complimented the Center and said, from what he saw, the organization would soon be hearing from more churches interested in participating.

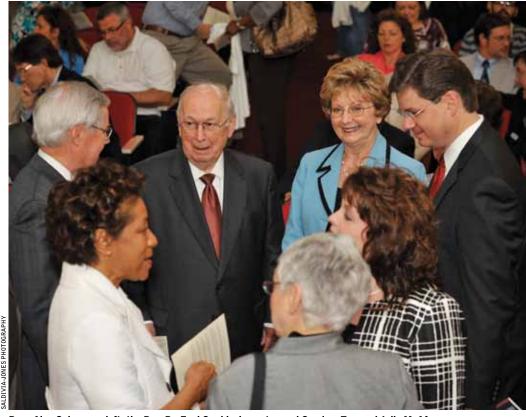
"The lines of communication are clear — the lines of the area of responsibility, the avenues of communication, the components of the Center, the new relationships and new self definitions of churches, seminaries and preachers," Dr. Craddock said. "I'm just extremely pleased about what I hear and what I hope to see."

Dr. Craddock's sermon was the highlight of a day of events unveiling the Center, which included a performance by the Mercer Singers. The Center held lunch for its partner churches around the state and the Southeast, presenting awards to the 28 churches in the program.

"We wanted to make a wide assortment of persons and churches aware of our new work and let them know we wished to have them involved with us," said Dr. Ron Grizzle, the Center's director. "The response at the convocation — and to the Center in general — has been fantastic."

The Center for Teaching Churches began in January 2010 after McAfee received a second Lilly Endowment grant for \$1 million. Lilly Endowment is an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation devoted to the causes of religion, education and community development.

The second grant followed a Lillysponsored pilot program that brought young ministers into churches with a full range of



Dean Alan Culpepper, left, the Rev. Dr. Fred Craddock, center, and Carolyn, Tom and Julie McAfee, right, exchange greetings with some of those in attendance at the first Teaching Churches Convocation.

support to help their transitions into ministry. The first grant was known as the Making Connections Initiative.

"The first grant enabled McAfee to work with almost 30 churches statewide in creating two-year residencies which helped students have two-year ministry experiences," Dr. Grizzle said. "The second grant has helped us create the Center, with the central purpose to help new ministers who graduate from McAfee to negotiate successfully the transition into their first church."

The goal of the Center is to strengthen the preparation of graduates for ministry and help churches effectively integrate new ministers. The Center also trains a minister support committee to serve new ministers, pairs the new minister with a ministry coach and helps graduates

identify a peer group or help form one if one does not exist in their area. Currently, the Center has 15 new ministers involved who serve in 14 Georgia and North Carolina churches.

"The current transition into ministry is offered to every McAfee graduate who goes to serve a congregation," said Dr. James N. "Dock" Hollingsworth Jr., assistant professor of supervised ministry and executive director of the Center. "While the support of the program extends for the first two years of that minister's placement, he or she may be at that first church for many more years. The resources of the Center help the new minister form good habits of support that we hope will extend beyond the first two years of their ministry."

For more information on the Center for Teaching Churches, visit *ctc.mercer.edu*.

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Mercer On Mission Five Years Later

Transformational Experiences for Students

n just five years, Mercer On Mission has grown from three sites and 45 students and faculty in the summer of 2007 to 11 sites and 157 students and faculty in 2011. The goal of the program has been to change the lives of students while creating a signature program for the University. By all accounts, it has done both.

Dr. Craig McMahan, University minister and dean of the chapel, has directed the program since its inception and has seen it grow exponentially over the past five years. He himself has logged tens of thousands of miles scouting sites around the world and helping on various trips each year. The experience has been amazing, he said.



"Two things inspire me: first, this program continues to shape students' lives and the futures they move into after this transformative experience, and, second, we are really becoming credible on the international level," Dr. McMahan said. "When the earthquake struck Haiti, the United Nations called us about our Mercer On Mission prosthetics project that has been so successful in Vietnam."

Faculty have embraced the program and created meaningful service projects that help Mercer students make a direct impact on lives in the countries they visit. Many of the projects also are helping villages and communities become more independent — from the design and installation of water pumps that can be maintained by local residents, to the simple-but-effective, low-cost prosthetics that have



helped more than 100 people to walk out of Mercer clinics in Vietnam and Haiti.

Students who are just returning from these experiences also report a change in their perspective. In Mozambique, students have spent two summers working on ways to reduce the amount of contamination and mercury poisoning in artisanal gold mining operations. The service projects, and the data collected, build on themselves, with the goal of enabling the miners to help themselves. The projects help students understand that tackling these issues is hard but rewarding work.

"The trip made me realize that there are more ways to help than the ideas that you traditionally see — like building wells and starting medical clinics in impoverished areas," said Kasie Knapper, a rising junior chemistry and psychology major from Fayetteville, Ga. "Though our project had mainly long-term ramifications, it will serve to empower local miners in areas like Manica, Mozambique, and around the world to address and solve the problems that artisanal gold mining brings.

"I am so thankful for the opportunity that I had to participate in the trip," she said. "It was one of the most eye-opening experiences that I have ever had, and it has definitely made me more cognizant of what it really means to be an American."

The impact on the communities they serve in is important to the students, and often it

Through Mercer On Mission in 2011, students and faculty leaders provided relief and assistance in 11 countries across the globe, including medical relief in Cambodia (top left), prosthetics for land mine victims in Vietnam (left), and water testing and engineering in Mozambique (below).





changes the direction of their lives. Ashley Hopkins Guilliot, CLA '08, was among the students who participated in the first trips in 2007, traveling to Guatemala to work with an orphanage. After she graduated, she took a job working in a suicide prevention and crisis center through the AmeriCorps program, eventually becoming a counselor. She is still there, and is now working toward her Master

of Arts in counselor education from San Jose State University.

"Mercer On Mission made me see that I could have all the money in the world, but I would feel empty if I wasn't doing something to help another person and making a difference for someone," Guilliott said. "The trip made me realize that everyone needs to have someone in their corner, cheering them

on. People need to know that there are others who care about them and care about what happens to them. I want to be that person for people.

"I really don't know where I would be if it weren't for Mercer On Mission," she said. "I know I wouldn't be pursuing the degree I am or doing the work at the Crisis Center that I am. And I definitely wouldn't be as happy as I am."

ServiceFirst

Places Alumni Around the World

NOW ENTERING ITS SECOND YEAR, alumni in Mercer's ServiceFirst program are returning from abroad to begin graduate school or new jobs with the benefit of an international service experience.

ServiceFirst is a program of the Institute of Life Purpose designed to give recent Mercer graduates the opportunity to spend a year engaged in meaningful service across the world. ServiceFirst was created in 2009 and sent its first 17 students to destinations such as Beijing, Thailand, Philippines, Liberia and Eastern Europe on various service projects. Approximately 20 graduates from the class of 2011 will participate in ServiceFirst this academic year.

"ServiceFirst gives graduates time for personal reflection prior to going to graduate school by doing something that is worthwhile," said Dr. Scott Walker, director of Mercer's Institute of Life Purpose and founder of ServiceFirst. "To have an experience that is positive, fun and intense prior to the next chapter in life, it gets you ready to take that next major academic step."

Most service projects last nine to 12 months, with service duties varying by destination, Dr. Walker said. In the first year, the majority of ServiceFirst placements taught English to either children or school teachers through established programs. Through the program, the graduates travel, take a break from academics and significantly help others through service.

Ryan Schomburg, BUS '10, served in Thailand and also traveled to Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, Laos and Malaysia while participating in ServiceFirst. "I believe ServiceFirst is an incredible opportunity that allows you to move to a foreign country without having to do all of the legwork yourself in terms of finding a job and finding an apartment," he said.

Schomburg began graduate school in August at the Graduate School of International Studies of Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea, studying

toward a Master of Global Economy and Strategy.
"I probably would not have chosen to go to graduate school in South Korea had I not participated in ServiceFirst." he said.

In addition to teaching English, the program also offers opportunities such as world hunger relief, water purification projects, and teaching theatre, journalism and computer literacy for schools in Liberia.

"I feel that having international experience on your resume will be a new distinction that employers will be looking for in the future, as more and more people in the U.S. obtain a bachelor's degree and the job market becomes more competitive," Schomburg added.

The experience has provided a launching pad for alumni participants in the program's first year. Among the alums accepted into prestigious graduate schools or post-graduate programs are Mark Young, CLA '10, who was accepted into New York University Law School, one of the country's premier law schools, after traveling to China, and Abby Rowswell, CLA '10, who spent almost a full year in China teaching spoken English to Chinese English teachers. She is joining the Peace Corps in September to teach English in Africa.

Rowswell praised the new program for giving her a deeper understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture. "I came here relatively unprepared, with only a year's worth of Chinese language study," she said. "I feel now that I could drop into any country and have fun, meet new people and get by. I've learned to be more trusting of people, and also more self-reliant and observant.

"I've always wanted to travel after finishing college, and if I can combine travel with working, that's even better," Rowswell said. "ServiceFirst could be a good collecting place for different opportunities for students to look into and get involved with the program."

Like Rowswell, Young traveled to China to teach

HOTO COURTESY OF ABBY ROWSWELL

Abby Rowswell '10 (second from right, back row), taught spoken English to Chinese English teachers and is joining the Peace Corps to teach English in Africa.

English. While there, he discovered his passion for teaching and gained international experience at the same time. He was offered a full scholarship to the University of Georgia Law School, but chose NYU in part for the potential impact on a possible teaching career after law school.

"I like to be around people, and I like to help people learn things and that's something I realized while teaching in China," Young said. "The people over there genuinely wanted to learn English and were happy to be there. To give them that opportunity and to help them achieve their goal was a very fulfilling job and it's something I really enjoyed. It inspired me to make an effort to pursue teaching as a law professor after law school.

"I loved ServiceFirst and it was a great experience for me to live overseas for a year, being from a small town, and gain a different perspective of the world outside of South Georgia," he said.

"One of the ways that you find your purpose is by broadening your experiences, your vision, and your sense of what this world is," Dr. Walker said.

For more information on ServiceFirst, visit www.mercer.edu/servicefirst.

Mercer On Mission Summer 2011

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Lives are being transformed through Mercer On Mission — the lives of Mercer students and the lives of those they serve in Africa, Southeast Asia, Latin America and across the globe. Mercer On Mission is a unique blend of study abroad and service-learning that provides life-changing experiences for students through academic instruction, cultural immersion, meaningful service and spiritual reflection.

This map shows the 11 countries that more than 150 students and faculty traveled to this past summer and provides a brief description of the respective courses and service projects.

Dominican Republic, July 7-July 27

Program Highlights: The service project focused on economic development at the "base of the pyramid," the poorest socioeconomic group, estimated to be the 2.5 billion people who live on less than \$2.50 per day.

Faculty Leaders: Dr. Linda Brennan, professor, Stetson School of Business and Economics; Robert Easter, adjunct instructor, Stetson School of Business and Economics

Trinidad, May 11-31 Program Highlights: In addition to their course

Program Highlights: In addition to their course work, students focused on two service projects — community development work in Matura related to reforestation and sea turtle research and development and implementation of a science curriculum at Brasso Seco R.C. School.

Faculty Leaders: Dr. Michael K. Moore, associate professor of biology, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Virginia A. Young, assistant professor of biology, College of Liberal Arts

Liberia, June 4-June 26

Program Highlights: This project focused on elementary students at Ricks Institute, located 15 miles north of Monrovia in the Sub-Saharan Republic of Liberia. Ricks was once the premier private K-12 school in the country, but was virtually destroyed during the nation's civil war from 1989 to 2003.

Faculty Leaders: Dr. Richard Wilson, professor and chair, Roberts Department of Christianity, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Emilie Paille, associate professor, Tift College of Education



Greece, May 28-June 19

Program Highlights: The program's service-learning project involved working with Roma, or Gypsy, children in the village near Hexamilia. Students participated in an ongoing program to assist the Roma sponsored by Children's Ark Roma Education.

Faculty Leaders: Dr. Achim Kopp, professor of Latin and German, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Scott Nash, Columbus Roberts Professor of New Testament, College of Liberal Arts

Armenia, July 21-Aug. 14

Program Highlights: This is the second year that a Mercer On Mission project was designed exclusively for Mercer Service Scholars between their second and third years.

Faculty Leaders: Dr. Mary Ann Drake, professor of interdisciplinary studies, College of Liberal Arts;
Dr. Christopher Grant, associate professor of political science, College of Liberal Arts

Ethiopia, May 30-June 21

Program Highlights: In addition to their coursework, students participated in a service project in the area around Lake Langano in south central Ethiopia, about four hours by road south of the capital Addis Ababa.

Faculty Leaders: Randall Harshbarger, associate professor of interdisciplinary studies, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Laura Lackey, professor of environmental engineering, School of Engineering

Tanzania, July 9-July 30

Program Highlights: The women's and gender study course explored the history of development policies and programs in post-colonial Tanzania, examining how international aid policies such as structural adjustment have affected the health and development of Tanzanians.

Faculty Leaders: Dr. Natalie Bourdon, assistant professor of women's and gender studies, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Christopher Macklin, assistant professor, Townsend School of Music

Mozambique, May 22-June 12

Program Highlights: In addition to their coursework, the Mercer team's service project focused primarily on assessing mercury pollution in the environment and mercury poisoning of artisanal gold miners in Mozambique.

Faculty Leaders: Dr. Kevin Drace, assistant professor of biology, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Adam Kiefer, assistant professor of chemistry, College of Liberal Arts

Malawi, June 3-June 25

Program Highlights: In addition to their coursework, the service-learning project involved assessing and restoring a watershed and monitoring water supply and quality in a village in Malawi utilizing "the ecosystem approach" and "community based natural resource management approach."

Faculty Leaders: Dr. André J. Butler, associate professor of environmental engineering, School of Engineering; Dr. Zipangani M. Vokhiwa, assistant professor of mathematics, science and informational systems, College of Continuing and Professional Studies

Vietnam, June 3-June 26

Program Highlights: For the third year in a row, a Mercer On Mission team provided free leg prosthetics for the poor in Vietnam, a country afflicted by munitions left behind by war. The team fitted prosthetics for amputees, taught patients to walk with the prosthetic device and conducted follow-up with patients during one to two weeks of occupational training.

Faculty Leaders: Dr. Ha Van Vo, associate professor of biomedical engineering, School of Engineering; Dr. Lawrence Webb, traumatologist/orthopedic surgeon, The Medical Center of Center Georgia; Wesley Cowan, certified prosthetics and orthotics, Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics Inc.

Cambodia, May 23-June 15

Program Highlights: The Cambodia team - composed of medical. pharmacy, nursing and undergraduate students — provided hands-on culturally appropriate medical care in rural underserved areas of Cambodia under the direction of Cambodian health care partners. The trip combined formal academic courses in global health care service and delivery and also focused on the specifics related to the people receiving care. The group served as a medical team, practicing medicine through a team approach, which is the model of health care for the future in the U.S.

Faculty Leaders: Dr. William Bina, dean and professor, Mercer School of Medicine; Gayle Bina, assistant professor of public health, Mercer School of Medicine

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2011 Homecoming Schedule

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Friday, November 11

Class of 1961's 50th Reunion Reception and Dinner, Alumni Career Seminar, Room 110, Science & Engineering Building Idle Hour Country Club Featuring speaker Coby S. Nixon, EGR '98, 7 p.m. Women's Basketball Game vs. Auburn, UC Arena patent attorney, Alston & Bird Recognition of Alumni Veterans during halftime Veteran's Recognition Event, Porter Patch Tickets available for purchase at University Center Box Office on game day. \$5 each. Guest Speaker: Gen. Robert McMahon, commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center 9 p.m. Skit Competition, Bear Hill ROTC Reunion to follow Veteran's event 9:30 p.m. Pep Rally and Bonfire for Alumni and Students, National Alumni Board of Directors Meeting, Bear Hill

Saturday, November 12

10:30 a.m. Half Century Club Reception and Luncheon,

12:30 p.m. Main floor, Tarver Library

Intramural Courts, University Center

Tarver Library Open House, hosted by the Dean

Griffin B. Bell Board Room

Colleges/Schools Open Houses, various locations 5K Road Run Registration, Porter Patch 11 a.m. -Registration and Information: www.mercer.edu/homecoming 12:30 p.m. Advance registration \$10; registration at event \$15 Athletic Foundation Lunch Meeting, 12 p.m. Registration fee includes t-shirt, pancake breakfast, Presidents Dining Room and refreshments. By invitation only 5K Road Run Begins 8 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Tailgating, University Center Patio Orange Pancake Breakfast, Porter Patch 8:30 a.m. \$5 per plate, includes drink; pay at door \$5 per plate; proceeds benefit Muscular Distrophy Association 1:30 p.m. - Reception for Alumni Award Recipients Athletic Hall of Fame Breakfast, 9 a.m. 2 p.m. Rotunda, University Center Presidents Dining Room 2 p.m. -Football Preview Event By invitation only Griffin B. Bell Board Room 3 p.m. Mercer Bookstore open 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Men's Basketball Game vs Emory, Purchase Mercer merchandise before and after the game UC Arena 9:30 a.m. - Bear Market in the University Center open Ticket information at bottom of page Purchase Mercer merchandise before and after the game Alumni Award recipients to be recognized at halftime Class of 1961 Campus Tours TBD BSU Alumni Reunion, Newton Chapel 9:30 a.m. Depart from Connell Student Center Breezeway 6 p.m. All Class Party Featuring Decade Reunion Events, School of Engineering Alumni All alumni are invited to attend Board of Directors Meeting 1960's and 1970's reunion highlighting Class of 1971's Dean's Conference Room, School of Engineering. 40th Anniversary 1980's reunion highlighting Class of 1981's Greek Houses open for visiting 30th Anniversary 12 p.m. & Class of 1986's 25th Anniversary

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Mercer Baseball Standout Has New Perspective

Justice Prevails

s a starting pitcher for Mercer's baseball team, senior Justice French was used to delivering the ball to opposing batters. In July 2010, however, the native of Suwanee had a curve ball

It came in the form of being diagnosed with melanoma, the most deadly and aggressive form of skin cancer. Life had thrown this seemingly healthy, then 20-year-old student-athlete the ultimate brush-back pitch.

To fully understand the magnitude of what French experienced — as well as to appreciate the incredible rebound he made from the disease in terms of on-field performance in 2011 — one needs to rewind nearly seven years to his sophomore year in high school. At that time, French already knew more about melanoma than he probably wanted and more than anyone that age should have to absorb.

Jarrett Boston was a promising four-sport athlete at Collins Hill High School, as well as a teammate and best friend to French. The classmates played basketball (coached by Boston's father

Greg) and baseball together. Even their names, when said together, sounded like sports marquee material: "Jarrett Boston and Justice French."

During their second year at CHHS in 2003, Boston himself had surgery to remove a malignant melanoma, which at first appeared to have been detected in time. Over the course of the next three years, however, Boston dealt with reoccurrences of the disease. In February 2006, the outstanding student and athlete succumbed to complications brought about by the melanoma.

French was hit hard by the loss and, to this day, he has Boston's initials next to a cross on his truck, as well as on the brim of his own baseball cap. All French could do was stand by his friend's side, with no way of knowing that the trials and tribulations that Boston had endured would prove to be an experience he would draw upon himself within a few years. That lesson may well be Boston's greatest gift to French.

"Dr. [Matthew] Reschly [the family's dermatologist] told me the odds were incomprehensible," Justice's mother Elaine French Rago said

situation — two best friends who were teammates at the same high school and the same age, with the same disease on the same part of the body — don't even exist. The odds were like a person getting struck by lightning twice while standing in the exact same spot. The parents in our community began to question 'could it be in the water?' We were shocked."

The one aspect that helps everything make sense to both French and his mother is the firm belief that God was in control of the situation. Beginning with the lessons learned from Boston's circumstances, both know there was some divine intervention.

"God got me through the whole thing, and I believe he has a bigger plan for me," French recounts of his battle. "The doctors didn't beat around the bush. When they tell you things like 'you could die from this,' it makes you think.

"I always felt like I was put here for a reason. I'd like to make a difference in people's lives. [The cancer] was a thing I had to go through to grow as a person and be able to help people. I

> do my best to be a good Christian man. I want people to look at me and know I do things the right way. That's important to me."

The first inkling of trouble for French came as a result of a simple haircut. Just a few days prior to pitching in Mercer's 2010 NCAA Division I Atlanta Regional game versus Alabama, French went to get his customary "buzz" haircut. However, while getting the close-cut coif, the stylist "nicked" French and told him he was bleeding from the spot on the top of his head.

French brushed it off because he did not want to make the stylist feel any worse.

of the circumstances. "The statistics for this After completing the season with Mercer, French went to Duluth, Minn., to play summer baseball in the Northwoods League. Within a few days of his arrival at his host home in Duluth, French began to feel uneasy about the less-than-sanitary living conditions. "It was just not a good situation," French recounted of being in Duluth.

Within a few days, French was back home in Georgia. One day, while French was lying on the couch in the family room watching a movie, Elaine noticed a black, abnormal spot on the top of her only son's head. "My first thought was that it was a tick from Duluth," she remembers.

Closer examination revealed that it was not a tick, but rather some sort of growth, which set off an alarm in Elaine's mind. Within two days, Dr. Reschly performed an emergency biopsy. Three days later, they received the report informing them that French indeed had a malignant melanoma.

"It was a miracle how things went," said Elaine of the timing. "The doctor said that if Justice had stayed in Duluth and played the full two months of the season, he probably wouldn't be alive right now because the melanoma was metastasizing so quickly. A haircut and lousy living conditions literally helped save his life!"

French and his family meticulously planned out how to proceed. Armed with the knowledge from what Boston had gone through years earlier, French was steered toward a more aggressive course of action from the outset. On July 16, French entered the Winship Cancer Institute at Atlanta's Emory University Hospital to remove any remainder of the melanoma and perform what is called a Sentinel Lymph Node (SLN) biopsy to check for a spread of the cancer.

Ironically, the last time French and his family had been to Emory was to say their goodbyes to Boston.

A four-inch square chunk of French's scalp was removed during the five-hour procedure. The surgeon took special precautions to not damage his heavily muscled neck which could have affected his baseball career.

French left Emory with 16 staples in his skull, having gone through some extreme plastic surgery to repair the melanoma site, wearing a full cast on his head and with four large incisions on either side of his neck and under

his 21st birthday with all of his "battle scars" still intact. Late in August, French, sporting a athletes and athletics staff.

French's participation was very moving for those on hand who knew of what he was going through and drew some quizzical looks from those who did not. "People were looking at me [wearing the bandana at this formal event]," French explained. "But that's okay. I've been through hell and back. I remember thinking: I can wear a bandana when you guys have ties on."

"It was really an emotional time," head baseball coach Craig Gibson said of the roller coaster ride with French's illness. "He pitches in the regionals and then, two weeks later, we find out he has cancer. He went from pitching at the highest of highs to fighting for his life.

Gibson was not about to hurry along French during the fall portion of the 2010-11 season. The Mercer coaching staff decided to let him progress at his own pace as a fourth-year player with the Bears' team. "We had no timetable on him," Gibson said. "We didn't know how it would go."

Gibson noticed a change in French's attitude toward baseball post-cancer surgery, as did French himself. "[Justice] is more responsible," Gibson said. "He's more mature about how he approaches baseball; he's more professional."

"I think I work a lot harder," French added about the way he views the game he loves. "Those 10 a.m. Saturday runs are more fun now. I'm 21 years old, and I could have died already. That's a pretty life-changing thing.

"Baseball is just a game. It's a part of life. It's what happens after baseball that really matters."

Although French was blessed with a career year for Mercer in 2011, entering the season his numbers were very average. French had a career record of 6-10 with a 6.47 earned run average. His strikeout-to-walks ratio was barely better than even at 89-to-76.

After dealing with his off-season illness, French's senior-year numbers were eye-popping to say the least. French had a 6-2 record and an ERA of 3.26. He led the team with 80 innings pitched, and opponents hit a miniscule .287 against him. Perhaps the most impressive stat was his strikeout-to-walks ratio, which improved

3-to-1, with 59 strikeouts to just 19 walks. He was the starting pitcher when Mercer knocked off then No. 6-ranked Georgia Tech on March 29 and picked up the win in relief

> May 11. Like virtually any player who

filiate in the Arizona League.

celebrate when they learn steps on the diamond, French dreamt of being drafted and parlaying his baseball skills at the professional level someday. In the 25th round of the June 2011 First-Year Player Draft, that dream came true when he was selected by the

But unlike most other players, French is privy to a unique perspective on life, regardless of the longevity of his baseball playing career.

Cincinnati Reds and assigned to the team's af-

"I don't want having cancer to define me," French explained. "If it's going to make a difference so I can relate to people, then that's a huge part of my life. As I grow older, I want to share my experience with people. Having had cancer helps shape me, but it does not

"What I want to tell others is you've got to keep the faith. If you can put away the negatives and have a positive outlook on life in general — and have a faith bigger than yourself and a bigger purpose — then that is huge for anyone going through tough times."

French graduated from Mercer in May with a double major in psychology and media studies.

The National Cancer Institute estimates that there are 68,000 new cases of skin cancer each year, resulting in 8,700 deaths. Although cancer-free after his surgery, quarterly skin checks, twice-yearly complete body scans, taking precautions and a determined outlook are a part of French's life now. His firm faith in God binds these all together in his life.

And that is why Justice has prevailed.



general — and have a faith bigger than yourself and a bigger purpose then that is huge for anyone going through tough times." each ear. Three weeks later, French celebrated to better than bandana over his head cast, delivered the invocation at Mercer's opening dinner for student-

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Justice and his father. Daniel. that Justice is "cancer free."

A-Sun Championship Tournament Stays in Macon

ercer was again selected as the host site for the General Shale Brick Atlantic Sun Conference Basketball Championships — for both men and women — for the 2012 and 2013 seasons at the University Center. Mercer has already hosted the event in both 2010 and 2011 and

received rave reviews for its efforts.

In addition to being a showcase for quality

basketball, the A-Sun Championship generates a tremendous amount of civic and campus interest and support. The response is a facet of the event that Mercer Director of Athletics Jim Cole sees as growing even more in the newly

awarded 2012 and 2013 tournaments.

"Mercer is honored to again be selected as

the host site for the A-Sun Basketball Championships," Cole said. "I believe we have shown the commitment Mercer and the community has toward making this event a first-class championship experience in all aspects. Our goal is to do even more each year to enhance the event for the student-athletes, coaches and spectators, alike."

Mercer becomes the first A-Sun school to host four consecutive men's or women's basketball championships.

Inaugural BIG Bear Event Fundraiser Something for Everyone

KACIE HUDSON FROM WOMEN'S soccer and Brian Mills of men's basketball were named as Mercer's Senior Athletes of the Year for 2010-11, and women's cross country earned the Presidential Scholastic Award for top team grade point average, highlighting the inaugural BIG Bear Event held on April 30. The BIG Bear Event was a combination end-of-the-year awards night and senior recognition, as well as a fundraiser for the Bears' athletics department.

Baseball pitcher Justice French received the school's Spirit Award.

Hudson, a Marietta native, was a business major who graduated in May. She was a fourtime Atlantic Sun Conference All-Academic team member and was named to the A-Sun All-Tournament Team for helping lead the Bears to the A-Sun championship and earning

the league's automatic bid to the NCAA championships.

In four years at Mercer, Hudson put herself among the program's elite. She is tied for 10th all time in Mercer history in total points with 43, which is outstanding coming from her defensive position. This season she led the Bears in points (13), goals (6), and game-winners (4). She is a three-time All A-Sun first-team player and started and played in every game of her career (78 games).

Hudson was also a third team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District III selection. She earned her team's MVP Award, as well as Golden Boot Award as the Bears' top scorer.

Mills for three seasons labored in a support role behind upperclassmen before having a break-out senior year himself, earning his first

All A-Sun postseason award in 2010-11. Mills' banner campaign was highlighted by averages of 16.2 points and 6.0 rebounds per game, along with 27 doublefigure scoring games (out of 33 contests)

and 10 games



Senior Athletes of the Year Kacie Hudson, Brian Mills

with 20-plus points. Mills had a career-high 34 points versus the University of North Florida on Feb. 18.

Mills, a native of Douglasville, led the Bears in scoring in 15 games and was the team's top rebounder 14 times. He earned the final A-Sun Player of the Week Award of the season and was named to the 2011 A-Sun All-Tournament Team after leading the Bears' to the semifinals.

Mills earned a spot on the A-Sun's All-Academic Team three times. He graduated with his bachelor's degree in mathematics in May.

The women's cross country team had the highest fall term cumulative grade point average among Mercer's teams. Head coach Ryan Bailey's squad posted a 3.57 grade point average as a group in fall 2010.

The Bears were also recognized as a 2010 NCAA Division I All-Academic team by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

The BIG Bear Event also featured silent and live auctions, a reverse raffle with a \$10,000 grand prize and fan voting for the design of Mercer's football helmet when the sport is reinstated in 2013. Upwards of \$75,000 was raised for Mercer's Athletics Department.

The Ring's the Thing for Mercer Women's Soccer

ercer women's soccer had a banner 2010 season — literally and figuratively — as it claimed the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament championship and, subsequently, earned a berth in the NCAA Division I women's soccer championship tournament.

The Bears finished 10-9-1 overall in 2010 and their 7-3 A-Sun record earned the team the two-seed in the conference tournament. The Bears' seven-player senior class propelled Mercer to the title by winning their last six contests, including two over Stetson and Jacksonville in the A-Sun tournament. Mercer's first-ever tournament championship also qualified the Bears for the program's first-ever NCAA Women's College Cup.

Senior Olivia Tucker, the A-Sun Tournament MVP, and recently graduated Kacie Hudson both garnered first team All-Conference honors and led the team into the NCAA regional game against the University of Florida.

In the NCAAs, Mercer fell to the Gators 3-0, but was able to take away a wealth of knowledge and experience. With a number of returning starters, head coach Grant Serafy is certain the Bears are poised to challenge for

earned these rings after capturing their first tournament championship

another conference championship. Mercer opened the 2011 campaign at home on Aug. 13 versus the College of Charleston.

Mercer University Athletics Family Welcomes Lee and Tate

MERCER ATHLETICS WELCOMED two new faces to the department with the hiring of Brittany Lee and Daniel Tate this past year.

Lee was appointed as the first full-time executive director of the Mercer Athletic Foundation in November 2010

Prior to joining the Mercer staff, Lee worked for the Atlanta Braves organization in corporate partnerships and sales, where she was responsible for business partnerships in the Southeast and activation of clients' marketing requests, including signage, displays, promotions and hospitality.

Prior to assuming her position with the Braves, Lee worked from 2005 until May 2010 with the University of Georgia Athletic Associa-

tion. Her responsibilities included representing the interests of the student body in the Athletic Association's budgeting and capital expenditures, designing group ticketing initiatives and collateral for group sales and premium seating, managing web auctions for sales in memorabilia and fan experiences, maintaining working relationships with donors and season ticket holders, and creating new ticketing distribution method for more than 22,000 student football ticket orders.

Lee, as a student at UGA, was awarded a University of Georgia Foundation Fellowship, the university's premier academic scholarship program. She earned her B.B.A. in finance and A.B.J. in broadcast news from the University of

> Georgia in 2009 and her M.B.A. in marketing and sports management from UGA in May 2010.

Tate joined the Bears' program in March as assistant athletic director for marketing and director of football operations.

Tate has been charged with a myriad of duties, not the least of which is to develop and oversee the branding of Mercer athletics — everything from game-day promotions to sponsorships to planning of

special events — as well as to help coordinate Mercer's run-up to the reinstatement of football in 2013.

Tate came to Mercer

from Furman University in Greenville, S.C., where he worked with the Bears' new head football coach, Bobby Lamb, for two seasons. While at Furman, Tate not only handled the day-to-day operations for the Paladins' football office, but was also instrumental in such areas as the branding and marketing of Furman football and coordinating the Bobby Lamb Coach's Show.



A graduate of Clemson University with a degree in management and minor in advertising, he served as a game operations manager with the Tigers and also assisted with promotions, tickets, and marketing efforts during his undergraduate days.

Following graduation, he worked with the United States Olympic Committee in Colorado Springs with marketing and events before joining the National Basketball Association League Office in New York City as events and attractions associate. While with the NBA, he planned and executed domestic and international events for all NBA properties, including Europe Live, WNBA All-Star, FIBA Tournament, and the NBA All-Star Game.

Following his stint with the NBA, he took a position as marketing coordinator for Ubiquitous Media, also in New York.



Mercer Softball, Baseball Teams Make Marks on A-Sun Tournaments

IN SPRING 2011, Mercer fans were treated to another fabulous season on the Macon diamonds. The baseball and softball teams combined to go 35-14 at home and each secured A-Sun tournament berths with late season rallies.

The baseball team had a number of firsts this season, including beating instate powers Georgia Tech and Georgia for the first time since the early 1990s. The team tied a school record for most wins in a season (39) and earned a trip to the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament for the sixth-straight season. The 2011 edition of the Bears also set a program record for A-Sun postseason awards (8) and most players selected in the MLB Draft (4)

The softball team took victories in seven of its last 10 contests en route to a fifth seed in the league's postseason tournament. During the regular season, senior pitcher Jenni Holtz reached the 900-strikeout plateau while junior Sara Stukes and freshman McKenzie Woody put together All-Conference campaigns. In the tournament, the Bears captured two victories behind dominant pitching performances from Holtz and Keri Chambers before falling at the hands of Campbell in the semifinal round.

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Malan Named Dean of Savannah Campus, Vice-Dean of Mercer School of Medicine

ercer School of Medicine Dean William F. Bina III, M.D., announced on March 24 the appointment of T. Philip Malan Jr., M.D., Ph.D., professor of anesthesiology and pharmacology and former vice dean for academic affairs at the University of Arizona College of Medicine, as Savannah Campus dean and vice dean of the Mercer School of Medicine. Dr. Malan's appointment was effective July 1.

Dr. Malan spent much of his academic career at the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Tucson. He first joined the university in 1989 as a professor and practicing physician in the Department of Anesthesiology. In 2005, he was named special assistant to the dean for academic program development. In 2006, he was named vice dean for academic affairs. He earned undergraduate degrees in chemistry and biological sciences from the University of California, Irvine, a Doctor of Philosophy from Harvard University in biochemistry and molecular biology, and the Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Massachusetts, Worcester.

"Dr. Malan has a deep commitment to the mission of the Medical School, one which sets Mercer's School of Medicine apart as the leader in serving the state of Georgia's medical needs in its small towns and rural areas," Dr. Bina said. "He comes to Mercer with a strong record of leadership and an ability to work with complex issues facing medical schools today."

The Savannah Campus of the Mercer School of Medicine has been under the leadership of Interim Senior Associate Dean Wayne Glasgow, also the chair of biomedical sciences, since its opening as a full four-year program in 2008.

Dr. Bina commended Dr. Glasgow for his groundbreaking work in leading the new campus over the past three years.

"Wayne Glasgow has made exceptional contributions to our four-year medical school program," said Dr. Bina. "Without his steady presence and guidance, we would not be poised to achieve the next level of excellence in medical education and research on the Savannah Campus."

Dr. Malan received post-graduate medical training in internal medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester, in 1985-1986 and in anesthesiology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, from 1986–1989. During his career, he has served administratively as chair of College of Medicine curriculum, promotion and tenure, and dean's faculty advisory committees, and as a



member of multiple curricular planning and review committees.

Dr. Malan is internationally recognized for his research in pain biology and pain treatment. He has published more than 60 articles in prestigious scientific and clinical journals and is listed in Best Doctors in America.

Dr. Malan and his wife, Carole, have a

Mercer Pharmacy Alumnus Named GPhA President

AN ALUMNUS OF MERCER University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences was recently named president of the Georgia Pharmacy Association while another alumnus was bestowed one of the state's highest honors for pharmacists.

Jack Dunn Jr., R.Ph., was installed as the 2011-2012 president of the Georgia Pharmacy Association (GPhA). Dunn, a 1978 Mercer pharmacy graduate, owns Jasper Drug Store in Jasper, Ga., and has been an influential leader in pharmacy for many years.

"We are excited to have Jack serving as our president for the next year," said Jim Bracewell, GPhA executive vice president/CEO. "Jack is known for his vision for the future of pharmacy, and he has a unique ability to inspire and motivate others. He is prepared to

lead us forward as we navigate the changes in the future of health care."

Meanwhile, pharmacy alumnus John T. Sherrer, R.Ph., is the 2011 recipient of the prestigious Larry L. Braden Meritorious Service Award, which was presented to him at the GPhA 2011 Annual Convention held at Amelia Island, Fla. Sherrer owns Kenmar Pharmacy in Marietta.

The Larry L. Braden Meritorious Service Award honors extraordinary service and dedication to the profession of pharmacy by a GPhA member. Larry Braden, the award's namesake, is a 1965 Mercer pharmacy graduate. While this award is not presented annually, it is designed to recognize outstanding contributions to pharmacy and the Georgia Pharmacy Association.

"We are proud to honor John with this award," Bracewell said. "For many years, he has exemplified the highest standard of service and leadership to his profession and to his community. John represents pharmacy in a manner that illustrates good citizenship and pharmacy practice."

Both Dunn and Sherrer have family members who are graduates of and current students in Mercer's pharmacy program. Dunn's father, Lee J. Dunn Sr., is a 1952 alumnus, and wife, Terry Dunn, is a 1978 pharmacy graduate. Their son, Brent Dunn, is currently a secondyear Mercer pharmacy student.

Similarly, Sherrer's wife, Sharon M. Sherrer, is a 1984 Mercer pharmacy alumna, and their son, Thomas, is a first-year pharmacy student

Nursing Begins Bachelor's Program in Macon

re-nursing students arriving on the Macon campus this fall will for the first time have the opportunity to complete all four years of their program without having to transfer to Mercer's Georgia Baptist College of Nursing on the Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta. Pre-nursing freshmen will still have the option to complete their final two years on the Atlanta campus, but the program expansion will give students a choice.

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The program in Macon will be offered under the identical curriculum as the Bachelor of Science in Nursing pre-licensure track on the Atlanta campus, and will not require a separate accreditation, said Dr. Linda Streit, dean of the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing. The effort means that the College will add five new faculty members in fall 2013, when the first Macon students are eligible to apply to the program.

The pre-nursing curriculum is already offered by the College of Liberal Arts on the Macon campus. The application process will be similar under the new Macon program, Dr. Streit said. Students are required to submit an application along with their Test of Essential Academic Skills score to the College of Nursing's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program during the second year of the pre-nursing curriculum. Those students who are accepted in 2013 will have a choice to attend either the Macon or Atlanta campus.

"It allows us to have a greater health care

presence in the Macon area and we are able to expand our program from the current Atlanta campus," Dr. Streit said. "By having nursing available on the Macon campus there are several regional health care facilities available to practice and it allows us to expand our enrollment."

A benefit for students enrolled in the pre-nursing curriculum is that they have the opportunity to apply for the College's guaranteed admission program.

To be guaranteed admission, students must maintain a 3.0 science grade point average and a 3.0 cumulative GPA and meet the score requirements on the academic skills test.

"Students can apply for guaranteed admission, which is a wonderful benefit because it's very competitive to get into nursing school," Dr. Streit said. "It's something not many campuses offer across the country. If students are accepted, they're able to choose what campus they would like to attend."

Another benefit for students is that they do



not have to interrupt their involvement in campus co-curricular activities such as Greek life, Student Government Association, athletics or other clubs and organizations.

The College hopes to enroll 45 students in the Macon pre-nursing program each year, Dr. Streit said. The College has already signed an agreement with the Medical Center of Central Georgia to become a site for clinical rotations for the Macon students, and applicants have already contacted her office about the nursing faculty positions that will begin in 2013.

Student Awarded AOA Grant

FIRST-YEAR SCHOOL OF MEDICINE STUDENT Justin Peterson won a competitive \$5,000 research grant from Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society. He spent this summer working with Aaron Johnson, Ph.D., a full-time social sciences researcher in the school's Department of Family Medicine, working on "Validation of an assessment to detect at-risk alcohol use." This is part of a five-year, \$5 million NIH grant addressing screening and brief intervention of patients at risk for alcoholism, managed by professor Paul Seale, also of the Department of Family Medicine. The goal of the research is to see if routine screening can be incorporated into a busy typical medical practice and whether a brief intervention (rather than the traditional hospitalization in a special unit) can impact further progression of alcohol-related illnesses. Participating in the check presentation at the School of Medicine were, left to right, Dr. Ackerman; Dean William F. Bina III. M.D.: Peterson: and Aaron Johnson.



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PA Team Wins 1st Place in National Challenge Bowl

three-member team of students in the Physician Assistant Studies program in Mercer's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences captured first place in a national medical challenge bowl held at the American Association of Physician Assistants' 39th Annual Conference in Las Vegas.

Mercer competed against teams from 47 other institutions, including Yale, Duke, Wake Forest and Baylor universities. The Mercer team hoisted the championship trophy after defeating three teams in the final round, including a team from Emory University. The impressive win is even more compelling because Mercer's master's degree program in Physician Assistant Studies began only four years ago.

The 21st Annual Student Academy National Medical Challenge Bowl was held June 4. Mercer's team included Arlene Salmon, Matt Swiatowicz and Chris Thomas, the team's captain and a May graduate of Mercer's PA program.

"I am so proud that we could do something good for Mercer," Thomas said. "This establishes Mercer's PA program as being among the best in the country."

Physician assistants are health care professionals licensed to practice medicine with the limited supervision of a physician. They provide a broad range of medical and surgical services in diverse settings and to diverse populations. The physician assistant profession has been identified as one the nation's "best careers" by U.S. News & World Report.

Thomas said the team had been practicing at least once a week for three months and several hours a day as the competition drew near, including at the swim-

ming pool at the Las Vegas hotel just hours before show time. He also said they studied videos of previous PA challenge bowls and were quizzed by their colleagues in the program.

And he said their coach, Dr. Angela Dunaway, was "unbelievable."

"I cannot say enough about Dr. Dunaway, and how well she prepared us," Thomas said. "It took so much pressure off of us knowing we had a team of equally prepared members."

Brad Schwarz, director of Mercer's PA program, attended the conference and challenge bowl and said the victory was electrifying.

"What a proud day for Mercer University," Schwarz said. "This was the perfect team composed of intellectual ability, drive and character. This victory has really helped put the Mercer University PA program on the map. There



were 9,000 attendees at the conference, and I received congratulations from people I had never met. I think this is a testament to our rigorous program, the quality of our applicants, and the Mercer tradition of excellence."

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Dean Hewitt W. "Ted" Matthews called the victory "stunning" and applauded the students and faculty for their excellence.

"This victory is a stunning accomplishment for a new program competing against very well-established institutions and PA programs," said Dr. Matthews, who also serves as Mercer's vice president for health sciences.

"Though I am not surprised by our victory, it confirms what we already know — that our faculty and students in the Physician Assistant Studies program are among the best in the country."

Mercer Pharmacy and Shepherd Center Launch New Residency

THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY and Health Sciences' Department of Physical Therapy and the Shepherd Center are now offering a postprofessional residency in neurologic physical therapy. The 13-month residency program, which is one of only 14 in the United States, helps physical therapists accelerate their expertise in evaluation, examination, diagnosis, prognosis, intervention, and management of patients with neurologic dysfunction.

Developed for new professionals and physical therapists with one or more years of practice, the program combines contemporary, evidence-based coursework with highly individualized, advanced clinical mentoring under the supervision of experienced clinicians. Residents will receive advanced training in managing adults with the following neurologic disorders: spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, stroke, balance and vestibular disorders, and various neuromuscular diseases.

The residency program, which began in August, is a collaborative effort by the Shepherd Center and the Department of Physical Therapy in Mercer's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Mercer's Physical Therapy Department was established last year to offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree as well as post-professional residency and fellowship programs. Along with the neurologic residency, the department also offers a residency in orthopaedic physical therapy, the only such credentialed program in Georgia associated with an academic institution.

"The Shepherd Center is one of the top rehabilitation centers in the nation, sharing similar core values as the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences," said Dr. Leslie Taylor, chair of Mercer's Department of Physical Therapy.

Dr. Joe Donnelly, director of post-professional programs in Mercer's PT department, said, "This

collaborative partnership allows us the opportunity to provide a stellar clinical and didactic program for advanced practice and scientific inquiry with ongoing clinical supervision and mentoring."

Residents will engage in 90 hours of selfdirected learning, 30 hours of teaching and 30 hours of service-learning. They will also be required to engage in a research project, case study or other scholarly pursuits. The expected outcome of the program is to produce advancedpractice clinician with knowledge and clinical reasoning skills that improve the care and outcomes of patients with neurologic dysfunctions.

"The collaboration between Shepherd Center and Mercer University's PT program for the PT residency is very exciting," said Sarah Morrison, PT, director of spinal cord injury services at the Shepherd Center. "Our joint efforts have designed a residency program to significantly advance the resident in the area of neurologic clinical practice."

Cancer Research Highlighted at AAPS Conference

ancer vaccination studies from Mercer's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences were featured as "breakthrough" research at the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists' (AAPS) National Biotechnology Conference (NBC), held May 16-18 in San Francisco.

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The cancer studies explore the delivery of affordable vaccines for cervical and prostate cancers that would make them more accessible to patients in poorer communities and countries. Cervical cancer is the second-most common cancer among women in the world, and prostate cancer is the second-most common cancer

among American men.

"The purpose of our study is to develop and test inexpensive nanoparticle-based HPV virus-like particulate vaccine formulations that can be administered orally much like a tablet or capsule," said Martin D'Souza, Ph.D., of the cervical cancer research. HPV stands for human papillovirus. Dr. D'Souza is director of graduate programs and co-director of the Center for Drug Delivery and Research in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

"If this technique is successful, vaccinations could be conducted in masses rather inexpensively and without the use of needles."

The research team working on the HPV vaccine is also working on a prostate cancer vaccine that would be a combination of transdermal and oral administration.

"By using this vaccine, we can assist the body's defenses to fight off the cancer," Dr. D'Souza said. "The vaccine also enables the body's immune cells to generate memory against these cancer cells, such that if [they] reemerge at a later stage, which is quite common, then the memory cells mount an immune response and destroy those cells as well."

The cancer research was featured in the online edition of Medical News Today.

Nursing Awarded \$430,000 from Health and Human Services

THE GEORGIA BAPTIST COLLEGE of Nursing was recently awarded two grants totaling more than \$430,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support nursing training and increase the number of nursing faculty in the country.

"These grants will help our graduate students to attend school and meet financial obligations associated with advanced education," said Dr. Linda Streit, dean of the College. "These funding sources will aid in recruitment as well as enhance health care throughout Georgia."

The College received \$413,815 for its Nurse Faculty Loan Program to assist registered nurses in completing their graduate education to become qualified nurse faculty. The financial support assists the College by offering students the option to advance in nursing and consider a career as a nurse educator. It is open to any graduate student who includes the nurse edu-

cator track in their curriculum, including the Ph.D. program, which began in 2009, as well as the Doctor of Nursing Practice and Master of Science in Nursing programs.

The grant continues funding for the program, which has received more than \$2 million since 2004. The loan is forgivable up to 85 percent for borrowers who work as a full-time academic nurse educator for four years after graduation. The annual loan limit established by the federal government is \$35,500 and established a priority for doctoral nursing students.

"Through tuition support, graduate students consider this a win-win option since it allows them to afford to go back to school and also prepares them well for an academic educator role," Dr. Streit said. "In 2011, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing reported faculty shortages at nursing schools across the country, which results in limiting student capacity at a time when

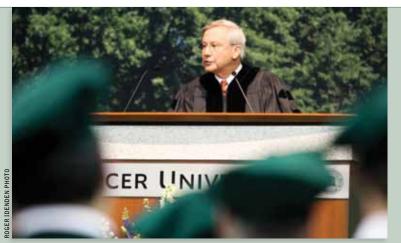
the need for professional registered nurses continues to grow. Georgia Baptist College of Nursing is directly addressing this crisis by focusing on educating future nurse educators."

The college also received \$17,833 towards the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship. This money will fund traineeships for registered nurses enrolled in advanced education nursing programs, such as the college's new family nurse practitioner specialty of the Master of Science in Nursing degree. Traineeships prepare nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse-midwives, nurse anesthetists, nurse administrators, nurse educators, public health nurses and nurses in other specialties requiring advanced education.

"There is a significant need for additional advanced practice nurses in the state of Georgia and this grant will help Mercer educate mid-level care providers to care for the citizens of Georgia," Dr. Streit said.

Rawlings Presented Honorary Degree at School of Medicine Commencement

DR. WILLIAM RAWLINGS JR., who has served in private practice in Sandersville since 1976 and who has been an avid supporter of the School of Medicine, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree at the 2011 Medical School commencement. Dr. Rawlings has served as a member of the Board of Governors since 1986 and as chairman of the board from 1991-2010. In 1987-88, he served as general chairman of the School of Medicine Campaign for Excellence. He also delivered the commencement address to the 2011 Medical School graduates. The name Rawlings is synonymous with rural health care in Georgia. Dr. William Rawlings, his sister, Dr. Jean Rawlings, and their father, Dr. William Rawlings Sr., have been pioneers in providing health care in Washington County and the surrounding areas.



Alumni Class Notes

Achievements

spend her free time.

1950s

Frank Jones, LAW '50, is the special attorney general for the state of Georgia in its lawsuit challenging the national health care law. Jones was hired by former Gov. Sonny Perdue. Jones is

leading a team of eight lawyers, including Mercer Law professor David Oedel, in the lawsuit filed in April 2010 in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, Jones is founder of Jones, Cork & Miller in Macon and has served as president of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the Georgia Bar Association and the U.S. Supreme Court

Mercer Alumna Shatia Edwards Earns National

ercer graduate Shatia Armstrong Edwards

(CLA '04) was honored as national Big

Sister of the Year for the United States

by Big Brothers Big Sisters at the organization's

annual conference in June. Matched with her Little

Sister Ka'Necia as a sophomore at Mercer, Edwards

felt a Little Sister would be a good way to make a

contribution while having someone with which to

"I was so nervous. I wondered whether she would

like me or if we would have anything in common. But we

hit it off right away," Edwards said, "It was so natural, I

I couldn't believe how amazingly well Big Brothers Big

felt like I'd known Ka'Necia my whole life."

Sisters of the Heart of Georgia did in putting us together. I

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Heart of Georgia agency.

Seven years later, she understands as she marvels at

how perfectly in sync she is with Edwards and how much

she has blossomed since their mentoring relationship

began. This fall Ka'Necia will enroll at Spelman College.

"I wondered why they were asking me so many ques-

Ka'Necia recalls the day her mother took her to the

grew up as an only child and always wanted a little sister.

Big Sister of the Year from Big Brothers Big Sisters

Key to Mercer Schools and Colleges — BUS – Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics; CAS – College of Arts and Sciences; CLA — College of Liberal Arts; CCPS — College of Continuing and Professional Studies; DIV — McAfee School of Theology; EDU — Tift College of Education: EGR — School of Engineering: LAW — Walter F. George School of Law: MED — School of Medicine: MUS — Townsend School of Music: NUR — Georgia Baptist College of Nursing; PHA — College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; TCS — Tift College Scholars; Tift — Tift College

"I was really bad. I used to always get in trouble.

When I met Shatia, I trusted her right away. I realized

tion I need from Shatia. I'm really thankful," Ka'Necia

said. "I don't know what kind of person I would be if I

cultural events. When she was at Mercer, her Little Sis-

ter tagged along, hanging around with her on campus.

Now that she is enrolled in medical school in Atlanta.

Edwards has had Ka'Necia visit her new campus. De-

working closely with their match support team, years

to take her Little Sister on her family reunion cruise.

into the mentoring relationship, she also got permission

Several years ago, Ka'Necia was diagnosed with Lupus,

an autoimmune disease. Edwards was at her Little Sis-

ter's side, even showing up for doctor's appointments.

"Shatia has taught me so many things — table

manners, study skills — and has been with me when

I thought I wasn't smart or pretty enough to help me

welcomes me with open arms, like a real sister."

understand my self-worth," Ka'Necia said. "She always

The match was part of a longstanding partnership

between Mercer and Big Brothers Big

Sisters of the Heart of Georgia, and is a

testament to Mercer and Central Georgia

mentors, said Dianna Glymph, president

"It's so impressive that Shatia has

staved so connected with Ka'Necia.

school and through medical school,"

Glymph said. "They see each other

whenever they can and talk on the

phone a lot. Shatia has really made

Ka'Necia a part of her family and she

body, but it's so important to a child.

It's not easy when you're going through

your own educational experience to be

able to do that, but Shatia has, and now

they are both in Atlanta and have both

requested new matches up there. I find

that to be an amazing giving spirit."

has taken on that responsibility of being

there for her. It's rare to find that in any-

through Mercer, through graduate

and chief executive officer of the local

Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliate.

veloping a deep bond with her Little Sister's mother and

Edwards takes Ka'Necia to movies, restaurants and

I was acting out to get attention. I get all the atten-

didn't have my Big Sister."

Patrick H. O'Brien, PHA '66, announces his retirement from Emory University Hospital's Department of Pharmaceutical Services after 46 years of service. W. Andrew Haggard, LAW '67, of Coral Gables, Fla., was named chairman of the Florida State University Board of Trustees in July 2010.

The Honorable Ralph F. "Rusty" Simpson, LAW

'69, was recognized and designated amicus curiae of the Supreme Court of Georgia. Judge Simpson is a former Tift County Superior Court judge. The citation signed by all members of the state Supreme Court noted that Judge Simpson had "rendered outstanding service in various capacities to the judicial system of Georgia and your constant concern for justice for your fellow man has inured to the benefit of our court." Simpson recently completed a six-year term on the Board of Bar

Dr. O. Eugene Tyre, CLA '62, joined the Summit Healthplex team as coordinator of services following 23 years as senior pastor of First Baptist

Examiners, where he served as chair,

B. Ann Boyce, Tift '76, recently received an award for distinguished scholarship from the National Association of Kinesiology and Physical Education

Gerald Davidson Jr., LAW '76, was recently

Stanley H. Pollock, LAW '73, an attorney with Haskell Slaughter Young & Rediker LLC has been named to a new term on the Board of Directors of the Bank Counsel Section of the Georgia Bankers Association (GBA). Pollock is a charter member of the GBA and has served on the Bank Counsel

Vanderbilt University Student Media Hall of Fame Skene is vice chairman and legal counsel for

Chip Bachara, LAW '86, founding partner of Bachara Construction Law Group, has been named to the Best Lawyers in America 2011 list. He was named one of Florida Trend's Legal Elite for 2010. and was also named a Florida Super Lawyer for the fourth consecutive year.

Steve Berry, LAW '80, released his latest novel,

1970s

in Higher Education

installed to serve on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia. Davidson was elected to serve in the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit Post 4 seat on the board. Davidson is an attorney with the law firm of Mahaffey Pickens Tucker LLP in Lawrenceville. Claude W. Hicks, LAW '70, retired after serving more than 24 years as the first full-time United States magistrate judge for the Middle District of Georgia. Prior to his appointment as magistrate judge, he practiced law in Macon for almost 16 years. He and his wife Marilyn reside in Macon and have two married daughters and four grandchildren. Kirby R. Moore, LAW '73, was appointed by former Gov. Sonny Perdue to serve on the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority. He is a partner at Moore and McCollum, Attorneys at Law, Moore is an emeritus member of the University of Georgia Athletics Association and past president of The University of Georgia Alumni Society.

Board since its inception.

Jack Sawyer, LAW '77, has been named managing director and president of the Southeast region for Wilmington Trust FSB. In this role, he will lead the company's wealth management business in the region, overseeing the delivery of Wilmington Trust's comprehensive services for high-net-worth individuals and families.

Neil Skene. LAW '77, was inducted in the MedAffinity Corporation and an historical writer.

1980s

The Emperor's Tomb, a thriller featuring hero Cotton Malone and his guest to unlock the secrets of an

ancient Chinese crypt. Berry practiced for 30 years

Todd Brown, BUS '89, '96, recently accepted a position at Hill Financial Group LLC and Strategic Planning Group, a boutique financial planning firm in Atlanta.

as a trial lawyer in St. Marys.

Scott Clemons, LAW '86, mayor of Panama City Fla., hosted President Barack Obama's family during their 2010 summer vacation in his city. In December, Clemons and daughter Mary Katherine, a Wake Forest freshman, attended the Christmas party at the White House.

Hilliard Gibbs Jr., CLA '86, was inducted into the Boy Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership.

Thomas M. Ellington, PHMD '87, received the degree of Masters of Arts in Ministry, cum laude, at the fall convocation of the Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary on Oct. 27, 2010. Dr. Ellington has begun the discernment process toward ordination to the vocational diaconate in the Episcopal Church.

Gary Martin Hays, LAW '89, is founder and chairman of the non-profit Keep Georgia Safe. Its executive director is Mary Ellen Fulkus. Tift '01. The organization provides crime and personal empowerment training and safety awareness and operates a wireless emergency alert network in Georgia for missing or dangerous persons. Michael J. Moore, CLA '89 and LAW '93, was sworn in as the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia on Oct. 6, 2010, after his appointment by President Barack Obama. Dr. Julie Anne McElroy, MED '86, has joined Centennial Pediatrics in Smyrna, Tenn. Tom Roberts, PHA '81, received Wal Mart's 2010 Market Health and Wellness Manager of the

Mary Jane Saunders, LAW '81, was named in May as the Beer Institute's new general counsel. Saunders most recently served as general counsel for Subway Franchisee Advertising Fund Trust, the marketing and advertising arm of Subway restaurants. She resides in McLean, Va.

Marc Treadwell, LAW '81, was nominated by President Barack Obama, confirmed by the U.S. Senate and sworn in as a judge on the LLS District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. The district covers an area stretching from Georgia's southwestern corner east through Valdosta, north through Albany and Macon, and east through Athens to the South Carolina border,

Murray J. Weed, CLA '87, of Freeman Mathis & Gary spoke at the American Bar Association's Mid-Year Meeting in Atlanta. Weed presented "E-Discovery, Public Records and Metadata" to the Government and Public Sectors Lawyers Division on Feb. 11.

1990s

Year award.

Sarah B. Akins, LAW '90, was appointed to the Finance Committee of the State Bar of Georgia for 2011. Akins also represents the Eastern Judicial's Board of Governors, is a past chair of its General Practice & Trial Law Section and Review Panel of the State Disciplinary Board and a member of the Tort & Insurance Law Section

Jennifer Whiteley Becton, CLA '99, launched a new Jane Austen-inspired novel on Sept. 1, 2010, Charlotte Collins: A Continuation of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice. In 2000, Becton opened Becton Literary Services, a freelance editorial and writing business. In 2010, Becton founded Whiteley

Mercer Alumnus John M. Couric, Father of Broadcaster Katie Couric, Dies at 90

istinguished Mercer alumnus John M. Couric died June 22 at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Va. Couric, father of broadcast journalist Katie Couric, graduated from Mercer in 1941 with a journalism degree and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in 1996. Katie Couric delivered the commencement address at that ceremony.

During the commencement address in 1996, Katie Couric talked about the influence of her father on her life.

"I am in awe of my father's generation. And I am in awe of my father. He is a man of intelligence, compassion, gentility, humor, integrity and honor. Some parents tell their children to do as I say, not as I do. My sisters, my brother and I did as he said, but we also became the people we are by watching him every day," she said. "Recently, when my dad was getting a prescription filled, the pharmacist called out his name and asked, 'Are you Katie Couric's father?' 'No,' he said, 'she's my daughter.' I am indeed ... and for that I am lucky, grateful and proud. Thirty-six years from now, if my daughters can say the same thing, that will be the true measure of my success."

Born on Aug. 28, 1920, in Brunswick and raised in Dublin, Couric covered Georgia politics and the state capitol for the *Atlanta Constitution* before joining the United Press wire service in the late 1940s. He reported from throughout the South for UP, chronicling the rise of then-Gov. Herman Talmadge of Georgia and a hurricane that in 1949 devastated the east coast of Florida.

He joined the news service's Washington bureau in 1951 and subsequently wrote about then-Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson's heart attack, among other stories of national interest.

He was an editor with UP before leaving in 1957 to begin his public relations work with several trade associations, including the National Association of Broadcasters and the American Health Care Association. Couric retired in 1985 following six years with the Food and Drug Administration.

After graduation from Mercer in 1941, he was a newspaper reporter in Macon before serving in the Navy during World War II. He was stationed in the Mediterranean and then the Pacific and participated in the invasion of Sicily before serving in the campaigns for Tarawa, Peleliu, the Philippines and Okinawa. He retired from the Navy Reserve in 1965 at the rank of lieutenant commander.



John Couric

Besides his daughter Katie, of New York, survivors include his wife of 67 years, Elinor Hene Couric of Arlington, Va.; two other children, Clara Batchelor of Brookline, Mass., and John M. Couric Jr. of Arlington, Va.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Their oldest child, Virginia State Sen. Emily Couric (D-Charlottesville), died in 2001.

Couric received a master's degree in communications from American University in 1968 and was an adjunct professor of journalism and public relations in AU's graduate program and the University of Maryland for the next 27 years.

He was a longtime Arlington, Va., resident and member of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington. He was involved in volunteer work for the American Heart Association and, in the early 1960s, the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. He served on the executive committee of both groups.

The family has requested memorial gifts made to Mercer University be sent in care of the Advancement Office, 1400 Coleman Ave., Macon, GA 31207 or online at (link from Daniel). Gifts can be made by phone by calling (478) 301-2715.

Based on reports in the Washington Post

Press, an independent publisher based near Charlotte N.C.

Sarah Brown "Sally" Akins, LAW '90, of Ellis, Painter Ratterree & Adams LLP in Savannah has been appointed to the finance committee of the State Bar of Georgia for 2011.

Cathy A. Harper, LAW '90, was named a senior strategic advisor and independent consultant in the Public Policy and Regulatory Affairs practice of McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP

Bryan Anderson, LAW '92, was recently named vice president of governmental affairs for the Southern Co. Anderson manages Southern Company's Washington, D.C., office and directs the company's federal political and regulatory activities. Anderson previously served as vice president of government relations and public affairs for The Coca-Cola Co. in which he was the company's primary representative to the White House, Congress, federal agencies,

trade associations and major coalitions on U.S. public policy issues.

M. Brian Blake, ENG '97, associate dean for research and professor of computer science and engineering at the University of Notre Dame, has been named a Distinguished Scientist by the Association for Computing Machinery and selected as one of the "50 Most Important African-Americans in Technology" by San Francisco-based publisher eAccess Corporation

Dargan Scott Cole, LAW '93, was named of counsel for Hall Booth Smith & Slover, a full-service law firm with offices in Georgia, Nashville, Tenn... and Charleston, S.C.

Anne Hendricks, CLA '93 is the school librarian at James A. Jackson School of he Arts Elementary School in Jonesboro. She earned her national board certification in teaching in 2007 and has been a librarian for 16 years

Matthew Kotzen, LAW '96, co-founder of Marinello & Kotzen PA relocated the firm's offices to Miami Lakes, Fla., to accommodate expansion in both staff and client base

Clyde Reese, LAW '96, was appointed commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Health by former Gov. Sonny Perdue. Prior to the appointment. Reese was the agency's chief counsel and executive director of the DCH Division of Health Planning, Within the last decade. Reese spent four years practicing health care regulatory law in the private sector.

Martin Lee Kent, LAW '99, was appointed by the Honorable Robert F McDonnell to serve as his chief of staff. In that role, Martin serves as the governor's deputy personnel and budget officer for the Commonwealth, oversees the daily work of his cabinet secretaries and is a primary liaison to the Virginia General Assembly

Shatia Edwards, center, was named 2011 National Big Sister of the Year on June 14 at the Big Brothers Big Sisters National Conference, sponsored by Comcast, in Dallas, Texas. From left: Charisse R. Lillie, Comcast Corporation vice president, community investment, and Comcast Foundation president; Shatia Edwards, and her Little Sister Ka'Necia H.

Michael J. Moore, CLA '89, LAW '93, was sworn in as the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia on Oct. 6, 2010, after his appointment by President Barack Obama.

R. Matthew "Matt" Reeves, CLA '99, was elected partner at Anderson, Tate & Carr PC, Gwinnett County's largest full-service law firm.

MaryEllen P. Osterndorf, LAW '90, was named to the 2011 Leaders in the Law FAWL (Florida Association for Women Lawyers). She is one of 25 recipients of the award, recognized for having made a significant impact in her local community through legal services and volunteer activities. She resides in Daytona Beach. Trevor Ross, CLA '99, LAW '02, was promoted to counsel at the Atlanta-based law firm of Hunton & Williams LLP effective Sept. 17, 2010.

Brett Reichert, CLA '91, at the age of 42, will compete in the 2011 Rev 3 Olympic Triathlon in Knoxville, Tenn., which raises funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Team-in-Training."

Dr. W. Robert Spiegel, MED '98, is founder and chief physician of Signature Health. From 1998, Dr. Spiegel has served Carraway Methodist Medical Center, considered Birmingham, Ala.'s, premier Level I Trauma Center and nationally recognized for its outstanding patient care.

Gregory Tremble, CCPS '96, is newly married and author of A Book of Friction on Amazon.com. The book is a collection of tall tales from Savannah that "may or may not be true." Tremble and his wife reside in Savannah.

The Honorable Jerry D. Webber, LAW '90, has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation. Fellows are selected for their outstanding professional achievements and their demonstrated commitment to the improvement of the justice system throughout the state of Texas. Dr. Oliver Whipple, MED '90, was appointed the new medical director of Memorial Health Bariatrics. Whipple is board certified and specially trained to laparoscopically perform the Roux-en-Y gastric bypass procedure, the adjustable gastric band, and the sleeve gastrectomy

Greg Bell, LAW '00, was appointed municipal court public defender by the Warner Robins City Council.

Olaseni Bello Jr., CLA '03, received a commission as a JAG officer to the United States Army in 2009 He was promoted to the rank of captain on Sent 8 2010. He is stationed in Ft. Hood, Texas.

Daaiyah R. Cooper, CLA '06, earned her M.D. from Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C., in May 2010.

Erick Erickson, LAW '00, joined CNN as a political contributor, appearing primarily on CNN's John King, USA. Erickson will also provide perspective and commentary on other programs across the network. Erickson is editor of RedState.com. Prior to joining RedState.com. Erickson practiced law for six years and managed a number of political campaigns. Andrew R. Fiddes, LAW '00, has been commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. Tamika Gallemore, CLA '08, MED '10, recently completed her Master of Family Science in

Chamber Music Festival

Marriage and Family Therapy degree. She is now working towards her licensure as a marriage and family therapist.

Bradley M. Harmon, LAW '02, recently made partner at HunterMaclean law firm in Savannah. Harmon specializes in business litigation with an emphasis on personal injury litigation, medical malpractice defense and commercial litigation. Kandice N. Harvey, LAW '05, has been named partner in the Savannah law firm of Gray &

Richmond "Richie" E. Hatcher, CLA '05, received his doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine on May 7. Dr. Hatcher will practice predominately small animal medicine at Smallev's Animal Hospital in Dublin. Chad Hastings, LAW '01, was selected by the Martin County Bar Association as chair of its Trial Lawyers Committee. Hastings works for the law firm of Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith PLLC in Palm Beach County, Fla.

Dr. Susan Alicia Hilburn, MED '00, was named one of New Hampshire's Top Docs for 2010, Sponsored by New Hampshire Magazine, a survey is sent to each doctor on the New Hampshire Board of Medicine's list of physicians licensed to practice in the state. The survey asks the physicians to nominate specialists they would most recommend to family and friends. Hundreds of physicians were named. Top Docs are those who received the greatest number of recommendations within 45 specialties. Jeffery Kolokoff, LAW '06, was appointed a

member of the Mortgage Fraud Prosecution Unit

at the State Attorney's Office for Miami-Dade County, Fla.

Amy Landers May, LAW '01, a shareholder of Rogers Townsend & Thomas PC was named the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyer of the Year. Dr. Carrie Danielle Lawson, MED '03, is returning to her home state of Georgia after practicing OBGYN

in the Arlington, Va./Washington, D.C., area for the past seven years. She is joining Piedmont OB-GYN. Catherine McGillivray, BUS '08, was promoted to senior director of Human Resources Information Systems for Cox Enterprises. She joined the company in 2000 and most recently served as director of HRIS

Angela M. Miller, LAW '03, was promoted to senior associate at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed PA, the largest law firm in central Florida according to the Orlando Rusiness Journal A registered patent attorney, Miller is now one of only 108 Florida attornevs who are board certified in Intellectual Property Law by The Florida Bar.

Robbie Mosley, NUR '01, completed his Master of Science in Nursing Health Care System Management from Loyola University, New Orleans, in December 2010.

Faroog Mughal, CLA '02, managing partner of Mughal Strategies Global Partners-Government Advisory Group has been selected as one of the "40 under 40" in a recent issue of Georgia Trend magazine. He is the first Pakistani-American to be honored with this award.

James Nixon, BUS '05, was recognized by Georgia Trend as one of its "40 Under 40 Georgia's Best

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as Mercer alumni and friends

travel to Italy to hear the

Robert McDuffie Center for

internationally renowned

chamber musicians from

around the world!

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advancement consultant for

Townsend School of Music, at

Strings students perform with

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ROME CHAMBER MUSIC

and Brightest" in the magazine's October issue. Rachel Patton, LAW '02, became the first assistant district attorney in Jacksonville, Texas, Brandon Peak, LAW '04, has been named a partner in the firm of Butler, Wooten & Fryofer LLP. with offices in Atlanta and Columbus.

Joev Polk, CLA '01, was promoted to national account manager at Sprint in June 2010. Michael L. Scheve, LAW '06, has been named

associate attorney at the law firm of Burman, Critton, Lutlier & Coleman in West Palm Beach, Fla. Carl Varnedoe, LAW '03, has joined the Hinesvillebased law firm of Jones, Osteen & Jones to focus his practice on personal injury and general civil litigation. Varnedoe has practiced law in Macon for the last seven years.

Sabrena Ward-Small, EDU '09, '11, was nominated by her neers and selected to represent Georgia educators at the Item and Data Review for the Georgia Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests. She will be reviewing items for Reading/ELA for seventh grade.

Matt Wetherington, CLA '07, LAW '10, joined the Atlanta-based law firm of Conley Griggs as an

Dr. Heather Bagwell Westmoreland, MED '04, has heen named medical director of cardiovascular MRI at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville. Jared S. Westbroek, LAW '08, recently joined HunterMaclean's specialty litigation practice group as an associate. HunterMaclean is located in Savannah. Jeffery Williamson, BUS '00, recently opened J.L. Williamson Law Group LLC. The firm specializes in

estate planning, elder law and taxation.

Trey Winder, LAW '06, was appointed municipal judge for the city of Athens, Tenn, He continues to practice in the Athens-based firm Reid, Winder & Green PLLC, where he is the managing partner. Greg Winters, LAW '00, was elected Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney

Wesley O. Wommack, ENG '02, has been promoted to associate at Electrical Design Consultants. Wommack, who has been with the firm for nine vears, resides in Grav.

Andy Woods, CLA '02, was selected as a NCAA men's lacrosse official for Division I, II and III games in District IV (Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., North Carolina and Delaware). He was also promoted to chief technology integration officer, Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Cyber Operations Field Office focused on counter intelligence/counter terrorism operations

Frances Carter, EDU '10, was named Feb. 8 the new president and CEO of Union Mission, a leading non-profit organization dedicated to reducing homelessness throughout the greater Savannah area. Dr. Carter had served as interim president and CEO since July 2010. She earned her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Mercer.

William Phillips. EDU '10, and current master's student at Mercer, was selected by Douglas County, where he teaches kindergarten, to be part of a team of kindergarten teachers to create districtwide grade level assessments.

Marriages, Births & Anniversaries

John Robert Brewer, CLA '56, and Faye DeLoach Brewer, Tift '56, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 14 2010

Christine Frigo Carter, CLA '92 married Kenyon Carter on Jan. 16, 2010.

Mackenzie Faglen, CLA '99 and her husband Mark Wooters announce the birth of their son. Brendan, on June 10.

Frin White Flrod, CLA '02 and Brandon Jared Elrod were married Feb. 19 at Sacred Heart Cultural Center in Augusta. She is employed with the Rome Braves baseball team.

Peggy A. McGovern, CLA '98 married Michael Stumhofer, CLA '99, on Oct. 23. Michael is a web developer and Peggy is an attorney The couple resides in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Savannah A. Bryant, MUS '07, married Andrew W. Moore, CLA '04 on Dec 19 2010 in Rome Matthew Vernon Creech, LAW '04, married Margaret League Boylston on Jan. 6, 2010, at Bethel United Methodist Church in Walterboro, S.C. Creech is an attorney with Peters Murdaugh Parker Eltzroth and Detrick PA in Ridgeland. The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica

Jake Dickson, ENG '07, and Jamie C. Dickson, CLA '05, announce the birth of their son, Owen Lee Dickson, on Feb. 1. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Christopher Edmonds, EGR '06, and Regina Walker, CLA '07, were married on June 19, 2010, in Augusta The counte resides in Hampton Alex Meade Klein, CLA '06, and David Klein, CLA

'07, announce the birth of their daughter. Caroline Gloria Klein Nov. 28, 2010, at Athens Regional Medical Center, Caroline weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Rebecca Waldrep Lopez, BUS '05, married Andrew Lopez, ENG '06, on April 10 in Macon. The couple resides in Huntsville, Ala.

Brent D. Matthews, BUS '02, married Bonnie Sample Matthews, CLA '04, on June 26, 2010, in Opelika, Ala. Andrew W. Moore, CLA '04, married Savannah A Bryant, MUS '07, on Dec. 19, 2010, in Rome. Joev Polk, CLA '01, and his wife. Stephanie. announce the birth of their second daughter, Hadliegh Grace Polk, on June 6, 2010. Regina Walker, CLA '07, and Christopher

Edmonds, EGR '06, were married June 19, 2010, in Augusta. The couple resides in Hampton. Erin Amanda White, CLA '02, and Brandon Jared Flrod were married on Feb. 19 at Sacred Heart Cultural Center in Augusta.

2010s

Meredith Jackson Schnepp, MUS '08, married Adam Richard Schnepp, CLA '06 and PHA '10, on Oct. 9, 2010

In Memory

Friends

R. Albert Billingslea, a member of the inaugural Board of Governors for the School of Medicine, of Macon died Ian 30

Dr. Donald G. Gallup, chair of the School of Medicine's Department of OB/GYN on the Savannah Campus. died Ian 8

Marion Campbell Hatcher, whose husband Milford was the founding chair of the Department of Surgery for the School of Medicine, of Macon died Feb. 4. Ms. Hatcher was a long-time supporter of the School of Medicine. Carolyn Ward, a former member of the McAfee Board of Visitors of Marietta died Feb 27

Patricia E. Wood, former member of the Mercer Police Department of Macon died April 11.

1930s

Mary Powell Bell, Tift '37, of Jonesborough, Tenn., died Aug. 7, 2010. Howard C. Glover, CLA '32, of Newnan died Sept 10 2010 William Matthews Kirkland, CLA '39,

of Scott Depot, W.Va., died April 19. Louise Moore Lawson, CLA '36, of Perry died Aug 30 2010 Mildred Garrett Lipham, Tift '37, of

Carrollton died Jan. 11. Thomas M. McCleskey Jr., PHA '38, of Villa Rica died March 31. Juanita Patterson Nail, Tift '38, of Decatur died June 15, 2010. Ernest N. Zinkowski, CLA '34, of Charleston, S.C., died Jan. 1.

1940s

Fugene Mac Amos IAW '42 of Long Beach, Calif., died March 16. Sara Boone Baird, CLA '42, of Richmond, Va., died Jan. 25. Alex L. Baldwin, LAW '49, of Valdosta died March 7.

William Duncan Bazemore, CLA '48, of Arcata, Calif., died Jan. 2. F. Don Bradford, CLA '49, of Macon died April 16 Darnell L. Brawner, CLA '41, of Brooklet died Nov. 9, 2010.

George H. Broadrick, CLA '48, of

Charlotte, N.C., died April 13. Gainer Bryan Jr., CLA '43, of Lawrenceville died June 11. Alan J. Burkhalter, CLA '48, of Macon died Oct. 10, 2010. Emily B. Calhoun, CLA '46, of Decatur Robins died Nov 7 2010 died Oct. 10, 2010. Raymond Y. Chauncey, CLA '49, of Baxley died Feb. 3, 2010. Robert Hiram Dillard, CLA '40, of Gladwyne, Pa., died March 13.

Elaine Taylor Dowis, CLA '44, of Roswell

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Jeannette Wiggins Fincher, CLA '49. of Macon died Jan. 22. Jane Miller Gaines, Tift '49, of Braselton died Sept. 6, 2010.

Gwen Reed Gordh, CLA '43, of Roanoke, Va., died Sept. 13, 2010. Irving E. Hall, CLA '46, of Bradenton, Fla., died Sept. 17, 2010

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Ark., died Aug. 10, 2010. Rosa Jones Jay, CLA '43, of Fitzgerald died March 5. James Ansley Jordan, EDU '45, of Gray died July 4, 2010.

Clyde C. Laney, CLA '46, of Eugene. Ore., died April 14. John R. Lawless, CLA '49, of St. Augustine, Fla., died Feb. 14. Martha Powell Lunceford, CLA '49 and EDU '50, of Richmond, Ky., died Jan. 10. Betty B. Mays, CLA '53, of Warner

Marjorie R. McFerrin, CLA '40, of Macon died May 10. Alan B. Northington, EDU '46, '55, of Macon died Aug. 14, 2010. Sara Hall Perkins, Tift '42, of Clinton,

Miss., died Feb. 7. Lula Stanford Peterman, CLA '45, of Winder died April 6. Lawrence R. Plummer, CLA '47, of Spring, Texas, died May 2.

Winford Homer Pool Jr., CLA '49, of Atlanta died Feb. 24, 2010. Willie Wade Price, CLA '45, of Bartlett, Tenn., died July 7, 2010.

Ruth McGahee Raines Tift '46 of Senoia died Nov. 6., 2010. Lillian Gwaltney Rogers, CLA '44. of Carol Gables, Fla., died March 16. Howard C. Scarboro, CLA '46, of Carrollton died Sept. 28, 2010. Emily V. Sell, CLA '46, of Augusta

died April 2.

Dorothy Daniel Smith, CLA '49, of Macon died April 11. Nina Kathryn Stewart, CLA '43, of Convers died Aug. 11, 2010. Jeannette Vandiviere Tift, CLA '46, of

Albany died Feb. 20. Sara Allene Wilson Wade, Tift '40, of Tucker died Sept. 24, 2010. Marion M. Walker, CLA '42, of Thomasville died Nov. 7, 2010 Paul M. Watson Jr., CLA '45, of Dublin died Jan. 18.

Donald F Wender PHA '49 of Atlanta died Oct. 25, 2010.

1950s

Jack Airheart, PHA '54, of Concord, N.C., died July 1, 2010. Anna Jean Allen, Tift '50, of Phenix City, Ala., died Oct. 29, 2010.

Donald R. Bartlett, CLA '54, of Brunswick died Oct. 1, 2010 Jo Carter Bewley, CLA '53, of Houston, Texas, died Oct. 29, 2010. Lester T. Buckalew, CLA '53, of Kennesaw died April 26. Glenn R. Bunting, CLA '55 and LAW '57, of Landers, Calif., died Jan. 14. Saralyna Finney Burns, NUR '56, of Inneshorn died Aug 8 2010 Robert Paul Callicutt, CLA '54, of Bamberg, S.C., died March 15. Susan Slocumb Cannington, CLA '57, of Valdosta died Oct. 31, 2010. Jimmy Carnes, CLA '56, of Gainesville Fla., died March 5. K. Lewis Carr. CLA '53, of Tallahassee. Fla., died Jan. 31. Marlene Timmerman Carruth CLA '53

of Summitt, Miss., died Oct. 15, 2010. Ernestine Hooker Champion, CLA '51, of Macon died Sept. 21, 2010. Jewell Bentley Childress, CLA '54, of Augusta died Sept. 8, 2010. Austin T. Chitwood Jr., PHA '51, of Bullhead City, Ariz., died Oct. 6, 2010 Cuva Welborn Cox. CLA '56, of Raleigh N.C. died lan 10 Oscar Sam Croker, PHA '52, of

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Thomas L. Griffin, CLA '54, of Wilson. N.C., died Aug. 28, 2010. William B. Greenhaw Jr., CLA '51, of Macon died Jan. 25. Charline Stanfield Hall, Tift '52, of Stone Mountain died Oct. 21, 2010. George Cason Hardison, CLA '50, of

Birmingham, Ala., died Feb. 28. Anne Harry, NUR '50, of Atlanta died Oct. 26, 2010.

John H. Holder Jr., LAW '50, CLA '51, of Columbus died Aug. 25, 2010. Donald Hudnall, PHA '58, of Seminole,

Fla., died July 19., 2010 Fred Mercer Huff, Tift '55, of Eastanollee died Nov. 9, 2009 Glenda Cook Hylton, NUR '58, of Pulaski, Va., died Jan. 9.

Grover D. Jones, CLA '53, of Milledgeville died Jan. 26. Robert A. Kennedy, CLA '56, of Crystal River, Fla., died Oct. 1, 2010. Christine Rocker Lee, EDU '58, of

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William E. Neylans, CLA '50, of Keystone Heights, Fla., died Aug. 4, 2010. Wallace A. Odum Jr., CLA '55, of Duluth

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L. Cooper Schaudies, PHA '51, of East Point died May 4, 2010. Mary Segraves, NUR '57, of Blairsville died Feb. 6. Harry Vaughan Smith Jr., CLA '50, EDU

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In 1977,

Carnes was elect-

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Chairman of AAU Men's Track and Field.

served in that capacity from 1979-1984.

Carnes was elected as its first president and

Along with his outstanding achievements in

the area of track and field, Carnes was the

recipient of other noted honors. In 1967, he

was named one of the 12 fitness leaders in

the nation and was honored at the White

House. He was named Outstanding Young

Florida Javcees and was named to the Mer-

cer University Hall of Fame, University of

Fame and Florida Sports Hall of Fame.

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Jimmy Carnes, Active with U.S. Olympic

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immy Carnes, who served as the first

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Carnes was president of Carnes En-

terprises, executive director of the United

States Track Coaches Association Inc. and

served on the executive board of the Inter-

where he played for the Bears' basketball

team and was a javelin thrower and high

jumper for the Bears' track and field team.

Carnes dated his future wife, Nanette, a

Mercer education major, while they were

Carnes, a native of Eatonton, was

In 1976, Carnes served as one of the as-

sistant coaches of the U.S. Olympic team in

Montreal. He was elected as the men's head

track coach in the 1980 Olympics. In 1964,

Carnes became the head track coach at the

two indoor Southeastern Conference Cham-

University of Florida. He led the Gators to

highly respected for his many years of

service to track and field and the U.S.

He attended Mercer from 1952 to 1956,

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John Adams, CLA '60, of Decatur died Jan. 1.

Miriam R. Bowen, CLA '65, of Blacksheer died Aug. 7, 2010. Larry Broadfoot, LAW '66, of Vidalia died June 17, 2010.

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Patricia Whitehead, NUR '60, of Gainesville died Jan. 1, 2009

Janet M. Whitfield, Tift '62, of Kannapolis, N.C., died Oct. 18, 2010

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Blanche Watson Franks, CLA '63, of

Jacksonville, Fla., died Jan. 28, 2010.

Honorable Hardy Gregory, LAW '67, of

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James Hannah, CLA '60, of

Centerville died Feb. 18.

Spartanburg, S.C., died Jan. 3.

Glenn L. Hitchcock, EDU '63, of

Larry Lynn Johnson, LAW '66, of

Louisville, Ky., died Nov. 22, 2010.

Allison Jackson "Jack" Martin, CLA

'62, of Culloden died Sept. 21, 2010.

Sarah Dodd McCarthy, CLA '61, of

Jerene Evans McIntosh, NUR '61, of

Englewood, Colo., died Feb. 15.

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Patsy McLaurin, NUR '60, of

Woodbridge, Va., died April 14.

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died Jan. 21.

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Richard L. Hodge, LAW '77, of Albany

Benjamin S. Macwatters, BUS '76, of Charles Mathis Jr., CLA '75, LAW '78,

John Dale Mixon, LAW '74, of Arlington,

Texas, died March 31, 2010. Carlton Rex Newman, EDU '73, of Marietta died March 22

Martha Harpole Jones, EDU '72, of Macon died Aug. 24, 2010

Steven John Richey, CLA '71, LAW '74, of Leesburg, Fla., died Aug. 9, 2010. Robert Lee Sheets Jr., CLA '73, of Roberta died April 20.

Sam B. Sibley, LAW '72, of Augusta died April 5.

Michael S. Thwaites, CAS '76, of Greer, S.C., died Feb. 24. Wayne George Tillis, CLA '72 and LAW

1980s

Albert Carnett Bryant, CLA '81, of Atlanta died Feb. 28.

'78, of Fort Valley died April 16.

Wayne G. Ethridge, husband of Judy Ethridge, CLA '87, of Newnan died Nov. 22, 2010.

John Stuart Lambertson, BUS '87. of Lawrenceville died Sept. 14, 2010. William Clay McKey, LAW '81, of Valdosta died May 17, 2010.

Vanessa Fave Booker Morgan, CLA '81. of Columbus died March 23. Jane Nixon Muir, CAS '81, of Suwanee

died Nov. 6, 2010. Gregory Hal Pudina, CLA '87, of Jacksonville, Fla., died Aug. 28, 2010. John R. Roberts, BUS '83, of Atlanta died Feb. 10, 2010.

Warren Thomas Taylor, LAW '89, of Atlanta died April 5, 2010. Dolly Hays Todd, LAW '84, of Dacula died March 30, 2010.

A. Leroy Toliver, LAW '81, of Conyers died Feb. 5. Patricia S. Zweig, CAS '83, of San

Diego, Calif., died Feb. 14.

1990s

Mellena R. Hill, EDU '96, of Warner Robins died Nov. 1, 2010 Jill Nicole Meekins, LAW '97, of Atlanta

died July 3, 2010. Christy Petrie, CCPS '96, of Lithia Springs died March 30.

Frances McKinney, BUS '96, of Tucker died April 27.

Andrew Frank Stringfellow, ENG '90, of Columbus died March 2.

2000s

Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Ferreyra, LAW '00, of Valdosta died June 8, 2010. Edgwina Hendricks Franklin, CCPS '05, of College Park died April 25. Walter Theodore Widener, LAW '06, of Douglasville died Sept. 11, 2010.

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25-**50-100 Years Ago...**

1986 Mercer was among the first schools in Georgia to field an NCAA women's soccer team.



1961 Dr. Wernher von Braun, pictured right with Mercer president Dr. Rufus C. Harris, spoke to a crowd gathered for Alumni Day on May 13. At the time, von Braun served as director of the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala, "Education must prevent people from becoming robots, and young people must acquire the moral and spiritual values adequate to decide wisely the uses which should be made of new knowledge with their minds not fashioned to function as computers, but with heart and

soul." Dr. von Braun said.

1911 The first issue of *The Cauldron*, Mercer's long-time yearbook, was published. Student J.R. Evans of Atlanta won the contest to name the new publication with his suggestion that a cauldron embodied "the idea of a mixture of everything in college life being poured into a bubbling pot." The 1911 volume was dedicated to University librarian Sallie Boone. The drawing shown here was the first one in the 1911 yearbook and depicts Shakespeare's witches from Macbeth.

Photos and archival information for 25-50-100 Years Ago assembled by Laura Botts and the Tarver Library Special Collections staff.

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Alumni Awards Nominations

Categories (Check One):

☐ **The Distinguished Alumnus Award** is given to an alumnus/alumna of Mercer University who has served their profession in an outstanding manner, and in so doing, has brought honor to his/her person and the University. This award is presented for service to humanity and dedication which have fostered the ideals of Mercer University.

☐ **The Meritorious Service Award** is presented to an alumnus/alumna of Mercer University who has demonstrated his/her support of the Alumni Association and the University through his/her contribution of time, talents and financial resources. A Meritorious Service Award may also be given to a non-alumnus/friend of the University who has displayed uncommon loyalty and support to Mercer.

☐ **The Thomas Sewell Plunkett Young Alumnus Award** is given to an alumnus/alumna of Mercer University who has graduated from the University within the last 10 years and has demonstrated continued support of the Alumni Association and the University through his/her contribution of time, talents and financial resources.

Nominee:

Name	Year of Graduation
Address	
Years at Mercer (specify dates if known)	
School(s)/Colleges(s) Attended (e.g. Liberal Ar	, Engineering)
Note: It is a general requirement that the award Thomas Sewell Plunkett Young Alumnus Award	ecipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Meritorious Service Award and to be present for the presentation of the award.
Supporting Information (use additional page as	needed):
Nominated By:	
Name	
Address	
Telephone	E-Mail
School(s) Attended	Year of Graduation
Signature	Date

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Sept. 30, 2011.

Award Recipients will be notified on Monday, Oct. 3, 2011.

Award recipients will be recognized at a reception during Homecoming on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the University Center rotunda, prior to the Men's basketball game vs. Emory at 3 p.m. Recipients will also be recognized during halftime of the men's basketball game.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Services at (800) 837-2911 or newham_tl@mercer.edu

Mail or fax nominations to:

Office of Alumni Services and University Special Events 1400 Coleman Avenue, Macon, GA 31207 Fax: (478) 301-4124

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Mercer Alumni Share Family Connections

For many alumni, Mercer is deeply entrenched in their family histories. Learn more about two families whose Mercer roots run deep and who support the University with their philanthropy.

The Griffiths — Former Mercer trustee and professor of English Benjamin Griffith Jr., CLA '44, enrolled at Mercer in 1940 when tuition was only about \$100 a quarter. His family lived near the campus, and he walked a short, but transformative, distance to his classes. "The two blocks I walked took me into a new world," Griffith Jr. said.

At Mercer, he developed a love for English literature. "I always loved to read, but a new world of books and ideas was opened to me by a gifted faculty," he said. "Mercer gave me so many opportunities to explore my interests."

In 1944, Griffith Jr.'s senior year, Mercer installed a Navy V-12 unit, which prepared him for officer training. Griffith Jr.'s three years in the Navy, where he served as an officer aboard a Tank Landing Ship (LST), allowed him to earn the two graduate degrees from Northwestern University

via the government's G.I. Bill. He received his master's and Ph.D. in English from Northwestern.

"My ambition was to teach English," he said. He taught at Tift College for five years before he returned to Macon where he was offered a position to teach English in 1955.

He was a professor at Mercer for 15 years and served as chairman of the English Department for 13 years. Griffith Jr., who has a passion for poetry, inspired some of the country's most talented poets through his teaching, including Georgia State Poet Laureate David Bottoms, CLA '71.

Griffith Jr. is a firm believer in giving back
— especially to his alma mater. He is a member
of The President's Club and established the Ben
and Betty Griffith Endowment Fund, which
supports the McDuffie Center for Strings in the
Townsend School of Music as well as the Mercer
University Press.

He made his first gift to the university in 1955 and has been giving ever since. "I just really felt that Mercer had been such a life-altering experience for me, and I wanted to pay something back if I could," he said of his first gift.

Griffith passed his love for Mercer onto his children, former trustee Benjamin "Benjy" Griffith III, CLA '77, and Eugenia Griffith DuPell, who each attended the University. His brother, James Norman Griffith, CLA '49, is a Mercer alumnus and served as executive director and CEO of the Georgia Baptist Convention. Additionally, Griffith III's wife, Teresa Griffith, CLA '77, and their daughter, Casey Griffith Connally, LAW '05, are also Mercer graduates.

In 2001, Griffith III established the Benjamin W. Griffith Jr. Endowed Chair of English and Continue on page 56



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Faculty Research and Development Fund in honor of his father.

Griffith III said he started the endowment because he was proud of his father and the mark he left on Mercer and his students. "Growing up, I was so proud of my dad," he said. "Some people would ask 'What does your dad do?' I was thrilled to say my dad is the chairman of the English Department at Mercer."

During the luncheon to dedicate the Chair of English, DuPell, who spent two years of her undergraduate career at Mercer, spoke of her love and admiration for her father and his relationship with the University. "I learned from my professors, but even more importantly, I respected them for their commitment to their jobs and their love of their profession," she said at the luncheon. "However, I have to admit that the professor who I admired and still do admire the most is my dad. Dad is a wonderful teacher."

The Maddox Family — To glance at the Maddox family tree, one sees a lot of orange and black. Also seen are quite a few eye charts.

Three generations of Maddoxes have earned diplomas from Mercer, and countless other family members have connections to the University.

Spencer Fleetwood Maddox graduated from Mercer Law in 1926. Rufus Harris, who would later serve as president of the University, was dean of the Law School at the time. Maddox's wife, Martha, served as Mercer's hostess and Harris' executive secretary for 25 years. Spencer Maddox died in 1953.

His son, Dr. Spencer F. Maddox Jr., CLA '53, earned his Mercer degree that year. He studied chemistry and biology at the University in preparation for medical school at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG). "When I was in school, Mer-

cer was an excellent place to go in preparation for the Medical College, he said. "Graduates were easily taken if they were from Mercer."

He graduated from MCG in 1957. He completed his medical internship and residency at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego and held a fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology at the Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C.

He opened his practice, Eye Center of Central Georgia, in 1965 and retired in 2001, but he admits that he still sees a few patients. His son, Spencer "Chip" Fleetwood Maddox III, CLA '75 and MED '88, is in practice there now.

Maddox Jr., began giving to Mercer School of Medicine in its infancy. He said he gives to Mercer because he wants to show his appreciation to the University that has been such an integral part of his family. "You take care of those who have helped you get to where you are," he said.

Chip Maddox grew up near Mercer's campus and studied biology and art history at the University. A member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, he took a few years to decide if he wanted

to become a doctor. In 1983, he made the decision to follow in his father's footsteps as a medical student when he became a member of the second class of the Mercer University Medical School. Like his father, he specialized in pediatric ophthalmology during his residency.

Chip Maddox, also a

From left, Taylor Maddox, "Chip" Maddox III, CLA '75, MED '88, and Dr. Spencer Maddox Jr., CLA '53 donor, said he owes a lot to the University.

"Mercer has been such a big part of my life. I wouldn't be where I am if it wasn't for Mercer University, and I don't ever forget that," he said.

Now, Taylor Maddox, Chip Maddox's son, is enrolled at the Medical School. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 2009 and, like his dad, took a few years off before enrolling.

Taylor is looking at fields of medicine other than opthalmology. He is heeding the advice of his grandfather and dad to keep an open mind. He knows how important Mercer is to his family, but that's only part of the reason that he plans to support the University after he graduates.

"Mercer is helping me reach my goal of becoming a physician," he said. "I definitely appreciate that and want to give back."

Each generation of the Maddox family has a different Mercer story to tell, but one thing is for sure: "I think you could say that Mercer has really played a central part in our lives, and one for which we are very happy about," Maddox Jr. said.





Life Members Recognized at 46th President's Club

A HOST OF MERCER'S MOST LOYAL and generous supporters gathered in April for the 46th annual meeting of The President's Club in Atlanta. On the evening of April 15, guests were treated to a festive reception in the ballroom of the historic Georgian Terrace Hotel. The following morning, attendees met for the traditional brunch and recognition program in the recently renovated Egyptian Ballroom at the Fox Theater, one of Atlanta's grandest landmarks.

The highlight of the annual recognition program is introducing new Life Members of The President's Club. The University's highest level of leadership giving, The President's Club Life Member status is

bestowed on those individuals and churches who have contributed at least \$100,000 to Mercer. At this year's event, the following were recognized for achieving Life Member status: Judith L. Burge, Mr. and Mrs. G. Marshall Butler, Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Warner J. Raines, Vincent L. Sgrosso, Mr. and Mrs. M. David Upshaw and the First Baptist Church of Gainesville.

Photo — New President's Club Life Members attending the celebration with President William D. Underwood, far right, include (L-R): Fleming and David Upshaw, Jane and Marshall Butler and, representing First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Ruth Demby and Becky Brannon.

A Legacy of Giving

When Madge Byington funded a scholarship in memory of her husband, Frank Edward Byington, CLA '58, she did it to continue his legacy of giving. That he liked to give was evidenced by his longstanding membership in The President's Club and consistent giving dating back to 1962, when he made his first gift of \$5.

Frank, a Macon native, majored in economics and paid his way through school working part-time and summer jobs.

The Byingtons' daughter, Laurie, CLA '92, attended Mercer on a Penfield Scholarship and remembers her father discussing his desire to establish a scholarship after they attended Homecoming 2008 and Frank's 50-year class reunion.

Laurie recently completed a threeyear term on the College of Liberal Arts Alumni Board of Directors and gained insight into the importance of student scholarships. "The things Mercer is doing to set itself apart and give its students relevant experiences has caused me to triple my giving over the past few years," she said.





Giving to scholarships truly makes a difference in students' lives and also honors the memory of loved ones. For more information about contributing to the Frank Edward Byington Memorial Scholarship, or to establish a scholarship in honor or memory of someone, please contact the Office of University Advancement at (800) 837-2911 ext. 2720.





2011-2012 MERCER UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Men's **2011-2012** Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
November 3	GCSU^ (Ex.)	Macon	7:30 p.m.
November 12	EMORY (HC)	Macon	3 p.m.
November 14	Missouri	Columbus, MO.	8 p.m.
November 17	Furman	Greenville, S.C.	7 p.m.
November 21	SAM HOUSTON STATE	CBE Classic / Macon	7 p.m.
November 22	NIAGARA	CBA Classic / Macon	7 p.m.
November 23	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	CBA Classic / Macon	7 p.m.
December 1	*Lipscomb^	Nashville, Ténn.	8:15 p.m.
December 3	*Belmont^	Nashville, Tenn.	5:15 p.m.
December 7	Samford	Birmingham, Ala.	8 p.m.
December 10	UT-CHATTANOOGA	Macon	7 p.m.
December 18	Seton Hall	Newark, N.J.	7 p.m.
December 20	Georgia	Athens	2 p.m.
December 22	Georgia Tech	Duluth	7 p.m.
December 28	Tulsa	Tulsa, Okla.	8 p.m.
December 30	Navy	Annapolis, Md.	7 p.m.
January 2	*FLORIDA GULF COAST^	Macon	7:30 p.m.
January 4	*STETSON^	Macon	7:30 p.m.
January 7	*East Tennessee State^	Johnson City, Tenn.	4 p.m.
January 9	*USC Upstate^	Spartanburg, S.C.	7:30 p.m.
January 13	*KENNESAW STATE	Macon	7 p.m.
January 21	*NORTH FLORIDA^	Macon	4:30 p.m.
January 23	*JACKSONVILLE	Macon	7 p.m.
January 28	*Stetson^	DeLand, Fla.	3:15 p.m.
January 30	*Florida Gulf Coast	Ft. Myers, Fla.	7 p.m.
February 4	*USC UPSTATE^	Macon	4:30 p.m.
February 6	*EAST TENNESSEE STATE	Macon	7 p.m.
February 10	*Kennesaw State	Kennesaw	7 p.m.
February 18	*Jacksonville^	Jacksonville, Fla.	3:30 p.m.
February 20	*North Florida	Jacksonville, Fla.	7 p.m.
February 23	*LIPSCOMB^	Macon	7:30 p.m.
February 25	*BELMONT^	Macon	4:30 p.m.
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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
November 3	GCSU^ (Ex.)	Macon	5 p.m.
November 11	AUBURN (HC)	Macon	7 p.m.**
November 14	Davidson	Davidson, N.C.	5:30 p.m.
November 17	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	Macon	7 p.m.
November 20	UCF	Orlando, Fla.	2 p.m.
November 23	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	TBA
November 25	High Point	High Point, N.C.	7 p.m.
December 1	*Lipscomb^	Nashville, Tenn .	6 p.m.**
December 3	*Belmont^	Nashville, Tenn.	3 p.m.**
December 6	GEORGIA	Macon	7 p.m.**
December 18	TROY	Macon	2 p.m.
December 21	UNC Asheville	Asheville, N.C.	12 p.m.
December 28	WINTHROP	Macon	7 p.m.
December 30	NOTRE DAME	Macon	7 p.m.
January 2	*FLORIDA GULF COAST	Macon	5 p.m.**
January 4	*STETSON	Macon	5 p.m.**
January 7	*East Tennessee State^	Johnson City, Tenn.	1:30 p.m.**
January 9	*USC Upstate^	Spartanburg, S.C.	5 p.m.**
January 14	*KENNESAW STATE	Macon	2 p.m.**
January 19	*JACKSONVILLE	Macon	7 p.m.**
January 21	*NORTH FLORIDA^	Macon	2 p.m.**
January 26	*Florida Gulf Coast	Ft. Myers, Fla.	TBA
January 28	*Stetson^	DeLand, Fla.	1 p.m.**
February 2	*EAST TENNESSEE STATE	Macon	7 p.m.**
February 4	*USC UPSTATE^	Macon	2 p.m.**
February 11	*Kennesaw State	Kennesaw	TBA
February 16	*North Florida	Jacksonville, Fla.	7 p.m.
February 18	*Jacksonville^	Jacksonville, Fla.	1 p.m. **
February 23	*LIPSCOMB^	Macon	5 p.m.**
February 25	BELMONT^	Macon	2 p.m.**
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