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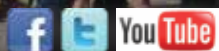
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In Our Lens

Seven busloads of students made the trip from Macon to Raleigh on March 21 to cheer on the Bears in Mercer's NCAA second-round game against Duke. Before entering PNC Arena to help the Bears stun the Blue Devils 78-71, the students and administrators posed for a group photo.

Two days later, 10 busloads of students returned to Raleigh for Mercer's third-round game against Tennessee.



A Letter to the Editor

I APPRECIATE your publishing in the Fall 2013 *Mercerian* descriptions of many of the forerunners of the integration of Mercer's campus in Macon. I am, however, disappointed that there was no mention of G. McLeod Bryan, Ph.D. I was a student there from 1950-1954. Having married in 1952, I was out of many of the social activities but felt very much a part of Mac Bryan's classes and our informal meetings at his house. He and Edna took me under their wing and helped me make the tremendous leap into modern biblical and philosophical scholarship at the same time I was learning all I could about being a wife and unexpectedly a mother in August 1953. I was a naïve Southern Baptist girl from Gainesville, Ga., and needed to catch up in almost every area of life and study. I had a chance to begin that journey with Mac's leading us to Buckeye Cove, the camp that Will Campbell directed for the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen. I didn't meet Will Campbell until 1979, but I learned much about him and other activists from Mac: Dr. Sam Williams of Morehouse, P.D. East in Mississippi, Clarence Jordan, and Dr. Cecelia Sheppard of Paine College in Augusta, Ga., the Methodist College for blacks, and later, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

My initial introduction to this new world came with Ray Brewster's invitation to Clarence Jordan of Koinonia to speak at the Mercer Baptist Sweetheart Banquet in February 1952. This situation opened my eyes to the conflict over the status quo regarding "Christian behavior" and the everyday honest practice of the Sermon on the Mount values. The banquet was moved to another location since Clarence was not allowed on the Mercer campus. Complaints against him included being a pacifist in the 1940s and opening Koinonia to everybody, including blacks, in Americus, Ga. I need not go into detail on the conflicts and false charges that ensued. Other than this event and discussions in Mac's classes, I did not hear any more about practicing our Christian faith in radical ways for the times. Mac's background was similar to Will Campbell's. His teaching remained with me after I left Mercer. In 1959 at Koinonia I slept in the bed KKK'ers had shot at the night before, with bullet holes still evident just above the head of the bed.

I consider Mac Bryan the main forerunner of the integration movement at Mercer. He was ahead of other professors and modeled what he was teaching in Christian Ethics. We talked often about integrating Mercer. For a time, I was editor of our newsletter, "Combustible-Burn." The name had a double meaning — first, the issues were of course hot topics, but our main concern about the little paper was that it not get to the administration and get us kicked out of Mercer. We had ample proof that (administrators) were opposed to this type of discussion and action, but Mac offered us a chance to see the way things really were; for instance he showed us the Macon Baptist campus for blacks (to keep them out of Mercer). Conditions were terrible. We played basketball, had informal conversation and ate together during that visit. We saw firsthand that separate but equal did not work.

I know that Andrew Silver valued Mac's contribution and arranged for him to join many of us "Bryanites" to see the play *Combustible/Burn* and eat together. I don't believe Mac received tenure at Mercer, but his authentic lifestyle, his fair treatment of us women students, and his presentation of issues that made us think about things we were accepting mindlessly all made him the strong force that ignited our passion for justice, peace and love in the name of Christ.

Carolyn A. Martin, Ph.D.
Tiger, Ga.

Editor's note: Bob Hurt, CLA '65, in his February 2014 Founders' Day address (story on p. 8), referenced the role Mac Bryan played in paving the way for Mercer's integration. Hurt's address can be viewed online at <http://youtu.be/roFWNzJbmtw>. The transcript is also available at <https://50th.mercer.edu/mu-50th/resources/upload/hurtfoundersdayspeech.pdf>.



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Sophomore Earns Prestigious Goldwater Scholarship; Junior Selected as Honorable Mention

Sophomore Kirsten Brown earned one of the nation's most prestigious and competitive research scholarships for undergraduate students, the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, which was awarded to only 283 students for the 2014-2015 academic year. Brown is the University's third-ever Goldwater Scholarship winner, and its second in two years.

Brown received the scholarship based on academic merit from a field of 1,166 mathematics, science and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide. The one- and two-year scholarships, awarded to undergraduate sophomores and juniors, cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year.

"Applicants undergo a rigorous application process and must write a detailed scientific proposal for an independent research project," said Dr. Adam Kiefer, assistant professor of chemistry and the Goldwater Scholarship faculty representative at Mercer. "This award is not only a testament to Kirsten's hard work, intelligence and determination, but also recognizes her potential as a future researcher."

"I was kind of ecstatic," said Brown, who learned she had received the scholarship on a University-chartered bus ride to the NCAA men's basketball tournament. "If I would have been standing, I would have started jumping up and down."

Brown, from Tallahassee, Fla., is a chemistry and computational science major who works in the lab of Dr. Garland Crawford, assistant professor of chemistry, to investigate a hexosaminidase enzyme known as OGA. Brown brings a unique computational approach to the research as she attempts to determine how computers might be used to predict alterations to the enzyme that may increase or decrease interactions between a target and that particular enzyme.

"Kirsten is a phenomenal student, very conscientious, very engaged," said Dr. Crawford. "She came to us with a very good background in general chemistry. Where she is now academically is well beyond her years."

Brown, who plans to attend a graduate school with a strong biochemical research program, will be participating in a summer research experience at Oak Ridge National Laboratories in Tennessee this summer to

perform molecular dynamics simulations. She was selected as an honorable mention for a presentation at the Herty Medalist Undergraduate Research Symposium in the fall, and she performed research last summer with Dr. Crawford as part of the Mercer Undergraduate Bio-medical Scholar (MUBS) Training Initiative.

Goldwater Scholars have very impressive academic qualifications that have garnered the attention of prestigious post-graduate fellowship programs. Recent Goldwater Scholars have been awarded 80 Rhodes Scholarships, 117 Marshall Awards, 112 Churchill Scholarships and numerous other distinguished fellowships, such as the National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships.

Additionally, junior Jennifer Nguyen, from Griffin, was one of 247 students selected as an honorable mention for the Goldwater Scholarship. Nguyen is a biochemistry and molecular biology major who works in the lab of Dr. David Goode, assistant professor of chemistry, to identify compounds that will bind cholera toxin using a dynamic combinatorial chemistry approach — as a potential future treatment for cholera infection.

"Jennifer is an outstanding student," said Dr. Goode. "She is usually quiet in the classroom, but you can tell that she's taking everything in. She is very organized, focused and hard-working in the lab."

Nguyen, who plans to study pharmacology in graduate school, will participate in a Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Summer Program at Johns Hopkins University this summer, after participating in a similar program last summer at Auburn



Kirsten Brown (right) and Jennifer Nguyen

University. She was also a participant in the MUBS Training Initiative as a freshman, performing research with Dr. Katharine Northcutt, assistant professor of biology. Together, Nguyen and Dr. Northcutt co-published an academic paper about the networks of neurons in the brain that are important for rat play behavior.

"I was very happy to hear the news," said Nguyen. "This is a sign of my hard work and will help me in the future as I continue to perform research and apply to graduate schools."

The Goldwater Foundation is a federally endowed agency established by Public Law 99-661 on Nov. 14, 1986. The scholarship program, honoring Senator Barry Goldwater, was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering. The Goldwater Scholarship is the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields. Since its first award in 1989, the Foundation has bestowed 7,163 scholarships worth approximately \$46 million.

Mercer Selected for Woodrow Wilson Fellowship

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation announced March 3 that Mercer is one of five institutions selected to participate in the Woodrow Wilson Georgia Teaching Fellowship, supported by the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education.

The announcement that Mercer — along with Columbus State University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University and Piedmont College — will participate in the competitive program was made at the State Capitol by Gov. Nathan Deal.

Georgia is the fifth state overall — and the first in the South — to join this growing national initiative that seeks to both increase the supply of outstanding teachers in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields and change how they are prepared to teach.

“The opportunity to partner with the Woodrow Wilson Foundation to establish a fellowship program at Mercer will serve to enhance our already established commitment to inspiring students to use their gifts and talents in service to others,” said President William D. Underwood. “Mercer recognizes the critical need for STEM teachers in central and southern Georgia, and through collaborative efforts with the surrounding school districts, Mercer is positioned to make a clear difference in the state of Georgia.”

“STEM education plays a critical role in our state’s competitiveness and future economic prosperity,” Gov. Deal said. “The most important thing we can do for our students in this field is ensure they have effective teachers. The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowships will encourage more partnerships between institutes of higher education and our K-12 schools to improve educational opportunities for students in this critical area.”

Mercer is in the process of developing a master’s-level teacher preparation program that will offer Fellows a rigorous yearlong experience in local school classrooms, similar to a medical school residency. Fellows receive \$30,000 stipends in exchange for a commitment to teach in a high-need urban or rural school in Georgia for three years with ongoing mentoring. Nearly two-dozen school districts are currently being

considered as partner sites.

“Study after study shows that teachers are the single most important in-school factor in improving student achievement,” said Arthur Levine, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. “Yet urban and rural schools consistently struggle to attract and retain strong math and science teachers — nationally, 30 to 40 percent of all teachers leave the profession during their first three years in the classroom, and more in high-need districts. So there’s a genuine need for these new teachers and for innovative preparation

that will help keep them in the classroom.”

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation will create and administer the fellowship program, with in-state coordination by the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education and support from the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation. Current project funding is \$9.36 million.

“An investment in math, science and technology education is an investment in Georgia’s future,” said P. Russell Hardin, president of the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation. “We

are proud to be able to help bring this program to Georgia and to strengthen the pipeline of excellent teachers for the Georgia students who need them the most.”

“This partnership will train the next generation of STEM educators and is a great opportunity to address a crucial need in the state of Georgia,” said Dr. Scott Davis, provost at Mercer. “We are all dedicated to ensure this



SALDIA-JONES PHOTOGRAPHY

Pictured, from left, are Monroe County Schools Superintendent and Mercer Alumnus Dr. Anthony Pack, Mercer alumnus and Republican State Senate candidate John F. Kennedy, Mercer Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Penny Elkins, Gov. Deal, Woodrow Wilson Foundation President Arthur Levine, Mercer President William D. Underwood, Mercer Fellowship Program Director Dr. Melissa M. Cruz and Mercer Provost Dr. Scott Davis.

initiative has a sustainable and lasting impact to enhance the intellectual capital of STEM education in our region.”

Mercer will receive a \$400,000 matching grant to develop a teacher preparation program based on standards set by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Recruitment of Fellows begins in spring 2014, and the first class of Fellows will begin the program in fall 2015. For each of the program’s three years, the participating Georgia colleges and universities will be able to enroll 12 Fellows, totaling 180 Fellows over that span. Given the state’s shortage of secondary-level STEM teachers, the Foundation is looking for additional partners and funders to expand the program.

“The faculty of the Tift College of Education at Mercer University are honored to become a partner university of the Woodrow Wilson Georgia Teaching Fellowship,” said Dr. Paige L. Tompkins, interim dean of the College. “We look forward to extensive collaboration with our school district partners and our Mercer colleagues in engineering, math and science to provide rigorous, but also nurturing, preparation of STEM teachers for rural Georgia. The Fellowship provides us the very real possibility to transform the lives of the Fellows as they begin careers in teaching, as well as the lives of hundreds of rural Georgia students.”

McDuffie Student Wins International Competition

Sophomore SiHao He, a student in Mercer's Robert McDuffie Center for Strings, was awarded the grand prize in the Third Gaspar Cassado International Violoncello Competition, held Nov. 22-30 in Hachioji, Japan. The competition had more than 300 applicants. He successfully navigated the first two competition stages, and in the final round of the competition, finalists including He performed a concerto with the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Yamashita Kazufumi.

"SiHao continues to demonstrate greatness wherever he performs," said Amy Schwartz Moretti, director of the McDuffie Center for Strings and the Caroline Paul King Violin Chair in Mercer's Townsend School of Music. "We are extremely proud of him and know he represents himself, the McDuffie Center and Mercer University well."

"I'm thrilled for SiHao," said Robert McDuffie, Center founder, Distinguished University Professor and Mansfield and Genelle Jennings Chair. "He's extraordinarily gifted. I'm also grateful for his primary teachers, Julie Albers and Hans Jensen. All of us at the Center are happy that he is receiving the inter-

national recognition his talent so richly deserves."

Earlier in the year, He was awarded the grand prize at the American String Teachers Association (ASTA) solo competition that was held in New York City. Three students from the McDuffie Center for Strings were selected as finalists in that competition. Violinist Shin Jung Lee and cellists Riana

Anthony and He were selected from string students from throughout the country for the prestigious competition.

The Gaspar Cassado International Competition is named after one of the greatest cellists in the 20th century, Gaspar Cassado (1897-1966). The first competition was held



in 1969 in Florence, Italy. Founders include the late Chieko Hara (1914-2001), Cassado's wife and also a pioneering Japanese pianist. The competition produced numerous internationally renowned cellists including Mischa Maisky, Noboru Kamimura and Kaeko Mukoyama.

WRWR Joins Mercer Center for Collaborative Journalism

Mercer on April 1 began programming WRWR, the first step in becoming the licensee for the Warner Robins-based television station, which is being donated to the University by State Sen. Cecil P. Staton and Dr. Joe Sam Robinson, a Macon neurosurgeon.

The University expects by mid-summer to complete the license transfer process with the Federal Communications Commission and relocate the station's operations from Warner Robins to Mercer Village, where it will be integrated with the Center for Collaborative Journalism.

As part of this transition, WRWR on April 1 became Georgia's first affiliate of MHz Networks, a non-profit global media company, headquartered outside of Washington, D.C., specializing in top-quality international television programming for American audiences. Stanford University carries MHz Networks on its campus cable system, and its programming is also aired on more than 30 public television

stations around the country.

"Mercer is pleased to partner with MHz Networks to bring unique international programming to the Central Georgia television market,"

said Larry D. Brumley, senior vice president for marketing communications and chief of staff at Mercer. "As the state's only MHz affiliate, WRWR will introduce Central Georgians and the Macon campus to news that originates in English from countries around the globe, as well as entertaining cultural programs. This is a very compatible programming service for a globally engaged institution like Mercer."

MHz Worldview, the network's main program stream, gives viewers a global narrative with daily newscasts from international news broadcasters such as ANI (India); Arirang



(South Korea); Blue Ocean Network, CCTV (China); DW (Germany); euronews (Europe); Ethiopian TV; France 24; JN1 (Israel); Kazakh TV (Kazakhstan); Mac TV (Taiwan); NHK (Japan); RT (Russia), RTE (Ireland); Ukraine TV; VTV (Vietnam); and more.

WRWR is carried on all of the Central Georgia cable systems, including Cox, and is available over the air on Channel 38.

In the near term the station will broadcast the MHz network programming 24/7, but over time WRWR plans to produce and air Mercer athletic, music and cultural events, lecture series, and news and community service programs produced by students and faculty in the Center for Collaborative Journalism.

"We believe having our own TV station will complement our partnership with *The Telegraph* and Georgia Public Broadcasting and help us recruit more journalism and media studies students," said Tim Regan-Porter, director of the Center for Collaborative Journalism.

Judge Homer Drake Elected as 11th Lifetime Trustee

Mercer's Board of Trustees elected a new chair, installed nine new members, and elected longtime trustee W. Homer Drake Jr. as only the board's 11th lifetime member during its annual Homecoming meeting in November.

The board also was briefed by President Underwood on planning for a new undergraduate sciences building on the Macon campus and a new medical education building on the Savannah campus. Fundraising is under way and architectural plans are being finalized for both projects. The Macon sciences building would accommodate recent growth in the University's biology and chemistry programs and allow renovation of Willet Science Center for sciences and related programs. The Savannah medical education facility would be an addition to the Hoskins Building, which currently houses School of Medicine programs at Memorial University Medical Center. The

expansion would allow the School of Medicine to accommodate more M.D. students on that campus.

Atlanta attorney and Mercer Law School graduate Richard A. (Doc) Schneider, formerly chair of the board's Executive Committee, was elected chair of the board. Thomas (Tommy) Malone, also a Mercer Law School graduate, was elected chair of the Executive Committee.

New trustees who began their five-year terms at the conclusion of the meeting include Heather Darden, corporate counsel at RaceTrac Petroleum in Atlanta and a 1998 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts; A.V. Elliott, Macon businessman and a 1956 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts; O. Gene Gabbard, Cary, N.C., businessman; William J. (Bill) Ireland Jr., senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Dalton; Spencer B. King III, Atlanta physician and a 1959 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts; Zell Miller, former Georgia governor and U.S.

senator from Young Harris; James W. Thomas Jr., Washington, D.C., attorney and 1993 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts; the Honorable Hugh P. Thompson, chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court and graduate of Mercer Law School from Milledgeville; and the Honorable Marc Treadwell, judge, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia and Mercer Law School graduate from Forsyth.

Trustees who rotated off the board and were recognized for their service include James A. (Jim) Bishop, attorney, Sea Island; G. Marshall Butler Sr., Macon businessman; Dwight J. Davis, attorney, Atlanta; William A. (Bill) Fickling Jr., Macon businessman; David E. Hudson, attorney, Augusta; J. Reg Murphy, vice chairman of the National Geographic Society, Sea Island; Julie Pennington-Russell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Decatur; and the Honorable W. Louis Sands, judge, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Albany.

Professors Recognized for Role in Statewide Literacy Project

"Come Read with Georgia," a month-long literacy project of the Georgia Reading Association (GRA), was recognized by Gov. Nathan Deal, who signed the 2013 Come Read with Georgia Proclamation Oct. 24, 2013, at the State Capitol in Atlanta.

Dr. Martha Lee Child, assistant professor in Mercer's Tift College of Education, was among those who earned recognition. She is chair of the GRA's Community Projects Committee. Other Tift College professors on hand to receive recognition from the governor included

Dr. Karen Davis, Dr. Michelle Vaughn and Barbara McWethy, who serve on the committee.

"Mercer University is pleased to support the important work of the Georgia Reading Association by providing strong and capable faculty leadership and program involvement," said Dr. Penny Elkins, senior vice president for enrollment management and the Fred L. Miles Endowed Chair of Educational Leadership in Tift College. "This initiative aligns well with Mercer's longstanding commitment to prepare high-quality teachers and leaders to serve Georgia's students."

"Come Read with Georgia" is aimed at increasing literacy, citizenship and pride in the state of Georgia. The project's vision is to inspire educators, parents, librarians,

historians, environmentalists and all Georgians to select and share quality children's books celebrating Georgia's greatness with Georgia's future leaders.

"The concept of 'Come Read with Georgia' originated with the Tift College of Education literacy professors and was initially disseminated via the Georgia Reading Association Community Projects Committee," Dr. Child said. "All the members of the Community Projects Committee working on 'Come Read with Georgia' for the past four years have been Tift College of Education literacy professors."

Dr. Child believes that "Come Read with Georgia" could serve as a model for other states to promote their own geography, history, culture, folklore and literature.

"Children want to read about what they know — they know the state where they live," Dr. Child said.



Pictured, from left, Sheree Bryant, Georgia Reading Association (GRA) executive director; Barbara G. McWethy, Tift College of Education instructor and GRA Community Projects Committee member; Dr. Karen Davis, Tift College associate professor of language and literacy and GRA Community Projects Committee member; Dr. Penny L. Elkins, Mercer senior vice president for enrollment management; Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal; Loleta Sartin, GRA president and Middle Georgia State College assistant professor of education; Dr. Martha Lee Child, Tift College assistant professor and GRA Community Projects Committee chairperson; and Dr. Dana Lilly, Tift College professor, retired.

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Mercer Sponsors Atlanta Science Festival

Mercer University and the Mercer Health Sciences Center were gold-level sponsors of the Atlanta Science Festival, a weeklong science and technology celebration in March that drew more than 35,000 participants and culminated in a science expo at the Georgia World Congress Center in downtown Atlanta. The sponsorship provided the University and the Center numerous opportunities to build awareness and visibility in the academic and scientific communities within metro Atlanta and the region.

The Atlanta Science Festival ran March 22-29 and celebrated the inherent integration of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) in our lives today. Residents of all ages had the opportunity to explore the science and technology in the region in order to understand how science is

connected to all parts of the natural world. Scientists and educators from museums, local schools, universities and companies uncovered mysteries and explained discoveries in a range of hands-on activities, facility tours, stimulating presentations and riveting performances to expand the community of science enthusiasts and inspire a new generation of curious thinkers.

Founded by Emory University, the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Metro Atlanta Chamber, the festival was a collaboration among diverse community partners that planned a collection of events at more than 30 locations in Atlanta for young people, families and adults. The festival culminated in a science and technology expo at the Georgia World Congress Center. As a gold sponsor, Mercer and the Health Sciences Center underwrote a festival event, had a

preferred exhibit space at the expo, and were prominently recognized in all print, broadcast and online media promoting the festival, which in total reached 15 million people.

"We are extremely proud to sponsor an event that ultimately expands our communities' understanding of and interest in science, technology, engineering and math," said Dr. H.W. "Ted" Matthews, senior vice president for health sciences and dean of the College of Pharmacy. "Both the University and the Center have a vested interest in developing a new generation of scientists, healers and educators, and this festival is a perfect alignment of missions and interests."

Dr. Garland Crawford, assistant professor of chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts, draws a crowd for a demonstration during the Atlanta Science Festival's Exploration Expo at the Georgia World Congress Center.



STANLEY LEARY PHOTO

Former *Cluster* Editor Bob Hurt Keynotes Founders' Day

This year's annual observance of Founders' Day tied in to the University's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of its integration. A campuswide convocation, sponsored by the Student Government Association on Feb. 5 in Willingham Auditorium, featured an address by former *Cluster* editor Bob Hurt titled "Desegregation: The Campus Radicals Who Saved Mercer's Soul."

Hurt, a 1965 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts who earned his B.A. in history, was editor of *The Cluster* during the 1963-64 academic year, when the University enrolled its first black students, Cecil Dewberry and Bennie Stephens of Macon, and Sam Oni of Ghana.

"Founders' Day is a special annual event when our university brings back a notable alum to give students a glimpse of Mercer's past," said Sophomore Senator Victoria Conley from Savannah, chair of SGA's Heritage Life Committee. "In my eyes, Founders' Day is a day of dis-

covery: a day to find and realize the significance of Mercer, a day to experience Mercer through another's eyes, and a day to unite students."

Hurt now serves as principal of the Washington, D.C., government marketing and lobbying firm Hurt, Norton and Associates Inc., following a 24-year career as a congressional staff assistant, including stints as chief of staff to U.S. Reps. Bo Ginn and Lindsey Thomas and U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn.

He worked on *The Cluster* all four years at Mercer, and spent his final two summers at the University as an intern for the *Atlanta Constitution*. Upon his graduation, Hurt was hired as a reporter by the newspaper.

Having been commissioned as an officer in

the U.S. Army through the University's ROTC, Hurt's journalism career was interrupted when he was called to serve active duty for two years in Vietnam as an Army Infantry and Military Intelligence Officer with the 173rd

Airborne Brigade and with the 5th Special Forces, also known as the Green Berets.

Hurt returned to Atlanta, where he covered various beats for the *Con-*

stitution, before moving to Washington, D.C., in 1970 as a correspondent for the newspaper.

A transcript of Hurt's Founders' Day speech is available at <http://50th.mercer.edu/mu-50th/resources/upload/hurtfoundersdayspeech.pdf>. The video is available on Mercer's YouTube channel at youtube.com/mercuniversity.

**"Founders' Day is a day of discovery:
a day to find and realize the significance
of Mercer, a day to experience Mercer
through another's eyes...."**
SGA Senator Victoria Conley



Bob Hurt delivers his Founders' Day address in Willingham Auditorium, calling on students to "write the storyline of a Founders' Day that will unfold some years from now." He added, "I do not know what the social, economic, cultural or public policy challenges will be that you choose to take on. But I am confident that in your task, you will be able to draw on the strength to do so from a university that was changed for the good by the campus radicals who saved Mercer's soul."

SSBE Welcomes Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank CEO

The Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics welcomed president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Dennis P. Lockhart to the Macon campus on Feb. 19 for a morning lecture to students, faculty and staff in the Medical School Auditorium and a VIP luncheon and lecture at the Homer and Ruth Drake Field House.

“At the Stetson School of Business and Economics, we teach career-focused business and economics education. Few people embody the practice of business and economics better than macroeconomists in the Federal Reserve System,” said Dr. Susan P. Gilbert, dean of the School. “We are fortunate that President Lockhart took time out of his schedule to speak to our students and our friends in the Macon business community about a topic that matters to us all, and illustrate so well that what we teach in the classroom is applied on a daily basis.”

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta serves the Sixth Federal Reserve District, which covers Alabama, Florida, Georgia and parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. The bank has branches in Birmingham, Jacksonville, Miami, Nashville and New Orleans.

Lockhart has been responsible for all the bank’s activities, including monetary policy, bank supervision and regulation, and payment services, since taking office on March 1, 2007. He also serves on the Federal Reserve’s chief monetary policy body, the Federal Open



Market Committee (FOMC).

“The economy is in a better place today than a year ago and before, and I maintain that the outlook is positive and, in terms of its basics, much improved,” Lockhart said of the state of the U.S. economy for the remainder of 2014.

In his luncheon speech, he also addressed the Fed’s monetary policy stance, the role of forward guidance as a policy tool, and the question that forward guidance addresses — as well as the predominant force of financial market participants — which is the timing of liftoff, or the date of the first increase of

the policy interest rate. He stands by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta’s most recent official forecast, which predicts liftoff in the second half of 2015.

“I see forward guidance on the Fed’s policy rate as the lead monetary policy tool currently and for the foreseeable future. It is a challenge for policymakers,” Lockhart said. “The central policy question is the timing of liftoff of the Fed’s funds rate. The key criteria for a liftoff decision are affirming of inflation to near FOMC’s target of 2 percent and both a quantitative and qualitative closing of the employment gap.”

Law Day Speaker Inspires Attendees to Believe in Future

Mercer University School of Law hosted its 2014 annual Law Day luncheon with the Honorable Guido Calabresi, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, delivering the keynote address on March 28. Calabresi’s speech titled “Faith in Law and Faith in People” inspired attendees to believe in our future generations of lawyers and the possibilities law has in shaping our society, nation and world.

“The annual Law Day celebration is a time for lawyers to remember the importance of the work they do and also offers inspiration to our law students as they look forward to lives of meaning and purpose as professionals,”

said Dean and University Professor of Law and Ethical Formation Daisy Floyd. “Judge Calabresi’s remarks and his example of a life of service in the law exemplify the highest standards of the legal profession. We are grateful to him for meeting with our students and offering the keynote address at the Law Day luncheon.”

Judge Calabresi was appointed United States Circuit Judge in July 1994, and entered into duty on Sept. 16, 1994. Prior to his appointment, he was dean and Sterling Professor at Yale Law School, where he began teaching in 1959 and is now Sterling Professor Emeritus and Professorial Lecturer in Law.

During the event, three alumni were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the legal profession: Thomas P. Bishop, CLA ’82, LAW ’85, Outstanding Alumnus Award; Deryl Dantzler, CLA ’64, LAW ’70, Alumni Meritorious Service Award; and The Honorable Thomas J. Matthews, CLA ’71, LAW ’74, Manley F. Brown Distinguished Adjunct Professor Award.

To view the full Law Day speech, visit YouTube.com/MercerLawSchool.



Judge Guido Calabresi

Sigma Xi Named International Chapter of Excellence

The University's chapter of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, has been named a Sigma Xi Chapter of Excellence for 2013, recognition that is bestowed to only the top two to three percent of its 520 chapters in North America and around the world.

The Sigma Xi Chapter of Excellence award salutes exceptional chapter activity, innovative programming and true community of leadership which embodies the organization's mission: "To improve the human condition by enhancing the health of the research enterprise, fostering integrity in science and engineering, and promoting the public's understanding of science."

"This award for our chapter's exceptional activity, innovative programming and true community leadership reflects the contributions of many of our chapter's members," said Dr. Philip T. McCreanor, associate professor of environmental engineering and president of the University's chapter of Sigma Xi.

Among those contributions, Dr. Kevin Drace, assistant professor of biology in the College of Liberal Arts, organized and conducted the first Science Café, which was titled "The Science of Gold," at Francar's Buffalo Wings in the spring of 2013. Dr. Drace also coordinated the second Science Café, "The Science of Beer," at Francar's in fall 2013.

Dr. Daniel Hagan, professor of anesthesiology in the School of Medicine, coordinated a visit by Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer Pro-



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The Mercer chapter of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, was honored as a Chapter of Excellence for 2013. Pictured are student and faculty members of Sigma Xi during the organization's fall 2013 initiation event.

fessor Robert Clarke, who delivered a lecture titled "What Can We Learn about Breast Cancer by Combining Mathematics and Computer Science in a Systems Biology Approach to Research?" in fall 2013.

Bryan Danley, mechanical engineering student and president of the Student Executive Committee of the University's chapter of Sigma Xi, spearheaded a successful effort to become recognized by the Student Government Association as a student organization. The chapter also finished as one of the top 15 nominating Sigma Xi chapters in 2013.

"Much of this is due to the efforts we have been putting into nominating our student researchers. Dr. Katharine Northcutt, assistant professor of biology in the College of Liberal Arts, and Dr. Andon Placzek, assistant profes-

sor of neuroscience in the School of Medicine, are the vice presidents for their respective colleges, and have done a great job of identifying worthy student researchers. Special thanks should also go to the faculty advisers of our student researchers and the organizers of BEAR Day and the Engineering Expo, the venues of publication for many of our nominees. Without their efforts, we would not be able to grow the student side of our organization," Dr. McCreanor said.

Founded in 1886, Sigma Xi is a non-profit, member-based association of tens of thousands of scientists and engineers who are elected to membership because of their scientific research achievements. Chapters can be found in universities and colleges, government laboratories and commercial industry research centers.

Binary Bears Capture Second in Regional Programming Contest

The Mercer Binary Bears computer programming team captured second place at the 20th Annual Southeastern Small College Programming Contest, sponsored by the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges, held Nov. 16 on the campus of Furman University.

Among 30 teams representing 20 institutions, the Binary Bears finished ahead of Berry College, Davidson College, Furman University and The Citadel, to name a few. Wofford College took first place, solving seven of the eight problems in the set. Mercer solved six problems, and was the only university to have a second team also in the top 10.

The team of Stephen Antalis (senior double-major in computer science and history from Dalton), Stephen Finney (senior in computer science from

Macon), John Robison (junior in computer engineering from Woodstock) and Kyle Wright (senior in computer engineering from Kathleen) worked together effectively with one machine to bring home the second-place trophy for Mercer.

Additionally, the team of James Callender (senior in computer engineering from Snellville), Josh Deremer (senior in computer engineering from Jefferson), Steven Hussung (senior in computational science from New Market, Tenn.) and Tanner Perrin (junior in computational science from Tallahassee, Fla.) solved five problems and placed sixth.

Seniors Kyle Wright (left) and Stephen Antalis are two of the four members of the Binary Bears team that took second place at the 20th Annual Southeastern Small College Programming Contest.



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Professor Named to CACREP Board of Directors

Dr. Kenyon Knapp, assistant dean for graduate studies and associate professor of counseling in the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, has been named a member of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) Board of Directors. His five-year term will run July 1, 2014-June 30, 2019.

The CACREP Board of Directors is composed of 13 to 15 members, including at least eight counselor educators, at least two counseling practitioners and at least two public members who are not current or former

members of the counseling profession. Board members serve one five-year term and are not eligible for reappointment.

CACREP evolved out of the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES), which developed a number of standards and accreditation-related documents to conduct voluntary accreditation of counseling programs in the late 1960s and 1970s. Established in 1981, CACREP provides leadership and promotes excellence in professional preparation through the accreditation of counseling and related educational programs.

The College offers the following counseling programs on the University's Cecil B. Day Graduate and Professional Campus in Atlanta: Master of Science in clinical mental health counseling; Master of Science in school counseling; Master of Science in rehabilitation counseling; Educational Specialist in school counseling; Ph.D. in school counseling; and a certificate program in substance abuse counseling.



Dr. Kenyon Knapp

Thompson Named Editor of *Journal of Southern Religion*

Dr. Douglas Thompson, associate professor of Southern Studies, was recently named editor of the *Journal of Southern Religion*, the first scholarly journal devoted to the study of religion in the American South.

"Mercer's Southern Studies Program is truly unique, and I am very excited that one of our Southern Studies professors has been tapped to lead this academic journal," said Dr. Lake Lambert, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Dr. Thompson, who joined Mercer's faculty in 2001, teaches courses within the curriculum that examine the role of religious life in the region, including his favorite, "Southern Jesus."

His current book project looks at how religious Richmonders responded to the movement by white politicians to keep public schools segregated, known as Massive Resistance, in the 1950s.

With its program in Southern Studies, Mercer University Press, the Lamar Lectures and the Lanier Prize for Southern Literature, Mercer added the *Journal of Southern Religion* to its rich collection of resources, which has established the University as a leader in the study of the American South.

"Mercer's place within the region allows it to attract this kind of scholarship," Dr. Thompson said. "We hope to build an institutional identity for the journal with Mercer's ever-increasing

visibility in the field."

The *Journal of Southern Religion*, a fully peer-reviewed academic journal reflecting the best traditions of objective and critical scholarship, was formed in 1998. The journal has been guided by the vision of scholars of the South and supported institutionally by Florida State University, Louisiana State University and University of Tennessee, Knoxville. It is an open-access publication, published free of cost in its entirety on the Internet.



Dr. Douglas Thompson

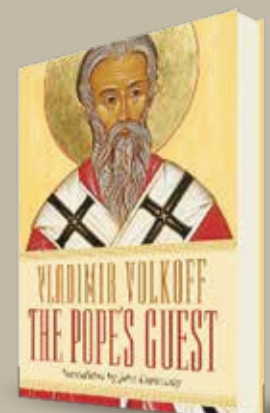
Mercer Hosts Volkoff Colloquium

AN INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM honoring the life and writings of Russo-French author Vladimir Volkoff, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and the Georgia Humanities Council, was held Nov. 15-16 on Mercer's Macon campus.

The colloquium, titled "Exile is My Country," also celebrated the opening of the Volkoff Archive at the Jack Tarver Library, and the publication in English of Volkoff's novel *The Pope's Guest*, translated by Dr. John Marson Dunaway, professor of French and interdisciplinary studies at Mercer.

Volkoff was born in Paris in 1932 to white Russian parents who had fled communism. He published several novels such as *The Turnaround* in 1979, *The Set-up* in 1982, and *The Moods of the Sea* in 1980. Volkoff also published

essays, plays, biblical commentaries, biographies, translations, children's books and more. He lived in Georgia for 20 years, first in Decatur where he taught languages at Agnes Scott College, and then in Macon after he retired. Volkoff died in 2005.



Sidney Lanier Prize Awarded to Elizabeth Spencer

Mercer's Southern Studies Program awarded the 2014 Sidney Lanier Prize for Southern Literature to fiction writer Elizabeth Spencer. The prize honors significant career contributions to Southern writing in drama, fiction or poetry. The prize presentation took place on April 12 in the Presidents Dining Room of the University Center on the Macon campus.

"The Lanier Prize Committee selected Elizabeth Spencer not only because of her masterful technique, but also because of her fearlessness. She writes with exquisite nuance and detail to expose the obstacles that challenge human decency in the South's rigid culture. In her career, she has simultaneously challenged social conventions and elevated artistic standards," said Dr. David A. Davis, chair of the committee and assistant professor of English at Mercer.

Spencer was born in Carrollton, Miss., in 1921. She earned a bachelor's degree from Belhaven College in Jackson, Miss., and a master's degree in literature from Vanderbilt University, before publishing her first of nine novels, *Fire Morning*, in 1948. Her fourth novel, *The Light in the Piazza* (1960), was adapted into a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film of the same name in 1962, as well as a musical that ran on Broadway from April 2005-July 2007 and won six Tony Awards. Her eighth collection of short stories, *Starting Over*, was released on Jan. 14. She has also written one play, "For Lease or Sale" (1989), and one non-fiction memoir, *Landscapes of the Heart* (1998). Her stories have been published in *The New Yorker*,



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The Atlantic and other magazines.

After obtaining her master's degree, Spencer taught for a year at Northwest Mississippi Junior College and for a year at Ward-Belmont College in Nashville, before taking a job as a reporter at *The Tennessean* in Nashville from 1945-46. She moved on to a job as an instructor at the University of Mississippi, and in 1953, she was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and moved to Italy to pursue writing full time. There, she met her husband, John

Rusher, of Cornwall, England. The two lived together in Italy and Canada, before moving to Chapel Hill, N.C., in 1986, where she was a visiting professor of creative writing for six years. A five-time recipient of the O. Henry Prize for short fiction, Spencer has won numerous other awards over the past six decades.

The Sidney Lanier Prize for Southern Literature, first awarded in 2012, is named for the 19th-century Southern poet born in Macon. Lanier wrote *The Song of the Chattahoochee* and *The Marshes of Glynn*. Using his name recognizes Middle Georgia's literary heritage and long, often complicated, tradition of writing about the South. The prize is awarded to writers who have engaged and extended that tradition. Past winners include Ernest Gaines (2012) and Lee Smith (2013).

The selection committee for the Lanier Prize includes Mercer professors, eminent scholars of Southern literature and members of the Macon community. In addition to Dr. Davis, the committee members include: Trudier Harris, professor of English at the University of Alabama; Michael Kreyling, Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of English at Vanderbilt University; Minrose Gwin, Kenan Professor of English at the University of North Carolina; Matt Martin, Knox Professor of Humanities at Wesleyan College; Pam Thomasson, past president of Historic Macon; Sharon Colley, associate professor of English at Middle Georgia State College; Sarah Gardner, professor of history at Mercer; and Gordon Johnston, professor of creative writing at Mercer.



New Day, New Look



MERCER ANNOUNCES NEW LICENSE PLATE

Georgia drivers can show their Mercer spirit and help support scholarships with the newly designed Mercer license plate. A scholarship fund for Mercer undergraduate students will receive \$10 annually for every license plate purchased as part of the State of Georgia's revenue-sharing plan. Learn more about pricing and distribution at the Georgia Department of Revenue's Motor Vehicle Division website —

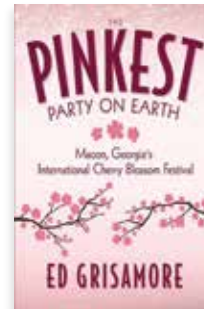
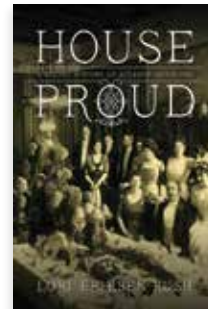
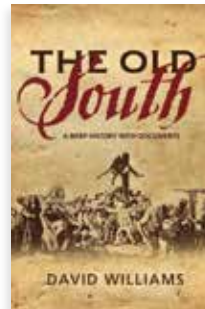
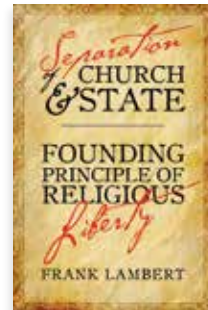
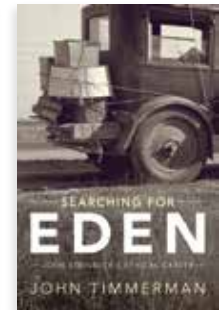
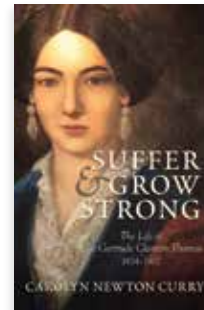
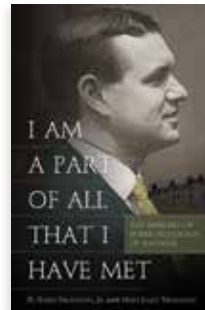
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OFFERING 17 NEW BOOKS in a variety of genres between March and July, Mercer University Press will soon be completing its 34th year in publishing.

Highlighted titles of the Spring/Summer season include:

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Confederate regiment, by Daniel Cone; *The Old South: A Brief History with Documents*, an historically documented illumination of the South's people, by David Williams, professor of history at Valdosta State University; *House Proud: A Social History of Atlanta Interiors, 1880-1919*, a lush, photo-rich glimpse into Atlanta homes of the Victorian Age, by Lori Eriksen Rush, former chair of interior design at The Art Institute of Atlanta; *The Pinkest Party on Earth: Macon Georgia's International Cherry Blossom Festival*, the story of how one Middle Georgia city became the cherry blossom capital of the world, by Macon's own Ed Grisamore, columnist for *The Telegraph*; and *Buttermilk and Bible Burgers: More Stories from the Kitchens*

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MERCER'S MAGIC

BY 'VOICE OF THE BEARS' RICK CAMERON



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MOMENT

CONSIDER THE PAST THREE SEASONS FOR THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM: 78 WINS, A FIRST-EVER POSTSEASON (NON-CONFERENCE) CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MERCER AND THE ATLANTIC SUN CONFERENCE, AN NIT WIN, TWO REGULAR SEASON CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND A CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP. COMBINE THOSE SUCCESSES WITH FIVE SENIORS WHO STARTED EVERY GAME THIS SEASON – THE ONLY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT COULD MAKE THAT CLAIM – WITH FOUR OF THE FIVE STARTING THEIR 104TH GAME TOGETHER. AND THEN IT HAPPENS.





BEARS RECORD BIGGEST WIN EVER ON NATIONAL STAGE WITH VICTORY OVER DUKE

As the team boarded the bus for the ride to the Atlanta airport and on to Raleigh, N.C. — en route to the NCAA Midwest Regional — it did so with the Atlantic Sun Conference Coach of the Year, Bob Hoffman, Player of the Year, Langston Hall, Defensive Player of the Year, Daniel Coursey, and the Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Jakob Gollon.

Yet, the opponent, Duke, is the program with the highest winning percentage in NCAA tournament history and features as its head coach Mike Krzyzewski, the winningest coach in NCAA history.

CBS maybe should have known it had the magical TV ratings match-up it had hoped for with this veteran No. 14 seed going up against the juggernaut No. 3.

In what could be described as one of the biggest upsets in recent NCAA tournament history, Mercer made all the plays down the stretch to capture a 78-71 win over Duke in the second round of the Midwest Regional on March 21 at PNC Arena.

Mercer (27-9) ended the game on an 18-8 run to capture its first NCAA tournament win in the 108-year history of the men's basketball program.

The Bears became just the 18th No. 14 seed to knock off a No. 3 seed in the history of the NCAA tournament and advanced to face the 11th-seeded Tennessee Volunteers, a game in which the Bears came up short of advancing to the Sweet 16, dropping an 83-63 decision. Mercer's last meeting with Tennessee had come in the 2013 NIT, when the Bears knocked off the Vols 75-67 in Knoxville. Senior Jakob Gollon paced five Bears in double figures against Duke with 20 points on 5-of-9 shooting from the field and a perfect 9-for-9 showing from the free throw line. Joining him were senior Daniel Coursey (17), senior Anthony White Jr. (13) and senior Langston Hall (11).

Mercer shot 56 percent (25-of-45) from the field in the contest and handed out 16 assists in comparison to just eight turnovers. The Bears also dominated in the paint, outscoring the Blue Devils 26-10 on the inside.

The Bears' 27 wins equaled the program record set by the 2011-12 team. Duke entered the game ranked No. 6 in the *USA Today* Coaches' Poll, thus establishing Mercer's first win against a ranked opponent since topping No. 23 University of Southern California on Nov. 10, 2007.

Mercer trailed by six with 3:21 to play in the first half before a pair of Ike Nwamu free throws sparked a 10-3 surge that put the

Bears ahead with 51 seconds to go in the half. The final bucket in the stretch was delivered by Gollon, who squared up for a 3-pointer and a 34-33 Mercer edge.

Duke freshman phenom Jabari Parker, who was named the national Freshman of the Year and to several All-America teams, closed the half's scoring with a jumper, but by then the packed-out section of Mercer supporters had been stoked into hysteria.

Out of the half, Mercer put together an 11-5 run that continued to fuel their orange-clad fans. Duke returned fire with five unanswered points to knot the game once again at 45-45.

With less than five minutes to go, Duke had gone up by five once again before Coursey got his patented hook shot to fall and White Jr. drilled a 3-pointer from the wing to knot the game at 63 apiece.

As they had done the entire game, the Mercer students and cheering sections could be heard throughout PNC Arena. This time, even though the Bears slightly trailed, they struck up in unison, "I believe! I believe that! I believe that we will win!"

The momentum continued to swing towards Mercer as the Bears reeled off six more unanswered points to go ahead by six with less than a minute to play. Mercer's defense held the Blue Devils scoreless for over four minutes during the surge.

With the game still very much in doubt down the stretch, Mercer combined for 12-of-14 free throw shooting in the final two minutes to seal the victory.

The icing on the cake was the play that CBS studio analyst Greg Gumbel described as the play of the day in the tournament that Friday when Bud Thomas heaved a full-court chest pass against a full-court press to a wide-open White Jr. White never had to dribble the ball but caught it in stride for a layup that brought a thunderous response from the Mercer faithful. As the PNC Arena clock wound down to the magical zero, it was time for the Mercer fans to celebrate and enjoy the soon-to-be-famous Kevin Canevari's "Nae Nae," Hoffman's emotional post-game interview on CBS and even White Jr.'s photo-bombing his head coach with a robot dance in the background. Canevari, becoming somewhat of the national poster boy for the 2014 NCAA tournament, was featured on the front page of *The New York Times* on March 22 and, on April 4, even filtrated the ESPN studios in Bristol, Conn., teaching the hosts of "Numbers Never Lie" how to dance the "Nae Nae." Video and photographs of the Charlotte, N.C., native's post-game dance have been shown to millions of Americans through practically every medium possible.

But the end of the game was just the beginning of the celebration.



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Ike Nwamu (10) outraces All-American Jabari Parker for a Mercer layup.

INGREDIENTS FOR MAGICAL SEASON BEGAN YEARS EARLIER AND CULMINATED THROUGH HARD WORK AND CAMARADERIE OF SENIOR CLASS

Although it may have appeared that way to millions of Americans on March 21, Mercer's defeat of Duke — one of the premier basketball programs in the country — was not an overnight phenomenon. An automatic "bracket buster" for most of those millions watching CBS television and closely monitoring their office pools? Probably!

Coach Bob Hoffman's previous 125 wins in his six years at Mercer have not exactly been against the patsies of the world. This senior-laden squad in the past three seasons defeated Florida State in Tallahassee, Alabama in Tuscaloosa (again), Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Tennessee in Knoxville, Ole Miss in Oxford and Seton Hall in Macon. Not to mention that other magical night on March 28, 2012, in Logan, Utah, when Mercer claimed the CollegeInsider.com championship over Utah State in a hostile environment that arguably was the loudest crowd this group overcame for a victory in their collegiate careers. And then there was the 2014 Atlantic Sun

Conference tournament championship at Fort Myers, when the Bears prevented Dunk City (Florida Gulf Coast) from having its own repeat magical run in the NCAA Tournament, after the Eagles advanced to the Sweet 16 last season.

The steady climb — from the championship of the CIT in 2012, to the second round of the NIT in 2013, to the round of 32 in the 2014 NCAA tournament was realized for reasons such as the commitment, dedication and camaraderie of a group of quality young men who will, for the foreseeable future, be known as the winningest group of seniors in Mercer history. For the basketball die-hards looking for a statistic that best describes this team, try team assists. Mercer led the nation for most of the season in that category. An assist means a willingness to make a pass to a teammate so that he can score, possibly giving up a good shot for a teammate's better shot. Unselfishness — what better word to describe the leadership provided by Langston Hall, Jakob Gollon, Bud Thomas, Anthony White Jr., Daniel Coursey, Monty Brown and Kevin Canevari.

For the previous four seasons, Mercer hosted the Atlantic Sun Conference Championships. In 2010, the Bears lost to ETSU in the championship game. In 2011, there was a loss to Belmont in the semi-finals. Then in 2012 the Bears lost to Florida Gulf Coast in the semis before losing the 2013 championship game to those same Eagles, sending FGCU to the NCAA tournament.

During the next 52 weeks, the Bears, to a man, individually and cohesively prepared themselves for what would be one last chance for this senior-driven team to win a conference tournament championship and, with it, the automatic bid to the Big Dance. On March 9, in front of a raucous, capacity crowd at Alico Arena in Fort Myers in the A-Sun championship game televised nationally by ESPN2, the Bears fulfilled their utmost dreams with a 68-60 win, punched a ticket to the Big Dance and, this time, cut the nets down to bring back to Macon.

NATIONAL VISIBILITY

Mercer's upset of Duke in the second round of the NCAA tournament not only produced a signature win for the men's basketball program, it also generated unprecedented national visibility for the University.

Virtually every print, broadcast and online media outlet in America covered the Bears' victory over the Blue Devils, and Mercer was front-page news in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *USA Today*. Combined, more than 5,000 news items about the win were published or aired by over 1,000 media outlets that weekend, resulting in potentially 8.9 billion views of one or more of those items. Yes, that's *billion*.

Perhaps the most staggering stat of the weekend was that on March 21, the day of Mercer's win over Duke, the most searched term on Google was some variation of "Mercer," with more than 1 million searches. Yes, that's *million*. The next closest search term that day had over 100,000 entries. Stephen F. Austin University, which upset Virginia Commonwealth that same day, also had over 100,000 searches.

Mercer's website received almost twice as much traffic from March 21-23 — the span of Mercer's run in the tournament — than a typical month, with 89 percent of those visits to the home page representing unique visitors. During the hour from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. — which was the final minutes of the game and the post-game coverage — Mercer's home page received more than 73,000 hits.

According to CBS, which carried the Mercer-Duke game, March 21 was also the most-watched opening Friday of the NCAA tournament in 23 years. More than 4.3 million people watched all or part of the game online. Television viewers were estimated to be twice that number. Mercer also figured prominently in the one-hour special "Moments of Madness" that CBS aired on April 6 during Final Four weekend, as well as its signature "One Shining Moment" highlight reel that aired following the April 7 national championship game.

Social media platforms also blew up with the win over Duke. Both Mercer's official Facebook page and Twitter accounts experienced unprecedented traffic. The Mercer Athletics social media platforms experienced even more impressive numbers for Facebook likes and Twitter retweets. ESPN's tweet about Mercer's bracket-busting win was retweeted more than 10,000 times. The hashtag #MercerMadness was used more than 21,000 times over the weekend, and the Mercer-Duke game was the highest-rated Nielson Twitter TV sports event for the week with more than 895,000 event-related tweets viewed by over 7.8 million people. The next closest was the Kentucky-Wichita State game with more than 655,000 tweets viewed by 6.9 million people. YouTube views of the game or of Senior Kevin Canevari's postgame performance of the popular "NaeNae" dance topped half a million.

Mercer got shout-outs on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, on Saturday Night Live and, even three weeks after the win, from Jim Nantz on CBS' coverage of The Masters.



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Millions of Americans were reveling for days over Kevin Canevari's version of the "Nae Nae."



THE WINNING RECIPE OF MEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH BOB HOFFMAN

So what transpired on March 21 at PNC Arena was an upset in the eyes of the nation. But those closest to the Mercer program can attest it was the ultimate icing on the cake for a winning recipe that Bob Hoffman brought to Mercer in 2008.

The accolades garnered by this team could be documented in multiple volumes, but here are the highlights;

- The Duke win was the ninth high-major victory for the Bears in six seasons: Alabama (twice), Auburn, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Tennessee, Ole Miss and Seton Hall.
- The win over Duke was the first for Mercer over a ranked team since 2007 when the Bears defeated then-No. 23 University of Southern California in Los Angeles.
- This was the third consecutive season that Mercer has notched at least one post-season victory: 1-1 in last year's NIT and, in 2012, 5-0 en route to winning the CollegeInsider.com Tournament.
- In addition to being named the Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year, Hall was the recipient of the Lou Henson Award, which goes to the top mid-major player in the country. Hall now leads the A-Sun in career assists with 633, is the only player in A-Sun history to reach 1,500 career points and 600 career assists, is the all-time Mercer leader with 256 made three-point shots.
- Hoffman, in addition to being named the A-Sun Coach of the Year and recipient of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' Barnabus Award — presented at the Final Four to that organization's national coach of the year — was named the Georgia College Coach of the Year by the Atlanta Tipoff Club.
- Gollon was named the A-Sun Scholar Athlete of the Year. He played in his 154th career game against Tennessee, second

all-time among NCAA career leaders (record is 157 by Ohio State's David Lighty, 2011).

- Mercer finished the season No. 4 in Mid-Major Top 25 after being ranked for 13 consecutive weeks.
- The 2013-2014 team tied the University record with 23 wins and 14 conference wins during regular season. The 27th win in the Duke game tied the program record for most in a season (2011-12).
- For the first time in University history, the team recorded three straight 20-win seasons.
- This squad was the fourth most experienced team in the country.
- Coursey, the Atlantic Sun Conference Defensive Player of the Year, broke the Mercer record and ranks third in A-Sun history with 207 blocks.
- Mercer led the A-Sun this season in 12 statistical categories.
- The Bears are 47-5 at home since start of 2011-12 season.
- Thomas broke the Mercer record with nine three-point shots made in one game at Lipscomb on Jan. 18.
- Sophomore Ike Nwamu's dunk against Kennesaw State on Jan. 10 was No. 6 on ESPN SportsCenter's Top 10 plays.
- The Bears broke the program record by shooting 68.9 percent at Jacksonville on Dec. 30; in the second half, the team was 18 of 20, 90 percent, just shy of the NCAA record for a half set by North Carolina in 1978.
- The 30 road wins the past three seasons were among the best of any program in the country.
- Mercer, with 78 wins over the last three seasons, is tied for 26th among all D.1 college programs in the country.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL 2013-2014

27-9, Overall; 14-4, Atlantic Sun Conference

Nov. 8 at Texas	L, 76-73
Nov. 13 Reinhardt	W, 95-53
Nov. 16 Seton Hall	W, 77-74 20T
Nov. 18 at Evansville	L, 89-76
Nov. 20 Johnson & Wales	W, 109-56
Nov. 23 Yale	W, 81-54
Nov. 26 at Ohio	L, 76-67
Nov. 29 at Valparaiso	W, 117-108 30T
Dec. 2 at Oklahoma	L, 96-82
Dec. 7 Denver	W, 64-63 OT

Dec. 22 at Mississippi	W, 79-76
Dec. 27 St. Andrews	W, 98-56
Dec. 30 at Jacksonville *	W, 86-49
Jan. 1 at North Fla. *	L, 89-83
Jan. 4 S.C. Upstate *	W, 62-60 OT
Jan. 6 East Tenn. St. *	W, 73-63
Jan. 10 Kennesaw St. *	W, 83-46
Jan. 16 at Northern Ky. *	W, 74-58
Jan. 18 at Lipscomb *	W, 87-66
Jan. 23 Fla. Gulf Coast *	W, 68-55
Jan. 25 Stetson *	W, 87-49
Jan. 31 at East Tenn. St. *	W, 90-77
Feb. 2 at USC Upstate *	L, 80-61
Feb. 7 at Kennesaw St. *	W, 75-68

Feb. 14 Lipscomb *	W, 79-48
Feb. 16 Northern Ky. *	W, 89-67
Feb. 21 at Fla. Gulf Coast *	L, 75-61
Feb. 23 at Stetson *	W, 73-52
Feb. 27 North Fla. *	L, 79-76 OT
March 1 Jacksonville *	W, 69-55
March 4 Jacksonville**	W, 85-64
March 6 USC Upstate**	W, 78-75 20T
March 9 at Fla. Gulf Coast**	W, 68-60
March 21 vs. Duke***	W, 78-71
March 23 vs. Tennessee***	L, 83-63

* Regular Season Conference Game

** Conference Tournament

*** NCAA Tournament

STUDENT SUPPORT

By Kyle Sears

One of the many memorable moments from the men's basketball team's run in the NCAA tournament took place after the final buzzer sounded in the Bears' loss to Tennessee. Tears in their eyes, forced to contemplate the finality of a magical weekend at the Big Dance and the careers of seven stellar senior leaders, the players took a moment in front of the more than 700 fans who had cheered themselves hoarse to return the favor with a round of applause.

As roles were reversed and the players cheered the fans, the message to those in orange and black in the seats of Raleigh's PNC Arena was clear — something they had done deserved applause, something they had done contributed to the success of the greatest men's basketball team in school history.

President William D. Underwood shared this sentiment as he worked days earlier to solicit donors to fund 10 busloads of students for Sunday's game and seven busloads for Friday's game against Duke. Two weekends before that, he, the Student Government Association and the Office of Campus Life and Student Involvement collaborated to fund two busloads of students for the Atlantic Sun Tournament championship game in Fort Myers, Fla. And last year, the same was done to send a busload of students to Knoxville, Tenn., for the Bears' win over the Volunteers in the opening round of the National Invitation Tournament. For each of these trips, students were required to pay a nominal fee, which included the bus ride, game ticket and, in two cases, a night's lodging.

The amount of effort put into making sure the voices of these Mercer Maniacs would be heard at the most important basketball games thus far in the history of the University illustrates the rise of what began as a handful of shirtless students painted up on the front row of Hawkins Arena.

Junior Andrew Eck, an electrical engineering major from Dublin, began attending Mercer basketball games in 2009, when his brother Kevin was a freshman and Andrew was not yet enrolled as a student. The Eck brothers were among the groundswell of student support for athletics that has grown by leaps and bounds over the past several years.

This group was originally known as Hoffman's Hooligans but would change its name to the Mercer Maniacs as it grew and sought to support all of the University's athletic programs. This year, for the first time, the Maniacs were recognized as an official student organization. They now receive funding and operate as a committee of QuadWorks, the campus activities board. The Maniacs have a six-person executive board, including Kevin as chair, Andrew as director of membership, and Audrey Overton, Blaze Jeffrey, Laurel DuVall and Kaylee Thompson as the remaining board members.

The board works to provide transportation, tailgating events and even coordinate organized cheers. One of their signature cheers, "I Believe That We Will Win," resonated through PNC Arena even as the Blue Devils led down the stretch, and the Bears ultimately proved that belief was not in vain. Another signature cheer involves throwing streamers in the air. After buying all of the orange and black streamers in Macon for the Duke game, the Maniacs returned on Saturday and sent members out in a 50-mile radius to Warner Robins, Perry, Milledgeville and Dublin to buy more streamers for Sunday's game.

Following a four-day stretch when sleep was at a premium, they were back in Macon on Monday morning around 6 a.m., and much of the next week was spent sharing "war stories" — once their voices had returned — of what it took to make it through that Monday. That's the type of dedication that caught the attention of not only the players and



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administration, but also the media, and even fans of the other teams that were in Raleigh.

Andrew was interviewed by CBS in addition to the Atlanta and Macon affiliates of the national network. Kevin spoke to *USA Today* reporter Nicole Auerbach for a story. Pete Thamel of *Sports Illustrated* tweeted minutes before tipoff against Tennessee, "Never thought I'd see an SEC school fan base in awe of an Atlantic Sun fan base." The same could have been said for the Cameron Crazies, who outnumbered but couldn't out-cheer the Maniacs on Friday.

"There were Duke fans, among other people, wanting to take pictures with us," Andrew said of the scene after the historic win over the Blue Devils. "People were trying to buy our shirts off of us. You were somewhat of a celebrity if you were a Mercer fan in North Carolina that day."

The Maniacs were lauded not just for their dedication but also for their class. A cheer sheet for the Tennessee game that was photographed by Auerbach and circulated on social media read, "We do ask that you spend more time cheering for Mercer than booing the other team because that is what makes the difference in the final score. Do not use obscenities and be responsible," and later, "Please take time to thank someone who made this trip possible!"

After the loss to the Volunteers came another memorable moment, though one that may only be memorable to the 650 students in tank tops in the 40-degree night air who were waiting to begin an all-night bus trip. Kevin gathered the group to say a few words, and that's when the cheers began again, sparking an inadvertent pep rally of sorts, even in defeat.

"That moment seemed to completely define Mercer in everything we do," Andrew said. "Student involvement at Mercer is a growing success, and growing is the key word. It has never been clearer how our students support our athletic teams than that weekend."

In addition to the support shown by the 17 combined busloads of students who traveled up to Raleigh Friday and Sunday, there were dozens of other students, faculty, staff and alumni who provided their own transportation. And then there were the estimated 2,000 who gathered in Mercer Village on Friday, and more than 1,800 again on Sunday, who cheered on the Bears in front of a big video screen set up outside Barnes & Noble bookstore. The Alumni Services Office was also aware of at least 27 watch parties held around the country, including several in Atlanta and one in New York City.

When the Bears arrived back in Macon just after noon on Monday, hundreds of these same fans were waiting outside the University Center, cheering yet again, but with a new spin on one of their old favorites. "I" — "I believe" — "I believe that" — "I believe the Bears are best! I believe the Bears are best! I believe the Bears are best!"





MERCER HISTORY PROFESSOR,
FIRST COLONY FOUNDATION
DISCOVER NEW CLUES
CONCERNING THE
FATE OF

THE LOST COLONY

By Kyle Sears | Illustration by North Wind Picture Archives/Alamy

The Lost Colony of Roanoke is one of America's greatest mysteries and, thanks in part to the work of a Mercer professor, that mystery may be solved sooner rather than later.

Dr. Eric Klingelhofer, professor and chair of the Department of History, is vice president of research for the First Colony Foundation, a non-profit organization founded in 2004 to gather evidence of Sir Walter Raleigh's attempts to establish English colonies on Roanoke Island, N.C., in the 1580s under a charter from Queen Elizabeth I.

Soon after earning his Ph.D. in medieval history from The Johns Hopkins University and joining the Mercer faculty, Dr. Klingelhofer was contacted by a former boss at Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia about beginning excavations at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site on Roanoke Island. Those excavations, from 1990-1992, yielded surprising results. The site researchers had been examining was not a settlement; rather, it was an earthwork structure where Elizabethan scientists — including Raleigh's top scientist Thomas Harriot — examined the raw materials of North America.

But where was the settlement?

Dr. Klingelhofer and his colleagues later determined that evidence for it must have been masked by landscaping or hidden beneath natural areas of woods and dunes in the national park established there in 1941. This prompted the formation of the First Colony Foundation and, over the past 10 years, work has been done off and on at the site, including three trips by Dr. Klingelhofer and Mercer students.

This latest discovery, which gained international attention because of an online article by *National Geographic* on Dec. 6, 2013, did not come from the ground, however. It came from inside the walls of the British Museum. A map, drawn in 1585 by John White, an artist and governor of the colony, led archaeologists to a site in southern North Carolina

where explorers met with Indians and drew pictures of those Indians and settlements in the area.

After comparing the site to the map and noticing some inconsistencies, including a patch on the map itself, members of the First Colony Foundation contacted the museum for more information. There turned out to be not only one, but two patches on the original map, and no one had ever looked underneath them. The other patch, on top of a location in northern North Carolina on the Albemarle Sound, covered up an illustration of what appeared to be a fort.

Following further research by Dr. Klingelhofer, editor of the book *First Forts: Essays on the Archaeology of Proto-colonial Fortifications*, and his colleagues, the First Colony Foundation held a press conference in 2012 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to announce the discovery of apparent interest by Elizabethan authorities in an area quite far from Roanoke Island.

A popular theory had existed that the colonists abandoned the island and traveled some 50 miles south to Hatteras Island, then

known as Croatoan Island. That would explain the only two clues found by the search party sent by Raleigh in 1590: the word “Croatoan” carved into a post and “Cro” carved into a tree. However, it now appeared that the colonists did travel 50 miles, but in a different direction, west via Albemarle Sound toward the mouth of the Chowan River.

“That is where we’ve been doing our most recent excavations, and we believe we have locked in on the site that is marked on the map, adjacent to an Indian site that is also marked,” said Dr. Klingelhofer.

The First Colony Foundation employed magnetometers and ground-penetrating radar (GPR) to investigate this newly identified



area that might help explain the fate of the lost colonists. The findings indicated the possibility of one or more structures, formerly made of wood, as well as numerous prehistoric features. However, these structures could be left from later colonial sites that populated the area through the 1700s.

Excavation won't take place immediately. In the interim, Dr. Klingelhofer recently took students to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands over spring break to resume work at a small settlement discovered by previous Mercer teams. This latest team determined that the site dated to the mid- to late-17th century French occupation of the island, and is possibly the earliest plantation discovered in the Virgin Isles. The project had been on hold for two years while Dr. Klingelhofer focused on the First Colony Foundation projects. "We dug three small test pits, scoured the beach for cultural artifacts and remapped some of the original excavations on the island," said Joshua Whitfield, a senior from Jefferson who traveled with the latest group during the fall semester of 2012.

All of the most recent work, which resulted in the *National Geographic* article, was done only by professionals, without the help of student volunteers. The publicity that followed isn't something new for the professor who has long been researching a story that captivates so many.

"Every few years, there is a new documentary on Sir Walter Raleigh's Lost Colony, so every five to 10 years, I'm famous," said Dr. Klingelhofer, who has been featured in media outlets such as *USA Today*, NBC and the BBC.

He tends to believe some of the same theories about the fate of the colonists that are prevalent among other archaeologists and historians. When White returned to Roanoke Island on Aug. 18, 1590, none of the 90 men, 17 women and 11 children — whom he had left to seek help almost three years earlier — remained. There was no sign of a struggle. Likely, they split up because of the difficulty of surviving in the wild. Possibly, a small group traveled out to the shores of the islands to try to flag down passing ships. Some could have succumbed to disease. Others could have intermarried into the Indian tribes of eastern North Carolina. These tribes were some of the most affected by expansion, disease and war, so they were extremely difficult to document.

And after a generation passed, by the 1620s, no mention can be found of any of these colonists.

"Their people never came back. They never rescued them. It must have been like being stranded on Mars," said Dr. Klingelhofer. "We fully believe that our work is worth it, if nothing else but for the sacrifice and hardship that these first English-speaking Americans went through."

(Clockwise from left) Jennelle Friez, Natoya Castor, Aidan Kirkpatrick, Dr. Eric Klingelhofer and Fort Raleigh Chief of Interpretation Mary Doll lay out the location of the previously excavated science workshop used by Sir Walter Raleigh's explorers in 1585-86. (Above right) Near the lost site of the 16th-century Indian village of "Roanoc," Joshua Whitfield shovels from a test pit and Emily Grace Cotter sifts for artifacts, while First Colony Foundation representative Alastair McDonald checks their progress. (Right) Emily Grace Cotter digs a test pit near the 16th-century Indian village of "Roanoc."





MERCER HOMECOMING

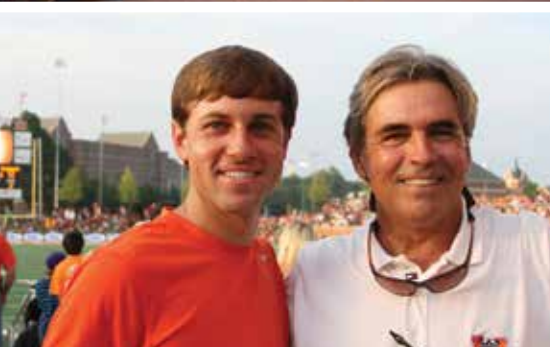
October 31 – November 2, 2014

Save the Date – For the past two years, Mercer alumni and friends have returned to the Macon campus in record numbers to see firsthand all the exciting growth and progress, to connect with friends and faculty, and to cheer on the Bears. This year, our first in the Southern Conference, promises to be another fun-filled weekend. Featured events will include: Half Century Club luncheon, Mercer Bears Football vs. The Citadel, 5K run and pancake breakfast, class reunions, pep rally and fireworks, parade, alumni career speaker series, tailgating and family fun activities. To view photos from Homecoming 2013, visit gallery.mercer.edu/homecoming.

Online Registration Begins in Late Summer

homecoming.mercer.edu





Football Inks 20 Players on National Signing Day

The Mercer football program and head coach Bobby Lamb announced a class of 20 commitments on its first official National Signing Day, including four already enrolled in school, who have signed National Letters of Intent to play for the Bears in the Southern Conference in 2014.

The recruiting class features individuals from five different states, including 10 players from within the state of Georgia.

"We are excited about this group of exceptional student-athletes we have put together," said head coach Bobby Lamb. "We feel like they can come in and help build on the tradition we are creating at Mercer."

The Bears are coming off a season for the history books, winning 10 games and setting the NCAA record for victories by a start-up program. Mercer will now make the transition to the historic Southern Conference and play a full slate of SoCon games this fall.

"Recruiting is all about building relationships and our coaches did a great job going out and selecting young men of character that can contribute to Mercer on the field and in the classroom," said Lamb. "We feel like we were able to fill needs on both sides of the ball and take our team to another level as we prepare to enter the Southern Conference."

LEMARKUS BAILEY | Defensive Back | 6-0 | 190 | Hillgrove High School | Marietta, Ga.

Bailey recorded 127 tackles during his senior season, including 17 tackles for loss, three interceptions, five forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, 10 pass breakups and two touchdowns. He was a four-time recipient of academic honors and plans to major in Communications.

AUSTIN BARRETT | Defensive Line | 6-3 | 295 | Oakland High School | Milton, Tenn.

Barrett led his 2013 squad to a perfect 10-0 regular season record, an AAA District Championship and finished the year 12-1 in the third round of the Tennessee State Playoffs. In 2013, he was named 7AAA All-District, Daily News Journal All-Area Defense, Tennessean All-Mid State Defense, Star Therapy Preseason All-State, TSWA 6A All-State Defense and Team Award Defensive Lineman of the Year.

LEE BENNETT | Offensive Linebacker | 6-1 | 200 | Leesburg High School | Leesburg, Fla.

Bennett was named All-District and All-State as a utility player and earned All-Central Florida Linebacker honors. Bennett led his team to a District Championship with an 8-4 record, was named the Most Valuable Player of his squad during his senior season and was elected as the team captain.

TANNER BRUMBY | Quarterback | 6-2 | 185 | Pickens High School | Jasper, Ga.

Brumby holds Pickens High School all-time records with 294 completions, 3,624 passing yards and 32 passing touchdowns. He also added 1,603 yards on the ground and 20 rushing scores during his prep career. Brumby was named All-Region 7AAAA First Team as a quarterback in 2012 and 2013 and garnered All-State honors as a punter in 2012 and 2013. He was a standout in the classroom, being named to the honor roll all four years.

ISAIAH BUEHLER | Offensive Linebacker | 6-3 | 225 | Apopka High School | Apopka, Fla.

Buehler was named All-Central Florida Second Team as a senior and All-State Honorable Mention. He earned Beef O'Brady's Student-Athlete of the Week honors and helped lead his team to the 2012 State Championship. Buehler tallied 12 sacks in 2013 and added three forced fumbles and one interception return for a touchdown. He also ranks No. 17 in the Orlando Sentinel 2014 Central Florida Super60.

BRANDON CONEY | Defensive Back | 5-11 | 195 | Dublin High School | Dublin, Ga.

Coney was named to the 2013 GACA North/South All-Star Game and finished the 2013 season with 25 solo tackles, 30 assisted tackles and four pass breakups. In 70 carries, Coney picked up 562 yards, including seven rushing touchdowns and added six receptions for 121 yards and two scores. He returned four kickoffs for 99 yards and returned six punts for 34 yards.

CHANDLER CURTIS | WR/DB | 6-0 | 185 | Calhoun High School | Calhoun, Ga.

Curtis was named the Defensive Player of the Year in class AA, 2013 Rome News Tribune Player of the Year, All-Chattanooga Times First Team, All-Region 7AA First-Team, All-Gordon County First Team and Atlanta Journal Constitution All-State honorable mention. Curtis led his team to the quarterfinals of the Georgia State playoffs with 1,273 all-purpose yards. He recorded 32 catches for 840 yards and 12 touchdowns and added 17 solo tackles and 13 assisted tackles on the defensive side of the ball, including five interceptions and three interception returns for a touchdown. He returned 10 kickoffs for 309 yards and one touchdown and added seven punt returns for 124 yards.

TRAVONTE EASLEY | Outside Linebacker | 6-1 | 190 | Montgomery Bell Academy | Nashville, Tenn.

Easley earned All-Region and All-State honors as an outside linebacker during his senior campaign and led his team to the semifinals of the state championship. Easley recorded 57 tackles in 2013, including 12 tackles for loss, four sacks, two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and one blocked kick. He also tallied 12 receptions during his senior season.

JEREMY JAMES | Defensive Back | 5-10 | 170 | Flowery Branch High School | Flowery Branch, Ga.

James was named to the All-Region team and made an appearance in the FCA All-Star Game. James was named Defensive Back of the Year in 2013 and Defensive Captain of the Year. As a junior, he earned Defensive Most Improved honors, was named a USA Football Nominee and appeared in the Rising Senior Bowl.

JUSTIN JOHNSON | Wide Receiver | 6-4 | 195 | Nease High School | St. Augustine, Fla.
Johnson earned All-County honors as a senior

and was named the Offensive Player of the Game for the KSA Football Kickoff Classic. He recorded 28 catches for 772 yards during his senior season, including eight touchdowns and 16.1 yards per catch. He caught 18 passes, nine of which were touchdowns, during his junior campaign where he received All-County recognition.

THOMAS MARCHMAN | Offensive Line | 6-3 | 265 | North Hall High School | Gainesville, Ga.

Marchman was named Atlanta Journal Constitution Preseason All-State, Georgia Sportswriters All-State First Team, Gainesville Times All-Area First Team and 7AAA All-Region First Team. He led the Trojans to the AAA Final Four in 2012, received the Ironman Award and was named 7AAA All-Region and All-Area Second Team. He also appeared in the FCA East-West All-Star game during his senior season. He was a member of the National Honor Society, received the Georgia Certificate of Merit Scholar and the Scholar Athlete Award his final two years.

ARTERRIOUS "TEE" MITCHELL | Running Back | 5-10 | 190 | Bolles School / Air Force Prep | Jacksonville, Fla.

Mitchell earned All-First Coast honors and All-State honors as a senior and was the recipient of the prestigious Mark Bradley Award as the most outstanding athlete in football, basketball and baseball. He helped lead his squad to the state championship in 2011 and earned academic honors each of his four years. Mitchell graduated in 2013, signed with the Air Force Academy and attended the AFA Prep School in the fall of 2013.

JALEN PENN | Defensive Line | 6-2 | 260 | Harrison High School | Powder Springs, Ga.

Penn was twice named the Cobb County Player of the Week and participated in the Cobb County Senior Bowl. He finished his senior season with 37 tackles, including six tackles for loss, five sacks, three pass break-ups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. An honor roll recipient, he was named the football team captain during his senior season.

AVERY WARD | Wide Receiver | 6-2 | 170 | Chattahoochee High School | Alpharetta, Ga.

He received the CHS Senior Leadership Award, Palmer Student Athlete of the Week honors and was nominated for a trio of North Fulton Player of the Week honors during his senior campaign. Ward was named to the 6A All-Star First Team as a wide receiver and led

Chattahoochee to the state playoffs during his junior season. A highly recognized honor student, he was named the Palmer Dodge Student-Athlete of the Week in 2012 and 2013 and plans to major in Engineering at Mercer.

AUSTIN WYSOR | Defensive Line | 6-5 | 250 | Hewitt-Trussville High School | Trussville, Ala.

Wysor was named the Trussville Tribune Defensive Player of the Year in 2013 and elected team captain. He lettered his junior and senior seasons and led his team to the state playoffs during his senior campaign. He recorded 73 tackles in 2013, including 12 tackles for loss, five sacks and one interception.

CALEB YATES | Offensive Line | 6-4 | 285 | Oakland High School | Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Yates led his 2013 squad to a perfect 10-0 regular season record, an AAA District Championship and finished the year 12-1 in the third round of the Tennessee State Playoffs. A two-time member of the All-District and All-Area team, Yates appeared in the East/West All-Star game in 2013 and was named Offensive Line-man of the Year at OHS. He received the Bobby Morton Pride Award and Top Leader Award at the national underclassmen combine. A three-time recipient of the top football academic award at OHS, he finished with a 4.0 grade point average and plans to major in biomedical or mechanical engineering at Mercer.

Four Transfers Participate in Spring Drills

Lamb welcomed the addition of three transfers and one early enrollee to join the program for the 2014 season.

ZACH JACKSON (TCU), **DEREK OWINGS** (Eastern Michigan), **ALAN POSEY** (Tennessee) and **ZAC RICE** (Newberry HS) will all be eligible this fall and will look to make an immediate impact as the Bears play their inaugural season in the Southern Conference.



Head coach Bobby Lamb discusses the new Mercer signees at the Signing Day Reception at Drake Field House with Dr. Keith Holmes (left) and Charlie Cantrell (center).

"These four players will step in and make us better right away," said Lamb. "Having skilled players with experience under their belts at some great institutions will add a great mix to our young program."

Jackson makes his way to Mercer from Texas Christian University (TCU) where he appeared in two games last fall, playing against LSU and Kansas. A three-star safety by Rivals.com out of high school, Jackson was a member of the Class 5A state championship team at Brookwood High School during his senior season.

Posey comes to Mercer from the University of Tennessee where he appeared in two games last fall, playing against Austin Peay and Western Kentucky. The No. 42 prospect in the state of Georgia by Rivals.com at Clarke Central High School, Posey earned Class AAAA All-State first team honors as a junior and senior and led his team to a 31-6 record in a three-year span.

Owings enrolls at Mercer after attending Eastern Michigan for two seasons. A standout at Saline High School, Owings was named All-Conference as a senior and recorded 26 catches for 345 yards and four touchdowns. He was a three-year honor roll recipient and also lettered in basketball and baseball.

Rice comes to Mercer as an early enrollee from Newberry High School where he graduated in December of 2013. He was named All-State first team, All-Area first team and All-District first team as a senior and earned FACA Scholar Athlete of the Year Honors.

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2014 MERCER BEARS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Fulfilling the Mission By Jamie Dickson

Dr. Melinda Screws used her School of Medicine education to not only serve Georgians, but also countless troops around the country and world as a physician in the United States Air Force.

Dr. Melinda Screws, MED '93, always knew she wanted to be a physician. "The first book I can remember picking out on my own was about how to do an appendectomy," she said. "All my life I wanted to be a doctor."

She took an untraditional path to achieving her goal. She started out as a nurse because she feared she wouldn't be able to start a family and earn her medical degree, but after noticing a

need for physicians in her hometown of Dublin, she told her husband, Howard, she wanted to go to medical school. She was 28.

Choosing Mercer allowed her to spend time with her family and focus on her degree; she even gave birth to her son, Ben, while at the School of Medicine. "That's the beauty of Mercer," she said. "It is truly such a family atmosphere."

After completing her residency in family medicine, Screws returned to Dublin to start a family practice along with four of her fellow residents. Georgia Family Medicine was the first of its kind in that all of its physicians were straight out of residency.

Three years later, she opened a solo practice with the help of her husband, who was a chiropractor at the time. "I really like the idea of a family doctor," she said. "I like that relationship with the patients and their families."

She practiced in Dublin for several years, but soon she and her husband were at a crossroads. Howard was ready to retire and

she was just getting started. "We had to stop and decide what is it that we want out of life?" A faithful family, the husband and wife prayed. "We said, 'let's say our prayers and sleep on it.'" At 2 a.m. the next day, she was startled awake by two words: "Air Force."

A few days later, the family practice physician was sitting in a recruiter's office with her husband. Since the Air Force did not bring in chiropractors as commissioned officers, Screws made the decision to enlist at 40 years old. "By society's perceptions, we had a successful life," Screws said. "And to pick up and change — and of all things go into the military — people thought we had lost our minds. I really think it was God's purpose for our life at that time and we were willing to listen. Because of the way we had been raised and had been educated, we weren't afraid to take that step."

In May 2002, Screws and her family moved to Utah where she started her military career at Hill Air Force Base. After her assignment at Hill was complete, she received orders to go to Patrick Air Force Base in Melbourne, Fla.

In 2005 she was ordered to Kuwait—her first deployment. There, she provided medical care on the flight line and, in the event of an attack, to the U.S. Embassy. She also helped improve communications between U.S. hospitals in Kuwait and troops traveling on the

interstates there, which were notorious for traffic accidents.

"The biggest hazard there was just driving on the roads," she said. Her goal, along with other physicians working on the project, was to ensure that troops were sent to a U.S. hospital in the event of a serious injury. Screws also assisted in the development of trauma packs that were placed in the vehicles the troops drove.

After five months in Kuwait, she returned to Patrick Air Force Base as the family medicine flight commander and deputy chief of the medical staff. In June of 2007, she was promoted to chief. "My early experience of setting up Georgia Family Medicine brought some skills to the Air Force that others didn't have because they had never run their own practice, so it became a natural fit," she said.

Her time as chief was short-lived, however. In December 2007 she was offered a special assignment as a flight surgeon and, after completing some training, she was deployed to Iraq in January 2008 as a clearing flight surgeon for aeromedical evacuation.

In Iraq, she flew on helicopters and planes to manage the wounded troops and ensure they were cleared for transport to other hospitals. Also during her time there, she worked at least three mass casualties in four months. She was able to work with surgeons who came from some of the best hospitals in the United States. "The survival rate throughout this whole time of war has been 98 percent and better, so when you look at the injuries that our wounded warriors have sustained, it's phenomenal."

Screws said of all of her assignments, she felt most honored to go to Iraq. "I got out of the clinic, and I got out on the flight line. It



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was an extraordinary experience,” she said. “We were taking mortars every day, and here I am a doctor and I’m walking around with a gun. It’s a little bit frightening, but you find courage and you find faith and you see the wonderful men and women who are coming through and need your services. It was truly an honor to be able to go, and I would have been really disappointed if I had been in the Air Force this whole time and not been able to be deployed.”

She said her Mercer education helped prepare her for her service in Iraq. “[Mercer] taught me how to problem solve, how to be innovative and to look at the big picture and to be courageous,” she said. “It’s amazing how many people let fear of the unknown hamper their abilities. I think Mercer really helped break that down for me and show me what I could do.”

Upon returning from Iraq, Screws took a special assignment as the Department of Defense medical liaison officer to NASA from 2008-2010, where she worked with NASA flight surgeons as well as medical forces

(including fellow Mercerian Dr. Spencer Price) across the military to put together teams for shuttle support.

“My job was to ensure a medical response for contingency around the world,” she said.

She served during 10 shuttle launches and landings, making sure that specific locations along a shuttle’s flight path were equipped with medical teams in the case of a forced landing or catastrophe.

“The whole experience with NASA was just one of those things I never dreamed I would be able to do. It was such a godsend,” she said. “It was such a tremendous opportunity for my family. They’ve seen shuttle launches from the VIP stands and dined with astronauts.”

In 2012, Screws was chosen by NASA as Honorary Flight Surgeon of the Year. At the luncheon where she was honored, she shared a table with Neil Armstrong and gave him a Korean Commander’s Coin since they both served in Korea — Screws from 2010 to 2011 as medical operations squadron commander and Armstrong as a Naval officer during the

Korean War. Commander’s Coins are given by senior commissioned and non-commissioned officers as recognition for going above and beyond the call of duty.

“It was one of the highlights of my career,” she said. “I was awestruck and speechless to be in the presence of such a great American.”

After serving in Korea, Screws returned to Central Georgia, where she once again served as chief of medical staff. She left the Air Force in January and is now a Veterans Administration physician in Dublin.

Although she took an untraditional path, Screws said she has always kept Mercer’s mission to serve Georgians in mind.

“This has been just great being back home,” she said. “Whenever I see anyone from Mercer, I say ‘I’ve done your mission all over the world.’ I’ve taken care of Georgians everywhere. I started off in Georgia and now I’m coming home to Georgia. And I’m still fulfilling the mission.”

Beth Hyde, EGR '09, '11, contributed to this story.



Medicine Welcomes New Head of Practice Plan Operations

William Thomas (Tommy) Barnes III, MBA, was recently named executive director of practice plan operations for Mercer Medicine — the multi-specialty physician group practice operated by the Mercer School of Medicine. Barnes is responsible for strengthening Mercer Medicine's mission of providing advanced primary and specialty care to patients throughout Central Georgia, as well as enhancing the medical education and research initiatives conducted by faculty physicians through the School of Medicine.

Barnes brings 14 years of health care administrative experience, primarily in the management of physician medical practices, to his new role with Mercer Medicine. His most recent position was as practice administrator and director of business development for Nexus Medical Holdings LLC, a physician-owned medical management organization located in Macon. Barnes also served as an elected member of the Bibb County Board of Education from 2001-2013 in the positions of president, vice president and treasurer.

"I am excited about this new opportunity of joining the Mercer Medicine team," Barnes said. "Mercer University has a long history of success and of being a leader in challenging times. I look forward to working with them in pursuing new health care opportunities here in Macon and Middle Georgia."

Pharmacy Earns Full Eight-Year Accreditation Renewal

The Mercer College of Pharmacy recently earned full eight-year accreditation status from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The status is the longest term achievable for a Doctor of Pharmacy program and extends until June 30, 2022.

An ACPE accreditation team conducted an on-campus site visit of Mercer College

of Pharmacy in October 2013 and recently notified the college of its final evaluation. H.W. "Ted" Matthews, Ph.D., dean of the College of Pharmacy and senior vice president for health sciences, credits the accreditation renewal status to a faculty and staff who continue to work tirelessly for excellence in student-learning outcomes.

"I am extremely pleased that our accreditation was renewed for the longest period possible," Matthews said. "This achievement was not a forgone conclusion. It was made possible by the hard and diligent work of an entire college with a singular focus for excellence. And words cannot adequately express my appreciation for the hard work of my faculty, staff and students."

The ACPE accreditation process is an exhaustive assessment of virtually every aspect of a pharmacy school — from its mission, planning and evaluation process to its curriculum, administration, faculty, students and facilities. Each pharmacy school undergoing evaluation is measured against 30 accreditation standards. And each standard is individually evaluated to determine whether the school is in compliance, partial compliance or non-compliance of the standard. The ACPE found that Mercer's College of Pharmacy was in compliance with all 30 standards and is monitoring seven for further improvements.

Nursing Professor Participates in AACN Policy Intensive

Mercer Georgia Baptist College of Nursing Assistant Professor Tammy Barbé is one of eight nursing faculty from across the country selected to participate in the second annual Faculty Policy Intensive hosted by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), March 24-27, in Washington, D.C.

The fully-funded, four-day immersion program for faculty of AACN-member schools is designed to enhance existing knowledge of nursing policy and advocacy through sessions that will strengthen understanding of the legislative process and the dynamic relationships between federal

departments and agencies, national nursing organizations and the individual advocate.

At the conclusion of the event, participants will put their new advocacy skills to use as AACN Faculty Policy Fellows. Last year's inaugural class of Fellows represented nursing schools at institutions such as the University of Alabama and the University of Virginia. Dr. Barbé is the first Fellow from an institution in the state of Georgia.

Public Health Launches Evaluation and Research Center

Mercer's Master of Public Health program recently established a new center designed to provide state-of-the-art evaluation and applied research for enhancing program planning and success in health, education and human services.

The new Center for Evaluation and Applied Research (CEAR) became operational in August and is based on the University's Atlanta campus, where the Public Health program recently expanded its degree offerings. In addition to providing evaluation and applied research services, the center will also provide evaluation training and education, thereby advancing evaluation science by bridging the expertise of the research and practice communities.

"If we want to enhance the quality of public health service to the community, we must close the gap between research and practice through bilateral learning and feedback between science and services," said Nannette Turner, Ph.D., M.P.H., director of Mercer's Public Health program, which is housed in the College of Health Professions. "In fact, the extent to which this gap remains is a public health issue."

The center, under the direction of Huey T. Chen, Ph.D., a leading authority on practical and theoretical program evaluation, will provide seven fundamental services: program planning, implementation evaluation, outcome evaluation, program monitoring, applied research, grant proposal assistance and evaluation workshops.

Achievements

1950s

The Hon. W. Homer Drake Jr., CLA '54, LAW '56, was elected by Mercer University's Board of Trustees as the board's 11th lifetime member during its annual Homecoming meeting on Nov. 22, 2013.

The Hon. Richard H. Mills, LAW '57, served as the guest speaker at Blackburn College's Veterans Day Convocation on Nov. 11, 2013, in Carlinville, Ill.

The Rev. Taliaferro Williamson Jr., CLA '56, and his wife, **Geraldine C. Williamson**, NUR '58, TIFT '60, were named co-recipients of the J. Obert Kempson Distinguished Service Award by the Southeast Region, Association for Clinical Pastoral Education on Oct. 3, 2013.

1960s

Michael C. Braswell, CLA '69, has recently published two books: *Long Road Home: The Trials and Tribulations of a Confederate Soldier* (Branden Books) and *Interview with Joab* (Ellechor). He is emeritus professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at East Tennessee State University.

W. Andy Haggard, LAW '67, a senior partner and attorney at the Haggard Law Firm PA, in Coral Gables, Fla., is the recipient of the Florida State University Bernard F. Sliger Award. Named for Florida State's 10th president, it recognizes a member of the university community who has made a major contribution to the fulfillment of its mission.

Thomas Malone, LAW '66, was elected chair of the Executive Committee of Mercer University's Board of Trustees at the board's annual Homecoming meeting on Nov. 22, 2013.

Lee O'Brien, CLA '67, LAW '73, retired from the Georgia Department of Public Safety on April 1, 2013, after 40 years in practice.

The Hon. Hugh P. Thompson, LAW '69, began a new five-year term as a member of Mercer University's Board of Trustees.

1970s

The Hon. Marcus J. Ezelle, LAW '76, was recognized by the Polk County (Fla.) Trial Lawyers Association with the new Karla Foreman Wright Award, which celebrates a local jurist who possesses professionalism, courtesy and leadership.

Otis L. Scarbary, CLA '74, LAW '77, retired Dec. 13, 2012, after four terms as Bibb County solicitor general. He served more than 29 years as a prosecutor and more than 35 years as a trial attorney. Scarbary published his first novel, *Leo's Redemption*, in October 2013. It is available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

1980s

Diana S. Barber, LAW '85, won the Anthony G. Marshall Hospitality Law Award for 2013 from HospitalityLawyers.com in recognition of pioneering and lasting contributions to the field of hospitality law.

Terri Turner Byrd, CLA '89, was named coordinator of the Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Chris Estes, CLA '85, was appointed by North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory as state chief information officer in January 2013. As a member of the governor's executive team, he provides oversight of information technology projects and manages IT operations for state agencies.

Fred B. Gates, BUS '88, was recently promoted to professor of history at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford, Okla. He also serves as SWOSU faculty senate president and was recently appointed to the Oklahoma State Regents Faculty Advisory Council.

Thomas W. Herman, LAW '86, was selected as a Fellow in The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers. He is the only attorney in the Middle Georgia area and just the 18th statewide to have been selected for induction into the College.

C. Michael Johnson, CLA '83, LAW '86, was appointed Superior Court Judge of the Oconee Judicial Circuit by Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal on Jan. 14.

Dan McGrew, LAW '84, a partner at Carlock Copeland & Stair in Atlanta, received an invitation to become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL), one of the nation's premier legal associations. The college comprises the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship is by invitation only to lawyers with at least 15 years' trial practice who have demonstrated exceptional skill as advocates, and whose professional careers are distinguished by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism and

civility. McGrew was inducted as a Fellow at the October 2013 ACTL meeting in San Francisco.

Steve Moss, CLA '85, is outreach coordinator for the Palm Beach County (Fla.) Sheriff's Office Homeland Security Bureau. He is also coordinator for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Foundation.

The Rev. Bruce Pittman, CLA '84, published a book titled *Found My Heart When I Lost My Way*. He is the pastor of First Baptist Church of Shellman.

Louis Ruckes Jr., CAS '89, was named the coordinator for The Family Readiness Group, in Hinds County, Miss., on Oct. 1, 2013. This new program is one of seven in the nation.

Richard A. Schneider, LAW '81, was elected chair of Mercer University's Board of Trustees at the board's annual Homecoming meeting on Nov. 22, 2013.

Judith O. Swystun, CLA '80, president of Hampton Roads Transportation Inc. in Norfolk, Va., was selected for the 2013 Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association's Taxicab Large Fleet Operator of the Year Award.

Benton Wade, CLA '81, was inducted into the Brevard College Athletic Hall of Fame as a two-time All-American and second-leading career scorer in

Founding Engineering Dean Recognized for WWII Service

C.B. Gambrell Jr. was honored as a Knight of the Legion of Honor, the highest decoration in France, for his service during World War II in the U.S. Army's 276th Engineering Combat Battalion. Dr. Gambrell was founding dean of Mercer's School of Engineering from 1985-1993. He also established the Mercer Engineering Research Center (MERC) in 1987 and served as its director from 1987-1995.

Dr. Gambrell enlisted in the Army in 1942 and served as a sergeant and combat engineer. During World War II, he was at the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of the Rhineland, and he received a Purple Heart for his service during the Battle for Remagen Bridge, a key victory for the Allies in the war in Europe. American forces captured Remagen Bridge, the last remaining bridge between France and Germany, on the day it was set to be demolished by the Germans.

"I was happy to participate in the successful efforts to reunite France after it was divided by the Germans," Dr. Gambrell said. "The Legion of Honor medal presentation made me reflect on days past. It's easier now to see and realize what we accomplished and that the sacrifices we made were worthwhile."

As the French government continues to thank America's World War II veterans, it preserves the memory of what American soldiers did during some of France's darkest hours. During a presentation ceremony held by



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Dr. C.B. Gambrell Jr., right

the French Consulate in Orlando, Fla., Dr. Gambrell and nine others were given the award by a French admiral.

"On behalf of our government and people, I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations for your induction into the French Legion of Honor," Consul General of France Gael de Maisonneuve wrote in a letter for the presentation. "Without your bravery, and that of those who fought alongside with you, France and Europe might have never been liberated from the barbarity of Nazi occupation."

Created two centuries ago by Napoleon Bonaparte, membership in The Legion of Honor recognizes exceptional service to France and is the highest distinction France can confer on a citizen or a foreigner.

men's basketball from 1977-1979 before joining the team at Mercer.

J. Henry Walker IV, LAW '86, was elected chair of the law firm Kilpatrick Townsend and Stockton LLP after previously serving as the firm's managing partner. Based in Atlanta, he focuses his legal practice on large complex litigation matters, including class actions, technology and telecommunications cases.

1990s

Austin P. Aldridge, CLA '95, of Covington received the YMCA of Metro Atlanta's 2013 Volunteer of the Year award for his service at the Covington Family YMCA. His work was honored at the annual volunteer recognition dinner Nov. 4, 2013.

Mylo Carbia, CLA '93, spoke during the Pitch Panel at the Screenwriters World Conference, hosted at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza in Los Angeles on Sept. 28, 2013.

Ed Cloaninger, LAW '97, is a principal with Deloitte and leads the International Tax Practice for the New England area, working primarily for a private equity firm on mergers and acquisitions. He previously worked 12 years with Deloitte Tax in Atlanta.

Kirk Nooks Named President of MCC-Longview

Dr. Kirk A. Nooks, EGR '96, BUS '98, was named president of Metropolitan Community College's Longview campus in Lee's Summit, Mo., effective July 1, 2013. Dr. Nooks previously served as dean of the Marietta campus of Georgia Highlands College as well as executive liaison for diversity initiatives.

An engineer by training, Dr. Nooks has more than 15 years of experience in education, business and engineering. Throughout his career, he has helped institutions with major initiatives, including establishing and implementing a governance system, organizing and scaling up a national completion initiative, and developing a framework for faculty, staff and students to advance the institution's learning organization aspirations. He has presented at national conferences on topics ranging from institutional governance models to the college completion agenda.

"Dr. Nooks brings valuable real-world experience as an engineer on top of an impressive list of accomplishments in higher education," said Mark James, chancellor of the five-campus Metropolitan Community College system.

Dr. Nooks worked as an engineering project manager at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and as an account executive with Core Management Resources in Middle Georgia before transitioning to a career in higher education. His other posts have included director of the office of institutional initiatives and governance at

Prince George's Community College (Md.) as well as dean of students and assistant professor at Northern Virginia Community College.

"I am honored to serve as the next president of Metropolitan Community College - Longview," he said. "During the search process, it was clear that the faculty, staff and students expressed a deep pride in the history of the institution. I am looking forward to continue building on such a steady foundation."

Dr. Nooks holds a doctorate in higher education administration from The George Washington University and an MBA in marketing and a Bachelor of Science in industrial management from Mercer.



Dr. Kirk Nooks

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Georgia's Newest State Park Named for Alumnus

Georgia's newest state park, located on Lake Lanier in Hall County, is named for Mercer alumnus Don Carter (CLA '54).

Don Carter State Park is the first state park on Lake Lanier and just the second to open in Georgia in the last 15 years. It opened in July 15, 2013, and Gov. Nathan Deal, along with several other dignitaries, attended the dedication ceremony on Sept. 16, 2013.

"We had all the important folks in the area there — the governor, lieutenant governor, senators. It was highly successful," Carter said of the ceremony.

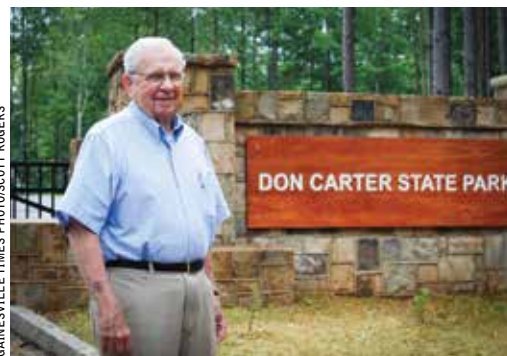
The park, on North Browning Bridge Road in Gainesville, includes 1,316 acres and amenities such as 44 campsites, eight cottages, three miles of Lake Lanier shoreline, four picnic shelters and 12 primitive campsites.

Carter graduated from Mercer in 1954 with a B.A. in economics and was a member of the University's Eta chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

He is currently vice president of Don Carter Realty. He served on the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Board for 29 years, making him its longest-serving member. As a former real estate executive, Carter helped the state acquire almost 300,000 acres of land for parks, wildlife areas and recreation.

"I started a land acquisition program," Carter said of his time of the board. "They named the land that was used for the park after me."

Some 10 years later, the board had enough money



Don Carter

GAINESVILLE TIMES PHOTO/SCOTT ROGERS

to build a park on that tract of land.

"It's a beautiful tract of land. We spent about \$14 million getting it ready," said Carter. "It will bring in a lot of trade for the existing companies there."

Carter said he is proud of the excellent education he received at Mercer, and that his time at the University helped him build character.

Among other recognition he has received during his long and distinguished career, Carter was a recipient of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Land Conservation Stewardship and the Robert Artz Citizens Volunteer Award from the National Recreation and Park Association.

Tracey Wilson Dicks, CLA '92, was honored as Tift County's Northside Elementary School Teacher of the Year for 2013-14. She was also selected to serve on State Superintendent John Barge's Teacher Advisory Council of the Georgia State Board of Education.

Angela Adkins Downes, CLA '91, presented at the American Bar Association annual conference on the topic, Child Victims in the Juvenile Justice System: Approaches to Help Victims at Risk of Delinquency. Additionally, she serves on the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and was reappointed by Gov. Rick Perry.

Renee Christen L'Plattenier, LAW '98, and her husband, Ross L'Plattenier, opened Roosters Men's Grooming Center in Sandy Springs on Dec. 2, 2013. Renee works as senior marketing and business development coordinator at Morris, Manning & Martin LLP in Atlanta and is also the marketing coordinator for Roosters.

Matthew Lepore, LAW '95, was named senior vice president and general counsel of BASF Corporation, effective Jan. 10. In this role, he will serve as the senior legal, compliance and government affairs officer for BASF in North America.

Robert M. Lewis Jr., LAW '96, received the U.S. Secretary of Labor's Exceptional Achievement Award as well as the Commitment to Equality Award from the State Bar of Georgia and the Distinguished Service Award from the Atlanta Bar Association in 2013.

Colby Lindsay, BUS '96, joined Finley Engineering Group in Tallahassee, Fla., as comptroller to its growing bridge design and construction engineering firm. She is responsible for overseeing all the financial activities at Finley.

Rachael B. Schell, LAW '95, joined the Georgia Legal Services Program in Macon in October 2013 as a coordinator of the Private Attorney Involvement Program, which recruits private attorneys and outsources pro bono or reduced cases.

L. Paul Sirmans, LAW '97, recently became general counsel to Continental Pacific LLC, a multinational land development and finance company in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.

James W. Thomas Jr., CLA '93, has been elected to a five-year term on the Board of Trustees of Mercer University. He is a partner at the law firm Arnold and Porter LLP in Washington, D.C., as well as a contributor to several textbooks.

Jonathan J. Tuggle, LAW '98, was selected by his peers for inclusion in the 20th edition of The Best Lawyers in America as a leading lawyer in family law. He is a partner at Boyd Collar Nolen & Tuggle in Atlanta.

Mark Adkin Walter, BUS '92, joined Suntrust Private Wealth in Atlanta as a private financial advisor and first vice president.

2000s

Jason Blanchard, LAW '07, was selected as a 2014 Georgia Rising Star by Super Lawyers.

Janene Browder, BUS '09, LAW '12, was selected for the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division 2014 Leadership Academy.

James R. DiAngelo, NUR '07, '11, earned certification as an Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

Ivy N. Cadle, LAW '07, was selected as a 2014 Georgia Rising Star by Super Lawyers for eminent domain and condemnation. He is also currently serving in his second year as co-chair of

the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division Leadership Academy.

Crystal Clark, LAW '09, co-authored the article "Attorney Violating Confidentiality Obligation Is Disqualified From Being a Whistle-Blower" featured in the January 2014 edition of Bloomberg BNA's Corporate Law & Accountability Report. She is an associate at McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP and focuses her practice on general corporate matters, including mergers, acquisitions, commercial contracts and general corporate counseling.

J. Slade Edwards, LAW '04, was named partner at Martin Snow LLP in Macon. With litigation experience in a variety of fields, he practices in the firm's litigation section. Edwards joins his father, John Edwards, as a second-generation partner in the firm.

Charles P. Efratration, LAW '08, former Gwinnett County prosecutor, was elected to fill the seat of District 104 in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Jessica Ford, MUS '07, is a major gift officer for Oberlin College and Conservatory in Oberlin, Ohio. She was previously annual giving manager at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston.

Melody A. Glouton, LAW '02, served as co-counsel in a case that obtained a \$4.6 million jury verdict in Gwinnett County for the husband of a woman killed when she was ejected from a Jeep during a rollover wreck. The jury apportioned 80 percent of the liability to the manufacturer of the seatbelt the woman was wearing at the time of the accident. This is an important verdict in the automotive industry because the verdict rendered was against a component level manufacturer rather than the automobile manufacturer.

Susan Elizabeth Hall, LAW '04, was elected to membership in the law firm Sites & Harbison PLLC, effective Jan. 1. She is a litigator in the firm's Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy Service Group. Her practice focuses primarily on representing institutional lenders and businesses in litigation related to bankruptcy, contracts, foreclosures and workouts.

The Rev. Martha Kate Hall, MUS '04, serves as associate coordinator for congregational life with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia.

Adam Hand, LAW '07, was named a partner at the law firm Murphy and Sibley PC in Macon. His practice areas include workers' compensation law and insurance defense.

Matthew T. Harris, LAW '06, was elected as a partner of Arnall Golden Gregory LLP in the Corporate & Securities and Real Estate practice groups, effective Jan. 1.

Caroline Whitehead Herrington, LAW '05, was named shareholder with the firm Adams & Jordan PC in Macon. Pursuant to her addition as a shareholder, the firm name changed to Adams, Jordan & Herrington PC. Her practice is primarily focused on representing plaintiffs in serious personal injury and wrongful death actions.

Darcy L. Jones, LAW '05, was promoted to special counsel at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres and Friedman LLP. She is a member of the firm's intellectual property group, where she practices in the areas of patent and trade secret litigation.

Kate Miller, LAW '08, has accepted a position as in-house counsel on the engagements team at Deloitte LLP in Atlanta in July 2013.

Rizza Palmares O'Connor, BUS '07, LAW '10, was appointed as the Chief Magistrate Court Judge of Toombs County.

Mustafa Honored Among Georgia's Most Influential Women

Selina Mustafa, EGR '97, was honored as one of Georgia's Most Powerful and Influential Women by the Georgia Diversity Council during its fourth annual Diversity and Leadership Conference on Sept. 27, 2013, at Emory University's Goizueta Business School.

The award is given to women who demonstrate the ability to succeed despite challenges they face in the workforce, and who make a difference through their achievements. Criteria for nomination include leadership and professional excellence, a record of career accomplishments, clout within her organization, a commitment to visibility in the community and high ethical standards.

Mustafa is vice president of finance information management for SunTrust Bank in Atlanta. She has more than 15 years of experience in management and leadership in a variety of industries, including engineering, manufacturing, financial institutions and banking.

The Georgia Diversity Council promotes an appreciation for and understanding of diversity and inclusion, and also seeks to recognize those individuals who



Selina Mustafa

personify the principles of diversity and leadership.

"We are proud to acknowledge and honor Georgia's awardees of 2013," Dennis Kennedy, founder and CEO of the National Diversity Council said. "Their display of excellency and leadership contributes to the advancement of their peers in senior leadership positions within the workplace and community."

Tammy Reid Rogers, EDU '09, was named 2013 Teacher of the Year for Newton County, as chosen by her colleagues.

Jonathan E. Smith, LAW '05, joined Miller & Martin PLLC as an associate in the Atlanta office in December 2013. He primarily represents landlords in the leasing and management of office buildings, office parks, retail centers and mixed-use projects.

Fred Taylor, LAW '08, became a partner at the Suffolk, Va., law firm Bush & Taylor PC in February.

Jason E. Touns, LAW '06, was promoted to partner at the law firm Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP. He works in the firm's Wilmington, N.C., office and has been a member of the Workers' Compensation Practice Group since joining the firm in 2007. He represents clients at all stages of litigation before the North Carolina Industrial Commission including subrogation and other related civil litigation.

Robert L. Walker, LAW '07, was named a partner at Jenkins & Bowen PC, which has offices in Cartersville and Savannah. His practice areas include personal injury, insurance defense and coverage, condemnation, zoning and land use, and the defense of actions involving promissory notes and personal guaranties.

Thomas B. Ward, LAW '05, has been named to the partnership of Swift, Currie, McGhee and Hiers LLP in Atlanta. He practices in a wide variety of litigated matters dealing primarily with insurance coverage and damage to real and personal property.

Sarah White, LAW '05, recently joined the board of directors of the Central Georgia chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and the board of directors of the American Red Cross of Central Georgia.

David H. Williams Jr., LAW '00, managing partner of the Atlanta office of Peck, Shaffer & Williams LLP,

was appointed to the Board of Directors of Lenbrook Retirement Community in Atlanta.

2010s

Travis L. Allen, BUS '11, retired from Georgia Perimeter College on Oct. 1, 2013, after 15 years of service.

Terry Bailey, LAW '11, was appointed by Mayor Kasim Reed to the Atlanta Zoning Review Board in November 2013. He also operates his own practice, The T.S. Bailey Law Firm LLC, representing businesses with licensing, permitting and other governmental issues, primarily focusing on alcohol licenses and land use in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Tommy Branch, LAW '11, was chosen as a member of the 2013-14 class of Leadership Savannah. He is an associate with Callaway, Braun, Riddle & Hughes PC in Savannah.

Ronald Daniels, LAW '12, received the W. Fred Orr II Memorial Scholarship from the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association (GTLA). Additionally, he is a member of GTLA's LEAD (Leadership Education and Advanced Direction) program class.

Dustin Davies, LAW '11, was selected as a 2014 Georgia Rising Star by Super Lawyers for personal injury.

Dr. Andrew L. Dodgen, MED '11, was named the Resident Teacher of the Year as voted by the senior medical students of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Additionally, he matched into a pediatric cardiology fellowship position at Duke University.

David Dorer, LAW '12, is the head attorney in the General Litigation division of the Dozier Law Firm in Macon, focusing on personal injury, wrongful death, contract, real estate and consumer protection lawsuits.

Shakira L. Frazier, EDU '11, received her master's degree in educational technology in December 2013.

Walker Garrett, LAW '10, was recognized by *Columbus and the Valley* magazine in its 5 Under 40, which selects five professionals that improve the area through family, business, faith and community service.

Cayanna Good, EDU '13, is the director of innovative programs at the Governor's Office of Student Achievement. She manages the team that oversees the Governor's Honors Program, the Reading Mentors Program, and the Race To The Top Innovation Fund.

Joshua Hale, LAW '13, joined Martin Snow LLP in Macon as an associate. He practices in the firm's real estate section focusing on real estate acquisitions, closings, contract reviews, negotiations, document drafting, title examination and zoning matters.

Lucie Hartmann, LAW '11, moved to Asheville, N.C., to become a litigation associate with the firm McAngus, Goudelock and Courie LLC.

Will Johnson, LAW '11, works in the Bibb County District Attorney's Office and prosecutes property crimes and crimes against the elderly and disabled.

Negin Kalantarain, LAW '12, joined Lee Durham LLC in Albany in December 2013, where she focuses on personal injury, professional malpractice and general civil litigation.

Adam Owenby, LAW '11, was admitted to the Washington, D.C., Bar in 2013 and now works as a proposals and contract manager for a federal contractor.

Philip Potter, LAW '11, has become an associate with Westmoreland, Patterson, Moseley & Hinson LLP, working in the Macon and Warner Robins offices.

Sallianne Prothro, LAW '12, began working at the law firm of Johnston, Owen & Bullard in her hometown of Griffin in January 2013.

Ryan Rubin, LAW '10, opened his own sports agency, RMI Athletics.

Daniel San Miguel, LAW '12, works at the Office of the Solicitor General in Augusta-Richmond County.

Davis Shaefer, LAW '11, is the public relations representative for Chip Ganassi Racing and the No. 42 Target Chevrolet SS driven by Kyle Larson. Shaefer works out of the Concord, N.C., office.

Kevin Stroberg, LAW '11, was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the United States Air Force Reserve JAG Corps.

Blade Thompson, LAW '11, completed his first marathon on Jan. 12 in just less than 4 hours, 5 minutes, raising more than \$500 for L'Arche Mobile, a non-profit organization that supports citizens with intellectual disabilities. He also received a leadership award as the top fundraiser and was valedictorian for the Greater Mobile (Ala.) Multiple Sclerosis Leadership Class of 2013.

Tonya F. Whitlock, EDU '13, is vice president for student affairs at West Georgia Technical College (WGTC). She most recently served as associate provost at WGTC's Coweta Campus.

Marriages, Births & Anniversaries

2000s

Kavita Batra, LAW '07, married Shanti Nagrani on Jan. 18.

Barton Black, LAW '07, and his wife, Brin Black, an-

nounce the birth of their second daughter, Jessie Elizabeth, on Dec. 17, 2013. The family resides in Atlanta.

Jake Dickson, EGR '07, and Jamie Caraway Dickson, CLA '05, announce the birth of their second son, Henry Lee, on Oct. 15, 2013.

Jason H. Dorsey, EGR '00, married Kristen Keffeler on Nov. 12, 2013. They reside in Holdrege, Neb., where he works as a facilities engineer at Becton, Dickinson and Company.

Courtney Wood Grantham, BUS '02, and her husband, Steve Grantham, announce the birth of their twin daughters, Eva Mixon and Stella Sandine, on Oct. 25, 2013.

Sandra Harvey, CLA '03, DIV '07, and her husband, David Harvey, announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Alice, on April 24, 2013.

Angela Coleman Herrick, CLA '04, married Jonathan Herrick on March 30, 2013, in Savannah. The couple resides in Denver.

Brad A. McMahon, LAW '07, and his wife, Lindsey Zitttrouer McMahon, LAW '08, announce the birth of their first child, Kara, on June 6, 2013. The family resides in Statesboro.

Michael Scaljon, LAW '07, and his wife, Jennifer Scaljon, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Grace, on Aug. 16, 2013.

Tim Slocum, CLA '01, and his wife, Bethany Slocum, announce the birth of their son, Timothy Andrew Slocum Jr., on Oct. 24, 2013.

Eric L. Trivett, CLA '05, LAW '08, and his wife, Carrie Keel Trivett, CLA '06, announce the birth of their first child, Ellen Lee, on Nov. 13, 2013. The family resides in Lawrenceville.

James M. Wright, LAW '09, and his wife, Miranda Wright, BUS '09, announce the birth of their second child, Hudson Vandiver, in September 2013.

Edward Wynn, LAW '07, and his wife, Nhlen Wynn, announce the birth of their first child, Gabriella, on Dec. 21, 2013. Edward practices in personal injury at Slappey & Sadd LLC in Sandy Springs.

2010s

Anastasia Dunlop Black, MUS '11, married Will Black, CLA '11, on Nov. 11, 2013. Anastasia became membership associate at the Brickyard Golf Club in December 2013. The couple resides in Macon.

Jesse Block, LAW '11, and his wife, Jennifer Friend Block, LAW '10, and announce the birth of their daughter, Parker Jeselyn, on Aug. 17, 2013.

Jeff Costolnick, LAW '11, and his wife, Beth Costolnick, announce the birth of their daughter in October 2013.

Audrey Davis, LAW '10, married William Cheek Davis III on Nov. 2, 2013.

Alison Duncan, LAW '10, and her husband, Ryan Duncan, announce the birth of their twin daughters, Piper Caroline and Bethany Louise, on Jan. 14.

Mary Sue Wood Fitzgerald, LAW '11, and her husband announce the birth of their daughter, Emma McCarthy, on Sept. 26, 2013. Mary Sue works with the Chatham County District Attorney's Office.

Tiffany Gardner, LAW '10, and her husband, Ross Gardner, announce the birth of their son, Liam Michael, on Sept. 21, 2013.

Amanda Lewis, LAW '10, married Ben Day on Oct. 12, 2013.

Collier McKenzie, LAW '11, and his wife announce the birth of their son, Collier "West" McKenzie Jr., in August 2013.

Hays McQueen, LAW '10, and his wife, Anne McQueen, announce the birth of their son, Holmes, on Oct. 15, 2013.

Andrea Moss, LAW '12, married Seth Trimble, LAW '10, on Sept. 14, 2013.

Ashley Morehouse Mueller, LAW '11, married Garon Muller, BUS '08, LAW '11, in Honeoye Falls, N.Y., on July 6, 2013. Garon is an assistant district attorney for the Augusta Judicial Circuit, and Ashley is an assistant solicitor for Richmond County. They reside in Summerville.

Michael Rivera, LAW '11, married Sarah Kidder Rivera on Oct. 18, 2013. Michael is an assistant public defender with the Houston County Public Defender's Office. The couple resides in Macon.

Ashley Short Sellers, LAW '12, married Jody Sellers, LAW '11, on Oct. 5, 2013. Jody is an associate with Singleton, Pasley and Nuce LLC in the firm's McDonough office, and Ashley is a legal officer with the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

Christopher Steele, LAW '11, and his wife, Tesia Steele, announce the birth of their daughter, Reagan Violet, on Aug. 9, 2013.

Brandon Veasey, LAW '12, and his wife, Shauna Veasey, announce the birth of their second child, Jack.

Abby Ammons Vinyard, LAW '12, married Chris Vinyard in the fall of 2013. The couple resides in Smyrna.

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Medical School Alumnus Selected as 2013 Top Hospitalist in America

Dr. Brent Box, MED '86, chief hospitalist and chief medical officer of Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, was selected by The American College of Physicians as a 2013 Top Hospitalist. He was recognized for the honor by senior leadership and his peers at the Adventist Health System (AHS) Annual ED Physician/Hospitalist Conference on Oct. 29, 2013, in Orlando, Fla.

Box was chosen by The American College of Physicians because he has distinguished himself in areas including patient safety, community involvement, clinical skills, quality improvement, leadership and teaching. Box was one of only 10 hospitalists across the country chosen for this honor.

"I am so honored," Box said as he received the award, "but Gordon Hospital is a team just like we are an Adventist Health System team, and it is through a group effort that we were able to accomplish this."

Despite being a small hospital of just 69 beds, Gordon Hospital is regarded as an ideal model of how to organize and lead a successful hospitalist program among the 44 hospitals in AHS, largely because of the efforts of Box.

"Dr. Box's medical, clinical and overall leadership have been instru-

mental in Gordon Hospital's performance," said Carlene Jamerson, senior vice president and chief clinical officer for AHS. "He leads by example and personally works with each hospitalist on aspects of quality, patient experience and physician communication."

Using an interdisciplinary team for rounding has been a critical component of Box's success since he was hired by AHS in 2009 to start a hospitalist service at Gordon Hospital. Everyone involved in patient care offers input during morning rounds held at each unit's nursing station. Nurses update the team on the patient's progress, pharmacists discuss potential medication interactions and antibiotic stewardship, physical therapists weigh in on the functional level of the patient and case managers help develop a sound discharge plan.

Although he now spends about a quarter of his time on administrative work, caring for patients and teaching at the bedside remain his passion.

"Every patient deserves to have a captain of the ship for their care," Box said, "and that's the role that hospitalists play."



Dr. Brent Box, center

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In Memory

1930s

Elizabeth Williams Davis, TIFT '39, of Jesup, Nov. 22, 2013.
John Willis Gregory Sr., CLA '38, of Franklin, Tenn., Oct. 6, 2013.
Frances Jane Hendrix, TIFT '39, of Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1.

1940s

Celeste Johnson Armentrout, TIFT '46, of Lebanon, Ohio, Dec. 20, 2013.
Evelyn Zinn Brown, CLA '48, of Titusville, Fla., Jan. 11, 2013.
Margie Wyatt Brown, TIFT '41, of Coral Gables, Fla., Sept. 6, 2013.

Margaret Ellen Wright Chapman, TIFT '42, of Peachtree City, Oct. 10, 2013.

Sarah Durham Clark, TIFT '49, of Cocoa, Fla., Dec. 23, 2013.

Philip S. Cox, CLA '43, of Springfield, Va., Jan. 9.

The Rev. Charles Wesley Drake, CLA '40, of Alpharetta, Feb. 10.

Obrie Manning Duffey Jr., CLA '49, of Woodbury, Sept. 5, 2013.

Martha Meeks Gunn, CLA '49, of Swainsboro, Oct. 5, 2013.

Dr. John Phinzee Heard, CLA '45, of Duluth, Nov. 14, 2013.

Manta Adams Lester, CLA '40, of Atlanta, Dec. 23, 2013.

Dr. David Samuel Mann, CLA '42, of Macon, Dec. 28, 2013.

Willis Frederick Marshall, CLA '44, of Sunnyvale, Calif., March 19, 2013.

Mary Frances McCullough, TIFT '42, of Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 25, 2013.

Carlyn E. McElreath, CLA '47, of Augusta, Dec. 10, 2013.

Wyman Jesse Priester Jr., CLA '49, of Macon, Nov. 13, 2013.

Dr. William P. Robison, CLA '47, of Wilmington, N.C., Feb. 8.

Anne Walthall Smith, CLA '41, of West Caldwell, N.J., Sept. 1, 2013.

1950s

Annie Ruth Benton Anderson, TIFT '56, of Glenwood, Oct. 2, 2013.

Mildred S. Atkinson, CLA '50, of Augusta, Feb. 25, 2013.

Ruth Flowers Berry, CLA '52, of Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 7, 2013.

Pope Terrell Brown, CLA '58, of Savannah, Dec. 2, 2013.

The Rev. Edwin Lee Cliburn, CLA '50, of Thomaston, Feb. 1.

The Rev. Robert E. Croom, CLA '59, of Union City, Dec. 27, 2013.

Edsel Glenn Dorrough, EDU '52, '62, of Reynolds, Sept. 8, 2013.

Leila Claire DuVall, TIFT '51, of Edison, Dec. 10, 2013.

Howard Donald Edwards, CLA '58, of Comer, Oct. 5, 2013.

Freddie William Evans Jr., EDU '50, of Macon, Dec. 19, 2013.

Jane Haywood Grogan, CLA '56, of Columbus, Oct. 5, 2013.

Betty A. Hamilton, NUR '53, of Lakeland, Fla., Oct. 11, 2013.

The Rev. Tom Watson Harrell, EDU '54, of Warner Robins, Sept. 13, 2013.

Barbara Joan Wilson Hicks, CLA '52, of Atlanta, Dec. 11, 2013.

Joseph York Hudgins, EDU '57, of Macon, Dec. 11, 2013.

Clisby W. Jarrard, LAW '51, of Barrington, Ill., Dec. 7, 2013.

John H. Jiles Jr., CLA '55, of Macon, Jan. 12.

James R. Jordan, CLA '56, of Columbus, Dec. 29, 2013.

Mary Delores Gardner Kilpatrick, CLA '51, of Tobaccoville, N.C., Sept. 18, 2013.

J. Aubert Kinsaul, EDU '50, '54, of Atlanta, Jan. 30.

Mercer Mourns Passing of Alumna and Former Trustee Sarah Withers

Mercer alumna and former trustee Sarah Brown Withers, CLA '52, HON '02, died Nov. 18, 2013, at the age of 82.

Withers was born in Atlanta on Aug. 21, 1931, to the late Hugh Curtis and Florence Watson Brown. She earned her Bachelor of Arts, with a major in Christianity and minors in English and music, from Mercer's College of Liberal Arts in 1952. She went on to earn her Master of Education from Valdosta State University and enjoy a distinguished 31-year career as an educator, retiring in 1995. Withers was later awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities from Mercer in 2002.



Sarah Withers

She met her late husband, the Rev. Harold B. Withers, at Mercer. He proposed to her in Tattnell Square Park, and the two were married in 1952. The couple had four children — Joy Withers Brown, Kay Withers Cook, James David Withers and John Daniel Withers — each of whom attended Mercer and sent several of their children to the University.

A donor and member of the Alumni Association for more than five decades, Withers was Atlanta-area chairwoman from 1983-1984. She served on the Board of Trustees from 1983-1987 and on the President's Council from 1990-1995. A long-time member of the President's Club, she established the Sarah Brown Withers Endowed Scholarship Fund in 2000 to assist music majors. She was given the Tift College Distinguished Service Award in 1999 and the Louie D. Newton Award for Service to the University in November 2001.

Aside from her service to Mercer, she was a trustee of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home, board member of the Georgia Women's Missionary Union, and president of the American Association of University Women. She was also active with the Baptist Ministers' Wives of Georgia, the Georgia Association of Educators and the Civic Music Club. She also held positions of leadership in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia, including serving on the Coordinating Council from 1996 to 2000. Additionally, she was an active member of First Baptist Church of Morrow, where she taught Sunday School and served as the first female chair of deacons.

Mercer Alumnus and Former Trustee Tom Flournoy Dies at 96

A community activist and loyal Mercer alumnus, Thomas Fleming Flournoy Jr., CLA '38, died Nov. 29, 2013.

Born in Fort Valley on March 18, 1917, Flournoy came to the University in 1934, following in his father's footsteps as a second-generation Mercerian. Flournoy was active in campus life as a member of the Glee Club Chorus, Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the Ciceronian Literary Society, the International Relations Club and the "M" Club. He was also on the men's tennis team and the cross-country team.

Flournoy graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1938 and soon began a successful career of 48 years in insurance sales with New York Life Insurance Co. For 35 years, he also achieved qualifying and life membership in the Million Dollar Round Table, recognized internationally as



Tom Flournoy

the standard of excellence in the life insurance and financial services business.

In Macon, Flournoy was a business community leader, serving as president of the Macon Association of Life Insurance Underwriters, the Macon Chapter of the College of Life Underwriters and the Macon Estate Planning Council. Beyond the business community, he was a member of the Bibb County School Board and served eight years as a Bibb County Commissioner.

Flournoy maintained his ties to Mercer, serving on the Board of Trustees from 1959-1964. He was also a member of the President's Club for many years.

Later in his career, Flournoy achieved further recognition as a member of the 1982 Chairman's Council of New York Life Insurance Co., a group composed of the company's top 250 agents across the country. In 1985, he received the Jack R. Meadows Memorial Award given by the Macon Association of Life Underwriters for reflecting great credit upon himself, his profession and the association.

A member of Vineville Baptist Church, Flournoy served as a deacon, Sunday School superintendent and chairman of the Finance Committee.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Frances Virginia Carson Flournoy, and is survived by his three children — Thomas Fleming Flournoy III, Frances Flournoy Matthews and Chales Carson Flournoy — five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Norma Green Butler Marsh, EDU '54, of Valrico, Fla., Dec. 24, 2013.
Louis Quin Moore, CLA '51, of Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 17, 2013.
Katherine Carmichael Oliver, CLA '50, of Macon, Jan. 26.
Bonner Pearson Orr, NUR '59, of Taylorsville, N.C., Nov. 12, 2013.
Marilyn Leaptrot Paul, TIFT '50, of Wadley, Nov. 5, 2013.
Mildred Slate Pennington, NUR '54, of Gainesville, Dec. 8, 2013.
Joyce M. Vaughn Powell, TIFT '54, of Eastman, Oct. 10, 2013.
Raymond Lee Powell, EDU '57, of Arlington, March 11, 2013.
Wesley W. Reeves Jr., PHA '57, of Jasper, Nov. 3, 2013.
James Madden Reid, CLA '51, EDU '56, of Augusta, Sept. 14, 2013.
Charles A. Rice Jr., CLA '51, of Macon, Oct. 10, 2013.
Charles Y. Roberts III, EDU '53, of Macon, Jan. 19.
Warren P. Sewell Jr., CLA '51, of Atlanta, Dec. 16, 2013.
Carlizee "Cindy" Wilbanks Spencer, CLA '50, of Warner Robins, Dec. 21, 2013.
Joanna Holman Steed, TIFT '50, of Ruston, La., Feb. 7.
Dr. Meldrim L. Sykes, CLA '55, of Savannah, Dec. 31, 2013.
The Rev. S. Ellis Taff, CLA '59, of Suwanee, Jan. 10, 2013.
James E. Trammell, CLA '50, of Macon, Dec. 12, 2013.
Joe A. Tucker, PHA '51, of Albany, Feb. 21, 2013.
Swinton B. Walker, CLA '51, of Dalton, Jan. 24, 2013.

William O. Waters, CLA '54, of Warner Robins, Sept. 24, 2013.
Duggan D. Weaver, CLA '51, EDU '52, of Dudley, Nov. 26, 2013.
Nancy Faye Meeks Williams, TIFT '50, of Douglas, Oct. 29, 2013.
Jack L. Wood, CLA '57, of Macon, Nov. 29, 2013.

1960s

The Rev. Daniel Gilbert Ariail, CLA '60, of Plains, Nov. 25, 2013.
Martha Corbin Banks, TIFT '62, of Hollywood, S.C., Sept. 23, 2013.
Ralph Bennett Jr., CLA '61, of Calhoun, Dec. 10, 2013.
Margaret Ann Bowen, NUR '60, of Prince Frederick, Md., Sept. 15, 2013.
Oliver P. Bradley, PHA '62, of Adairsville, Jan. 4.
The Rev. L. Robuck Burch, CLA '61, of Eastman, Dec. 13, 2013.
Amy G. Cash, CLA '62, of East Point, Nov. 11, 2013.
Chester G. Chapman Jr., CLA '68, of Macon, Nov. 5, 2013.
Rodgers C. Denham, PHA '63, of Sarasota, Fla., April 17, 2013.
Bernice McGarity Fausel, TIFT '69, of Hampton, Dec. 6, 2013.
Ted Wyatt Fendley, CLA '61, of Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 18, 2013.
Glenis A. Fields, CLA '61, of Macon, Dec. 26, 2013.
Mary Jane Carter Fordham, CLA '63, of Savannah, Dec. 21, 2013.
Mary Jo Greene, CLA '68, of Tifton, Dec. 6, 2013.
Carolyn H. Herndon, CLA '64, of Macon, Oct. 4, 2013.

The Rev. Robert C. Johnson Jr., CLA '60, of Durham, N.C., Jan. 3.
Fleming J. Martin, CLA '68, of Macon, Jan. 8.
Faye Reichert Napier, NUR '64, of Moultrie, June 26, 2013.
Evelyn M. Turner Norsworthy, TIFT '64, of McDonough, Jan. 19.
Annette Perry Robertson, NUR '63, of Tifton, Oct. 16, 2013.
Margaret Parks Schu, CLA '64, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., Nov. 24, 2013.
The Rev. William Loyd Sims, CLA '65, of Dalton, Oct. 30, 2013.
Rebecca Henderson Sloan, TIFT '69, of Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 4, 2013.
Charlie C. Waters, CLA '62, of Elijah, Aug. 29, 2013.

1970s

Kathryn S. Bannister, PHA '75, of Fayetteville, Feb. 7.
Mark D. Bikus, CLA '78, of Macon, Nov. 6, 2013.
Monnie Joseph Brabham III, CLA '74, of Macon, March 3, 2013.
Joseph Cater Brinson, CLA '70, of Griffin, Nov. 25, 2013.
Dr. Ruskin W. Brown, CLA '72, of West Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 2.
Tinley H. Combs, NUR '79, of Daphne, Ala., July 24, 2013.
Charles L. Compton, LAW '73, of Laurens, S.C., Feb. 6, 2013.
William Sloan Gavin Jr., CLA '78, of Macon, Jan. 12.
Mary Atkinson Hamlin, EDU '72, '73, of Macon, Jan. 3.
James Curtis Morgan Jr., CLA '73, of Smithville, Sept. 26, 2013.

Harriett B. Neubauer, EDU '73, of Macon, Dec. 10, 2013.
Marianne Gray Ray, TIFT '73, of Clyde, N.C., Nov. 15, 2013.
Thomas Joseph Schiavo, LAW '79, of Stanhope, N.J., Aug. 19, 2013.
Charles Hansell Watt III, LAW '73, of Houston, Nov. 29, 2013.

1980s

Lynda Whitaker Buckner, CAS '88, of Atlanta, Dec. 12, 2013.
Michael Ward Dye, BUS '87, of Marietta, Nov. 26, 2013.
Sarah Bates Granade, EDU '86, of Kathleen, May 11, 2013.
Cecile Y. Keys, MUS '82, of Portsmouth, Ohio, April 24, 2013.
The Rev. Cedrick Thomas Leslie, CLA '84, LAW '87, of Macon, Jan. 25.
Ollie Hogan Mercer, TIFT '85, of Forsyth, Nov. 17, 2013.
Harold Lee Perdue Jr., CLA '84, of Macon, Jan. 31.
The Rev. Ralph E. Rivers, CAS '80, of Riceville, Tenn., Dec. 16, 2013.
Sara Beth Sides, NUR '89, of Birmingham, Ala., July 6, 2013.
Gweneth Hughes Stebbins, BUS '82, of Ladera Ranch, Calif., Oct. 10, 2013.
Annie Ruth Tyson, EDU '82, '87, of Macon, Oct. 16, 2013.

1990s

Tashia Livingston Caldwell, CLA '99, of Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 3, 2013.
Loraine Edge DeRoy, CCPS '91, of Gulf Shores, Ala., June 18, 2013.
Barbara English Hutto, CLA '93, of Macon, Jan. 28.

Otis Jack Mason, EDU '94, EGR '01, of Macon, Jan. 13, 2013.
Scott Alexander McCraney, PHA '91, of Newton, Pa., Jan. 12.
Ken Palmer, BUS '94, of Acworth, March 10, 2013.
Revonda Barnes Phillips, EDU '94, of Blairsville, Aug. 28, 2013.
Randall Pierce Thompson, EGR '96, of Macon, Feb. 3.

2000s

Wayman Barnes Jr., EDU '03, CCPS '08, of Atlanta, Sept. 9, 2013.

Friends & Former Staff

Maxine Richardson Cardwell, of Waycross, former director of development records who served more than 20 years, Jan. 8.
Vangie Davis, of Atlanta, widow of A.T. Davis, benefactor of the Davis Administration Building on the Atlanta Campus, Nov. 20, 2013.
Norman R. Harbaugh, of Stone Mountain, former member of the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing Board of Visitors, Sept. 20, 2013.
Melburn Ross Mayfield, of Clarksville, Tenn., former professor of physics and tennis coach in the 1950s, Sept. 20, 2013.
Kenneth R. Mesloh, of Mineola, N.Y., former director of communication, Sept. 5, 2013.
Robert Harry Spiro Jr., of Charlotte, N.C., former dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Oct. 1, 2013.
Dr. James T. Waller, of Savannah, former faculty member in the School of Medicine, Jan. 14.

Mercer Life Trustee and Former Board Chairman Thomas B. Black Dies at 81

A committed and generous supporter of the University since 1980, Black served five consecutive terms as a trustee, including serving as chair of the board in 1991. He was elected a Life Trustee in 2010.

"We lost a cherished colleague on April 9," said Mercer President William D. Underwood. "Tom was a good man, a loyal friend, and a selfless servant. His impact on Mercer will live on to benefit future generations of Mercerians."

Black was born in Knoxville, Tenn., on Aug. 5, 1932. He earned his B.S. from Baylor University in 1954 and went on to complete the prestigious Stanford Executive Program in 1971.

Black served two years in the U.S. Army, from 1955-1957, before moving to Columbus to work for his father's snack foods business. He would go on to become executive vice president of Tom's Foods, before retiring from the company in 1986. He then served as president of TJD Co., which operated Baskin-Robbins stores in the Columbus area, until 1998. He would spend the next seven years as administrator of the Bradley-Turner



Tom Black

Foundation, a private foundation based in Columbus that supports a variety of educational, cultural, health and social service organizations, and has been named among the top 10 private foundations in Georgia. The foundation helped fund several projects at Mercer, including the University Center and the Science and Engineering Building.

Black served on numerous boards, including stints as president of the Potato Chip/Snack Food Association, International; campaign chairman and president of the United Way; chairman of deacons of First Baptist Church of Columbus; vice chairman of the board of trustees of Pastoral Institute; trustee and vice chairman of the Walter Alan Richards Foundation; trustee and board chairman of the Columbus State University Foundation; trustee and board chairman of Brookstone School; and chairman of the board of trustees of the Community Projects Foundation.

He was a consistent donor to the Mercer Fund and a Life Member of the President's Club.

The University awarded Black the Louie D. Newton Award for Service in 1996 and the Meritorious Service Award in 2012.

He and his wife, Doris, were honored with the establishment of the Thomas B. and Doris E. Black Endowed Chair in Pediatrics at Mercer University School of Medicine in 2003.

Black was integral in the expansion of the School of Medicine to Columbus, where up to 80 third- and fourth-year medical students complete their clinical rotations. This expansion and partnership with two area hospitals — The Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital — began in 2012.

25-50-100 Years Ago ...

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



1914 (Above) According to the 1914 *Cauldron*, "One dollar was offered to the student who would select the most appropriate title" for this photograph. Junior Milton Davis submitted the winning entry, "Pervertebrates."



1964 (Left) Unlike the recent winter weather in Atlanta and Macon, this January 1964 snow melted the same day it fell.



1988 (Above) As part of a pep rally during the 1988-89 academic year, Mercer gave away the "Official Mercer Spirit Car," a 1988 Hyundai. Pam Jeness, a sophomore who had entered the contest 53 times, was the recipient of the "lucky" key.

AdvancementUpdate

Charles Gaulding Makes Gift of Art

Mercer President William D. Underwood and President's Club Life Member Charles Gaulding admire the painting of Jesse Mercer Plaza by Macon artist Sterling Everett that was commissioned by Gaulding. Framed prints of the painting were given as a token of appreciation to donors at the 2013 President's Club Celebration. The University is grateful for Gaulding's continued support and his efforts that resulted in this beautiful piece of art. For additional information about purchase of the original or copies of this or other Mercer artwork, please contact Frames and Art at (478) 474-7244 or visit their gallery located at 4524 Forsyth Road in Macon.



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The Mercer Alumni Association is proud to reintroduce the Alumni Travel Program!

This program offers alumni the opportunity to travel with fellow Mercerians to various locations around the world. Check out the list of upcoming trips and contact Erin Keller, coordinator of alumni programs, at (478) 301-5675 or keller_ep@mercer.edu for more information.

A close-up photograph of a globe, showing a portion of the map with various countries and cities. A brass-colored metal ring with a compass rose is attached to the top of the globe. The text "Mercer Alumni Travel Program" is overlaid in large, bold, orange letters.

Mercer Alumni Travel Program

Show Your Mercer Spirit

When the Mercer Bears defeated the storied Duke Blue Devils in the second round of the NCAA Basketball Tournament, the University achieved its highest level of national visibility in the history of the institution. Facebook posts, tweets, text messages and e-mails flooded cyberspace as everyone associated with Mercer wanted to show their school spirit. Two days later, "Watch Parties" organically sprang up from coast to coast as alumni gathered to watch Mercer take on Tennessee in the Round of 32. It was a great weekend to be a Mercer Bear!

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vs. Austin Peay

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vs. W. Carolina

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vs. The Citadel
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vs. Warner

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