

## AlumNews '48

"Giant of microtonal music" celebrates 80th birthday—

The Jan. 3, 2008, edition of the *Pittsburgh City Paper* notes a special concert honoring **Ezra Sims**, "considered by his peers to be the current American dean of microtonal music." On Jan. 8, 2008, Music on the Edge—the University of Pittsburgh's long-running modern chamber works series—honored both Sims' 80th birthday and his "sizible oeuvre."



As writer Manny Theiner says, "In this age of advanced medicine, it's no longer unusual for people to live well past the age of 80. But for a musician and composer to reach that age while maintaining a high degree of accomplishment for five decades, and for his work to remain vital right up to this day—that's a veritable cause for cultural celebration."

Much of Sims' work is based on microtones, the musical notes that "exist between and around the regular half-tone chromatic scale most of us are accustomed to hearing ('notes between the cracks of the piano,' as composer Charles Ives said)." In the early '60s, Sims devised his "72-ET" system, dividing the scale into 72 segments, from which he pulled 18 notes to provide a scale for his compositions. Because the system is equal-tempered, it can be transposed easily into various keys.

Pieces Sims composed using this approach comprise, according to an American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters 1985 award citation, "an outstanding body of works, many of which have explored with singular imagination, conviction *and* success the beautiful but elusive world of microtonal music."

Sims, who studied at the Birmingham Conservatory of Music and received a bachelor's degree in math from BSC, also holds a bachelor's degree in music from Yale and a master's degree from Mills College (along with a diploma in Chinese from the U.S. Army Language School). His many honors include a Fulbright Senior Research Grant, a Koussevitsky Foundation Commission, NEA Fellowships, a Martha Baird Rockefeller Foundation Recording Grant, and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

To learn more about Sims' long career and extensive body of music, which has been described as "riveting and hypnotic" (*American Record Guide*), "amusing and disquieting" (*Boston Globe*), "sultrily rapturous" (*Fanfare*), "fluent, graceful, and atmospheric" (*High Fidelity*), and "fascinating and original" (*San Francisco Chronicle*), visit [www.ezrasims.com](http://www.ezrasims.com).

## ClassNotes

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A profile in the November/December 2007 issue of *The Garden Dirt*, the magazine of the Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens, honors "Garden Visionary" **Frank A. Wagner**,



Courtesy, Birmingham Botanical Gardens

whose work as director of Birmingham's Department of Parks and Recreation from 1961-87 was important in continuing the development of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens during a period of great unrest in the city's history. Author of the profile **George Jenkins '67**, who is development officer at BBG, outlines the challenging currents of history and local leadership that served as backdrop to its growth. Jenkins praises the work of Wagner and his department, as well as that of other Birmingham figures—political leaders, philanthropists, and civic-minded volunteers—who helped BBG survive challenges to become a showplace now visited by more than 350,000 people each year. Wagner's wife is **Merlee Sears Wagner '48**. Other BSC family include daughters **Janet Wagner Potter '73** and **Dana Wagner Chang**, of the BSC Office of Financial Aid, and granddaughter **Allison Chang**, a current BSC student.

'49

The work of artist **Raeferd Liles** of Birmingham was shown in a retrospective exhibition at the Jennifer Harwell Art Studio Gallery in Homewood during November and December 2007. The show included pieces from Liles' early career in Paris and his long residency in New York, prior to his recent return to Birmingham. According to *Birmingham News* critic James R. Nelson, "Liles' constant passion for vibrant color and elegant pattern have created a significant body of work that is truly fascinating, constantly various, and instantly recognizable ... [he is] an artist of unique insight and polished technique."

'50

**Bill Legg** of Birmingham has served as executive director of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame for the past 21 years. He formerly served as athletic director at Shades Valley High School for 20 years, and before that coached football, baseball, and basketball at the school. A basketball and baseball player during his college career at BSC, he is a member of the Birmingham-Southern Sports Hall of Fame.

'53

The late **William Verbon Black** of Huntsville had a distinguished career as an attorney, including service as chief counsel for the Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, a post to which he was appointed in 1989 by President George H.W. Bush. Recently his widow, Delia Black, has honored Black's love of the law by endowing a memorial scholarship in his name through the Alabama Law Foundation, the charitable arm of the Alabama Bar Association. The \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded

annually to a student at the University of Alabama Law School, which will choose the award's recipients.

**Frank Thompson Ingram** of Manly, Australia, writes "After getting my master's in science degree from Emory University, I roamed the world for 35 years working as a petroleum geologist for a major U.S. oil company. I retired from ARCO Inc. in 1990 and settled in Sydney, Australia. However, I am still actively working full time as a consultant for projects worldwide. Have never been busier."

'57

**Theresa Bruno Sprain** of Birmingham, director of the Joseph S. Bruno Montessori Academy, recently announced a \$2.5 million award to the school by the trust of the same name, citing her father's continuing support of her efforts to provide to the community the specialized education of a Montessori school. The late Joseph Bruno opened the first Bruno Supermarket in 1931, and, by the 1990s, his company operated more than 200 stores in the Southeast. His foundation has made generous donations in the past decade to many area organizations, including Birmingham-Southern.

'59

**Jimmy Ray New** of Wedowee, retired director of the Southern Union State Community College Music Department, shared his love of opera, and particularly the work of singers Amelita Galli-Curci, Renata Tebaldi, and Eileen Farrell, in a January 2008 program presented to the Wedowee Music Club.

'64

**Joseph W. "Bill" Mathews Jr.** is serving as vice president for institutional advancement at Judson College in Marion. He now directs development, alumnae affairs, and public relations at Judson, which is one of the nation's oldest women's colleges. Mathews retired in May after seven years at Samford University, where he was vice president for business affairs. He also had served as Samford's general counsel, while a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Lange Simpson Robinson and Somerville. He and wife

**Melinda McEachern Mathews**


'65 continue to live in Homewood.

**Dr. Sena Jeter Naslund** is serving as Eminent Scholar in the Humanities at the University of Alabama in Huntsville this semester. UAH Theatre staged the world premiere of the dramatization of *Four Spirits*, her 2003 novel about Birmingham's civil rights struggle, at its Chan Auditorium this past February.

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## Class of '58 plans Reunion fun

—A special note to classmates from **Don Brown '58**:

Colorful autumn enhances  
a Hilltop you won't recognize.  
Handshakes and hugs renew  
longstanding old friendships.  
Homecoming football (yes!) against Sewanee  
wakes your dormant Panthers spirit.  
Campus-based fun, food, and fellowship  
hold you fast to your collegiate roots.



And these are just some of the reasons why—right now—you should reserve the weekend of Nov. 7-8, 2008, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of your graduation from Birmingham-Southern. Highlight the dates as a once-in-a-lifetime event you must attend.

The itinerary (enjoyment sans speeches) is being crafted by a group of your classmates led by class president **Don Brown**. Others are **Geneva Blackburn, Dr. Milton Boykin, Sue Poe Jones, Rev. Jerry Sisson, and Gloria Spruill**. Alumni officials **Lisa Harrison MPPM '85** and Martha Boshers are assisting to the fullest. (Brown's e-mail is hannahhb@aol.com; Boshers' is mboshers@bsc.edu.)

You'll receive more details this spring. For now, know that no one is more important to this epic class reunion than *you!* Please start thinking about coming home to your Hilltop.

# LIVIN' FOR THE WEEKEND

'65

Attorney **W. Michael Atchison** of Birmingham law firm Starnes & Atchison LLP was one of four members of the firm recently honored in "Benchmark: America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys." In addition, the firm also was named one of Alabama's "highly recommended leading litigation firms." Atchison serves as chair of the board of trustees at Birmingham-Southern and as co-chair of *Destiny: Delivered, The Campaign for Birmingham-Southern*.

'67

In its fall 2007 edition, *Tuscaloosa* magazine named **Dr. Arthur F. Howington III '67** one of "Six Intriguing People" for his activities in promoting soccer in the Tuscaloosa area. Howington first began his work in soccer as coach of his older daughter's YMCA soccer team. As academic dean at Shelton State Community College from 1979 to 2000, he was instrumental in the creation of the women's soccer program there in 1997, the first community college women's soccer program in the state. He also formed the Tuscaloosa Stars, a girls' preteen

## AlumNews '80

New book offers help to parents of children with autism—W.W. Norton & Co. has just published a new book by **Dr. Roy Q. Sanders**, a summa cum laude, Phi Beta

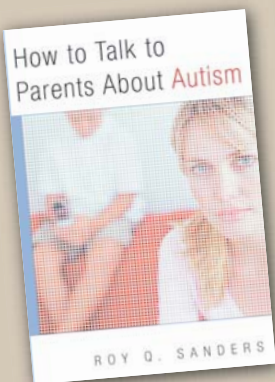
Kappa graduate of Birmingham-Southern.

Norton notes that “Sanders is a child and adolescent psychiatrist who practices medicine at the Marcus Institute in Atlanta. His practice serves

children with Autism Spectrum Disorder [ASD] and other developmental disabilities. Additionally, he holds a faculty position with Emory University in the Department of Psychiatry. He has been in practice for 15 years and is the parent of a son with autism and mild intellectual disabilities.”

Norton also says that Sanders’ book, *How to Talk to Parents About Autism*, “has a user-friendly and conversational style that provides crucial information and guidance for both parents and professionals.”

In an early review, Dr. Lisa C. Sacco, a North Carolina clinical psychologist who treats both adolescents and adults, says “Dr. Sanders combines scholarly, evidence-based practice with the pragmatism of a seasoned clinician. What truly distinguishes this book, however, is its biographical perspective. As the father of an autistic son, Sanders has the unique outlook of a parent negotiating the maze of raising a child with an ASD, as well as that of a learned professional. This is a well-organized, all-encompassing text.”



Courtesy, W.W. Norton & Co.

community team in which his younger daughter played, and is head coach of girls’ soccer and a former coach of boys’ soccer at Holy Spirit Catholic Regional School. There he was part of the coaching staff that led the 2005 boys’ team to a 1A-4A state championship.

### '69

Birmingham’s Regions Financial Corp. chairman, president, and CEO **Dowd Ritter** recently presided over a corporate donation of 100 green Regions bicycles to the students, faculty, and staff of Birmingham-Southern. The bikes are intended to be an environmentally friendly means of transport around the Hilltop for members of the campus community.

### '70

An article in the Jan. 24, 2008, online edition of the University of Alabama’s *The Crimson White* recounts **Walter Meigs’** experience at the January 1968 basketball game played by UA and BSC, the Alabama team’s final game in Foster Auditorium before the opening of Memorial Coliseum. Meigs, now a resident of Mobile, was then sports editor for *The Hilltop News*. The 26 points scored that night by BSC point guard **Jim Humphreys '68** (now of Nashville) were not enough to stop a UA victory, but as shooting guard **Bill Burch '68** (now of Birmingham) remarks, still “It was a big deal for us to go to Alabama and play.” After Meigs

graduated from BSC and entered law school at Alabama, he witnessed the changes brought about by the new coliseum, “a 15,000-seat, \$4.2 million enterprise.” As he says, “Big time basketball had arrived in Tuscaloosa.”

**Dr. Charles C. Mitchell**, extension agronomist with Auburn University, was featured speaker for the Hale County Farm-City Banquet held in November. He presented “A Pictorial History of Alabama Agriculture: from Cotton Fields to Catfish,” a photo documentary of Alabama’s agricultural heritage, which has received an educational award from the American Society of Agronomy. Mitchell’s other outreach programs at Auburn include teaching in Master Gardener programs throughout the state. He also is involved in soil fertility research at Auburn.

### '71

**Edmon McKinley** of Thomasville, who for 31 years has served as the organizer of the town’s traditional Christmas parade, was honored for his faithful service by being named 2007 Grand Marshall of the event.

### '72

**D.W. Moody III** was named to the board of directors of the Alabama Retail Association on Jan. 1, 2008. President of D.W. Moody True Value of Montgomery, he first worked in the family business prior to college as a sales associate, and became president of the firm in 1995.

### '73

Since retiring from her medical practice in 2003, **Dr. Jane McClure Blaum** of Montrose has returned

to an earlier interest of vocal music. A feature story in the Jan. 28, 2008, edition of the *Mobile Press-Register* follows the thread of music through her life and career. Growing up with a Presbyterian minister father, who at one time was senior pastor at Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Blaum “was exposed to music early in life.” Now, following a busy career in dermatology, she sings with the Eastern Shore Choral Society and heads up the group’s annual scholarship program for aspiring vocal students in her area. Her husband is **Dr. Norman Bruce Blaum '72**, who is a dentist.

### '74

**Phil Noble Jr.** of Charleston, S.C., recently was named International Political Consultant of the Year by his peers in the American Association of Political Consultants. A former U.S. Senate policy analyst and a frequent guest lecturer in the U.S. and abroad, Noble formed his consulting firm Phil Noble and Associates in 1979. He also is the founder of the Palmetto Project, a nonprofit organization that develops and promotes effective solutions to community problems throughout South Carolina. The Palmetto Project has received numerous statewide and national awards, as well as special commendations from Presidents Bush and Clinton.

### '75

**George B. Salem**, who has served in the health care industry for more than 30 years, was named a Health Care Innovator in the Nov. 9, 2007, issue of the *Birmingham Business Journal*. His current company, Proxsys LLC, which he founded in 2004 with one employee, now is a 70-person



company with more than \$5 million in revenue this year. *BBJ* praised the firm for the helpful and innovative products and services—such as preadmission software—it offers to doctors, hospitals, and patients. Salem serves as a trustee at Birmingham-Southern.

'76

**Meryane Martin Murphy**, artistic director of the Andalusia Ballet, recently joined in celebrating the 25th year of the company she began in 1982. Looking to the future, the organization plans construction of a new facility which will house four studios, one of which can transform into a performance space, and another designed specifically for preschoolers. The building also will be home to the group's growing summer workshop, which draws dancers from across the nation.

'78

**Les Reagan** of Evans, Ga., recently has put his bachelor of music degree to good use. After graduation from BSC, Reagan was employed in hotel management until 2005, when he "retired" to open his own voice and piano studio. In addition to teaching, he also has conducted more than 25 theatrical productions for Augusta Players and Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre. In 2004, he was tapped to perform the role of Mr. Snow in the Augusta Opera production of *Carousel*. In 2005, he became managing director of Augusta Opera, and in 2006 he became the chorus master as well. That same year also saw him in the role of the Padre in Augusta Opera's *Man of La Mancha*, and 2008 will see him in the role of Beppe in the group's production of *Pagliacci*.

'82

**William Childress** of Secaucus, N.J., is pursuing a master's degree in pure and applied mathematics at Montclair State University in New Jersey.

**Angela Fisher Hall** of Birmingham, vice president of publications and special projects for the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, has received the 2007 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award.

'85

An interview with **Dr. Judith Tanquary Habeeb** was featured among Thanksgiving stories in the Nov. 15, 2007, edition of *Over the Mountain Journal*. Habeeb expressed her thankfulness that she was able to attend BSC with the aid of a Linly Heflin Scholarship. An award-winning student in medical school at the University of Alabama, she now is a pediatrician with Mayfair Medical Group in Homewood.

'86

**Dr. Brian G. "Ari" Cole** recently worked in Sen. John McCain's presidential campaigns in South Carolina and New Hampshire. Cole is pursuing his second master's degree, this one in public administration, as a Mid-Career Program student at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He also holds a master's degree in public health from Yale University and an M.D. from Boston University, and is applying in April for a third



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master's program at Oxford University. A practicing physician in Honolulu and Kona, Hawaii, Cole's hope is one day to serve as U.S. ambassador-at-large to the United Nations for the World Health Organization or as sitting U.S. ambassador to Switzerland, where the WHO is based.

"Isolation and Atonement," an exhibition of new works by Birmingham artists **Michael Swann** and Rashid Qandil ran Jan. 25-Feb. 21, 2008, at Bare Hands Gallery.

As part of a January Interim 2008 project, **Adelia Patrick Thompson**, BSC vice president for institutional advancement, returned to the BSC stage, where she had participated in musicals as student, to partner with Michael Flowers, professor and head of the Department of Theatre and Dance, to perform Stephen Sondheim's two-performer, hour-long revue *Marry Me A Little*. The production, which delighted BSC audiences, was directed by Pat Anderson-Flowers, director of major gifts in the BSC Office of Institutional Advancement (and Michael Flowers' wife), with support from guest artist and musical director Debbie Mielke and an able crew of BSC theatre students. Thompson's proud BSC family members include her parents, **Dr. J. Donald Patrick '57** and **Margaret Hines Patrick '56**, and her brother, **Bentley Hines Patrick '89**.

## AlumNews '80



**Bruce Rogers** and his wife, Kim, dedicated community leaders and philanthropists, were honored by Birmingham-Southern at the 2007 National Philanthropy Day Awards. Kim Rogers supports the work of many groups, including the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, Junior League, Service Guild of Birmingham, YWCA, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Oasis Women's Counseling Center, and Youth Leadership Forum. Past president of the Birmingham Bar Auxiliary, she was a member of the 2004 class of Leadership Birmingham. Bruce Rogers, a partner in the law firm of Bainbridge, Mims, Rogers & Smith, was 2002 president of the Birmingham Bar Association, serves on the board for the Bell Center for Early Intervention, and has been co-chair of law firm fundraising for United Way. He is a trustee and chair of the Institutional Advancement Committee at Birmingham-Southern.

## AlumNews '84



Guests and participants at the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson Jr.'s recent installation as rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston included (from left): the Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberley, Bishop of Texas; Wendy Wimberly; Laura Levenson; Levenson; Lady Eileen Carey; former President George H.W. Bush; The Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Lord Carey of Clifton, 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury; Barbara Bush; former Sect. of State James A. Baker III; Susan Baker; Barbara Payne; and the Rt. Rev. Claude E. Payne, Bishop of Texas, retired.

**Alumnus called to serve at St. Martin's in Houston**—On Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, the **Rev. Dr. Russell Jones Levenson Jr.** was installed as fourth rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston. Founded in 1952, St. Martin's, with more than 7,000 members, is the largest Episcopal church in the United States. Its parishioners include former President George H.W. Bush and First Lady Barbara, and former Secretary of State James A. Baker III and his wife, among other notables.

Special guests at the installation celebration included the Rt. Rev. and the Rt. Hon. Lord Carey of Clifton, 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury, who spoke at the service; his wife, Lady Eileen Carey; the Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, Bishop of Texas; the Rt. Rev. Claude E. Payne and the Rt. Rev. Maurice M. Menitez, former Bishops of Texas; and Ann Claypool, wife of the late Dr. John R. Claypool, former rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Birmingham.

Levenson holds a master of divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary, where he was president of his entering class, and a doctor of ministry degree from Beeson Divinity School at Samford University. He formerly served as assistant university chaplain at VTS, associate rector at St. Luke's in Birmingham, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Lafayette, La., and, most recently, as rector of Christ Church Parish in Pensacola, Fla.

At Birmingham-Southern, Levenson received the President's Service Award and worked in admission for a year and as former President Neal Berte's assistant for two years. He has served on the college's alumni leadership board for a number of years. He and wife Laura Norton Levenson have three children.

'87

**Evan L. Hart** of Atlanta has been promoted to vice president and controller of Mueller Water Products, a leading North American manufacturer and marketer of infrastructure and flow control products for use in water distribution networks and treatment facilities. Hart joined the firm in 2006 as vice president of financial planning and analysis. He previously held positions with Unisource Worldwide Inc., Georgia-Pacific Corp., and Price Waterhouse.

'88

**David Roach** of Knoxville, Tenn., has been named vice president of commercial real estate lending for FirstBank, Knoxville. In this position, he will focus on loans for income-producing real estate, such as office buildings, retail centers, and hotels.

'89

**Charles Andrews** is serving with the U.S. Army in his second tour of duty in Iraq as a medical evacuation pilot in and around the Baghdad area.

**Scott Pulliam** of Birmingham has been named senior vice president and chief investment officer for the Daniel Corp. He formerly was senior vice president and production manager in Compass Bank's Commercial Real Estate Department.



## AlumNews '99



**Thomaskutty tapped for Baltimore leadership role**—In December 2007, Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon named **Christopher Thomaskutty** deputy mayor for administration. In this role, he will oversee Baltimore's Public Safety Department, Finance Department, Office of the Labor Commissioner, and the Mayor's Office of Information Technology.

Thomaskutty, who holds a master's degree in public policy/urban planning from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, has worked for Baltimore city government since 2003. He most recently served as CitiStat director, managing city resources with a system of timely intelligence and rapid deployment to make government more responsive and accountable.

Commenting on his appointment to deputy mayor, Mayor Dixon said, "Christopher Thomaskutty has done an outstanding job as director of CitiStat. He has helped every agency in city government to operate more efficiently, and I look forward to having him in this new role."

### '90

Thirteen years after receiving her bachelor's degree in nursing from BSC, **Dr. Shannon Christian Heinrich** entered medical school. She graduated in the inaugural class of the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., in June 2007. She now is engaged in her internal medicine residency at St. John's West Shore Hospital in Avon Lake, Ohio.

**Kristen Stricklin-Thompson** of Birmingham competed in the 22nd annual Los Angeles Marathon in March 2007 and finished in the top 20 percent of more than 26,000 runners. She currently is in her second year of studies at the Birmingham School of Law, where she is a dean's list scholar and was inducted into the honorary fraternity Sigma Delta Kappa in fall 2007.

### '92

**Robert Carter Lockwood** of Huntsville, an attorney at Wilmer & Lee PA, recently was chosen to participate in the Alabama State Bar's Leadership Forum Class of 2008. He and wife **Julie Van Valkenburgh Lockwood**, past president of the BSC Alumni Association, noted that a fifth of the class was made up of BSC grads, including Lockwood, **Hamp Baxley '93** of Dothan, **Erik Heninger '00** of Birmingham, **Clayton M. Ryan '98** of Birmingham, **Christopher N. Smith '95** of Montgomery, and **James M. Terrell '95** of Birmingham.

**Forrest Long** of Mobile, president of Bluewater Yacht Sales, was the subject of a Q&A profile in the Dec. 23, 2007, edition of the *Mobile Press-Register*.

Last fall, the National Science Foundation funded a \$99,800 proposal by Dr. Maria Calzada, Loyola University associate professor of mathematics, entitled "One Year Immersion in the Loyola Chemistry Department." Calzada, as principal investigator, will collaborate with **Dr. Thomas Spence**, also of New Orleans and a Loyola University associate professor of chemistry, and other investigators on a project involving new methods for determining the isotopic ratios of atoms in molecules. Calzada and Spence also will develop course materials for interdisciplinary computation-intensive courses. The two have previously collaborated on several Project for Instructional Effectiveness Support (PIES) grants, designed to promote original teaching methods in their courses.

### '93

**Hamp Baxley**, attorney and partner in the Dothan law firm of Ramsey, Baxley & McDougale, was selected to participate in the Alabama State Bar's Leadership Forum Class of 2008.

### '94

Bayside Academy in Daphne recently inducted the members of its Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2007, including **Peter Kittrell** of Atlanta, who played soccer, basketball, and baseball for Bayside and who went on to play soccer at BSC.

### '95

**Hank Hilliard** has accepted the position of manager of youth ministry development for the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, located in Nashville. He is responsible for training and equipping youth workers throughout the U.S., as well as developing and improving youth ministry for the UMC. He writes that he is very excited about the opportunity to serve those who work with and mentor youth.

Special Agent **Eric Schwethelm** of the Dallas (Texas) Division of the FBI was the guest speaker at a November 2007 meeting of the Limestone Co. (Ala.) Republican Women. The topic of his address was how law enforcement is facing the challenges of the post-9/11 world.

**Christopher N. Smith** of Montgomery was selected to participate in the Alabama State Bar's Leadership Forum Class of 2008.



## AlumNews '00



**Mary Catherine Anthony** has been named one of Alabama's 12 Best Artists for 2007 by the Amanda Schedler Fine Art Gallery. The gallery selects its Best Artists with the aid of out-of-state judges and art critics.

Anthony's current signature works are her "water and ripple" paintings, ranging in size from 1-foot square to commissioned pieces of 6-foot by 4-foot. In this series, the vibrant colors and fascinating effects of light on rippling water are further enhanced as each painting is covered in a plastic coating to give each piece a uniquely reflective appearance.

After earning bachelor's degrees in studio art and computer science at BSC, Anthony studied and honed her arts skills in the south of France. On her return to the United States, she earned a master's degree in art education from UAB. She currently is an art teacher at Thompson Middle School in Alabaster. She also performs freelance 3-D modeling, graphic design, and marketing services for a variety of businesses, including architectural firms and music bands.

Anthony's work is currently on display at the Atchison Gallery in Mountain Brook. To learn more about her art work, visit [www.marycatherineanthony.com](http://www.marycatherineanthony.com).

**Todd Taylor** of Birmingham recently was named a National Board Certified Teacher in secondary mathematics education. He teaches at Vestavia Hills High School.

**James M. Terrell**, an attorney in the Birmingham law firm of McCallum, Methvin & Terrell, was selected to participate in the Alabama State Bar's Leadership Forum Class of 2008.

## '96

**Rev. Dennis Wade Griffith II** is the senior pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa. He previously was associate pastor for evangelism and young adult ministries at Trinity United Methodist Church in Homewood, where he met and married his wife, the former Julia Millsaps.

## '97

**Howard McGriff "Griff" Belser III** has begun a law practice in Decatur, where he and his wife, the former Leah D. Abbott, now reside.

**Todd Magruder Dorlon** of Birmingham, who holds a bachelor's degree in science and environmental design from the Auburn University School of Architecture, joined Landscape Workshop Inc. in June 2007. He is in charge of residential design for the firm. Dorlon's wife is **Kathryn Elam Dorlon '95**; they have two sons, Coleman and John Wilson.

**Kirk Johnson** has joined Red Mountain Bank as a commercial banking officer. He formerly was employed by Colonial Bank, most recently as a commercial lending officer.

**Adam David Slaughter** is an assistant staff judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force. He recently has been deployed to Afghanistan.

**Dr. Hillary Hettinger Steiner**

recently was awarded "Paper of the Year" by the journal *Gifted Child Quarterly* and was quoted in *Parents* magazine in an article on children's play behavior. She, husband Stephen, and son Will live in Loganville, Ga., where she is a part-time instructor for the University of Georgia and a stay-at-home mom.

## '98

**Dr. Joy A. Henningsen** is participating in an abdominal imaging fellowship with the Department of Radiology at Stanford University Medical Center in Pal Alto, Calif.

**Mary Stowe Mareno Rigrish** and husband John recently moved their growing family (see "Births") from Birmingham to Mobile, where he has opened the Mobile office for MBA Structural Engineers.

**Clayton M. Ryan**, an attorney in the Birmingham law firm of Maynard Cooper & Gale PC, was selected to participate in the Alabama State Bar's Leadership Forum Class of 2008.

## '99

**Dr. David W. Pitts**, currently assistant professor of public administration and urban studies at Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies in Atlanta, recently has accepted a new position. Effective fall 2008, he will serve as assistant professor of public policy at American University in Washington, D.C.

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**Sari Ateek** was ordained an Episcopal priest in January 2007 and is serving as an associate priest at St. James Episcopal Church in South Pasadena, Calif., where he now resides with wife **Tanory Neel Ateek** and their growing family (see "Births").

**Erik Heninger**, an attorney in the Birmingham law firm of Heninger, Garrison & Davis LLC, was selected to participate in the Alabama State Bar's Leadership Forum Class of 2008.

'02

**Laura Brooks Bright** of Birmingham has assumed the new position of public relations and marketing coordinator for the Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens. She holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Alabama.

**Will Humber** of Tuscaloosa has joined the First National Bank of Central Alabama as a commercial



lender. He formerly was a vice president in commercial loans at the Bank of Tuscaloosa.

Vocalist **Daniel Seigel**, who completed graduate training at The Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, has returned to BSC to teach voice lessons in the Conservatory. He began accepting students there in January. He also will teach at Canterbury United Methodist Church in Mountain Brook. Seigel

is the son of **Dr. Lester Seigel '79**, Joseph Hugh Thomas Professor of Music at Birmingham-Southern, and **Jane Sisson Seigel '80**, a personal counselor in the BSC Counseling Center.



## AlumNews '05

Alumna law student finalist for Grammy Foundation award—**Abbott Jones**, now a third-year law student at Tulane University, was one of five national finalists in the Entertainment Law Initiative writing competition established by the Grammy Foundation, based on her essay "Yours, Mine, and Ours: The Joint Authorship Conundrum for Sound Recordings."

Jones' essay, reworked from a section of a directed research paper she did last semester under the supervision of Glynn Lunney Jr., the McGlinchey Stafford Professor of Law at Tulane, will be published in a professional law journal, and she has received a \$1,500 scholarship.

In addition, she was flown by the Grammy Foundation to Los Angeles to attend Grammy Week events, including the 10th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative luncheon and scholarship presentation on Feb. 8, 2008, a person-of-the-year dinner at which Aretha Franklin was honored, and the Grammy Awards presentations, which aired nationally Feb. 11. According to the Grammy Foundation, these events provide "a unique opportunity to bring promising entertainment law students and seasoned professionals together."

At Tulane, Jones is senior managing editor of the *Tulane Maritime Law Journal* and



a member of the moot court team. An avid musician and writer, she hopes to practice entertainment law. Upon graduation from Tulane, she will be clerking with Judge Karon Bowdre of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

Courtesy, Tulane University

'03

**Donaldson, Holman & West PC**, a Birmingham firm of certified public accountants and business and financial consultants, recently named **Cameron Jones** its



director of recruiting and marketing. She joined the firm in 2003, previously serving in the Audit Department as staff and senior accountant.

**Heather Hair Meissen** of Atlanta, who holds a master's degree in nursing, is serving as a nurse practitioner in a surgical ICU at Emory University Hospital. She most often cares for post-op patients with liver and kidney transplants, and also cares for patients who have had spinal and general surgery. She has begun a critical care journal club for critical care physician extenders at Emory.



## AlumNews '06



Young composer wins national honor—**Mary Elizabeth Neal** of Tallahassee, Fla., has been named the national winner in the 2008 Music Teachers National Association Student Composition Competition, young artist category, for her piece for solo cello, *Combustion*, which will be performed at the group's national conference in Denver March 30-April 2. She previously won third place in the choral division of the 2006 Orpheus Alliance

Student Composition Competition for her piece *Psalm 137*.

Neal is pursuing a master's degree at Florida State University. She has been studying composition for five years and currently is a student of Dr. Ladislav Kubik.

She is the daughter of **Rev. Donald S. Neal '65** and Kelley Clegg Neal.

'04

**Claudia Adams** of Monroeville is director of music at Alabama Southern Community College and also directs the Alabama Southern Community Chorus. Recently she led the group in a November 2007 performance of "Tidings of the Season," a presentation of classical holiday selections.

**Kimberly L. Bell**, who received her law degree from Vanderbilt University, has joined the Mobile firm of Johnstone, Adams, Bailey, Gordon & Harris LLC.

**Susan Evans** of Birmingham received her master's degree in elementary education from UAB in May 2007. She is employed by Jefferson County Schools.

**Hunter Russell** of Alabaster is in the first year of the University of Alabama Rural Medical Scholars Program. This nationally recognized program is a five-year medical education program leading to the M.D. degree, with focus on the health care needs of rural, agricultural communities. He now is in his pre-med year, studying rural community health issues, and will earn a master's degree in rural community health before entering medical school next summer. Other BSC grads in his class of the RMSP include

**Jim P. Ellison '07** and **Bobby Peinhardt '07**.

'05

**Jason Taylor, CPA**, of Birmingham is a new professional staff member at Donaldson, Holman & West PC. He serves as a senior accountant in the firm's Audit Department.



'06

**Mary Catherine Stewart Laney** will begin medical school at UAB this fall. She and husband Scott (see "Marriages") reside in Homewood.

**James T. McKissack** has graduated from the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco and has returned to Birmingham, where he is employed at Highland's Bar and Grill.

'07

**Kelley J. Brooks** of Knoxville is a student at the University of Tennessee School of Law, where she has been elected to the Student Bar Association as a member-at-large.

**Julia Ann "Juliann" Deupree** presently works as a surety bond underwriter with Allstar Financial in Birmingham.

**Jim P. Ellison** of Sylacauga is in the first year of the University of Alabama Rural Medical Scholars Program. This nationally recognized program is a five-year medical education program leading to the M.D. degree, with

## AlumNews '07

BSC comes to Dublin—Birmingham-Southern student **Claire Anderson** and BSC alumnus **Eddie LaCour** met for a visit last fall at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Anderson, a junior from Louisville, Miss., spent the fall semester at the University of Limerick. And LaCour, a political science graduate from Dothan, is working on his master's degree at Trinity as part of a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship.



focus on the health care needs of rural, agricultural communities. He now is in his pre-med year, studying rural community health issues, and will earn a master's degree in rural community health before entering medical school next summer. Other BSC grads in his class of the RMSP include **Hunter Russell '04** and **Bobby Peinhardt (also '07)**.

**Katie Jane Fox** of Nashville is a graduate student in the MSN/Nurse Practitioner Program at Vanderbilt University. She currently serves on the Graduate Nursing Council. She has been selected to participate in the "Critical Illness Project," an ongoing two-year research project in partnership with the Vanderbilt Medical School.

**Linda Lager** of Alpharetta, Ga., is a marketing coordinator with Dynasis in Roswell. She also is a game/event planner for a semi-pro football team, the Georgia Generals, and is coaching volleyball for A5, working with a 14's team.

**Bobby Peinhardt** of Cullman is in the first year of the University of Alabama Rural Medical Scholars Program. This nationally recognized program is a five-year medical education program leading to the M.D. degree, with focus on the health care needs of rural, agricultural communities. He now is in his pre-med year, studying rural community health issues, and will earn a master's degree in rural community health before entering medical school next summer. Other BSC grads in his class of the RMSP include **Hunter Russell '04** and **Jim P. Ellison (also '07)**.

**Matthew Sims Turk** is living in Argentina for six months, taking language and culture classes, teaching conversational English to business people, and touring South America.

## MPPM

'96

**Sandra Cleveland** of Birmingham, a member of the team at Professional Asset Strategies LLC, earned her Certified Financial Planner Certification by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. She earlier earned the first Certified College Planning Specialist designation in the state of Alabama. Cleveland came to financial planning following a long-term career in telecommunications.



## Friends

**Neal R. Berte**, BSC president emeritus, has been named chair of the executive committee of Operation New Birmingham and a director of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham.

**Dr. Dan C. Holliman**, BSC Ada Rittenhouse Snavely Professor Emeritus of Biology, has been named Curator Emeritus of Mammology at the University of Alabama Museum of Natural History. In extending this honor, the museum's executive director, Robert A. Clouse, noted Holliman's long and valuable service to the museum's programs.

Former trustee **Charles McCrary**, CEO of Alabama Power, was named Businessperson of the Year in the Dec. 28, 2007, edition of the *Birmingham Business Journal*.



The late **Hugh Thomas**, long a highly regarded BSC professor of music, was honored this past January as one of 20 inductees into the inaugural class of the Alabama Music Educators Association Hall of Fame.

## Marriages

**Wanda Stubblefield McNeil '71** and Jerry Branum, March 3, 2008.

**Jean Bailey '89** and Zeph Wester, Sept. 24, 2007. (Please note correction.)

**Laurel Tarpley '93** and Conrad C. Bassett Jr., July 14, 2007.

**Amy Cau '94** and Timothy Nugent, Sept. 22, 2007.

**Howard McGriff "Griff" Belser III '97** and Leah D. Abbott, Aug. 9, 2007.

**Tammi May Ward '00** and Jason Carr, Nov. 17, 2007.

**David Arthur Bacon '02** and Rizpah Marce Driver, Nov. 17, 2007.

**John Brent Peinhardt '02** and Sarah Elizabeth Norville, Nov. 4, 2006.

**Jamie Box '03** and Robert Dabal, April 28, 2007.

**Heather Hair '03** and Brian Paul Meissen, Nov. 25, 2006.

**Christine Neumann '04** and Matthew Stoops, May 18, 2007.

**Searcy Haring '05** and Russell Wilson Kelly, Nov. 17, 2007.

**Mary Catherine Stewart '06** and Scott Laney, June 10, 2006.

**Tara Hamann '07** and Joshua Lee Gallimore, Sept. 15, 2007.

**Whitney Louise Richards '07** and Jerome Isley, June 9, 2007.

## Births

A daughter, Mia Shively, Jan. 8, 2008, to **Angela Whetstone Glode '90** and husband, John (big brother, Jack, and big sister, Olivia).

A daughter, Ann Carter, June 26, 2007, to **Carter Morgan Brown '93** and wife, Jennifer (big sister, Riley).

A son, Henry Dunham, July 31, 2007, to **Stephen Nickson '93** and wife, Marika Sardar. Other BSC family include uncle **Hugh Clare Nickson III '87**.

A son, Hunter Brian, April 13, 2007, to **Bonnie Brown West '93** and husband, Brian (big brother, Tyler, and big sister, Haley).

A daughter, Mary Claire, Oct. 31, 2007, to **Rod Henderson '94** and wife, Laura (big brother, Bo).

A son, Daniel Morgan, Nov. 13, 2007, to **Greg Vinson '96** and wife, **Melissa Boren Vinson '98** (big brother, Drew). Other BSC family include uncle **David Miller '95**, aunt **Leslie Miller Klasing '89**, great-grandmother **Barbara Callaway Morgan '41**, and great-grandfather **Perry Morgan '39**.

A daughter, Mary Frances "Mary Fran," Dec. 14, 2007, to **Mary Stowe Mareno Rigrish '98** and husband, John.

A daughter, Bess Lang, Dec. 7, 2007, to **Hollis Holsenbeck Bosch '99** and husband, Richard (big brother, Richard Charles III "Trey").

## In Memoriam '38



**William James Edwards** of Harbor Springs, Mich., and Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., died Nov. 14, 2007. A veteran of World War II, he served with Armed Forces Radio in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater. In 1947 he co-founded Lake Huron Broadcasting Corp. in Saginaw, Mich.,

with expanded operations in Houston and St. Petersburg, Fla. He served the firm 40 years as president, retiring in 1987. He was a leader in community affairs and cultural organizations and was named Saginaw Man of the Year in 1950. As philanthropists, he and his wife established a family foundation to promote their areas of interest, among them higher education. The couple gave campus bell towers to three institutions, including Birmingham-Southern, Saginaw Valley State University, and Northwood University of Florida. BSC's William & Julia Edwards Bell Tower on the academic quad was dedicated in 1999. Edwards was a former BSC trustee. Survivors include wife Julia M. Stacey Edwards.

## Births, continued

A son, Ian Paxton, Oct. 30, 2007, to **Michelle Kassouf Campbell '99** and husband, Jason Neal (big sister, Kathleen).  
A son, Naeem Michael, Oct. 17, 2007, to **Sari Ateek '00** and wife, **Tanory Neel Ateek '00**.

A son, Joel "Teague," Oct. 24, 2007, to **Kristi Lyle Jones '00** and husband, Guy (big brother, Conrad).

A daughter, Magnolia Grace, Dec. 2, 2007, to **Emily La Branche Delikat '03** and **Andy Delikat '03**.

## In Memoriam

**Marianna Brittain Baughan '30** of Hoover died Dec. 4, 2007. With a graduate degree in history from the University of Alabama, she taught in Alabama public schools in elementary, middle school, and high school grades. She created a seventh-grade writing curriculum used in schools throughout the state for a number of years.

**Helen Balfour Drake Boutwell Bridges '35** of Birmingham died Nov. 28, 2007. She held a teaching certificate in piano from BSC and was active in local music groups, including the Birmingham Music Club. She also was active in community affairs, supporting her first husband, Albert Boutwell, in his successful campaigns for Alabama Legislature, lieutenant governor of Alabama, and mayor of Birmingham. After his death, she married Roy Patton Bridges.

**Frances Evans Davies '36** of Kirkwood by the River, formerly of Mountain Brook, died Dec. 22, 2007. Active in civic affairs, she was a member of groups including the Linly Heflin Unit and the Junior League of Birmingham, and was a founding member of the Village Painters. She was employed by Doncaster of North Carolina for 25 years, retiring in 1982 as manager for 13 states. Her husband was the late **Alexander Van Hoose Davies '30**. **John Evans Harrell '96** is her grandson.

**Richard Spain "Dick" Riley '36** of Birmingham died Jan. 30, 2008. A veteran of World War II, he served as a deck officer in the U.S. Navy and later as a flight instructor. He

received his law degree from the University of Alabama and was a partner with the firm of Spain & Gillon, actively practicing until a few years before his death. Active in community affairs, he was on the board of directors and past president of the Rotary Club, and was a former King of the Beaux Art Ball benefiting the Birmingham Museum of Art. He also served on the boards of the Community Chest (now the United Way), the Eye Foundation Hospital, and the Birmingham Association of Homebuilders. At BSC, he was a member of the Ginkgo Society and the Endowment Builders Society.

**Hugh Wilmot Egerton '37** of Birmingham died Dec. 22, 2007. He had a distinguished career in the U.S. Postal Service, beginning as a substitute mail clerk and ending as acting postmaster for Birmingham. In 1942 he was recruited as the youngest member of the first class of professional postal inspectors known as the "silent investigators." His first assignment was in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, where theft and fraud investigations led him down rugged paths to remote hollows. After joining the Birmingham office, he was promoted in 1968 to assistant postmaster for the city and retired in 1972, having served as acting postmaster for Birmingham for two years. Survivors include wife Hoyt Enloe Egerton. *By request of the family, memorials may be made to the Birmingham-Southern College scholarship fund through the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254.*



**Myra Ruth Green Crump '38** of Birmingham and Winter Haven, Fla., died Feb. 4, 2008. She was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy from 1941-45. She later taught in Los Angeles schools for 22 years. She was a member of the BSC Ginkgo Society and Endowment Builders Society. Her husband was the late **Lee B. Crump '32**. Survivors include her sister, **Charlotte Green Winston '36**.

**Julia Agnes Hunt '38** of Birmingham died Jan. 3, 2008. She served in active duty as a lieutenant commander (WAVE) in the U.S. Naval Reserve during World War II. Later, with a master's degree from the University of Alabama, she was a popular biology teacher and head of the Science Department at Ensley High School for many years. In 1977, she retired from the Birmingham Board of Education as science supervisor for secondary schools. She was active in many community groups, including the Altrusa Club, which she served as president and as Altrusan of the Year in 1975. Her brother was the late **John Robert Hunt '32**. Survivors include her sister-in-law, **Floy Martin Hunt '33**.

**Jada Frances A. Maddox '39** of Birmingham died Dec. 13, 2007. She taught school in Tarrant and Birmingham and was the organist at Tarrant First United Methodist Church.

**Rosa Mary Stewart Harris '41** of South Carolina died Sept. 12, 2006.

**Mary Elizabeth Blair '42** of Huntsville died May 22, 2006. News of her death was shared by her friend, Susan O'Reilly.

**Charles Alexander Dean Jr. '42** of Alexander City died Nov. 25, 2007. After attending BSC, he graduated from Auburn University. He was active in church and community affairs. Survivors include wife **Eugenia Wall Dean '43** and daughters **Laura Dean Ramsay '72 (Erskine Ramsay II '69)** and **Kathryn Dean Leeman '69 (Gary Thomas Leeman '67)**.

**Edwin Harris Phelps '42** of Hoover died Dec. 12, 2007. While working full time at American Cast Iron Pipe Co., he earned degrees in both economics and chemistry at BSC, in 1942 and 1945, respectively. After nearly 50 years of service at ACIPCO (during which time various industry improvements were patented by the firm in his name), he retired in 1990 as the company's longest-serving employee. Survivors include wife **Helen Hughes Phelps '42**, brother **Sam P. Phelps '41**, and sister-in-law **Wayne Bynum Phelps '41**.

**Martha Owen Ingram Bell '45** of Birmingham died Feb. 2, 2008. Active in civic affairs, she was a member of the Antiquarian Society, president of the Bessemer Medical Auxiliary, a charter member of the Artes Garden Club, president of the Southwestern Council of Garden Clubs, and Woman of the Year for the Flower Show Judges, Council Nine. Survivors include son **Palmer Bell III '69**.

## In Memoriam Friend

**Thomas E. Jernigan** of Mountain Brook died Jan. 4, 2008. He was a veteran of World War II, and later attended the University of Alabama. A longtime business community leader, he was an energetic entrepreneur, developing successful firms in a variety of businesses. Beginning with the development of a line of children's playground equipment, he later created Plantation Patterns, manufacturing wrought iron casual furniture; United Chair Co., manufacturing office furniture; and Winston Furniture, which became a national leader in the manufacture of aluminum outdoor casual furniture. He also developed a number of neighborhood convenience stores under the Quick Marts brand, was one of the original directors of the firm which became Compass Bankshares, and was chair and CEO of Marathon Corp., a maker of commercial and industrial garbage compaction equipment. A generous supporter of many area nonprofit organizations, he was in particular a champion of education, funding medical research at local hospitals and establishing endowments at Birmingham-Southern, Samford University, the University of Alabama, and UAB. He was a former BSC trustee. Survivors include wife Donna Conyers Jernigan.

**Dr. Frederic Evans '47** of Tiverton, R.I., died Nov. 11, 2007. After attending BSC for two years, he graduated from Cornell College (Iowa). He received an M.D. from Cornell University Medical School (NYC), practicing psychiatry in Westchester County (N.Y.) and Rhode Island. He was the son of Dr. M.F. Evans, head of the Department of Speech at BSC for 30 years, and the brother of **Ann E. Berthoff '45**.

**Louise Maxcy Tubb '47** of Oxford, Miss., died Sept. 6, 2007.

**William R. "Bill" Jones Jr. '48** of Vestavia Hills died Jan. 21, 2008. A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps in the Philippines and China Coast

areas. After the war, he founded Jones Electric Co. in Birmingham and also served for a time in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Survivors include wife Charlotte Jones.

**Joseph Meyer Stammer '48** of Jefferson County died Nov. 10, 2007. He held a degree in pharmacy from Howard College (now Samford University) and operated two pharmacies in Jefferson County for many years. He greatly enjoyed traveling and, among many trips abroad, made three visits to Honduras as a member of a medical team from Independent Presbyterian Church. Survivors include wife **Jean Sellers Stammer '48**.

**Rita Sue Burnside Arther '49** of Gadsden died June 18, 2007. Survivors include husband Dr. John S. Arther, who shared this news with us.

**John Franklin "Frank" Tiller '49** of Lafayette, La., died Dec. 3, 2007. He was a veteran of World War II. He had been employed as an electrical sales engineer.

**Rev. Joel Edwin Cumbie '51** of Verbena died Dec. 28, 2007. With a master of divinity degree from Garrett Theological Seminary, he served 60 years in the ministry of the United Methodist Church in the Alabama-West Florida and Northern Illinois conferences. He was chaplain at the University of South Alabama Medical Center in Mobile for 15 years. Survivors include wife Carolyn DeRamus Cumbie and daughter **Claudia D. Cumbie-Jones '82**.

**Cosima Smith Hall '51** of Chattanooga died July 16, 2007. This news was shared by her classmate, **Molly Smith Adams '51**.

**Rev. John Edwin Holstun '52** of Birmingham died July 16, 2007. After graduating from the Talladega School of the Blind, he entered Woodlawn High School as its first blind student and then continued his education at BSC and Emory University. He was an ordained United Methodist

minister and served as a chaplain for the American Federation of the Blind, the Friendship Club, and others. He also was active in his family business, Alabama Bag and Burlap Co.

**Marie Cannon Rhea '53** of Gadsden died Oct. 30, 2007. A graduate of Flushing (N.Y.) Hospital and Dispensary School of Nursing and a veteran of the U.S. Army Nursing Corps, serving in the European Theater during World War II, she later received further education at the University of Virginia and at Birmingham-Southern. She then moved with her husband to Gadsden, where she lived for 55 years.

**James Ray Knopf '55** of Birmingham died Nov. 21, 2007. A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater. He attended BSC and the University of Miami and graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law. A member of the Alabama Bar Association since 1955, he served as a judge in Trafford and Morris and as city attorney in Warrior. Survivors include wife Jennet "Dickie" Knopf.

**Mary Jewell Taylor Reynolds '58** of Birmingham died Nov. 4, 2007. She served for more than 40 years as a teacher in schools in Georgia and Birmingham.

**Dr. John Lewis Fulmer '59** of Anniston died Dec. 16, 2007. Survivors include wife Janette Fulmer, who shared this news with us.

**Robert "Bud" Lowry III '77** of Avondale Estates, Ga., formerly of Huntsville, died Nov. 25, 2007, while vacationing in Amelia Island, Fla. After attending BSC, he graduated from the Atlanta Institute of Art. He was co-host of the Atlanta-based public access television program *The American Music Show* and served on the board of directors of the Academy Theatre, Avondale Estates. Survivors include wife Kathryn Kelly Lowry.

**Kapali Giridhar Swamy '02** of Decatur died Nov. 18, 2007. He had received an MBA from UAB. Friends who wished to honor his memory have created a foundation in his name, with the goal of offering a scholarship at BSC allowing one student each year to pursue an independent filmmaking project. A gathering at WorkPlay in Birmingham on Jan. 14, 2007, benefited this foundation. *If you would like to contribute to this memorial scholarship, you may send your gift to the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254.*

## Friends

**Sara Frances Lee Bailey** of Bessemer died Oct. 14, 2007. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Bessemer, where she sang in the chancel choir. She was employed for more than 20 years at Walker Drug Co. Survivors include daughter **Lisa Bailey '87**. *By request of the family, memorials may be made to the Alice Ragsdale Norton Scholarship at Birmingham-Southern College through the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254.*

**Grady Bobo** of Birmingham died Jan. 28, 2008. A painter in the Operations Department at BSC, he had worked at the college since June 2005.

**Agnes T. Craven** of Birmingham, died Jan. 22, 2008. Formerly employed in the Admission Office at BSC, she later became a nurse and served at a number of area hospitals, including Brookwood.

**Dr. W. Edmund "Ned" Moomaw** of Charlottesville, Va., died Dec. 19, 2007. He served as dean and vice president for academic affairs at BSC from 1977-85, and later was professor emeritus of politics at the University of Virginia. Survivors include his wife, Dr. Suzanne Morse Moomaw.