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Editor's Note

Securing a legacy; delivering a destiny

BY BILL WAGNON

Thinking back on it now, it happened so fast that I didn't have time to be nervous. In less than 30 minutes I, along with a video crew, had interviewed two Broadway legends—in a dressing room of New York City's Al Hirschfeld Theatre—and had managed to make it back outside without embarrassing myself or running afoul of the union. Just the word Broadway conjures up larger than life images for someone whose previous closest encounter with the famed theatre district was my high school production of *South Pacific* (I was in the audience.). Throw in the word legends and it was almost incomprehensible.

As I walked back to my hotel on that cold, snowy December evening, I remember thinking about all the worry I had made myself suffer through leading up to that interview and how it turned out to be all for naught. Once the interview began, all my worries went away. I simply became star struck. Not so much struck on the stars I was interviewing, but on the stars' words—words that brought a sense of peace over the room, and over me. Birmingham-Southern graduate Jim Newman changes lives for the better. Tony and Emmy Award-winning actor David Hyde Pierce and Tony, Emmy, and Grammy-winning composer John Kander of the famed composing duo of Kander and (Fred) Ebb said so that night in Pierce's dressing room just minutes before Pierce and his fellow cast members would take the stage for another performance of *Curtains*, the latest Broadway success by Kander and Ebb.

To be in the presence of these two accomplished men for even the briefest of time was overwhelming to say the least, but to listen as they conversed with such sincerity and confidence about

the impact that a Birmingham-Southern graduate has on the lives of so many others was affirming.

Jim Newman '86 changes lives for the better. Not only is he making a name for himself on Broadway (currently appearing with Pierce in *Curtains*), he's making a difference—to others. And not just with his acting talents. Jim Newman also volunteers in local soup kitchens, speaks with school kids about theatre, and assists Broadway Cares, an organization that helps people struggling with life-threatening illnesses—living out a desire to help others that was first instilled in him while a student at Birmingham-Southern.

Graduates such as Jim Newman are Birmingham-Southern's legacy. Men and women who were prepared on this Hilltop campus to go out into the world and make it a better place for all people. It sounds trite. That is until you hear it from those who have experienced the impact of a BSC graduate, as I have been so fortunate to do in person the past few months.

As you will read in this Special Edition of *'Southern*, on March 1, your college publicly launched *Destiny: Delivered, The Campaign for Birmingham-Southern*. It may very well be the most important fundraising effort in Birmingham-Southern's history.

Because of the efforts of so many who have come before—alumni, faculty, friends—and through the success of this two-phase campaign, Birmingham-Southern can realize its place among the best liberal arts colleges in the nation. That is the college's destiny, and it will be delivered by drawing upon its legacy—its graduates. Highlighted in the special campaign section of this issue are five other heroes just like Jim Newman—Birmingham-Southern graduates whose names may not be known far and wide, but who *are* making the world a better place, as told by those who know them, those whose lives they have changed.

It's a legacy well worth securing, so that a destiny can be delivered.

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Jim Newman '86



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The Campaign for Birmingham-Southern

On the Cover—On March 1, Birmingham-Southern publicly announced a national comprehensive fundraising campaign that seeks to raise well in excess of \$100 million, in two phases, over the next several years. More than \$30 million in gifts and pledges already has been received toward the *Destiny: Delivered, The Campaign for Birmingham-Southern* Phase I goal of \$50 million. This Special Edition of 'Southern magazine is devoted to the purpose and priorities of the *Destiny: Delivered* campaign. Beginning on page 2 are the campaign announcement, campaign case statement, and priorities and goals of Phase I. Additional information can be found at www.bsc.edu/destinydelivered.





Birmingham-Southern announces national comprehensive campaign; \$30 million in gifts and pledges already received

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN \$30 MILLION IN GIFTS AND PLEDGES TOWARD A NEW COMPREHENSIVE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN that seeks to raise well in excess of \$100 million, in two phases, over the next several years.

Destiny: Delivered, The Campaign for Birmingham-Southern College was publicly announced at an on-campus celebration March 1 attended by some 400 alumni, faculty, staff, students, friends, and community leaders.

At the launch event, BSC President Dr. David Pollick announced that the \$30 million level had been surpassed during the silent portion of Phase I of the comprehensive campaign, which began on June 1, 2006. The three-year first phase has a goal of \$50 million.

"In this campaign, we've been told to secure our legacy and this we will do," Pollick said in kicking off the campaign. "Therefore, this is a milestone campaign in the history of this national liberal arts college. In the coming years, and with the success of this fundraising effort, Birmingham-Southern will fully realize its rightful place among the elite liberal arts colleges in the nation."

Phase I of the *Destiny: Delivered* campaign will support initiatives that will help the college increase enrollment from 1,339 to about 1,800 and support programs and structures that will grow the institution in national stature.

Money raised during Phase I will support student scholarships; faculty professorships; religious life initiatives, including an endowed chaplaincy, ongoing program support, and scholarships; an Admission Welcome Center that is already funded and completed; faculty and student collaborative research opportunities; the new Urban Environmental Studies program, including ongoing programmatic support for the Urban Environmental Studies major, an endowed professorship, and the under-construction Urban Environmental Park; service and advocacy initiatives, including the recently endowed Bunting Center for Engaged Study and Community Action and support for the Hess Center for Leadership and Service and the Hess Fellows summer leadership program; international study and travel opportunities for students; and intercollegiate athletics facilities.

Phase I also will target contributions for the college's Annual Fund and unrestricted gifts for use in those areas that the college deems most important.

Phase II will begin at the completion of Phase I and focus on growing the college's endowment and on new and reconceived facilities that further support the increased student population and new programs secured through Phase I.



BSC President Dr. David Pollick (center) at the campaign launch event with Destiny: Delivered co-chairs Ed Hardin '62 (far left) and Mike Atchison '65.

Priorities for Phase II will be established as the institution continues to grow prior to the completion of Phase I.

Edward L. Hardin Jr. of Nashville, a 1962 BSC graduate and retired executive vice president, general counsel, and director for Caremark RX Inc., and W. Michael Atchison of Birmingham, a 1965 BSC graduate and attorney and partner with Starnes and Atchison, are serving as campaign co-chairs and as leadership for a National Campaign Steering Committee composed of alumni, faculty, staff, students, trustees, and community leaders.

"A national network of campaign volunteers has been established in cities not only in Alabama but across the nation, including New York City, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, and others," said Atchison. "Such a national campaign network is a new way of doing business for Birmingham-Southern. Birmingham remains a major concentration of Birmingham-Southern alumni and supporters, but we are truly a national liberal arts college and our alumni are making a difference all over the world. We are meeting them where they are now.

"A leading national liberal arts college must have a truly national alumni network."

Many generous contributors have supported Destiny: Delivered thus far. For a list of major donors to date, please check the Campaign Web site at www.bsc.edu/destinydelivered. A list of donors also will be published in the next issue of 'Southern magazine.



"We have remembered the past—and it has been honored. We are paying attention to the present—and we have no illusions. And we are looking forward to the future—in fact, it already exists in the mind's eye of every one of us in this room."

*Dr. G. David Pollick, president of Birmingham-Southern,
in his State of the College Address, August 25, 2006*

Our destiny is not a question of chance; it is a matter of choice. It's not a day in the future that we wait for, in hope. Our destiny is a goal to achieve. We have a long and proud history, but Birmingham-Southern cannot stand on the past. To fulfill our destiny, we must choose to move forward, building on our beliefs and our strengths.

OUR DESTINY IS CLEAR. In the coming years, Birmingham-Southern will fully realize its place among the elite liberal arts colleges in the nation. This is our destiny: to be what we've always been, but in greater proportion; to serve as we've always served, but in greater numbers. Because our destiny is rooted in our past. It is grounded in more than 150 years of this simple truth—that the proper end of a liberal arts education is the advancement and betterment of the human condition. We prepare men and women to make this world better for all people.

OUR DESTINY IS CLEAR. To fulfill our destiny, we must look to the future with confidence, but we must work today in earnest. We must unite our creative talents and deepest resources. It is for us, today, to give the college the means to expand its reach and ensure its mission. We are all called to service, just as our students have been called since the college's founding. We must collaborate—alumni, students, faculty, parents and friends—to deliver that destiny in which we all believe.

OUR DESTINY IS CLEAR. It is up to us to make it a reality.

Alex Masterson is promise; Dr. Natalie Davis, the proven wisdom of experience. And Birmingham-Southern is precisely where both are realized.



ALEX MASTERSON '11,
POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR
FROM TOWN CREEK, ALABAMA



DR. NATALIE DAVIS, BIRMINGHAM-
SOUTHERN PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL
SCIENCE AND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED
POLITICAL EXPERT



Dr. G. David Pollick, president of Birmingham-Southern College

"The legacy of Birmingham-Southern College lives in its generations of sons and daughters. They bring us to this moment, and when we search our mind's eye for what is now expected, we see not only our future, but our destiny."

History brings us to this moment. Thousands of lives, whose hearts and hands have touched others with their knowledge and their unique combination of wisdom and compassion, bring us to this moment. From the halls of the United States Congress, to great venues for the performing arts; from international stages for journalism, literature, medicine and research; from powerful boardrooms and courtrooms, to schools, churches and places of profound human need—the legacy of Birmingham-Southern College lives in its generations of sons and daughters. They bring us to this moment, and when we search our mind's eye for what is now expected, we see not only our future, but our destiny.

When I was first welcomed to 'Southern, those around me wanted to hear of my 'vision' for the years ahead. I responded with, "The genius can be found in the place." Out of its history, year after year, young gifted minds appear on the Hilltop carrying our legacy into another unfolding. And year after year, out of our history of great educators, an extraordinary faculty awaits them, eager to discover the genius within each student. Our vision for the years ahead is to be found in our place and in our students—in their destiny delivered.

So it is that we have turned to our alumni, our faculty and our friends, together the caretakers of our legacy, to set our College's priorities for the era ahead. There was little surprise. At the heart of our success is 'Southern's uncompromising commitment to a liberal arts education of the highest caliber. Rooted in a powerful and deeply personal faculty, this is the education that gives meaning and voice to a life of genuine purpose. Foundational to a life of courage and service, educational life on the Hilltop has always reached beyond professional success, setting its sights on what is expected and what must next be imagined. Truly, our students learn in order to serve. As a consequence, the world is better because of each of our graduates—and it is our destiny that this be so.

In this campaign, above all else, we have been told to secure this legacy. This we will do. Both campaign phases will be uncompromising in this regard. The campaign priorities reflect the importance of ensuring that the genius within our place not only remains safe, but flourishes; that the lives of those we hold up before us continue to reach back to those who aspire to follow. In such a moment, legacy and destiny converge—and the promise continues.



Dr. G. David Pollick

Demetrius Foy is faith; Bishop Bob Morgan, a testament to the power of a life lived in service. And Birmingham-Southern is the place where one begins to become the other.



**DEMETRIUS FOY '10, RELIGION MAJOR
FROM GAINESVILLE, ALABAMA, AND PASTOR
OF SPRING VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**



BISHOP BOB MORGAN '56, BISHOP-IN-RESIDENCE AT BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN AND 2000 PRESIDENT OF THE WORLDWIDE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*Ed Hardin '62 and Mike Atchison '65 serve as co-chairs of Destiny: Delivered,
The Campaign for Birmingham-Southern College.*

"All of us are guardians of the College's legacy and debtors
to those who made it possible. Together we are the
shepherds who can lead the way to a destiny delivered."

It wasn't much to look at back in the early 1960s. The buildings around the quad were showing their age and badly needed face-lifts of plaster, paint and mortar. Spreading patches of bald earth pushed against the sad little tufts of receding grass and weeds. The dorm rooms were dated, the showers down the hall, the classrooms dingy, the food barely tolerable and campus activities outside the classroom almost nonexistent. There were no state-of-the-art science labs, or fountains surrounded by colorful flowers, or a bell tower, or an apartment village, or Saturday afternoon football games.

BUT WE LOVED IT.

We were in a special place surrounded by bright and engaging new friends and a most marvelous group of teachers. For four wonderful years, we listened, we talked, we studied, we argued and we solved the world's problems with our newfound wisdom. Those incredible professors invited us into their homes and to their dinner tables, checked on us when we were sick, gently chided us when we slept in, consoled us in times of trouble and disappointment and counseled us in the mysteries of post-graduate life. Our English professors motivated us to read and challenge what we read. Our religion and philosophy classes taught us responsibility and respect for ourselves and others. Our studies of political science and sociology instilled in us a sense of urgency to participate in the world around us, in meaningful and constructive ways. Our lives were changed by the unfailing efforts of those dedicated scholars to open our minds to the beauty of a liberal arts education.

AND WE LOVED THEM.

But the story didn't begin and doesn't end with us. BSC graduates have succeeded in every conceivable profession and job throughout the nation. They can be found in the Houses of Congress, on the mastheads of newspapers and magazines, as presidents of leading colleges and universities and in hospitals, courthouses and boardrooms. All because they were challenged to excel at a tiny school whose priceless gift to the world has been its thousands of graduates.

AND WE LOVE IT STILL.

Some years ago, several friends joined us in giving the late Dr. Henry Randall a retirement party. Brought together by our affection for Dr. Randall, we each gave him a small present. Dr. Randall, a lifelong bachelor with no family, began to cry saying the gifts were especially meaningful because he rarely received any. We cried with him. Dr. Randall had given us so much and sought so little in return. So, too, has our Alma Mater, our "fostering Mother." We now have the opportunity to help ensure that 'Southern's cherished legacy remains untarnished and that destiny, indeed, is delivered. There is an inspiring and shared excitement on campus about innovative new programs, a beautiful park under construction, the Hilltop Village and other improvements. All of us are guardians of the College's legacy and debtors to those who made it possible. Together we are the shepherds who can lead the way to a destiny delivered. We have every confidence you will join us in this most worthy campaign for Birmingham-Southern College.

WE KNOW YOU LOVE IT TOO.



Edward L. Hardin, Jr. '62



W. Michael Atchison '65

Sarah Garrett is hope; Scarlett Singleton, the relentless pursuit of justice. And for more than 150 years, Birmingham-Southern has nurtured both.



**SARAH GARRETT '11, URBAN
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MAJOR
FROM HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**



SCARLETT SINGLETON '01,
GRADUATE OF HARVARD LAW
SCHOOL AND ATTORNEY AT LAW,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



The price of greatness is responsibility.

OUR DESTINY IS CLEAR. It falls to each of us to ensure that Birmingham-Southern stands with the greatest liberal arts colleges of our time. It falls to us to champion her causes and her people. It falls to us to deliver the resources and the strength she needs to graduate new generations of men and women who will, in turn, give of themselves and their talents for the betterment of the world.

The following pages introduce *Destiny: Delivered, The Campaign for Birmingham-Southern* and highlight our priorities for Phase I. You will also find some interesting thoughts from a few of our alumni who are living their lives and changing the world—and what the world thinks of them.

So continue reading. But more importantly, join us. Become involved in the *Destiny: Delivered* campaign. With your help, all that exists in our mind's eye will be delivered.



The Campaign for Birmingham-Southern

PHASE I



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Birmingham-Southern College



Defining Birmingham-Southern as a National Liberal Arts College



Every president in Birmingham-Southern's 150-year history has sought to achieve broader national recognition for the college as a truly great liberal arts institution. While significant strides towards this goal have been made by every generation, the journey must continue. Standing still is not an option. We either move forward or we move back. *We choose to move forward.*

OUR DESTINY IS CLEAR. The means by which we achieve that destiny are also clear. Over the next several years, Birmingham-Southern College will raise in excess of \$100 million. We will ensure the college's excellence through two distinct campaign phases. The first phase focuses on growing the college. The second phase enhances our ability to care for our increased student population and expand our programs through upgraded facilities and an increased endowment.

Birmingham-Southern is, and will remain, a small liberal arts college. We face a simple truth, though, that it's possible for a school to be too small. To be effective, we have to reflect the larger world into which we send our students. We desire a student body that brings a rich collection of ideas, experiences, cultures, socioeconomic backgrounds, races and religious beliefs to the campus life and the classroom. And each student must possess the academic ability that is required to succeed here.

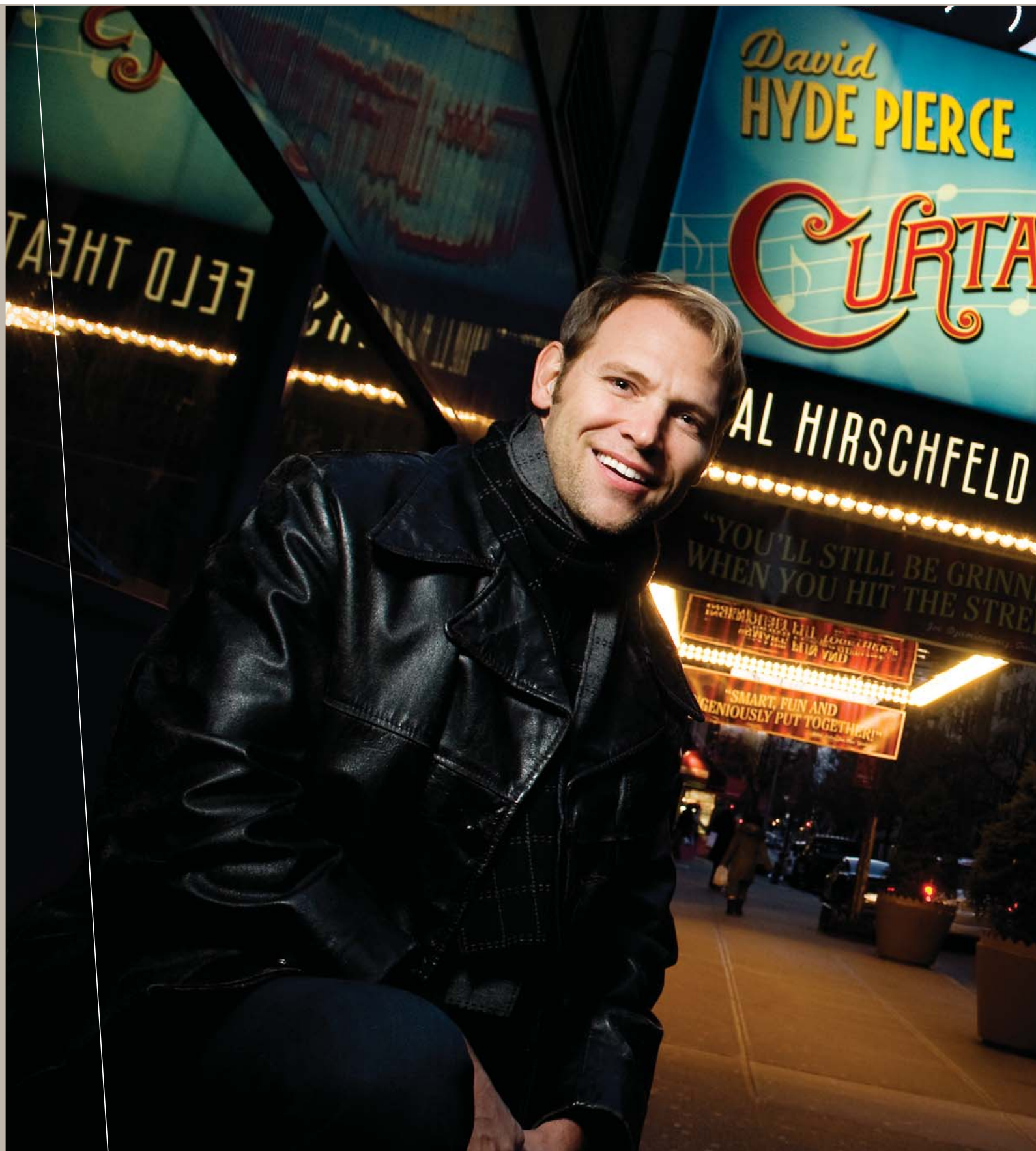
PHASE I

GROWTH: THROUGH PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS Our first goal is to raise \$50 million in three years. We will use these resources to support increased scholarships, additional faculty and expanded and enhanced programs to grow enrollment from roughly 1,200 students to about 1,800. We will also devote these funds to increasing the college in stature, focusing on programs and structures that directly affect enrollment and national distinction.

PHASE II

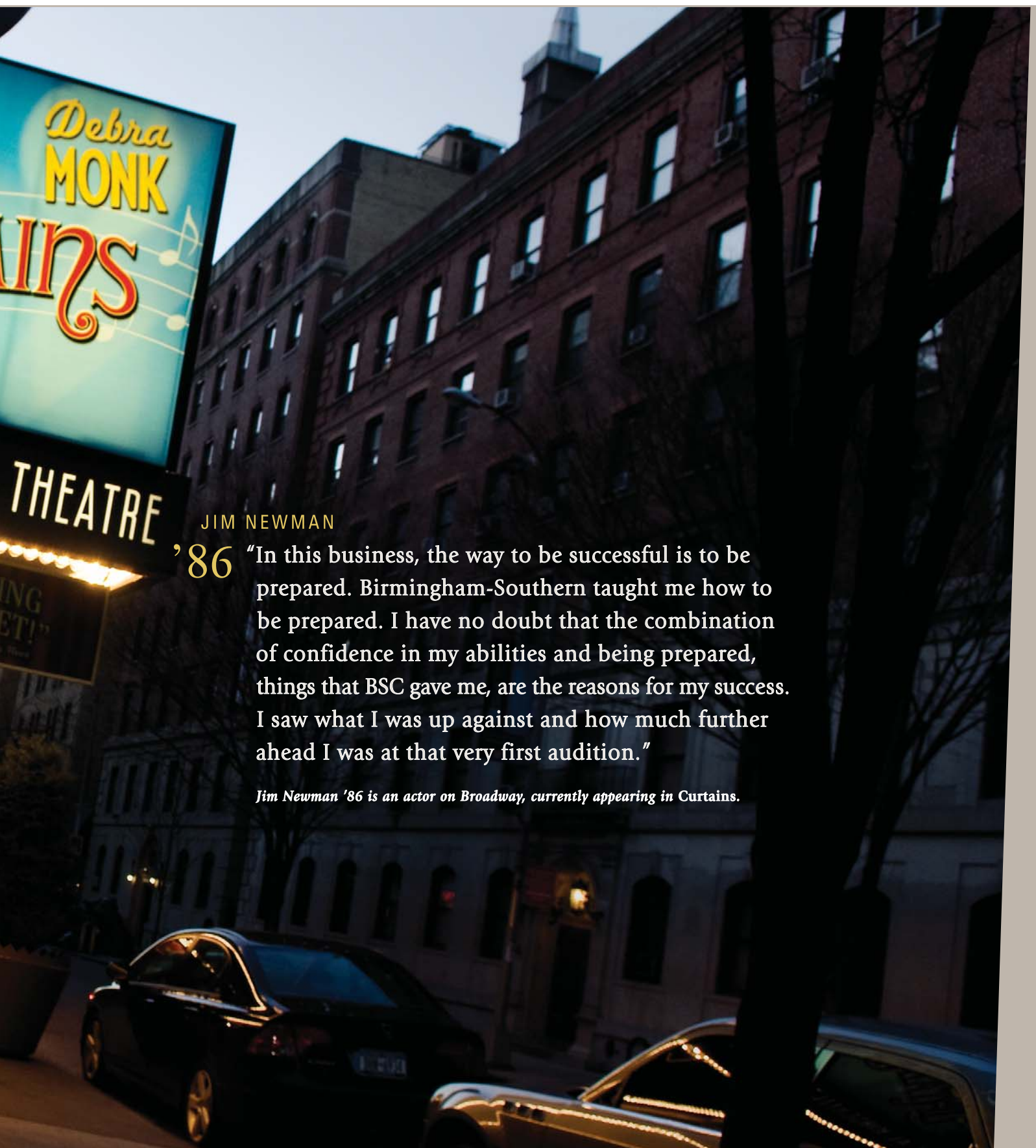
CARING FOR PEOPLE: THROUGH PLACES AND PROMISES As our student population grows and we add new programs, we will need new and reconceived facilities, in conjunction with significant endowment growth. We will use the resources from Phase II to build new buildings and to rethink and remodel existing structures. Of equal importance, we will build our endowment to an appropriate level. Specific priorities for Phase II are yet to be determined. As we grow, we will establish firm goals for Phase II and aggressively begin pursuing them.

Growth is essential to our future; it is as simple as that. In the pages that follow, you will hear the stories of Birmingham-Southern people and their effect on the world. You'll also find details on the priorities we've set for Phase I of the Destiny: Delivered campaign.



"JIM NEWMAN IS A BRILLIANTLY TALENTED MAN. HE'S AN INCREDIBLE DANCER, AN INCREDIBLE SINGER, A WONDERFUL ACTOR AND A TERRIFIC COMEDIAN. HE'S 100 PERCENT ALL THE TIME—ON STAGE AND OFF. HIS COMMITMENT TO THE PART, TO THE SONG, TO EVEN ONE LINE IS 100 PERCENT. HIS RANGE OF TALENTS MEANS THAT HE'LL BE ABLE TO PERFORM AS LONG AS HE WANTS. BUT, I ALSO THINK THAT BECAUSE OF HIS CREATIVITY AND HIS INGENUITY, HE COULD DIRECT. HE'S ALL HEART."

—David Hyde Pierce, Tony and Emmy award-winning actor of *Curtains* and *Frasier*



JIM NEWMAN

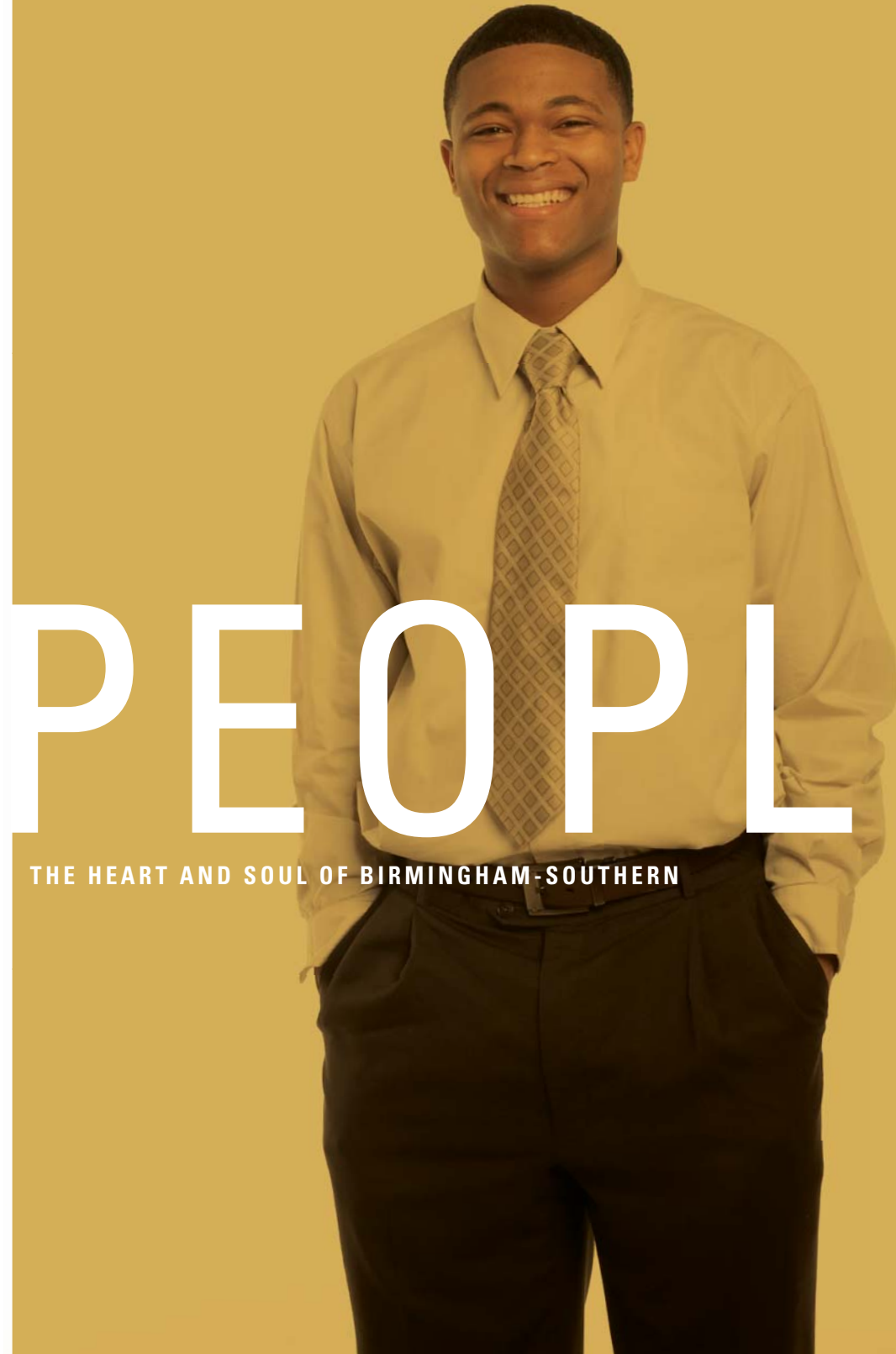
'86

"In this business, the way to be successful is to be prepared. Birmingham-Southern taught me how to be prepared. I have no doubt that the combination of confidence in my abilities and being prepared, things that BSC gave me, are the reasons for my success. I saw what I was up against and how much further ahead I was at that very first audition."

Jim Newman '86 is an actor on Broadway, currently appearing in Curtains.

"THERE ISN'T ANYBODY LIKE JIMMY NEWMAN. HE IS UNIQUE. YOU CAN GIVE HIM A WORD AND IT TAKES ON MORE MEANINGS THAN YOU EVER INTENDED. AND JIM'S CAREER IN THE FUTURE IS UNLIMITED. THERE'S NOT ANYTHING HE CAN'T DO OR TAKE ON. BECAUSE HE IS SO MULTI-TALENTED—A SINGER, A DANCER, AN ACTOR—HE IS EMPLOYABLE IN MORE SITUATIONS THAN ALMOST ANY ACTOR I KNOW."

—John Kander, Tony, Emmy and Grammy award-winning composer of Curtains, Cabaret, Chicago and others




PEOPLE:

THE HEART AND SOUL OF BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS / \$15,000,000 Competition for the best students each year is intense. Even state schools are offering more than ever before, attracting students who have traditionally chosen Birmingham-Southern. Providing competitive merit-based scholarships will help us continue to draw the premier students to our campus. But we must offer more competitive need-based scholarships as well. No student with the skills and the desire to succeed at Birmingham-Southern should be forced elsewhere because of financial limitations.

FACULTY EXCELLENCE / \$5,000,000 The faculty is the lifeblood of this college. Students consistently point to our professors as one of the primary reasons they choose BSC. And, year after year, alumni tell us what they remember most about their time in school are their relationships with the faculty. Attracting new professors to campus, and keeping the fantastic people we have today, is an increasingly challenging task. If we truly believe that our faculty is our greatest asset, we must do more to ensure its excellence. We must endow more professorships. We must offer more competitive compensation to professors across the college. This campaign allows us to do precisely that.



ANSLEY COLLINS
'01

“Birmingham-Southern was more than just a place to get a degree for me. It was a place where I learned about myself. I learned how to look at the bigger picture, how to think for myself. Birmingham-Southern is a place where I felt like I was more than just a student on a roster—I was, and still am, a member of a community that cared for me and helped shape the person I am today.”

Ansley Collins '01 is a trajectory operations and planning officer for the International Space Station at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

“ANSLEY COLLINS IS A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO US HERE IN MISSION CONTROL. IF I COULD DESCRIBE HER IN ONE WORD, IT WOULD BE 'EXCEPTIONAL.' SHE IS NOT ONLY A FANTASTIC ENGINEER, SHE IS ALSO A WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUAL WHO GIVES 150 PERCENT IN EVERYTHING SHE DOES. WE TRULY TREASURE HER WORKING HERE AT NASA.”

—Cathy Koerner, a flight director for both the Space Shuttle and International Space Station at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston





PEOPLE:


THE HEART AND SOUL OF BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN

RELIGIOUS LIFE / \$2,000,000 Our connection to the United Methodist Church remains strong, rooted in the early days of our founding. This relationship is core to our central mission, and the source for the strong commitment to service that is a hallmark of a Birmingham-Southern education.

Through this campaign, we will support interdenominational work, interfaith programs and ongoing outreach and education through the Chapel and the Office of Church Relations. This will support an endowed chaplaincy, complete the Denson N. Franklin Professorship and provide ongoing program support and scholarships.

ADMISSION WELCOME CENTER / \$3,000,000 - FUNDED

There is an old adage that states that people don't always remember what you say, but they never forget how you make them feel. Our recently completed Admission Welcome Center is a manifestation of this belief, as we ensure that prospective students, their families and other visitors to our campus feel the warmth of our 'Southern hospitality. It's an area of our campus that has been neglected for too long, as our admission staff worked for years around inadequate facilities. With this Admission Welcome Center, we now have the resources to make an impression equal to the overall Birmingham-Southern experience. Already, interest in the college from prospective students has begun to reflect the value this facility brings to the college.



FATHER DAVID LOWELL
'71

"This is a lifetime of direct service, since I have lived and worked here for more than 22 years. What makes it possible to live this kind of life is a healthy faith in God complemented by a strong intellectual life, a good sense of humor and irony and a love of people. My young adulthood was formed in that milieu at Birmingham-Southern, and I am doing the best I can to live that way today."

Father David Lowell '71 is the executive director of Raphael House, San Francisco's oldest homeless shelter for families, and a priest in the Orthodox Church in America.

"THE THING THAT STANDS OUT MOST WHEN I THINK OF FATHER DAVID'S IMPACT ON MY LIFE IS HIS COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION. HE ALWAYS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE MORE YOU KNOW AND THE MORE YOU LEARN ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN, THE BETTER YOU CAN IMPACT YOUR LIFE. HE ENCOURAGED ME TO ATTEND THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN, EVEN THOUGH IT IS VERY EXPENSIVE. TWICE I'VE HAD TO COME BACK TO SAN FRANCISCO TO WORK AND SAVE MONEY FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF TUITION AND HE'S HIRED ME BACK AT THE



RAPHAEL HOUSE. HE HAS SUCH AN OPEN MIND TO HELPING PEOPLE. IT IS INTERESTING TO KNOW HIS PASSION FOR SERVING OTHERS WAS MOST LIKELY FOSTERED AT BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE."

-Victoria Crichlow-Debro, former resident of the Raphael House and a senior illustration major at the Rhode Island School of Design



PROGRAMS:

ENHANCING THE BEST OF BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN

FACULTY AND STUDENT COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH / \$1,500,000

Large research institutions boast about the research in which their students are active partners, but small liberal arts colleges are often unsung heroes in this arena. Birmingham-Southern currently supports about 16 such collaborative opportunities annually, giving students research experiences early in their careers, not later. To be a leader among our peers, we need to increase those opportunities to as many as 40, not only in the sciences but also across the curriculum in true liberal arts style. Genuinely collaborative research relationships often result in co-authorships for journal articles and presentations for professional conferences, which are huge assets in a student's undergraduate portfolio. Additionally, Birmingham-Southern ensures that students make on-campus presentations about their research experiences, offering the chance for other faculty, fellow students and even alumni and donors to hear of the importance of their work and the promise it provides.

URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES / \$6,000,000 Birmingham is one of the South's most environmentally diverse cities, teeming with woodlands, wetlands, nature reserves, rivers and streams. The city is actively expanding its parks system. As the academic leader in the city, we are perfectly positioned to offer one of the leading Urban Environmental Studies programs in the nation; in fact, we currently have the only such program in the Southeast.

The Urban Environmental Studies program will leverage the college's relationship with the Southern Environmental Center, located on campus. The new Urban Environmental Park on the west end of the campus will serve as an environmental laboratory, giving students and faculty hands-on experience. Ultimately, the program will provide uniquely qualified human capital to Birmingham and cities across the South. Funding for the program will provide start-up support, a sustaining endowment for a new professorship, money for the ongoing program and the resources needed to complete the campus lake and park as a living classroom.



“DOWD RITTER IS NOT ONLY A VISIONARY BUSINESS LEADER WHO HAS RISEN TO THE TOP OF HIS PROFESSION, HE IS A WARM AND FRIENDLY MAN WHO CARES ABOUT HIS EMPLOYEES AND THIS STATE. HE HAS TAKEN THE TIME TO MENTOR YOUNGER PROFESSIONALS AND NURTURE THEIR CAREERS, AND HE HAS TAKEN A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. BIRMINGHAM—



DOWD RITTER

'69

"Birmingham-Southern is a special place. Personally, I think you realize the true value of a liberal arts education years after you graduate. You leave Birmingham-Southern having attained the ability to communicate well and to think through any subject matter with which you are confronted, not to mention the lifelong relationships that develop as a result of those four years."

Dowd Ritter '69 is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Regions Financial Corporation, headquartered in Birmingham.

REALLY ALL OF ALABAMA—IS VERY FORTUNATE THAT DOWD RITTER NEVER LEFT OUR STATE TO PURSUE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES. DOWD HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HIS HOMETOWN AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA."

—The Honorable Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark blazer and a pearl necklace, stands against a solid yellow background. She is smiling and has her right hand on her hip.

PROGRAMS:

ENHANCING THE BEST OF BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN

SERVICE AND ADVOCACY / \$2,000,000 We call our students to more than excellence—we call them to lives of meaning and purpose in the service of others. Our Service-Learning Program made formal the rich history of community involvement that has long distinguished a Birmingham-Southern education; it broadened our definition of community to mean the world. Thanks to a transforming gift from Dr. Peter Bunting '66 and Mrs. Derry Brice Bunting '69, Service-Learning now takes the next formal step, becoming The Bunting Center for Engaged Study and Community Action, adding a powerful academic component.

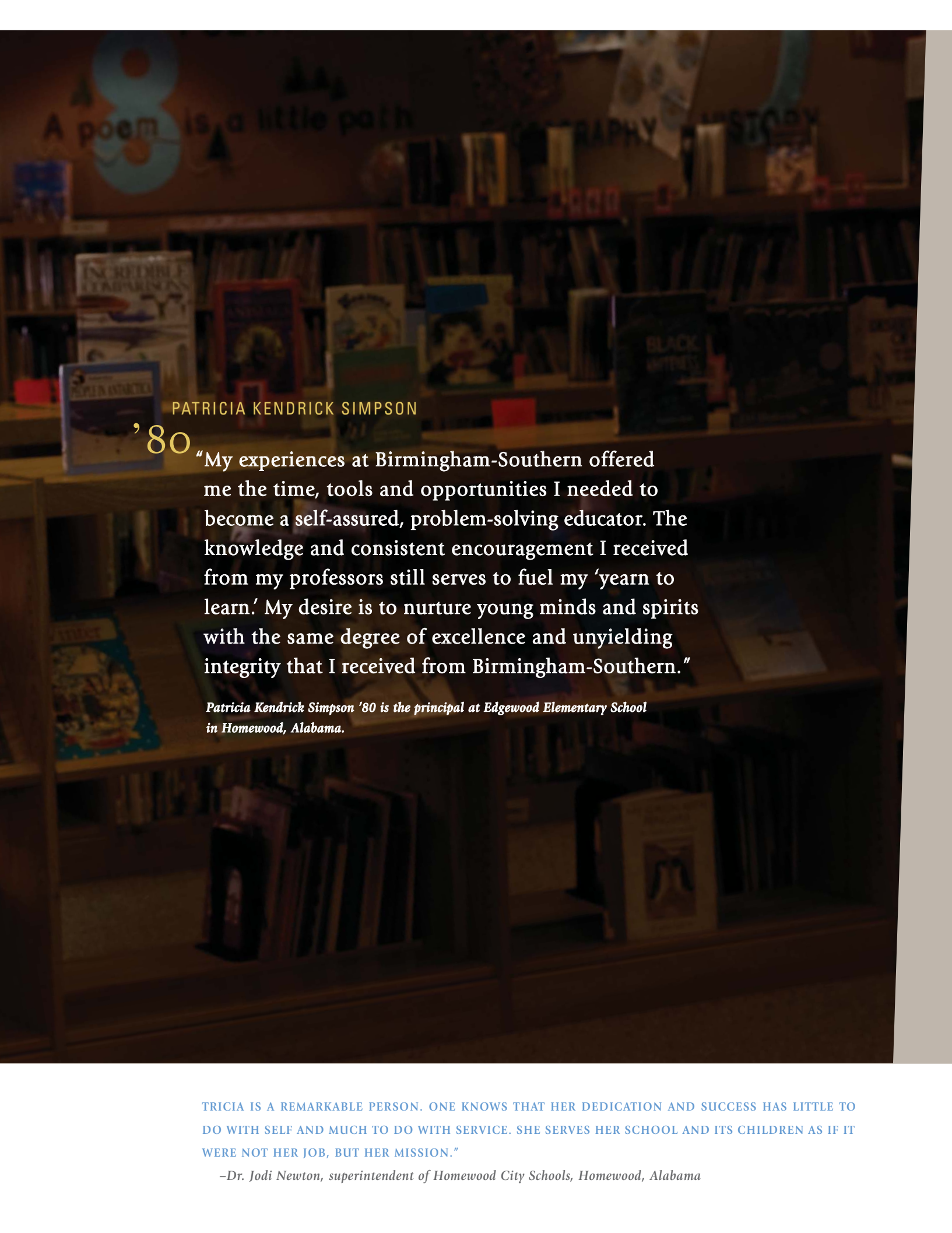
Based in the Academic Affairs Division of the college, The Bunting Center will challenge faculty and students to intentionally incorporate the call to service into the rigorous curriculum for which the college is so well known. Future funding will increase support for faculty development and grow an endowment to sustain the program, allowing it to expand its reach and deepen its impact.

Additionally, the Hess Center for Leadership and Service will continue to challenge students to see advocacy as service, and to see leadership as a responsibility that is born of a servant heart. The Hess Center, especially the Hess Fellows, will grow to offer more Birmingham-Southern students powerful experiences in advocacy work—to better understand the responsibilities of leadership.

HONORS PROGRAM / \$1,000,000 The Honors Program is unique because Birmingham-Southern is, by its very nature, an “honors college.” For BSC, Honors is a rigorous program that takes a classic liberal arts education and goes one step further. Our program is interdisciplinary, not focused on a student’s major course of study. The result of the program is a collection of intellectually curious graduates with the skills, the experiences and the willingness to make a significant difference in the world.



"TRICIA SIMPSON WOULD BE A SUCCESS IN ANY PROFESSION. IT IS A BLESSING TO EDUCATION THAT SHE CHOSE TO USE HER SPIRIT, INTELLECT AND STRONG WORK ETHIC TO SERVE CHILDREN. TRICIA HAS THAT MAGIC THAT MAKES A SCHOOL A UNIQUELY WONDERFUL PLACE TO LEARN. SHE HAS BOUNDLESS ENERGY AND HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AND PORTRAYS HER LOVE FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN EVERY ACTION. BEYOND BEING AN INCREDIBLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR,



PATRICIA KENDRICK SIMPSON

'80

"My experiences at Birmingham-Southern offered me the time, tools and opportunities I needed to become a self-assured, problem-solving educator. The knowledge and consistent encouragement I received from my professors still serves to fuel my 'yearn to learn.' My desire is to nurture young minds and spirits with the same degree of excellence and unyielding integrity that I received from Birmingham-Southern."

Patricia Kendrick Simpson '80 is the principal at Edgewood Elementary School in Homewood, Alabama.

TRICIA IS A REMARKABLE PERSON. ONE KNOWS THAT HER DEDICATION AND SUCCESS HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH SELF AND MUCH TO DO WITH SERVICE. SHE SERVES HER SCHOOL AND ITS CHILDREN AS IF IT WERE NOT HER JOB, BUT HER MISSION."

-Dr. Jodi Newton, superintendent of Homewood City Schools, Homewood, Alabama



PROGRAMS:

ENHANCING THE BEST OF BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN

INTERNATIONAL STUDY AND TRAVEL / \$3,000,000 In our general education goals, we state: "Understanding one's place in an ever-widening circle of contexts is one of the most traditional goals of liberal learning and continues to be so." It is important that our students study and experience, firsthand, cultures different from their own. Traveling and studying abroad helps students understand and appreciate the importance of cultural difference; it also affords a new perspective on one's own culture, and one's self. Increasing the opportunities for students to study and travel internationally—regardless of a student's financial capability—is critical for us to deliver on our promise of providing the best in liberal arts education.

Gifts here will provide immediate funds for increased international study and travel opportunities, as well as endowments to ensure these opportunities are sustained as our student population grows.

ATHLETICS / \$6,500,000 We have a long and proud tradition of athletics at Birmingham-Southern. That tradition continues to grow today with new sports, new facilities and an injection of excitement to life on campus. Birmingham-Southern is an attractive option for students who are passionate about the sports they play, and equally passionate about the studies they pursue. We have added five new sports to our men's and women's athletics offerings. In fact, with the addition of men's and women's lacrosse, we become one of only a handful of colleges in the South to compete in the sport.

Sporting events bring people to our campus and increase our visibility both locally and nationally. A portion of this campaign will go to ensuring that we have the athletics facilities that meet the high standards of quality and competition that live at Birmingham-Southern.



"THE FIRST TIME I MET DON HARRISON, HE WAS SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. I WAS IN AWE OF HIS COMMITMENT TO THIS LEADERSHIP POSITION, IN ADDITION TO HIS ROLE AS CHIEF OF CARDIOLOGY AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL. HE IS A GIFTED HEART DOCTOR, AND HE IS A PERSON WITH A BIG HEART. HE IS COMMITTED TO ADVANCING MEDICINE ON ALL FRONTS; HE'S ALSO COMMITTED



DR. DONALD HARRISON

'54 "Birmingham-Southern introduced me to an expanded world. My liberal arts experience gave me the desire to excel in science and medicine, and also honed my ability to write, which helped me publish six books and more than 500 articles. Birmingham-Southern had my best interests at heart from the first day I stepped on campus and propelled me to a long and rewarding career."

Dr. Donald Harrison '54 is senior vice president and provost for Health Affairs, emeritus, for the University of Cincinnati Medical Center; he is a world-renowned cardiologist and past president of the American Heart Association.

TO CARING AND REACHING OUT TO PEOPLE ON A PERSONAL BASIS. IT IS THAT CARING AND OUTREACH TO PEOPLE THROUGHOUT SOCIETY THAT SPEAKS SO WELL OF HIM."

-M. Cass Wheeler, chief executive officer, American Heart Association, Dallas

UNRESTRICTED GIVING:

ESSENTIAL SUPPORT FOR BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN



ANNUAL FUND Growing the Annual Fund is one of the highest priorities of the *Destiny: Delivered* campaign. The Annual Fund is a vital resource that touches every aspect of life on campus. It's also the easiest way for the majority of our alumni to participate in this campaign and in the lives of the current students. Gifts to the Annual Fund ensure that the college has the resources and the people necessary to deliver the Birmingham-Southern experience. The Annual Fund helps us offer scholarships to attract the most talented students, and salaries to attract and keep the most gifted professors. And participating in the Annual Fund allows everyone to remain connected to the college that has done so much for us all.

UNRESTRICTED CAMPAIGN GIFTS In addition to the Annual Fund, many people are interested in making a one-time, unrestricted gift to the college in response to this campaign. These gifts are available for the college to use where and when it deems they will be most effective. Unrestricted gifts, in particular, give Birmingham-Southern the ability to act quickly on new initiatives and to enhance effective programs.

The price of greatness is responsibility.

OUR DESTINY IS CLEAR. And it falls to each of us to ensure that Birmingham-Southern takes its rightful place among the greatest liberal arts colleges in this country. It falls to us to champion her causes and her people. It falls to us to deliver the resources and the strength she needs to graduate new generations of men and women who will, in turn, give of themselves and their talents for the betterment of the world.

Each of us who has spent time on the Hilltop knows we are changed by it—and better for it. Today it falls to each of us to give back, in proportion, all that she has given to us. If we don't, who will?

Join the *Destiny: Delivered* campaign. Because when you join the thousands of other alumni, faculty, parents and friends who make up the Birmingham-Southern family, there is absolutely nothing that we cannot accomplish. Join us and help deliver Birmingham-Southern's destiny.



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**Denotes Campaign Leadership Council members*



Birmingham-Southern College

Destiny: Delivered Campaign Priorities
GIVING AND NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

PEOPLE: \$25,000,000

SCHOLARSHIPS / \$15,000,000

MERIT-BASED ENDOWED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Endow full tuition, room, board and stipend	\$ 800,000
Endow full tuition, room and board	\$ 600,000
Endow full tuition	\$ 400,000
Endow a merit scholarship (minimum)	\$ 25,000

MERIT-BASED CURRENT USE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Provide full tuition, room, board and stipend*	\$ 175,000
Provide full tuition, room and board**	\$ 150,000
Provide full tuition***	\$ 125,000

*\$35,000 per year for 5 years

**\$30,000 per year for 5 years

***\$25,000 per year for 5 years

NEED-BASED ENDOWED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Endow five scholarships offering partial tuition	\$ 500,000
Endow one 1/2 tuition need-based scholarship	\$ 200,000
Endow student life stipends*	\$ 175,000
Endow a need-based scholarship (minimum)	\$ 25,000

*Supports the whole college experience including social and athletics activities

NEED-BASED CURRENT USE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Provide partial tuition for five students**	\$ 125,000
Provide one 1/2 tuition need-based scholarship***	\$ 60,000
Provide student life stipends****	\$ 50,000

**\$25,000 per year for 5 years

***\$12,000 per year for 5 years

****\$10,000 per year for 5 years

FACULTY EXCELLENCE / \$5,000,000

ENDOWED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Endow a professorship (minimum)	\$1,500,000
Endow faculty compensation support*	\$1,000,000
Endow faculty research fellowships**	\$ 250,000
Endow funds for faculty development (minimum)	\$ 25,000

*Builds competitive compensation packages for faculty recruitment and retention

**Supports expanded research opportunities with competitively awarded grants

CURRENT USE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Provide faculty research fellowships***	\$ 50,000
Provide funds for faculty development****	\$ 25,000

***\$10,000 per year for 5 years

****\$5,000 per year for 5 years

ADMISSION WELCOME CENTER / \$3,000,000 - FUNDED With the Admission Welcome Center, we now have the resources to make an impression equal to the overall Birmingham-Southern experience. Already, interest in the college by prospective students has begun to reflect the value this facility brings to BSC.

RELIGIOUS LIFE / \$2,000,000

ENDOWED AND CURRENT USE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Endow the chaplaincy (FUNDED)	\$1,000,000
Fully endow the Denson N. Franklin Professorship	\$ 750,000
Endow or provide scholarships and program support*	\$ 250,000

**Supports interdenominational work, interfaith programs and ongoing outreach and education through the Chapel and Office of Church Relations. Gifts can be structured in varying amounts and types.*

PROGRAMS: \$25,000,000

HONORS PROGRAM / \$1,000,000

ENDOWED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Endow the program	\$1,000,000
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**Honors students will receive a one-time \$3,000 stipend to be used during their college career.*

***Renovation with expansion, refurbishing and space maintenance*

****\$6,000 per year for 5 years*

CURRENT USE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Provide student stipends*	\$ 500,000
The Honors Commons**	\$ 250,000
Provide funds for course development***	\$ 30,000

ATHLETICS FACILITIES / \$6,500,000

Athletics Complex	\$3,500,000
Field House	\$1,500,000
Competition Field	\$1,000,000
Competition Track	\$ 500,000
Practice Field	\$ 300,000
Individual Lockers*	\$ 300,000

Weight Room	\$ 250,000
Locker Room	\$ 250,000
Hospitality Tent**	\$ 150,000
Training Room	\$ 75,000

**120 lockers at \$2,500 per locker*

***Corporate Sponsorship of \$30,000 per year for 5 years*

SERVICE AND ADVOCACY / \$2,000,000

ENDOWED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Endow the service-learning program (FUNDED) (The Bunting Center for Engaged Study and Community Action)	\$1,000,000
Endow faculty and student travel fund	\$ 100,000
Endow one internship	\$ 50,000
Endow one Hess Center Fellowship	\$ 50,000
Endow one Bunting Center Fellowship	\$ 50,000

CURRENT USE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Provide faculty and student travel funds*	\$ 50,000
Provide one internship per year**	\$ 15,000
Provide funding for course development**	\$ 15,000
Provide one Hess Center Fellowship per year**	\$ 15,000
Provide one Bunting Center Fellowship per year**	\$ 15,000

**\$10,000 per year for 5 years*

***\$3,000 per year for 5 years*

FACULTY AND STUDENT COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH / \$1,500,000

ENDOWED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Endow the program	\$1,000,000
Endow one research partnership	\$ 50,000

CURRENT USE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Provide for equipment needs	\$ 250,000
Provide one research partnership per year*	\$ 15,000

*\$3,000 per year for 5 years

URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES / \$6,000,000

ENDOWED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Endow the program and professorship	\$3,000,000
Endow the program	\$1,500,000
Endow the professorship	\$1,500,000

CURRENT USE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Provide equipment*	\$ 300,000
Van	\$ 50,000
Provide summer study stipends**	\$ 15,000
Provide for faculty and student travel	\$ 10,000

*Multiple equipment needs with various funding requirements

**\$3,000 per year for 5 years

URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL PARK

Park	\$3,000,000
Entrance (FUNDED)	\$1,000,000
Lakes	\$1,000,000
Amphitheatre (FUNDED)	\$1,000,000
Walkways*	\$ 750,000
Promenade	\$ 500,000
Overlook	\$ 500,000
Wetlands (FUNDED)	\$ 250,000

*May be funded in segments with corresponding reduction in funding requirements

INTERNATIONAL STUDY AND TRAVEL / \$3,000,000

ENDOWED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Endow a leadership fund supporting any length term	\$1,000,000
Endow a fund supporting semester or year abroad	\$ 500,000
Endow a fund supporting summer abroad	\$ 250,000
Endow a fund supporting Interim term grants	\$ 100,000
Endow a fund supporting any length term (minimum)	\$ 50,000

*\$25,000 per year for 5 years

**\$10,000 per year for 5 years

***\$5,000 per year for 5 years

CURRENT USE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Provide a fund supporting semester or year abroad*	\$ 125,000
Provide a fund supporting summer abroad**	\$ 50,000
Provide a fund supporting any length term**	\$ 50,000
Provide a fund supporting Interim term grants***	\$ 25,000

UNRESTRICTED GIVING: \$5,000,000

THE ANNUAL FUND / \$4,000,000 Growing The Annual Fund is one of the highest priorities of the *Destiny: Delivered* campaign. The Annual Fund is a vital resource that touches every aspect of life on campus. It's also the easiest way for the majority of our alumni to participate in this campaign, and in the lives of our students.

STRATEGIC UNRESTRICTED FUNDING / \$1,000,000 Many people are interested in making a one-time, unrestricted gift to the college in response to this campaign. These gifts are available for the college to use in the areas of greatest need.

Note: The naming and giving opportunities offered for each priority are examples and are not intended to total each corresponding goal.



Birmingham-Southern College

Destiny: Delivered Giving

PLANNING YOUR GIFT TO THE CAMPAIGN

MULTI-YEAR PLEDGES

Most donors to each phase of the campaign will choose to make a commitment that is completed over three to five years. These pledges can provide greater flexibility to the donor and can maximize allowable tax deductions. Campaign commitments are typically custom-designed with the assistance of a gift officer and completed with a campaign pledge form or a letter of intent.

CREATIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN

We recognize that commitments to the campaign require important decisions by our donors. Gifts to the campaign may be designed to meet each donor's needs and preferences and be beneficial to Birmingham-Southern College. Gifts may take the form of cash or cash equivalents, be fulfilled through a wide variety of planned or deferred instruments, or be in the form of real estate or personal property.

Below we have highlighted some of the more common methods that may be utilized, but this information is meant only as a guide. Donors are encouraged to contact the Office of Institutional Advancement for detailed assistance from one of the gift officers. Further, your own attorney and financial advisor should be consulted in order to incorporate gifts to the campaign into a personal and family financial plan.

WAYS OF GIVING

CASH

Donors can make cash gifts and pledge payments in the form of a check made payable to Birmingham-Southern College or by using VISA, MasterCard or Discover. The college will also help the donor facilitate regular gifts and pledge payments through electronic funds transfer.

SECURITIES

Many donors fulfill commitments by gifting stock or securities to the college. BSC will credit securities to the donor at the mean value between the high and low on the date the donor relinquishes dominion and control of the assets to BSC. Neither losses nor gains realized by the college after delivery of securities will affect the value credited to the donor. Donors and their brokers should take care to inform the college that a stock transfer is imminent to ensure that the transaction is completed in a timely way. Donors with appreciated securities should strongly consider gifting the stock to BSC prior to a sale in order to reduce capital gains liability.

REAL ESTATE OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

Gifts of real estate or other personal property must be reviewed in advance by the college and may require approval by the Board of Trustees. Donors considering such a gift should contact a gift officer for assistance. BSC will credit major gifts of real estate or personal property (typically art, jewelry or furniture) at the full fair-market value placed upon them by an independent appraiser, usually contracted and paid for by the donor. Should real estate be sold, losses or gains will not affect the gift value credited upon receipt of the property. The college will not furnish an appraisal for IRS purposes, regardless of the gift value.

INSURANCE POLICIES

BSC must be both the beneficiary and owner of an insurance policy before the policy can be counted as a campaign gift. The college will determine the gift amount of an insurance vehicle at its cash surrender value as the amount of the gift. Fully paid-up, or otherwise vested, life insurance policies may be counted in one of two ways:

- The cash surrender value, counted as a current outright gift; or,
- The death benefit value, counted at both the face value and the discounted present value.

BEQUESTS

Bequests received during the campaign will be counted at full value. BSC will include bequest intentions toward the campaign goals under the following circumstances:

- The donor is at least 65 years of age;
- The commitment is for a single life, or if a double life, the second donor also meets the above age limitations;
- The will states a specified amount or percentage of the estate, based on a credible estimate of the future value of the estate; and,
- A copy of the relevant portion of the instrument accompanies the commitment.

Bequest expectancies are accepted and counted at a discounted amount for ages 40 to 64 years.

LIFE INCOME GIFTS

BSC will accept charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder unitrusts, deferred payment charitable gift annuities and similar life income agreements at the full market value at the time the assets are transferred to the college.

TRUSTS ADMINISTERED BY OTHERS

Where the college is the irrevocable beneficiary of a trust administered by another fiduciary, the campaign credit will be for the full market value and the net present value of the principal at the time the trust is established.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS

BSC will count the income received from the trust during the campaign period at the full face value in combination with the net present value of the remainder of the income that exceeds the life of the campaign.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

All matching gifts will follow the donor's gift designation—unless corporate policy indicates otherwise—and be included toward the donor's gift commitment and recognition.



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BSC is highest ranked liberal arts college in *Reader's Digest* safety survey

According to a recently released survey by *Reader's Digest* magazine, Birmingham-Southern is the only institution of higher education in Alabama to receive an "A" for safety preparedness, and is ranked No. 9 in the nation in terms of safety readiness, making it the highest ranked national liberal arts college in America.

Birmingham-Southern was included in a survey of U.S. colleges and universities conducted by *Reader's Digest* for a special report on safety preparedness at colleges called "Safe at School?" The story appeared, in conjunction with the survey results, in the magazine's March issue.

According to *Reader's Digest*, the

survey takes into consideration the many variables between campuses, including size and location. Each of the schools evaluated were given a grade of A, B or C, based on its readiness to handle on-campus threats to safety and security. The results reveal that many urban schools, like Birmingham-Southern, are deemed safer than colleges in smaller communities.



BSC garners spot on presidential honor roll for service



Birmingham-Southern's commitment to building a culture of service and civic engagement among its faculty and students has earned the college a spot on the 2007 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with distinction.

BSC and 126 other colleges and universities were recognized for distinguished service among the 528 U.S. schools that were honored. Schools that received a distinguished service recognition provided exceptional community service over the past year, contributing their time, resources, energy, skills, and intellect to serve America.

The program, launched by The Corporation for National and Community Service in 2006 in response to President George W. Bush's call to service initiative, is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. It is co-sponsored by the U.S. departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.



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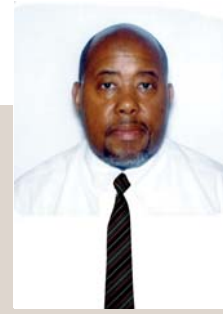
Duley



Steiner



Stowe



Townsend

Six new members fill college advisory board

Birmingham-Southern recently appointed six new leaders to its Edward Lee Norton Board of Advisors, four of whom are BSC alumni.

New members are Dr. Hutton Brantley '01 of Bluff Park, chief medicine resident at Baptist Medical Centers; Richard Brown '90 of Mountain Brook, pediatric nurse practitioner and instructor at the UAB School of Nursing and attorney; Doreen Duley of Southside, director of pastoral care at Children's Hospital;

William Steiner '80 of Hoover, director of business solutions for Vulcan Materials Co.; Dr. William Stowe '96 of Mountain Brook, veterinarian at the Montclair Animal Clinic; and Gregory Townsend of Irondale, health service administrator for the Jefferson County Department of Health.

Established in 1974 to honor the memory of the late businessman and Birmingham-Southern alumnus, the Edward Lee Norton Board provides "a perpetual forum for mixing the academic and theoretical wisdom of the college with the practical advice of the Birmingham business and professional community."

Regions Bank donation boosts cycling at BSC

Birmingham-Southern received a special pre-Christmas delivery in December in the form of 100 "lifegreen" bicycles donated by Regions Bank to support the college's sustainable transportation initiative to reduce air pollution and traffic around the campus.

The lifegreen bikes are the same ones used in the bank's TV and print advertisements for its current marketing campaign.

The occasion was marked by a bike parade and ceremony in front of the college's Admission Welcome Center. Birmingham-Southern

faculty, staff, and students, along with Regions employees who are alumni of the college, rode the bikes to the site of the presentation ceremony.

The college had approached Regions early last year about donating bikes to give faculty, staff, and students an environmentally friendly and convenient means of traveling between buildings. Regions accepted the proposal and delivered the bikes to campus.

"We are very grateful to Regions Bank, and also to its president Dowd Ritter, for their support of Birmingham-Southern's efforts to reduce the campus' carbon footprint and to make our entire community more sensitive to the environmental issues we all face," said BSC President David Pollick. "Long a practice throughout Europe, shared community transportation becomes just another educational moment."

Ritter is a 1969 BSC graduate and a member of the college's Board of Trustees.

The bikes were placed in new bike racks located around campus to be used as BSC community property.



Leading the bicycle procession that day were (from left) Peter Starr, BSC Student Government Association president; Dowd Ritter, Regions Financial Corp. chairman, president, and CEO; and BSC President Dr. David Pollick.

Honors Day, graduation speakers announced

Birmingham-Southern Professor of Mathematics Dr. Barry Spieler will address the class of 2008 during the college's 149th Commencement ceremonies May 18 at 2 p.m. at the Boutwell Auditorium in downtown Birmingham.

Spieler was named the BSC Outstanding Educator of the Year during 2007 graduation ceremonies in recognition of excellence in all aspects of teaching. The award includes a cash stipend and an invitation to speak at the following year's Commencement.

A member of the BSC faculty since 1994, Spieler received his bachelor's degree from Tufts University and his master's and doctoral degrees from The Ohio State University.

Rev. Susan Henry-Crowe will deliver remarks at the annual Baccalaureate service that same day at 10 a.m. at Bill Battle Coliseum on campus.

Henry-Crowe is dean of the chapel and religious life at Emory



Spieler



Henry-Crowe



Langford

University where she serves as associate professor of ministerial studies at the Candler School of Theology. She is ordained as an elder in the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

A native of South Carolina, she graduated from Winthrop College and received a master of divinity from Emory.

The speaker for Honors Day on April 24 is Craig Langford, a 2000 BSC graduate and senior project manager in the Office of Social Impact at the American Association of Retired Persons in Washington, D.C. The Honors Day Convocation will be held at 10 a.m. in Munger Hall Auditorium.



A message of hope and encouragement—Noted as a human rights activist, Holocaust survivor, and Nobel Peace Prize-winning writer, Elie Wiesel (third from left) delivered the November 2007 Alex P. Stirling Lecture on "The Eternal Question of Human Suffering." Wiesel became an acclaimed journalist following World War II after surviving the Nazi concentration camp in Auschwitz as a teenager where his mother, younger sister, and father perished. His most renowned book *Night* is a memoir of his experiences in the concentration camp. The Stirling Lecture is sponsored annually by the Student Government Association in memory of the BSC student who died of cancer in 1995. Shown at a reception prior to the lecture are (from left) Elizabeth Molony, SGA secretary; David Miller, SGA treasurer; Wiesel; Peter Starr, SGA president; Trey Cotney, SGA first vice president; and Laura Buckner, SGA second vice president.

Birmingham-Southern College Calendar of Events

- April 4-18** **Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition II**, featuring works by BSC student BFA candidates, 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., M-F, Durbin Gallery, Kennedy Art Center/Azar Art Studios, with reception from 5-8 p.m. on opening day, 205/226-4928.
- April 5** **Hugh and Barbara Thomas Master Class Series**, featuring baritone Steven Rainbolt and pianist Robert Muckenfuss, both acclaimed faculty members of the Peabody Conservatory of Music of the Johns Hopkins University, in a master class with BSC voice students, 10 a.m., Hill Recital Hall, 205/226-4950.
- April 13** **BSC Concert Choir Homecoming Concert**, directed by Joseph Hugh Thomas Professor of Music Dr. Lester Seigel '79, the choir will perform works from its spring tour, 4 p.m., Canterbury United Methodist Church in Mountain Brook, 205/226-4950.
- April 18 & 20** ***The Consul* and *The Telephone* Theatrical Productions.** The 1950 Pulitzer Prize-winning opera, *The Consul*, remains timely with its expression of personal tragedy brought on by bureaucracy and callousness towards humanity. *The Telephone*, a one act, tells the story of two lovers and their inability to connect because of the phone. Both showing April 18 at 7:30 p.m. and April 20 at 2:30 p.m., College Theatre-Mainstage, 205/226-4780.
- April 20** **2008 Alys Robinson Stephens Piano Competition**, two winners will be chosen from this year's finals which will be judged by internationally known pianist Janice Weber, a distinguished faculty member of the Boston Conservatory, 2:30 p.m., Hill Recital Hall, 205/226-4950.
- April 21** **BSC Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band Spring Concert**, both groups will be conducted by BSC Professor of Music Dr. Ron Hooten, 7:30 p.m., Hill Recital Hall, 205/226-4950.
- April 24** **Honors Day** recognizes Birmingham-Southern's outstanding students and their academic accomplishments. Speaker is Craig Langford '00, senior project manager in the Office of Social Impact at the American Association of Retired Persons in Washington, D.C., 10 a.m., Munger Hall Auditorium, 205/226-4650.
- April 26** **Ring World Planetarium Show** (produced by NASA), join the Cassini-Huygens mission (from 2000 to 2008) to the planet Saturn and its moons, 2 p.m., Robert R. Meyer Planetarium, 205/226-4771.
- April 28** **Southern Chorale Spring Concert**, BSC Professor of Music Dr. David Smith will direct the student choir, 7:30 p.m., Hill Recital Hall, 205/226-4950.
- April 29-May 4** ***Merrily We Roll Along* Theatrical Production**, a musical tale examining the lives of three friends as they navigate their way through careers, relationships, triumphs, and tragedies—all told in reverse time, showing April 29-May 3 at 7:30 p.m. and May 4 at 2:30 p.m., College Theatre One, 205/226-4780.
- April 29-May 13** **Annual BSC Juried Student Competition**, 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., M-F, Durbin Gallery, Kennedy Art Center/Azar Art Studios, awards reception at noon on opening day, 205/226-4928.
- May 5** **Hilltop Singers Season Finale**, the end-of-year show by BSC's vocal jazz group will include big band, ballads, and senior solos, 7:30 p.m., Hill Recital Hall, 205/226-4950.
- May 17** **Senior Capping Ceremony**, 2:30 p.m., Bill Battle Coliseum, reception following in Bruno Great Hall, 205/226-4908.
- May 18** **Baccalaureate Service**, speaker is Rev. Susan Henry-Crowe, dean of the chapel and religious life at Emory University, 10 a.m., Bill Battle Coliseum, 205/226-4950.
- May 18** **Commencement**, BSC's 2007 Outstanding Educator of the Year and Professor of Mathematics Dr. Barry Spieler will address the class of 2008, 2 p.m., Boutwell Auditorium, 205/226-4650.

All college events can be found at www.bsc.edu.



2007-08 Whittington winners featured in orchestra concert

Three Birmingham-Southern student musicians were selected as winners of the college's eighth annual Whittington Music Competition and appeared as soloists in a Feb. 17 campus concert with the Red Mountain Chamber Orchestra.

The orchestra, directed by 1988 BSC alumnus Mark Ridings, accompanied Shelby Bowling, a junior vocal performance major from Mobile; Anna Underwood, a junior music major and pianist from Homewood; and Sirena Wang, a senior double major in music and international business and pianist from Huntsville.

Bowling, a student of BSC Associate Professor of Music Dr. Jacqueline Leary-Warsaw, sang *Lucy's Aria* from the opera *The Telephone* by Gian-Carlo Menotti, and *Prendi* from the opera *L'Elisir d'Amore* by Gaetano Donizetti.

Underwood performed the opening movement of the *Piano Concerto in G Minor* by Felix Mendelssohn, and Wang played the opening movement of the *Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major, Op 15* by Ludwig van Beethoven. Both study under the tutelage of BSC Artist-in-Residence William DeVan.

The highly competitive Whittington Music Competition is named for Frances and Dorsey Whittington, who were leaders of the Birmingham Conservatory of Music which later became the Music Department at Birmingham-Southern.

Shown at a rehearsal for the eighth annual Whittington Music Competition are (from left) Anna Underwood, Sirena Wang, and Shelby Bowling.



BSC student picked for prestigious Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship

Birmingham-Southern senior Eileen Dyer, a religion major and economics minor from Gainesville, Ga., was selected by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International to receive its 2008-09 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for international study.

The Rotary Scholarships, which reach up to \$23,000, are intended to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different cultures.

The scholarships are sponsored by local Rotary clubs.

Dyer intends to study either economics or public health at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark.

The Rotary Foundation offers three types of scholarships: Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships for one academic year of study in a foreign country, Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships for three or six months of intensive language and culture study in a foreign country, and Multi-Year Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships for two years of international study in a degree program in a foreign country.

Dyer

Update on BSC legacies

Each year, *Southern* magazine lists in its fall issue the children and grandchildren of alumni who have been found among the new students enrolled on the Hilltop. Since the fall 2007 issue, two additional legacies have been submitted:

Robin Barnett of Tuscaloosa, daughter of Dr. Jim Barnett '83 and Paula Birch Barnett '84, and **Samuel Mosley Rankin** of Faunsdale, adopted grandson of Larry D. Mosley '58 (Samuel was born in Seoul, South Korea).

Also, the fall 2007 legacy listing contained one oversight. **Whitney Brown** of Nashville, Tenn., is the son of Michael M. Brown '91. We apologize for the error.



Don't Forget ...

**BSC Alumni Reunion 2008
is moving to Football Homecoming!**

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LIVIN' FOR THE WEEKEND

Have you heard? Since Birmingham-Southern will have the excitement of football games on campus this year, we've combined Homecoming in the fall with Alumni Reunion Weekend. November 7-8 promises to be the most exciting two-day Alumni Reunion/Homecoming Weekend ever, including:

- Alumni Mini-College on Friday with informative alumni and faculty speakers,
- three student performances of *West Side Story*,
- annual Alumni Awards Luncheon,
- fun family activities,
- tailgate parties before the BSC vs. Sewanee Homecoming football game on campus,
- a special literacy service project,
- great food, and
- a band party after the game.

And that's only the beginning! It promises to be a grand celebration for alumni, students, faculty, staff, and current parents, as well as a showcase of the BSC experience to prospective students and their parents.

Help us spread the word to your classmates. A save-the-date postcard has been mailed to all alumni, but what really creates the excitement is word of mouth among class members. While there will be special reunions celebrated by classes ending in 3's and 8's, this is a party for *all* alumni from *all* classes.

Mark your calendar now!

For more information on hotels or if you have other questions, contact Karen Ellis at 205/226-4909 or kellis@bsc.edu. If you would like to help with your class's celebration or with a group event, contact Lisa Harrison, MPPM '85, at 205/226-4912 or lharriso@bsc.edu.

'Southern alumni enjoy variety of activities

Birmingham-Southern's alumni are having fun—whether at affinity group events in Birmingham or at chapter events throughout the country. This winter, a group of more than 50 young alumni gathered for a Belated New Year's Party, a group of alumni medical professionals held its first meeting, Birmingham alumni treated their valentines to a ballroom dancing

class, and the Memphis alumni chapter convened for the first time in several years.

During spring and summer, the Office of Alumni Affairs will host events in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Greenville and Charleston, S.C.; and Tampa, Fla. In Birmingham, there will be a Clergy Affinity Group dinner and lecture, a Downtown

Birmingham Alumni Business Luncheon, another Medical Group gathering, and a Summer Young Alumni Party. Watch your mailbox for dates and details.

If you would like to host an alumni gathering in your area or for your group, contact Mallie Searcy '07 in the Alumni Affairs Office at 205/226-4908 or msearcy@bsc.edu.



Ring in the new—At Oak Hill Bar & Grill in Homewood Jan. 10, young alumni (from left) Craig Hey, Sarah Frances Boshers '02, Christopher Lydick '03, Roger Ball '03, Katie Clement '03, and Lauren Brewer Nassetta '01 enjoyed an evening of celebration.



Walking in Memphis—On Feb. 7, Memphis alumni gathered at the home of Bailey Leopard '91 and Katy McLeod Leopard '90 for a social and to learn what is going on at the college. Pictured (from left) are Betty Farrington Cook '65, Dianne Branscomb Bowen '61, Michelle Bowen '94, and Emily Kyzer '00.



Belated New Year's Party—Celebrating 2008 a little late were young alumni (from left) David Cole '02, Lindsey Horton '07, Rob Sway '01, and James Hale '00.



Dancing the night away—Several couples celebrated Valentine's Day with ballroom dancing lessons on campus in the Striplin Center. Shown here kicking up their heels are (from left) Drew Isom '03 and Lisha Li, Dennis Blass MPPM '91 and Vicke Blass, Eric Woodard '88 and Kara Ozeki Woodard, and father-daughter pair Dean Farris '90 and Deana Farris '07.

The Alumni Office is on the move!

Birmingham-Southern's Alumni Affairs Office is hosting more events than ever, and they may be coming to your area this spring and summer. Here are some tentative dates and locations:

- April 8 Chattanooga Lookouts Game, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- April 10 Alumni Event, Tuscaloosa.
- April 17 Downtown Alumni Business Luncheon, Birmingham.
- April 27 Mommy & Me Event, Birmingham Botanical Gardens.
- April 29 Alumni Wine Class, Birmingham.
- May 2 Dunedin Blue Jays Game, Knology Park, Dunedin, Fla.
- May 17 Senior Capping Ceremony, Birmingham-Southern College.
- June 12 Medical Affinity Group Event, Birmingham.
- June 23 Alumni Event, Greenville, S.C.
- June 24 Alumni Event, Charleston, S.C.
- July 10 Young Alumni Party, Birmingham.

And, that's not all. We're adding events to the calendar daily. If you would like for the Alumni Association to host an event in your area, contact Mallie Searcy '07, assistant director of alumni affairs, at 205/226-4908 or msearcy@bsc.edu.

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Eddie Garfinkle is new gridiron coach at BSC



Eddie Garfinkle addresses the media at a Feb. 21 press conference on campus after being announced as BSC's new head football coach.

Eddie Garfinkle has been named the new head football coach at Birmingham-Southern.

Garfinkle, who served as BSC's defensive coordinator in 2007, replaces Joey Jones, who was named the head football coach at the University of

South Alabama. He is the sixth head coach in BSC football history.

Before arriving on the Hilltop, Garfinkle spent five seasons as an assistant coach at Spain Park High School in Hoover, working as defensive and kicking game coordinator, as well as linebackers

coach. The Jaguars made the playoffs in 2003 in only the first year that Spain Park had a senior class.

"After talking to a number of excellent football coaches, and discussing the current state of our young football program, Dr. Pollick [BSC president] and I both felt that it was in the best interest of our football players and staff to promote from within the program," said BSC Athletics Director Joe Dean Jr. "Eddie Garfinkle started helping Joey Jones build our program from day one and has many years of college coaching experience."

Garfinkle coached linebackers at Georgia Southern University from 1992-96 before going into private business from 1997-2001. The Eagles had the No. 1-ranked scoring defense in the Southern Conference in 1993 and 1995—both of those years, the Eagles lost in the NCAA

Division I-AA Quarterfinals to eventual national champions Youngstown State (1993) and Montana (1995).

Garfinkle entered the coaching ranks as an assistant coach at Jacksonville State University, following his three-year career as linebacker for the Gamecocks. He began as a student/graduate assistant coach from 1980-81, and spent 1982-85 as defensive end and defensive line coach. He wrapped up his JSU stint as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach from 1986-91.

A native of Miami, Garfinkle earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from JSU. He is married to the former Jan Johnson of Jacksonville, and they have three children, Katie (20), Elyssa (17), and Jake (14).

After year off, new team takes field for 2008 Panther baseball season

Panther baseball has returned to Striplin Field this year after the 2007 season was cancelled. BSC was granted a one-year exemption by the NCAA to suspend the season after the remaining players transferred to other schools following a decision to reclassify from NCAA Division I to NCAA Division III in May 2006.

For the first time in 17 years, a new coaching staff has taken the field. Jan Weisberg has replaced Brian Shoop, who left to take over at UAB. Weisberg was a player and coach at the University of Kentucky from 1991-2005 before taking over as head coach at Transylvania University in 2006 prior to BSC.

He is assisted by Drew Briese and Tyler Shrout. Briese, who was an assistant coach under Weisberg at Transylvania in 2006, coaches the hitters and catchers. Shrout, who was a pitching instructor at the Champions Academy of the Kentucky Baseball Club in Lexington, Ky., and was a pitcher at Transylvania University, handles the pitching staff.

BSC also put an entirely new team on the field this year. The 30-member squad is young with 24 freshmen, five sophomores, and one senior making up the roster.

"I am very excited about the 2008 team and what lies ahead for BSC baseball," said Weisberg. "This is an athletic and talented group of young men who have a chance to do some very good things on the field. The energy and enthusiasm that this team brings to the field each day is very impressive. They have formed a very strong team identity both on and off the field where they are representing our college in a very positive way in the classroom and the community."

To see the team's schedule for 2008 and a roster of players, visit www.bscsports.net.



The 2008 BSC baseball team

Softball program in full swing with new coaching staff

With a brand new coaching staff, the 2008 Birmingham-Southern softball team has returned to the field for its final season of NCAA Division I and Big South Conference eligibility.

The Panthers return eight starters from last year's squad in seniors Lindsay Creighton, Bethney Reynoldson, and Grace Stokes; juniors Kayla Backlund, Anne Lawrence, Melissa Muehlenfeld, and Brooke Reed; and sophomore Danielle Honore'.

The Panthers opened the season at home against Huntingdon College Feb. 9 and hosted the annual Panther Spring Classic the following weekend. This year's classic featured BSC squaring off against Lipscomb and South Alabama Feb. 16-17.

Other home highlights on the schedule this season are Belmont, Mobile, Samford, and West Alabama, as well as Big South opponents Coastal Carolina and Charleston Southern.

BSC softball takes part in five regular-season tournaments in 2008: the Panther Spring Classic; the Central Florida Tournament in Orlando, Fla.; the Magic City Classic at the Spain Park Complex in Hoover; the Kennesaw State Tournament in Kennesaw, Ga.; and the Mercer Easter Classic in Macon, Ga. In those tournaments, the Panthers face opponents such as Auburn, nationally ranked Michigan, Columbia, Kent State, and Harvard, among others.

This year's Big South Tournament will be held in Rock Hill, S.C., hosted by Winthrop. In this season's preseason poll, Winthrop was picked to finish first, while the Panthers were picked fifth.



Senior pitcher Bethney Reynoldson

Panther men's basketball wraps up first season as DIII member

The beat goes on for Birmingham-Southern basketball. Playing with a roster that included 13 freshmen, three sophomores, and a junior, the Panthers posted a 13-12 overall record in 2007-08.

Besides fielding a brand new team this year, Birmingham-Southern also had a new boss roaming courtside for the first time in 17 seasons. Mitch Cole, who served 11 seasons as the top assistant under Duane Reboul, took over for his first season at the helm and proved to the BSC faithful that the future is indeed bright for the Panthers.

Birmingham-Southern went 7-9 against teams from its new league—

the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. The Panthers collected wins over traditional conference powers Trinity University, Oglethorpe University, and DePauw University.

Freshman Aaron Parr, who was an All-SCAC and Freshman of the Year candidate, averaged a team-high 14 points per game. Sophomore point guard Daniel Hudson, who was also an All-Conference nominee, averaged 10.5 points, 2.2 assists, and 1.5 steals per game. Freshman Phillip Rogers led the team averaging just over four rebounds per game, while Mark Messenger pulled down 3.8 boards per contest.

The Panthers also ranked high in several SCAC team and individual statistical categories. BSC ranked third in field goal percentage (46.4) and three-point field goal percentage (37.6) and fifth in three-pointers made (187).

Parr finished ranked fourth in three-point percentage (41.6), while Hudson ranked fifth with a 41.3 percentage. Hudson converted on 82.1 percent from the free throw line, ranking fourth, and Parr was 10th with 79.3 percent.



Aaron Parr

Women's basketball registers winning season, as records fall



BSC President Dr. David Pollick (far left) and Women's Basketball Coach Brad Hodge helped honor Reba Ross for her scoring achievement at a pregame ceremony prior to the Jan. 11 game against Centre.

The Birmingham-Southern women's basketball team put together an impressive 18-7 record this past season, posting the first winning record since the 2002-03 season.

BSC put together a nine-game winning streak in the middle of the season and also went 7-2 on the Panthers' home court in Bill Battle Coliseum, including a 13-point victory against No. 11 DePauw. The team also won the Maryville College Thanksgiving Classic, defeating McMurry University—a team that would go on to be ranked nationally later in the season—and Maryville. At the Thanksgiving Classic, seniors Reba Ross and Morgan Talbot were named to the All-Tournament Team, with Talbot earning Most Valuable Player honors.

The Panthers also went 11-5

against Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference opponents. Other key wins for the Panthers this season were against Louisiana College, Emory University, Judson College, and Spring Hill College.

Ross set an individual milestone for the program this season when she surpassed the 1,000-point mark in her career against Spring Hill on Dec. 17, becoming only the second player in program history to achieve the feat. Ross led the Panthers in scoring and rebounding for the first 18 games of the season before going down with a season-ending knee injury Jan. 26. She ended her career as the first player for BSC to average over 20 points a game (20.1) and the first to average a double-double (20.1 points, 12.3 rebounds). She also is the career leader in field goal percentage, hitting 54.5 percent of her shots, and broke BSC's single-game rebounding record Jan. 25 with 21 boards against Colorado College.

Another record-setter this season was senior Mallory Moring, who broke her own single-season three-pointer record with 82. She also tied the single-game three-pointer record of eight three-point field goals three separate times in her two-year career on the Hilltop.

Seniors Brittany Allison, Moring, Ross, and Talbot were all honored in the Panthers' final game of the season against Rhodes Feb. 23. Since BSC still is considered a transitional member of the SCAC, it is not eligible for post-season play.



Mallory Moring again broke the three-pointer season record this year.

BSC 2008

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 30	at Campbell University	Buies Creek, N.C.	Noon
Sept. 6	LaGrange	BSC Athletics Complex	Noon
Sept. 20	at Rhodes College *	Memphis, Tenn.	TBA
Oct. 4	Trinity University *	BSC Athletics Complex	Noon
Oct. 11	at DePauw *	Greencastle, Ind.	1 p.m.
Oct. 18	Austin College *	BSC Athletics Complex	Noon
Oct. 25	at Centre College *	Danville, Ky.	TBA
Nov. 1	at Colorado College *	Colorado Springs, Colo.	TBA
Nov. 8	Sewanee * (Homecoming)	BSC Athletics Complex	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	Millsaps *	BSC Athletics Complex	TBA

*SCAC game



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 "sizable 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.

ClassNotes

'48

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

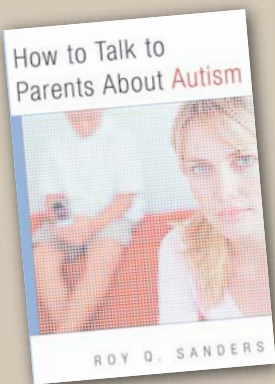
Kappa graduate of Birmingham-Southern.

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



Cole is pursuing his second master's degree, this one in

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.

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 Maren 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.

'00

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.



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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.

A *destiny delivered* through a lifetime of service

BY FATHER DAVID LOWELL '71

It's a pleasure to be back at Birmingham-Southern, where I was a student from 1967 to 1971.

Like so many students when they are starting out, I was not sure what I would end up doing or how I would make my living. But I did have a sense that a liberal arts degree is a great foundation for life, so I picked a major that was interesting to me personally—Religion and Philosophy—with no plan in mind as to what I would do with the degree. I just knew I wanted to serve God by helping others.

As it turns out, I have spent the last 23 years living in a homeless shelter which my wife and I run, and where we have raised our own two children alongside hundreds of other children every year. It has been a great deal of fun seeing very young children grow into creative and thriving adults.

Oddly enough, my rapid assumption of responsibilities after leaving Birmingham-Southern meant that I never received any higher degrees, even when ordained into the priesthood in the Eastern Orthodox Church, because I was constantly "in harness," so to speak. Nevertheless, in my private time, I have always kept myself active and closely linked to scholarly circles such as the Society of Biblical Literature where I frequently run into the very influential Roy Wells, my Old Testament Professor from right here at Birmingham-Southern.

What my degree from Birmingham-Southern gave me was a foundation for an intellectual life that I have been building on ever since. I cannot emphasize enough how important this has been in my life. Here on this campus, I developed a love for learning and the capacity to *compete* with others intellectually, and to learn from them.

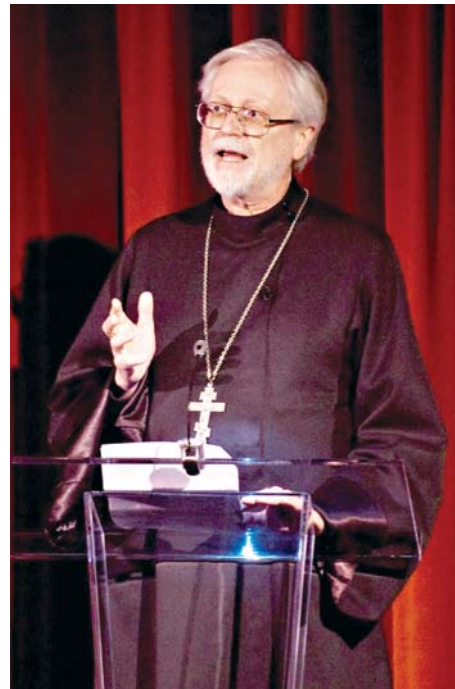
The liberal arts foundation I received at Birmingham-Southern

College gave me the confidence I needed to talk to anyone in the world on any subject. A great education doesn't give you all the answers. It shows you how to find them.

It's misleading to talk about any institution *giving* an education, because so much of what we carry away with us is the time, work, and study that we put in ourselves. It is more accurate to use the old fashioned concept of *earning* a degree, because that is closer to the heart of the matter. But looking back I also have to say that the context in which we *earn* our education *affects* us forever. We gain confidence in how we speak when we are in the presence of other students and faculty who have the highest strivings and standards. This is why I came to Birmingham-Southern in the first place. It had the reputation of being one of the best schools in the South for combining academic excellence with intimacy and warmth.

I loved the discipline of steady reading that I developed at Birmingham-Southern. I missed the intellectual disciplines and deadlines after I graduated, and I spent the next 25 years trying to get back to the same pace of reading and study as I had while I was at BSC, and that in itself is a testament to the impact of the education I received here. It became a discipline of learning which I internalized and carried forward into my life, which is exactly what a good education is supposed to do.

For the past 22—now well into 23—years, I have been running San Francisco's oldest shelter for homeless families. It is very concrete, time-consuming, and real. What makes it possible to live this kind of life is a healthy faith in God complemented by a strong intellectual life, a good sense of humor and irony, and a love of



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people. My young adulthood was formed in precisely that kind of milieu at Birmingham-Southern, and I am doing the best I can to live that way today. I want to thank all of you for your support of the education we are continuing to grow here at Birmingham-Southern.

Editor's Note: *Father David Lowell is an unsung hero. He is one of the thousands of Birmingham-Southern alumni who are making a difference in the world—who are making the world a better place for all people. For the past 23 years, Father David, a 1971 BSC graduate, has been executive director of Raphael House, San Francisco's oldest homeless shelter for families. He also is a priest in the Orthodox Church in America. The above are remarks he prepared for the March 1 Destiny: Delivered campaign launch event on campus, and it is appropriate that we share them with you in this special campaign issue of 'Southern magazine.*



World changers—

Six Birmingham-Southern alumni—often unsung heroes who are making a profound difference in the world—shared their career and life experiences at the March 1 *Destiny: Delivered* campaign launch event on campus. Those BSC heroes are (from left) Ansley Collins '01, trajectory operations and planning officer in NASA's Mission Control; Jim Newman '86, Broadway actor currently appearing in *Curtains*; Father David Lowell '71, executive director of the Raphael House, San Francisco's oldest homeless shelter for families; Patricia Kendrick Simpson '80, principal of Edgewood Elementary School in Homewood, Ala.; Bishop Bob Morgan '56, BSC bishop-in-residence and former president of the worldwide Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church; and Dr. Donald Harrison '54, senior vice president and provost emeritus for health affairs for the University of Cincinnati Medical Center and past president of the American Heart Association.

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