

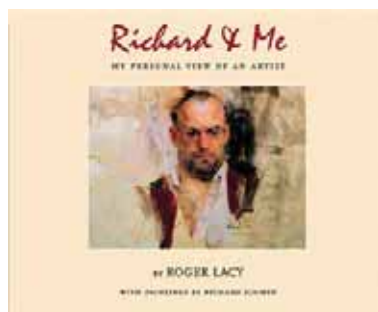


Franklin foursome—Over in Middle Tennessee, four other former Hilltoppers enjoy the fun of getting together with college friends. (From left) **Dr. William Randolph '60**, **Harold Pickel '60**, **John Westenberger '62**, and **Jack Phillips '60**, all Nashville-area grads, are shown getting together for a memorable lunch at a Franklin, Tenn., restaurant.

a tremendous opportunity, she says, to build a program from the ground up. After school, she performs around town with “Ladies’ Night Out,” a five-woman vocal group offering jazz and light pop, often accompanied by pianist **Dr. Ray Reach '75**. Her husband, sculptor **Branko Medenica '72**, and their two yellow tabbies Butter and Scotch, still are enjoying living up the hill from the Birmingham Zoo.

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Dr. Lawrence Roger Lacy is author of *Richard and Me*, related to the work of artist Richard Schmid and available on the Internet through Stove Prairie Press. Lacy also writes stories, essays, and novels that he plans to submit for publication when his life settles from the transition of beginning a part-time practice in psychiatry.



Betty J. Terry of Birmingham, a 2002 graduate of Culinary, the Culinary Institute of Virginia College, now is a foods editor at *Taste of the South* magazine, where she will be responsible for developing and testing recipes and writing articles. She formerly was employed for 19 years at Regions Financial Corp.

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Steve Reich of Birmingham now is a consultant with The Prism Group, a career and talent management firm.

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In a Feb. 18, 2005, article in *The Tuscaloosa News*, it was reported that Alabama Medicaid Commissioner **Carol Herrmann** of Birmingham had announced the settlement of a long-standing dispute between the state and federal governments over the funding methodology of Medicaid in the state. Medicaid provides medical care for about one million poor residents in Alabama. Under terms of the new agreement between state and federal governments, Herrmann says needed services will continue without increased costs to the state.

The cover of the fall 2004 issue of the *Alabama Medical Alumni Bulletin*, featuring a **Don Stewart** composite drawing, received the Grand Award for Illustration in the most recent CASE (Council for Advancement and Support

of Education) District III competitions. Stewart, who maintains a studio in Homewood, also partnered recently with the Alabama Educational Theatre Association to publish a poster entitled “Stagecoach,” featuring another elaborate composite, this one made up of more than 80 stage-related items and theatrical visual puns. Stewart’s work was profiled last fall on the National Public Radio arts program *Studio 360*, produced by WNYC.

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Clinton K. Ball of Rainbow City, former staff accountant with Robert Half International, writes that he has retired to the country to fish and watch wildlife.

Jeffrey A. Chapman recently joined Oak Ridge (Tenn.) Associated Universities as a senior health physicist in the radiological safety, assessments and training group. He holds a master’s degree in nuclear engineering from Texas A&M and has done doctoral studies in nuclear engineering at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Alexander Gelman of Sycamore, Ill., professor and director of the school of theatre and dance at Northern Illinois University, recently directed a production of Aristophanes’ *The Birds* which toured to Russia and was performed at the Moscow Art Theatre.

Dr. Michael Shoemaker of New Market, Md., was awarded the highest honor of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA Gold Medal, in April 2004, for “extraordinary contributions to the safe and effective inactivation of anthrax spores contaminating the U.S. Postal Service Brentwood Processing and Distribution Center.” He and co-investigator Dr. Thomas B. Elliott were the only Department of Defense employees so honored in 2004. Shoemaker is an investigator at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute. His wife is former classmate **Vivian K. Mayes Shoemaker**.

Christopher H. Vance of Clarkston, Mich., was named vice president for business development and M&A at BorgWarner Inc. He previously served the company as vice president of finance.