After his graduation from BSC, biology major Dr. Don Stewart earned an M.D. from UAB in 1985. Following that, he won an internship at the Mayo Clinic. By the completion of his year’s work there, however, he knew that a career as a surgeon was not for him and instead turned his eye for detail to a career in art.

Last summer, Stewart opened DS Art Gallery on Crescent Avenue in Homewood. There, in an airy studio/gallery space, he and his wife, artist Sue Ellen Brown (who drew the portrait of Stewart shown here), both display their work.

When Stewart is not producing corporate design and communication work, he creates the dozens of inventive prints that line the gallery walls. Each design, filled with elaborate visual puns, invites lengthy inspection.

The VW bug shown below, for example, illustrates the complete life cycle of the monarch butterfly, along with numerous other clever allusions to the insect world. There is a motorcycle made up of “fast food” (pizza, pretzels, waffles, and the like) and a saxophone with “scales” from the animal world, not the concert hall (that one, he says, owes a great deal to the influence of Professor Emeritus Dr. Dan Holliman.)

A stop by his gallery these days will allow you an in-progress look at his fascinating latest project, The Periodic Table of Elephants (not elements), a rollicking redrawing he hopes will end up “on the dorm wall of every chemistry student in America.”

Hilltop Singers branching out—Talent is always blooming at BSC, but, even here, amazing voices don’t grow on trees—unless it’s in this shot of the Hilltop Singers on a sunny afternoon in 1976. Pictured are (front row, seated): David Warlick ’77 and Valerie Robinson ’78; (front row, standing): Don Pritchett (readmitted and currently enrolled), Les Regan ’78, Ginger Goodall ’79, Ken Watson ’80, Jim Huling ’77, Nancy Cooley Edwards ’77, Ted Clark Jr. ’78, and Eric Gray ’79; (in tree): Rebecca Fleming Ritchie ’77, Michael Horton ’79, Darla Brooks Mosteller ’79, and Jane Templeton Stump ’79.

Rena Ramsey, senior vice president of human resources at AmSouth Bank, was named to the Birmingham Business Journal’s July 2002 list of the “Top 40 Under 40” in the area business community.

Hideo Suzuki, associate pastor at Japan World Mission Okinawa Church, recently sent holiday greetings from his church’s Christmas celebration.

John T. “J.T.” Dabbs III of Portland, Maine, who also holds a 1999 MPPM from Birmingham-Southern, became executive director of the Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America on May 1, 2002.

Dr. Larkin J. Daniels, after a decade of postgraduate training at Duke Medical School, has returned to Mobile to practice with Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgical Associates PC. He specializes in cardiac surgery and thoracic oncology. His wife, Kim; a 4-year-old daughter, Allison; and a new son, John, born Oct. 17, 2002, join him.

A son, Matthew Garrett, was born Sept. 1, 2002, to Jack Steven Keck and his wife, Angela, of Clearwater, Fla. He joins older sister Mary Grace, 4.

Helen Krontiras and Toren James Anderson were married Jan. 4, 2003, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Birmingham.

Kacy O’Brien Lake was recently named a shareholder at Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa, Fla.

Dr. James “Jay” C. White II of Memphis, chairperson of the Physics Department at Rhodes College, has been named the school’s first J. Lester Crain Jr. Professor of Physics.