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Forward, Ever

BSC moving ahead after arduous summer



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Forward, Ever ...

Be our watchword.

Allow me to steal a line from the college's alma mater. Forward, Ever It truly is our watchword of late. If Birmingham-Southern ever needed to embrace those two words more, then it is at this very moment in its history.

You no doubt have heard or read by now about the long, difficult summer on the Hilltop. It *was* the longest summer of *my* life—and in the lives of countless others who love this place. It was an arduous summer that seems so distant today, yet we all still feel the sting of its reality.

*On the city's western border
Reared against the sky,
Proudly stands our alma mater
As the years go by.*

Birmingham-Southern is a unique place. No, make that a special place. We all know that, but we also have different opinions on what makes it special. Some say it's the world-changing alumni. Others say it's the magic that has historically occurred in the classrooms, and between faculty and student. Or it's simply our location on this tiny hill in western Birmingham. It's something that we know exists, but we can't quite put our finger on it. Those at the college now, and those who came before us, have long struggled with just what *it* is. As our interim president, Dr. Mark Schantz (you will read more about him in this issue), has often noted, the genius of this place is the connectivity of all that occurs within and across its classrooms and hallowed halls.

*"Forward ever!" Be our watchword;
Conquer and prevail,
Hail to thee our alma mater
BSC, all hail!*

But it's something BSC Board of Trustees Chairman Dowd Ritter wrote recently that keeps returning to my thoughts. In his Nov. 4 communication to the college community addressing the financial situation, he wrote, "Our history tells us that Birmingham-Southern is an institution of remarkable resilience and resolve.

*Cherished by us all forever,
Alma mater strong,
Hold our faithful hearts and minds
As we sing this song.*

Resilience [the ability to recover from misfortune] and *resolve* [to deal with successfully, to find an answer]. Those two words return to me time and again when I ponder the journey we have been on since this summer. Many colleges would not have survived the turmoil that was experienced on the Hilltop over the past few months—much less survived *and* begun to move forward with such, well, resilience and resolve.

*"Forward ever!" Be our watchword;
Conquer and prevail.
Hail to thee our alma mater,
BSC, all hail!*

I know because I see *it* in our students this fall. They, too, have resilience and resolve. I hear it in their voices, their laughter. I recognize it in their smiles. Even after such an arduous summer as one college could ever endure, Birmingham-Southern students are here, they are engaged, they are happy. Simply put, as one said to me recently, "We love this place." Whatever *it* is—whether it's resilience and resolve, or whether *it* is something else—this place has *it*, and that is why we already are moving, Forward, Ever. Again.

Thank you for your support and for being a part of *it*. And stay tuned.

Forward, Ever

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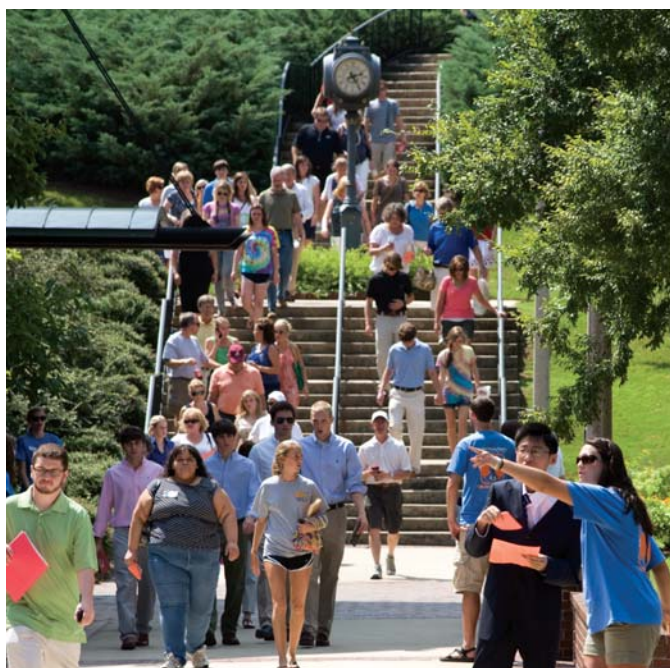
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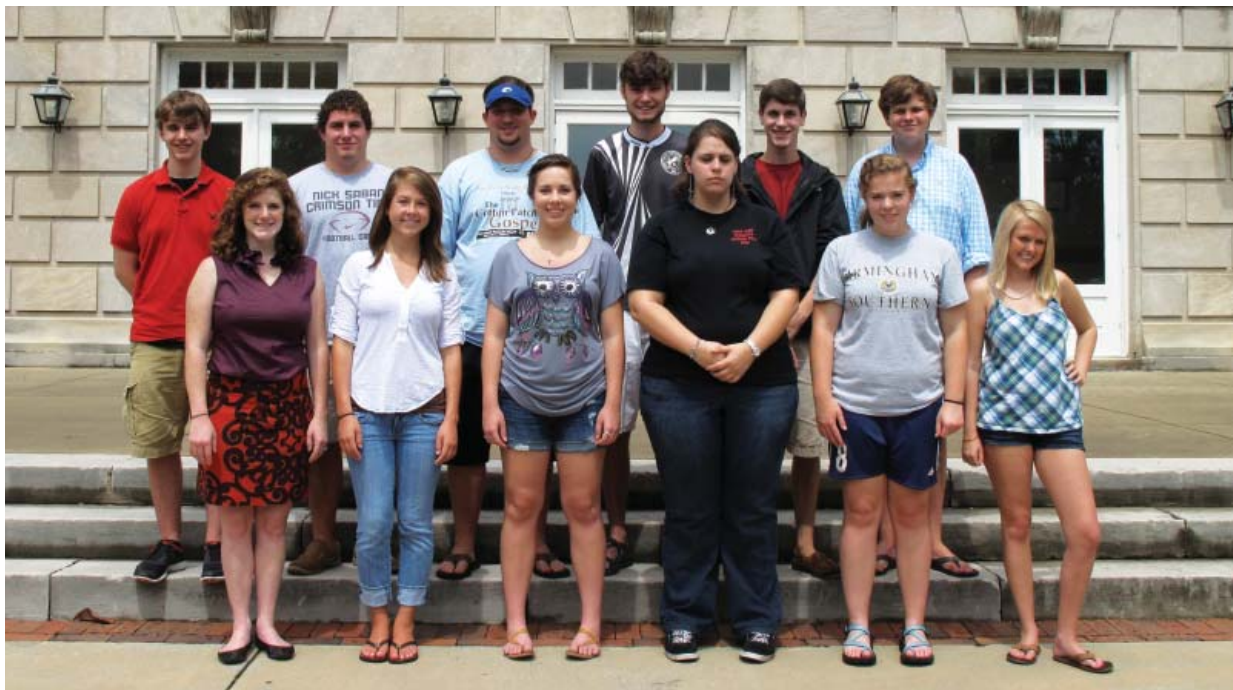
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Members of the Birmingham-Southern student organization Students Offering Support line the path to the Edwards Bell Tower as they help the BSC Class of 2014 get acclimated to campus on Move-In Day in late August. Despite the much-publicized financial situation that unfolded on campus over the summer, the college welcomed a record 1,510 students to campus for the fall academic term. Read more about the new class, and the financial situation, on the pages that follow.



Birmingham-Southern opens academic year with largest traditional undergraduate student body ever



New legacies—To enhance the recruitment of the children, step-children, and grandchildren of alumni, the offices of Alumni Affairs and Admission cooperatively established the Alumni Legacy Scholarship in 2009. Generous gifts from a host of alumni supporters allowed the college to set up an endowed fund to support this initiative. A \$500 scholarship was awarded to each new student falling into the category of “legacy.” This year, 24 new freshmen proudly hold an Alumni Legacy Scholarship. The legacy students include (front row, from left): Emily Stallworth of Monroeville, daughter of David K. Stallworth Jr. ‘81; Morgan Pullen of Huntsville, daughter of Dr. Mark E. Pullen ‘86 and Sherry Ann Green Pullen ‘90; Lauren Delashaw of Hoover, daughter of Leigh Anchors Delashaw ‘79; Caroline Wilder of Evans, Ga., daughter of Rolston M. Wilder Jr. ‘70; Alex Faust, great-granddaughter of William Dean Faust ‘37; and Becca Lovell of Franklin, Tenn., granddaughter of Roy B. Howard ‘51. (Back row, from left): Austin Chandler Fann of Cahaba Heights, son of Deborah Green Fann ‘92; Joseph Ronderos of Springville, son of Dr. Joseph V. Ronderos ‘84 and Katherine Leos Ronderos ‘85; Reese Thompson of Inverness, son of Rev. Keith D. Thompson ‘83 (BSC trustee); Steven Dudley of Oak Mountain, grandson of C. Ray Dudley Jr. ‘49; Andrew O’Neal of Mountain Brook, son of Anne Bryant O’Neal ‘82; and William Graves of Mountain Brook, son of W. Terrell Graves Jr. ‘84 and Kathleen Holifield Graves ‘85.

A strong new first-year class arrived on campus this fall for the 2010-11 academic year, which kicked off Sept. 1. The 368 freshmen and 29 transfers joined the current students to bring total enrollment figures to 1,510—the largest traditional undergraduate enrollment in Birmingham-Southern’s history.

“With this freshman class comes one of the highest academic profiles to campus,” said Dean of Enrollment Management Sheri Scholl Salmon ‘85. “They are engaging intellectually and socially, and the first few months have been

exciting ones for our new students as well as our returning students.”

The new first-year class not only brings a rich tradition of academic excellence, talent, and diversity to the campus, but also a large number of students who are community-minded.

Salmon said the new students “bring a sense of service to BSC as many of them have provided service locally, nationally, and internationally. They are continuing that service as they strive to make this world better than they found it.”

The first-year class has an average

core grade-point average of 3.5 and average ACT score of 26.5. The class is 53 percent male and 47 percent female.

Also, the first-year student body represents 24 states and nine countries, comprising the largest international class of degree-seeking freshmen to arrive at BSC. The students come from all sorts of demographic backgrounds and represent seven different cultural and ethnic groups.

No longer considered guests to the college, the members of the Class of 2014 are pretty exuberant



BSC orientation leader Coty Lovelady, a sophomore religion/photography major from Montevallo, entertains and assists new students during Move-In Day in August.

about joining the Birmingham-Southern community and have made themselves right at home. Raul Gonzalez, a first-year student from Oneonta, says he's met a lot of people through his classes and extracurricular activities.

"This campus is great," he remarked. "I feel very welcome here, and everyone has been nice and willing to lend a hand."

Students are attending classes with a 13-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio. The curriculum offered this year includes the addition of a new interdisciplinary major in Media and Film Studies. The new academic program is designed to expose students to all aspects of the media—from traditional print and broadcast to film to art to digital systems to new media and more.

So far, 1,268 students are living on campus. BSC's newly constructed residence halls overlooking the college's Urban Environmental

Park, Lakeview South and Lakeview North, opened in September.

The new residence halls are remarkable," commented BSC Residence Life Director Jonathan Lucia, "and students are ecstatic."

"Move-in Day" for new students was celebrated Aug. 28. The students spent the morning moving into their residence halls with the help of their families and returning BSC students, and attended an Opening of School Convocation with their parents that afternoon.

The annual four-day Orientation was filled with new and traditional activities for freshman and transfer students. One unique and exciting part of this year's entertainment was a surprise Flash Mob dance in the cafeteria to get students excited about the start of a new school year. The Flash Mob video can be seen on the BSC YouTube page at www.youtube.com/BirminghamSouthern.

Lexington native wins BSC's top scholarship



Bain

Taylor Bain grew up on a thoroughbred horse farm in Kentucky, is an avid juggler, has a passion for Russian literature and Japanese culture, and plays the saxophone and bagpipes. The gifted high school senior also was selected as

Birmingham-Southern's latest Rushton Scholar.

The Rushton Scholarship honors Col. William James Rushton, a Birmingham life insurance executive, and his wife, Elizabeth Perry Rushton. It is the top scholarship awarded by the college to the most outstanding freshman for each entering class, and it is one of the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships available at any college or university in the U.S.

Bain competed against 150 students from dozens of high schools. He will receive full tuition and room and board each year, plus a \$2,000 annual stipend to be used for summer travel, internships, study-abroad programs, and special projects.

A graduate of Sayre High School in Lexington, his academic honors included receiving the Kevin S. Simon History Award and the Kentucky Book Award for creative writing, serving as captain of the Academic Team, and graduating with an unweighted grade-point average of 3.9. Bain also was active on the men's lacrosse team as a goalie, and was a member of the Juggling Club he helped found at his school. He was crowned Homecoming King his senior year.

"I've always liked challenging myself and striving to be the best I can be," remarked Bain. "And I've always wanted to attend college in the South. I realize how fortunate I am to have received such an amazing opportunity."

Bain is considering majoring in history at Birmingham-Southern.



BSC unveils first 'eco-friendly' residence halls

The lawns aren't the only green spaces on the Birmingham-Southern campus this fall. The college now has two new modern showpieces of student housing sustainability.

BSC's Lakeview North and Lakeview South residence halls opened in fall 2010 for 160 students, six resident advisors, and one hall director. Given their many attractive features and commanding views of the Urban Environmental Park, the new buildings feel upscale, according to their student residents.

"It's like living in a fine hotel," said Ben Odendahl, a senior and resident advisor for Lakeview North, who led tours of the new building Oct. 5. "Everything is nice, and the rooms are large and bright and clean. It's a great place to live and study."

Each of the four-story buildings has its own study areas, a common area with a large kitchen, and laundry rooms. And each suite consists of a common area with bay window and bay seat where students can socialize, four or five bedrooms, two private baths, and a kitchenette with a full-size refrigerator, microwave, and sink. Also, there's wireless Internet throughout and Cable TV, as well as additional accents like hardwood and tile floors.

BSC's new residence halls serve as a proud display of the future of campus housing, which is steadily increasing in quality and greenness as colleges and universities strive to "keep up with the Joneses." The buildings were designed to be a candidate for the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver or gold-level certification, the highest standard for ecological building.

Their many sustainable features include Energy Star appliances,

recycled carpet used throughout, dual flush toilets and low flow shower heads, extra insulation in walls and windows, and variable refrigerant volume air conditioning and heating. In addition, a 15,000 gallon rainwater tank buried between the residence halls is expected to save 300,000 gallons of water each year, and the buildings are oriented on the site to avoid exposure to the setting Western sun for maximum energy efficiency.

The design of the new residence halls incorporated input from student resident assistants at Birmingham-Southern who put their own creative ideas to work on what would improve campus living. The architects and BSC Vice President for Administration Lane Estes then took that information and decided what was and wasn't feasible.

The two residence halls are the first to be constructed since 2003 when Fraternity Row was built on the front end of campus. Lakeview North houses the men, and the women reside in Lakeview South.

"Sustainability is not just a concept," said Jonathan Lucia, director of residence life. "Sustainability is a commitment that will benefit all of us, and I am excited that the college was able to demonstrate this commitment through building state-of-the-art residential facilities. Our students are on the forefront of this commitment, and it has given them a real lesson in what it means to live in a more sustainable manner."

The general contractor for the building project was Golden & Associates. Derck & Edson Associates and ArchitectureWorks served as the architects.

Newest Southern Diversity Delegate aims for unity



McCune

Sarah McCune hopes to lay out a challenge to the Birmingham-Southern community to strive for a stronger respect and appreciation of other people's beliefs and backgrounds and to embrace diversity and multiculturalism as

an embodiment of the core values of a liberal arts institution.

McCune, a junior English major from Bozeman, Mont., was selected by a campus panel of judges this past spring to serve as the head student spokesperson to promote cross-cultural understanding and inclusion within the BSC community.

Earning the Southern Diversity Delegate title gives McCune the opportunity to sponsor cultural programs and to develop a multicultural platform for the year. In explaining the platform she chose, "Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover: the Importance of Diversity in Higher Education," McCune says she hopes to engage not only students, faculty, and staff, but also BSC alumni.

"Misconceptions about others are the root of a lack of multicultural participation," she expressed. "One of my most valuable educational lessons at BSC was sitting in on a Black Student Union meeting on campus and listening to how my peers view Tyler Perry's interpretation of African-American culture."

McCune also is serving as chair of the Multicultural Advisory Committee that consists of representatives from seven multicultural organizations across the campus, coordinates the "Free Food for Thought" monthly discussion series, and will assist with Diversity Week activities in the spring.

Her hefty list of additional campus activities and programs includes the President's Service Team, Leadership Studies Program, Hess Fellows Program, Women in Leadership Development (WILD), and the Underground Poets Society.

BSC announces student winners of inaugural Stump Entrepreneurial Challenge

Birmingham-Southern announced in April the student winners of the first-ever Stump Entrepreneurial Challenge, a creative plan competition open to all BSC students beyond the sophomore year.



First place winners in the Stump Challenge were John McGinnis (on left) and MacKenzie Smith. Second place winner was Kathleen Smith.

First place winners were John McGinnis, a junior undeclared major from Grayson Valley, and MacKenzie Smith, a senior theatre arts major from Auburn. Second place winner was Kathleen Smith, a senior interdisciplinary philosophy/political science/economics major from Hixson, Tenn.

The first place entry, receiving a \$7,500 prize and created by McGinnis and MacKenzie Smith, was "Acts of Love," which would employ the dramatic arts to serve disadvantaged members of the community. Using theatre to support educational, medical and social services, "Acts of Love" would offer organization and direction to dramatic artists through engaged community action.

The second place entry, receiving a \$2,500 prize and created by Kathleen Smith, was the "GEM Initiative," which is a student-developed microfinance organization operating with the BSC Bunting Center for Engaged Study and Community Action and Impact Alabama. Money raised and loaned through this project would support, and in some cases ignite, the personal initiative and entrepreneurial spirit of the poor in our community.

Grounded in a commitment from Kevin and Jane Templeton Stump, both graduates of BSC, with support from an existing endowed fund created by Joseph S. Bruno to inspire resilience and creativity in the free enterprise system, the Entrepreneurial Challenge invited students to participate in a competition in which they advance a coherent plan for a new, creative project—whether in business, non-profit work, service, science, the arts, or any other form of endeavor linked to the liberal arts mission of the college.

Kevin Stump is founder, chair, and CEO of Interconn Resources Inc. and a BSC trustee.

Summer experiences give 2010 Hess Fellows a taste of public service and advocacy



Hess Fellow Wes George (on right), who interned with the A+ Educational Partnership, is shown with Sally Price (on left), director of the Jefferson County Schools Foundation, and Sallie Owen Gowan, communications director of A+. The photo was taken at a press conference at UAB with Impact Alabama and A+ College Ready.

For **Ben Tracy**, it was a rare chance to work with farmers overseas in an apprenticeship initiative that helps adolescents become financially independent and knowledgeable of sustainable agricultural practices. During his internship in Uganda, Africa, Tracy focused on designing and implementing a youth program with the Foundation for Sustainable Development.

Claire Burns' internship took her to Montgomery, where she helped the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation and the American Board of Trial Advocates promote and identify attorney volunteers in Alabama for the "Justice by the People" program, a special curriculum designed to help students learn more about the U.S. Constitution and justice system.

And **Sumeet Singh** found himself in the office of the National Alliance to End Homelessness in Washington, D.C., where he helped plan Capitol Hill Day, an annual advocacy event bent on ending homelessness in the U.S.

Tracy is a senior urban environmental studies major, Burns

is a junior English major, and Singh is a junior political science major. In all, 13 students were the beneficiaries of the college's Hess Fellows program this year, which is designed to pair Birmingham-Southern students with leading advocacy organizations, both nationally and internationally, for hands-on experience.

In addition to providing work in the field, the program includes pre-internship seminars, online debate during the summer, and a campus-wide advocacy project during the academic year. The fellows were each given a stipend for their travel, lodging, and meals.

Jeanne Jackson, director of the Hess Fellows Program who also directs the leadership and environmental studies program at BSC, said Hess Fellows are exposed to a world beyond direct community service of distributing food or tutoring a child.

"They witness the world of politics, economics, and public opinion," she stated. "Students learn why it is so difficult to end the social inequalities of poverty.

"What is different about the program is that national and international agencies involved in advocacy work to end homelessness, hunger, and environmental degradation must apply to BSC for a summer intern. It is a significant commitment by the agency, so clearly they have determined that our students are worth the effort."

Here are the other 10 Hess Fellows and their unique service projects:

Jacob Arijanto, a junior political science major, served with the Alabama Poverty Project in Birmingham. He set out to improve first-generation college access in Alabama by contacting financial aid offices across the state and working on a mentorship program for high school students.

Spence Dabbs worked with VOICES for Alabama's Children in Montgomery and developed a report to help policymakers analyze statistics on 12 risk factors for children, such as low birth rate and school dropout rate. Dabbs' project will enable local officials to establish realistic goals for improving child well-being in their communities. He is a senior economics major.

Wes George, a senior history major, served with the A+ Educational Partnership in Montgomery to develop a new guide to help policymakers analyze complex data on school performance with the goal of enabling them to implement better policies.

Allison Herren, a senior history major from Nashville, Tenn., worked with the Young Women's Christian Association of Central Alabama, where she researched affordable housing options and compiled housing data to improve low-income housing.

Virginia Ann Jordan served with Bread for the World in Washington,



D.C., where she assisted in planning Lobby Day, an event in which advocates from across the country came to D.C. to end global hunger with members of Congress. She is a junior political science major.

Alex Masterson, a senior history major, helped Operation New Birmingham find ways to promote environmental sustainability in the local City Center.

Mary Catherine McAnnally served with the National Council of Churches Poverty Initiative in Washington, D.C. A senior English major, she worked with the Fighting Poverty with Faith project, a nationwide initiative that aims to cut poverty in half by 2020.

Sarah McCune, a junior English major, interned with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in New York City and assisted with coordinating its launch of the International Year of Youth.

Megan Snider served with the General Board for Church and Society of the Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. A junior history major, she worked with the organization's Communications Department and wrote pieces that were featured in the weekly newsletter *Faith in Action*.

Kait Talley researched the global effects of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual violence for the Vital Voices Global Partnership in Washington, D.C. She is a junior English major.

Burns, Herren, Masterson, Snider, and Tracy are also Harrison Scholars at BSC.

Five Hess Fellows served at leading advocacy organizations in our nation's capital. Pictured (from left) are Sumeet Singh; Megan Snider; Mary Catherine McAnnally; Gary Crosby '09, who was a White House Intern this summer (see Class Notes); Virginia Ann Jordan; Kait Talley; and James Randolph '10, who is an AmeriCorps VISTA working for one year as the Hess Fellows program coordinator.

Students elect new SGA officers



The new SGA officers for 2010-11 (from left): Reed Kramer, Camille Cannada, Lee Hopf, Ben Odendahl, and Avani Patel.

Birmingham-Southern students have spoken, electing new Student Government Association officers for the 2010-11 academic year.

Lee Hopf of Warner Robins, Ga., is serving as president. He is a senior majoring in English who served as SGA second vice president last year. Hopf is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and offensive lineman for the Panther football team.

"The BSC SGA is seeking to increase our transparency to the student body this year," said Hopf. "We look forward to utilizing our new website, www.bscsga.com, as well as our new Facebook page in an effort to communicate all of our services and opportunities to the student body and to the entire BSC community."

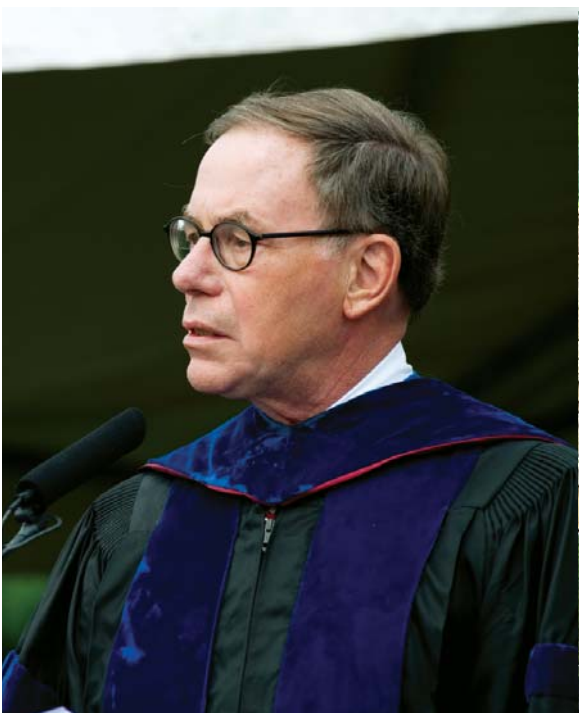
Camille Cannada of Jackson, Miss., is serving as executive vice president. She is a junior and Harrison Scholar majoring in environmental studies.

Ben Odendahl of Hampton Cove is serving as vice president for programming. He is a senior political science major.

Avani Patel of Vestavia Hills is serving as treasurer. She is a senior accounting major.

Reed Kramer of Knoxville, Tenn., is serving as secretary. He is a senior art studio major.

The BSC student body also voted to fill 18 student representative seats for the SGA. Freshmen were elected and added earlier this fall.



LaMonte delivering the keynote address during Commencement.

Congratulations, Class of 2010!

—Blue skies and plenty of sunshine met Birmingham-Southern graduates and some 3,000 guests gathered at the college's Commencement ceremony Saturday, May 15, at the intramural fields. Keynote speaker Dr. Edward LaMonte, who retired as Howell Heflin Professor of Political Science at BSC in May 2009, offered his best advice to the graduating class for their journey ahead. The message he imparted was simple: "First, search for ways to say 'thank you;' second, make an appointment with yourself, and be utterly candid with yourself about yourself; third, have faith, and take your faith very seriously; fourth, seek out and listen carefully to people who 'speak in another voice' as you confront vexing questions; and finally, serve others in some manner as you make your way through life." Four master's candidates and 227 bachelor's candidates received their degrees during the college's first graduation ceremony on campus in 22 years. To see videos and photos from Commencement 2010, visit www.bsc.edu/spotlights/commencement/index.cfm.



BSC's 2010 graduation was held outside near the New Urban Environmental Park.

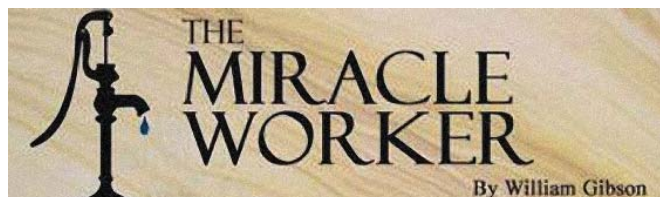




Bringing their “A” game—Saturday afternoon football at Panther Stadium will never be the same since the college’s new Panther Pride Marching Band hit the field for its inaugural season. After practicing hard during 10 days of band camp in August, the 48 student musicians and color guard members had their first performance of the year perfected just in time for the Sept. 4 home football game against LaGrange College. The band members—half of which are freshmen—got the crowd fired up with tunes from Earth, Wind & Fire as well as the school’s alma mater and fight songs. New BSC Band Director J. Lynn Thompson says he is pleased with their look and sound. “The students who made a commitment to bring this vision to a reality are some of the most dedicated and talented I have worked with in my 30-plus years as a music educator. The work they put in placed the band in the position to perform the entire halftime show at our historic debut—almost unheard off in the marching band world.”

Events @BSC

The Miracle Worker
Theatrical Production
 Jan. 25-28 at 7:30 p.m.
 College Theatre, Mainstage



The Miracle Worker in January is just one of the many performances, lectures, athletics competitions, and other events on the Birmingham-Southern campus throughout the year. Visit our Events@BSC webpage at www.bsc.edu/events often and come be a part of the life at BSC!

2010 faculty awards and honors

Dr. Susan Hagen, Mary Collett Munger Professor of English and director of the Donald C. Harrison Honors Program, was presented with the annual Outstanding Educator Award during the college's 151st Commencement ceremony in May.

The award is given to an outstanding member of the BSC faculty based upon recommendations by his or her colleagues. It recognizes a faculty member who is characterized by excellence in all aspects of teaching, including scholarship, classroom performance, and student advising. The award includes a \$2,500 cash stipend and an invitation to serve as speaker at the 2011 Commencement.

Hagen joined the BSC faculty in 1976. She served as coordinator of the English faculty from 1983-89, chair of the Division of Humanities from 1994-2000, associate dean at the college from 1998-2004, and currently is a senator of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Hagen holds a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Bill Nicholas, then-James A. Wood Professor of History, was presented with the

2010-11 Exemplary Teaching Award funded by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

The award is presented annually to a BSC professor to recognize excellence in teaching; commitment to values-centered education; and service to students, the institution, the community, or the church.

Nicholas recently retired from 38 years of teaching. He earned his Ph.D. from Tulane University.

Professor of Biology **Dr. Leo Pezzementi** was the recipient of the Richebourg Gaillard McWilliams Faculty Scholarship Award presented during the college's 2010 Honors Day Convocation.

The award, which includes a \$2,500 cash stipend, is named for the late English professor who taught at BSC for more than 40 years. It is given to an outstanding member of the faculty based upon recommendations by his or her colleagues.

Pezzementi, who joined the faculty at BSC in 1985, holds a doctorate from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.



Nicholas



Hagen accepts her award during Commencement.



Pezzementi

MOVING FORWARD, EVER *after an arduous summer*

Much speculation surrounded the well-publicized news of Birmingham-Southern College's financial challenges in recent months. While the college communicated via e-mail on several occasions throughout the difficult months in order to try and be as swift in our delivery as possible while information was constantly changing, we know that e-mail reached only a segment of our BSC family. The fall publication of *'Southern* magazine was purposely delayed until all of the financial information was deemed complete—including the Board of Trustees' approval of a budget and the auditors' report. The electronic communications previously shared can be offered in a more final way and with the assurance that we are now able to move forward.

On the pages that follow, you will find a series of communications from the past couple of months that we hope will help you understand and follow the events that transpired to create the financial crisis, including what has been and is being done by whom—and when—to right the college's financial ship now and to ensure that our future is sound. The first is a statement released on Nov. 4 by Board Chair Dowd Ritter. The second is an opinion piece which appeared in the Sunday, Nov. 7, edition of *The Birmingham News*. The third is information about the resignation of BSC President Dr. David Pollick, the board appointment of Provost Dr. Mark S. Schantz as interim president, and the make-up and progress of the Presidential Search Committee charged with finding a permanent president. Then we share with you a prayer, written and presented by Dr. Bill Morgan, BSC alumnus and trustee, for the October Board of Trustees meeting where the final overview of the financial crisis and plans for next steps were to be shared. And finally, we end with a wonderful interview conducted by BSC Alumni Association President Karen McElroy Carroll with Schantz about himself, his family, and his new role with BSC at this critical time.

We hope these articles will help bring closure to the questions and concerns that fueled speculation and frustration during the summer, will offer solid messages of hope and momentum for the future of the college, and will bring us all to the place of being ready partners in moving Birmingham-Southern College *Forward, Ever*.

A message from the chair of BSC's Board of Trustees

[Originally e-mailed to the BSC community and posted on the college website on Nov. 4, 2010.]

To: Birmingham-Southern College Family

From: Dowd Ritter '69, Chairman, Birmingham-Southern College Board of Trustees

Ever since negative news started to break regarding the college in the early spring of this year, many questions have arisen. Even today, nearly seven months later, people still ask—"What really happened, what is being done to correct the situation so that it will never happen again, and will Birmingham-Southern be okay going forward?"

On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees of Birmingham-Southern College, allow me to address all three of these questions.

Hindsight is 20/20 but, looking back today, basically the college found itself with misleading numbers used in internal financial reports presented to committees of the Board and to the college administration; borrowings that were understated; and scholarships and discounts in tuition that were under-accounted for, which resulted in our record enrollments being partially "bought" with higher discounting than shown on any reports, thus less revenue to cover expenses.

This happened at a time when the great recession was in full effect. Throughout the nation, colleges and universities were reducing staff, reducing benefits, reducing expenses, and substantially increasing tuition and fees. Birmingham-Southern was increasing staff, increasing benefits, increasing expenses, and maintaining very modest increases in tuition and fees during this prior five-year period.

Over this same time period, several capital projects were completed on campus as part of the Board-approved "Plan for Growth." This long-range plan was aimed at increasing enrollment to ensure the college's long-term financial health. Upgraded facilities were an integral part of accomplishing that objective. Already an academically strong institution, the campus required a physical update to match the expectations of high school students making their decisions on where to attend college. In fact, our campus today has the most impressive physical plant we have ever enjoyed.

Three of these new facilities were among the priorities in the college's recent fundraising campaign. The campaign successfully surpassed its overall goal, but support came primarily for unrestricted and scholarship purposes, not for facilities.

The Athletics Complex we built to accommodate our new NCAA Division III football, lacrosse, and track and field teams is as nice as any in the nation, and serves as a major draw in recruiting.

While its costs were never anticipated to be covered in-full through gift support, its expenses far exceeded funds raised for this needed improvement.

The Admission Welcome Center was fully funded through gift support raised in advance of its construction. This "front door" to our campus

is enormously popular with prospective students and their parents and creates an important positive first impression of the college.

The Urban Environmental Park, constructed as both a living laboratory for our environmental programs and a much-needed “green space” on campus, was to be funded in full through gift support—a portion raised in advance, and the balance through the campaign. Donors were generous with their support of the park, but in the end, the costs associated with the park exceeded original projections which gifts would have covered, resulting in a significant funding shortfall.

It is evident today that our line of credit, unrestricted funds from our endowment, and even operating cash were all used to complete two of these capital projects.

A 140-unit apartment complex on the northern edge of the campus also was acquired, and two new residence halls were constructed to meet demands associated with the enrollment growth. These, over time, will pay for themselves through room rent, thus, properly amortize the bond debt incurred to finance.

As you hopefully know by now, numerous areas were addressed to get expenses appropriately sized for the college. Birmingham-Southern is a caring institution with strong academic credentials due to the quality of our outstanding faculty, but the hard reality was the absolute need to reduce the operating budget. As a reminder, the decision was made to lay off 51 staff; not fill 14 staff vacancies; phase out five academic programs (including the elimination of 29 faculty positions by May 31, 2011); reduce faculty and staff salaries by an average of 10 percent on a tiered approach; place a moratorium on the college’s contribution to retirement plans; and offer early retirement packages for eligible faculty and staff, among other cost-cutting measures.

These were difficult and yet very necessary actions for the future of the institution. By the time everything is implemented by the middle of next year, almost \$10 million will have come out of the annual costs of operating the college.

An independent forensic investigation authorized by the Board has been completed. Our annual audit, as might be expected, is being conducted in far greater detail than ever before and is just now being completed. We are delighted to inform you that no funds were misappropriated; however, they certainly were not disclosed properly internally.

As all the facts about the financial situation were coming to be known, our president realized that he needed to leave and that significant change was necessary at Birmingham-Southern. Your Board agreed, and we moved forward. There also were resignations in the Finance Office and the Financial Aid Office. We appointed Provost Dr. Mark Schantz as interim president and he is helping guide the college during this transitional period. BSC alumnus Dr. Wayne Killion, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, is chairing a committee of trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, and students in the national search for a new president.

Steps have been taken to address the need for leadership with the integrity required to restore stability and accountability to the college’s Finance Office, financial planning, and management. The position of controller has been created, and a well-qualified individual with 20 years of experience in financial leadership has been employed by the college to fulfill this critical position’s responsibilities. Additionally, the Board contracted with a financial/management consultant with more than 25 years in higher education financial management leadership to provide oversight and recommendations for restructuring financial and administrative areas at the college. Together, they are implementing new accounting systems and practices and fiscal policy. A new financial aid director with a wealth of higher education experience has joined the college just this past month.

The Board of Trustees currently is involved in the life of the college in an unprecedented and positive way, giving serious weight to its fiduciary and leadership responsibilities. The trustees have taken, are taking, and will continue to take whatever steps are needed to make certain that Birmingham-Southern never faces a similar situation. Seven business-astute trustees meet with the interim

president and other college leaders once a week on campus to work on the issues at hand, improve communication, and provide guidance and counsel as the administration implements the changes necessary to return the college to financial stability. Another group of trustees is studying the governance, structure, and size of the Board and its committees.

Also, we found that Birmingham-Southern, with its talented and dedicated faculty and its outstanding student body, was charging a tuition rate substantially below that of peer institutions such as Sewanee and Rhodes, and also well below the out-of-state costs of the University of Alabama and Auburn University. We obviously will have an increase in tuition and room and board for next year. This revenue increase, combined with the expenditure decreases, points to a much stronger financial future.

We also have taken the total amount of funds outstanding on our bank line of credit and put it into a term debt which, instead of being due currently, is amortized over 15 years.

In addition, numerous trustees, alumni, and supporters already have come forward with new long-term financial commitments, and we are hopeful that this generosity will significantly increase as our BSC alumni and friends learn and come to understand the entire story and feel more confident about the future of our college.

Birmingham-Southern has relied heavily on endowed gifts over time to fund its operations and initiatives. With the downturn in the financial markets the past few years greatly impacting the endowment, going forward, it is time to have less reliance on endowed funds. We believe the college is being positioned to do just that. Should the markets rebound substantially and donors come forward in greater numbers, then we will be even better positioned than imagined today.

The combination of all these actions places our college on a much better fiscal foundation going forward than at almost any time in its recent history.

I believe that all of us, as members of the Board of Trustees, feel that although

this has been a very difficult few months, Birmingham-Southern's future will be even stronger for having gone through these issues and addressing them head-on.

When alumni, friends, and others ask us how they can help their college, we tell them that there are four very important ways:

1. Please stay informed and speak positively about this great college and the impact it has had on your life or the lives of others, and believe what you say because it is true!
2. Please consider financial support as we go through this transition and beyond.
3. If you know of any young person who would benefit from the best liberal arts education available, we need you to recommend them for next year's freshman class at BSC, and beyond.
4. Please support our faculty, students, and staff by visiting our campus whenever possible to see our students' work in exhibits or performances, to attend a lecture, to watch our scholar-athletes compete, or to accompany a prospective student.

Our history tells us that Birmingham-Southern is an institution of remarkable resilience and resolve. We have in place an outstanding faculty who are devoted to teaching and advising our students and a curriculum that is exemplary among liberal arts colleges. We have a staff that provides a level of care to our students that you just cannot find on other college campuses. Our campus exceeds the expectations of our current and future students. We are an institution that has produced a universe of graduates who currently and historically have benefited our community, our state, and indeed our world.

We have in Birmingham-Southern an institution of unique merit. We pledge our commitment, assurance, and conviction that this college will remain a financially sound institution of unparalleled excellence. We need your support!

Forward, Ever

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Birmingham-Southern will remain our state's premier liberal arts college

[Opinion piece as submitted to The Birmingham News, the majority of which was published in the paper on Nov. 7, 2010.]

On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees of Birmingham-Southern College, we Board Chairmen and United Methodist Bishops express the Board's absolute and unqualified conviction to sustain and perpetuate BSC's 154-year heritage as Alabama's most outstanding and heralded liberal arts institution. This message is directed to all friends, alumni, students, parents, high school guidance counselors and others who are genuinely interested in hearing from us. The BSC Board is working closely with the College during a challenging phase in our long history. Birmingham-Southern has been and will continue to be a fixture in the higher echelon of national liberal arts institutions.

This commitment to the future of Birmingham-Southern is offered personally by EBSCO Chairman Jim Stephens, former Vulcan Materials CEO Herb Sklenar, former BellSouth CEO Carl Bailey, former Regions Bank Chairman Dowd Ritter, Attorney Mike Atchison, Shook & Fletcher Chairman Dr. Wayne Killion, retired United Methodist Bishops Paul Duffey and Robert Morgan, and current Bishops Paul Leeland and Will Willimon. Both we and the community leaders and institutions with which we have been associated have provided and will continue to provide financial resources, personal attention, and unwavering devotion to the College.

We have been challenged recently by a financial setback, which is part of a national episode

associated largely with the economic recession. Across the country, all private institutions of higher learning that insist on high-quality academic programs have been facing the same kinds of challenges. The impact of the economic crisis at BSC was even more pronounced because of several internal management failures for which the Board takes full responsibility.

The Board has and will continue to take whatever steps are needed to make certain that Birmingham-Southern never again faces a similar situation. Changes have been made in the Finance Department and other areas, and an oversight committee of business-astute Board members meets regularly with College leaders. A national search for a president is well under way. Provost Dr. Mark Schantz is providing calm leadership, intellect, and integrity as interim president.

We are strengthening all aspects of the College and rededicating ourselves to maintaining the integrity that has surrounded this gem of an institution for 154 years. The response from our alumni and friends—both financially and in expression of their support in this time of need—is proof that BSC is a special place.

Birmingham-Southern has recently been in a period of enhancing its facilities and growing its student body. Improvements were needed in our admission facility, housing, and campus appearance to supplement the unimpeachable

dedication and talent of the faculty. The addition of football, lacrosse, and track and field—which have attracted many scholar-athletes to our campus—required facilities unique to those sports. As a result, our grounds and facilities are now in the finest and most stimulating condition ever in the history of the institution.

At the same time, the academic profile of our 2010-2011 freshman class is the highest and most outstanding in Alabama. We have never had so many outstanding students at BSC. Our entire campus is an “Honors College.” Our students will be taught and advised by Ph.D.’s, not graduate students or teaching assistants. A higher percentage of our classes are being taught by tenured, doctoral-degreed faculty than at any time before.

BSC’s historical strengths, most importantly an outstanding faculty of professors who are devoted to teaching and advising our students and a curriculum that is exemplary among liberal arts colleges, have produced a universe of graduates who currently and historically have benefited our community, our state and our country. The contributions of BSC graduates are manifest in leadership in the arts, in the professions, in business and government, in science, and, most importantly, as learned and contributory citizens.

Any high school student who seeks an environment for intellectual, ethical and social growth with a faculty that engages the student body personally to teach and counsel, must examine BSC for his or her college choice. We seek, at the core, to educate for the individual capacity to think critically, to communicate with clarity, to lead both by individual creativity and community participation, to obtain graduate education,

if so disposed, and to be citizens of merit, virtue and humanity. BSC will continue its tradition of providing both merit and need-based scholarships for qualified students. Our mission has value and our methods have proven successful.

The Birmingham community and the State of Alabama have in Birmingham-Southern an institution of unique merit. We pledge our absolute determination to sustain and grow its value. Please visit our campus, talk to our faculty and staff, and consider whether Birmingham-Southern is right for you or a student whose growth is important to you. We will be here for you.

JAMES T. STEPHENS

Chair, Executive Committee
BSC Board of Trustees

DOWD RITTER '69

Chair
BSC Board of Trustees

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Pollick resigns, search for BSC's next president well under way

A group consisting of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and trustees is deep into the search process to select the 13th president of Birmingham-Southern.

Dr. David Pollick, president of BSC since July 2004, stepped down from the position on Aug. 11. On that same day, the Board of Trustees appointed Provost Dr. Mark S. Schantz as interim president. Dr. Kathleen Rossmann, associate professor of economics and associate dean of First Year Programs at BSC, was named interim provost.

In announcing his resignation, Pollick stated that the "recently emerging financial crisis and necessary budget decisions at the college require that the faculty, board, alumni, and students be immediately and totally focused on the future and all that now requires. I have concluded that the focus is presently on me and not on the creative and constructive process that must rapidly take place in order to protect Birmingham-Southern's future."

Board of Trustees Chair Dowd Ritter thanked Pollick for his positive contributions.

"The entire Birmingham-Southern community appreciates the many positive things that David brought to Birmingham-Southern," Ritter said. "Birmingham-Southern will build upon these accomplishments as we confront the current challenges we face and ultimately, without a doubt, continue to deliver the outstanding and world-changing educational experience for

which we have been known the past 154 years. We all wish David and Karen only the best as they enter the next phase of their lives."

Dr. Wayne Killion Jr., vice chair of the college's Board of Trustees and a 1972 and 1996 (MPPM) graduate of the college, is chairing the search process. Killion is president and chief executive officer of Shook and Fletcher Insulation Co. in Birmingham.

Those serving on the search committee include:

DAN ANDERSON '79,
Member of the BSC Sports Hall of Fame

KAREN MCELROY CARROLL '87,
BSC Trustee and President of the BSC Alumni Association

DR. NATALIE DAVIS,
BSC Howell Heflin Professor of Political Science

DR. CHARLOTTE FORD,
BSC Associate Professor of Library Science and Library Director

SARA HOOVER,
BSC Director of Counseling and Health Services

LEE HOPF '11,
BSC Student Government Association President

CLAY LONG '58,
BSC Trustee

REV. BILL MORGAN '70,

BSC Trustee and Clergy Member of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church

DR. BERNIE MULLINS,

BSC Associate Professor of Mathematics

BRUCE ROGERS '80,

BSC Trustee and Chair of the Board's Institutional Advancement Committee

DAVID SMITH '79,

BSC Trustee and Chair of the Board's Academic Affairs Committee

KEVIN STUMP SR. '80, '87 (MPPM),

BSC Trustee

REV. WILL WILLIMON,

Bishop of the Birmingham Area of the United Methodist Church

DELYNN MORING ZELL '86,

BSC Trustee and Chair of the Board's Audit Committee

Killion and his committee have been assisted by the firm of Academic Search Inc. in identifying the best candidates to be Birmingham-Southern's next president. Academic Search Senior Consultant Dr. Roy Shilling is working with BSC.

Shilling has a long and distinguished career in higher education, including 31 years as president of small liberal arts colleges, 19 of which were as president of Southwestern University in Texas.

The full Presidential Search Committee began its work mid-September. Among its duties were to develop search criteria, evaluate candidates who present themselves

for consideration, and narrow the choices to a few qualified candidates who will then be invited to meet with larger groups representing the college's various constituencies. The final decision will be made by the Board of Trustees.

Killion said that the length of the search will depend on the committee's comfort in recommending a final choice, but that he hopes to have the best candidate for Birmingham-Southern identified by March.

As this issue of *'Southern* magazine went to press, the committee was reviewing the candidates' credentials to narrow the field.

Information about the search, including the college profile, position advertisement, and search news, can be found at www.bsc.edu/presidentialsearch.



Give us the courage, compassion, strength, and grace . . .

[Prayer offered at the opening of the Oct. 8, 2010, BSC Board of Trustees meeting]

BY REV. BILL MORGAN '70, BSC TRUSTEE

Senior Minister

Canterbury United Methodist Church, Mountain Brook

Birmingham-Southern College Trustees

Oct. 8, 2010

Great giver of life, source of understanding and compassion,
strength to care for people and the Earth, we gather here today.

Great One, only you know how many lives are touched by this
school. Thank you for the ones who cook the meals here, clean the
toilets, cut grass, guard the gate. Thank you for the ones who
tirelessly, even when quite tired, do the ministry of administration.
Thank you for teachers both fledgling and seasoned who midwife
and mentor the dappled array of students. Thank you for those
whose generosity again and again fortifies the fragile financial
shoestring that holds this treasured school in existence.

Great Life and Freedom Giver ...

We have the freedom to be cynical or hopeful,

Give us the courage to be hopeful.

We have the freedom to be clever complainers or encouragers,

Give us the compassion to be encouragers.

We have the freedom to give up or be relentless,

Give us the strength to be relentless.

We have the freedom to hold back or to be generous,

Give us the grace to be generous ...

Great Generous One,

We are beneficiaries of a great tradition,

And we stand on the strong shoulders of ones who came before us,

Yet, we well know, just now, at best,

It is all prelude for what we will do or fail to do.

God, help us.

Amen.

A conversation with Interim President Dr. Mark S. Schantz

BY KAREN MCELROY CARROLL '87

Dr. Mark S. Schantz was named Birmingham-Southern's interim president on Aug. 11, 2010. Schantz sat down with Karen Carroll, president of the BSC National Alumni Association and member of the Board of Trustees, to share where he's been, what brought him to the college, and why he believes the future looks bright for BSC.

I've heard it said that to know a man, you must walk a mile in his shoes. These days, however, keeping up with Dr. Mark S. Schantz is nearly an impossible task, as he dashes across campus from a faculty meeting to a session with the auditors to lunch with members of the Board of Trustees.

Indeed, Dr. Schantz has been running at a sprinter's pace ever since his appointment to interim president on Aug. 11, a day that happened to coincide with his 55th birthday. Given the financial challenges the college has been grappling with since the spring, there has been little time to celebrate. And there definitely has been no time to slow down. While I haven't yet had the opportunity to borrow a pair of his professorial brown loafers to take a spin around the academic quad, as president of the National Alumni Association, I've had the pleasure of traveling with Dr. Schantz to various cities, as he begins to connect with groups of alumni and friends to discuss BSC's current situation. You come to know a bit about a person by traveling with him, too. I've learned that he takes his coffee black and that he can quote a 21st-century musician as readily as a 19th-century historian. Far more important, I've heard his passion for the mission and purpose of Birmingham-Southern, and I've witnessed firsthand his tireless determination to work with the trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, and students on solutions, as we turn toward the next chapter in our college's storied history. Still, I wanted to know more about his past, his present thoughts, and his perspective on the future of BSC. What follows is a chat we had during a rare, unhurried hour in his office in Munger Hall.



Mark Schantz and Nancy Barr with daughter Mary-Candler.





Interim President Dr. Mark Schantz and daughter Mary-Candler on the BSC campus.

Your academic credentials are impressive: an undergraduate history degree, Phi Beta Kappa, from George Washington University, a Master in Divinity from Yale, and a Ph.D in history from Emory. Who first nurtured your thirst for knowledge?

I'm a Washington, D.C., native, as were my parents (yes, D.C. natives really do exist!). My grandfather on my mom's side practiced and taught dentistry at Georgetown University for more than 40 years, and he used to tell a lot of stories about his students and how much he enjoyed teaching and being part of a university. Looking back, that was pretty influential. When my father was a high school student, he attended the Capitol Page School, and paged at the Supreme Court. Although he came from a very modest background, he eventually became an attorney and had his own successful practice for many years. I feel fortunate to be part of a family that placed a high value on education.

After getting your undergraduate degree in history, you went on to pursue a master in divinity. What led you in that direction?

When I graduated from college, I thought the ministry was something I might be interested in. Our family was Lutheran, and like Methodists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians, there's a strong academic tradition. I discovered, totally by accident, that there was this whole group of seminaries that were very ecumenical, and had all sorts of people interested in doing all kinds of things—ministry in particular—but also pursuits like being civil rights lawyers, community activists, and church administrators. I loved my time at Yale, but it became pretty clear at the end of my three years that my calling was not to the ministry, but to working with students through teaching in a collegiate community.

Which is what brought you deeper South, to Emory, for your doctorate in history, and it's also where you met your wife, Nancy Barr.

Nancy and I met in my second year of grad school. She was earning her Ph.D in history as well, and the first time we met wasn't a very romantic story ... it was at a school mixer that just happened to be held at the law school, and I think she believed I was a law student. I hope she wasn't too disappointed when she found out the truth!

I'm guessing she wasn't, since you've been married 22 years now.

That's right. We just had our anniversary during Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend. Our daughter, Mary-Candler, thought BSC's big football win over Sewanee was the perfect way to celebrate.

Tell us more about Mary-Candler. Does she enjoy being the youngest student on campus?

Mary-Candler is 5 and into everything. Nancy and I were really, really lucky that at the end of a long paperwork trail for international adoption in China, Mary-Candler was the person on the other end of all of that. She's an amazing human being.

Lately she has become quite enamored of the BSC cheerleaders and is likely to scream out "Go Panthers!" at any time, and does the black-and-gold cheer spontaneously around the house. She gets a kick out of being on campus, especially when she can charm a student into taking her to the Caf, because all the junk food she craves is usually right at her eye level. It doesn't happen as often as she would like because she's currently pursuing her own studies in kindergarten. At the end of the day, I'll ask her what she liked best in school. She'll answer, "Well I liked reading, and the math, and the music, and the recess, and Chinese class." So maybe she's in training to be a well-rounded, future liberal arts grad.



Mary-Candler Schantz enjoys spending time on the BSC campus.



Before moving the family to Birmingham and BSC to become provost, you spent 18 years at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark. Could you describe your experience there?

I joined the college as an assistant professor in the history department. It was my first job out of grad school, and it changed me. When I went to Hendrix, I thought maybe I'd be there for a couple of years and then move on to a larger university. But the longer I stayed, the less I was interested in doing that. Being at a small liberal arts college was something that suited me in ways I couldn't have understood until I actually lived it. Then, when I had the opportunity to work on an administrative level as assistant provost and director of the Odyssey Program, it seemed like a natural progression. One of the things I've learned through the years is to be open to what life gives you and make the most of it in that moment. Let the rest take care of itself. That philosophy is serving me pretty well right now.

What eventually attracted you to BSC?

There were other places that I looked at and that were serious about me too, but I thought if we were going to make a move, it needed to be a place where Nancy and I felt really good about the match. When I interviewed at BSC, one of the things that I realized as I talked to the search committee and other people on campus, was that it was a place whose academic program and faculty were even better than they thought they were. The faculty takes interest in what their colleagues are doing in a really profound way. They teach together, they talk to each other, they collaborate on projects. I also appreciated the way that service learning, leadership studies, and international studies are all part of the whole. Sometimes the best you can do is recognize the good things that are already happening. And that gets back to my point of being in the moment of a place. It's in large part what pulled me here.

When you joined the BSC family in July 2009, what did you want to achieve as provost?

The first thing I wanted to do was listen, to get a feel for what the place was like and what was here. I needed to establish a pattern of being open with the faculty and being available and willing to engage them on conversations across the curriculum; to get to know them as people, and build a rapport, trust, and confidence. I wanted to get us all thinking about ways we could enhance the connectivity between different programs and departments, which has always been a strength of BSC, but ultimately something we can continue to build on.

I'm sure there hasn't been much off time for you since being named interim president, but when you have some, how do you unwind?

One of the things Nancy and I like to do is take long walks. It isn't as easy now, but Mary-Candler is at a point where she rides on her bike with training wheels well enough for us to go a little farther. Most of what we do is really simple stuff. We have spaghetti night on Fridays—a family favorite. I read a lot, mainly nonfiction, although Mary-Candler's books often take priority these days. My current favorite book of hers is called *Stop That Pickle!* And Nancy and I also both love music and go to concerts when we can.

Let's return to a few questions that address issues that our students and the BSC community at large are pondering. Given the state of the economy, our students worry about getting a job after graduation. How, in these times, is a liberal arts education still relevant?

When things get tight, one option is to go narrower, toward more vocational-like training. Our approach is to widen the focus and consider what the Bureau of Labor statistics and all the other pundits out there tell us: that you'll have multiple jobs in your career and very varied kinds of jobs. The evidence from employer surveys that the American Association of Colleges and Universities conducts says that what companies look for in the workforce are skills such as the ability to write, to express oneself clearly, to learn and assimilate new data, and to work in a team environment. If you actually map that against the classic virtues of a liberal arts education, it turns out that the liberal arts are the best vocational training that you can have, because they prepare you to do almost anything. A key of learning is that it's not just the content, which is important, but it's also the context. That's really critical, because we know the economy shifts rapidly and the ability to adapt will serve our students well. And these are the very skills our faculty cultivates.

I've heard you praise our faculty and staff on many occasions, particularly for the way they've handled the last few months, even though the compensation cuts have affected them very personally. You've described them as "heroic." Could you expound a little more on that?

They've been faced with doing a lot more for less and confronted the programmatic changes caused by the phasing out of some

of our majors and the departure of colleagues. Other groups might have responded differently. But a magical thing happened when the students came back in the fall. Our professors were hungry to teach again and to take care of the students, especially those who were impacted by the loss of their majors. They've embodied the essence of heroism in almost a 19th-century kind of way: having that profound sense of duty and love and commitment to a place, despite difficult circumstances. The same can be said for our staff members, who have taken on so many extra responsibilities and worked a lot of late nights to keep the college running seamlessly behind the scenes, as well as providing care for our students that you just don't find on other college campuses. It has been incredibly impressive.

Any more thoughts you want to share regarding the events of the last few months?

This is an historical comment, no surprise, because as an historian, I'm likely to say such things. We all know that the college has had bumps and bruises in the past—real challenges, some of them quite significant—and we've been able to come through them. Now is the time to remember that, because there is strength in that tradition and those memories—strength in knowing that we have the intellect, the energy, and the commitment to come out on the other side in a stronger position.

What is the most important thing alumni can do to help the college return to that position of strength?

Several things. Certainly get the message out that Birmingham-Southern is here, and we're here to stay. If you know a student who is interested in coming here, bring them on campus. Get them to a class or a theater performance. Let them experience what is going on here. The other thing, very tangibly, is that we need your donations. There's no better time and no point in waiting. This is one of those pivotal moments, and we need to be pivoting. Our alums can help us do that with their time, their good disposition, and their finances.

Dr. Schantz, thanks so much for your time and for all you're doing for the college. I'll end with a final question that's a little less serious. You've been in the state for a couple of football seasons now, so ... is it Auburn or Alabama?

I'm not crazy enough to jump into that one. I'm all about BSC. As Mary-Candler would say, Go Panthers!



Maintaining the college's high-quality academic program is among the top priorities for Interim President Dr. Mark Schantz as he leads BSC through this challenging period.

Class action

Birmingham-Southern alumni from around the nation attend Alumni Association-sponsored events each year that are both rewarding and fun. Here are glimpses of some local activities that took place recently:



The women of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority were reunited at the Young Alumni Summer Party June 24 at Birmingham's Rojo restaurant. Pictured (front row, from left) are Ashley Russell '09 and Jeanie Sleadd '09; (middle row, from left) are Meredith Wolfe '09, Giselle Josof '10, Christie Wenke '09, Lindsey Meadows '10, and Julie St. John '11; (back row, from left) are Christie Harris '09, Wright Wiggins '09, and Allison Bovell '10.



Attending the "Moving BSC: Forward Ever Birmingham Luncheon" Sept. 23 were (left to right) Rev. Keith Thompson '83, BSC trustee; Karen McElroy Carroll '87, BSC trustee and president of the Alumni Association; Birmingham-Southern Interim President Dr. Mark S. Schantz; Alieze Roberts, parent of BSC junior William "Robb" Roberts; and Tim Callahan '70. The luncheon took place at the Harbert Center in downtown Birmingham to introduce the new interim president to a group of alumni, parents, and former parents in the Birmingham area. Schantz spoke about current and future plans for the college.



(From left) Judson Crump '05, Jonathan Geisen '97, and Benjamin Wall '92 had a great time July 29 at the Lawyers Affinity Group's Summer Send-off. This year's event was hosted by Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell, and Berkowitz in downtown Birmingham.

BSC announces inaugural members of Young Alumni Advisory Council



Beers

Would it surprise you to learn that young alumni, those who attended BSC within the past 10 years, have significantly different interests and expectations than older alumni?

To help address those differing needs, the Office of Alumni Affairs recruited some younger alumni to serve on the newly formed Young Alumni Advisory Council (YAAC). The council will help develop specific activities targeted toward encouraging other young alumni to stay

connected to the college and to their college friends. They also will work with the Office of Institutional Advancement to increase the giving by this segment of the alumni population.

Rebecca Beers '04 has been selected to chair the inaugural council. The YAAC chair will be a voting member of the Alumni Executive Board.

"I am incredibly honored to lead the Young Alumni Advisory Committee and to represent the voice of BSC's young alumni to the Executive Board," said Beers, who resides in Birmingham. "The YAAC is an important part of the college's alumni leadership as young alumni have the closest ties to and the freshest memories of 'Southern and are often the most enthusiastic about

maintaining their ties to the college community.

"Young alumni are also the future members of BSC's Executive Board and Board of Trustees, so I am honored to serve as their representative to the current leaders of BSC's alumni on the Alumni Association Executive Board. I am confident that 'Southern's young alumni will serve as an integral role in moving BSC forward to a bright future, and am thrilled to be a part of that movement."

Other members of the YAAC are:

Roger Ball '03 and Nancy Williams Ball '04
 Sarah Frances Boshers '02
 Trey Cotney '09 and Kristen Kerr Cotney '09
 Adam Israel '06 and Emily Duggan Israel '06
 Carrie Kramer '03
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 Ashley Russell '09
 David Saliba '03 and Laura Saliba '05
 Danielle Ridgeway '06
 Christie Wenke '09

If you would be interested in helping with YAAC activities or events, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 205/226-4909.

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Inspiring new traditions—BSC's ginkgo trees



The ginkgo tree—a symbol of perseverance and fortitude—personifies strength in the face of adversity. The only tree left standing after the bombing of Hiroshima, the tree has become symbolic for its ability to withstand the mightiest force ever known and remain standing, beautiful, proud, and vibrantly alive.

For Birmingham-Southern students and alumni, the ginkgo trees on campus have always been a beautiful part of the daily landscape, but they are something more. For throughout the many physical changes to the campus, the ginkgo trees remain a constant for generations of students. You may not remember Snavelly Student Center, the predecessor to Norton Campus Center, but you'll remember the brilliant gold of the ginkgo trees in the fall. You may not remember an academic quad with a bell tower, but you'll remember dodging the stinky fruit shed each year by the ginkgo trees outside Munger. You may not know the current faculty members, but you'll remember walking the sidewalks and chatting with your professors under the ginkgos' canopies.

"So many things can change on a campus, and finding the right icon to symbolize your experience as a BSC student could have been difficult," notes Lisa Harrison '85 (MPPM), director of alumni affairs. "But the ginkgo leaf just resonates with every alum. Even more powerful is the lovely way it symbolizes

the strength and beauty that we believe each one of our graduates—past, present, and future—brings to the world beyond the Hilltop."

Capturing the essence of the ginkgo trees, the Office of Institutional Advancement initiated two ceremonies that bookend a BSC student's life on the Hilltop. Each of those ceremonies incorporates the symbol of the ginkgo leaf.

First, on Move-In Day, after the business of settling into the residence halls is done, the college hosts an Opening of School Convocation for first-year students. The faculty lead the students in their first procession as members of the BSC family, and they are greeted with much ceremony by the president, the SGA president, the alumni board president, trustees, and others. Those greetings are capped with a final gift from the Alumni Association, a commemorative coin featuring a ginkgo leaf.

Second, when the seniors have completed their studies and are preparing to leave the Hilltop, the Commencement festivities include a Capping Ceremony. Here, the students choose an individual important to them to "cap" them by placing their mortar board on their heads. After they have been officially capped, each student is presented with a golden ginkgo leaf ornament, a beautiful and long-lasting reminder of where they have been.

"You truly begin your life as a BSC alum on your first day as a student," Harrison believes. "That awareness of your place in the cycle of the college's life is important to establish. We think these very real symbols of the beginning and ending of your undergraduate years are thoughtful ways to emphasize that sense of belonging to the body of BSC alumni."



Four students named 2009-10 Athletes of the Year



(Top photo, from left): BSC Athletics Director Joe Dean Jr. is pictured after the awards ceremony with Aly Goldfarb, Bruce Maxwell, Ashley Lovell, Brandon Ricco, Assistant Athletics Director Kyndall Waters, and Ann Dielen, senior women's administrator and head women's tennis coach. Shown right (left to right) are Aaron Parr, Dean, and Lydia Rice.

Baseball players Bruce Maxwell and Brandon Ricco were named Birmingham-Southern Male Co-Athletes of the Year, and track and field's Aly Goldfarb and women's golf's Ashley Lovell were named BSC Female Co-Athletes of the Year this past April at the annual Athletics Honors Day celebration on campus.

Women's soccer's Lydia Rice and men's basketball's Aaron Parr also were honored as the 2010 winners of the Johnny Johnson Most Inspirational Senior Student-Athlete Award.

As a first baseman, Maxwell was named Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year. He hit .427 in his inaugural season with the Panthers (sixth in the SCAC) with a league-high 15 home runs, which also ranked him second in the nation. In addition, Maxwell ranked in the

top 10 in the league in slugging percentage, on-base percentage, hits, runs scored, RBIs, and doubles.

Ricco led the team and was ranked second in the league in batting average (.473), earning First-Team All-Conference honors. As a junior, he also led the league in hits and was ranked first in the country in hits per game. Ricco also ranked third in the SCAC in slugging percentage and runs scored, fourth in on-base percentage and RBIs, and sixth in doubles.

Both Maxwell and Ricco helped lead the baseball team to its second-straight SCAC East Division title and a 34-5 record, which was the best winning percentage in NCAA Division III.

Goldfarb, as a senior pole vaulter and runner, won the pole vault at the DePauw Indoor Invitational, Sewanee Indoor

Invitational, and Emory Invitational, as well as the 400-meter dash at Emory. Last summer, she also won gold and two bronze medals at the World Maccabiah Games in Israel.

As a junior, Lovell won three individual medals in women's golf—at the Sewanee Fall Classic, a dual match with Montevallo, and the Huntingdon Hawk Invitational. She helped lead the Panthers to four team titles and a top-10 national ranking and was named to the All-Tournament Team of nine different events.

Rice was named College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District, National Soccer Coaches Association of America Second-Team Scholar All-South Region, NSCAA Third-



Team Scholar All-American, and Second-Team All-South Atlantic in women's soccer. The senior defender was third on the team with three goals and three assists for nine points and helped BSC hold its opponents to just 1.05 goals per game.

Parr was named Second-Team All-SCAC last season after helping lead the basketball team to a 20-5 record and a share of the SCAC East Division title. The senior led the team with 12.9 points per game and 4.1 field goals per game and shot over 81 percent from the free throw line. He also led the team with 2.5 assists per game.

The Johnny Johnson Most Inspirational Senior Student-Athlete Award is named for the late vice President for business and finance at Birmingham-Southern and avid supporter of BSC athletics.



The 2010 award winners gathered at the ceremony are (from left) Clint Spears, Seth Bobbitt, Kyndall Waters, Mike Robinson, Linda Thomas, Erin Mahoney, and Lars Porter.

BSC inducts six into Sports Hall of Fame

Birmingham-Southern inducted six former student-athletes into its Sports Hall of Fame during ceremonies on campus Oct. 22.

It was the 30th class inducted into the hall.

Inductees for 2010 were:

Seth Bobbitt '01, a pitcher on the 2001 NAIA National Championship baseball team. Bobbitt won two games at the College World Series and saved the championship game win over Lewis & Clark College. His career record was 27-12 and he is the college's all-time career strikeouts leader with 270. While only pitching for the Panthers for three years, he is still tied for No. 3 in career wins and in complete games. He was drafted by the Houston Astros.

Erin Mahoney '02, the 2000 TranSouth Conference Soccer Player of the Year, Region Player of the Year, and second team NAIA All American. She also was the 2001 BSC Female Athlete of the Year and ranks first all-time in Birmingham-Southern for career points per game (1.61).

Lars Porter '04, Birmingham-Southern's all-time leading cross country runner and former head coach of the BSC track and field and cross country teams. He was the first Panther runner to capture an individual meet title winning the 2002 Rhodes Invitational, and he was the college's top runner in 19 of his 25 career races. Porter still holds the BSC 1,500 meter record (4:10.30) and is the first cross country athlete in the BSC Sports Hall of Fame.

Mike Robinson (contributor), BSC's athletics director from 1993-99, during which time the men's basketball team won the 1995 NAIA National Championship. He also served as assistant athletics director from 1999-08 and has been an "unsung hero" in the athletics program in a variety of duties.

Clint Spears '00, Birmingham-Southern's third all-time career scorer in men's basketball with 1,583 points and the Panthers' career three-point shooter with 334 triples in his four-year career.

Kyndall Waters '05, the all-time career assist leader in BSC volleyball (5,151) and one of a select group of NCAA Division I basketball players to record 5,000

assists and 1,000 digs. She was named All American two years by the National Strength and Conditional Association, and was on both the Big South Conference Honor Roll and Big South All-American team. Waters is the first BSC volleyball player inducted into the Hall of Fame.

In addition to the Hall of Fame awards, the night also included the announcement of the 2010 Bob Strain Distinguished Service Award. This year's honoree was Linda Thomas, former BSC administrative assistant for the men's and women's basketball programs, who was recognized for her distinguished service to the college's Athletics Department.

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Johnson in her studio

AlumNews '53

The recent art exhibition, *Projections and Reflections*, that was held Sept. 10-24 in Birmingham-Southern's Durbin Gallery was a collaborative production involving the composition "The Wall Calls to Me" by former BSC Professor of Music Dorothy Hindman (written specifically for this occasion) and the visual works of **Sally Wood Johnson**.

Funding for this presentation was assisted by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. The exhibition will travel next to five additional venues: the museums of art in Huntsville, Montgomery, Mobile, Birmingham, and Jacksonville State University.

Johnson's work has been viewed in 30 solo exhibitions and more than 150 juried and group exhibitions in the U.S. and Japan. Her works are in the Birmingham Print Portfolio and the Alabama Print Portfolio, as well as the Paul W. Bryant Center in Tuscaloosa; the University of West Georgia; the museums of art in Birmingham, Huntsville, Montgomery, and Mobile; the Bluff Park Art Association Permanent Collection; and other collections.

In 1996, she completed an installation of three mahogany panels for Canterbury United Methodist Church, taking her references for that work from the Old Testament, the Life of Christ, and the History of the Methodist Church. Her work is also included in two bound publications: *Contemporary American Women Sculptors* (Oryx Press, 1986) and *Functions of the Fantastic* (Greenwood Press, 1995).

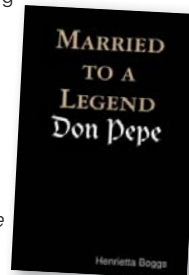
In 2008, Johnson was named a Distinguished Alumna by Birmingham-Southern for her work in the visual arts. Her postgraduate education has allowed her to study in England, China, Japan, Mexico, and the U.S. She maintains her studio on Shades Mountain in Birmingham.

'38

Zen master, artist, and humanitarian Maitreya McClendon Wexler was featured in a recent article in the University of Alabama's alumni magazine, where she gave tribute to her father, the late **J.B. McClendon**, for shaping her. A graduate of BSC and UA, McClendon was inducted three times into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame and was inducted into the BSC Sports Hall of Fame in 1990 for his accomplishments in football and basketball. "He loved BSC," she remarked in an e-mail correspondence. "I still remember the joy and fondness he expressed about his collegiate days." A special room dedicated to McClendon's sports accomplishments is being installed in a museum in his hometown of Fayette.

'40

Former first lady of Costa Rica, **Henrietta Boggs MacGuire**, has published a memoir of her time in Costa Rica entitled *Married to a Legend, Don Pepe*. She married three-time president José Figueres Ferrer in 1941, before he came to power following the Costa Rican civil war. A resident of Montgomery, she founded the city's *Living Lifestyle* magazine and is an occasional contributor to the *Montgomery Advertiser*.



'54

Dr. Donald Harrison of Cincinnati, Ohio, is featured in the new book *How They Did It: Billion Dollar Insights from the Heart of America*. The book's author, Robert Jordan, interviewed 45 of the most noteworthy company founders, responsible for creating \$41 billion in value. Harrison co-founded the medical device company AtriCure

in 2000. "I always wondered how great entrepreneurs from the heartland launched and grew hugely successful companies," stated the author. A gift by Harrison to BSC in 2008 endowed the Harrison Honors Program at the college.



Rev. Elmer J. O'Brien and his wife, Betty, were honored Sept. 8 when United Theological Seminary (UTS) in Dayton, Ohio, named its library in their honor as the O'Brien Library. Elmer O'Brien was director of library and information services and professor of theological bibliography and research at UTS from 1969-96. The O'Briens are retired and reside at Frasier Meadows Retirement Community in Boulder, Colo.

'56

Emory University's Candler School of Theology named **Bishop Robert C. Morgan** as one of its three distinguished alumni for 2010. The award recognizes alumni whose service to God, the church, the community, and Candler has been made with distinction. His more than 50 years of service to the United Methodist Church has included being elected presiding bishop of the worldwide Council of Bishops, president of the General Board of the Church and Society, and president of the Southeastern College of Bishops as well as his teaching and mentoring of BSC students. He also has pastored four churches in the North Alabama Conference of the UMC. Morgan earned his master's of divinity from the Candler School. He serves as bishop-in-residence at BSC.

'58

Charles Ferrell, who is employed with the financial services firm Edward Jones in Trussville, recently received the firm's Client Service Excellence Award.

'59

Pianist, organist, and choir director **Jimmy New** has returned to his love of writing, and has recently written two children's books: *The Two Little Snowflakes* and *The Lonely Christmas Pine*. His first book *Cactus Scrapbook* was written while he was a student at BSC. He and his wife, Johnnie, reside in Wedowee where he maintains a Show Garden for visitors and area clubs.

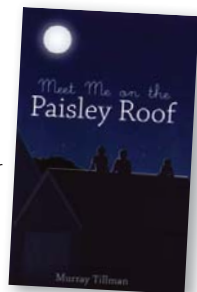
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Frances Bonds White of Philadelphia, Pa., has completed her term as president of the International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes after having served from 2006-09. She will continue to serve on the executive committee in the role of past president until 2012.

'62

Chervis Isom was among a group of individuals honored as Alabama Super Lawyers for 2010. He is employed with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz PC in Birmingham.

Murray Tillman of Athens, Ga., just published his debut novel *Meet Me on the Paisley Roof*. The story is narrated by 16-year-old Trussell Jones growing up in Columbus, Ga., in 1956. Jones struggles to make peace with his nutty stepmother, begins dating the love of his life, and has zany adventures with his two pals. Tillman is professor emeritus at the University of Georgia and the author of several textbooks for teachers.



'64

New York Times bestselling author **Dr. Sena Jeter Naslund** of Louisville, Ky., has published a new novel *Adam and Eve*, the compelling story of a woman caught between two warring worlds—science and religion.

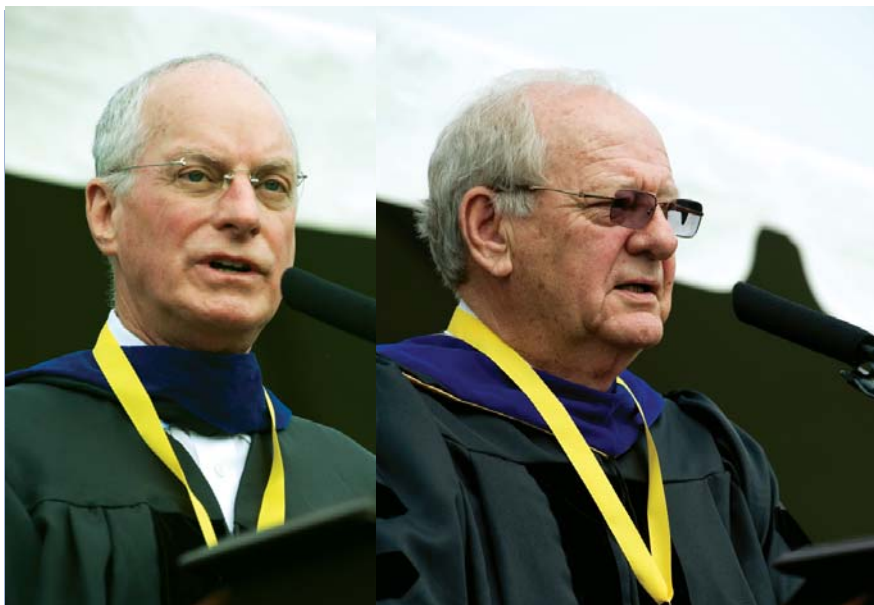
Pulitzer Prize-winning former *New York Times* executive editor **Howell Raines** of Henryville, Pa., was one of five veteran news professionals selected to receive 2010 Auburn Journalism Honors awards by the Auburn University Journalism Advisory Council in the College of Liberal Arts. Raines, who was presented with the Distinguished Mass Media Achievement Award, is a Birmingham native and won the 1992 Pulitzer for his *New York Times* article about his relationship with his family's housekeeper during the segregation era.

'68

Dr. James C. Blackburn retired this past summer from California State University after a 40-year career in college/university admissions, which began at BSC in 1970. For the past five years, he served as director of enrollment management for the 23-campus CSU system. His wife, **Martha Hayes Blackburn**, continues her private practice in psychotherapy in Pasadena.

A re-release of cartoonist **Howard R. Cruse's** award-winning 1995 graphic novel *Stuck Rubber Baby* was recently published by DC Comics. His comic strips and humorous illustrations have appeared in numerous mainstream magazines. He resides in North Adams, Mass.

Nancy Owen Nelson sends a hello to all her fellow classmates and writes that she has been living in Prescott, Ariz., for six years, during which time "I was assistant director of the Hassayampa Institute for Creative Writing (2005-07) and adjunct professor at Prescott College. We are returning to live in Dearborn, Mich."



Honoring our own—Each spring, Birmingham-Southern presents awards that recognize the outstanding contributions and achievements made by alumni, both to BSC and to society at large. The college's top award next to the honorary degree—the Medal of Service—was shared this year by local attorneys and Birmingham-Southern alumni **W. Michael Atchison '65** (left) and **Edward L. Hardin '62** during the 2010 Commencement ceremony on campus. Both are members of the college's Board of Trustees and both work as senior counsels for Birmingham law firm Burr & Forman. They were recognized for their combined 93 years of service to BSC, most recently serving as co-chairs of the college's *Destiny: Delivered* comprehensive campaign.

After 38 years at the University of Georgia, **Dr. Lee Reed**, the Robert W. Scherer Chair in Public Affairs and Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor, is retiring. During his career, he served as president of the International Academy of Legal Studies in Business and as editor-in-chief of the *American Business Law Journal*. The recipient of five research awards from his academy, he has published numerous articles and is the lead author of *The Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business*, now in its 15th edition. In retirement, he plans to travel widely and pursue a longtime interest in photography, including in Romania, where his wife, Clela, is serving in the Peace Corps.

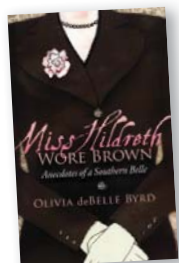
'70

Mike Murphy recently was awarded a 2009 Silver Medal by the Birmingham chapter of the American Advertising Federation. The group annually honors one outstanding individual based on their contribution to the company, the advertising profession, and the community. Murphy is employed as senior vice president at Luckie & Company.

The American Tree Farm System of the American Forest Foundation named **Salem Saloom** of Brewton as National Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year in August.

'71

Olivia Byrd Cooley of Panama City, Fla., published a new book *Miss Hildreth Wore Brown: Anecdotes of a Southern Belle* under her maiden name. Southern



author Janis Owens writes "Olivia deBelle Byrd follows in the footsteps of Southern humorists Fanny Flagg and Bailey White to create a delightful book of personal essays dedicated to delving into the mysteries of the modern Southern Belle."

The Women Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar Association honored **Carol Ann Smith** this year with the Nina Miglionico "Paving the Way" Leadership Award. The award recognizes individuals who have paved the way to success

and advancement for women lawyers. Smith is managing partner of Smith and Pace PC.

'72

Jerry W. Powell has joined the banking and financial practices group of Jones Walker in the legal firm's Birmingham office. He will focus on banking regulatory issues, creditors' rights, and compliance matters. Powell retired from Compass bank (now BBVA Compass) last year where he was senior executive vice president and chief legal officer.

'73

Tom LaDow of Roswell, Ga., was awarded the prestigious Zach Henderson 2009 Citizen of the Year Award this past April by the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

'75



R. Terrell Finney Jr. of Wyoming, Ohio, is the new interim associate dean for academic affairs at the

College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. His wife, **Susan Newsom Finney**, remains in pediatric practice in Cincinnati. When not tending to professional duties, the couple enjoys spending time on their farm in Indiana.

'78

Dr. J. Eugene Lammers of Carmel, Ind., is the new medical director of palliative care for Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He completed his residency in internal medicine at the Medical College of Georgia and a fellowship in geriatric medicine at Duke University. He joined Methodist Hospital in 1993. The hospital is

part of the Clarian Health System, which recently awarded Lammers a President's Values Leadership Award. The award acknowledges staff and affiliated physicians who demonstrate extraordinary dedication to Clarian's mission and values.

'79

Dr. C. Neal Ellis Jr. has been named to the newly created position of director of the Division of Colorectal Surgery for the West Penn Allegheny Health System in Pittsburgh.

'82

Dawn Urquhart Dixon of Birmingham has opened a new music studio in the Gardendale area. The owner of three other studios, she commented "art keeps students out of trouble."

Gail L. Mills, a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Burr & Forman LLP, has been named to the 2010 annual *Lawdragon 3,000 Guide to the Leading Lawyers in America*. The list represents less than 1 percent of the legal profession in the U.S.

'83

Charles Mark Tuggle, senior vice president and director of collections at BBVA Compass in Birmingham, has been named to serve as chair of the Consumer Bankers Association's Collections Committee. He will lead the committee in maintaining its focus on the unique needs of today's collections efforts as it discusses best practices for minimizing losses and keeping customers in their homes as loan delinquencies and defaults increase.

'84

O'Neal Steel, chaired by **Craft O'Neal**, has expanded its nuclear certified materials supply division, which could mean more jobs for Birmingham, according to a March 19 cover story in the *Birmingham Business Journal*. "The expansion will take place out of the

AlumNews '08

Stefan Haben, a soccer standout from Birmingham-Southern's last Big South Conference team, has climbed to the professional leagues in Germany.

After graduating from BSC with a degree in business, he began playing with Eintracht Frankfurt's amateur team in the Regionaliga. Then late in the season, Haben was called up to the professional team in the 1st Division of the German Bundesliga.

The Bundesliga is one of Europe's premiere soccer leagues with its best clubs representing Germany in the Champions League for the European Championship.

Haben traveled with Eintracht to Vietnam to play against Dong Tam Long An in Hanoi. Eintracht won both games in Vietnam with Haben starting both and playing the full 90 minutes. Eintracht finished the season in 10th place in the league.

Recently, Haben switched to a professional contract with his former club team TuS Koblenz in the 3rd Bundesliga, after having played for Eintracht Frankfurt in the amateur Regionaliga.

Haben is originally from Vallendar, which is just outside of Koblenz in Southwestern Germany. He played for the Panthers from 2006-07, and he is the first soccer player in BSC history to play at this high a level professionally.

"He is one of the finest young men that I have had the pleasure of coaching and being associated with," remarked BSC Head Men's Soccer Coach Preston Goldfarb.



company's TW Metals subsidiary in Leetsdale, Pa.," the article states. "Although TW's operations are outside Alabama, much of its stock comes from Birmingham." O'Neal Steel has a broad range of metal products and services.

'86

Rodney Ferguson of Chevy Chase, Md., has joined the Brunswick Group LLC as a partner in its Washington, D.C., office, bringing more than 20 years of experience in communications and journalism. Ferguson has a master's in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School and a certificate in crisis management from the Harvard-MIT program.

George McCluney III and his wife, **Eileen Sites McCluney**, have opened a Beef O'Brady's, a sports bar and restaurant in Hoover. In a July 2 dining review published by *The Birmingham News*, the restaurant was given high scores and said to be a "casual, family-friendly, sports pub franchise." Some of the dish favorites are an Irish beef entree called "Dubliner" and chicken wings.

'87

The Strand Theater of Baltimore, Md., recently performed **Rebecca Gilman's** *The Glory of Living*. The play follows the journey of Lisa, a 16-year old Southern girl who grows up surrounded by abuse. An internationally acclaimed playwright, Gilman is a Trussville native and a resident of Chicago.

Rev. Ronald Gonja now is pastor of Fultondale First United Methodist Church in Birmingham.

After 18 years with Southern Research Institute, **Cari Gisler Oliver** of Birmingham has moved to UAB as assistant director of the Institutional Review Board. She also shares "I am living in Bluff Park with my husband of 17 years, **Bert Oliver** '88, and my children: Franklin, age 15, and Hazel, age 12."

Mark Ridings assumed a new position in September as director of music and the arts at Centenary United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., a 4,000-member congregation. Since 1995, he had served as choir director of Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church. He was director of music at First United Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa from 1989-95 and has taught as an adjunct professor at BSC.

Dr. Lisa Westbrook Wilhite, certified public accountant, has received her doctorate in educational leadership from Samford University. She is employed with Beville State Community College as an accounting/business instructor. Wilhite recently was selected as president-elect of the Alabama Association of Higher Education in Business for 2011. She resides in Dora with her husband, Randy, and children, Jordan and Julianne.

'89

Rev. Clauzell Ridgeway Williams, the senior pastor of Sweet Home United Methodist Church in Gadsden, was ordained an Elder at the June 2010 Annual Conference



of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. The ordination service was held

at Canterbury UMC in Mountain Brook under the guidance and direction of the presiding Bishop William H. Willimon, with members of the Sweet Home congregation in attendance. Following her graduation from BSC, Williams attended seminary at Wake Forest University Divinity School and graduated summa cum laude from Memphis Theological Seminary, where she received a master of divinity degree.



Recognizing BSC's best—On April 22, classes were canceled for the day to celebrate the academic and creative achievements of Birmingham-Southern students and faculty. **Emily Kyzer Browne '00**, a pediatric nurse practitioner working with leukemia and lymphoma patients at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, delivered the keynote address. She spoke on the topic "Teach, Learn, Reach, Earn: My Theory for Surviving the Real World," sharing her insight on elements that make a well-rounded life. Pictured with Browne is Interim BSC President Dr. Mark S. Schantz.

'90

Rhonda Richards has been hired as a proofreader at Luckie & Company in Birmingham. Prior to her current position, she worked in the publishing industry for 15 years at Southern Progress Corp.

Hugh Yarbrough served as keynote speaker for the Latin American Studies Symposium that

was held on the campus in April.

His topic was "Yachana Foundation: Solutions and Sustainability through Education (or One Gringo's Take





AlumNews '09

Gary Crosby became intimately acquainted with President Obama's administration this past summer when he served as Alabama's only White House intern.

He was assigned to the Office of Presidential Correspondence, which provides President Obama with daily samples of constituent mail to keep him aware of concerns and ideas of the American people.

"I received career advice and insight from senior-level Obama administration officials and a birds-eye view of how politics and law intersect," said Crosby, a native of Jasper. "And I connected with a network of highly-motivated and accomplished public servants who came to the White House every day motivated to advance the President's agenda."

The July 1, 2010, issue of *The Washington Post* newspaper featured a photo of Crosby sitting behind Valerie Jarrett, senior advisor to the president, and sitting next to Thurgood Marshall's son at the Elena Kagan U.S. Supreme Court confirmation hearings. The White House interns received a private tour of the U.S. Supreme Court.

He also attended lectures by senior staff members and engaged in community service work.

"I acted as a mentor for the D.C. Scholars program, comprised of high school students in D.C. who are committed to public service and learning more about the White House," Crosby explained. "Additionally, I volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club."

As an added treat, he had the privilege of celebrating the Fourth of July on the South Lawn of the White House with the President, First Lady, staff, the Killers pop trio, military families, and Cedric the Entertainer.

While at BSC, Crosby received the David J. Vann Award in Political Science, which is given each year to an outstanding junior political science student who has demonstrated a commitment to public service. He graduated cum laude and now is in his final year as a 2009 Teach for America Greater New Orleans corps member, where he is teaching secondary social studies before continuing with plans to enter law school.

on Creating a World that Works for Everyone)." Yarbrough is director of development at the Yachana Foundation in Ecuador where he is immersed in projects and initiatives related to education, ecotourism, and conservation, among many others. He frequently works as a Spanish translator for Kiva.org.

'92

Mark Berte and **Hill Carmichael**

'02 are 2010 recipients of statewide awards from the Alabama Citizens Constitutional Reform Foundation. They were recognized this past summer at the Fourth Annual Bailey Thompson Award Luncheon in Tuscaloosa. Both are "committed supporters of constitutional reform and have been at the forefront of grassroots efforts for many years," said a published announcement.

After eight years as chief executive officer of the Appalachian Service Project in Johnson City, Tenn.,

Susan Crow has begun a new role as executive director of Workshops Inc., a Birmingham-based nonprofit employment agency for people with an array of disabilities.

As a companion to his award-winning wilderness survival story *Alabama Moon*, **Watt Key** of Mobile has brought forth another novel entitled *Dirt Road Home*. Published this past July, the story follows 14-year-old Hal Mitchell after he is recaptured and sentenced to live at Hellenwieler Boys Home, a place that is more like a jail than the boys' home it's supposed to be, said a review.

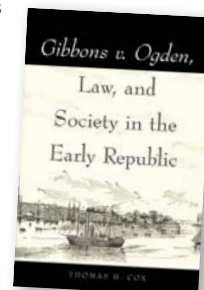
'93

Darryl Shore was hired recently as the fourth head coach of South Florida's professional soccer team, Miami FC. Shore takes over the managerial duties of the team as the Blues fight towards earning a playoff berth for the 2010 season. As a student-athlete at BSC, he was a two-time NAIA All-American. Shore landed his first head

coaching job in 1998 with the New Orleans Storm.

'94

Thomas H. Cox of Shreveport, La., published a new book last year entitled *Gibbons v. Ogden, Law and Society in the Early Republic*, the first book-length treatment of a landmark Supreme Court case from 1824. The case involved a steamship monopoly along the Hudson River and the decision that gave Congress the power to regulate commerce among the states. It is considered one of the most significant Supreme Court cases, still taught in constitutional law courses, and still influencing cases involving interstate trade.



BankPlus in Ridgeland, Miss., has promoted **Rod Henderson** to assistant vice president. He earned a master's degree in administration from Mississippi State University.

Keith Maddox recently became regional inspector general for audit with the Department of Education in Dallas. He is responsible for supervising audits of federal funds awarded to schools in five states.

'95

Thomas J. Butler of Birmingham joined the law firm of Haskell, Slaughter, Young & Rediker LLC this year in its Litigation Practice Group. He represents plaintiffs and defendants in class actions and other complex litigation matters, including mass torts, securities fraud, and products



A shared heritage

Two local Methodist churches with close ties to BSC conclude their ministries

Two churches with a combined 220 years of Christian ministry in the greater Birmingham area have reached the end of their spiritual journeys.

First United Methodist Church of Fairfield held its last service May 30. First United Methodist Church of Bessemer bid a tearful farewell to its landmark home March 7 in a commemorative final service.

The historic relationship between Birmingham-Southern and the Methodist church is one that has evolved for a century and a half. BSC was founded by the United Methodist Church in 1856 in line with its traditional emphasis on education, and the church continues to support the college today.

Over the years, more than a dozen BSC graduates have served as pastors for the two churches, and a large number of the college's alumni and former employees have been members.

Rev. Dr. R. Gordon McKinney '54 served as the last pastor for the Bessemer congregation.

Of the 100-plus people who attended the final service at First United Methodist Church of Bessemer, there were several BSC grads and friends of the college who had traveled from as far away as California. Among them: **Albert Pearson III** of Atlanta '69 and Lisa McEniry Lindley of Rancho Mirage, Calif., who took private voice lessons in high school from retired BSC Associate Professor of Music **Jane Sirles Glaser '57**. Alumni from the Birmingham area included **Barbara J. Lee '61**, **Dr. Ralph K. Bates '54**, and **George T. Lane III '95**.

BSC Major Gifts Officer Jessica Brooks Lane, wife of George Lane, delivered remarks on behalf of the college during the

service. Professor David Smith came as a representative of the Birmingham-Southern Music Department. Former First United Methodist Church of Bessemer pastor **Rev. William "Bill" L. Gunn '59** and his wife, **Betty Scruggs Gunn '60**, also attended the service with Mrs. Gunn playing the prelude music on the piano.

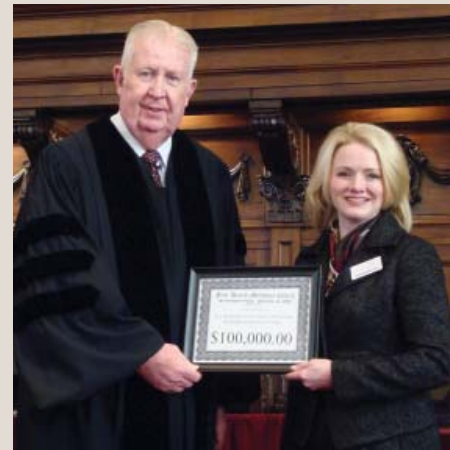
One of the most recent developments in the relationship between BSC and First United Methodist Church of Bessemer came with the establishment of the Alice Ragsdale Norton Music Scholarship Fund at Birmingham-Southern in 2002. The scholarship was created in recognition of "Miss Alice" and her 70 years of service as church organist.

Church members and friends endowed the scholarship in Mrs. Norton's honor, and she continued to play for the church an additional five years until her death in July 2007 at the age of 102.

This past spring, the congregation decided to designate a generous portion of its assets to bring the corpus of the fund up to \$100,000. The scholarship is awarded to BSC students with preference given, but not limited to, organ majors or students preparing for a career in church music.

First United Methodist Church of Fairfield also donated a part of its assets to the college to establish a new endowed scholarship for students with financial need who are interested in studying music.

According to a history of the two churches, First United Methodist Church of Bessemer was founded in 1887, and First United Methodist Church of Fairfield was established in 1913.



Left: First United Methodist Church of Fairfield. Center: First United Methodist Church of Bessemer. Right: Rev. Dr. R. Gordon McKinney '54 of First United Methodist Church of Bessemer presents a certificate acknowledging the church's financial commitment to the college to BSC Major Gifts Officer Jessica Brooks Lane during the closing ceremony.

Friend



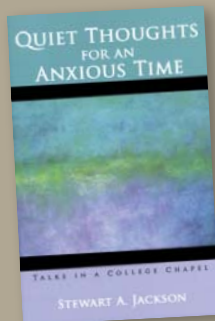
Dr. Stewart A. Jackson, former Birmingham-Southern dean of chapel, has published a book reflecting his work at the college. *Quiet Thoughts for an Anxious Time: Talks in a College Chapel* collects some of his talks with BSC students and was published in December 2009.

A native of Birmingham, he received a bachelor's degree from Auburn University and both master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees, with honors, from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Jackson is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. For eight years, he served in the parish in North Georgia and then came to Birmingham-Southern as the college chaplain in 1979. In 1982, he was additionally assigned to direct the college's Counseling Center.

He directed the college's Service-Learning program from 1984 to 2004. In 2000, Jackson became dean of chapel and clinical director of the Counseling Center. He retired from the college in July 2007 and now works full-time as a pastoral marriage and family therapist in private practice.

Jackson also is an active musician and plays in the band, The Dill Pickers. His website is www.stewartallenjackson.com.



liability. Butler also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Alabama School of Law.

'96

Kelly Fitzpatrick Jones is now president and CEO of First Cahawba Bank in Selma.

'97

Patrick Strubel has been named a 2010 Alabama Super Lawyer and Rising Star in the practice area of personal injury defense: products. He is a partner in the Birmingham-based law firm of Huie, Fernambucq & Stewart.

'98

Walker Haynes of Mobile's debut country single "Pants" hit stores and radio stations in September. Haynes is on the Capitol Nashville label, and according to his website, "completed a degree in general music with an emphasis on piano in just two years at BSC and emerged with a hard-earned music degree."

Rev. Mikah Hudson is the new pastor of Highlands United Methodist Church in Birmingham.

Jeffrey J. Schneider recently joined the Hattiesburg Clinic to practice as a neuropsychologist. He completed a master's in clinical psychology and a Ph.D. in adult clinical psychology/neuropsychology at Louisiana State University.

'00

Todd Miner has been named a shareholder of the law firm Najjar Denaburg PC in Birmingham.

Citizens Baptist Medical Center in Talladega recently welcomed **Joel Taylor** as the new administrator to lead the hospital in its daily operations. Taylor previously served as chief executive officer of White County Community Hospital in Sparta, Tenn. He earned two master's degrees from UAB—one for health administration and one for business administration.

'01

Elizabeth Spencer Anderson has been ordained as an elder in the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and is serving in her fifth year as associate pastor at Messiah United Methodist Church in Springfield, Va. Her husband was just commissioned as a provisional elder and also is serving his fifth year at Messiah as associate pastor of youth ministry. She expresses "Rev. Dr. Stewart Jackson and the service-learning and leadership programs of BSC

helped me to know my call and guided me in the United Methodist Church. 'Southern has blessed my life greatly and I am deeply thankful."

'02

Matthews Lewis Downs graduated from the University of Alabama in May with a Ph.D. in history. He has accepted a visiting professorship with the UAB Department of History.

Elaine M. Haskins is employed as a school counselor at Homewood High School. She earned an educational specialist degree in counseling from UAB in December 2009. She is a licensed professional counselor in Alabama and has a national certified counselor credential from the National Board for Certified Counselors.

Stefanie Hall Lopez of Humble, Texas, has been selected as a 2010-11 United Way Worldwide Global Residence Fellow. This talent development program, funded by the Lily Endowment, is designed to equip mid-career United Way professionals to advance the common good in their communities.

This past April, **Jon Malone** returned from his second deployment with the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines as battalion surgeon. He was stationed with the troops for three years in Kailua, Hawaii, and had served with them outside of Fallujah, Iraq, and in Southern Afghanistan. He has since completed his obligation to the U.S. Navy and has started a radiology residence at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.

Daniel Seigel, baritone and 2009 winner of the National Federation of Music Clubs Young Artists Competition, made his New York solo recital debut at Weill Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall on Nov. 6. He was accompanied by his father, BSC Professor **Lester Seigel '79**.

Mladen Zekic, a native of Bosnia, has opened a new dental practice in Hoover. Hoover Orthodontics is the first entrepreneurial effort by he and his wife, **Mary Butts Zekic**.

'03

Tia Freeman, owner of Tike Construction Inc., was the subject of a recent *Gadsden Times* newspaper article. She has



been self-employed in the city as a licensed contractor since 2006. Freeman also

founded a financial literacy nonprofit organization called Financial Freedom for Life that focuses on providing financial literacy to youth.

Cory Hamrick is the new baseball coach at Niceville High School in Niceville, Fla. As a student-athlete at BSC, he was on the 2001 team who won a school-record 55 games on its way to an NAIA national championship.

'04

Rebecca Ashley Beers has been named to the junior board of Urban Ministry, a nonprofit organization serving Birmingham's West End neighborhood and associated with the United Methodist Church. She is an attorney with Haskell, Slaughter, Young & Rediker LLC.

Margaret Amanda Ege graduated from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in May and has begun a psychiatry residency at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

'05

Rev. Matthew Lacey has assumed the new position of co-pastor of Woodlawn United Methodist Church in Birmingham.

'06

John Boone recently completed a yearlong research fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson Center with economic historian Gavin Wright.

Michelle McCurry Reeves

graduated from the UAB School of Medicine in June.

Playwright and composer **Trey**

Tatum of Jackson Heights, N.Y., completed his MFA in playwriting in May from the Actors Studio Drama School. His full-length play "The River Valeo" was produced in the 14th annual New York Fringe Festival earlier this summer, and his new play "Black Meat" was presented at the Samuel French Off Off Broadway Short Play Festival in July.

Adam Wesley Watterson recently graduated from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and has started an emergency medicine residency at Palmetto Health, a partnership with the University of South Carolina College of Medicine. During USA's Honors Convocation this past spring, he received the Emergency Medicine Award for Excellence.

'07

Ashley Brooke Goodson recently graduated from the University of Montevallo with a master's in communication science and disorders and moved to Mary Esther, Fla., to work in a pediatric private practice as a speech-language pathologist. She serves children from birth to adolescence with various communication disorders due to neurogenic and/or developmental etiologies. She adds "I am forever grateful for the solid education and professional values 'Southern provided me with."

Blaes Schmissrauter is a new physical education and wellness instructor at St. Peter's Episcopal School in Chattanooga.

'08

Birmingham magazine recently hired **Katie Ramsey Rochester** as an account executive in sales. Rochester is responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with clients and increasing revenue according to established goals. She will sell print and online advertising as well as event sponsorships.

Patrick Allen Scott graduated in May with a master's in organ performance with an emphasis in sacred music from the University of Texas at Austin. He began work this fall toward a doctorate of musical arts degree in organ performance at UT. This summer, he was one of only nine students chosen from UT to travel to England and study the English sacred music tradition at churches and schools in Cambridge, Winchester, Oxford, and London.

'09

W. James Pandelis was announced as one of the winners of ermMedia's 2009 composition competition and is recording music for Thomas Edison's 1904 Maniac Chase silent film. He entered the annual competition last fall and was one of four composers selected out of 650 entries. Pandelis' work, along with the other composers, will be recorded by a live orchestra and sold in a CD/DVD combo that is due out soon. He currently resides in the city of Kurihara in Northern Japan where he teaches English to 3rd through 6th graders at five different elementary schools.

George Ingram Voltz of Birmingham is working for the Dixon-Hughes firm as an accounting associate.

'10

Christina McCauley of Marietta, Ga., competing as Miss Southern Heartland, was crowned Miss Georgia June 19. She was one of

40 contestants in the 66th Miss Georgia Scholarship Pageant. McCauley is using the \$15,000 scholarship prize to help pay for her tuition at Kennesaw State University, where she is studying for a master's in early childhood education. She sang "This Is My Beloved" from the operetta *Kismet* during the talent portion of the competition. She studied vocal performance at BSC.

Friends

Jim Hutto, a former staff member at BSC, has been named vice president for enrollment services at Athens State University.

James C. Lee III, CEO of Buffalo Rock and son of late, longtime BSC trustee **James C. Lee Jr. '40**, was honored with a 2010 CEO award by the *Birmingham Business Journal*. The award recognizes talented top executives behind Birmingham's best companies.

Former BSC Men's Basketball Coach **Greg Walcavich** of Edinboro, Pa., recently was inducted into the Edinboro University Athletic Hall of Fame. Since joining Edinboro's basketball coaching staff in 1989, his team has qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs six times. He was inducted into the BSC Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.

Weddings

Tonya Frazier Burleson '87 and Edward Wayne Babb, July 10, 2010.

Michael J.S. Pastrick '92 and Laurie Ann Wallace, May 15, 2010.

James Edward Hale '00 and **Margaret "Mallie" Alice Searcy '07**, May 8, 2010.

Laura Frances Hendrix '01 and Jonathan Elliot Ezell, May 29, 2010.

Ronald Douglas Reed '01 and Courtney Elizabeth Allsbrook, May 15, 2010.

James Martin Murphy '02 and **Susan Michelle Evans '04**, May 1, 2010.

Karl Ian Pfeiffer II '02 and Samantha Laurel Edwards, Aug. 28, 2010.

Anna Elizabeth Donaldson '03 and John Benjamin Chappell, March 20, 2010.

Meredith Janine Humber '04 and Raymond Paul "Trey" Fitzpatrick III, June 19, 2010.

Lindsey Lane Cochran '05 and Ethan Davies Cherkasky, July 24, 2010.

Suelin Elizabeth Joe '05 and Phillip Favor Schilleci, Oct. 9, 2010.

Meghann Leigh Cook '06 and Thomas Devon Laney, May 22, 2010.

Sarah Wallace Galloway '06 and Gerald Edward Wooten III, June 12, 2010.

Amelia Mantick Ross '06 and Adam Joseph Ricks, April 17, 2010.

Katherine Lester '07 and Robert Styles Mooty, July 17, 2010.

Lindsey Alissa Marecle '07 and Dr. Tyler James Marshall, April 10, 2010.

Courtney Nicole Bascom '08 and **Alex Turner Truss '08**, April 24, 2010.

Jonathan Robinson Ross '08 and Kathleen Bryant Cesnick, May 15, 2010.

William Baron Cotney III '09 and **Kristen Elizabeth Kerr '09**, June 26, 2010.

Births

A son, Nicholas McCary, Aug. 31, 2009, to **Bradley John Smith '90** and wife, Helen (big brother, Hoke, and big sister, Sara Lane).

A son, Jacob Lawson, Oct. 6, 2009, to **Jennifer Holder Fields '93** and husband, Jason (big brother, Jackson).

A son, Daniel Read, Feb. 3, 2010, to **Jim Bennett '95** and wife, Jami (big brother, Brooks).

A daughter, Virginia Nelson, Jan. 4, 2010, to **Laura Cammack Eanes '96** and husband, Michael (big brother, Judson).

A son, "Sawyer" Maise, April 1, 2010, to **Scott Speagle '96** and wife, **Regina "Gina" Maise Speagle '98** (big sister, Sydney, and big brother, Grant).

A daughter, Mary Stuart, Nov. 15, 2009, to **Elizabeth Stuart Wills Strom '96** and husband, Patrick Robert "Robbie" (big brother, Trey). Proud uncle is **Alan Wills Jr. '98**.

A daughter, Anna Blair, July 3, 2008, to **Helen Clark McEwen Richards '97** and husband, Brad.

A son, William Cotney, Feb. 9, 2010, to **Melissa Cotney Dooley '98** and husband, Adam (big brother, Jackson).

A son, Jase Dansby, May 10, 2010, to **Jason Searcy '99** and wife, Jodi (big brothers, Jackson and Jon Cole).

A daughter, Ella Cate, Aug. 14, 2010, to **Timothy Daniel Calhoun '00** and wife, **Laura Lee McAbee Calhoun '01**.

A daughter, Renee Grace, March 31, 2009, to **Lacy Johnston McShane '00** and husband, Mike.

A daughter, Eliza Helen, March 30, 2010, to **Meredith Freeman Middlebrooks '00** and husband, Jeff.

A son, Britton Waldrep, Jan. 21, 2010, to **Todd Miner '00** and wife, Stacy (big brother, Graham, and big sister, Caroline). Proud grandmother is **Joanne Hayes Miner '00**, retired associate director of Student Financial Aid Services at BSC.

A son, Benjamin "Ben" Collins, June 29, 2010, to **Anna Tillman Wilson '00** and husband, Nathan.

A son, William Elijah, March 5, 2010, to **Brandy Williams Dahlen '01** and husband, Michael (big brothers and sister, Nathan, Anna Faith, and Samuel).

A daughter, Sarah Adaline, April 2, 2010, to **Bill Moore '01** and wife, **Anna Bowen Moore '00**.

A son, Shepard Andrew, March 5, 2010, to **Brad Stein '01** and wife, **Emily Eaton Stein '01** (big sister, Sydney).

A son, Hugh Morgan IV, Feb. 4, 2010, to **Allison Norris Ashurst '02** and husband, Morgan (big sister, Scarlett).

A son, Elliott Whitaker, March 22, 2010, to **Dr. Linsey Steadman Williams '02** and husband, Tim. Proud grandmother is **Nora Kilpatrick Steadman '02** (MPPM).

A daughter, Charlotte Avery, May 15, 2010, to **Vanessa Brunn Lande '03** and husband, David.

A daughter, Caroline Grace, May 23, 2010, to **Adam Israel '06** and wife, **Emily Duggan Israel '06**.

In Memoriam

Martha Hagan Hood '29 of Birmingham on May 12, 2010. Hagen was a retired teacher in the Birmingham school system. She was active in the Homewood community, most notably with the Brownie and Girl Scout troops. Though she was 102 at the time of her death, Hagen had nevertheless passed the written and road tests extending her driver's license to 2013.

Alline Campbell Pino '33 of Pelham on March 29, 2010. She had a career as an elementary schoolteacher. Following her graduation from BSC and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Pino became one of six women chosen from Alabama to serve in the Women's Army Corps, where she rose to the rank of major. Survivors include her husband, Col. Salvatore Pino Jr. (Ret.), and her son, **Jim Campbell Pino '70**. Her brother was the late **John W. Campbell '34**.

Mary Quarles Grass '35 of Hoover on April 15, 2010. After graduating from BSC in education, she earned an accounting degree from UAB and a master's degree from the

University of Alabama. Grass was employed by Royal Cup Coffee as office manager for more than 20 years until her retirement. She was active in church affairs.

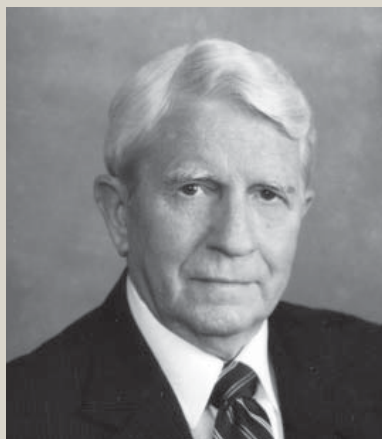
Mary Ella Suter Johnson '36 of Atlanta on Jan. 3, 2010. She worked for the Birmingham Public Library until her marriage to **John Andrew Johnson '32** in 1939. His career with the Soil Conservation Service took them to several cities in the South until his retirement in 1973 when they settled in Decatur. Following his death in 1997, she moved to Kingsbridge in Atlanta. Survivors include her daughter Beth Withers, who kindly shared news of her mother's death, and sister-in-law **Virginia Johnson Crenshaw '41**.

Mildred Turner Strong '36 of Birmingham on May 16, 2010. A teacher and advocate for special education and the devoted mother of a special needs child, she helped found the Alice Pigman Center (later the Opportunity Center), and was instrumental in establishing The Workshops Inc. Her husband was the late **Robert McLester Strong Jr. '35**, and among her sisters was the late **Gladys Turner Seale '32**. Survivors include her niece, **Ann Turner Hull '65** (**Dr. Leland Hull Jr. '64**).

George W. Marshall '39 of Belvidere, N.J., on May 1, 2010. Marshall served in the U.S. Navy during World War II with the rank of lieutenant. After graduating from BSC, he became a history teacher with the Newton public school system. Since 1920, he and his family had owned and operated Marshall's Farm Market in Delaware.

Frank Joseph Fede '40 of Alexandria, Va., on June 23, 2010. His 31 years in federal government included service in the Federal Aviation Administration and international negotiator for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

In Memoriam '35



Guthrie Smith, who served his hometown of Fayette, Ala., as councilman and mayor, was regarded as a key figure in the cultural and economic growth of the city. He passed away May 7, 2010, at the age of 97.

Smith enrolled at BSC as an economics major in 1931, determined, he once said, to follow in the footsteps of his brother, Curruth ("C.R."), who graduated from the college in 1925. He served as president of the student body at BSC and graduated with a degree in economics. From there, he earned a Dupont Fellowship to the University of Virginia, and in 1957, received a master's degree in economics.

Following his graduate degree, Smith worked in Washington, D.C., for six years before being drafted

into the U.S. Army. He spent three years in World War II. As a member of the Army's 100th Infantry Division, Smith helped liberate the concentration camp in Dachau, Germany.

After his military service, he returned to Fayette, where he managed the city for 37 years—first as a city councilman and then as mayor. He was instrumental in spearheading the construction of 100-acre Guthrie Smith Park, a 350-acre industrial park, a municipal airport, and a million dollar state-of-the-art sewer facility, among his accomplishments.

Smith was honored by Birmingham-Southern in 2000 with the Distinguished Alumni Award. The Guthrie J. Smith Scholarship Fund, which was established at BSC in 1955, received a \$1 million gift in 2009 from the estate of his longtime friend, Earl McDonald.

He served during World War II as a captain in the Army Air Corps, and after the war, completed his studies at Yale and the University of Pennsylvania. After retirement, he started his own business and wrote the book *Italians in the Deep South*.

Julia Thiemonge Harris '41 of Vestavia Hills on March 8, 2010. A talented pianist, she graduated from the Birmingham Conservatory of Music in 1939, taught piano for many years, and was a past president of the Bush Hills Music Club.

Robert LeGrand Passmore '41 of Birmingham on April 26, 2010. Passmore was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Medical Corp in France. His lifelong career was in the medical supply business. He loved fishing, hunting, and playing golf.

Kathryn "Kitty" Sims Pentzer '41 of Panama City, Fla., on March 16, 2010. She worked for the state of Florida's Human Resource Services Division for many years

assisting the underprivileged. She also volunteered her time to many community efforts, including Project Literacy and the Bay County Library. Survivors include her brother, **Ezra Sims Jr. '48**, and her son, Michael Pentzer.

Sarah Frances Douglas '42 of Birmingham on May 9, 2010. She is survived by her sister, Lillian **Douglas Berg '46**, and her brother, William Douglas.

Henry Ward Aston '43 of Birmingham on Aug. 18, 2010. His wife, **Mary Evelyn Lollar Aston '43** passed away Sept. 13, 2010. He worked for the Alabama State Department of Education in Vocational Rehabilitation Services as an area supervisor for more than 37 years, and served as an advocate for the blind and disabled. She was employed for many years by McCoy United Methodist Church as pastoral secretary and librarian. Both she and her husband actively supported a variety of humanitarian organizations.

Frances Varner Wiygul '43 of Birmingham on May 5, 2010. Following college, Wiygul wrote a column for *The Birmingham News* called "Betty Birmingham" and was on the staff of former radio station WSGN. She had many charitable interests. Survivors include her son, **James Mayfield Wiygul '90** (MPPM).

Joyce Rinks Marsh '44 of Prattville on April 26, 2010. After a college career at BSC and the University of Alabama, Marsh became a teacher of kindergarten children. In 1945, she married Gail Marsh, baker and owner of Birmingham's beloved Marsh Bake Shop. While raising their four children, she was active as a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader.

In Memoriam '40



Alice "Acky" Jones McGriff of Mountain Brook passed away Aug. 20 at her home. She was 89.

McGriff entered Birmingham-Southern at age 16 and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. One of her fondest memories at BSC, she once noted, was learning to tap dance to "Way Down Upon the Suwanee River" in gym suits that looked like big, full romper-like bloomers. She was president of both Kappa Delta sorority and the Student Government Coed Council.

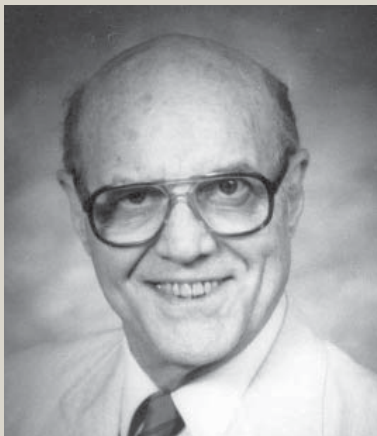
She was active in the community and was involved with many clubs and organizations, including the Little Garden Club of America and the Nineteenth Century Club. She was especially fond of the YWCA. She served on its board 32 years and was a co-recipient of its Women of Valor Award in 2006. She was a devoted member of the Linley Heflin Unit and was particularly involved in its college scholarship program for deserving Alabama women.

McGriff also was a lifetime member of the Junior League of Birmingham, singing for many years in its choral club. She loved life and especially family, friends, dachshunds, travel, reading, movies, and plays.

The Alice Nabers Jones McGriff Scholarship was established at BSC in 1999 by her husband, the late Lee "Pete" McGriff, in honor of her birthday. The scholarship provides assistance to students with financial need who are seeking a liberal arts education.

Survivors include her four children, sister **Marguerite Jones Harbert '44**, and grandson **Lee McGriff IV '03**.

In Memoriam '40



Dr. Richard B. Morland, emeritus professor of educational philosophy at Stetson University, passed away Aug. 2 in DeLand, Fla. He was 91.

The longtime DeLand resident retired from Stetson in 1990 after a 38-year career as a coach and faculty member. He came to the university in 1952 as chair of the Department of Physical Education and head basketball coach. As a coach, he led his team to winning seasons in each of his five years, and later, was named to the Stetson Sports Hall of Fame.

He also was the recipient of the McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching during his time at Stetson. A bust of Morland by artist Harry Messersmith is displayed in the college's duPont-Ball Library.

Morland was published in more than 25 academic journals during his career. Included in his writings is a naval history of World War II, *The USS Lexington Revisited*.

He was discharged from the U.S. Navy with 11 battle stars, having served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After the war, he worked as assistant coach at Springfield College, where he obtained his master's degree. From 1947-50, he was head basketball coach at Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jessie Parrish Morland, and a daughter.

founders of the *Huntsville News*, later sold to the *Huntsville Times*. He also was one of the founding directors of Security Federal Savings and Loan, which became Secor, and American National Bank, which became AmSouth. He served on the board of directors for both institutions for many years.

Joseph McConnell Farley

'48 of Birmingham on May 24, 2010. A graduate of Harvard Law School, his career began at the Birmingham firm of Blakey and Bouldin (now Balch & Bingham) in corporate and utility law. Farley later served as a longtime president of Alabama Power Co. before becoming the first chair and CEO of Southern Nuclear Operating Co. He was active in a number of civic groups and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

William Edward "Ed" Pearson

Sr. '49 of Birmingham on Jan. 29, 2010. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the USS Essex. After a distinguished career in the insurance industry, he owned and operated Pearson Flooring in Huntsville. He enjoyed collecting antiques.

Dr. Earle H. Shugerman Sr. '49 of Birmingham on May 18, 2010. In 1958, Shugerman and his brother, Dr. Alwyn Shugerman, went into private medical practice. After 27 years in practice, he joined the faculty of the University of Alabama in the Department of Medicine and served as senior physician of UAB's UCare internal medicine practice until he retired in 1992. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran and an avid gardener.

William M. "Mel" Simpson Sr.

'49 of Melbourne, Fla., on March 12, 2010. Simpson had a self-owned accounting practice for 25 years. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army's 8th Air Force. He was past president of the Melbourne Kiwanis Club and past president of the Florida Accountants Association.

In Memoriam '61



Myra Augusta Mullins Baker died Sept. 10 at the age of 76. She was a gifted scholar and teacher with a lifelong love of learning.

In addition to the undergraduate degree she received from Birmingham-Southern, she earned a bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College, a master's in English literature from BSC, a master's in art history from Hunter College, and a Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Alabama.

Baker's teaching career began in Germany where she married her

husband, who was stationed there in the military. After the couple returned to Birmingham, she taught at Minor High School and at her alma mater, Woodlawn High School. She was a member of the Birmingham-Southern faculty from 1959-60 and 1961-62.

Moving to New York in 1962, she taught English literature and grammar at New York University, Hunter College, and Vassar College. She also served as a board member of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra from 1977-81 and participated in other charitable activities and various professional bodies, although limited by illness beginning in 1980. She returned to Birmingham in 1998.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, **David R. Baker '51**, a BSC trustee.

William Rufus Ray Jr. '46 of Florence on Feb. 20, 2010. Ray served in the U.S. Army in World War II as a pilot officer. During his long and varied career, he worked for educational institutions and agencies like the American Red Cross, Department of Public Welfare, University of Alabama dental clinic, and State Probation and Parole Department. He also taught law enforcement and correction classes at Florence State University. Survivors include his wife, **Virginia Tidwell Ray '48**, daughter **Millicent Ray Williams '71** (**Ed Williams '70**), and sister-in-law **Corrine Timberlake Ray '49**.

Dorothy Deshazo Carter '47 of Morganton, N.C., on April 16, 2010. After graduating from BSC with a degree in biology, she received a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Alabama and had worked at Northport Hospital.

James R. Cleary '48 of Huntsville on Feb. 15, 2010. He was a retired attorney and civic leader. Active in the development of Huntsville's economy, Cleary was one of the

In *Memoriam* Friend



Dr. Irvin Penfield, who served on the Birmingham-Southern faculty for more than 37 years, including 18 years as provost and dean of the college, passed away Sept. 15 after a long illness. He was 70.

A native of Birmingham, Penfield joined the BSC faculty in 1967 as an assistant professor of political science, rising to the rank of full professor by 1980. He became dean of the college and vice president for academic affairs in 1985. His title was changed to provost in 1996.

As the first chair of the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences, he established majors in political science and sociology. As director of the Master of Arts in Public and Private Management Program, he led a

group of faculty in establishing a graduate program in business.

As provost, he helped write the first grant for seed money to start the Leadership Studies Program. He oversaw the completion of such initiatives as the Honors Program, Foreign Languages Across the Curriculum, Latin American Studies program, and the Foundations curriculum.

Penfield also was instrumental in the founding of the Associated Colleges of the South, a consortium of 16 liberal arts colleges of which Birmingham-Southern is a member.

He completed his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Alabama.

Upon his retirement from Birmingham-Southern in 2004, Penfield became Provost Emeritus of the college. The Dr. H. Irvin Penfield Scholarship in Political Science fund was established in his honor, and the outdoor plaza adjacent to the then new Elton B. Stephens Science Center on campus was named the Dr. H. Irvin Penfield Plaza.

He is survived by his wife, **Elise McWilliams Penfield '61**, and sons Russell and **Matthew '92**.

James O. "Moe" Thomas '49 of Marshall County, Ala., on April 21, 2010. He was a World War II Army veteran who had served as a staff sergeant. During his long career in human resources, Thomas was instrumental in the success of the Birmingham Work Release Center in the '70s, and later worked for Alabama Power Co. until he retired.

George Anderson Blinn III '50 of Birmingham on April 19, 2010. During his distinguished career in law, he was appointed assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Alabama and joined the legal staff of Liberty National Life Insurance Co. He later became senior associate counsel of the Torchmark Corp. He was a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America.

Grover Lee Davis '50 of Jacksonville, Fla., on June 21, 2010. After retiring from a lengthy career with HUD, he joined with others

to form Johnson and Associates Mortgage Co. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army.

Carrol Eugene May '50 of Hoover on May 31, 2010. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, who served in the South Pacific during World War II. He also served during the Korean Conflict and the Berlin Crisis. May retired from General Motors Acceptance Corp. after 34 years of service and from the Alabama National Guard as a major. He was an avid golfer.

Marilynn Cooper '51 of Santa Fe, N.M., on March 21, 2010. The first woman builder in New Mexico, Cooper ran her own custom home construction business for more than 40 years. She spearheaded legislation to create zoning for condominiums in New Mexico and built the first condos and townhouses in the state. She also was a lifelong democratic activist

and fought passionately for civil rights, women's rights, animal rights, and conservation.

James Patrick "Pat" Galloway '51 of Auburn on May 3, 2010. Galloway enrolled at Auburn University before transferring to BSC and graduating with honors. He paid for college by working at the loading docks of Sears. He continued at Sears for the next 38 years, ultimately holding the position of executive vice president for the entire company. Galloway and his wife enjoyed traveling.

Dr. Ernst A. Hardy '51 of Birmingham on Feb. 27, 2010. He was a World War II veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star. Hardy taught and coached at several elementary and high schools in Birmingham, retiring in 1995 with 47 years of service. He enjoyed sports and was skilled as a Scrabble player.

Jacqueline Wise Morgan '51 of Cullman on June 20, 2010. After graduating from BSC, Morgan worked for Ingalls Iron and Hayes Aircraft. She married her husband, Earl, in 1951, and they lived in Birmingham, except for his tour in the U.S. Air Force. She and her family especially enjoyed camping and fishing at the Gulf Coast.

Johanna C. Caruso '52 of Birmingham on May 8, 2010. Holding national certification as a teacher of both organ and piano, Caruso was a founding member of the Huntsville Music Teachers Association. She was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and served as its choir director, music director, and organist for many years.

Margaret Warren Sibley '52 of Old Saybrook, Conn., on April 17, 2010. After graduating from BSC in speech therapy, Sibley moved to NYC for a job with the American Red Cross where she and her husband, Arthur, met. In that same year, she helped start A.E. Sibley Inc., where she worked until 1992. She was a docent for many years at the Florence Griswold Museum and loved gardening.

Edna Lovett Brown '53 of Birmingham on June 19, 2010. She was retired from Birmingham-Southern after working for 46 years as an adjunct professor in the college's Conservatory of Music. She was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church of Fairfield.

Clara Lee Hammett Montgomery '55 of Sylacauga on Jan. 30, 2010. She made an impact in the education field for 32 years in the roles of teacher and principal, and was awarded Outstanding Educator of the Year by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. She taught Sunday school at Sylacauga First United Methodist Church and was active in various clubs in her community.

Virginia Carroll Covington '56 of Washington, D.C., in August 2009. The news was shared by her sister, Jeannette Willis, who said "she was always proud to be a graduate of BSC and loved her years and her friends there."

Mildred Moseley Suttle '56 of Penney Farms, Fla., on April 1, 2010. She taught mathematics at the Mather School in South Carolina and at colleges in Florida and Washington, D.C. Later, she and her husband operated a real estate investment and management firm. Her many hobbies included sailing and crossword puzzles.

Betty Fields Byars '61 of Birmingham on April 24, 2010. Following time in Europe, Byars married and became employed by the UAB School of Dentistry, and later, as a buyer for the wedding room at the former Loveman's department store. She then worked with her husband at Byars & Co. until their business was sold and she retired. She was involved in many charitable organizations.

Dr. Charles Cornell Hill Jr. '69 of Birmingham on May 23, 2010. He worked in the field of psychology at UAB for several years before pursuing a career in the performing arts. His acting career took him to NYC and Hollywood where he appeared on stage, in films, and on television. After leaving Hollywood, he moved to Wyoming and then back to Alabama.

Virginia LeCroy Baker '70 of Warrior on June 28, 2010. Throughout her life as a piano and voice teacher, she guided many youth and adults toward musical accomplishments. Baker directed choirs, played piano, and conducted special musical programs at her church. Most recently, she was working on a community revitalization plan for the Warrior community. News of her death was shared with us by her friend, **Dr. George Ann Gibson Parker '67** who remarked "her radiant smile and soft laughter, in spite of her physical challenges, kept me centered." Survivors include her husband, Brooks H. Baker III, and her brother, **Carl LeCroy '66**.

David Bradley Hargett '70 of Bolingbrook, Ill., on Aug. 22, 2010. News of the death was shared by his niece, **Allison Hargett '04** of Knoxville.

Charles Poole '70 of Franklin, Tenn., on April 16, 2008.

Glenn Shadix '76 of Birmingham on Sept. 7, 2010. During his acting career, he had more than 30 TV and film appearances, including *Planet of the Apes*, "Seinfeld," and "ER." Shadix is best remembered for his portrayal of a portly designer in the metaphysical comedy *Beetlejuice*, where he starred opposite Winona Ryder. He had returned to live in Bessemer after many years of living in Los Angeles.

Marilyn Leigh Mitchell Pippen '78 of Birmingham on June 26, 2010. After graduating from Northwestern University, she went to work for American Airlines in El Paso, Texas. Pippen was a longtime member of Canterbury United Methodist Church. She also traveled extensively and was a private pilot. The Martha Pippen Grizzard Scholarship Fund at Canterbury supports student at Birmingham-Southern.

Charles Anthony Cataldo '81 of Pelham on March 27, 2010.

Patricia Wayne Wright '87 of Birmingham on June 17, 2010. She studied accounting at BSC and graduated with honors. She was a member of Hunter Street Baptist Church.

Cynthia E. Robinson '92 of Birmingham on Feb. 16, 2010. Robinson attended the former Southern Junior College before graduating from Birmingham-Southern. She was retired as a manager for Cingular Wireless (now AT&T) and was a member of Faith Chapel Christian Center.

Ashlea Alkire Morrow '94 of Byhalia, Miss., on Aug. 8, 2010. She was employed as a general ledger accountant for the Animal Health Division of Pfizer Inc.

Anthony Ray Mostella II '11 of Oneonta, a former student, on June 13, 2010. While at Birmingham-Southern, he was

named a Second Team All-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference pick in 2007. A running back, Mostella finished the 2008 fall football season at BSC with 769 all-purpose yards, including two touchdowns and 222 yards on 57 rushes.

Friends

Marguerite Metts Cranford of Adamsville on March 26, 2010. Cranford was retired from Henderson Excavating and from Birmingham-Southern, where she was employed in the BSC library as a bookkeeper in the Acquisition Department. She was a lifetime member of Midway Methodist Church of Adamsville.

Dr. Gustavo "Gus" Hernandez of Panama City, Fla., on Feb. 12, 2010. Hernandez was head of the BSC Spanish Department from 1945-63. He is survived by two sons and two daughters, including **Renee Hernandez Toner '62**.

Carolyn Vance Oglesby of Birmingham, mother of **Donald Oglesby '69**, was a strong supporter of BSC's music programs over her lifetime. She also was active in the Birmingham Music Club and other cultural organizations and taught and played piano for many years. She worked as a secretary to the president of American National bank in Gadsden and later at Alabama Power Co.

Irvin Penfield: remembering a friend and mentor to all

The following is an abridged version of remarks by David M. Smith '79 on Sept. 23 at the memorial service of Dr. Irvin Penfield, who was longtime Birmingham-Southern provost and dean. Smith, an attorney and shareholder with Maynard Cooper & Gale, is chair of the Academic Affairs Committee of the BSC Board of Trustees. Penfield's "In Memoriam" can be found on page 47.



Penfield

"I hope today that my tribute to Irvin will include sentiments that are shared by many of you. The list of possible witnesses is endless.

Irvin and Elise have been a revered couple on the Birmingham-Southern campus for decades, and regularly hosted scores of students for dinner in their home. They entertained students as their friends. Irvin epitomized the standard of excellence on which BSC's reputation for student-faculty relationships and classroom teaching is based.

Irvin's expectations were high, but he derived his greatest professional satisfaction from his students' achievements. He always said, in reference to selecting a graduate

school, 'go to the best school you can get in.' Irvin sent kids to Alabama, Vandy, Virginia, Michigan, Yale, and Harvard. He first talked to me about Boots Gale (his friend) and Kirby Sevier ('68) long before I went to law school and became their partner. Rodney Ferguson ('86) worked for Irvin in the Dean's Office and then went to Harvard University for his graduate degree.

Irvin traveled with groups of 'Southern students to England, Belgium, France, Holland, and other countries to study social and political culture, traditions, and structure. From the late '60s until well into the '80s, Irvin exposed students like me to a foreign culture for the first time in our lives. Going with Irvin to a performance of the London Philharmonic Orchestra was an evening and a feeling I'll never forget.

During the summer before I first arrived at Birmingham Southern, I decided that I would pursue a pre-law curriculum rather than a pre-med chemistry major. It was too late to change my preliminary declaration, so during the first week of orientation, I was sent to my new faculty advisor Dr. [Dean] Callaway, a chemistry professor. I told Dr. Callaway that I had decided to study pre-law, and he promptly called Dr. Penfield and sent me to see him. I got up and went directly to Irvin's office where a close friendship of 35 years began.

Irvin was chair of the Political Science Department then: very serious, very confident, and very cool. He asked me about my goals, and then he recommended several

course selections for me.

Students heard from Irvin on a regular basis about Charles Franklin ('75), his all-time, all-star pupil, who was pursuing a Ph.D. in political science at the University of Michigan. Irvin always felt that sharing Charles' achievements would inspire the rest of us, and he was right. Charles' career, in Irvin's opinion, was the exemplary product of the political science curriculum at 'Southern.

In my view, Irvin was most 'in his element' in the classroom. He was the most dynamic and stimulating lecturer I had at 'Southern. He had a strong voice and confident tone, and his delivery was impeccable.

Irvin never confined his advising to students who majored in political science. He befriended and mentored students from all disciplines—many went on to become lawyers, bankers, clergy, academicians, doctors, and psychologists. BSC graduates in all these fields maintained lifelong relationships with Irvin, and many are here today.

When I've visited with Irvin since his retirement, he talked more about his sons than ever before. Russell and Matthew ('92) are both extraordinary lawyers. Russell is having enormous success as an assistant U.S. attorney, and Matthew practices at Maynard Cooper & Gale. Irvin was so proud of all they have accomplished, the wonderful women they married, and the grandchildren they gave him. Irvin was a happy man who loved his wife and his family until the end. They loved him, too. So did I."

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Together, again—The BSC Class of 1960 and their spouses (and some friends from the Class of '59!) have some fun for the cameras during their group photo for the 2010 Homecoming/Reunion Weekend in October. The group gathered on campus during the weekend for a class dinner, pre-game brunch, and the BSC Homecoming Football victory over the Sewanee Tigers, among other festivities. Be sure to check the BSC website at www.bsc.edu for more photos from the weekend, as well as in the spring 2011 issue of *Southern* magazine where we will show you the “serious” Class of 1960 photo and identify the alumni.