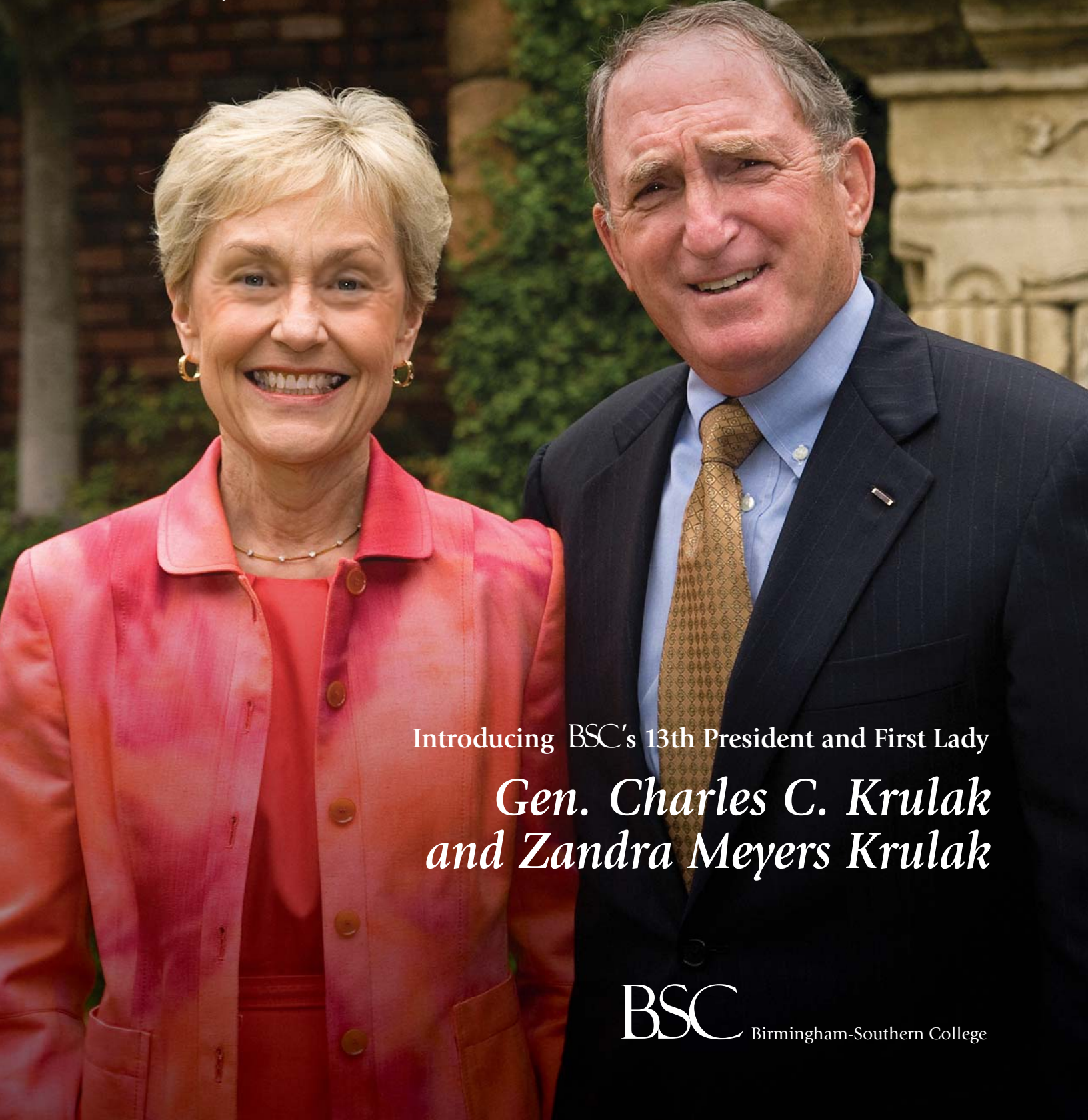


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Introducing BSC's 13th President and First Lady

*Gen. Charles C. Krulak
and Zandra Meyers Krulak*

BSC Birmingham-Southern College

Don't get called out on strikes

Birmingham-Southern needs its alumni now more than ever



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Dear Fellow Alumni:

It is my privilege to serve this year as the president of the Birmingham-Southern College Alumni Association, and, in that capacity, as a voting member of the college's Board of Trustees. I take my responsibilities very seriously and hope that you will always feel free to call on me or the Alumni Affairs Office if we can help you in any way.

It is with great pride that I say that both my son, John (2010), and I (1978) graduated from 'Southern, and that we both pitched for the Panther baseball team. Baseball and the quality education I received have played important roles in my life and career. I owe a great deal to the Hilltop, and I'm sure that you feel the same way.

As you know, three strikes in baseball mean you're out, and three outs mean the inning is over. So it's no surprise, especially as a former pitcher, that I've often found the best things come in threes. Thus, I ask you to consider three things in the coming year regarding your connection with Birmingham-Southern College at this critical time in its history:

1. **Make a point to attend and host alumni and college events in your area.** If you would like to assist with a chapter or club, let us know. If given the opportunity to meet our new president, don't—pardon the baseball terminology—get caught looking. When you are in Birmingham or if our athletics teams, choirs, faculty, or other individuals or groups are visiting your area, attend and support your college. Mark Nov. 11-12, 2011, on your calendar and come home to the Hilltop for Homecoming/Reunion 2011 Weekend activities.
2. **Keep a watchful eye out for prospective students who would be a good fit for BSC.** There's a webpage available for you to submit student recommendations. Go to: www.bsc.edu/alumni/form-prospect.cfm and let us know who you know.
3. **Support the Annual Fund—as the name implies, annually—with your best gift.** As we move forward, we need your contributions—both in dollars and in percentage participation—so that we can be the college we have always been. And, in the spirit of threes, consider making it a 3-year pledge. Such commitments assist the college in long-term planning, and it will spare you a few solicitation calls and mailings and save the college printing and mailing costs. Finally, don't just give a gift yourself—ask your classmates to give, too.

Consider the above three ways to stand by Birmingham-Southern—not “three strikes you're out.” We need you ... all of you ... helping us to again claim victory.

If you would like to contact me, you may e-mail me at bscalumpresident@gmail.com or call the Alumni Affairs Office at 205/226-4912.

Forward, ever!

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On March 21, Gen. Charles C. Krulak was introduced as Birmingham-Southern's 13th president. The former Commandant of the U.S. Marines Corps, member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Chairman and CEO of MBNA Europe Bank Ltd., began his duties June 1 and already has affected great change for the college going forward, as he says, "steering by the stars and not by the wake." Shown on the cover are General Krulak and his wife of 47 years, Zandra Meyers Krulak. To the right, BSC's president addresses the media at the announcement. Read more on the Krulaks beginning on page 14.

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Wynter Byrd.



Gen. Charles C. Krulak named 13th president of **Birmingham-Southern College**

Gen. Charles “Chuck” C. Krulak, retired Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps and former member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was introduced March 21 as the 13th president of Birmingham-Southern College. He immediately announced that he would forego his first year’s salary to demonstrate his allegiance to the college and its fiscal health.

He officially began his duties full time on June 1.

“Birmingham-Southern is fortunate to have attracted an individual with the experience, character, and charisma of General Krulak as its president,” said Dr. Wayne W. Killion Jr., then vice chair of the BSC Board of Trustees and chair of the Presidential Search Committee [Killion is now chair of the BSC Board of Trustees]. “He quickly demonstrated his allegiance to this great college and its students, future students, faculty, staff, and alumni by requesting that he not be paid a salary during his first 12 months in office. He is an individual of great integrity and values, and this college and its board are in full support of his leadership.

“Our long and thorough search led us to the right individual to be the president of this college at this moment in time,” Killion continued. “Not only is General Krulak a highly regarded leader, he brings proven skills in fundraising, fiscal policy, strategic planning, and organizational management to Birmingham-Southern at a pivotal time in its history. Most importantly, he understands and appreciates the value of a liberal arts education in today’s world, and we are confident the motivational leadership he has demonstrated in the military and in business will further strengthen this gem of a college.”

“I believe General Krulak will soon be regarded as one of our most outstanding college presidents,” said Dr. James L. Fisher, president emeritus of Towson University and former president of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). “His deep knowledge of the traditions of higher education and the importance of the liberal arts will amount to an exceptional presidential tenure.”

A 35-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Krulak replaced Dr. Mark Schantz who served as interim president of the college during the search process. Schantz returned to his position as BSC provost on June 1. Dr. Kathleen Greer Rossmann, who served as interim provost, was named by Krulak to the new position of vice president for enrollment management. Dr. Susan Hagen, Mary Collett Munger Professor of English, was named associate provost.

Krulak was appointed the 31st Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps on July 1, 1995, a post he held until his retirement on June 30, 1999. As the senior leader of the Marine Corps, he was a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with overall responsibility for recruiting, training, operational readiness, and welfare of more than 220,000 active and reserve forces and 20,000 civilian employees. During his tenure, he annually increased the USMC share of the Department of Defense budget by \$1.5 billion to initiate a modernization effort that continues to benefit troops today. He also instituted the Marine Corps Fighting Laboratory, lengthened and strengthened recruit training, and fathered the concepts of “Three Block War” and “The Strategic Corporal” to help Marines better

understand and prepare for warfare in the 21st century.

Following his retirement from military service, Krulak was named in 2001 as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MBNA Europe Bank Ltd. in Chester, England, where he spearheaded a financial turnaround for the third largest credit card provider in the United Kingdom and the largest credit card provider in the Republic of Ireland. Under his leadership, net income and loans doubled, the number of managed accounts increased from \$3.2 million to \$8.4 million, and the bank expanded into Spain, its first entry into a non-English speaking country.

In 2004, he joined MBNA America Bank N.A. in Wilmington, Del., as Vice Chairman, where he was responsible for corporate development and acquisitions, personnel, and education for the FORTUNE 500 company employing 28,000 people in five countries and 20 locations. Krulak led the acquisition of four companies as a part of a corporate diversification strategy, negotiated the first joint venture with a foreign bank, and acquired more than \$6 billion in loans, among other initiatives.

During this time, MBNA was recognized as a “Great Place to Work” in both the United Kingdom and the United States.

Krulak’s long and distinguished military career included two tours of duty in Vietnam and as commanding general of the 2nd Force Service Support Group at Camp LeJeune, N.C., during the Gulf War. His other assignments included commanding general of the Marine Forces Pacific at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, the largest theatre of operations for the USMC; commanding general of the Marine



Killion



Gen. Charles C. Krulak and Zandra Meyers Krulak at his introduction as BSC's 13th president on March 21.

Corps Combat Development Command at Quantico, Va., responsible for developing war fighting concepts and determining capabilities to enable the Marine Corps to field combat-ready forces; director of the USMC Force Structure Planning Group, where he developed, coordinated, and published the strategic vision of the U.S. Marine Corps for the 21st century; and deputy director of the White House Military Office, where he coordinated the military support for Presidents Reagan and George H. W. Bush.

From February 2003 until April 2006, he served by presidential appointment as chairman of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors, overseeing the board responsible for morale, discipline, curriculum, faculty, athletics programs, and admissions policies of the U.S. Naval Academy.

His military honors include the

Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star Medal, three Bronze Star medals, two Purple Heart medals, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the French Legion of Honor, among many others.

Krulak currently serves as the co-chairman of the Founders Group of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation which has raised in excess of \$150 million to build, equip, and staff Phase I of the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

He serves on the boards of the Union Pacific Corp.; Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold; Aston Villa Football Club of professional soccer's English Premier League; Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, the medical school for the U.S. Armed Forces; and CEO Forum. He is a member of the

Council on Foreign Relations, Hope for the Warriors, Human Rights First, and Officer Christian Fellowship.

A native of Quantico, Va., Krulak is a graduate of the Phillips Exeter Academy, a highly regarded coeducational institution in New Hampshire for grades 9-12. He received his bachelor's degree in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and his master's degree in labor relations at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He completed a seminar on International Relations at the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government. The general is also a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School, Army Command and General Staff College, and National War College.

Krulak and his wife of 47 years, Zandra Meyers Krulak, have two sons: David, a physician in the U.S. Navy, and Todd, a visiting assistant professor in classical studies at Tulane University.

Krulak's father, Lt. Gen. Victor H. Krulak, was a decorated Marine who saw action in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Considered a visionary by fellow Marines, he was author of *First to Fight: An Inside View of the U.S. Marine Corps*. Upon military retirement, he served as president of Copley News Service.

Editor's Note: Additional information on the announcement of Birmingham-Southern's 13th president can be found on the college's website at www.bsc.edu/administration/president. There you will find this media release, biographical information, General Krulak's resume, a video and slideshow from his introduction, a radio interview, and more. A feature article on General Krulak and on his wife, Zandra Meyers Krulak, begins on page 14 of this issue of 'Southern magazine.

Birmingham-Southern: A Proud History ... A Bright Future



Editor's Note: *The following commentary by BSC President Gen. Charles C. Krulak was published in the June 26 edition of The Birmingham News. 'Southern magazine wanted to share it with all BSC alumni.*

The greatest strength of Birmingham-Southern College resides in its people—in the students, faculty, staff, graduates, trustees, and clergy who breathe life into this community each day. While the individuals in these ranks have changed over the 155 years of the College's existence, one thing has remained constant: Birmingham-Southern College's commitment to develop young men and women mentally, morally, and physically and equip them for lives of useful service to the world. Our dedication to this mission is fierce. It is unwavering. It has seen the College through many trying times—from the carnage of the Civil War, through the scarcity of the Great Depression, to dark days of the early 1970s when the College considered removing itself from its Hilltop perch in western Birmingham. The financial

crisis through which the College is passing and the recent decision of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools that was based solely on where we were in 2009-2010 versus where we are today, is another example of the obstacles that this extraordinary College has faced. Through it all, Birmingham-Southern College has prevailed and emerged a stronger place for having weathered those challenges. This is not pie-in-the-sky optimism, but a matter of record. I have been in fights before, and this is a fight I know we can win.

There is considerable evidence that Birmingham-Southern College is coming back and is coming back stronger than ever. Our financial position continues to improve; our budget for the fiscal year recently ended is in balance. New fiscal controls are in place. New auditors have been engaged. Giving to the College is reaching near historical highs and we look for even better things in the days ahead. Our Board of Trustees is deeply committed to the College, and the two Methodist conferences with which the College

is proudly affiliated have rallied in strong support. We have tackled significant fiscal challenges and are in the process of concluding agreements that will reduce substantially the College's debt service payments over the long haul. These are structural financial changes that will pay big dividends as the future unfolds. Thus, the College is well-positioned to launch BSC 2020, a comprehensive and broad strategic planning process that will engage all constituencies of the College and important civic leaders in Birmingham and beyond. We will never forget that our college is an integral part of this wonderful city. These are exciting times. All of the pieces are in place for the creation of a plan for BSC's future—one that will carry us forward for another 150 years.

During this past year, the College's faculty undertook a review of our general education program and produced the Explorations Curriculum—an innovative and bold program in general education that emphasizes the capacities and skills students should learn in college, not merely the completion of a series of



“check box” requirements arrayed by academic discipline as is common at many other colleges and universities. We are committed to assessing the learning outcomes in each area of the new curriculum, improving upon what we know to be true: that a BSC education develops in our students the capacity to think critically, to write well, to solve complex problems, and to work as members of a team. We want our students to be intellectually agile enough to prosper in the economy of the future. Through athletics, residence life, and our religious programs, we nurture students outside of the classroom, developing young women and men of character who will lead our world in the days ahead.

Our goal, not our dream, is to become one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the nation. This is what has animated us in the past and will propel us into the future. Forward, ever.

Gen. Charles C. Krulak
President
Birmingham-Southern College

General Krulak addresses SACS action

In June, we were informed that the college was placed on warning by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. This was not a surprise; we were expecting a sanction. That it was a warning (the least sanction possible) and not probation demonstrates the progress we have made at Birmingham-Southern in the past year.

The warning was based on our past financial performance—on where we were and not on where we are at this moment in time, or where we will be as we go forward. The Commission considered our financial position based on our most recent audit, which was for the 2009-10 fiscal year. Since that audit was completed, we have made tremendous progress. Our financial position has improved, our endowment continues to grow, and we will operate this current fiscal year on a balanced budget. In addition, new financial controls and policies are in place, a new audit firm has been retained, we have enhanced budget control, and much of our debt has been restructured, among other actions. Additionally, the action by the Commission does not take into account the robust and successful fundraising under way and the positive support from our alumni, The United Methodist Church, the Board of Trustees, and corporate and foundation support.

I’ve told you before that we are steering by the stars and not by the wake—we are only concerned with looking forward and not looking at the past. We immediately returned our focus and energy to our goal of becoming one of the finest residential liberal arts colleges in this country.

There are two things, however, that I want to be very clear about with each of you. First, this does not affect the high-quality education that this college provides or the value of our degree. Second, this will not in any way slow our momentum or deter from the progress we have made in the past year. The action merely reflects upon the financial situation that unfolded here last summer.

We, and I mean all of us associated with this great college, are doing something special here—the pieces are in place to reach our goal. We have an outstanding class of first-year students joining our campus this month. They are bright and talented, and they will make us and you proud. Our new Explorations Curriculum is full steam ahead for this fall. This forward-thinking piece of work by our full faculty is on the leading edge of where all general education curricula in this country are moving in the future. You can read more about the curriculum in this issue of *Southern* magazine.

Continue to share the good news about this place and where we are going. There is plenty of good news in this issue of the magazine, on our website, and in my communications with you.

We continue to move forward and we are doing so at “ramming speed.”

Gen. Charles C. Krulak
President
BSC

Birmingham-Southern faculty introduces innovative general education curriculum at start of new academic year

EXPLORATIONS IS AT FOREFRONT NATIONALLY

When Birmingham-Southern College students arrived on campus for the fall semester in August they were greeted by the new Explorations curriculum in general education—that part of the academic experience completed by all students regardless of their major.

Building on the strengths inherent in BSC's academic program, Explorations highlights these in new ways. It moves general education at BSC away from a more traditional, "check-box" approach—which emphasizes disciplinary requirements—to one that stresses the importance of what students learn to do. In the case of Explorations, this new pedagogy of doing is illustrated by requirements that insist students learn how to communicate effectively, connect bodies of knowledge from different disciplines, solve complex problems in creative ways, engage with their civic communities, and take more responsibility for their own education. Teaching students how to do all of these things well, across academic disciplines, sits at the core of the philosophy behind Explorations.

"Explorations is an adventurous move by a very talented and dedicated faculty," says Birmingham-Southern Provost Dr. Mark S. Schantz. "The process designed to create Explorations was the work of a group of six faculty members who sought input and ideas from all across the campus. They cast a wide net. And in so doing, constructed a

conversation in which anyone on the faculty could play and contribute. The end result speaks to the wisdom and innovative quality of their approach."

The new Explorations curriculum passed muster by the faculty in an overwhelmingly positive vote in this past April's faculty meeting.

Dr. Susan K. Hagen, Mary Collett Munger Professor of English and associate provost who also directs the Harrison Honors Program at BSC, worked closely with the group of faculty who guided the process. After gathering data on what other top, liberal arts colleges were doing in general education, the faculty group went to work. They were assisted in this process by an on-campus visit from Dr. John Churchill, secretary of the national Phi Beta Kappa honorary society, the nation's premier voice for the liberal arts. Churchill and the faculty group wanted to move BSC beyond a general education program that simply filled in holes in a student's "ignorance index." They wanted to do more than make lists of particular courses that any well-educated person should take.

"Last fall we looked at what it is we want our graduates to be able to do," Hagen explains. "We decided we already teach a lot of what we want them to be able to do, but we weren't communicating about it with them in an intentional way.

"This remarkable work was not done by just a few faculty members or by committees, but

by all of us over the past year. It was a humbling and satisfying experience. You won't find many schools where an entire faculty body is involved in curriculum development."

The Explorations curriculum is revolutionary in another dimension. In championing a pedagogy of doing, it reveals how practical an education in the liberal arts turns out to be. A recent study commissioned by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (released in early 2010), reveals that top executives desire in their employees exactly the kinds of skills that Explorations is designed to hone in BSC students. Conducted by Hart Research and Associates, *Raising the Bar: Employer's Views on College Learning in the Wake of the Economic Downturn* revealed that employers want their employees to be able to communicate effectively in writing and orally, to think critically, to analyze data in complex scenarios, and to be able to work as a team. These priorities dovetail precisely with the student learning goals of the new Explorations curriculum.

"Our faculty saw the direction that higher education was going in terms of curricula and we jumped out in front of it," notes Hagen. "Accrediting agencies are going to require colleges and universities to demonstrate that students are learning what they say they are teaching them. Our curriculum does that because it was built around what our students will be able to do when they graduate. We believe we are way out in front of many

other colleges and universities in this regard."

As students and parents contemplate the world beyond BSC, and what their investment in the college will net for them, the dawn of the Explorations curriculum couldn't come at a better time.

Of course, all students will still be required to complete a major in the discipline of their choice. In addition to required courses directly related to each of five learning outcomes, students must complete one unit in each of the fine and performing arts, social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities as part of their graduation requirements. The traditional January Interim Term will remain an integral, and intensified, part of the BSC educational experience. Now known as Exploration Term, students may take up to four Exploration Term courses during their time at BSC, two of which may count toward graduation requirements.

The Explorations curriculum, further, encourages students to grasp more responsibility for their learning by requiring three courses outside of the major and outside of the requirements for general education. It creates room for students to assemble these courses around particular thematic areas in which they have interest, whether that be leadership, entrepreneurship, environmental studies, or music and the arts. That choice is reserved for the student in consultation with their academic advisor.

Explorations replaces the

Foundations curriculum that has been in place since fall 2001. In addition to being developed around measurable learning outcomes, says Hagen, Explorations also is more practical and flexible than Foundations.

"Foundations was an effective liberal arts curriculum, but it was challenging for our faculty to explain and hard for students and parents to understand," notes Hagen. "Explorations is easier to understand and easier to explain, and thus makes it easier for people—including prospective students and their parents—to see the value added from a BSC education."

All returning students should rest easy with the new Explorations curriculum. They may graduate under the terms of the Foundations curriculum as articulated in the college catalog under which they entered. They are also free to consider graduating under the Explorations curriculum provided they complete all the requirements of that catalog. Faculty will be available to advise all returning students interested in the new curriculum to determine whether moving to Explorations is a good option for them.

"Explorations answers the simple question, 'What will I be able to do with my BSC degree?', not, 'What will I be able to do with my English degree, or my political science degree,'" stresses Hagen. "Our students who successfully complete the Explorations curriculum and graduate from the college will be prepared to communicate effectively, solve problems creatively, engage their social and political world, connect their coursework to the wider world, and engage in self-directed teaching and learning. They will be better equipped for lifelong learning and to make a profound difference in a society that is constantly changing."

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

Birmingham-Southern's new Explorations general education curriculum was developed around five student learning outcomes that embody a liberal arts education and prepare graduates to be successful in meeting the challenges of the contemporary world.

CONNECTIVITY—Students will develop the ability to identify and employ connections within one academic area, among academic areas, and between the academy and the wider world through two required seminars: a designed First-Year Explorations in Scholarship Seminar, which will teach them how to connect subjects and courses together, and a Senior Connections in Scholarship Seminar, which will serve as the senior experience within the major.

"First-Year Explorations in Scholarship will prepare our students to know how to learn and to connect subjects together, which they may not be accustomed to doing," says Dr. Susan Hagen, associate provost. "So the first thing they learn when they walk in the front door at BSC is how to be good students—how to be good debaters, how to conduct basic library research, how to participate and listen in class. Senior Connections in Scholarship will develop their ability to communicate what they have learned with a boarder audience."

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION—Students will develop the ability to communicate effectively in written, oral, and artistic forms to a variety of audiences in a first-year writing and critical thinking seminar, a writing reinforcement course within their major, and a creative expression course outside the major.

"We thought it was important that our students learn to write within their major as well as to a general audience; a biologist doesn't necessarily need to write like a historian," Hagen notes. "But we also wanted them to be prepared to communicate creatively—whether through writing or speaking or photography or art—outside their major area of study."

CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING—Students will develop the ability to identify and solve problems using a variety of methods through four courses from a range of disciplines, including one course involving quantitative analysis, one course involving scientific methodology, and two courses—from different disciplines—in the interpretation or analysis of people, societies, artifacts, or theories.

"Quantitative analysis is not taught exclusively in math; you can learn this in a variety of courses," explains Hagen. "Likewise, scientific analysis is not just taught in science lab. Understanding of scientific methodologies can be modeled in a behavioral science or a natural science. Any course can do this—if it meets the criteria set out by the faculty."

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT—Students will refine their ability to be fully engaged citizens—able to articulate their place in the world by attending to historical, social, economic, and geographical differences and equally capable of attending to competing interests by weighing the costs of privileging one perspective over another—by completing three courses from the following: foreign language, global perspectives designed courses, community interest designed courses, a fall or spring term study abroad experience, and a designated Exploration Term experience.

"Needless to say, it's a big world out there and our students will learn to situate themselves in it, learning to perceive how others think of them and how they think of others," says Hagen. "They also will learn to perceive and understand differing perspectives and competing interests within their local communities."

SELF-DIRECTED TEACHING AND LEARNING—Students will take three courses outside of general education and courses within the discipline of the major. In any exploration, unplanned, unscripted, or non-routine events frequently provide the most meaningful experiences. The new curriculum fosters such unplanned insights by providing space for students to engage in independent study, seek out new opportunities and experiences, and actively pursue those based on their own interests and concerns.

"We made sure that there was room in the curriculum to give our students the freedom to take those courses that interest or are important to them," Hagen says.

Rev. Jack Hinnen is the new chaplain at BSC

Rev. Jack Hinnen, associate pastor and primary minister for the contemporary services at Riverchase United Methodist Church in Hoover, is the new campus chaplain at Birmingham-Southern.

BSC President Gen. Charles C. Krulak made the announcement in May following a search aided by the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The chaplaincy at the college is an endowed appointment for a United Methodist minister.

"It takes a special person with a special heart to be a campus chaplain," said Krulak. "Jack Hinnen is a Godly man with that special heart for campus ministry. He has a remarkable record of nurturing and developing the spiritual lives of young people, and we are excited about the level of devotion, care, concern, and selflessness he will bring to our students and to our entire campus community at Birmingham-Southern."

"The United Methodist Church is an important part of our history and our future, and we are extremely appreciative of the assistance they provided in bringing Jack to Birmingham-Southern College."

The role of the chaplain at Birmingham-Southern is to help fulfill the historic commitment of the United Methodist Church to higher education and to provide a religious life program of balance, depth, and substance appropriate to and in support of the mission of the college, including opportunities for worship, study, pastoral care, and interfaith dialogue.

"Out of our church's deep love for and pride in Birmingham-Southern, we are so pleased to offer the college one of our most talented young elders," said Bishop Will Willimon, bishop of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. "Jack has led a remarkable ministry at Riverchase UMC, particularly among young adults. I am confident that he will be a great asset to our beloved college during these days of crucial transition."



Hinnen

Getting to the heart of Rev. Jack Hinnen, BSC's new chaplain and director of religious life

BY PAT COLE, MPPM '11



Hinnen assisted Habitat for Humanity outside Dodoma, Tanzania, Africa, in 2003. He's also traveled to Israel, Jamaica, and the Mediterranean.

The Rev. Jack Hinnen is a man of passion and purpose. But it took a sharp left turn to get him headed in the direction he needed to go.

He completed the majority of his undergraduate studies at Auburn University as a computer science major. Convinced that he could not build a fulfilling career working inside a cubicle, he switched majors his senior year, graduated in sociology, and spent the next two to three years studying religion at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta.

It seems like a wise-enough set of choices. But there was much more to Hinnen's decision than that.

"During my summers at Auburn, I worked with youth at Camp Sumatanga [a United Methodist spiritual retreat center about 40 miles northeast of Birmingham]," he says. "That's when I first felt God nudging me toward the ministry—through friends at the camp and

family members."

Hinnen couldn't resist his calling, and after graduating from Auburn, he decided to plunge right into it. He was appointed as associate pastor at Riverchase United Methodist Church in Hoover in January 2006, five months before earning his master of divinity degree from Emory. At Riverchase, he also was primary minister of the "SonDay Live" contemporary services, which tripled in attendance under his leadership.

Prior to joining the ministry staff at Riverchase, Hinnen served a brief stint as student pastor for the Liberty Hill Circuit of the United Methodist Church in Ashland, Ala., which included responsibility for congregants of three communities.

"As a pastor at Riverchase, I gained experience in liturgical and contemporary services," he notes. "Serving in those small, rural churches exposed me to many



Hinnen and his wife, Cheryl, playing with youth at Camp Sumatanga near Birmingham. She is the children's minister at East Lake United Methodist Church.

different worship styles, including gospel and bluegrass."

Hinnen grew up in a rural community himself—in Dadeville, Ala. He is the third child in a family of four boys: Jimmy, Jerry (2001 BSC graduate), Jack, and Jonathan. Their father, Jan, is a physician; their paternal grandfather, Jan Sr., a Presbyterian minister. Their mother is a librarian and saint for raising four boys.

"My brothers and I still call our granddad 'Opa,'" Hinnen tells, referring to his family's Dutch European cultural background.

Now at age 30, his career has transitioned to both a spiritual and administrative vocation. As chaplain and director of religious life at Birmingham-Southern, his role will encompass meeting with the president and administrators on campus to support the mission of the college, overseeing religious services and fellowship groups that help cultivate faith, speaking publicly at campus events, providing counseling, and seeing that students have avenues for prayer, worship, service, and discipleship.

"I had been on Birmingham-Southern's campus many times before for Methodist-related

activities," says Hinnen. "One thing I really liked about coming here is the fact that there are so many voices in religious life here. BSC has a more diverse student body than many local communities."

Hinnen feels fully prepared to minister to students from a range of spiritualities, religious backgrounds, and beliefs.

"I love helping people make choices that are informed by their faith," he comments. "College students are in a prime position in their lives. They're coming out of the nest and moving on into the world, and I'm excited to be here to help them make wise decisions."

His warm and naturally exuberant personality makes him well-suited to a learning community, and easy to have a conversation with. Hinnen especially enjoys conversing over food or coffee, and he has a laid-back demeanor.

Whether it's theories on Judaism, the principles of salvation, or the idea that heaven is a myth, Hinnen has a bent for explaining. And he believes strongly in dialoguing rather than dictating as it relates to an individual's values.

"I'm not about erasing anyone's unique identity, but combining all

of our different experiences to create meaning," he says. "Faith is something people feel strongly about. We all come from different walks of life and different contexts, and everyone has a perspective relating to how they got to where they are. One of the great things about college is that you can take the faith your parents gave you or go in a totally different direction. I hope the conversations I have will address shortcomings of faith as well as ways that faith can continue to help us."

As the 2011-12 academic year approaches, Hinnen has many plans in the works, including a January Exploration Term trip to Jamaica that will be focused on spirituality, and co-teaching a Methodism course with BSC Bishop-in-Residence Bob Morgan '68 on campus.

He's also still active at Camp Sumatanga at which many Birmingham-Southern students have served. Hinnen feels strongly about using his gifts to help prepare the college's students to lead lives of significance and service.

"Just talking about our faith doesn't do our communities any good," said Hinnen. "There should be action involved as well."

Krulak announces BSC 2020 strategic planning effort

BSC President Gen. Charles Krulak recently announced BSC 2020, a comprehensive and broad strategic planning process that will involve people from all segments of the college community and from off campus.

"We need to answer, 'Who are we now? Who do we want to be in 2020? What makes BSC so special? How do we maintain our ethos, our touchstone, as we move forward?'" Krulak said in an e-mail to alumni and friends June 6. "Is there a 'hook' that we can use to continue to attract the very best caliber of student—what appeals to the young men and women of today? The answers to these and other questions will form the basis for our strategic planning effort."

Krulak said that a group made up of representatives of the faculty, staff, students, Board of Trustees, alumni, and businessmen and women will attack these questions. There will be opportunity for feedback from all constituencies.

"We will be reaching out to everyone for input," Krulak stressed.

An Institutional Review recently conducted by higher education expert and former Council for Advancement and Support of Education President Dr. James Fisher will serve as an important guide in this planning.

Ford receives Outstanding Educator Award

Dr. Charlotte Ford, director of the BSC Library and associate professor of library science, received the college's annual Outstanding Educator Award during the 152nd Commencement 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 cash stipend and an invitation to serve as speaker at the 2012 Commencement.

Ford assumed leadership of the BSC Library in 2008 after having served as assistant professor of library and information science at San José State University School of Library and Information Science. She previously served at Birmingham-Southern as coordinator of reference services from 2001-05 and reference/government documents librarian from 1991-96.

She holds a bachelor's degree in international studies from Earlham College, a master's in library science from Indiana University, and a Ph.D. in library and information science from Indiana.

BSC alum Dr. Wayne Killion Jr. assumes board leadership

Dr. Wayne W. Killion Jr., president and chief executive officer of Shook & Fletcher Insulation Co. in Birmingham, is the new chair of the college's Board of Trustees.

Killion was first elected to the board in 2000 and has served the previous three years as vice chair. He recently chaired the Presidential Search Committee for the college.

He received his bachelor's degree in biology in 1972 and his Master of Arts in Public and Private Management in 1996, both from Birmingham-Southern. He and his wife, Sandra, established the Wayne W. Killion Jr. Scholarship at BSC to support pre-med students.

Killion also holds a doctor of medicine from the University of Alabama School of Medicine and was vice president of medical affairs at St. Vincent's Hospital from 1995-99, before entering private business.

He replaces Dowd Ritter, a 1969 BSC economics graduate and former chairman of Regions Bank, who served three successive one-year terms as chair of Birmingham-Southern's Board of Trustees.

BSC student has top undergraduate essay in national competition

An essay penned by Birmingham-Southern senior Ryan Melvin received third prize in the 2011 Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Essay Contest.

Melvin's essay, "Minimalism and Consciousness in Zhuangzi's Cook Ding," was the only paper by an undergraduate student to place in the national competition. The first two prizes went to doctoral students from City University of New York and the University of New Mexico.

Melvin, a Harrison Scholar who graduated from BSC May 14 with a double major of physics and religion-philosophy, wrote the essay as a requirement for his Confucianism and Daoism philosophy course last fall.

The SACP awarded Melvin a \$500 prize and an invitation to present the paper at the SACP 2011 Annual Conference May 25-28 at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu.

The essay also received the Best Paper Award at the Associated Colleges of the South Student Undergraduate Research Conference on Chinese Studies in Atlanta in April.

Melvin has been accepted into the Boston University School of Theology, one of 10 Birmingham-Southern students from the Class of 2011 accepted into seminary. He will delay his entry to seminary for two years to participate in Teach for America. He has been assigned to teach 11th grade physics at LPS-Richmond High School near Oakland, Calif.



Melvin

College launches Trek Birmingham website

The Urban Environmental Studies Program at Birmingham-Southern has created a new online tool that pinpoints destinations in and around Birmingham to explore and learn about the city's natural environment.



Trek Birmingham (www.trekbirmingham.com) gives residents and visitors a single source for accurate information on how to experience metropolitan Birmingham's relationship with nature. It includes custom-built maps and in-depth explanations of the region's ecology, geology, biodiversity, and watersheds.

Dr. Ed Brands, former assistant professor of geography, who created the maps for Trek Birmingham; Dr. Scot Duncan, associate professor of biology, who was responsible for most of the site's content; and Jeanne Jackson, former director of leadership and environmental studies, were instrumental in development of the site.

The site is built around the concept of "treks," or journeys, that users take both virtually and in the real world. Six sites are in the first phase: Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve, Oak Mountain State Park, Moss Rock Preserve, Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark, Vulcan Park and Museum, and Southern Environmental Center at BSC. Future sites will include the McWane Science Center, Turkey Creek Nature Preserve, Watercress Darter National Wildlife Refuge, and Five Mile Creek Greenway.

Trek Birmingham is funded through grants and donations to the Urban Environmental Studies Program at BSC from key donors Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, Alabama Power, 3M, and the Stephens Foundation.

BSC again named to community service honor roll

For the fifth straight year, Birmingham-Southern was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

The college, primarily for its Bunting Center for Engaged Study and Community Action, was recognized by The Corporation for National and Community Service for exemplary service efforts and service to America's communities.

The Bunting Center currently has 10 community partners providing opportunities for students to serve the less fortunate. The center also sponsors Fall Outreach Day, Alternative Spring Break, and Exploration Term service-learning opportunities.

More than 70 percent of the student body connects annually to the broader world through service work. Service begins as early as opening of school orientation and continues through ongoing projects.

Eli Phillips is new vice president for finance, CFO



Phillips

Eli H. Phillips, a certified public accountant with more than 20 years of experience in financial management operations and accounting for large profit and nonprofit organizations, including higher education, is the college's new vice president for finance and chief financial officer.

Phillips spent 14 years, from 1995 to 2009, as vice president of finance and chief financial officer for the Morehouse School of Medicine

in Atlanta, where he spearheaded a turnaround in the financial management operations and provided fiscal leadership during expansion and growth. While at Morehouse, he was responsible for accounting operations in budgets and planning, treasury, investments, grants accounting, procurement, property accounting, payroll administration, and faculty practice plans.

"His reputation as a person who provides strong financial leadership and has a commitment to higher education makes him the ideal person to serve in this important capacity," said BSC President Gen. Charles C. Krulak. "Of critical importance is the fact that Eli is a good man and has strength of character that is vital in the position he is undertaking."

In addition to his experience in higher education, Phillips has served as director of ARRA Projects for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Georgia Department of Human Services in Atlanta; as controller for The Perseco Co. in Oakbrook, Ill; as special project manager, assistant controller, and senior auditor for The Coca-Cola Co. in Atlanta; as business manager for Air Travel Transportation Inc.; and as senior auditor for the Big Four accounting firm Price Waterhouse Coopers in Atlanta.

He received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Howard University.



Robicheaux

Robicheaux is new dean of business programs

Dr. Sara Robicheaux, associate professor of finance, is the new dean of business programs at the college.

Robicheaux joined the BSC faculty in 2002 as an assistant professor of finance, rising to associate professor in 2007. Prior to joining the Birmingham-Southern faculty, she was a visiting professor of finance in the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina from 2000-02.

The Tuscaloosa native received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Birmingham-Southern in 1997. She received her master's degree in economics in 1997 and her doctorate in finance in 2000, both from the University of Alabama. While at Alabama, Robicheaux was named the Beta Gamma Sigma Outstanding Doctoral Student and received the Robert L. Hatcher III Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant.

Robicheaux's research interests include corporate governance, capital structure, and banking. She has published journal articles in internationally recognized finance journals including *Financial Review* and *Quarterly Journal of Business and Economics*. She received the Best Paper Award in Financial Intermediation sponsored by Wharton Research Data Services in 2004 and a Distinguished Research Award from Allied Academics in both 2005 and 2006.



Sack

Recent graduate earns prestigious Fulbright Scholarship

Lexi Sack, Class of 2011 Harrison Honors Scholar and a summa cum laude graduate of Birmingham-Southern, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study abroad for a year, beginning in August.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright program is the nation's largest international exchange fellowship program, providing approximately 1,500 study grants and English teaching assistantships each year to college seniors, recent graduates, and graduate students. Some 8,000 applicants competed for these awards for the 2011-12 year. Scholars are chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential.

Sack was selected for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Indonesia, where she is teaching at the high school level. She spends at least 20 hours per week in the classroom teaching, and the rest of the time preparing her lessons and exploring the region.

Armed with a biology degree from BSC, Sack is working at SMAN 2 Sumbawa Besar, which is a public high school in the city of Besar on the island of Sumbawa.

She will attend the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine the following year.

BSC approved as full active member of NCAA Division III

The NCAA Division III Management Council in July approved Birmingham-Southern as a full active member in intercollegiate athletics effective Sept. 1, 2011.

The announcement ends a five-year reclassification process for the BSC athletics program from NCAA Division I to Division III. Active membership means that all of the college's men's and women's varsity sports teams will be eligible for NCAA Division III championships beginning with the upcoming 2011-12 academic year and that the college has a vote at the annual NCAA Convention. BSC also will be eligible for Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference postseason tournament championships this year.

Birmingham-Southern competes in 20 varsity sports for men and women, including men's and women's basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, and indoor and outdoor track and field, men's baseball and football, and women's softball and volleyball.

Panthers set to join newly created athletics conference

Seven members of the NCAA Division III Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference are leaving the league effective July 1, 2012, to form a new athletics conference that will begin competition with the 2012-13 academic year.

Spanning six Southeastern states, the new conference will include BSC; Centre College in Danville, Ky.; Hendrix College in Conway, Ark.; Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss.; Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Ga.; Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn.; and Sewanee: The University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. Joining them to create the new eight-member conference will be Berry College in Rome, Ga.

The new conference is being formed to foster athletics competition and cooperation among academically selective, residential liberal arts colleges located in the Southeastern region of the United States. The geographic focus will result in reduced travel time and costs, while still allowing for a strong conference of like-minded institutions, all of which integrate competitive athletics into the whole of the scholar-athlete's educational experience.

"This is an important and positive move for Birmingham-Southern College and for its scholar-athletes," said BSC President Gen. Charles C. Krulak. "We are extremely pleased and excited to be joining these seven other outstanding institutions in providing competitive athletics opportunities within the context of a high-quality liberal arts experience, and doing so within our geographic region.

"This new league will offer us the opportunity to continue competing at the highest level athletically against institutions of similar academic mission, while greatly reducing travel costs and the amount of time our scholar-athletes have to be on the road traveling for contests."

Sports teams capture conference championships

Three BSC athletics teams won Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season conference or division championships during the spring academic term.

The men's basketball team, under the direction of Coach Mitch Cole, won the SCAC regular season title with a 14-2 conference record. The Panthers finished the season with a 23-4 overall record and won the season-ending NCAA Division III Provisional Tournament in Steubenville, Ohio. BSC won the SCAC East Division Title in the 2009-10 season.

The women's softball team, under the direction of first-year Coach Kimball Cassidy, won the SCAC East Division Title with a 13-3 conference record and an overall 25-9 mark. The Panthers played most of the season with only 10 players.

The BSC baseball team won the SCAC East Division Title for the third straight season. Coach Jan Weisberg's squad finished the year 30-9 overall and 12-3 in the conference.

Coach Andy Bonasera's men's lacrosse team advanced to the finals of the SCAC Tournament in April before falling to Colorado College.

All BSC men's and women's teams will be eligible to compete in SCAC and NCAA Division III postseason tournaments this coming academic year.

Graves named new men's hoops coach

Chris Graves is the new head men's basketball coach at Birmingham-Southern. He steps into the position after serving as assistant coach for three seasons under Mitch Cole, who accepted an assistant coaching position at Texas A&M University.

Graves came to BSC in the spring of 2008 from Pell City High School, where he was head coach for two years, helping PCHS to the most wins in school history. Prior to that, he was head coach at Columbia Central High School in Tennessee for three years. His high school teams won at least 20 games a season under his direction, and he was twice named District Coach of the Year.

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, he also served as an assistant coach at the college level for five years, including time at his alma mater, John Brown University, the University of Arkansas, and Tennessee State University. He is a 1999 graduate of John Brown University in Arkansas, and he earned his master's degree from the University of Arkansas.

When I first saw the General in person, the Birmingham-Southern community had convened in Munger Auditorium on the afternoon of March 8 as part of his interview process. He introduced himself, shared the reasons for why he was interested in being president of our college, and then said,

I know there are a few questions you have—the 800-pound gorilla in the room—I'll get those out of the way: First, 'Are you kidding—a *Marine General*?' Second, 'You've never taught!' Third, 'You're older than dirt!' Okay, ask questions ...

I'm not typically given to outbursts of any kind, but at this, my eyes widened like they hadn't in years, and I doubled over in laughter. The rest of the room did likewise. This was going to be fun.

General Charles C. Krulak 13th President of Birmingham-Southern College

Expect the Unexpected

BY TRACY THOMAS '92

Editor's Note: Tracy Thomas, a 1992 marketing and painting graduate of Birmingham-Southern, is associate director of communications—publications for BSC and responsible for all graphic design and identity for the college. She was so impacted by her first—and subsequent—encounter with the college's new president, that she asked to pen this feature article on General Krulak, as well as the profile on his wife of 47 years, Zandra Meyers Krulak.

That afternoon, Gen. Charles C. Krulak gave each of us a much-needed breath of fresh air. He was funny, charming, and put us all at ease after a tough year. He reminded us all of why we are here: "The students. I'm here because of you. I've spent my life around people like you."

General Krulak is wonderfully unconventional. While most men of age 69 have slowed down a bit, the General—as we affectionately call him on campus—continues his fervent zeal for mentoring.

"I've always fed off of the character of young people—their dedication, their selflessness, their concern for their fellow man, their service attitude," he says. "I've also sought to assist in their continuing with that type of attitude through setting an example. So when the opportunity came to look to my *next* job, I stopped looking at what I was doing, which was in professional sports and business, and said, 'What can I do to really give something back—to continue to give back to the youth of America?' The answer was to seek to be a college president."

General Krulak shares a laugh with the BSC softball team.







(Top photo) The Krulaks greet BSC students prior to the March 21 announcement; (Bottom photo) BSC's 13th president addresses a standing-room-only crowd in the Norton Campus Center.

Getting acquainted

David Carder, Marine Corps veteran and one-time chairman of Birmingham-Southern's Norton Board, introduced the General to the college. Carder, who isn't a graduate of BSC, is nonetheless a champion of the school. "He loved the school; he was a great salesperson," notes Krulak. "And Herb Sklenar, a member of our Board of Trustees, also was instrumental. I'd never met Herb, never communicated with him, but he and David helped get my name in front of the Board."

General Krulak admits that Carder's recommendation initiated his awareness of BSC. "I was here to receive the Veteran of the Year Award at the National Veterans Day Celebration in Birmingham, and I had heard about the college. I probably went on the website and took a look. But I got here, and David said, 'Have you been out there? Have you taken a look at the college?'"

While some candidates might have



visited the campus grounds only upon invitation, the General and his wife, Zandra Meyers Krulak, thought that a "secret shopping" approach would give them a more genuine snapshot of the college. "The folks didn't know who *we* were, so what we saw was the reality of how campus life was."

That initial, nearly six-hour visit to campus won them over. Interactions the couple had that day with faculty, staff, and students helped seal their belief that Birmingham-Southern was a place they could call home. The General recalls during his visit to the Admission Welcome Center,

"As soon as we walked in, I smelled chocolate chip cookies, and of course, I got some. Then I asked for someone to tell me about BSC, and one of the admission staff talked for 45 minutes about his passion for the school.

"We thought, 'This is a remarkable place.'" The Krulaks were struck by the beauty of the campus as well as the people. They found the newer buildings impressive, the older structures well-kept. They found the students delightful. "We met a lot of students, and we just fell in love with them. They were just spectacular. Smart, articulate, witty—clean cut



(Top photo) General Krulak with new BSC Alumni Association President Jack Naramore '78; (Bottom photo) The general congratulates seniors at the baseball team's Senior Day ceremony.



young men and women," Krulak recalls.

Military paths

General Krulak comes to BSC with an impressive, varied background. His father, the late Lt. Gen. Victor Krulak, was a highly decorated, respected Marine. He served as president of Copley News Service after his retirement from the military. The General has followed a similar career path as his father, choosing not to slow down after his retirement from 35 years of military service. When asked why he chose

to be a college president instead of retiring, he chuckled and quipped, "In other words, 'Why have I failed retirement three times?' It's the same answer I've given time and time again, and that is I've been with young people of America and the world for almost all my life, and I owe them so much."

Krulak is a former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, chief executive officer of MBNA Bank Europe, and vice chair of MBNA America. "After I retired from the bank, started serving on several boards, and got involved with

professional football and soccer, I was busy, but my soul didn't feel filled. I wanted to continue working with young people. Birmingham-Southern gives me the opportunity to do just that—to help develop men and women of character."

Speaking about his own education, he says, "I went to a fine prep school in New England called Philips Exeter Academy, and I had the opportunity to go to many colleges because of that. I chose the Naval Academy, and from the Naval Academy, you can go either into the Marine Corps or the Navy. Initially, I thought about going into the submarine service, but then decided



Prospective students get the opportunity to chat with BSC's new president during a summer recruitment program on campus.

I wanted the leadership experience that comes with being a Marine."

Some may have wondered about the compatibility between General Krulak's military background and academic leadership. The General sees his selection as a strategic move on the part of the trustees.

"I think that when people look at a college president, they're looking initially at what one would call a 'traditional' college president—one that has come up through the academic ranks, and has been successful as say, a provost, and ends up as a college president," he explains. "That's a good route to go. There's nothing wrong with that. For Birmingham-Southern College, there were so many issues at stake that I believe the Board of Trustees said, 'Maybe now is the time to take a more non-traditional step. Let's look for somebody who has a wealth of experience across a wide gamut of activities.'

"Obviously I had involvement with academics. I've been on the board of trustees of two fine academic institutions, so I've seen academic institutions from the board standpoint. I taught at the Naval Academy, so I had seen some

“The world today is full of the unexpected. Our young men and women today must be agile—able to anticipate an ever-changing world.”

teaching. But more importantly, I had enormous exposure to leadership in the Marine Corps.

"I saw leadership at the highest levels, including as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff," he continues. "I worked in banking, so I understood finances, how to read a profit/loss statement, and how to understand debt. I understand the levers that need to be pulled to hopefully get out of debt. I was into professional sports, so I understand about the sports world. All of those roles broadened my experience base to a point where I think the board

said, 'Well, you know, with all the challenges facing Birmingham-Southern College, maybe now is the time for a non-traditional president.'"

Educating to be agile

The General's own non-traditional career paths reflect his confidence in a liberal arts education. "The world today is full of the unexpected," said Krulak during his introduction to the campus in March. "Our young men and women today must be agile—able to anticipate



(Left photo) Krulak addresses the audience shortly after being announced as BSC's new president; (Bottom photo) The general shares a moment at a softball game with alumna Marion McCoy Phillips '53, who threw out the first pitch.



an ever-changing world. Nothing does that better than a liberal arts education—and nothing does that better than a liberal arts education from Birmingham-Southern.”

Krulak believes that the new Explorations Curriculum which is being implemented this fall will provide a strong foundation for creating the agility in students that is so needed in the ever-changing society. “This new curriculum is on the leading edge of where all general education curricula are moving in the future,” he notes. “It emphasizes what students will be able to do as a result of their education. (For more on Explorations, please see page 6).

Krulak said that Provost Dr. Mark Schantz and the faculty also are working to further integrate the Leadership Studies and Service Learning programs into the curriculum.

“It is no longer enough to provide students with training that allows them to adapt to the world we face, to merely react to situations,” Krulak stresses. “Our students must have the agility to anticipate circumstances, not just react to them.”

General Krulak also is working

to improve retention by ensuring there is more synergy between the college’s admission, student development, and athletics areas. “From the day a student enrolls at Birmingham-Southern, we must make sure he or she receives the nurturing, encouragement, and resources needed to be successful, to graduate, and to obtain a fulfilling job,” Krulak says.

A goal, not a dream

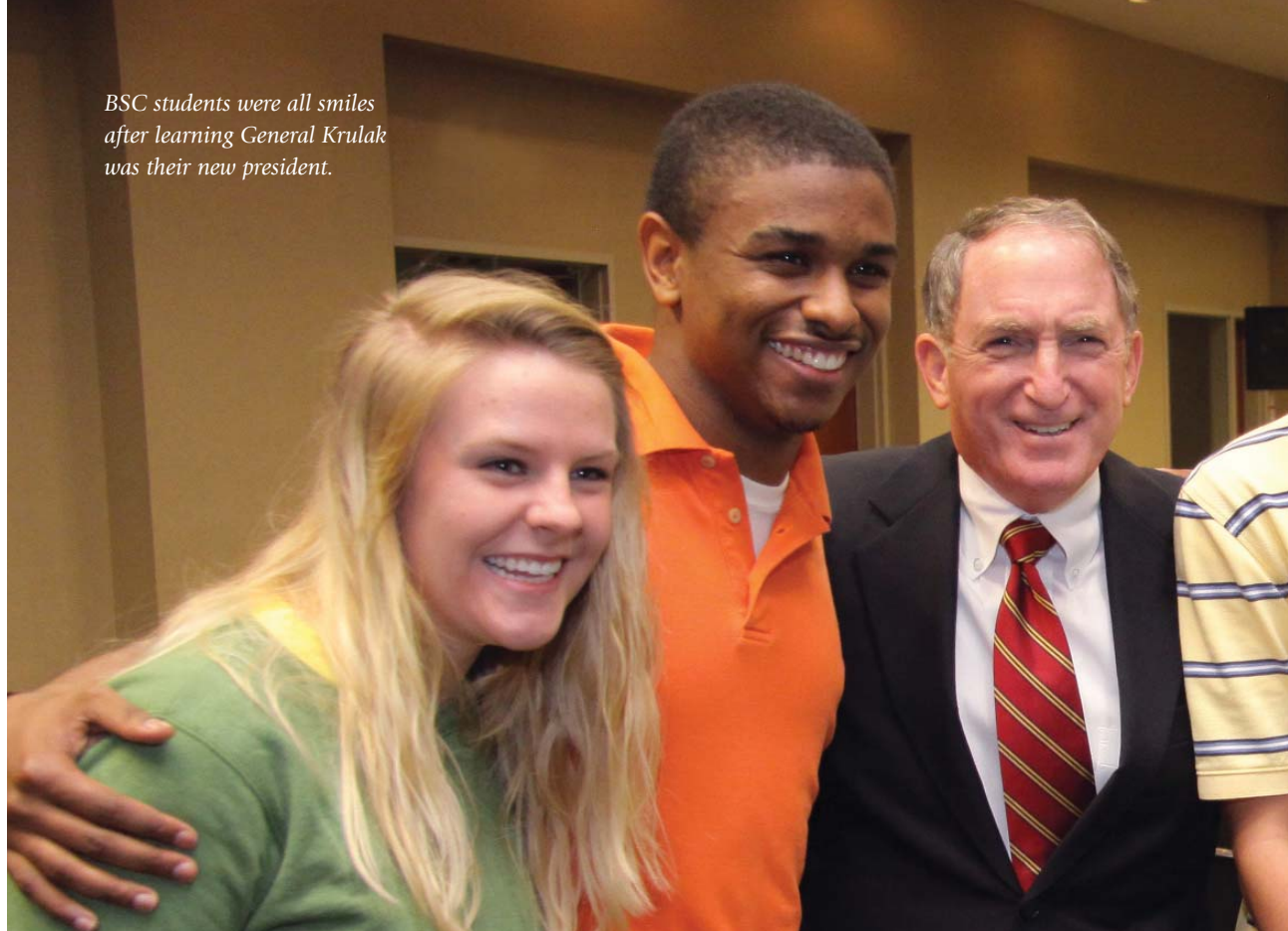
General Krulak perceives that Birmingham-Southern has all the right elements in place to become one of the finest, residential liberal arts colleges in the nation. “This is a goal, not a dream. You can reach a goal,” he says. He believes this goal can be achieved because of the world-class faculty and staff, high-caliber students, dedicated alumni, and a beautiful and well-kept campus. BSC is too important to Birmingham, to Alabama, and to the world not to be recognized as such.

“When I arrived, I asked how many alumni were living in the Birmingham area,” he says. “The answer was 5,932. I said, ‘Wow, 5,932! I wonder what they’re

doing?’ And so we asked that question, and you know, you have 800-plus educators; 500-plus doctors, dentists and health professionals; 300-plus lawyers; 90-plus clergymen and clergywomen; and some 2,000 business professionals out of that 5,932. So obviously we’re having a huge impact on Birmingham and the state of Alabama.”

One of his goals is to increase support from the alumni community—those in Birmingham and beyond. When the alumni give their nod of approval to the college in great numbers, that support translates into positive attention. “We must ensure that our alumni understand how important their gifts are,” he notes. “Right now, our alumni giving percentage is around 28 percent; we need it to be *much* higher than that. The love for this campus, the love for this school by our alumni, is well-known. I would

BSC students were all smiles after learning General Krulak was their new president.



like to see alumni giving in the upper 70 percent level, not in the high 20 percent level. I think we can do that."

Every alumni contribution, whether modest or substantial, helps build our reputation. "If we increase our alumni giving percentage, with the same giving amount that we're seeing right now, that would make a *huge* difference," Krulak says. "But even if it's just \$100 or \$200, that's \$100 or \$200 we didn't have before. And once you get enough smaller contributions, all of a sudden you've got a scholarship to give out. So the alumni are going to play a huge role in where we're going."

Another priority is garnering support from businesses that depend greatly on BSC graduates for their success.

"There are businesses in and around the state of Alabama and beyond—businesses that benefit from our graduates. There are a lot of international businesses that have come into the state of Alabama, whether it's Honda or Mercedes Benz. We're supplying valuable human resources to those businesses—businesspeople who graduated from here and go to work for them. We need to start seeing some donations from those institutions."

Krulak hopes to leverage his relationships with area military organizations as well. "There are some defense-related organizations in the state and in the region that, hopefully with my contacts, we'll be able to open up. Then there are the standard organizations, funds, and trusts to whom we can go for support. And you just say, 'Look, here's an institution that's producing really important people for our state, for our region—support it!'"

There is an urgency for building financial support, and the General has come out in full force to raise funds, even prior to his official start on June 1. "Much of the fundraising planning has been ongoing to date; but we will ramp it up big time because we need to do it fast. We need to get on a corrective course right away. That's one of the reasons why I came here in April!"

Fundraising overall has been robust of late. More than \$5 million has been raised since the arrival of General Krulak alone. Alumni contributions to the Annual Fund in the fiscal year just completed were at an all-time high. The United Methodist Church is vigorously

raising funds. The Board of Trustees has accepted its fiduciary responsibility, and the Trustee Fundraising Initiative continues to be very successful. Corporate and foundation support is strong.

Friends of the General—with no connection to BSC—pledged more than \$600,000 to the college in April. An anonymous donor pledged to match—up to \$700,000—any new gifts from trustees over and above those committed to the recent Trustee Fundraising Initiative. That pledge has been matched.

"We can't take years to rebuild our donations," says Krulak, "although it took years to get in the situation we are in."

"Steer by the stars, not by the wake"

Since being introduced as the college's 13th president on March 21, General Krulak has refused to look back. "We steer by the stars, not by our wake," he often says. But he is realistic about the road ahead and doesn't mince words about the situation. Many challenges remain,



and they can be met with proper support and dedication from the college's constituencies. "I think the reality is—being very up-front for our readers—our financial situation is still serious. We have a mountain to climb. The mountain, though, is not Mt. Everest. It is a mountain that we *can* climb and we *will* climb. But I would not be fair to our alumni, or to the readers, to tell them that everything is rosy.

"Our biggest issue is the debt that we have amassed over the past five years. So my first priority was to address the debt issue." Krulak has already worked with Regions Bank to restructure the debt, determining a repayment plan that makes periodic payments more manageable.

"Anything to allow the college time to get its fundraising apparatus in full force is important," he explains. "The next thing was to look at the Board of Trustees, who stepped up and met their commitments and did what they needed to do to set the standard for what is expected."

Another major concern among alumni and others in recent years has been transparency about the college's financial standing. The

General is determined to regain confidence in the college from all its stakeholders, stating that transparency has been a common thread throughout his leadership roles.

"That's who I am. I've lived a life of transparency. You can't go on a battlefield and not be transparent. You can't work with numbers in a bank on a daily basis without being transparent. If I were not transparent, I would be letting the college down. Equally important, I'd be letting myself down. I'd disappoint myself. And as most of the alumni know, probably the worst person to disappoint is yourself."

The General has been communicating frequently with the college community over the past four months, mostly by e-mail as it is the most efficient means.

"You will hear from me quite often. By the time this edition of *'Southern* is out, you will have heard from me at least three times. And I'm going to be very upfront—if we have a problem, I have an old saying: unlike wine, bad news doesn't get any better with age. So

you are going to get the good, the bad, and the ugly as quickly as I can get it to you. Lack of transparency will not be an issue."

He duly recognizes the sacrifices that the campus community has made over the past year, and reassures all stakeholders that everything will be done to restore BSC to success. His decision to not accept a salary or benefits for the first year was a show of camaraderie with faculty and staff, as well as of confidence in the college's future.

"When Zandi and I talked about doing it for free, we just said, 'At a time when everybody else is sacrificing, why should the president come in and make money?' So that wasn't a hard decision to make.

"During our first visit, we had a chance to talk with the faculty, and we were struck by their dedication to the students, their selflessness. They had gone through a pretty tough year, giving up part of their salary. The staff had given up salary, yet they were still there working hard. And for someone like me, you just have to respect that kind of dedication to their job."



(Left photo) The Bruno Great Hall of the Norton Campus Center was filled to capacity March 21 with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends; (Right photo) David Carder, one-time chairman of Birmingham-Southern's Norton Board, introduced General Krulak to the college. Here they meet after the March 21 announcement.



Leadership by walking about

Another aspect of the General's openness is his frank leadership style. He wants to be aware of issues on campus and be quick to address them. As such, he sets aside two hours each day just to walk around and talk with members of the campus community.

"This daily ritual comes from my time in the military," he says. "I call it 'leadership by walking about.' And simply put, what I'm trying to do is send a message to the faculty, the students, and the staff that they're important, each one of them—very important to the effective running of the school. So by being out and about, I can talk with them and send that message. Second, it gives the students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to tell me what's wrong.

"I've tried to make it abundantly clear that you don't have to tell me just good things. That's not going to help the college. What I need

to hear is what's wrong, as well as suggestions for how we can make it better."

The Krulaks are living amongst the students on campus in the Hilltop Village Apartments as they transition to the presidency. They plan to remain in the apartments through the fall term to get a firsthand account of how the students live and adjust to campus life, and the support systems available to them.

"We decided that if we're really going to be part of this community, we needed to understand how the students live, how they're welcomed to campus, what their living conditions are like, how they eat. So we said, 'What's the best way to do that?' It's to literally live in student housing and to eat in the cafeteria. So that's what we've been doing."

He mused, "We've loved it so far. It's a great opportunity to talk to the students—everyday, we're interacting with the students. So it's great."

The students have embraced their new neighbors as well. The

Krulaks have attended Bible studies, cookouts, and concerts in the apartment complex since moving in.

"You can pretend to care, but you can't pretend to be there," General Krulak says. "I'm going to show the students I'll be there for them. Zandi is going to have a major impact on the lives of our students as well. I've watched my wife for 47 years, through 32 moves, and the one thing that just sets her apart for most people is this depth of character that she has. They'll quickly forget about General Krulak and they'll think about her. She's a great lady." (For more on Zandra Krulak, please see page 25).

Methodist relationship

General Krulak feels that BSC's relationship to the United Methodist Church is extremely important, and he has vowed to strengthen and maintain those ties. He observes, "No matter how far ahead you move, you always keep your hand



General and Mrs. Krulak listen as they are being introduced for the first time to the BSC community.

on the touchstone. Something that is your ethos, your soul. And part of our touchstone, aside from our own values as a college, is the relationship with the Methodist church.

"When we arrived, we were very surprised that the college didn't have a chaplain. One of the first steps we took was to get a chaplain on board." Rev. Jack Hinnen, associate pastor and primary minister for the contemporary services at Riverchase United Methodist Church in Hoover, began his duties as BSC chaplain in June.

The search for a new chaplain was aided by the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church, particularly Bishop Will Willimon, a BSC trustee.

"That's just one example of the types of moves forward that we've got to take to reestablish this relationship," Krulak explains. "I think it's real important to the school. It's who we are—that's our roots."

Intercollegiate athletics

Another step toward strengthening community is making the athletics programs a more integral part of campus.

The General is a sports enthusiast, having been a wrestler and lacrosse competitor himself, along with serving as a director for two professional sports franchises. "I'm on the board of the Cleveland Browns football team, and a director of the Aston Villa Football Club in England. I'm a sports fanatic, so I'm pretty excited about what I see here. We've got great coaches; we've got a world-class athletics director, Joe Dean, who's highly respected—not just within the state, but nationwide. We've got a great program; it's important to the school. You need to have something to cheer about outside of your academic endeavors, and sports gives you that."

"I know that some people are concerned that we went from Division I to Division III. It is what

it is. We must move beyond that event. This year, we were conference champions in basketball, conference division champions in baseball, and conference division champions in softball. Nearly 100 of our athletes were on the conference academic honor roll, and that's just for the spring semester. Very impressive.

We've got a very, very strong athletics program, and we should be proud of it and support it."

A proud history, a bright future

General Krulak sees himself as the "steward of BSC's proud history," but he readily acknowledges that the best is yet to come for Birmingham-Southern.

"The faculty is world-class—it's first-rate," he notes. "The student body is as bright and talented as ever. We've not lowered our standards one bit. Our staff is among the most dedicated and nurturing you will find on any

“I think the greatest legacy I could leave would be that the school is operating the way we all want it to operate and that we are producing young men and women with a true strength of character.”

college campus in this country.

“But,” he continues, “the future success of the college rides on the shoulders of a hugely dedicated alumni base.

“You should be very proud of your school,” Krulak says directly to Birmingham-Southern alumni. “You should not feel let down. You should not be discouraged—in fact, you should be encouraged that the soul of this place remains. The soul is strong. The tradition and the ethos that you so willingly created, remain.

“Each of the current students and certainly the new president recognize this—that it’s through the sacrifice of our alumni that we exist today, and that all I would ask is that you continue to support the school. And if you know people who are looking for a good education, send them here because they are going to get a good education. We are going to continue to produce men and women of character, men and women of high values, men and women who are selfless, who are dedicated, and will do you proud.

“If we have the alumni pulling for their college, their president, their administration, then what you have is the synergy of all of these thousands and thousands of people and their energy focused on making

the school better. It will make all the difference in the world.”

General Krulak has already addressed alumni groups in Birmingham and Atlanta, and similar meetings are being planned in many other locations. He uses these speaking opportunities not just to introduce himself, stress the importance of alumni giving, or provide updates on the college. He also seeks advice.

“What any leader needs is for people to continually give feedback, ideas, suggestions, and yes, money,” he says. “But you’ve got to have ideas. You’ve got to have suggestions. You have to know when you’re doing right and when you’re doing wrong. And I would hope—and I think that they will—that if the alumni think I’m doing something wrong or I need to chart a little bit different course, that they’re going to tell me. And it’s not going to bother me. I don’t come to work saying, ‘I can’t wait to do a bad job.’ I come to work wanting to do a good job. So if someone can help me do it, believe me, I’ll be all ears.

“This isn’t a one-man or one-person job; but it is a job that all of us, soldiering together, can accomplish. Although people may want to point to me as perhaps a

figurehead, the reality is we’re going to win because we’re playing as a team. Everybody has a role to play.

The Krulak legacy

General Krulak has accomplished a lot in his lifetime. Being nominated and selected for a college presidency wasn’t just another check mark on his bucket list. A man of great faith, he and Zandra had prayed for some time seeking God’s will for some way to help youth. The vacancy at Birmingham-Southern was a prayer answered—an opportunity to develop young men and women of character, and to use his myriad life experiences to “right the financial ship” of a struggling institution.

“Upon my departure,” he reflects, “I’d like things to be moving so smoothly that at the end of the day, people will say, ‘Who was that man again? What was his name? Oh, it was General Krulak and Zandi. Yes, they were here.’ I don’t want this ever to be about me or my wife. I think the greatest legacy I could leave would be that the school is operating the way we all want it to operate and that we are producing young men and women with a true strength of character.”

Zandra Meyers Krulak

BSC's new First Lady shares her husband's passion for youth



BSC First Lady Zandra Meyers Krulak and President Gen. Charles C. Krulak.

New Birmingham-Southern President Gen. Charles C. Krulak is fond of saying that relocating to the Hilltop is the 32nd move his wife, Zandra Meyers Krulak, will undergo with him. Zandra Krulak takes it all in stride.

"There were challenges in terms of moving each time—finding a place to live within a good school district, finding a dentist, finding a hairstylist—resources for life maintenance matters just as anyone else has," she says by phone from her Naples, Fla., home as she readies for the next move. "It's a bit more complicated if you are moving overseas, with a lot of storage and shipping issues. But overall, the feeling about having been a military wife doesn't revolve around the difficulties, but the joys.

"You get to live in different parts of the country, and I think it's better to live in different places than to visit briefly. If you're there long enough, you can explore features and cultures that are unique to that part of the country," she reflects. "More importantly, your spouse is doing something with a higher purpose in that he's serving his country."

Zandra Krulak hails from Annapolis, Md., and grew up right on the beaches of the Chesapeake Bay.

The Krulaks met through her classmate at the time, whose father was the head of the Engineering Department at the U.S. Naval Academy, and who also happened to be General Krulak's cousin. Zandra attended the annual Army vs. Navy football game in Philadelphia that year, "which is always an exciting event," she recalls. Her date for the game was a first-year student at the Naval Academy.

"The first-years were 'plebes' and weren't allowed to accompany their dates on the buses that came back from Philadelphia. It was a much more restrictive time. My classmate asked her cousin [General Krulak] if he would ride back with me on the bus, just to give me an escort. That is how we met."

Affectionately called "Zandi" by the General, Mrs. Krulak recognizes her husband's tireless energy. "He's been called 'the whirling dervish,' 'the Energizer bunny,'" she chuckles. "When he retired, I asked him, 'Well, what do you want to do now that you're retired?' He replied, 'I want to help people, and I would love to work with young people to try to communicate to them the importance of their moral, physical, and mental development.'"

She didn't anticipate a college presidency specifically. "He's always had a passion for developing youth for the future and wanting them to be prepared to be strong leaders, strong contributors to the nation. He had alluded at times to college leadership, saying, 'Wouldn't that be terrific—to be able to do that?' But I never really thought it would come to fruition," she says with a laugh. "I think it's going to be a lot of fun though."

Zandra Krulak shares her husband's enthusiasm and talent for developing young people. She launched a continuum of five programs of education and training for Marine spouses



The Krulaks, who have been married 47 years, greet visitors at a recent reception.

and Marines. "Over the years, there has been growth in the numbers of military people who are married," she says. "It seemed to me that a lot of them struggled, especially the younger ones."

When her husband was Commandant of the Marine Corps, Zandra Krulak and others started family readiness programs for the Corps. These were designed to better equip the spouses to handle all family and household matters when the Marine is either deployed, out in the field training, or at war. "We created a three-day to weeklong program for new spouses—zero to five years of marriage—that helped them learn how to thrive as Marine spouses, not just barely survive," she explains.

Ultimately, more specific components were developed for spouses who were going to be thrust into leadership positions because their Marine was promoted to a leadership position. There was a

weeklong course for those whose spouse was going to command either a regiment (4,000 Marines) or battalion (1,400 Marines). "If a Marine at any level is worried that his or her family at home is having issues they can't handle, it's going to degrade their readiness and ability to focus on their military duties," she observes. "So the effort was to prepare strong families and thus improve the Marines' combat-readiness. That was a passion!" Mrs. Krulak reports that all of the programs have stood the test of time and are up and running today.

The Krulaks have two sons: a medical doctor based in Pensacola, Fla., and a Ph.D. faculty member at Tulane University. They have five grandchildren, whom they call their "Grandjoys." "Our oldest grandson's favorite subject is Latin—if you can believe this," she says with a grin. All five were homeschooled until Brian, 15, enrolled at a classical Christian school last fall. "He's very

happy to be in 'real school' as he puts it, although he may not have gained admission to this particular 'real school' without the great job his mother did homeschooling him.

"Our sons have just wonderful wives, *really* terrific wives with each well-suited to each son," Mrs. Krulak remarks.

Zandra Krulak is as big a fan of sports as her husband. They both enjoy participating in and watching sports competition. "I'm looking forward to having a number of sporting events to attend at Birmingham-Southern," she says enthusiastically.

Mrs. Krulak and another wife organized a women's soccer program in San Diego years ago. "It evolved from soccer moms standing at the edge of the fields, watching the kids, who moved together as a clump around the field," she laughs. "We said, 'We could do that! We could play soccer.'" They organized through the area YMCA and only hoped they would get enough people to have three teams the first year. "We got 300 women the first year, and it just kept growing!," she exclaims. The program is still going strong.

She says that living in the student apartments on campus has been fun. "It's very energizing. We are meeting students who we run into going in and out, and it's made it a lot of fun. They're all so poised, polite, and full of life."

Zandra Krulak is excited about becoming a permanent part of the Birmingham-Southern community this fall. She says the students' contagious zest for the institution is infectious. "The first students I met were a couple of young women coming back from spring break. They were excited to return, and they were so enthusiastic about being back at school—they love it here. It speaks highly of the school, its faculty, and its programs."

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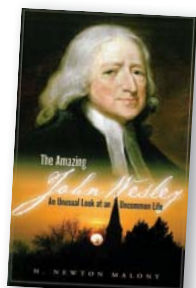
Events kick off at noon on November 11 with the Alumni Awards Luncheon and culminate with the Homecoming Football Game at 1 p.m. on November 12 and the Decades Band Parties later that night.

ClassNotes

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'52

Dr. H. Newton Malony of Eugene, Ore., published two volumes



of his writings this year. Malony wrote *The Amazing John Wesley: An Unusual Look at an Uncommon Life*, and had a compilation of his writings edited by one of his

doctoral graduates, Louis Hoffman, entitled *Toward a Christian Clinical Psychology: The Contribution of H. Newton Malony*. He is senior professor in the Graduate School of Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary.

'57

The west wing of a new chemistry building at the University of North

Carolina-Chapel Hill has been named in honor of **Dr. Royce Murray**. Murray Hall and Venable Hall were both dedicated at UNC's "University Day" on Oct. 12, 2010. Murray, who is Kenan Professor of Chemistry, joined the department in 1960 and has mentored more than 155 graduate and postdoctoral students. He also helped design the building that now bears his name. The author of four books, Murray has developed an international reputation for the excellence of his research and his contributions to science. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and editor of the journal *Analytical Chemistry*.

'70

David B. Hargett was posthumously honored by the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook, Ill., with a quiet room bearing his name on the third floor of the newly constructed library.

'71

Jim Neel, associate professor of art at BSC, was awarded a \$3,000 fellowship last year for "Les Enfants de la Terre," a series of terracotta and iron sculptures that addresses the disturbing issue of using children as soldiers. This year, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center added Neel's ceramic 50-component sculpture installation "Babel" to its exceptional art collection holdings by a gift to the Kohler Foundation Inc. Babel presents an army of vitreous china chimpanzees in battle formation accompanied by a recording of 50 voices reciting a sonnet by Percy Bysshe Shelley.

'75

Linda Ferguson Bisbee was recently appointed to the board of trustees for the Arapahoe Library District in Arapahoe County, Colo. She will serve a five-year term with the possibility of a one-term renewal. The board helps manage eight libraries and two community outreach programs.

Dr. Robert K. Glenn was named an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Southern Association for College Student Affairs. The lifetime membership is the highest honor within SACSA. It recognizes those who have been a member of the organization for a number of years and who have made notable contributions to the collegiate student affairs profession. Glenn is the president of Athens State University in Athens, Ala.

Betsy Harper Kranz of Fairhope was chosen as the 2010-11 Central Baldwin Middle School Teacher of the Year. She joined the school's staff in 1995 and teaches eighth-grade literature.

'76

Paulette Logan Haywood Ogard and **Sarah Cunningham Bright '81**, both of Birmingham, collaborated almost 15 years to produce their book *Butterflies of Alabama: Glimpses Into Their Lives*. The 486-page volume explores the life histories of Alabama's butterflies through Ogard's conversational language and Cunningham's intimate photographs.

AlumNews '54



Dr. Roye E. Wates' book *Mozart: An Introduction to the Music, the Man, and the Myths* was published in 2010 by Amadeus Press, an imprint of Hal Leonard.

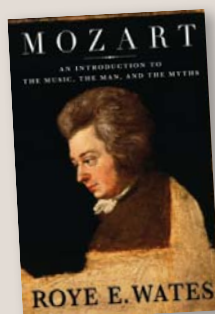
Wates, a professor of music at Boston University and a Birmingham native, earned her Ph.D. in music history from Yale.

Written in an easy, conversational style, "the book offers just as much for musicians as non-musicians," Wates says. "I aimed for

people who really want to know what Mozart was like as both man and composer, who are curious about the life of a musician during the 18th-century Enlightenment, and who want to learn how to listen to Mozart's music with analytical skill and sophistication—even if they don't know how to read music."

The book narrates the composer's childhood, his travels, his difficulty in procuring employment, and his final decade in Vienna, with freshly researched portraits of his father, his gifted sister "Nannerl," and his wife, Constanze. There are guided studies of 20 of his major compositions and copious extracts from the family letters, newly translated by the author.

A reviewer in the Dec. 5, 2010, issue of the UK magazine *Classical Music* writes: "As in a good novel, the author draws the reader into the lives and interrelationships of her characters—Mozart, his family and colleagues—and engagingly describes the cultural milieu." The reviewer concludes, "I cannot recommend this outstanding book too highly."



Babel



'78

Joyce Burt Ladd of Pleasant Grove has earned the professional designation of Chartered Life Underwriter from The American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. She is employed with State Farm Insurance Co.

'80

Steven Benefield was elected as a fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. ACTEC is a professional organization of elected attorneys and law professors who have made substantial contributions to the practice of estate and trust law. Benefield is a founding partner with the firm of Christian & Small LLP. He also was recently awarded a national Silver Beaver Award by the Greater Alabama Council of the Boy Scouts of America for his volunteer work. He and his wife, **Catherine McCullough Benefield** '80, reside in Vestavia Hills.

Donald L. Heflin, U.S. consul general in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, was one of two keynote speakers at a February ceremony at the Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge in Laredo, Texas, that culminated the celebration of the birth of George Washington. Heflin is the senior U.S. official for a 200-mile stretch of the U.S.-Mexican border.

'81

Carol Hermann Steckel is executive director of healthcare reform for the state of Louisiana.

Birmingham artist **Dr. Don Stewart** and the Semper Fi Community Task Force (SFCTF) presented a rare collection of celebrity-autographed artwork for auction this past May at an SPCTF Open House in Huntsville. Stewart showcased his historic drawing "Uncommon Valor—a Visual History of the United States Marine Corps," which was produced with the assistance of the SFCTF. Seven prints of the drawing that have been autographed by Marine celebrities were auctioned at the

event to raise funds in support of our nation's wounded warriors.

'82

Rev. Donna Morrisette Banks of Durham, N.C., has been elected to the board of directors for the Raleigh-based United Methodist Foundation Inc.

Laurel Rogers of Bishop, Calif., is a published writer online at HubPages.com. The site provides an active community of writers who are encouraged to critique and suggest changes to submitted writings. She's also enjoying being a new grandparent. Her grandson, Quinn Alexander Kutsoginis, was born Sept. 1, 2010.

'83

Angela Lynn Batey has been appointed as interim director of the University of Tennessee School of Music in Knoxville. She also holds the title of James R. Cox Professor, one of only three at the school. Batey holds two degrees from BSC in music education and musical theatre, a master's degree from Florida State University in music



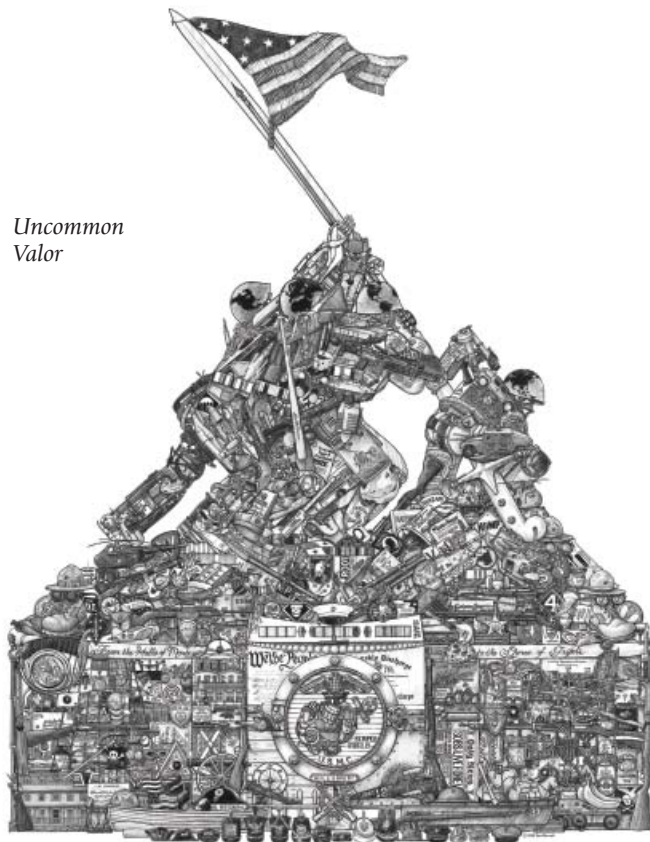
education, and a doctorate in choral conducting from the University of South Carolina.

'84

Rev. Russell J. Levenson Jr. has been named 2011 Doctor of Ministry Alumnus of the Year by Samford University's Beeson Divinity School. He has been rector of the 8,400-member St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston since 2007 and is the author of *Provoking Thoughts and Preparing Room*.

Honoring academic excellence—Birmingham-Southern held its annual Honors Day event April 28 to salute outstanding students, faculty, and staff who have distinguished themselves through scholarly achievement and service. **Webb Lyons '06** served as keynote speaker at the Honors Day Convocation in Munger Hall Auditorium. Lyons will begin studies at Yale Law School this fall. He was formerly director of initiatives at the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. A 2005 Truman Scholar, he graduated from BSC summa cum laude in political science with a Distinction in Leadership Studies. Lyons talked around a general theme of moving forward. "Communities play a key role in who we are," he stated. "We can shape communities in the same way they shape us." Pictured with Lyons are Dr. Kathleen Rossmann (on left), vice president of enrollment management, and Dr. Susan Hagen, Mary Collett Munger Professor of English, associate provost, and director of the Harrison Honors Program.

Uncommon
Valor



The Brunswick Group LLC, a leading global strategic communications consultancy, has added **Mark Seifert** to its firm's Washington, D.C., office as a partner. Seifert is senior advisor at the Department of Commerce, former deputy division chief at the Federal Communications Commission, and counsel for the House Commerce Committee.

'85

Chris Dupont, chef/owner of Cafe Dupont in Birmingham, was named a semifinalist this year by the James Beard Foundation for the award of Outstanding Chef of the South. The award is considered a top honor for U.S. chefs.

Denson N. Franklin III has been named the 2011 Birmingham

"Lawyer of the Year" in mergers and acquisitions law by Best Lawyers, the oldest and most respected publisher of attorney rankings. Franklin is with the firm Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. He is a member of the BSC Board of Trustees.

'86

This past February, **Melanie Merkle Atha** completed three days of basic training in collaborative practice in Phoenix, Ariz. She is a partner with the law firm of Cabaniss, Johnston, Gardner, Dumas & O'Neal in Birmingham, and is a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Practitioners.

The Alabama Humanities Foundation has elected **Lisa**

Narrell-Mead among its new board officers for 2011. Narrell-Mead is executive vice president of Corporate Associate Relations and Employment Counsel for Regions Financial Corp. She received her juris doctor from Emory University.

David Taylor is currently serving the second year of a two-year term as board president of Nashville CARES, which provides education, testing, and support for Middle Tennesseans with HIV/AIDS. The \$15 million agency is one of Nashville's largest nonprofits and reaches more than 60,000 people each year through its programs.

'87

Rev. Melissa Self Patrick was appointed as the new executive director of Urban Ministry Inc. in Birmingham, the inner city mission of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. Patrick is a United Methodist pastor who also leads weekly worship at Table of Grace. A recent graduate of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, she was the recipient of their Georgia Harkness Scholar Award, which allowed her to travel to Honduras in 2009 to meet with Methodist clergywomen in ministry, and was nominated by Candler's preaching faculty for a 2010 Preacher/Scholar Award. At the July UMC conference in Birmingham, Melissa was commissioned a provisional elder by Bishop Will Willimon.

'88

Zelia Garth Baugh has been appointed commissioner of the Alabama Department of Mental Health and Retardation by Gov. Robert Bentley. She is administrator of the Department of Psychiatry at the UAB Center for Psychiatric Medicine and is on

the mental health advisory board. She earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Daniel "Danny"

Potts and Ellen Woodward

Potts recently published a book entitled *A Pocket Guide for the Alzheimer's Caregiver*. The book contains the important, practical information the Potts wish they and their families had possessed while caring for several loved ones with the illness. In July, he made a presentation in Paris at the International Conference of Alzheimer's Disease concerning "the self as expressed through art in those with late stage Alzheimer's disease."

Vicki VanValkenburgh of

Birmingham has a new web marketing business called webdarter.com.

'89

William "Bill" Bostick II, longtime Shelby County, Ala., chief assistant district attorney, was recently appointed by Gov. Robert Bentley to serve on the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. He is a 1992 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law.

Kacy O'Brien Donlon of Tampa, Fla., was honored this year with the George C. Carr Memorial Award by the Tampa Bay chapter of the Federal Bar Association. It is the highest award presented by the chapter and recognizes excellence in federal practice and distinguished service to the association. Donlon served as president of the local chapter from 2005-06. She has practiced in the area of commercial litigation for the past 15 years.

'90

Dr. Deborah DeHaven Harris

received a doctorate of physical therapy from UAB in December 2010 and began her career as a physical therapist at Healthsouth Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital



BSC Alumni Choir CD release—

Birmingham-Southern's Alumni Choir is preparing a holiday gift package of music for you—a hit-parade CD of anthems and carols performed since the choir's formation in the 1970s. The CD is expected to be released around the time of the 75th annual Carol Service in December, or possibly earlier. Coordinating the project are **Dr. Danny Potts '88**, **Ellen Woodward Potts '88**, **Mary Jo West '70**, and **Donald Brown '58**. Proceeds from the sale of the CD will benefit the college's Music Department. Look for more information on the project on the college's website and in the next issue of *'Southern* magazine.

in January. Previously, she was employed as a CPA and member/director of the accounting firm Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino LLC.

Tom Miller of Denver, Colo., appeared on the cover of the magazine *Endurance* in September 2010. He rides his bicycle for miles to support finding a cure for multiple sclerosis.

William K. Nicrosi II of Mountain Brook has joined Leavell Investment Management Inc. as an investment counselor. His expertise is in planning and wealth management for families and private businesses.

'91

John Paul Huguley's

article "The New Faces of Southern Style"

appeared in the August/September 2010 issue of *Garden and Gun* magazine. A resident of Charleston, S.C., he is the founder of the American College of the Building Arts and a principal at Building Art LLC.



'92

Dr. Amy Alderman is the newest plastic surgeon for the Swan Center in Atlanta. During her educational career, she received several honors and recognitions. She was accepted into the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program and was offered early membership into the national medical honor society, AOA. She also was awarded the chief administrative resident position during her residency program as well as the Crudup Award for her extensive research while pursuing her training.

The Nuclear Energy Institute of Washington, D.C., has appointed **Ted Jones** as director of supplier international relations. Jones

will lead NEI's efforts related to U.S. industrial policy in the nuclear energy sector. NEI is an organizational member of the American National Standards Institute.

'93

Hamp Baxley

has been re-elected to a full term on the Dothan City Commission.



'94

Laura Button of Huntsville appeared as a contestant on the game show "Jeopardy" last year on Thanksgiving Day.

Travel writer, food critic, and humorist **Morgan Murphy** has a new book, *Off the Eaten Path*, published in May by Time Warner.



'95

Finley Bullard Evans of Mountain Brook published her third book of poems last year entitled *Third Girl*.

Grace Graham of Alexandria, Va., is now the assistant attorney general for the U.S.

'97

After graduating from BSC, **Todd Dorlon** earned a degree in environmental design from the School of Architecture at

Auburn University. He recently started his own design business in Birmingham, TMD Landscape Designs LLC. Dorlon has received several awards for his landscape designs and continues to pursue excellence for each of his clients. He is a certified southern plant expert and licensed landscape designer. Dorlon is active at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church where he serves on the vestry. He and his wife, **Kathryn Elam Dorlon '95**, have two sons.



BSC student yearbooks and publications now digitally archived

The Birmingham-Southern Library has digitized and made available the complete 97 volumes of student yearbooks, along with other student literary and academic publications (*Southern Academic Review*, *Compass*, and *Quad*).

The project was a part of the LYRASIS Mass Digitization Collaborative, which was partially funded by the Sloan Foundation. Local financial support was provided by anonymous friends of the college and through donations given in memory of Chad Jones Jr. '88 (see "In Memoriam" section).

Reference Librarian Steve Laughlin coordinated the digitization effort from the Birmingham-Southern side, ensuring the completeness and accuracy of the scanning project and providing metadata for online retrieval. Through the collaborative's partnership with the Internet Archive, all items were scanned from cover-to-cover and are in full color. Readers can choose from a variety of formats, page through a book choosing the "read online" option, download the PDF, or search the full text version.

"Digitizing the yearbooks and other student publications is easily among the most important developments that we've had in years," said Dr. Guy Hubbs, associate professor of library science and college archivist. "Digitization makes BSC's heritage available to everyone and allows our alumni and friends to reestablish their connections, not only with each other, but with the college."

The entire 2010-11 digitization project totaled almost 26,000 pages. Yearbooks and other college publications may be enjoyed online at www.archive.org/details/birminghamssouthern.



Anil Mujumdar, an attorney with Haskell Slaughter Young & Rediker LLC, has been named to the 2011 class of Leadership UAB, a group made up of young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 selected to represent a cross section of Birmingham's community.

After graduating from BSC and working nearly 13 years at UAB, **David Precise** recently accepted the local position of national director of development for the Southeast for the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. HSF was founded in 1975 and has supported over 100,000 students with more than \$300 million in scholarship funds.



Love-all—Three BSC graduates reunited in Istanbul, Turkey, this past March. **Brian Owens '92** and his wife, **Maria Marino Owens '91**, traveled to Istanbul to attend the wedding of **Allen Collinsworth '92** and Didem Akyel. Collinsworth and Owens were on the BSC tennis team together. Owens is with Wells Fargo in London, and Allen is president of the Farra Group Inc. in Istanbul. Pictured are Collinsworth (on left) and Owens during a dinner with wedding guests from 10 different countries. The wedding took place March 5 at Divan Kurucesme, an elegant event space located on the Bosphorus Strait that separates the European and Asian sides of Istanbul.

Chad Richey is managing the Birmingham-South Office for Merrill Lynch. He also has a financial planning practice and works with 110 families around the nation.

'98

Murray Dunlap has just published a collection of short stories called *Bastard Blue* with Press 53. He has given multiple signings as well as been interviewed on the Mobile local news three times. Dunlap's work has appeared in about 30 journals and magazines. His stories have been twice nominated for the Pushcart Prize as well as Best New American Voices, and his first book, *Alabama*, was a finalist for the Maurice Prize in Fiction. "The extraordinary individuals Pam Houston, Laura Dave, Michael Knight, and Fred Ashe

[BSC professor of English] taught me the art of writing," he notes. Visit www.murraydunlap.com for updates on his work.

Clay Ryan, who recently was appointed as the transition coordinator for Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley and chairs the governmental and regulatory affairs practice group for Maynard Cooper & Gale PC, was named to the "Top 40 Under 40" in the March 4, 2011, issue of the *Birmingham Business Journal*.

Richard Marshall Thayer is a partner with the law firm Christian & Small LLP in Birmingham.

Stephen Wallace was elected to serve as a circuit court criminal judge in Jefferson County, Ala. His term began in January 2011. He shares the same courthouse

floor with the **Hon. Teresa Tanner Pulliam '80**.

Jason Wells was selected to become a principal in Jackson Thornton's Business Valuation and Litigation Consulting Group in Montgomery.

'99

Smith Travel Research Inc. named **Amanda Watts Hite** its new president in January 2011. Hite has been with STR five years, most recently as chief strategy officer. In her new role, she will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of STR and its family of companies. STR provides clients to the hotel industry access to hotel research with regular and custom reports. Hite is a resident of Hendersonville, Tenn.

Timothy Iliff of Daphne recently received a medical degree from

Ross University's School of Medicine.

Carey Crook Miller, a director at Deloitte Consulting in Alexandria, Va., was named by *Federal Computer Week* magazine to the 2011 Federal 100. The annual award recognizes leaders in government and industry who have made significant contributions to the federal government IT community during the previous year.

'00

Melissa Bolen Heffner of Decatur, Ga., has launched her new business, Second Look Services. Her professional copyediting and proofreading company offers a wide range of editing services to writers, businesses, teachers, and students. Heffner is a former English literature teacher who has been copyediting and proofreading



Plant a seed and watch it grow—

Robin Shelton '92 of Birmingham has started a home-based business venture with a friend called PoppySeed Paper LLC. They sell a variety of stationery products, from invitations to greeting cards, note pads, and birth announcements. The Birmingham Business Alliance recently honored their business venture with the People's Choice Award during its annual celebration of Small Business Week. Pictured is Shelton (center) and her business partner, Blake Gray (on left), receiving their award at the event. The awards ceremony took place at the Saks Fifth Avenue store at The Summit. Awards were presented in six categories—business services, emerging business, family-owned business, nonprofit, retail, and technology.

for colleagues and friends for many years.

'01

Marcus Gilmer joined *The Onion* (a satirical newspaper and website) as an associate editor of The A.V. Club in fall 2010. Prior to that, he had served as editor-in-chief of the online media site Chicagoist for two years. Gilmer graduated with a master's in communications from the University of New Orleans in 2005. A year later, following Hurricane Katrina, he relocated to Chicago.

'02

Walker Hayes of Franklin, Tenn., debuted his new album *Reason to Rhyme* on Capital Records this past fall.

'03

Kimberly Reid recently received a clinical white coat from Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine, marking the transition from veterinary sciences into senior clinical rotations where students help administer patient care.

'04

Dr. Lora Pacha Gaxiola owns a dental office in the Birmingham area. She spends most of her free time with her family, especially her two-year-old son.

'05

Caroline Brady was selected as a 2011-12 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and is attending the University of Sydney in Australia this summer pursuing a master of laws degree in international environmental law. She is a resident of Brooksville, Fla.

Anna Belle Wilder Norton joined the Birmingham law firm of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as a first-year associate. She will serve as a member of the firm's financial services and litigation practice groups.

'06

Webb Lyons of Birmingham is attending Yale Law School this fall. His wife, **Sarah Doughton '04**, began studies at Yale Divinity School this fall.

Sarah Galloway Wootten started a new job as an account executive at o2 Ideas in Birmingham.

'07

Jordan Amirkhani recently completed her master's degree in the history of art at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and is in her first year of Ph.D. studies in history and philosophy of art at the University of Kent in the United Kingdom.

Raley Wiggins has joined the Tuscaloosa law firm Hubbard, Wiggins, McIlwain & Brakefield PC as an associate.

'08

Hallie Dyer is doing volunteer teaching at the Mayatan Bilingual School in rural Honduras for a year. "My time at BSC, where I studied art and studied abroad through the college's international program, helped prepare me for this adventure living abroad and teaching secondary literature, writing, and high school psychology," she says.

Ashley Pyron Partridge received a Graduate Council Fellowship from the University of Alabama. She will begin her studies this fall in the school's Ph.D. program in psychology. The fellowship includes full tuition for the first year, health insurance, and a \$15,000 stipend. She is married to **Boyd Partridge '07**, who is in his final year of academic work at UAB towards a doctorate in physical therapy. He is the son of former BSC Administrative Assistant to the Provost Debbie Partridge, who shared the good news.



Meredith Price of Remlap received an award from the Mississippi College School of

Law during its annual Law Day ceremony. Price was the recipient of the John B. Farese Memorial Trial Advocate Award, given to a student based on their trial practice tendencies.

'10

Jane Elizabeth Asseff of Shreveport, La., began studies at Louisiana State University in August toward a master's degree in social work.

Tia Barclay of Birmingham presented a scientific research poster at the First Annual Southeastern Medical Scientist Symposium at UAB this past October and won a cash prize for her presentation.

AlumNews '92



Alabama Moon, based on the young-adult novel by **Watt Key** of Mobile, opened in movie theatres throughout the nation this year.

The movie is set in Alabama, but was shot in Louisiana. It stars Jimmy Bennett as 11-year-old Moon Blake who has spent most of his life hiding out in Alabama woods with his survivalist father. After the land is sold, Moon follows his father's dying wishes and embarks on a journey to Alaska.

The cast of the movie also includes Clint Howard as the mean-spirited constable, who makes Moon's life miserable, and John Goodman, as the small-town lawyer who acquires Moon's father's property.

The coming-of-age adventure made its world premiere at Birmingham's Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival in 2009.



Key and his brother-in-law, Christopher Anderton (husband of **Dr. Betsy Key Anderton '95**), own a computer business in Mobile, selling medical software. He says he was inspired to write *Alabama Moon* after he and two friends lived for two weeks in the swamplands along an Alabama river as part of a January Interim Term course at Birmingham-Southern.

Key's companion book, *Dirt Road Home*, was published in summer 2010.

Carleson Dozier of Birmingham started graduate school in finance in Buenos Aires, Argentina, this spring. He's working for a company there that arranges housing for students studying abroad. He notes, "I am loving Buenos Aires, which was first introduced to me via a BSC Interim trip with Dr. [Barbara] Domcekova [associate professor of Spanish] in 2007."

Sarah Cumming Graffeo completed a five-month internship with *Birmingham* magazine this past December. She is currently employed as a project manager at Marketry Inc., a qualitative research firm in Homewood.

Michael James Graham Jr. of Cullman is working as a volunteer research assistant at the Center for Psychiatric Medicine at UAB and has been accepted into the UAB School of Medicine.



After working with Red Mountain Theatre and Birmingham Children's Theatre in 2010, **Christina Johnson** moved to New York. She can be seen in several TV shows and films, but is currently pursuing a musical theatre career.

Aaron Parr of Decatur, Ga., is the assistant varsity basketball coach at St. Pius X Catholic High School in Atlanta. He completed his student teaching at two schools in Birmingham.

Lydia Catherine Rice of Tupelo, Miss., has been interning with a Peru mission for the past year. In August, she began her studies in the nursing program at Vanderbilt University—the first year she will complete a BSN degree, and the

second year she plans to earn a nurse practitioner's degree. Her goal is to become a board-certified family nurse practitioner.

Bradley Robinson attended the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School from November 2010 to February 2011 in Newport, R.I. He was commissioned as an ensign Feb. 18 and will be serving aboard the USS Vella Gulf (CG 72), a guided missile cruiser stationed in Norfolk, Va. Robinson recently completed both Surface Warfare Officer School and Damage Control and Repair School before returning to the Vella Gulf. He is the son of Mike Robinson, director of physical fitness and recreation at BSC.

Nathan Santora moved to Hungary in August 2010 to accept a teaching position. He teaches conversational English and American culture at two separate high schools.

Michael-Jon Lionel Tehini of Birmingham is in graduate school at Spring Hill College in Mobile. He also is the assistant coach for the men's soccer team.

Robert Sewell Walker is attending the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

MPPM

'92
Brig. Gen. Reynold Hoover was featured in an article in the *Montgomery Advertiser* this past fall. He is responsible for the supplies that will support troops on cargo planes that are being routed to their battle areas.

'00
Reba Thompson Simmons, a seasoned human resources executive, has recently been appointed chief human resource officer at INROADS, the nation's

largest nonprofit source of salaried corporate internships for top diversity talent.



Weddings

Patricia Camille Spratling '98, MPPM '07, to Robert David Seale Jr., July 16, 2011.

Dr. Amy Susan Hajari '01 to Dr. Chad Ian Case, May 14, 2011.

Ryanne Duffie '02 to Daniel Smith Saucier, Sept. 10, 2010.

Jarod Ross Motley '02 to Lindsey Whitmire Bates, Oct. 30, 2010.

J. Cory Hamrick '03 to Marlena K. Tidmore, June 11, 2010.

Elizabeth Swan McNamara '03 to Brandon John Nachman, May 10, 2011.

Rev. David Raymond Saliba '03 to Jane Elizabeth Crockett, June 11, 2011.

Capt. Charles Bradford Erickson '04 to Kay Elizabeth Costilow, March 26, 2011.

Sarah Galloway '06 to Gerald "Jeremy" Edward Wooten III, June 12, 2010.

Peter Hurt '06 to Nicole Fitts, Dec. 11, 2010.

Katherine Elizabeth Lester '07 to Robert Styles Mooty '08, July 17, 2010.

Paul Edward Blom '08 to Amanda Field '09, Nov. 6, 2010.

Lisa DeAnn Speake '09 to Ronald Alyn MacBeth III '10, Dec. 27, 2010.

Jenna Marie Luckie '10 to Landon Rogers, March 12, 2011.

Kathleen Smith '10 to Thomas Scott Shelton '10, Sept. 18, 2010.

William Jacob "Jake" Sumrall '10 to Kristen Poole '11, June 11, 2010.

Births & Adoptions

A son, Thomas Denton, Aug. 14, 2010, to **Stan Glasscox '87** and wife, Beth (big sister, Sigrid Elizabeth Ezell).

A son, Hays Meriwhether, Nov. 19, 2010, to **Richard H. Marks '91** and wife, Emily (big brother, William).

A daughter, Riley Campbell, Dec. 6, 2010, to **John Perry Hubbard '92** and wife, Sarah.

A daughter, Willa Burton, June 5, 2010, to **Joseph Burton Fanning '93** and wife, **Carrie Smith Fanning '93** (big brother, Ben, and big sister, Amelia).

A son, Jacob Dallas, Aug. 12, 2010, to **Maria Luther '93** and Marc Phelps. Proud grandparents are **Lynn Luther '64** and **Joanne Thomas Luther '64**.

A daughter, Kathryn Ann, recently adopted by **Lauri George Soong '93** and husband, **Dr. Weily Soong '95** (little brother, William "Will")

A daughter, Ashelyn Rose, April 7, 2011, to **Anthony Lake '95** and wife, **Heather Rakes Lake '96** (big brother, Chase).

A daughter, Katherine Carter, June 3, 2010, to **Ashley Carter Brasfield '97** and husband, Joel (big sister, Ava).

A daughter, Anderson Elizabeth, Jan. 7, 2011, to **James Lester Coln II '97** and wife, **Evelyn Frazier Coln '99** (big brother, James David, and big sister, Emma Katherine).

A son, Guy, Aug. 24, 2009, to **Chad Richey '97** and wife, Janet (big brothers Jackson and Robert).

A daughter, Ashley Beth, Aug. 10, 2010, to **Laura Pruett Rueckel '98** and husband, Ryan (big sister, Erin).

A son, Charles "Charlie" Thomas, July 12, 2010, to **Richard Marshall Thayer '98** and wife, Carrie (big sister, Mary Marshall).

A son, Banks Irby, Nov. 23, 2010, to **Tori McCaig Johnston '99** and husband, Bryan.

A daughter, Ally Grace, Jan. 21, 2011, to **Russ Parrish '00** and wife, **CJ Alexander Parrish '02** (big brother, Wilson).

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

A daughter, Emery Stewart, June 30, 2010, to **Anne Stewart Bartels '01** and husband, Eric.

A daughter, Anna Caroline, Feb. 11, 2010, to **Dr. Lindsay Peck Denton '01** and husband, Nathan.

A son, William "Will" Thomas III, June 9, 2010, to **Tracy Lewis Richards '01** and husband, Alex.

A daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, July 16, 2010, to Caroline **Mobley Walker '01** and husband, Jerrod (big sister, Katie). Proud grandmother is **Dr. Pamela Alley Mobley '70**.

A daughter, Charlotte Quinn, Aug. 18, 2010, to **James Drysdale '02** and wife, **Peyton Caruthers Drysdale '02**.

A son, Noah Gregory, Aug. 5, 2010, to **Matthew Philip Carter '03** and wife, **Nicole Komara Carter '05**.

A son, Samuel Newton, Oct. 11, 2010, to **Paul Ebert '03** and wife, **Samantha Barber Ebert '05**.

A daughter, Lillie Jane, Oct. 11, 2010, to **John Allen Harpole '03** and wife, **Christine Lester Harpole '03** (big brother, Jack).

A son, Titus Eric, Aug. 1, 2010, to **Judson E. Crump '05** and wife, **Emmie Silvermail Crump '07**.

A son, Griffin Sullivan, April 6, 2011, to **Anna Sullivan Price '05** and husband, Tyler.

A daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, Feb. 23, 2011, to **Andrew Ryan '06** and wife, **Hillary Ballant Ryan '06**.

In Memoriam

Frank Yarbrough Anderson III '37 of Birmingham on Dec. 10, 2010. He spent a large part of his career in senior management at Moore Handley and eventually retired from Thomas Foundry. During World War II, he served in the infantry in Italy. Anderson and his wife enjoyed an active social life. He also loved quail hunting, fishing, and golfing.

Maurine Brannon Donahue '37 of Birmingham on Feb. 28, 2011.

During World War II, she served in the U.S. Army as a laboratory technician. Donahue studied piano at the Anniston Conservatory of Music where she played on its radio program, and later at the Birmingham Conservatory of Music. She was an organist at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church for more than 20 years.

Ruth Keener Stevens '37 of Southern Pines, N.C., on March 30, 2011. She earned a master's degree from Baldwin-Wallace College and taught in the Berea

school district until her retirement in 1982.

Joseph Thomas Greco '39 of Columbia, Mo., on Jan. 8, 2011. Greco was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. In 1953, he earned a master's degree in hospital administration from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Greco began his career at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, retiring as associate director after 26 years. He had many volunteer positions in the medical field following his

In Memoriam '32



Hugh Martin, American musical theatre and film composer, arranger, and vocal coach, died March 11, 2011, in Encinitas, Calif. He was 96.

Born in Birmingham, Martin was best known for his score for the classic 1944 MGM musical *Meet Me in St. Louis*, in which Judy Garland sang three Martin songs: "The Boy Next Door," "The Trolley Song," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," the last of which is widely considered to be one of the greatest Christmas songs of all time.

"The Trolley Song" was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Song from the 1944 film *Meet Me in St. Louis*. "The Boy Next Door" and "Pass That Peace Pipe" were nominated for the Academy Award for Best Original Song from the 1947 movie *Good News*. He also received four Tony Award nominations for his songwriting.

Following music studies at Birmingham-Southern in 1931-32, Martin left college for New York to begin his long career as a composer. He enlisted as an infantryman in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was assigned to the European Theatre.

Martin concluded his career in Encinitas, where he retired in the early 1970s, but continued to create and entertain until his passing. For his accomplishments, he was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, and the Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame. He had recently completed and published his autobiography *Hugh Martin: The Boy Next Door*.

In Memoriam '37



Dr. Gesualdo "Al" Costanzo of Vero Beach, Fla., passed away April 10, 2011, at the age of 94. He was appointed to the BSC Board of Trustees in 1969 and served for 41 years.

Costanzo was born in the Edgewater section of Birmingham, the eldest son of Italian immigrants. He resided in Vero Beach for more than 30 years, after relocating from New Canaan, Conn.

He retired as vice chairman of Citicorp of New York and its

principal subsidiary of Citibank of New York in 1980.

After graduating from BSC with a degree in economics, Costanzo earned a doctorate in economics from the University of Virginia. He later served as a research fellow at the Brookings Institute in Washington, D.C.

He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II and served as a Japanese language specialist. After the war, Costanzo returned to his passion, economics, and worked for the U.S. State and Treasury departments. He served as a U.S. Treasury representative at the U.S. Embassy in Rome, Italy, and subsequently was appointed as the American member of the Greek Currency Board in Athens, Greece.

Costanzo engineered the 1951 devaluation and economic reform in Greece, ushering in its "golden age of the drachma," 10 years of rapid economic growth that brought prosperity to Greece. Prior to his arrival at Citibank in 1961, he served as deputy director of the Western Hemisphere Department for the International Monetary Fund.

During his 19-year tenure at Citibank, Costanzo led the growth of the bank's international businesses around the world, interfacing with economic and political leaders at times in unstable and even volatile political environments. He attracted and nurtured many young bankers and worked with economic and political leaders.

Costanzo also served as chairman of the Mercantile Bank of Canada and was on the board of directors for Owens-Illinois, Beatrice Foods, National Cash Register Corp., Gindlays Bank in the United Kingdom, and S.K.F. in Sweden.

He was predeceased by his wife of 44 years, Lillie Costanzo, and is survived by a daughter and four brothers including, **Armand Costanzo '40** of Birmingham.

At the request of the family, memorial contributions can be made to the Costanzo Scholarship Fund at Birmingham-Southern through the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254.

retirement, including with the American Cancer Society.

William Stegall Cleage '40 of Mountain Brook on Dec. 26, 2010. Cleage served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II as a flight instructor where he reached the rank of captain. Upon the conclusion of the war, he founded Cleage Construction Co. and built custom homes for more than 30 years. He was a longtime member of Canterbury United Methodist Church.

James William "Billy" Wilson '40 of Vestavia Hills on Aug. 7, 2010. Among his survivors are his wife, **Elaine Odom Wilson '43**, and a daughter, **Virginia Wilson McWaters '59**, of Sarasota, Fla.

Robbye Tate Gregory '43 of Lexington, S.C., on Feb. 4, 2011. After graduating from BSC, Gregory earned a master's degree from Samford University. She was a longtime member of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church where she served on the Library Committee.

J.R. "Bob" Abernathy '44 of Destin, Fla., on Jan. 11, 2011. Abernathy was the general manager for W.A. Belcher Lumber Co. in Birmingham for 30 years. After graduating from BSC in chemistry, he earned a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Alabama and served in the U.S. Army. Upon retiring in 1979, he moved to Destin, where he and his wife enjoyed golf and extensive travel.

Lewis Munn Armstrong Sr. '44 of Birmingham on Dec. 28, 2010. Armstrong was a civil engineer and land surveyor for the Tennessee Valley Authority, Alabama Power, and Southern Services. He received an advanced degree from Auburn University. Armstrong was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in New Guinea and the Philippines during World War II. He had a gift for singing and had taken on cartoon drawing as a hobby. He is survived by his son, **Lewis Munn Armstrong Jr. '95** of Birmingham, and two daughters.

Rev. George Harper '44 of Helena, Mont., on May 2, 2011. A longtime pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church who traveled worldwide as a guest speaker, Harper also was one of Helena's greatest sports fans. While in college, he was a star athlete in football, basketball, track, and baseball. He attended seminary at Duke. Harper has written 14 books, including a set of nine that covers the whole Bible, and three on golf. He also was an avid outdoorsman and fisherman.

Donegan Mann '44 of Tuscaloosa on Jan. 17, 2011. Mann had practiced law in Washington, D.C., for a number of years.

Frances Rew Bailey '45 of Birmingham on Dec. 24, 2010. She is survived by her sister, **Miriam Rew Davies '49** of Birmingham.

Genevieve Seeger Ayer '46 of Warrior on Dec. 27, 2010. She taught at Shades Valley High School until her retirement. She was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church.

Victor "Vic" Newton Knox '48 of Birmingham on Sept. 1, 2010. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and had taught at Fultondale High School.

Grady W. Barrow Jr. '49 of Pelham on Sept. 22, 2010.

Dr. William Wesley Douglas '49 of Pensacola, Fla., on Sept. 15, 2010. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a flight surgeon.

John Pierre Fievet Sr. '49 of Birmingham on Nov. 21, 2010. Fievet was a retired senior buyer and consultant for U.S. Steel. He served in the U.S. Army in South Korea from 1953-55, where he worked in Seoul in radio with the American Forces Network. He was a survivor of the sinking of the British troopship H.M.T. Rohna off the Algerian coast in 1943, which costs the lives of 1,021 men (the greatest loss of American lives at sea in the war), and he was a Purple Heart recipient who served

in China with Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers. Fievet spent the last 13 years of his life trying to locate the families of the men who died to share the story of the Rohna.

Gera Holland Goode '49 of Missoula, Mont., on April 10, 2011. She was an accomplished pianist who deeply loved music, art, poetry, travel, politics, and her family.

William Hixon Kieran '49 of Birmingham on July 28, 2010.

Jean Rowe Walston Wright '49 of Hoover on Dec. 5, 2010. She taught English at W.A. Berry High School for 28 years, retiring in 1991. She also earned degrees from Duke University and Samford University.

Chester Leroy Whited Jr. '50 of Birmingham on Oct. 28, 2010. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and served on the USS Lake Champlain (CV-39).

Richard "Dick" Wellington Deason '53 of Johnson City, Tenn., on Dec. 2, 2010. Deason spent his entire career in broadcasting, having worked at several stations in the Birmingham area. For many years, he taught broadcasting at the University of Alabama where he received his master's degree in broadcasting. He was active in local theatre, including with The Seasoned Performers, and was past president of the Birmingham Civitan Club. Deason was a U.S. Army veteran.

John Conley Merchant Jr. '53 of Birmingham on May 4, 2011. In addition to being a farmer, salesman, small business owner, school bus driver, and woodworker, he worked as a schoolteacher until his retirement. Merchant was a World War II veteran. He is survived by his wife, **Rolaine Mann Merchant '53**.

John Lloyd Hook '54 of Arroyo Grand, Calif., on Sept. 17, 2010.

John M. Hutcheson '55 of Troy on Dec. 21, 2010. After graduating

from BSC, Hutcheson attended the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta and received a master's degree in medical art. He then worked at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for 31 years as a medical illustrator. Hutcheson served in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman during the Korean conflict. He had a deep passion for history, stamps, and coins, and also was involved with many civic activities.

Betty Jean Ryan Kidd '55 of Birmingham on Jan. 31, 2011. She taught in the Birmingham City School System and was a parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Harry "Tony" Mims '55 of Birmingham on Feb. 2, 2011. Mims spent two years as a cryptographer in the U.S. Army. He retired from Liberty National Life Insurance Co. after 33 years of service, ending his career as senior vice president of administration.

Dr. Gwendolyn "Gwen" Joy Adams '56 of Hueytown on Jan. 4, 2011. Adams taught school in Hueytown for a number of years and retired from the Jefferson County Board of Education. She received her master's degree in education from Syracuse University in New York and her Ph.D. in education from Auburn. An active member of the community, she served on various committees at the conference level of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Donald Handley Stewart '56 of Calera on Feb. 28, 2011. He received degrees from BSC and the University of Alabama. Stewart was an officer in the U.S. Navy and later taught at the University of South Alabama. He served as minister of music for Government Street Presbyterian Church and Central Presbyterian Church in Mobile for a combined 45 years.

Dr. James Lowery Windsor '57 of Pleasant Grove on April 8, 2010.

In Memoriam '41



Dr. John M. Howard of Toledo, Ohio, passed away March 17, 2011. He was 91 and a native of Alabama.

Howard was a mentor, teacher, writer, colleague, researcher, and distinguished retired surgeon who had practiced at the University of Toledo Medical Center and who was known in medical circles around the world.

During the Korean War, he directed the U.S. Army's Surgical Research Team which pioneered the MASH unit

for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit by order of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Howard also chaired the Committee on Shock and the Committee on Emergency Medical Services of the National Research Council to advise the U.S. government on matters of science. He received a special award from the Department of Transportation for providing the vision which led to the development of the modern Emergency Medical Service System in the U.S.

As an authority on diseases of the pancreas, Howard wrote more than 400 journal articles and wrote or contributed to 12 books and 31 book chapters. He lectured on trauma and pancreatic diseases in 45 countries on six continents.

Howard was honored with a Distinguished Alumni Award from Birmingham-Southern in 1987.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy; son, **Robert Fontaine Howard '72** of Galveston, Texas; and nephew, **Rev. John D. Richardson '00** (former BSC chaplain).

Joseph Morris Swartz '58 of Pelham on Nov. 26, 2010. Swartz graduated from the Birmingham School of Law in 1972. He spent 46 years with Alabama Gas Co., retiring in 1999. He also served in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. While stationed in Anchorage, Swartz won the Alaskan State Chess Championship. His lifelong commitment to service was expressed through his dedication to the Shades Valley Civitan Club.

Roydene Howard Hartman '60 of Alpine on Sept. 4, 2010. She is survived by her husband, **Donald Dewayne Hartman '64**.

Alan Lester Fikes '61 of Muscatine, Iowa, on March 25, 2011. He did graduate studies

at UAB and gained an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps. Fikes worked for the Pfizer Chemical Division for 12 years, and in 1973, he joined Grain Processing Corp. in Muscatine. He retired from there as vice president of the Alcohol Division after 28 years. Fikes was a member of the American Chemical Society, among his many affiliations. An avid sportsman, he also loved reading and travel.

Kathryn "Kay" Henckell Smith '61 of Birmingham on April 4, 2011. Smith had a successful career as an organist, pianist, accompanist, and music teacher both in Birmingham and in Dallas. She received a master's degree in music from North Texas State

In Memoriam '50



Raymond "Ray" T. Elgin, a retired official of the Washington, D.C., Public Library System, passed away March 12, 2011, at the age of 84.

He was recruited by the D.C. Public Library in 1951 and served in many of its branches. In 1971, Elgin was appointed to the Book Selection Office in the city's Martin Luther King Library. He became coordinator of that office in 1972 and retired in 1980.

Elgin grew up in Leeds, Ala., the only son of a family practitioner and an elementary schoolteacher. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Birmingham Southern and served in the U.S. Navy with distinction. He then earned a master's degree in library science from Columbia University.

Elgin was an accomplished musician, and at one time, a concert organist.

He also was a major benefactor of BSC and generous with other public and private philanthropies as well. Throughout his life, he cherished his experiences and friendships at Birmingham-Southern and reconnected with them as often as possible.

He is survived by close cousin, **Richard deShazo, M.D. '67**, of Brandon, Miss.

At the request of family, memorial contributions can be made to Birmingham-Southern through the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254.

University, and subsequently, a master's in teaching from the University of Montevallo.

Elaine Frederick Perry '63 of Montgomery on Aug. 31, 2010. A lifelong teacher and educator, Perry was a member of the Alabama Education Association for more than 47 years. She earned a master's of education degree from Samford University and her AA Certificate from UAB. She leaves as her survivors a daughter and son, **Dr. Felton F. Perry Jr. '70** of Jasper.

Dr. Stanley Gordon Spangler '67 of Birmingham on April 26, 2011. He was a former faculty member

of the UAB School of Medicine and a U.S. Air Force veteran. He received his doctorate from UAB.

Bruce Edward Adams '69 of Chattanooga, Tenn., on Oct. 18, 2010. Adams was former executive vice president of First Tennessee Bank's Business Group. After graduating from BSC, he earned an MBA from the University of Alabama. He was deeply committed to serving his community and sat on numerous boards, including the YMCA and Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce.

Jerrold "Jerry" Wilson '71 of Batesville, Miss., on Jan. 9, 2011.

He played baseball at Birmingham-Southern from 1967-71, and was later inducted into the BSC Sports Hall of Fame.

Rev. Kenneth Ray Street '73 of Birmingham on Dec. 31, 2010. He served as minister of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church and previously as minister of the Tennessee Conference of the UMC. He had retired after more than 39 years of ministry, having received his master of divinity degree from Vanderbilt University.

Holland "Holly" Lucille Wallace '76 of Chapel Hill, N.C., on April 1, 2011. Following her graduation from BSC, she moved to Chapel

Hill for graduate studies at the University of North Carolina. After contracting severe rheumatoid arthritis, she became an advocate for disability rights, traveling across the country educating physicians about how to recognize the full humanity of their patients. She also was a publisher at Menasha Ridge Press for many years.

Kermit L. Jones '77 of Jasper and Gulf Shores on March 17, 2011. He graduated from BSC and the Tennessee Military Institute in Sweetwater, Tenn. Jones was a successful insurance and real estate entrepreneur responsible for securing and building the first Wal-Mart in Alabama in conjunction to designing and building Parkland

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Jack Herbert Shannon of Birmingham died Feb. 12, 2011, after an accomplished career in financial services. He was 84.

Shannon served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he graduated from Birmingham-Southern and began work at the former Birmingham Trust National Bank. At the same time, he served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, and in 1951, was recalled to

full-time active duty during the Korean War.

When Shannon returned to Birmingham, he reestablished his position with the bank and became one of its youngest vice presidents. In 1956, he became vice president of Berney Perry & Co., Investment Bankers and began developing new homes in the expanding subdivisions of Mountain Brook.

He became a partner with Pierce Garrison Wolborn, Investment Bankers in 1961, at which time he became proprietor of J.H. Shannon & Co., an investment banking firm that was one of the founders of revenue bond financing for healthcare institutions. His firm helped finance numerous hospitals throughout the Southeast.

Shannon retired as chairman and CEO of Secor Bank (formerly Alabama Federal Savings and Loan Association), the state's largest thrift institution. Even after retiring, he was active in the community and served on numerous boards and organizations.

Survivors include his son-in-law, Ruffner Page, and nephew, **Henry Craft O'Neal '84**, both of whom are members of BSC's Board of Trustees.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shannon Family Scholarship at Birmingham-Southern through the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254. The scholarship was established in 1990 in recognition of the friendship and support of BSC by Shannon and his wife.

In Memoriam Friend



Georgene Michael Gainey of Birmingham passed away Feb. 10, 2011, at the age of 92. She was the wife of late BSC Professor of Music Andrew G. Gainey, who taught voice.

The couple were featured on "The Joan Rivers Show" renewing their vows for their 50th wedding anniversary. They also performed around the country and hosted radio and

TV programs such as "At Home with the Gaineys," and played several parts in commercials and live theatre.

Never far away from a live stage, she carried numerous leading and supporting roles at local community theatres such as Town and Gown. Gainey also directed dozens of productions at Brooke Hill, later, Altamont School, where she taught speech arts until her retirement in 1980. She even landed a part in an Academy Award-nominated short film *Johnny Flynton*. Perhaps her biggest passion was serving as one of the "golden girls" in Birmingham's troupe of senior thespians, The Seasoned Performers.

She is survived by four children: **Michael Jean Lancaster '64** of Knoxville, Tenn., **A. Daniel Gainey '77** of Birmingham, **Susan Gainey Vines '78** of Birmingham, and **Matthew Grover Gainey '80** of Naples, Fla.

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Shopping Center. In addition, he owned and managed a chain of hotels in Alabama and Mississippi and other hotel and restaurant investments in Birmingham.

Carol West Wood '86 of Vestavia Hills on Sept. 9, 2010. She is survived by two sons, including **Dr. Berry Steven Wood '82** of Hartselle.

William Chadwick "Chad" Jones '88 of Birmingham on Jan. 14, 2011. Jones was an accomplished business leader who most recently was senior vice president and managing director of Javelin Direct in Atlanta. He was an honor student at Birmingham-Southern and earned his MBA from Samford University, finishing first in his class. Jones also served on the Alumni Board of Directors at BSC.

H. Dean Niesen '91 of Birmingham on Jan. 20, 2011. He was a banker and was vice president in the Trust Department of Bancorp

South. After graduating from BSC in accounting, Niesen earned his MBA from Samford University and was a graduate of the Birmingham School of Law. He loved playing the guitar and baseball.

Richard H. Collins III '92 of Birmingham on Jan. 24, 2011. He was a founding member of the BSC chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Sundee Andy Caplash '94 of Birmingham on Jan. 31, 2011. He began his career as a portfolio manager and investment advisor, and was most recently vice president of wealth management at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Caplash played community softball, became an avid runner, and was preparing for the Mercedes Half Marathon. He was active in all aspects of his children's lives, serving as coach of his son's soccer and basketball teams. Survivors include two sisters: **Sumita Caplash Gray '00** of La

Jolla, Calif., and **Monica Caplash '06** of Birmingham.

Margaret Hobbs Cunningham '98 of Birmingham on Nov. 10, 2010. She taught at Hayes High School during her career and was a member of Mt. Canaan Full Gospel Church.

Daniel Lassiter Greene Pitts '98 of Mountain Brook on April 11, 2011. After graduating from BSC, he earned a juris doctor degree with honors from Cumberland School of Law. Pitts also was actively interested in electronic design and fabrication and was a talented builder of tube amplifiers. He also was an accomplished guitarist. He is survived by his parents, **Dr. J. Randall Pitts '65** and **Susan Greene Pitts '65**, and his brother, **James Randall Pitts Jr. '94**.

Adam Wayne Brasher '07 of Pell City on April 1, 2011. He is survived by his fiancé, **Jessica Erin Vaughan '07**.

Mallory Ashton Burns '08 of Smyrna, Ga. (formerly of Birmingham), on Sept. 26, 2010. Burns was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She was attending Life University in Atlanta working on her degree in chiropractic studies.

Faculty & Friends

William Houston Blount of Mountain Brook on Jan. 10, 2011. In 1946, he co-founded Blount Brothers Corp. with his brother. He spent the majority of his career at Vulcan Materials Co. where he became CEO, president and chairman, and then chairman emeritus upon retiring in 1991. Blount served in the U.S. Naval Air Corps from 1942-46, where he attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade. As a philanthropist and community leader, Blount was an enthusiastic supporter of the Boy Scouts of America and numerous other

organizations, and was a life emeritus trustee at Birmingham-Southern. "His commitment to the larger community was amazing," remarked Dr. Neal Berte, BSC president emeritus. Blount received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the college in 1986.

Dr. Marvin Yeomans Whiting of Birmingham on Nov. 26, 2010. He was a former adjunct professor of history at Birmingham-Southern. Before he retired, Whiting directed the Archives Department of the Birmingham Public Library. He received degrees from Columbia University's Union Theological Seminary and Emory University, including its Candler School of Theology.

In Memoriam Friend



Elizabeth Yoak Hounshell died June 16, 2011, in Greenville, N.C., at the age of 91. Her husband, Charles

D. Hounshell, was president of Birmingham-Southern from 1969-72.

Mrs. Hounshell was a native of Logan, W.Va., and a longtime resident of Greensboro. She was a member of Irving Park United Methodist Church, former organist at Guiford College Methodist Church, and a longtime volunteer at The Women's Hospital of Greensboro.

"She enjoyed her years at BSC, especially the music programs," said her daughter, Beth Hounshell Tripp of Greenville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jeffrey David Hounshell Scholarship at Birmingham-Southern through the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254. The scholarship was established in honor of the Hounshell's son, a U.S. Army Specialist Four, who was killed in the Vietnam War shortly after Mr. Hounshell was named president of BSC.



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Now, more than ever in our history, your gifts to Birmingham-Southern College are important *and* necessary. Even as the economy continues to be a challenge for all of us, you have supported our college in record ways. These gifts are playing a major role as Birmingham-Southern moves *Forward, Ever*, and are helping us continue to provide much-needed scholarships and other monetary support for our students and the college.

As we continue our efforts to be good stewards of our resources and finances, Birmingham-Southern is providing its annual *Donor Report* in electronic format. To view the report, which acknowledges giving from June 1, 2010, through May 31, 2011, please visit www.bsc.edu/goto/donorreport. If you prefer to have a printed copy mailed to you, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 205-226-4919.

Thank you for your past and your continued support of Birmingham-Southern College.

BSC Panther athletics

A tradition of winning on the playing fields and courts and in the classrooms

BY JOE DEAN JR., ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

We've got quite a story to tell. No institution in the history of intercollegiate athletics has taken the journey that Birmingham-Southern College has the past 12 years. From the NAIA to NCAA Division I and now being reclassified to NCAA Division III, the Birmingham-Southern Panthers have won championships with outstanding student-athletes at every level. It is an amazing story marked with achievements on the playing fields and courts and in the classrooms.

We left the NAIA in 2001 after winning the national baseball championship and joined the NCAA Division I level as a new member of the Big South Conference. Our men's basketball team also won two national championships at the NAIA level. After a four-year transitional period to NCAA Division I, our teams continued the tradition of excellence by winning eight Big South Championships and competing in four NCAA Division I Championship events from 2003-06. In the classroom, Birmingham-Southern had the highest percentage of student-athletes make the Big South Presidential Honor Roll each year, and all three years ranked in the top 10 of all Division I institutions in terms of graduation rates.

situations for our athletics program. Every player on the baseball and men's basketball teams transferred out of Birmingham-Southern, and the college had no choice but to suspend those two sports for one academic year (2006-07). New coaches were hired in both sports—Jan Weisberg in baseball and Mitch Cole was promoted to head coach in men's basketball. They both began the challenging process of recruiting brand-new teams with non-scholarship student-athletes. Four years later, the men's basketball team won the 2011 Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship, and the baseball team, for the third consecutive season, won the Eastern Division of the SCAC. For me, the continued success of these two programs epitomizes what BSC athletics is all about. In addition, our women's golf team finished the spring 2011 season ranked in the top 10 among all NCAA Division III golf teams, our women's softball team won the Eastern Division title with only 10 players on the roster, and our men's lacrosse team advanced to the finals of the SCAC tournament in only its third year of existence.

As our transition to full membership in NCAA Division III comes to an end for the 2011-12 academic year, I can honestly say that the move has gone extremely well, and we now compete with other liberal arts institutions that fit the same size, mission, and academic profile as Birmingham-Southern. We are blessed to have some of the very best coaches in the country who enjoy and are fully committed to the Division III level and the wonderful student-athletes who they have the opportunity to coach and influence. Sponsoring 20 men's and women's sports teams now

equates to approximately 350 student-athletes on campus each year.

Just as the NAIA and NCAA Division I athletes who came before them, the students competing for BSC on the athletics playing fields and courts today are true scholar-athletes in every sense of the word. They are—and will continue—winning in athletics competition and in the classroom. During the spring 2011 semester, 10 of our 16 sports teams achieved cumulative team grade-point averages of 3.0 or higher, led by softball at 3.418 and women's basketball at 3.416. Overall, our 347 student-athletes enrolled this spring achieved a combined GPA of 3.0, which is higher than the overall student body average.

It has truly been an amazing journey for Birmingham-Southern intercollegiate athletics, and now under Gen. Charles Krulak's leadership, the Birmingham-Southern Panthers will continue the tradition of excellence in NCAA Division III for many years to come.

Please support our scholar-athletes by attending their games and matches whenever possible.



Dean



The decision on May 26, 2006, to reclassify to the NCAA Division III level was controversial and created some tough

Editor's Note: On July 26, the NCAA Division III Management Council formally approved Birmingham-Southern's reclassification from NCAA Division I to Division III. BSC is a full Division III member beginning with the 2011-12 academic year.

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