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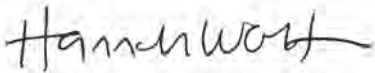
## It's been a very good year

You might notice that this issue of *'Southern* looks a little different. After the incredible year we've had, we figured it was time for a bit of celebration. So we put together a special commemorative photo issue that looks back over the last year on campus, from freshman move-in day to Commencement, the crowning moment of our academic year and of our students' lives here at Birmingham-Southern.

We hope you enjoy the chance to flip through the pictures and see just how special the past year has been. It was our new president's first full year on campus and a year of amazing academic, athletic, artistic, and alumni accomplishments. You'll find even more details in Class Notes at their regular place at the back of the magazine.

The funny thing is that, even as we put the finishing touches on this magazine, we're preparing for a brand-new academic year. The dorms are being scrubbed and painted, the early birds are moving in, there are fresh notebooks and pencils (and laptops and smartphones), and professors and students are ready for the first week of class. We've got a whole crop of new faces and it's such a thrill to have everyone back on campus.

After this issue, we'll return to our usual fall and spring publication, but we're also looking for new ways to share what's happening on campus with you. Please let us know what kinds of stories you'd like to read about BSC. Contact me directly at [hwolfson@bsc.edu](mailto:hwolfson@bsc.edu) or check out other ways to keep in touch below.



Hannah Wolfson  
Director of Communications

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This past year on the BSC campus was one to remember, and next year promises to be even better. Get connected and don't miss a single minute.



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## On the Cover

Commencement 2012 concluded a year of many successes on the Hilltop. From a strong increase in alumni giving to the rollout of a new curriculum to an unprecedented number of postseason sports entries and championships, Birmingham-Southern has had much to celebrate. To recap the 2011-12 year, we have put together this special issue for all to review the successes to which they contributed. The number of achievements would not have been possible without the support of students, staff, faculty, alumni, parents, friends, and other college partners.

# A year of *progress* and *success* on the Hilltop

BY GEN. CHARLES C. KRULAK  
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When the 2011-12 academic year began last August, I was, in essence, a freshman—brand new to the Birmingham-Southern College campus.

Just like a bright-eyed teen, I went through my first year on the Hilltop full of excitement and curiosity ... eagerly soaking in as much of college life as possible. I needed to experience every aspect of what makes BSC special—the connections between faculty and students inside and outside the classroom, the extracurricular activities, and what it's like to eat and live on campus. I spent several hours each day just walking about ... I ate at least one meal a day in the Caf ... I dropped in on classes unannounced ... my office door was open every morning at 7 so students could find me if they needed advice or had concerns. My wife, Zandi, and I even spent our first semester living alongside students in a residence hall. I met with alumni wherever and whenever I could. We talked about our hopes and aspirations for Birmingham-Southern. I learned who they are, what they do, and the unique experiences that will forever tie them to the Hilltop.

What I found this year reinforced what drew me to Birmingham-Southern—the knowledge that the genius of this unique place is in its people. Our faculty are world-class and educating our students is their No. 1 priority; our students are not only talented but compassionate and committed to improving the lives of others; our staff work tirelessly to care for our students; and our alumni are the best at what they do and credit Birmingham-Southern for who they have become.

But that is not all. What our college has accomplished in the past year is inspiring. Last fall,

our faculty introduced a new and innovative general education curriculum that equips our students with the skills and perspectives sought by employers and graduate schools. We hosted prominent speakers, from former White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card to FedEx CEO Fred Smith to award-winning pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson. Our students excelled in their studies, traveling to Qatar to lead a United Nations peace forum, presenting nuclear physics research at a national conference, and taking top honors for an original music composition. They devoted themselves to service, raising money for and giving their time to help tornado victims, fight cancer, stop child abuse, and feed the homeless. They displayed their talents in recitals, plays, musicals, and art exhibits on campus and across the South. They played their hearts out: our scholar-athletes, in their first year of eligibility for conference championships and postseason play, won three SCAC titles on one weekend and sent four teams and numerous individuals to NCAA Division III postseason competition. They dominated our conference's and division's academic honors, and all of our varsity sports teams posted winning records this year! Tiarra Goode won two national championships in track and field, and Bruce Maxwell was named the best baseball player in all of NCAA Division III and was the 62nd player drafted in the 2012 Major League Baseball Draft!

In early May, I attended my first

Honors Day. As I listened to our students showcase their scholarly and creative works for the campus community, I recalled my first communication to parents in spring 2011. I wrote then that the youth of today will be the leaders of our nation for a majority of this century. Folks, let me tell you that we are in good hands! On May 19, I participated in my first BSC Commencement, where I had the honor of presenting 338 graduating seniors with their diplomas. It was especially meaningful to see them begin the transition from Birmingham-Southern to the next phase of their lives. Many left us with prestigious scholarships to the nation's best medical, law, professional, and graduate schools, and others with notable job offers ... all prepared no matter where their journeys may take them.

This coming fall, another outstanding group of young men and women will join our student body ... as academically talented as ever ... sharp and articulate ... ready to distinguish themselves as BSC students. We are expecting about 350 new first-year students when school starts August 29—a remarkable 17 percent increase over last year's class. There aren't many colleges and universities in the country ... if any ... that can boast such dramatic improvement in one year. Thank you for continuing to sing the praises of the BSC experience to prospective students and parents, encouraging them to visit campus, and referring to us any students you feel would be a good





fit for BSC. We must continue this momentum next year ... and the next and the next.

On the fiscal front, our financial situation continues to improve, but we still have a long way to go. I have said many times that it took seven years to get us in this position, and it will take more than one year to get us out. We have, however, made progress. Our debt has been restructured to positively impact our annual costs, we implemented a goals-based and participatory budget process that will allow us to balance our budget annually ... a big deal in our journey to financial recovery ... and we are relying less and less on the endowment. We also have

restored faculty and staff salaries to their original levels.

A key ingredient to achieving financial stability is our ability to raise funds—particularly annual gifts from alumni. We set some very ambitious and unprecedented goals this year, and all I can say is “Thank you” because we did it! We were victorious! When our fiscal year ended May 31, we totaled nearly \$2.1 million in gifts from alumni and friends for the Annual Fund. Not only is this a record, it is a 91 percent increase over the previous best year ever. In addition, in just two weeks’ time in May we not only matched the \$100,000 challenge from a remarkable alumni couple,

we raised \$275,000 towards that match! Very importantly, our alumni giving percentage rose from 28 percent to 34 percent. Overall, we raised \$12.5 million for our college, another record. I cannot tell you how big a deal this is. We asked, and you responded. And did we ever ask ... over and over and over all year long! But that is how important it was for us to meet our goals this year. It was huge ... and it is crucial that we maintain this momentum in our fundraising going forward. Our alumni giving percentage, while up seven percentage points, remains well below the 50 percent we must reach annually. Many large





donors—especially corporations and foundations—will not give to a college or university if alumni participation is below 50 percent. Many of our peer institutions are already at 50 percent and higher. We must do better than this, and we will ... it will be a major priority for us this next year. All told, we are on the right path and moving out smartly. We are coming out of the darkness and into the light.

Finally, we achieved another important objective in early June when both the North Alabama Conference and the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church approved a proposal to reduce membership

on the college's Board of Trustees to no more than 39 members and no fewer than 19 members. In recent years, our Board membership has been as high as 70. This reorganization—including committee restructuring—will create more effective and efficient governance of our college for the future.

As you can see, this "freshman" could not have asked for a better first year. We hope you enjoy seeing and reading about the successes and tremendous progress made on the Hilltop this past year in this special issue of *'Southern* magazine.

In closing, I am honored to be a member of the Birmingham-

Southern College family. I continue to be humbled by our past, optimistic about our present, and excited about our future. We have accomplished a lot this year, but much work remains to be done. The pieces are in place to reach our goal of becoming one of the nation's finest residential liberal arts colleges, and I cannot wait to begin my sophomore year in August!

From the bottom of my heart and from all of us on campus, thank you for your generosity and for your love of this very special place.

*Forward, ever.*

# Moving *Forward* Together

*A year captured in photos*

## A Year in the Life ... A New School Year Begins

**H**heavy bags? Packed minivans? No problem! New Student Orientation leaders, residence life staff, enthusiastic upperclassmen, and even General Krulak pitched in to unload incoming students and move them into their new homes away from home last August. Among those moving in were the brand-new class of 2015—freshmen just like their new president—and they were an impressive bunch, coming from 22 states and six foreign countries. More than 30 percent of those who reported rank finished in the top 10 percent of their high school class, and 60 percent had a grade-point average above 3.4. It proved to be the beginning of a very special year on the Hilltop!

**Online:** Check out the move-in day slideshow at [www.bsc.edu/spotlights/move-in2011](http://www.bsc.edu/spotlights/move-in2011). ■







*Gen. Krulak helps a first-year BSC student unload and move into his new home on Move-In Day Aug. 27, 2011.*



*When Birmingham-Southern freshman Mary Kate Waters arrived on campus for Move-In Day, she became the third generation of her family to attend her mother and father's alma mater. Joining her during her move into the Cullen Daniel Residence Hall were proud parents Jennifer Howard Waters '86, BSC director of admission, and Thomas Waters '86. Jennifer's father, Rev. Charles Howard, graduated from the college in 1954, and Thomas' parents, Kathryn and Leon Waters, both graduated from BSC in 1958. Coincidentally, Mary Kate moved into the same residence hall room her dad had 25 years ago—312 Cullen Daniel.*





# A Year in the Life ... Explorations

One of the biggest changes this year on campus is something that's virtually invisible but affects the entire life of the college—a revolutionary new curriculum called Explorations. The program is designed to give students a broad basis in the liberal arts and the skills employers and graduate schools seek.

Explorations continues to give a strong role to 'Southern's special hands-on January courses, now called Exploration Term. (See p.20 for more.)

The new curriculum also shifts general education away from a traditional "check-the-boxes" approach that emphasizes disciplinary requirements to a system that stresses the importance of what students actually learn to do. And it gives BSC's newest students the chance to delve into what moves them and find new passions in and out of the classroom.

The 32-unit program focuses on communication, connectivity, creative problem solving, civic engagement, and self-directed learning—all skills employers want in the global marketplace of the future. ■



*Dr. Sara Robicheaux '97, associate professor of finance and dean of business programs, in the classroom.*

*Assistant Professor of Religion Dr. Mark McClish conducts a class session on the Academic Quad.*







*Students in visiting Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Pete Van Zandt's Field Botany class collect specimens on a true field trip to Turkey Creek Nature Preserve in Pinson. Student groups studied 10-by-10 meter plots for plant species, then had to catalogue and photograph those plants on their Web sites. Down the road, scientists may use their data to create comprehensive species lists for the preserve and other Birmingham wildlands.*

## A Year in the Life ... Black & Gold & Green All Over

**B**SC has long been on the forefront of environmental education, and this year the college added a few more eco-friendly feathers to its cap:

- The new Lakeview North and Lakeview South residence halls were the first such facilities on an Alabama campus to be recognized with the highest environmental standards when they achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.
- In partnership with Alagasco, BSC added two compressed natural gas trucks to its maintenance fleet. The alternative fuel burns cleaner than gasoline and is safer in case of a spill. It also costs less: the college fuels up for about \$1.40 per gallon.
- The Southern Environmental Center dedicated the new Catherine Sims EcoScape, named for a BSC alumna whose will stipulated that her Homewood property be turned over to the city and used as a botanical garden. BSC students helped turn five city blocks into a growing paradise.
- Recent BSC alumnus Charles Yeager '10—one of the first graduates of Urban Environmental Studies program—took over as manager of the Turkey Creek Nature Preserve, which BSC oversees. Before that, he worked assessing oyster populations in the Gulf of Mexico following the Deepwater Horizons oil spill.
- The Urban Environmental Studies program continues to grow. It graduated its first senior class and added a new faculty member and coordinator this fall: Dr. Bill Holt, an urban and environmental sociologist with a Ph.D. from Yale University and a J.D. from the Vermont School of Law. About half a dozen students from the program have earned internships in Birmingham.

# A Year in the Life ... Engaged Students

At Birmingham-Southern, it's all about the students. And this year, their accomplishments were many, from taking the first-place trophy at a regional physics competition to an award-winning musical score. Here are just a few of the impressive feats our students achieved:

- **Faith Munford**, a history major and Harrison Honors Scholar from Irondale, received the Rushton Scholarship for the 2011-12 freshman class at BSC. As the college's preeminent scholarship, it covers tuition, room and board, fees, and an annual stipend. The award honors Col. William James Rushton and his wife, Elizabeth Perry Rushton.
- **Steven Carter** won a competitive Conference Experience for Undergraduates Award and participated in the 2011 fall meeting of the Divisions of Nuclear Physics of the American Physical Society in October in East Lansing, Mich. As a physics and mathematics double major and Turnipseed-Ikenberry Scholar from Enterprise, Carter presented his poster "First Measurement of Statistical Gamma-ray Transitions in  $^{88}\text{Sr}$  at TUNL via Inelastic Neutron Scattering" at the meeting.
- **Sarah McCune**, an English major from Bozeman, Mont., participated in the Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in

Doha, Qatar, in December, with a number of renowned dignitaries. McCune attended the Doha Pre-Forum with 400 youth from around the world and moderated one of its plenary sessions.

- The BSC Math Team (**Ed Fay**, **Steven Carter**, **TR Geng**, and **Nino Yu Tiamco**) snagged the championship at the 2012 Mathematical Association of America Southeastern Section's Math Jeopardy Contest in March, where 35 collegiate teams competed.
- **Meghan Ford** of Birmingham, a music composition major, took top honors at the Alabama Symphony Orchestra's "Inspired by Music" student composition competition in February. Ford's winning work for violin, piano, oboe and spoken word titled "Islands and Inlets" was premiered by the ASO in a concert.
- **McGinty Chilcutt** (violin), a biology major from West Point, Miss., and **Iris Reddick** and **Rose Reddick** (cello and piano), both music majors from Memphis, won BSC's Whittington Music Competition in December and earned the unique opportunity to perform with a full orchestra. The contest is named for Frances and Dorsey Whittington, lead instructors in the Birmingham Conservatory of Music, which later became BSC's music department. ■



*Meghan Ford rehearses her composition.*



*Faith Munford*





Left, 2012 Whittington Competition winners Iris Reddick, Rose Reddick, and McGinty Chilcutt.

Below, Sarah McCune.



Steven Carter shares his research at the Summer Research Celebration and Poster Session on campus.

# A Year in the Life ... Meaningful Lectures

**B**irmingham-Southern launched its inaugural Leadership Matters in the 21st Century: Practicing Leaders on Leadership Lecture Series this year, bringing speakers who are world leaders in their respective fields to campus; other endowed lectures also landed top names.

**Andrew Card**, who served as White House chief of staff under George W. Bush from 2001-06, kicked off the lecture series in September. He spoke on "Leadership on 9/11: Leadership and Crisis."

**Elisa Massimino**, president and CEO of Human Rights First, lectured in November on the importance of American leadership on matters of human rights. In a connected op-ed published in *The Birmingham News*, Gen. Krulak implored Birmingham to embrace its own human rights pivotal role in the global struggle for human rights. "Birmingham could be to human rights what Philadelphia is to Revolutionary War history," he wrote.

**Dr. Jack Rakove**, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and W.R. Coe Professor of History and American

Studies at Stanford University, presented the inaugural William M. Acker Jr. Visiting Scholar Lecture "What Did the Constitution Originally Mean?" in November. The lecture is made possible by a generous gift from Honorable U.S. District Judge William M. Acker Jr. '49.

**Dr. Ben Carson** delivered an inspirational 2012 Stirling Lecture, sponsored by the Student Government Association. Carson is an award-winning pediatric neurosurgeon, author, and subject of the movie *Gifted Hands*:



Former White House Chief of Staff Andy Card talks leadership with BSC students during his visit.



*The Ben Carson Story*, starring Cuba Gooding Jr.

**Fred Smith**, chair, president, and CEO of the \$41 billion global FedEx Corp., delivered the 2012 Stump Entrepreneurship Lecture in April. Smith talked about the connections between leadership and entrepreneurship in relation to founding FedEx four decades ago.

*Renowned pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson poses for a photo prior to his Stirling Lecture in April with SGA Secretary Abigail Dy, a chemistry major from Clanton.*



*Fred Smith (far left), president and CEO of FedEx, with Jane and Kevin Stump of Birmingham, both graduates of BSC, at a reception before the Stump Entrepreneurship Lecture. The lecture is part of the BSC Entrepreneurship Programs, endowed by the Stumps with support from an existing endowed fund created by Joseph S. Bruno. Kevin Stump is founder, chairman, and CEO of Interconn Resources, Inc.*

# A Year in the Life ... Homecoming

Spirits ran high Nov. 11-12 for Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend festivities. In addition to several reunion classes being honored, there were featured alumni performances by ST Kimbrough '58, and his sister Mary Faith Kimbrough Jackson '58. There were also an Alumni Tailgate Party, Annual Awards Luncheon, and, for the first time, decades band parties—three of them. And a football game, too: more than 3,800 fans in Panther Stadium cheered a win over Millsaps College. ■



## BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN ATHLETICS

### Alumni awardees

The 2011 Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Young Alumni awards, given to graduates for their professional achievements, contributions to society, and support of the college, were announced during Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend. Recipients were (left to right): Dr. Donald Kahn '50 of Birmingham, retired president of Cardiac Surgery Associates and chairman of Cardiac Surgery for Princeton Baptist Medical Center; Mary Faith Kimbrough Jackson '58 of Birmingham, a longtime teacher of art, music, choral music, and English; and John Northrop '72 of Birmingham, who accepted the award for David Allred '71 of Edgewater, Md., retired principal deputy chief, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Criminal Section.





# Celebration



## Homecoming queen and king

Faith Dorn, an English major from Anniston, and Tom Webster, a religion major from Huntsville, were elected by their fellow students and crowned Queen and King during halftime ceremonies of the game.



*Recipients of the 2011 Outstanding Young Alumni Award were: Emily Kyzer Browne '00 of Memphis, a pediatric nurse practitioner in the Leukemia/Lymphoma Division of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and Ben Craig '91 of Philadelphia, Pa., principal/founder of Swap-Ex, a startup commodity swaps trading platform.*



## Honoring athletic greats

Also during Homecoming, Birmingham-Southern inducted its 31st class into the Sports Hall of Fame. The six members of the 2011 class are (left to right): Tom Avirett Jr. '48 (football, basketball, tennis); Jason Pease '00 (tennis); Mattie Sigurdarson, who accepted the honor on behalf of his brother, Jakob Sigurdarson '05 (basketball); Monte Marshall '96 (baseball); BSC Assistant Men's Soccer Coach Greg Vinson, who accepted the honor on behalf of Thimo Langner '04 (soccer); and Shelley McGraw '07 (golf). A total of 172 individuals have been formally inducted into the BSC Sports Hall of Fame for outstanding contributions to the college's athletics program.









# A Year in the Life ... Alumni Loyalty

**B**irmingham-Southern's alumni supported the college in record-setting and meaningful ways during the past fiscal year—support that is crucial as BSC builds on its history of academic excellence. ■

**\$12.5**  
MILLION

a record total dollars raised in one year



**\$2.1**  
MILLION

a record for gifts to the Annual Fund and a 91 percent increase over last year

**34**  
PERCENT

new alumni giving percentage, an increase of 6 percent over last year

**50+**

chapter, social, educational, and other events held around the nation and attended by hundreds of alumni



Class of 1961



General Krulak with past alumni presidents (left to right): Jack Naramore '78, Karen Carroll '87, and Richard Yeilding '73.





# A Year in the Life ... Faculty Scholarship and Honors

Everyone knows that BSC's faculty members are devoted to engaging their students and broadening minds in the classroom. But they're also committed to being engaged in their own research and going above and beyond when it comes to serving the campus. Some of this year's standouts:

- **Dr. Jason Heaton**, assistant professor of biology, co-authored an article in the March issue of the *Journal of Human Evolution* describing 14 new hominid fossils his team discovered in the important Swartkrans Formation in South Africa.
- **Dr. Alan Litsey**, professor of theatre, finished two years as president of the Southeastern Theatre Conference, the country's largest theatre organization.
- **Dr. Dave Ullrich**, professor of English, published an article on the novel *This Side of Paradise* in the *Fitzgerald Review*, another on Kurt Vonnegut's *Cat's Cradle* in the journal *The Explicator*, and a third upcoming in *BLAKE/An Illustrated Quarterly*. He won the Richebourg Gaillard McWilliams Faculty Scholarship Award, given to a professor who has excelled in scholarship.
- Art Professor **Pamela Venz** had a photograph, "Window Series: Bedroom Setting #2," included in the 17th Annual International Exhibition at the Meadows Gallery at the University of Texas at Tyler.
- **Dr. Tynes Cowan '85**, assistant professor of English, received the Bob Whetstone Faculty Development Award, which goes to a non-tenured faculty member for excellence in teaching.
- **Dr. Guy Hubbs**, associate professor of library science, was one of three recipients of the President's Service Award, given to members of the BSC community who show commitment, character, service, and leadership.
- **Dr. Sandra Sprayberry**, Robert E. Luckie Professor of English, and Claire Emily Clifford, visiting assistant professor of English, won the Omicron Delta Kappa Excellence in Teaching Award and the United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award, respectively. ■



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# A Year in the Life ... E-Term

One of the things that makes BSC special is the chance to study in a new way—whether it's in-depth, abroad, in the field, or tackling some creative endeavor—during a four-week period in January. Under the new Explorations curriculum, students are required to take two Exploration Term classes during their BSC career, getting out into the local or global community and taking part in research, service, internship, and travel. This year, more than 1,000 students enrolled in E-term projects like:

- Traveling to the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah;
- Classes on campus in subjects from criminal law to knitting to medical ethics;
- Studying wildlife, ecology, and conservation in the Galapagos Islands;
- Serving two local inner-city neighborhoods with local non-profits and religious groups;
- Producing the children's opera *Little Red Riding Hood* and performing it at local schools and Children's Hospital;
- Teaching English as a second language to schoolchildren in Ghana, Africa. ■



Students in "The Greening of Birmingham" class, taught by Southern Environmental Center Director Roald Hazelhoff (far left), visited Chattanooga, where they're pictured here on bikes in the city center.

Photo courtesy of Outdoor Chattanooga.



Students traveled to South Africa with BSC Robert E. Luckie Professor of English Dr. Sandra Sprayberry to study the culture and history of the country before and after Apartheid. They met with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, shown here.

## E-Term Blog Posts

Many students who took part in E-term this year blogged about their experiences. Here's just a sampling:





*Lydia Robinson, an international studies major and Harrison Honors Scholar pictured here in the Andes Mountains, spent January in Chile for intensive Spanish courses and a look into the country's politics and economy.*

“One of the Bakpa Avedo teachers pulled Dr. Louanne Jacobs [BSC associate professor of education] aside Friday and began to speak to her in a serious manner. ‘Madame. I am a trained teacher—a trained teacher!’ She began to worry what would come next. However, the teacher continued, ‘I will be a better teacher and a better man when you leave. I have watched your students and how they enjoy teaching. I want to teach like that, too.’”

—Student blogging from E-Term in Ghana

“In the beginning of the month, I felt like an American tourist taking an extended vacation, processing Germany through an American filter. But over time, we began to live and think like Germans (which I’ve heard from several people is the best indicator of real progress in learning another language, so I’m completely okay with that). It may be a little strange coming back processing America through a German filter.”

—Student blogging from E-Term in Germany

“At several points during this January journey, I have found myself feeling discouraged and dejected by the daunting reality of all the complexities of poverty. The energy I experienced from the children at Urban Kids ... rejuvenated my spirit after an intensive and exhausting three weeks. They reminded me of why I chose this Exploration Term: to build relationships and get to know the surrounding communities so that I could find out what I could contribute to them, but even more so, what I could learn from them.”

—Student blogging from E-term service in Woodlawn



*“Reading, Writing, and Hiking the Land” was the focus of a course led by Dr. Larry Brasher, Denson N. Franklin Professor of Religion. The students took a break from the classroom and hiked to the natural bridge near Galant, Ala., while exploring nature and spirituality.*

# A Year in the Life ... Value Added

**A**uthentic. Passionate. Engaged. Challenging. Celebrated. Birmingham-Southern continues to be recognized nationally for its quality academics, its value, and the success of the graduates it produces. While BSC remains a founding member of Loren Pope's prestigious *Colleges That Change Lives* publication, here's a quick look at some of the more recent recognitions:

- *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine, which ranks "the top schools that provide a high-quality education at an affordable price," included BSC on its 2011-12 list of the "Best Values in Private Colleges."



- *Forbes* magazine ranked Birmingham-Southern as the best college or university in Alabama—public or private—in its annual "America's Top Colleges" listing based on the quality of the education, the experiences of the students, and how much they achieve.



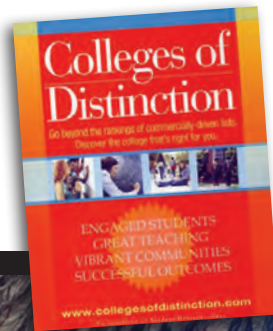


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- Birmingham-Southern was one of only 310 colleges in the U.S., Canada, and Great Britain highlighted in the 2012 *Fiske Guide to Colleges* as one of the “best and most interesting” schools.



- BSC was one of only 200 colleges and universities named a 2011-12 College of Distinction by the college research service Student Horizons for “providing students with the highest level of undergraduate education and continuing to demonstrate its commitment to the four distinctions: engagement, teaching, community, and outcomes.”



- BSC was named to the Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the seventh straight year for its students’ contributions to the community. The college has been recognized for the honor each year since the program began in 2006. ■



# A Year in the Life ... Service Learning

“What can I do to help?” is a question Kristin Harper '92, director of the college's Bunting Center for Engaged Study and Community Action, gets asked often. And she's glad. Last academic year, more than 1,000 Birmingham-Southern students engaged in service-learning projects locally, nationally, and globally. BSC was listed in *The Huffington Post* in June as one of “8 Great Schools for Community Service.” Here are some of the college's community service highlights from the past year:



Harper

- **Tornado relief service days**—Last summer, BSC students and staff participated in three workdays at the Christian Service Mission downtown. The mission collected, stored, and sorted donations from Birmingham citizens before shipping donations to Tuscaloosa and other areas affected by the storms of April 27, 2011.
- **Service in the city**—To kick off the academic year, the Bunting Center coordinated a city-wide service day for BSC students and Birmingham nonprofit organizations. The event took place the final day of orientation and included nearly 300 students serving at 22 Birmingham service agencies.
- **Ghana Exploration Term project**—The college's Education Department and the Bunting Center joined forces, taking 20 students to teach in classrooms at the Bakpa Avedo Basic School in Ghana, Africa, for 10 days. While the students taught in the classrooms, two BSC professors held trainings with the Ghanaian teachers, using materials that had been purchased and would be left there with the school.





# and Civic Engagement

- **Alternative spring break**—Two projects were offered for spring break 2012: one group of students traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with legislators and learn about advocacy; another group worked in the hills of Kentucky, learning about mountain-top removal and planting more than 1,500 trees. ■



## Students “Kan Krulak”

Students from Birmingham-Southern and Millsaps College competed to see which school could collect the most canned food from their respective campus communities. The friendly wager took place the week prior to BSC’s homecoming football game against Millsaps on Nov. 12. Dubbed “Kan Krulak,” the Student Government Association-sponsored activity collected 625 cans of food that were placed in the president’s office. BSC won both the canned food drive competition *and* the football game. All of the canned goods were donated to the Magic City Harvest food recovery program. The 2011-12 SGA members shown with Gen. Krulak and the canned goods in his office are (front, left to right) Rae Bolton, SGA community connections chair, and Nisha Kashyap, SGA representative; (back, left to right) Camille Cannada, SGA president, and Sarah McCune, SGA diversity chair.



# A Year in the Life ... Talent on Display

This year offered an array of opportunities for students to showcase their talents on campus and around the region.

- The Theatre Department presented four productions, kicking off in October with Beth Henley's 1981 Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Crimes of the Heart*. The play was directed by BSC Professor of Theatre Dr. Alan Litsey in collaboration with Anna Rose MacArthur, a theatre major from Chattanooga. The season ended in April with Jonathan Larson's Tony Award-winning *Rent*, directed by Professor of Theatre Michael Flowers. In between, the department performed the controversial rock musical *Spring Awakening* in November, and the college's first production of the comic romp *The Good Doctor* during the January Exploration Term.
- The Concert Choir performed eight concerts in two states during its annual Spring Tour in March, singing music by Franz Schubert, Alberto Ginastera, Ernest Bloch, Z. Randall Stroope, and others. During E-Term, students studying children's opera performed Seymour Barab's *Little Red Riding Hood* for local schools and patients at Children's Hospital. The season also marked the 75th annual BSC Service of Lessons

and Carols, which featured the world premiere of a new piece by the renowned composer Eric Whitacre, commissioned by alumni and friends of the college especially for the occasion. And the BSC Alumni Choir issued its first holiday CD *Come to the Celebration*, featuring a collection of Advent and Christmas music made from live performances at the college's annual Carol Service between 1978 and 2010.

- BSC dancers put on the annual holiday Winter Dance performance in December and a Spring Dance demonstrating what they had learned throughout the year. The spring event, called "Timeless," was directed by and included a piece choreographed by Jacqueline Crenshaw Lockhart '85, director of the BSC dance program, and also included a Balanchine-inspired ballet by Alabama native William-Michael Cooper.
- The college's Durbin Gallery held several exhibitions throughout the year, including a spring show of works by graduating seniors. In February, BSC hosted the poignant "Darkness into Life: Alabama Holocaust Survivors through Photography and Art," along with a companion series of lectures, including a visit by Birmingham survivor Max Steinmetz, to examine the events leading up to and during the Holocaust. ■







*Student actors rehearse a scene from the award-winning Broadway rock musical Rent.*



*Shown during a scene from The Good Doctor are (from left) theatre/musical theatre majors Landi Drake Wallace, Kelsey Shipley, and Jasha Vaughn.*



# A Year in the Life ...

There's more to Greek Week than the social scene, and this year's was no exception. As Lauren Fugit, a psychology major from Vestavia Hills and a member of Pi Beta Phi, told *The Hilltop News*: "It's about the Greek community coming together to show the school what we're all about—community service, leadership, academics, and a dedication to excellence." Fraternities and sororities whose alumni donated the most to the Annual Fund between Feb. 20 and April 26 got points, as did those who had the highest alumni giving percentage during that time. Sigma Nu and Pi Beta Phi won the trophy, and overall the drive brought in more than \$150,000 and raised Birmingham-Southern's overall alumni giving percentage by 5.2 percentage points! In another bit of good Greek news, BSC ranked No. 1 this year in the list of Top 10 Most Engaging Greek Life Schools compiled by the Web site Parents & Colleges.com. They praised BSC's fraternities and sororities for their scholarship, philanthropy, and inclusiveness. ■



Six fraternities and seven sororities operate on campus.

**2,000**

books collected for children in the Birmingham area

**50**

pints of blood donated in campus blood drive





# A Week for Greeks



*BSC's fraternities take part in a game of tug-of-war, a staple of Greek Week.*

**46**

pairs of shoes donated to Piper Place

**1,400**

letters sent for St. Jude through Up 'Til Dawn

**1,152**

number of alumni who donated





# A Year in the Life ... Athletics

## Winning championships

**I**t was a banner-raising year for BSC's sports teams, with conference championships in three sports, post-season play at the NCAA Division III level for the first time, and every Panther team posting a winning record.

Overall, the college finished 45th out of more than 450 Division III schools in the 2011-12 Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standing, a program that honors institutions that have success in a wide range of men's and women's sports. At the same time, BSC's scholar-athletes had an average GPA of 3.0.

"This season was a reflection of the gifted, motivated student-athletes who are attracted to BSC's quality athletics and tradition of excellence on the playing fields and courts," said Athletics Director Joe Dean Jr.

A few of the season's highlights:

- Tailback Shawn Morris set all kinds of Birmingham-Southern football records in leading the Panthers to a 7-2 season, the most wins since the sport was reinstated in 2007. Most notably, Morris rushed for a BSC and Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference-record 332 yards in the Homecoming win over Millsaps on Nov. 12 and was named First Team All-American.

- The men's basketball team earned Birmingham-Southern's first-ever at-large bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. The Panthers finished the season with a 25-3 record, and at one time were ranked No. 8 in the nation.
- The baseball, softball, and men's lacrosse teams all won SCAC championships over the same weekend and earned automatic berths in the NCAA National Tournament.
- Bruce Maxwell was named 2012 Player of the Year by D3baseball.com and the 2012 American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings National Player of the Year as a junior catcher. He also made history by being picked 62nd overall in the Major League Baseball Draft, BSC's highest draft pick ever.
- Hurdler Tiarra Goode won two national championships in the 60-meter indoor hurdles and 100-meter outdoor hurdles.
- The men's track and field squad finished second in the SCAC Championships, and 14 Panther track and field athletes won conference championships.
- The men's and women's golf teams both finished second in their respective SCAC Championship competitions.



*Forward Caleb Lee drives over a defender en route to the Panthers' 25-3 season.*







*BSC's Bruce Maxwell was the NCAA Division III National Player of the Year in 2012.*



*Shawn Morris breaks a long run in his record-setting day against Homecoming opponent Millsaps.*







Coach Andy Bonasera and his men's lacrosse team celebrate their SCAC Championship in Panther Stadium.



## A new conference

It was a big year for sports at BSC, and next year will be even bigger. Starting in July, Birmingham-Southern became a member of a new athletics conference—the Southern Athletic Association, or SAA—formed by seven former members of the NCAA Division III Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. The new conference includes Berry College, Centre College, Hendrix College, Millsaps College, Oglethorpe University, Rhodes College, and Sewanee: The University of the South.

Competing in the SAA will not only save on travel time and expenses, but also lets BSC students compete with their peers at other academically selective residential liberal arts colleges—schools that integrate sports into the entire educational experience for scholar-athletes.

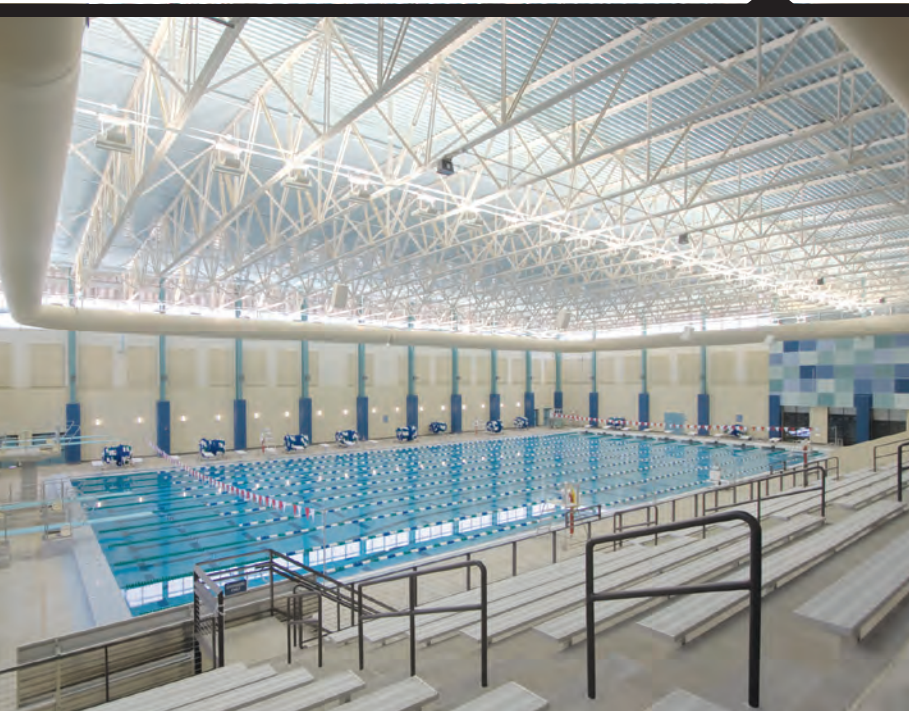
Visit the conference's Web site at [www.saa-sports.com](http://www.saa-sports.com) for more information.







*Tiarra Goode shows off one of her two NCAA Division III National Championship trophies.*



## Swimming and diving

This year, BSC added its newest athletics teams—men’s and women’s swimming and diving—bringing the total number of varsity teams at the college to 22. Former University of Evansville Head Coach Toby Wilcox was hired to lead Birmingham-Southern’s new swimming and diving programs. Wilcox had most recently been head swimming and diving coach at North High School in Evansville, Ind., where 21 of his students made the All-City Academic Team and his squad broke 18 school records last season.

Athletics Director Joe Dean Jr. said adding the new teams was an easy decision, especially since they will use the new state-of-the-art and world-class pool at the nearby Birmingham Metro CrossPlex.

“It’s a win-win for the college and the scholar-athletes,” Dean said.

The teams begin competition in the 2012-13 academic year.

*Pool inside the Birmingham Metro CrossPlex*



# A Year in the Life ... Commencement

It's hard to impress a four-star general when it comes to event planning. But Gen. Krulak himself was overwhelmed by his first Commencement ceremony on the Hilltop. On that sunny Saturday, May 19, Birmingham-Southern conferred 339 bachelor's degrees to the overjoyed Class of 2012.

In her Commencement address, Library Director and Associate Professor of Library Science Dr. Charlotte Ford told graduates that their time on campus had prepared them for anything.

"You've learned how to ask questions, how to analyze, and how to take action," she said. "It doesn't mean you get to stop learning—none of us ever does. But it means you're well prepared to move forward in a chaotic, ever-changing, wonderful, terrible, exciting world."

Also at Commencement, Provost Dr. Mark Schantz gave Dr. Barbara Domcekova, associate professor of Spanish and chair of the college's Latin American Studies Program, the college's annual Outstanding Educator Award. Each year, the award recognizes a faculty member who exemplifies excellence in teaching, scholarship, classroom performance, and student advising; the recipient is asked to speak at the next year's Commencement. ■







*"Before we leave the past, take a moment to remember your roommate or hallmate, who made dorm life bearable that first semester at BSC...your lab partner, who helped you decipher the mysteries of brassica rapa...the cashier in the cafeteria who smiled at you on even the greyest day...the campus police officer who helped you out when you most needed it...the retired general who kept popping up at athletic events and fine arts performances, because he cared ...and that professor you were a bit scared of, but somehow ended up learning an awful lot from. In all likelihood, that intimidating professor learned something from you, too. It's all of us, working together in these social structures that we create and recreate, that we have assembled and disassembled and reassembled, that have made Birmingham-Southern College a place of learning for the past four years...and the four years before that...and the 148 years before that."*

—Dr. Charlotte Ford during her 2012 Commencement address



Ford

# ClassNotes

## AlumNews '58

**Dr. ST Kimbrough Jr.**, known to many by his professional name of "Steven," has had parallel careers in music, academia, and parish ministry. He served United Methodist churches in North Alabama, North Carolina, New Jersey, and an international congregation in Germany, and he has taught on major theological and university faculties in the U.S. and Germany.

Kimbrough has also performed with leading opera companies and musical theaters in the U.S. and Europe and recorded some 40 albums with nominations for Best Vocal Record of the Year. Arabesque Records has just released his solo CD, *Sacred Songs of J. S. Bach*. Another new CD, *Songs for the Seasons*, with songs in German for each season of the year, is being released in 2012 in Europe by VMS Recordings. His recording *The Life of Christ in Song* was released in December 2011 in Singapore. The website [www.stkimbrough.com](http://www.stkimbrough.com) lists all of his recordings. His Christmas albums include *Christmas on Broadway* (Arabesque) and *The Wonder of Christmas* (GMMP).

Kimbrough graduated from Duke Divinity School and holds a Ph.D. in Old Testament and Semitic languages from Princeton Theological Seminary. He is currently a research fellow of the Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition at the Duke Divinity School and founder of The Charles Wesley Society. He is editor of its journal *Proceedings of The Charles Wesley Society* and author/editor of several books on Charles Wesley, including *The Manuscript Journal of The Reverend Charles Wesley, M.A.*, 2 vols. (2008). He has presented over 500 performances of his one-person musical drama, "Sweet Singer," on the life of Charles Wesley on three continents.

He also is the author of 40 books including *The Lyrical Theology of Charles Wesley* (2010) and *A Pictorial History of Kaunas United Methodist Church 1900-1944 with a Photo Gallery of Early Lithuanian Methodism and the Renewed United Methodist Church 1995-2011* (2011). The latter is a bilingual publication in Lithuanian and English.

While with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, he founded its Global Praise Program and edited over 18 books of international Christian song.

Kimbrough is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate from Birmingham-Southern and received its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2002. He was also elected a few years ago to the BSC Music Hall of Fame.



'42

**Howell Heflin**, a three-term U.S. senator and former Alabama Supreme Court chief justice from Tusculumbia, was posthumously inducted last September into the Alabama Men's Hall of Fame. It recognizes men from Alabama who have made significant contributions on a state, national, or international level.

'43

**Lester Gingold** has retired from the *Commercial Appeal* in Memphis, Tenn., after 30 years and a storied journalistic career. Gingold continues to publish *The Best Times*, an award-winning monthly news magazine for the 50+ market. He recently was featured in a 30-minute PBS program about his experiences as a Sears and Scripps Howard executive and magazine publisher.

'50

**Dr. J. Willene Paxton** of Johnson City, Tenn., was the speaker at both of East Tennessee State University's fall Commencement exercises this past December. Paxton came to ETSU in 1963 as dean of women. She established ETSU's Counseling Center, which she directed until her retirement in 1993.

'52

At age 80, **Adelle Sperling** is still riding her bike every day. "I ride a minimum of 15 miles each day," she said. A lifelong Homewood resident, Sperling has lived in the same house almost consecutively since 1938, when her father bought it.

'59

**Alice Copeland Brown** of Canton, Mass., is proud to announce that her 13th grandchild, Cade Sawyer Harris, was born on July 27, 2011,

in Tampa, Fla., to her youngest son, John.

When the editor and founder of the *Williamson Leader*, **Bailey Leopard Sr.**, turned 75 years old on Nov. 8, 2011, the event was marked with a proclamation read by County Mayor Rogers Anderson at a party held at Grace Health Care in Williamson County, Tenn., where Leopard resides.

'60

**Gary Seale** spent 23 years working with the U.S. Secret Service, with the privilege of participating in the investigation into John F. Kennedy's assassination. He's practiced law for the past 15 years in the Birmingham and Scottsboro areas.

'61

**Anne Bates Gibbons** recently received the 2012 Historical Preservation Award given by the Women's Committee of 100 for Birmingham for the creation of the Arkwright Heritage Award for nominating 11 sites to the Alabama Historical Register of Landmarks and Heritage. The Arkwright Heritage area now has 13 sites listed. The area is about 30-40 minutes southeast of Birmingham, starting in Harpersville.

'62

Burr & Forman LLP announced that Birmingham Counsel **Ed Hardin** was installed as a president of the Alabama chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) on Nov. 10, 2011. Hardin was inducted into the chapter in 1993 and has held several leadership positions. In addition, he is recognized by the organization as both a diplomat and life fellow. Hardin is vice chair of the BSC Board of Trustees' Institutional Advancement Committee. Counsel **W. Michael Atchison '65**



also is a member of the Alabama chapter of ABOTA.

**Dr. Murray Tillman**, professor emeritus at the University of Georgia, has published a reminiscence about music in his childhood in *Georgia Backroads* magazine ("Ruby's Boys and Mamie Lee at the Piano," summer 2010). Murray describes his early piano studies at the Birmingham Conservatory of Music (formerly in then-Simpson Hall at BSC), including his family's recording sessions there in 1949. The 78 rpm recordings were lost, then eventually recovered recently after a gap of some 50 years. You can access his article online.

'63

**Rev. Dr. William H. Bostick Jr.** has retired from Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church as executive minister of congregational care. Bostick served as senior pastor from 1964-99 at several United Methodist churches, including the Lookout Valley Circuit, Gardendale-Mt. Vernon, and Tuscaloosa First. He served as district superintendent of the Florence and Decatur districts from 1999 through May 2006. He also has served as a delegate to the General and Jurisdictional conferences of the UMC.

'64

**Albert C. Hughes Jr.** is beginning his 25th year of teaching at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tenn. He teaches a number of academic courses, but his main duty is to direct the Martin Methodist Concert Choir. In the past 10 years, the choir has traveled to New York, Chicago, England, Germany, and Ireland. "I have been truly blessed with a wonderful group of young people," he noted.

Calhoun County (Ala.) Circuit Judge **Malcolm Street Jr.** retired in June after more than three decades on the bench. Street helped Jacksonville State University begin its criminal justice program in 1970.

'65

**W. Michael Atchison**, an attorney in the Birmingham office of Burr & Forman LLP, has been recognized as an Alabama Super Lawyer in the practice area of Business Litigation. He also was ranked as a leading practitioner in the 2012 edition of *Chambers USA*, a highly regarded directory featuring client-led intelligence on America's leading lawyers for business. Atchison serves on BSC's Board of Trustees as vice chair of the Governance and Membership Committee.

'66

For over three decades, **Dr. Robert "Bob" Lerer** has committed a significant part of his time, resources, and energy to delivering medical care to underserved people around the world in remote villages and urban slums through Caring Partners International, where he serves as board chairman. His volunteer work has taken him to Haiti, India, Nicaragua, China, Russia, Turkey, Nigeria, Brazil, Ukraine, and Cuba. Practicing developmental pediatrics in Cincinnati, he is the Commissioner of Health for Butler County, and he has been on the teaching faculty at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine for nearly four decades.

'67

Renowned filmmaker **Robert Clem** of Stone Ridge, N.Y., aired his new documentary "The Jefferson County Sounds: Alabama's Black Gospel Quartets" on Alabama Public Television this past February. The film is a tribute



From BSC to M.D.—Eight Birmingham-Southern alumni, now newly-minted doctors, graduated from the UAB School of Medicine this past May. Pictured in back row (left to right): **Jim Ellison '07**, **Bryant Allen '08**, **Matthew Hull '08**, **Chris Spiker '06**, and **Hunter Russell '04**; front row (left to right): **Mary Catherine Stewart Laney '06**, **Haller Jackson Smith '08**, and **Alexandra Abangan Bush '08**.

to the distinctive form of African-American a cappella quartet music that sprang up around Birmingham, beginning in the 1940s.

'69

**Turner McDonald Jr.** recently relocated from Philadelphia back to Columbia (Irmo), S.C. He also rejoined his former partner in the consulting business. "It's great to be back South!" he said.

'70

Gov. Robert Bentley recently appointed **Dr. Salem Saloom** of Brewton to the Alabama Forestry Commission. Saloom earned his medical degree from UAB and has practiced medicine as a general surgeon in Southwest Alabama for 33 years.

'71

**Dr. Rex D. Matthews** received the 2012 Emory Williams Distinguished Teaching Award for the Candler School of Theology of Emory University. He also received an Exemplary Teaching Award for 2012 from the General Board of

Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church. Matthews earned his doctorate in theology from Harvard Divinity School.

'72

Waldrep Stewart & Kendrick attorney **Wayne Morse** was selected for inclusion on the Alabama Super Lawyers 2012 list. He is a trial and appellate lawyer in the Birmingham firm.

'74

**Mike W. Binkley** is the newly elected circuit court judge of the 21st Judicial District, which includes the counties of Williamson, Hickman, Lewis, and Perry in Tennessee. Binkley has been an attorney in private practice for almost 35 years and was a founding partner of Schell Binkley & Davies LLC in Franklin. Binkley attended Vanderbilt University Law School after graduating from BSC. He took the bench as the new circuit court judge Sept. 3.



**Celebrating intellect and effort**—Birmingham-Southern held its annual Honors Day Convocation May 3 to salute outstanding students, faculty, and staff who have distinguished themselves through scholarly achievement, leadership, and service. In her address to the senior class, visiting speaker **Erin Kendrick Stephenson '01**, vice president of development for the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, told students that their education has prepared them to tackle life's challenges. Stephenson said her own experience on campus helped her achieve success in community development and philanthropy, as well as in building relationships. "My time at 'Southern—particularly the time I spent in the service-learning context—equipped me to engage in dialogue with a very diverse group of people in a variety of contexts," she said. Pictured with Stephenson are BSC President Gen. Charles C. Krulak (on right) and Provost Dr. Mark S. Schantz.

**Anne Stump Sockwell** has moved to the Auburn-Opelika area and opened a yarn store with her eldest daughter, Cary. The store, Yarnhouse Studio, offers supplies and classes for knitting, weaving, spinning, sewing, and related fiber arts in historic downtown Opelika. Her husband, **Sam Sockwell '75**, was in Texas working as headmaster of St. Stephens Episcopal School in Wimberley. He moved recently to join Anne after his retirement.

**'81 Glenda Lammers** of Fairhope was named director of the Brewton Public Library this past December.

Homewood artist **Dr. Donald Stewart** has released his newest composite artwork "Follow Me." The complex ball point drawing honors the history of the U.S. Army infantry and was unveiled on Memorial Day 2012 at the National Infantry Museum in Columbus, Ga. Stewart is the owner of DS Art Studio.

**'82 Gail Livingston Mills**, an attorney in the Birmingham office of Burr & Forman LLP, has been recognized as an Alabama Super Lawyer in the practice area of real estate. She also was ranked as a leading practitioner in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA, a highly regarded directory featuring client-led intelligence on America's leading lawyers for business.

**'83** During St. Paul's Episcopal School's Alumni Luncheon, **Dr. Sidney Ball Brevard** received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for outstanding accomplishments in his professional field and for his civic leadership. Brevard was raised in Mobile and graduated from St. Paul's in 1979. He currently



is an associate professor in the surgery department at University of South Alabama Medical Center.

**David McQuiddy III**, president of McQuiddy Printing in Nashville, Tenn., was named by the Printing Industry Association of the South Inc. (PIAS) as Person of the Year. The honor was bestowed in June 2011 at a PIAS convention banquet in Destin, Fla.

**'84 Rev. Henry C. Bass** was appointed superintendent of the Valdosta District of the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church in June 2011.

Warren Averett LLC has named **Thomas E. Sisson '84** as managing partner of the regional accounting firm's Birmingham office. Sisson will lead the 250-person office, focusing on client service and strategic planning. He has been with Warren Averett for 30 years, serving in various leadership capacities.

Follow Me





'85

**C. William Daniels Jr.**, an attorney in the Mobile office of Burr & Forman LLP, has been recognized as an Alabama Super Lawyer in the practice area of construction litigation.

**John Martin Pendergast**

completed all requirements for advancement to candidacy for a Ph.D. (all but dissertation status) in May and was awarded a master's of philosophy in comparative literature from the Graduate Center of City University of New York.

'86

**Lisa Narrell-Mead** recently was named head of corporate services and deputy human resources

director for Birmingham-based Cadence Bank. Her responsibilities include facilities management, internal communications,

and advising on labor law. Narrell-Mead graduated from Emory University's law school. Preceding her career in banking, she was in private law practice.

**William E. Pipkin Jr.**, a partner in the Mobile office of the law firm of Austill, Lewis & Pipkin PC, has been chosen by the Board of Governors as a fellow to the American College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers.

Fellowship is extended by invitation only to workers' compensation attorneys who have demonstrated the highest

professional qualifications, ethical standards, level of character, integrity, professional expertise, and leadership.



*In the photo from left to right (surrounding President and Mrs. Bush) are: Col. and Mrs. Walter's daughter, Claire; Col. Walter; Sharon Walter; Laura Levenson; Dr. Levenson; and Lynne Pace and her husband, Gen. Peter Pace.*

**AlumNews '83 and '84**

On Nov. 13, 2011, **Rev. Dr. Russell Levenson Jr. '84** of Houston, Texas, and **Col. Dr. James Walter '83** of Montgomery were joined by Gen. Peter Pace, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Honorable George H.W. Bush (41st President of the U.S.) and his wife, First Lady Barbara Bush, at a service at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston to honor our nation's veterans. Over 1,000 people attended the service, including dozens of active service persons, veterans, and people from the greater Houston area.

Levenson is the rector at St. Martin's. With over 8,500 members, the parish is the largest Episcopal Church in the United States, and includes among its regular members, President and Mrs. Bush, as well as former Secretary of State James A. Baker. Before coming to St. Martin's, Levenson served churches in Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, Louisiana, and Florida. In 2010, he published two books: *Provoking Thoughts* (a Lenten devotional) and *Preparing Room* (an Advent devotional), and in 2011, was named Samford University's Beeson Divinity School's Alumnus of the Year.

Walter retired from the U.S. Air Force after a distinguished 26 years of service. After graduating from BSC, he completed both family medicine and emergency medicine training in aviation, space, and diving medicine. He served in both Gulf Wars, completing five deployments in dozens of nations and flying over 25 combat sorties. He also served as a physician for the NASA Space Shuttle Program, supporting 24 shuttle missions including the last mission of Columbia and the final shuttle launch in July of 2011.

'87

**John Thomas "J.T." Dabbs III (MPPM '98)** has been named as a new top executive to lead the Greater Alabama Council of the Boy Scouts of America, headquartered in Birmingham. He previously served as Scout executive for a council in Austin, Texas.

**Jim Dillon Miller** was featured in the January 26, 2012, issue of *The Anniston Star* newspaper for receiving this year's *Anniston Star* Citizen of the Year Award. Miller, a longtime director of Anniston's Water Works and Sewer Board, is a tireless worker on the structures that undergird the city.

**Mark North** is working in finance at Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center in Anniston and living in Springville, Ala. He and his wife, Ellen, are the proud parents of four children.

## AlumNews '06

**Rev. Wade Langer**, a newly ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, recently launched a new church in Tuscaloosa, Ala. He preached his first sermon at The Capstone United Methodist Church on April 29, the first Sunday after the anniversary of 2011's devastating tornadoes.

After being appointed by the United Methodist Church in June 2011 to start a new church in the Tuscaloosa area, he gathered a number of people to help him launch the congregation. Among them is **Faith Renneker Masterson '09**, who is serving as worship director.

Tuscaloosa already has a number of churches, but Langer insists that The Capstone UMC is focusing on the unchurched population of the city and its university.

"The United Methodist Church studied the area and determined that Tuscaloosa was ripe for a new congregation—based on an influx of new residents and retail vendors, as well as an increasing population of citizens without a church home," said Langer. "Thus, we're wanting to start a new congregation that appeals to the nonreligious and nominally religious, particularly to those who feel that the church is sometimes adversarial to academia and reason. We want to help people live meaningful lives that are informed by deep faith, thoughtful reason, and transformative action."

Additionally, Langer wants to strengthen the vitality of United Methodist churches surrounding Tuscaloosa and throughout North Alabama, partnering with other vibrant congregations including The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection of Kansas City, Mo.—the largest UMC in the United States.

Until a new church facility is built, services are being held monthly at 10:30 a.m. at the Belk Activity Center at Bowers Park. Weekly services began on Aug. 12.



The BTI Consulting Group (Wellesley, Mass.) has named **James Pennington**, the managing shareholder of the Birmingham office of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart PC, to its 2012 Client Service All-Star team. The firm said Pennington is the only attorney in Alabama to earn the designation.

### '88

This past fall, **Dr. Marietta Cameron** began her new position as associate professor of computer science with the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

Singer-songwriter **Burleigh Clyde "Buck" Johnson Jr.** of Nashville, Tenn., is working with legendary producers Mark Needham (Chris Isaak, Fleetwood Mac, The Killers) and Charlie Midnight (Joe Cocker, The Doobie Brothers) on an upcoming album release. The

single "Southern Belle" is available on iTunes and Amazon.com. His website is [www.burlyclyde.com](http://www.burlyclyde.com).

### '89

**Michael "Mike" L. Jones** was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives, District 92, in November 2010, where he serves on the Transportation and Utilities, Judiciary, and Rules committees. Jones is a 1992 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law. He is a partner with South Alabama Law and also serves as city judge for the town of Andalusia.

**Manus Rungtusanatham** joined the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University last fall as professor of management sciences.

### '90

**Collin Asmus** has been promoted to full professor at Bridgewater State University in Bridgewater, Mass. Asmus is coordinator of the Foundations Program in the art department and teaches drawing, painting, and design courses. She took a sabbatical this past spring.

In June 2011, **Richard K. Behr** became an account executive for al.com in Montgomery. Al.com, Alabama's largest website and online source for *The Birmingham News*, *Mobile Press-Register*, and *Huntsville Times*, launched the Montgomery edition of al.com in the fall of 2010. Behr will be calling on local businesses and providing advertising and marketing services from the comprehensive al.com digital platform. Prior to joining al.com, he was employed by Equisouth Mortgage, and he also has over 20 years of media marketing experience.

**Emily Bell** is a business entrepreneur in her hometown of Fairhope. She is the new owner of Personally Yours, a gift shop/niche bookstore. For over five

years, Personally Yours has been a mainstay in downtown Fairhope. Bell actively supports authors, literacy, and reading events and is a contributor to the Alabama Writers' Forum and the Eastern Shore Literacy Council.

**David M. Benck** of Birmingham, vice president and general counsel for Hibbett Sporting Goods Inc. and a member of the BSC Norton Board of Advisors, has joined the board of directors for the American Arbitration Association in New York for an initial term of May 2012 through May 2016.

### '91

**Vikki Millender-Morrow (MPPM grad)** is

the new president and CEO of the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention nonprofit. Jane Fonda founded the organization, which is headquartered in Atlanta.



**W. Brantley Phillips Jr.** and his law firm were honored with the Tennessee Bar Association's 2011 Corporate Counsel Pro Bono Initiative Award for work done as a part of a successful clemency petition to the state's governor on behalf of a Tennessee death row inmate. His efforts highlighted errors made at the inmate's trial in 1984 and resulted in the inmate being taken off death row. Phillips is an attorney at Bass Berry & Sims PLC in Nashville.

### '92

The Alabama Coastal Foundation recently named **Mark Berte** as its executive director. Berte has over 25 years of experience in the nonprofit sector and is a passionate supporter of sustaining the state's environment for future generations.



# Terry Smiley is the new **BSC** Alumni Association president

After being a part of the Alumni Association Executive Board for several years, **Terry Smiley '94 (MPPM '07)** was asked to serve as president of Birmingham-Southern's National Alumni Association for 2012-13. Both of his BSC degrees are in business. He and his wife, Melissa, are the parents of two children—a boy and girl—and reside in Birmingham. Smiley, whose term as president runs from June 1, 2012, to May 31, 2013, recently answered some questions about himself and his new leadership position:

## **Where has your career taken you since graduation?**

I started my career at Alagasco shortly after graduating from Birmingham-Southern. I've been with the company for 18 years serving in various positions. My current role is customer service tactical manager.

## **What attracted your interest in leading the BSC Alumni Association?**

I have always been involved with various organizations associated with the college since graduation. Leading the Alumni Association was a gradual process for me, which came from serving on the alumni board.

## **What was your involvement on the BSC campus as a student, and what was your fondest memory?**

I was very fortunate to be a student-athlete at BSC. I played basketball for four years and loved the academic experience. I also had great teammates and played on successful teams on the basketball court. I have so many memories that I cherish from my time here that it's really hard to choose one. I enjoyed the fantastic faculty and loved the time I spent with other students on the campus as well.

## **Once you graduated, what made you want to stay involved as an alum?**

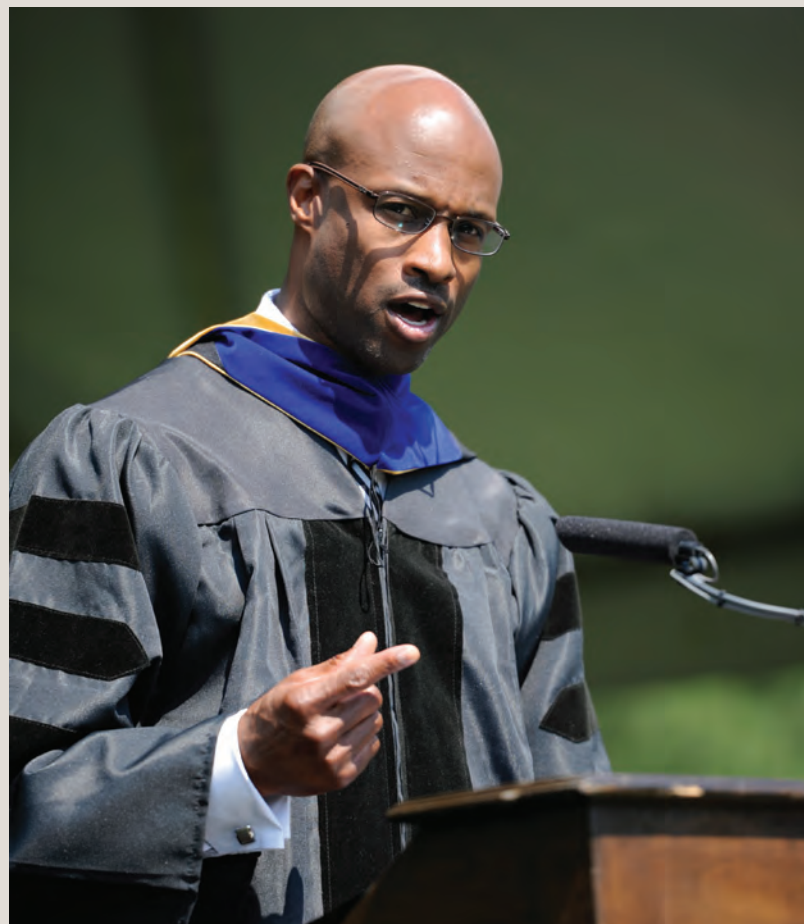
I felt so blessed to be a part of the Birmingham-Southern family. The relationships I built with Dr. Neal Berte [president emeritus] and other faculty members made me want to give back.

## **How would you describe your leadership style?**

My leadership style is a combination of participatory and transformational. I like to facilitate ideas and the sharing of information with the end goal of getting things accomplished collectively. I also like to motivate and inspire people to get results.

## **What's on your agenda for your term as president?**

One of my goals is to increase the college's alumni giving percentage. We have a great president in General Krulak, and one of his challenges to us all is to increase this percentage. It has a great impact on BSC's ability to secure funds from other foundations. We've done a great job the past year in getting this percentage increased, but we still have a lot of work to do. I'm confident that we will reach and surpass the level of giving of our peer institutions. We also need people to consider making



*Terry Smiley speaks to new graduates at the 2012 Commencement.*

three-year pledges, which help us with longer-term budgeting. And, we need every alum and parent to consider themselves a volunteer admission counselor who looks out for prospective students who would be good fits for 'Southern.

## **What unique strengths or professional experience do you feel you bring to the association?**

I have served on various boards during my professional career, and my strength is strategy. Just like many others of the Birmingham-Southern family, I'm passionate about the college and will work hard to ensure that BSC and the Alumni Association are successful. It's a great honor to serve.

## **What opportunities or challenges does the Alumni Association face?**

We have a great opportunity to increase alumni involvement through affinity groups and other activities. Our goal will be to stay connected to alumni and create more opportunities to get alumni involved with the college, with the overall focus of making a difference for the next generation of students and alumni. This new digital age is a valuable resource for the Alumni Association, causing us to be able to reach alumni all over the world and do so quickly through Facebook, Twitter, e-mail, and texts.



See you at the bar—These BSC alumni are starting a new life chapter after graduating from the University of Alabama School of Law on May 5. Pictured (left to right) after their educational journey to a J.D. degree are **Shandria Bell '09**, **Meredith Cheney '09**, **Scott Frechette '08**, **David Miller '09**, **Jeanie Sleadd '09**, **Katie Wilson '08**, and **Meredith Wolfe '09**. To gain access to a law practice, many of these graduates took the Alabama Bar exam July 23-25.

'93

**Hamp Baxley** of Dothan has been elected to the Executive Council of the Alabama State Bar. He also was re-elected to the Alabama State Bar Board of Commissioners (see also "Births").

**Donna Branch (MPPM grad)**

of McCalla furthered her studies at the Studios of the Corning Museum of Glass in New York. Her glass work has been exhibited in group exhibitions in galleries and museums throughout the U.S., and is in many private collections. Most recently, her work was exhibited at the Paseo Arts District in Oklahoma City.



**Rev. Dr. Cecilia Hatcher Walker** was recently elevated to the position of associate pastor at Trinity Baptist Church in Birmingham.

She earned a master of divinity degree in 1998 from Samford University's Beeson Divinity School and a doctorate in 2007 from the Interdenominational Theological Center of the Morehouse School of Religion.

'94

**Paul Arthur** of Miramar Beach, Fla., recently was named assistant director of the E.O. Wilson Biophilia



Center, an environmental facility serving students, teachers, and professional audiences. He is a certified

teacher and has a wide range of experience from owning a moving company to writing children's poetry.

Carr Allison recently elected local attorney **Daniel P. Avery** as a shareholder to the firm. Avery's

practice focuses on labor and employment litigation and workers' compensation matters. He earned his law degree from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

**Rod Henderson** has been promoted to vice president and senior credit analyst at BankPlus in Jackson, Miss. He holds an MBA from Mississippi State University.

**Keith Maddox** of Dallas, Texas, was appointed U.S. Department of Education Office of Inspector General regional inspector general for audit in March 2010. He is responsible for supervising the auditing of federal funds and grants awarded to all elementary, secondary, and post-secondary schools in the states of Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and New Mexico.

Television producer **Stewart Shields** premiered one of his newest projects June 6 on the Sundance Channel. His series "Push Girls" documents five women who are wheelchair-bound, yet still chasing their dreams. "The reviews have been amazing from *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and endless others," he noted. Shields is a line producer at Gay Rosenthal Productions in Los Angeles.

**Becky Kellogg Wheeler** of Marietta, Ga., has worked as a broadcast journalist for 15 years. Not only has she field-produced from the Pentagon, but she's also attended presidential inaugural balls. Now she serves as executive producer for The Weather Channel, one of the oldest cable networks in America.

'96

After four years of living in Croatia, **Mirjana Paukovic Phillips** and her husband, Christopher, have settled in Hoover.

Carr Allison shareholder **Jeremy Patrick Taylor** has been elected to a preeminent position within the American Bar Association. Taylor will serve as chair elect of the Commercial Trucking Litigation Committee of the ABA's Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section. He will serve during the 2012-13 fiscal year. A resident of Mobile, he received his law degree from the University of Alabama.

'97

**Anil A. Mujumdar** has been recognized in the 2012 "Alabama Super Lawyers" listing, published in *Alabama Super Lawyers* magazine and in a



special supplement to the May 2012 issue of *Business Alabama*. He is employed with Birmingham firm Haskell Slaughter Young & Rediker LLC.

**Vanessa Woolery Osting** works for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lithia, Fla., as an internist and rheumatologist. Additionally, she is chief medical officer of the Lakeland Clinic and an associate faculty member in the department of rheumatology at the University of South Florida.

'98

**Eric Housh** of Cropwell is the chief marketing officer for TicketBiscuit. He has over a decade's worth of experience involving the architecture, deployment, and optimization of digital marketing programs. Prior to TicketBiscuit, Housh was manager of communications for Intel Corp. He received an MBA with an emphasis in services marketing from Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business.



**Daniel Miles** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., completed his Ph.D. last year at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece.

Stites & Harbison PLLC has hired attorney **Brian Neal** as an associate at the firm's Nashville office. Neal is a member of the Business Litigation and the Torts and Insurance service groups at the firm. He received a master's degree from the University of Edinburg, Scotland, and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

**Lindsey Ford Tanner** was named to the *Birmingham Business Journal's* "Top 40 Under 40" in its Feb. 3, 2012, issue. She is senior executive recruiter of Vaco Birmingham LLC, specializing in contract and direct hire placement for accounting and finance professionals.

'99

**Ashley Wilkinson Meyer** has been commissioned as the new director of United Ministries, a social service agency. She earned a master's degree from Duke Divinity School and has nine years of experience in nonprofit work, counseling, community organization, and outreach.

**Holley Tankersley** was awarded tenure and promotion to associate professor of political science at Coastal Carolina University last year. She was appointed to serve as associate dean of the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts during the 2011-12 academic year.

**Ashley Warren Toole** of Montgomery was recently named chief of staff to Chief Justice Charles Malone of the Alabama Supreme Court.

'00

**Amy Miller Brennan** is employed with the Actors Playhouse in Coral Gables, Fla. She recently starred in its theatre production of "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat."

**Tammi Ward Carr** recently received an educational specialist degree from the University of Montevallo in teacher leadership. She was also nominated Teacher of the Year at Oak Mountain Intermediate School in Birmingham.

**Nadia Khattak Feeser** is the new administrative services director for Pismo Beach, Fla., where she will oversee the city's finances as well as its information services and risk management program. She previously worked for the city and county of San Francisco. Feeser has an MPA from the Rockefeller College of Public Policy, State University of New York at Albany.

**Phillip Velinov** and his wife, Natalia, have been working as principal dancers with the Louisville (Kentucky) Ballet since 2006. They are the parents of five-year-old Gabriella and one-year-old Raphael.

'01

**Dr. Cody J. Morris** is now a radiology resident at Emory Hospital in Atlanta. He graduated from the University of Illinois-Chicago Medical School last year with honors.

'02

**David Fleming (MPPM grad)** is the new president and chief executive officer of Operation New Birmingham, a downtown advocacy organization. He worked for ONB for three years before going to work for Sloss Real Estate and returning to ONB as vice president for planning and urban development. He left to start Main Street Birmingham in 2004, where he also is chief executive officer.

## Scholarly support—Dr. Tynes

**Cowan '85**, assistant professor of English at Birmingham-Southern, won the 2011-12 Bob Whetstone Faculty Development Award, given by the Office of the Provost. Named for the professor emeritus and college alumnus and former longtime chair of the education division at BSC, the annual award recognizes a non-tenured faculty member who demonstrated excellence in teaching during the preceding academic year. Cowan received a cash award for professional development and travel. He used his award to fund a trip to Charlottesville, Va., in January to conduct research at the Mary Johnston Archives at the University of Virginia. He delivered a paper ("Mary Johnston vs. Mrs. 'Stonewall' Jackson: On the 100th Anniversary of *The Long Roll*") at the Society for the Study of Southern Literature Conference in Nashville this past spring. Cowan joined the BSC faculty in 2002. He received tenure and promotion to associate professor this fall.



**Rev. Evan Garner** has been named rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Decatur. Garner has served at St. John's in Montgomery since 2006 as associate rector. He earned a master's in theology from the University of Cambridge, England, and a diploma in Anglican studies from Virginia Theological Seminary. He and his wife, **Elizabeth Graffeo Garner**, have three children: Frances, Edison, and Sam.

**Marta McLellan Ross** currently serves as the foreign policy advisor to Sen. Jim Webb of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

'03

**Brittany Miller Chinnici** and her newlywed husband, John, live in Philadelphia where they moved following her graduation from Columbia University's Teachers College with a master's degree in psychological counseling.

Ingwersen & Taylor LLP, an Atlanta-based tax and estate planning law firm, named **Robert "Bo" H. Harris** as an associate to the firm. He formerly was an attorney in the business and transactions group at Christian & Small LLP of Birmingham. Harris also earned degrees from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University and the University of Miami School of Law.

**Rachel Higgins** of Brooklyn, N.Y., has shown her sculpture and installations widely, including in Berlin, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. She spent a summer making a large installation at Socrates Sculpture Park in Queens, N.Y. Her piece, made with salvaged construction materials, was included in the parks' annual Emerging Artist Fellowship Exhibition, which was held from September 2011 through March 2012.



**Olympic insiders**—BSC alumni **Reed Kramer '11** (on left), **Sarah Kate Masters '11**, and **Seth Bryan '06** are pictured recently at the U.S. Olympic Training Center (OTC) in Colorado Springs, Colo. Masters was serving as the current athlete services and program management intern. She had been living and working at the OTC since January, working with resident athletes on a daily basis, assisting with programs designed to support the athletes as they prepared for the 2012 Olympic Games that kicked off July 27 in London. Kramer and Bryan visited the OTC in May as part of the curriculum for the Master of Sport Management program at the University of Alabama. The two completed a management analysis of the OTC and presented it to members of the center's operations staff. They also worked on an Olympic qualifying event for U.S. male gymnasts that was held at OTC, and assisted with logistic and operational work to support athletes in their training.

**Thomas Gaines McDowell** of Birmingham was cast in the first national tour of the hit Broadway rock musical *American Idiot*, which toured the U.S. through July 8. The musical tells the story of three suburban slackers who take separate paths in post 9/11 America. The musical is based on the Green Day albums *American Idiot* and *21st Century Breakdown*.

**Cassie Bullock Woodall** is currently working at the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

'04 **Megan Seibert Cherry** has joined Village Dermatology in Mountain Brook Village. She served as chief resident in dermatology at UAB for the 2011-12 academic year. Her husband, **Brad Cherry '01**, is an attorney with Maynard Cooper & Gale.

**Brian Ross DeLoach** and his newlywed wife, **Bevin Muire O'Neill DeLoach '06**, live in Hoover. Brian is a loan appraisal underwriter at Regions Bank, and Bevin is a registered nurse at the UAB Medical Intensive Care Unit (see also "Weddings").

**Michelle Elizabeth Downing** recently completed an anesthesiology residency at UAB and is now entering a cardiothoracic anesthesiology fellowship at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

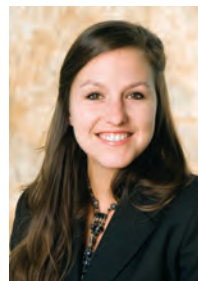
After three years of service with the Shelby County, Ala., District Attorney's Office, **Elizabeth Mitchell Jones** has relocated and is now an assistant district attorney in Mobile County, Ala.

'05 **Dr. Jaime M. Gober** completed all requirements for a doctor of medicine degree from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile. She is continuing her clinical training in family medicine at the Florida Hospital Medical Center in Orlando, Fla.

**Abbott Jones** was listed as a Rising Star in the 2012 *Alabama Super Lawyers*



publication. She is an associate in the appellate litigation practice group of Christian & Small in Birmingham.



**Lauren E. Kilgore** has joined the Nashville office of Burr & Forman LLP, where she practices in the firm's

litigation practice group.

**George E. Malone** has started a company, Hapi Drinks, to manufacture and market healthy beverages for kids and adults. He currently is an MBA student at Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management. "I just did a semester extra to get up to credits required for the CPA exam," he noted.

'06 **Matt Barber** was inducted into the Daphne High School Hall of Fame last fall. He was a member of the National Honor Society and won back-to-back championships in baseball. Barber is a resident of Daphne.

After playing professional baseball for the San Francisco Giants for several years, former BSC outfielder **Casey Bond** is pursuing an acting career. He landed a supporting role opposite Brad Pitt, Philip Seymour Hoffman, and Jonah Hill in the movie *Moneyball*, which came out last year. Bond has been involved in many other film projects as well.

**Rev. Kelsey Grissom Johnson** was ordained an Elder in Full Connection during the 2011 North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. She is married to **Dr. Timothy Van Johnson '05**.

**Dr. George A. Nelson IV** has completed his degree in medicine from the University of South

Alabama. He graduated with research honors and as a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. During the university's Honors Convocation, Nelson was the recipient of the following awards: The Merck Award acknowledging superior academic achievement and the Samuel Eichold Award recognizing outstanding performance in internal medicine. He is continuing his clinical education in internal medicine at UAB.

**David Pace** and his wife, **Kristin Jeffreys Pace '08**, currently live in Fort Worth, Texas. David is an account representative with B&W Drilling Tools. Kristin graduated from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in May 2011 and passed both the Alabama and Texas state bars.

**Kara M. Smith** is one of two curators who are producing an exhibition to connect artists with audiences to explore and inform community building and creative placemaking. The exhibit "Performing Community" hosted artists in San Francisco's South of Market neighborhood July 6-28. They were selected for one of four Commons Curatorial Residencies taking place at SOMArts Cultural Center in 2011-12.

Playwright **Trey Tatum** was a finalist for the 2011 Appalachian Festival of Plays and Playwrights at the Barter Theatre as well as a 2011 Princess Grace Playwriting Fellowship semifinalist. He recently was made the general manager of The Tank, a nonprofit arts presenter in Midtown Manhattan that provides



free performance space and support to new and emerging artists.



## BSC Alumni photo album

Summer socials, affinity group events, happy hours in Decatur and Memphis, Paws in the Park ... the list of Birmingham-Southern alumni activities from the past year is long. BSC President Gen. Charles C. Krulak visited almost every alumni chapter on trips across the country. Here are just a few samples of what went on:



Enjoying getting together in Anniston for a chapter event are (from left) **Richard Yates '86**, **Christopher Randolph '79**, and his wife, **Mary Hubbard Randolph '81**. The Randolphs are the parents of **James Randolph '10**, coordinator of BSC's Leadership Studies Office.



Some 60 young alumni attended a Summer Social at Pale Eddie's in Birmingham and had a chance to meet BSC President Gen. Charles C. Krulak.



More than 50 BSC alumni and friends turned out for "Paws in the Park" in April. The pets were blessed by BSC Chaplain Rev. Jack Hinnen, and everyone had fun and refreshments at the Urban Environmental Park and Lake on campus.



At the first annual BSC Black Alumni Affinity Group Social are (from left) **Angela Fisher Hall '82**, **Dora Sims '84**, **Bernard Lockhart '83**, and **April Smartt '92**. More than 50 were in attendance.



Kim Qualls, parent of **Betsy Qualls '11**, joined **Kay Estill Seale '82**, parent of recent BSC graduate Virginia Seale, along with more than 60 alumni and parents in Decatur for a chapter event in March.



Reflecting pool—We head back in time to 1970 on the Birmingham-Southern campus. In this photo, **Sarah Wicker Haughton '71** sits reflectively on a starting block at the swimming pool inside the old gymnasium during a women's intramural swim meet. Her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi, won the swim meet that year. Haughton was a health, physical education, and recreation major and biology minor at BSC. During her senior year, she served as sports editor of the student yearbook *Southern Accent* as well as a varsity cheerleader. In 1998, the Southern Environmental Center made creative reuse of the former pool by incorporating the entire space into its interactive museum, conference, and eco art gallery space.

## '07

After five years of teaching Spanish and administration in independent schools, **Katrina "Dani" Seymour Blount** is working as the student services coordinator at Virginia College in Jacksonville, Fla. She also is working towards a master's of science in organizational leadership and human services and expects to graduate in January 2013 (see also "Weddings").

**Dr. Joseph T. Cox** married Dr. Lynsey Jenkins in May 2011. That same month, they both graduated from medical school and moved to Dayton, Ohio, to begin their medical residencies. He is completing his residency in orthopaedic surgery, and she is doing her residency in obstetrics and gynecology.

**Danielle Luther Hansen** graduated in May 2011 from the Pikeville

College (Kentucky) School of Osteopathic Medicine with a D.O. degree. She is now enrolled in the University of Alabama Family Medicine Residency program.

**Kelli Hansen** was accepted to UAB's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program and began studies this past January. She stated: "I am thankful for the opportunity to become what I truly want to be—a physical therapist—and I am grateful for the BSC education I received to help get me there!"

## '08

**Lauren Maisel** recently moved back to Alabama from Philadelphia where she earned a master's degree in couple and family therapy. Maisel is continuing post-graduate work toward certification by the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists. She started her new practice this past winter in Fairhope, where she specializes in helping individuals and couples with all kinds of relationship issues.

**Drake Roberts** of Columbiana is the new director of youth at Columbiana United Methodist Church. He is incorporating his love of art with his new career.

**Patrick Alan Scott** recently won first prize in the National Federation of Music Clubs Student/Collegiate Auditions in organ. He won two cash prizes totaling \$3,600: the Agnes Fowler/Marie V. Thiesen Award and the Ruby Simons Vought Scholarship. He currently is completing a master's degree in organ at the University of Texas at Austin.

## '09

**David Talley IV** currently is an adjunct professor of piano in the BSC Conservatory of Fine and Performing Arts. He also teaches at the University of Montevallo.

## '10

**Brian Matthew Adams** currently works for The Hettema Group in Los Angeles that specializes in designing attractions and immersive guest experiences for theme parks, museums, and various other venues.

**Kelsey Frady** is now in her second year of master's studies in art history at UAB. She currently is serving as the UAB/BMA Curatorial Fellow at the Birmingham Museum of Art, a fellowship position that began in August 2011 and will last for one year. She is the second person to be awarded this prestigious fellowship.

Army Specialist **Kamari R. Little** of Northport graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, in Lawton, Okla., last summer.

**Thomas Scott Shelton** has been awarded a full tuition scholarship to Northwestern Law School and started this fall. He noted: "In interviewing for the scholarship, I was able to reference both my experience as a teaching assistant at BSC and the research and writing skills I developed as an English major." This summer, he worked as a paralegal at Maynard Cooper & Gale PC.

**Skyler Vallo** of Roanoke, Va., has landed a small role in the HBO series *True Blood*, which recently started filming.

## '11

**Ani Missirian-Dill** was awarded the Turner Scholarship at Vanderbilt University, which provides full tuition plus a stipend.

**Katie Leatherbury** was recently cast as a performer at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

**Chris D. Mauck** started his first year at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in August 2012.



# BSC Alumni Authors Bookshelf

Check out the recent publishing success of Birmingham-Southern College's alumni authors who write about everything from history and archaeology to W.C. Handy and life with twins. The books are available at chain and independent bookstores and online retailers.



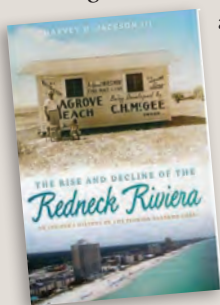
**Nancy Huddleston Packer '45** has published a new book entitled *Old Ladies* (John Daniel and Company, 2012), a collection of short fiction about older women. Packer lives in Palo Alto, Calif., where she continues to teach, write, and publish short stories.

BSC professor emeritus **Dr. Bob Whetstone '55** of Birmingham has released his fourth book, a historical fiction novel called *Cotton Mary* (Lulu Enterprises, 2011). The book is about

the life of a young girl growing up with an abusive father who is forced into backbreaking labor in the cotton fields and orphaned and pregnant as a young teenager. *Cotton Mary* has received critical acclaim from the Alabama Writers' Forum. His debut novel, *Grave Dancin'*, was published in 2006. His other published novels are *Crystal Angel* and two young adult novels—*Goober Joe*, and the recently released *Mystic Bat*. (Copies of *Cotton Mary*, *Goober Joe*, and *Grave Dancin'* also are available at the BSC Bookstore.)



In the book, *The Rise and Decline of the Redneck Riviera: An Insider's History of the Florida-Alabama Coast* (University of Georgia Press, 2012),

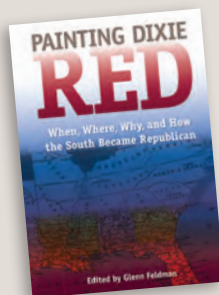


**Harvey H. Jackson III '65** examines how a Southern coastline became an iconic tourist attraction. The "Redneck Riviera" is the stretch of coast from Mobile Bay and Gulf Shores, Ala., east to Panama City, Fla. Jackson is professor and Eminent Scholar in History at Jacksonville State University and is author, coauthor, or coeditor of 10 books on various topics in Southern history.

In his book *W.C. Handy* (Knopf, 2009; reissued by University of Alabama Press, 2010), writer **David Robertson '69** charts W.C. Handy's rise from a rural Alabama childhood to becoming one of the most celebrated blues songwriters of the 20th century. Robertson just completed two other novels: one on Alabama football



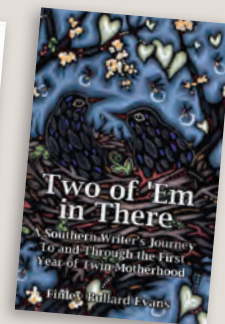
in 1960—with a mention of BSC—and the other on the John Kennedy assassination in 1963 entitled *The Carousel Club*. The author of three previous biographies, he resides in Cincinnati.



**Dr. Glenn Feldman '83 and '89** is the author of *Painting Dixie Red: When, Where, Why, and How the South Became Republican* (University Press of Florida, 2011). Feldman is a historian and professor in the College of Arts & Sciences at UAB and the author of several other books.

**Finley Bullard Evans '95** of Birmingham released a memoir entitled *Two of 'Em in There: A Southern Writer's Journey to and Through the First Year of Twin Motherhood* (CreateSpace, 2011).

Her first book of poetry, *Third Girl*, was released in November 2010 by Plan B Press. Her poetry most recently appears in *Louisville Review* and *The New Renaissance* literary magazines.



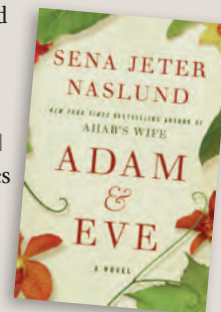
Birmingham writer **Gin Phillips Ashe '97** first drew accolades in 2008 for her debut novel *The Well and the Mine* (Riverhead Books, an imprint of Penguin, 2012), winning Barnes & Noble's Discover Award. Now she is back with her second book *Come in and Cover Me*, which already is getting rave reviews

in publications such as *Elle*. The book is about a passionate archaeologist excavating ancient sites in New Mexico.



A series of exclusive gourmet brunches featuring BSC alumni authors kicked off this past spring. The Books, Brunch & BSC presentation is sponsored by the college's Office of Alumni Affairs. Speakers in the series—which ended in early September—were Ashe and Whetstone as well as

**Dr. Tennant McWilliams '65**, who discussed and signed copies of his book *The Chaplain's Conflict: Good and Evil in a War Hospital, 1943-45* (Texas A&M University Press, 2010); **Sena Jeter Naslund '64**, who discussed "Writing Novels and Reconfiguring Classic Narratives" and signed copies of her newest book, *Adam & Eve* (William Morrow & Company, 2010); and **Howell Raines '64**, who discussed "Three Modes of Storytelling" and signed copies of his book *My Soul is Rested* (Penguin Books, 1977).



**Mary Catherine McAnnally** is among Teach for America's newest leaders working in classrooms across Alabama. She is teaching 7th and 8th grade social studies at York West End Junior High School in Sumter County, Ala., through May 2013.

**Corinna Herndon Ray** grew up watching her mother run her own commercial design company. After graduating in studio art from BSC, Ray returned to Fairhope to work alongside her mom. After her mom passed away in fall 2011, she stepped up to carry on the family-owned company, Herndon's Marketing Design.

**Melissa Diane Revis** is a math teacher at Gardendale High School in the Jefferson County School District, where she also coaches volleyball, basketball, and softball.

**Benjamin Schaefer** currently is enrolled in the MBA program at Jacksonville University. He also is playing NCAA Division I lacrosse.

**Simone Schicker** is a 2011-12 fellow at the American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, N.C. She is spending the summer at the Brandeis Collegiate Institute before heading to Israel at the end of August to participate in a five-month Ulpan (Hebrew immersion) program on Kibbutz Ramat Yochanan near Haifa.

**Chase Landon Seaver** of Nashville, Tenn., graduated with a master's degree in finance from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University in May 2012 and is now working at the international headquarters of Raymond James in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Lauren-Michael Sellers** is a singer-songwriter. During her first year at BSC, she joined a band called Jump Function, and is now playing in her own band at various venues across the Southeast, providing audiences with soulful, Southern style folk/indie music with her finger-style guitar-picking and genuine vocals.

## Friends

**Marty Gross** has been named associate head men's basketball coach for Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Gross began his collegiate coaching career at Birmingham-Southern upon graduating from Jacksonville University in 1977. During his four years at BSC, the Panthers were 103-27, captured three-consecutive Southern States Conference championships, competed in two national tournaments, and achieved a national ranking as high as second in the NAIA polls.

**Roy Mewbourne**, former baseball coach at Birmingham-Southern and Vanderbilt, was inducted into the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Jan. 27 at the TBCA Clinic in Franklin, Tenn. Mewbourne's teams won 922 games in his seven years at Birmingham-Southern and his 24 years at Vanderbilt, where he won one SEC championship.

## Weddings

**Bruce Burson '73** to Monica Calvert Loggins, June 12, 2011.

**Judy Bidlingmayer Yarborough '79** to Michael McClure, May 22, 2011.

**Dr. Sheri Routt '97** to Barry Barnes, Oct. 9, 2011.

**Rebecca Kelly Rone '99** to **Dr. Weston Herbert Rothrock '99**, May 26, 2012.

**William Aycock III '01** to Dr.

Lindsay Seaborn, Nov. 19, 2011.

**Kerry Lynn Pitts '02** to Kevin Smith, March 12, 2011.

**Jennifer Turner '02** to Alan House, June 16, 2012.

**Michelle Morrisey '03** to Anthony Bencomo, May 20, 2011.

**Whitney Noell Curvin '04** to Reid Stewart, March 17, 2012.

**Brian DeLoach '04** to **Bevin Clare Muire O'Neill '06**, Sept. 4, 2010.

**Allison Hargett '04** to Tim England, April 28, 2012.

**Erik Nolan Boustany '05** to Caree' Robin, Nov. 11, 2011.

**Jennifer "Jennie" Bowers '05** to **Charles Turney "C.T." Stevens III '06**, June 25, 2011.

**Kristen Lynn Fuhrmann '05** to Dr. James Eric Galloway, June 17, 2011.

**Sarah Elizabeth Sullivan '05** to Michael Jay Johnson, July 25, 2011.

**Dr. Matthew D. Wolfe '05** to Kaylin Mathews, March 24, 2012.

**David M. Pace '06** to **Kristin Jeffreys '08**, Aug. 20, 2011.

**Lucy Hamilton '07** to **Christopher Daniel '08**, Aug. 6, 2011.

**Mitchell Elliott Loper '07** to **Rachel Elizabeth Stinson '08**, March 24, 2012.

**Katrina Danielle "Dani" Seymour '07** to Brook Blount, Aug. 6, 2011.

**Brittany Winfree '07** to Mathew Bryant Stuber, May 28, 2011.

**Dyanna Lynn Dambach '08** to Dr. Joseph Garrett, April 21, 2012.

**Marian Bradshaw '11** to James Adams, May 29, 2011.

**Zachary "Zach" Guyse '11** to **Marie Sloan '11**, Dec. 30, 2011.

**Bryan Michael Higginbotham '11** to Laura Bottoms, June 4, 2011.

**Justin Daniel Ray '11** to Jessica Raper, April 21, 2012.

## Births

A son, John Wyatt, Oct. 8, 2010, to **Ron Conway '90** and wife, Suzanne.

A son, Harrison Clay, Dec. 5, 2010, to **Kathryn Cannon Lavender '92** and husband, Larry (big brothers, Matthew and Jacob).

A daughter, Mary Frances, June 18, 2011, to **Hamp Baxley '93** and wife, Emily.

A son, Jack Marshall, June 9, 2011, to **Andrew Marshall Cook '94** and wife, Amy.

A daughter, Collier Ann, Aug. 18, 2011, to **Tony Daniel '94** and wife, Jennifer.

A daughter, Jennings Cooper, July 7, 2011, to **Carol Cooper Hagan '94** and husband, Chris (big brother and sister, Ross and Campbell).

A son, Luca Burbank, Aug. 24, 2011, to **Nicole Bates Provonchee '95** and husband, Zach.

A son, Charles Faulkner, Oct. 12, 2011, to **Kelly Rhodes Warren '98** and husband, Eugene II (big sister, Sarah Frances).

A son, John Hayes, Nov. 2, 2010, to **Kerri Hinman Culver '99** and husband, Brian (big sister, Helen).

A daughter, Atlee Claire, Nov. 3, 2011, to **Jessica Mattes Sobat '99** and husband, Mark (big brother, Brandon).

A son, John Cheshire, July 25, 2011, to **John Redding '00** and wife, Robin (big sister, Elizabeth).

A daughter, Ella Tate, Jan. 22, 2011, to **Clay Campbell '01** and wife, Jessica.

A son, Oscarr "Carr" Holunder, May 26, 2011, to **Hunter Matthew Holzhauser '03** and wife, **Mikael Cobb Holzhauser '05**.

A son, Anderson Reaves, July 31, 2011, to **Susan Geist Lewis '03** and husband, Brian.

A son, Jeremiah Patrick, Jan. 8, 2011, to **Patrick Cashio '06** and wife, **Catherine Dooley Cashio '07**.



## In Memoriam '35



**Dr. Oliver Cornelius (O.C.) Weaver**, member of the Birmingham-Southern faculty for more than 40 years, passed away Feb. 21, 2012, at his home in Manhattan, Kan. He was 97.

A native of Camden, Ala., Weaver served on the BSC faculty from 1937-38 and again from 1946-82. In between those tenures, he served for a time in the

U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He continued teaching at the college from 1983-88 as professor emeritus.

During his career at BSC, Weaver was debate coach, speech instructor, chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, dean of the college, and held the L.C. Branscomb Professorship of Philosophy. He received the Omicron Delta Kappa Excellence in Teaching Award in 1979.

Weaver graduated cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from BSC. He also earned a bachelor's degree in divinity from Garrett Theological Seminary, a master's degree in philosophy from Northwestern University, and a Ph.D. in philosophy from Northwestern. He did additional studies at Yale University Divinity School and the University of Mysore in India, where he studied as a Fulbright Fellow. He was an ordained Methodist minister.

He received Birmingham-Southern's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1990 and was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by the college in 1992. Weaver was a longtime resident of Greensboro Road on the BSC campus.

In 1957, Weaver co-authored *Birmingham-Southern College, 1856-1956* (Nashville: Parthenon Press), the centennial history of the college. He also published a number of genealogical histories.

Among his survivors are his sons, Larry Weaver of Manhattan, Kan., and **Kendal Weaver '66** of Montgomery, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**Page Haralson Seier '37** of Prattville on June 26, 2011. News of her death was shared by her son, George F. Seier Jr., who said "Mother loved BSC and was always proud to be a 'Southern graduate."

**Mary Nichols Curtis '39** of Birmingham on March 4, 2012. Curtis was a freelance writer and artist, contributing to a wide range of local and national publications and websites. For many years, she wrote a food column for the *Pensacola News-Journal* and she contributed cartoons and line drawings to *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, and many other publications.

**Sarah Shepard Rice Howard '40** of Toledo, Ohio, formerly of Birmingham and Marion, on Aug. 16, 2011. She was married to the late **Dr. John Malone Howard '41**. Survivors include a stepson, **Robert Fontaine Howard '72** of Galveston, Texas.

**Mary Price McCord '40** of Baton Rouge, La., on Sept. 11, 2011. After earning her master's degree in microbiology from Emory University, McCord served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II. For 17 years, she worked as a medical technician at the Baton Rouge Cancer Detection Laboratory. McCord enjoyed her retirement spending time with grandchildren, traveling, gardening, reading, and doing needlepoint. Survivors include four sisters: **Florence Price Nix '43** of Rock Hill, S.C.; **Polly Price Owen '47** of Birmingham; **Betty Ray Price Hughes '50** of Birmingham; and **Katherine Price Garmon '52** of Birmingham.

## In Memoriam

**Virginia Averyt Cooper '30** of West Palm Beach, Fla., on May 20, 2012. She was a homemaker. She is predeceased by her husband, **Herston M. Cooper '22**.

**Evelyn Meadow Laban '32** of Englewood, N.J., formerly of

Birmingham, on Oct. 28, 2011. An avid gardener, she was a founding member of the Mountain Park Garden Club in New Jersey and former president of the Garden Club of America. Survivors include a sister, **Katherine Meadow McTyeire '41**, who is a former BSC trustee.

**Grace Stacey Coleman '35** of Aurora, Colo., formerly of Birmingham, on March 13, 2012. Coleman taught elementary school for many years, including in Flomaton, Ala., where she met her husband. Survivors include a niece, **Lila Stacey Berthon '49** of Birmingham.

## In Memoriam '38



**Ruby Ansley** of Mountain Brook died Jan. 3 at the age of 94.

She attended Birmingham-Southern her freshman year and graduated from the University of Alabama. She worked with Dean of Women Agnes Ellen Harris and Professor Henrietta Thompson in establishing the University of Alabama School of Interior Design. In 1963, she founded her business, Ruby Ansley Interiors Inc., in Mountain Brook Village where she designed homes in 14 states.

Ansley was a founding member of the Alabama Chapter of the American Design Institute of Decorators. Additionally, she was registered in the professional *Who's Who* and received an award for 40 years of professional service.

In 2003, Ansley was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Birmingham-Southern. She and her husband, John Peters Ansley, were golf enthusiasts as well as strong supporters of BSC.

### **Mary Huddleston Chiles**

'41 of Albertville on April 28, 2012. Though born in Alabama, Chiles attended public school in Washington, D.C., where her father represented Jefferson County in Congress. She worked for the Prudential Insurance Co. until her marriage and move to Albertville. In addition to her son, John Chiles, she is survived by her daughter-in-law, **S. Frances Heidt '75** of Birmingham, and sisters **Nancy Huddleston Packer '45** and **Jane Huddleston Aaron '44**, both of Palo Alto, Calif.

### **Beulah Pittman Teague '41**

of Birmingham on Dec. 10, 2011. Teague initiated the Pocket Parks and nationally recognized Work-A-Teen programs and was involved with the Alabama Food Bank. She received an Award for Excellence for her work with families of patients in the critical care unit at UAB Hospital. Teague

loved fine art, classical music, cooking, and the opera, and she was a consummate reader.

### **Bishop Paul A. Duffey Sr. '42**

of Gainesville, Ga., on March 18, 2012. Duffey was a retired bishop of the United Methodist Church. He had served six appointments in the Alabama-West Florida Conference. He was elected to serve the UMC in all three branches of the church—executive, legislative, and judicial—the only person to have done so. While serving as district superintendent, Duffey was elected to the episcopacy in 1980, and served as secretary of the Council of Bishops from 1984-88. He received his master's degree from the Divinity School at Vanderbilt University. Duffey was a life trustee of BSC, who was elected in 1952 and had served as a chair. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from

Birmingham-Southern. Along with a son, survivors include a daughter, **Melanie Duffey Hutto '68** of Hendersonville, N.C. (**David Hutto Jr. '66**), and nieces and nephews, including **Susan Alley Norris '82**, **Carol Ann London Mathews '71**, and **Wiley Mathews '98**.

### **Jane Davis Morgan '42**

of Greenwood, Ind., formerly of Danville, Ky., on May 8, 2012. She became a research technician at the University of Cincinnati, and in 1946, she served as a research associate in Havana, Cuba, continuing to work in this field for many years.

### **Charles G. Brooks '43**

of Birmingham, formerly of Andalusia, on Sept. 29, 2011. Brooks served in the U.S. Army in World War II, and was with the 531st Engineer Shore Regiment at Utah Beach, Normandy, on D-Day and was involved in the Battle of the

Bulge. He earned 13 Freedom Foundation awards and two Vigilant Patriot awards. After BSC, Brooks studied at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts and worked as an editorial cartoonist for *The Birmingham News* from 1948 until his retirement. His cartoons appear in more than 80 books and are in the permanent collections of the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley, Calif., and Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Mo., among others.

### **Dr. John B. McFerrin Rice Jr. '43**

of Florence on Dec. 25, 2011. In 1946, Rice graduated from the Tulane University School of Medicine. He later attended the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas, and served as flight surgeon in Oahu, Hawaii, and for the Alabama National Guard. Rice was recalled to active duty in 1951 and served as wing flight surgeon with the 317th Medical Group. In 1952, he returned to private practice, eventually becoming president of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.

### **Dorothy Garrett Patton '44**

of Kennesaw, Ga., formerly of Birmingham, on Feb. 26, 2012. She was a lifelong resident of Alabama and a former resident of the Galleria Woods Retirement Community before moving to Kennesaw.

### **Mary Gallagher Henning '45**

of Vestavia Hills on Dec. 10, 2011. She was a longtime member of Our Ladies of Sorrows Church and Our Lady of Peace Guild and was a member of The Garden Club, among her many community affiliations.



**Augustine "Buddy" Leo '45** of Fairfield on Oct. 9, 2011. Leo was retired from the Social Security Administration and was a member of Town and Gown Theatre.

**Rose Alford Newport '46** of Tarrant on Nov. 6, 2011. She was a graduate of the BSC Conservatory of Fine and Performing Arts. With her sister, Newport traveled the country, entertaining with the USO stateside. After World War II, she continued playing the piano with the Bill Nappi Orchestra and other Birmingham mainstays as well as teaching piano to three generations.

**Jeane Reynolds Wingfield Parks '46** of Winter Haven, Fla., on June 16, 2011. News of her death was shared by her daughter, Katherine Parks Fleming, who stated "My mother talked with pride about BSC and always let people know she had graduated from there."

**Henry Scott Balch '47** of Vestavia Hills on Oct. 17, 2011. Balch entered the V-12 program of the U.S. Navy in 1944 and served in both Atlantic and Pacific theatres. He was discharged in 1946. Balch retired in 1988 from WVTM television as the vice president and treasurer after 38 years of service. He was a member of Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church.

**Mary Elisabeth Kirk '47** of Birmingham on June, 22, 2011. Kirk graduated from the UAB School of Dentistry and practiced at first with her father, Dr. Jesse Kirk. Later, she established her own dental practice at the professional offices of Baptist Montclair Medical Center. Kirk was a lover of animals. She was

a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.

**Edgar M. Elliott III '50** of Birmingham on Feb. 27, 2012. With a career spanning more than 45 years, Elliott was a skilled trial lawyer with the law firm of Christian & Small, and its predecessor firm, Rives & Peterson. He graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law. He received many accolades

during his distinguished legal career, including being a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He also served as president of the Birmingham Bar Association and the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association. He is survived by his wife, **Betty Williams Elliott '60**.

**Dr. John Paul Pool '50** of Calera on March 19, 2012. Pool received a scholarship to Harvard University, where he received his

master's degree. He received his doctorate from the University of Alabama. Pool served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the U.S.S. Avery Island and U.S.S. Baham. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Ernestine Bowen Pool '67**. Survivors include a daughter, **Margaret A. Pool '72** of Albuquerque, N.M.

**Harold Ralph Walker '50** of Shelby, formerly of Cullman,

## In Memoriam '47



**Rev. Dr. William "Bill" Crawford Davis** of Talladega passed away on July 7, 2011.

Davis received his master of divinity from Vanderbilt University. He served numerous churches throughout North Alabama, including in Talladega. Over nearly 44 years in the United Methodist ministry, he also served

as the Conference Council on Ministries director and held two stints as district superintendent.

Davis retired in 1992 from the First United Methodist Church of Florence. In retirement, he remained active as a supply preacher and teacher of DISCIPLE and Christian Believer study groups. He also loved history and was involved with the United Methodist Historical Society.

In 1982, Davis was awarded an honorary doctorate from Birmingham-Southern. He was instrumental in establishing the Hiram Glass Davis Scholarship for ministerial students at BSC. His late wife was **Vivian Stubbs Davis '48**, and three of his four sons graduated from BSC: the late **Dr. John Benton Davis '74**, **Theodore Stubbs Davis '85** of Linthicum Heights, Md., and **Rev. William Gerald Davis '78** of Asheville, N.C. Two of his eight grandchildren attended BSC as well.

"Both he and mom had a great love for BSC," Rev. Davis noted.

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

## In Memoriam '52



**Larry D. Striplin Jr.**, BSC trustee, business leader, and philanthropist, died Jan. 23 at a local hospital. He was 82.

Striplin was a passionate supporter of his alma mater. Among his philanthropic contributions, he established the Striplin Physical Fitness and Recreation Center, Striplin Baseball Complex, and Larry D. Striplin III Scholarship Fund on campus.

Striplin will always be regarded as one of the college's greatest student-athletes. He competed on Birmingham-Southern's swimming and diving, men's basketball, and

baseball teams during his undergraduate years. He established Belmont University's first men's basketball team in 1952 and served as head coach for four years, along with coaching baseball and serving as Belmont's first athletics director. Belmont's Striplin Gymnasium was named in his honor, along with its Striplin-Wiseman Athletic Office Complex.

Born in Selma, Striplin continued his education after BSC at George Peabody College (now Vanderbilt) in Nashville where he earned his master's degree in education. He was the CEO of Nelson-Brantley Glass Co. and Circle "S" Industries and was instrumental in establishing the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, serving for 13 years as chair and a total of 23 years on the hall's board. Striplin was the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame's 1998 Distinguished American Sportsman and was inducted into the 2007 Class of the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame in Montgomery. He was inducted into the State of Alabama Academy of Honor in 1997.

He received Birmingham-Southern's 2003 Bob Strain Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contribution to athletics during his career on the Hilltop, and was inducted into the BSC Sports Hall of Fame in 1986.

Over the years, he was a member of numerous boards of businesses, charitable organizations, and educational institutions.

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

on Aug. 22, 2011. For 35 years, he was a developer and homebuilder. Walker was inducted into the U.S. Army to serve in the European Theater during World War II. During the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, he was an infantry scout.

**Dr. Joseph Charles Baldone '51** of Birmingham on March 22, 2012. Baldone served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines at the end of World War II. After only three years of college, he was accepted to the University of Alabama School of Dentistry and graduated with honors. He practiced dentistry for 46 years and was a lifetime member of the American Dental Association and cofounder of the Birmingham Dental Study Group. Baldone also had abilities as a dancer and singer. Among his survivors is a brother, Dr.

**Pasqual Anthony Baldone '49** of Birmingham.

**Robert Darby '51** of Wilmington, Del., on July 11, 2011. Darby received a master's degree and a doctorate from the University of Virginia in organic chemistry. He served in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps for two years. Darby joined the DuPont Co. in 1957 and served in various managerial positions until his retirement in 1991. His memberships included the American Chemical Society.

**Kathleen "Kitty" Fouché Owens '51** of Birmingham on Sept. 12, 2011. She was a lifelong resident of Birmingham and a member of Mountain Brook Baptist Church.

**Claire Scalese Bouton '53** of Birmingham on Feb. 22, 2012. Bouton taught at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School, Minor



Elementary, and Kingston Elementary. She was heavily involved with the Quilt Club, Literary Guild, and Marks Village Tutoring Program. Among her survivors is a sister, **Gloria Scalise Eubank '51** of Birmingham.

**Charles O. Dexter Sr. '53** of Ormond Beach, Fla., formerly of Birmingham, on March 30, 2012. Dexter served two tours with the U.S. Navy, earning an honorable discharge in 1948. He established a career in human resources, retiring from State Farm, Coca-Cola, and the Florida Department of Transportation. A gifted singer and musician with a deep booming voice, Dexter performed onstage across the country. Besides singing and viewing shows, he enjoyed traveling and playing bridge.

**George Hiles Jones '53** of Leeds on Jan. 13, 2012. Jones was co-founder and served as senior warden of the Episcopal Church in Leeds. He earned an Education for Ministry certificate from the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. Jones also was a hospice caregiver and served as director of the Leeds Welfare Cooperative. He formed Association Management Services to serve as executive director for multiple small business associations in the Southeast. Jones was a longtime participant in the Kairos Prison Ministry and served on the board of the Alabama Committee to Abolish the Death Penalty. He was a recipient of numerous civic and humanitarian awards. Among survivors is his wife, **Sue Poe Jones '58**, and granddaughter Rachel Buchan, a sophomore biology major at BSC.

**Steve Michael Leontis '53** of Birmingham on Sept. 10, 2011. After graduating from BSC, Leontis attended the New York Institute of Finance in New York City and became a stockbroker with Courts & Co. in Birmingham. After retiring from the brokerage business in 1971, he went into business for himself as owner/operator of the Steve Leontis Smokehouse Restaurant, retiring again in 1984. After retirement, Leontis was an active securities trader.

**Margaret Brown Shepherd '53** of Huntsville on Aug. 31, 2011. She earned graduate degrees from Alabama A&M University. Shepherd taught in Alabama public schools for many years having last served at Grissom High School.

**Emogene Kinney Copeland '54** of Decatur on Jan. 8, 2012. Copeland was an associate member of the Junior League of Morgan County and Decatur General Foundation, among her community affiliations.

**James William Holley '54** of Tigard, Ore., on July 19, 2011. He had a profound love of music and singing. Following years of teaching at Birmingham's Shades Valley High School, he served as a medical technologist for Lloyd Memorial Hospital. He and his wife moved to Tigard in 1967 and he began work for the Providence Portland Medical Center and helped found the Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Portland, among his accomplishments. He also was a tailor who could knit and crochet. Survivors include his wife, **Carlota Perez Holley '52**.

**Rev. Dr. Robert Gordon McKinney '54** of Alabaster on April 14, 2012. McKinney received his master of divinity from Emory University and his doctor of divinity from Athens College. He served numerous churches in the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church during his 60-year ministry. He retired in 1996, but began serving Overton Road and Bessemer First United Methodist churches.

**Frances Oliver Norwood '54** of Dunwoody, Ga., on March 26, 2012. Norwood was an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church and loved teaching at every opportunity. She had a strong love for music and received her degree in piano and voice from BSC. She loved to travel also and had a passion for genealogy. Norwood supported the Hugh and Barbara Thomas Endowed Scholarship at BSC for many years.

**Flora Simmons Trotter '55** of Huntsville on Dec. 11, 2011. She worked as an executive secretary for WAPI radio and television in Birmingham, and also for Birmingham-Southern. Survivors include her husband, **C. Leon Trotter '58**.

**Lynn Harrell Crouch '56** of Birmingham on April 11, 2012. Crouch was an avid reader, sports fan, history teacher, and basketball coach. He was a member of the Birmingham-Southern Sports Hall of Fame for his heroics in basketball, a loyal supporter of BSC for many years, and a regular at men's basketball games on campus. Crouch was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy in 1956 and retired as a commander. He began a

career with Liberty National Life Insurance Co. in 1961, and after his early retirement, he worked in the Department of Human Resources at AmSouth Bank until 1994.

**Jo Ann Howard Pritchett '56** of Montevallo on April 22, 2012. Pritchett taught in various elementary school positions in Birmingham, Tallahassee, and Panama City from 1956-65. From 1966 until her retirement in 1992, she held positions in Hoover as teacher, elementary school principal, high school principal, and new construction liaison. Pritchett earned her master's degree from the University of Montevallo and held an AA certificate from the University of Alabama. She and her husband, **Dr. Theodore M. Pritchett '58**, traveled widely.

**Rev. Billy Gene Wright '56** of Tuscaloosa on July 2, 2011. Wright earned a degree in divinity from Vanderbilt University. He served 50 years as a United Methodist minister in various churches in North Alabama. Wright remained active after retirement at Jasper UMC and Trinity Methodist in Tuscaloosa. He was a Korean War veteran.

**David S. Bishop '57** of Cleveland, Tenn., on March 13, 2012. A lifelong scholar, his education included an associate degree from Lee College, a bachelor's from BSC, and a doctorate of philosophy in pastoral ministry from the California Graduate School of Theology.

**Leland Graves Jr. '58** of St. Charles, Mo., on Jan. 27, 2012. Graves' BSC degree in geology was delayed by a U.S. Army tour of duty in Korea. He worked

for more than 30 years at the Defense Mapping Agency where, among other things, he was involved in development of the technology that ultimately resulted in the modern Global Positioning System—developed to enable pinpoint bombing of military targets anywhere in the world. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, and spending time with family. News of his death was shared by his brother, **Dr. William L. Graves '58** of Atlanta.

**Robbie Kelso Langford '59** of Birmingham on Oct. 24, 2009.

**Jacqueline Turner Copeland '60** of Montgomery on Sept. 8, 2011. Her husband's career with the U.S. Secret Service led her to live in numerous locations throughout her life. Copeland was a gifted singer and a piano prodigy. She earned a master's in music education from Wichita State University in 1977 and taught music for over 20 years in multiple public schools. Copeland also worked as an organist, pianist, and choir director for many churches and gave private voice and piano lessons. She is survived by her husband, **William E. Copeland '61**.

**Mary Douglas Hawkins '60** of Birmingham on Jan. 5, 2012. She worked as the director of the JCCEO before earning her master's degree in administration from the University of Utah. Hawkins then worked as a professor of sociology at the University of Montevallo, while also earning her J.D. degree from the Birmingham School of Law. Her legal career spanned 28 years. Hawkins also taught

continuing legal education courses, primarily in real estate law.

**Samuel F. Brewer '61** of Vestavia Hills on April 24, 2011. Brewer served in the U.S. Army. He was formerly associated with Brewer-Costin Insurance in Moultrie and was a past state director for the Georgia Farm Service Agency. He was also a partner in the Steak-Out restaurant in Birmingham. He leaves as his survivors a wife, **Anna Taylor Brewer '58**, three sons, and two daughters, including **Martha "Molly" Brewer Ihlbrock '93** of Germany.

**Dr. Charles Cauthen '61** of Birmingham on Nov. 14, 2011. Cauthen graduated from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry and practiced in the Roebuck area for more than 50 years. He was a member of the Alabama Dental Association and American Dental Association and was a veteran of the Korean War. In recent years, Cauthen had taken up flying his private plane, fishing, and travel, and was an avid reader of world history.

**Frances Cunningham Stewart '61** of Vestavia Hills, on July 1, 2011. Stewart earned her master's degree from UAB and was a longtime professor at Lawson State Community College. She was a member of Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband and two sons, including **William Preston Stewart '03** of Birmingham.

**Susan Hamman Bryan '62** of Norcross, Ga., on Nov. 19, 2010. She was a homemaker and a

member of Norcross United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband, **William Glover Bryan Jr. '60**.

**Lynda Lowery Collier '62** of Enterprise on Nov. 11, 2011. Collier taught English at Ensley High School in Birmingham and later was a feature writer for *The Southeast Sun* in Enterprise. She was founder of the Coffee County Arts Alliance. A lifelong lover of English literature, Collier led tours of England and Scotland and was a devoted patron of the Alabama Shakespeare Theater. She is survived by her son and daughter, **Anne Collier Mingus '92** of Fort Richardson, Alaska.

**William David McMillan Sr. '62** of Hoover on July 20, 2011. He had a career in the insurance business.

**Charlotte Tate Jackson '64** of Vestavia Hills on Aug. 5, 2011. Jackson taught in public schools for 34 years and was active in several honorary groups. She was a longtime and active member of Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church.

**Jean Anderegg Petree '64** of Suwanee, Ga., on Dec. 16, 2011. Petree worked for Eastern Airlines for 10 years. In 1993, she began her second career in real estate to achieve the Phoenix Award, Certified Real Estate Specialist, and lifetime member of the Atlanta Realtor Board Million Dollar Club.

**Charles Raymond Schultz '64** of Houston, Texas, on Nov. 24, 2010. He was retired from Lockheed Martin as an engineer and consultant.

**Dr. Richard A. Lytle '65** of Birmingham on May 15, 2012. After graduating from the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Lytle served two years in the U.S. Navy in Long Beach, Calif. Upon returning to Birmingham, he and another doctor established a medical practice which would continue to grow, eventually adding other partners. Lytle served as president of the Birmingham Surgical Society, Birmingham Academy of Medicine, and Kirklint Society. He served as vice president of the Jefferson County Medical Society.

**Robert Martin Sartain '65** of Birmingham on Aug. 5, 2011. He received his degree from BSC while working at ACIPCO (American Cast Iron Pipe Co.) and retired after 42 years of service. Sartain was a member of Brookwood Baptist Church where he sang in the choir and participated in mission trips.

**Jeanette Frost Maske Compton '67** of McCalla on April 1, 2012. Compton joined the Sterne Library staff at UAB in 1981 after a career as a high school teacher. She began her career at Sterne as a library assistant at the circulation desk and joined the reference department staff in 1983. After 22 years of service to the university community, Compton retired in December 2003.

**William Curry Nelson '67** of Land O' Lakes, Fla., on Oct. 4, 2009. Nelson was an executive with Florida Employers Life Insurance Co. in Sarasota. He is survived by his wife, **Carol Grady Nelson '65**.



**William Vincent McGucken II '70** of Selma, on Aug. 16, 2011. McGucken was a retired schoolteacher in Dallas County. He established the first computer lab for Southside High School. Survivors include his wife, **Katrina Bennett McGucken '70**.

**Herbert Assad Bolus '78** of Birmingham on Nov. 5, 2011. He was a retired mathematics teacher from the Alabama School of Fine Arts, a real estate agent with RealtySouth, a substitute teacher in the Mountain Brook school system, and a math tutor for many students in the area.

**James Harold Sanders '79** of Columbia, S.C., on July 7, 2011. He was a gifted artist and a talented musician.

**Alfred Marriner Naff Jr. '88** of Birmingham on Sept. 25, 2011. He loved history and music.

**Betty Reeves Montgomery '90** of Mountain Brook on Jan. 24, 2012. Her late husband, Robert Munger Montgomery, was the grandson of Robert Sylvester and Mary Collett Munger, who were instrumental in forming Birmingham-Southern College by merging Southern University with North Alabama College and by funding Munger Hall. Betty was an avid gardener and member of numerous community and civic organizations. At the age of 72, she decided to complete her college education, and was in the same 1990 graduating class as her grandson, **Phillip Hurst** of Orlando, Fla.

**Jeremy "Jay" Thomas Hudson '91** of Sylacauga on June 7,

2011. Hudson was an avid outdoorsman who loved hiking, wildflowers, and photography. He earned master's degrees from Auburn University and UAB. He was a science teacher at Bumpus Middle School in the Hoover school system.

**Thomas Richard "Tripp" Head III '92** of Homewood on Nov. 17, 2011. Head received his master's in biology from the University of South Alabama where he realized his passion for environmental law. He earned his J.D. degree from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law and his master of law from George Washington University. Head was a partner at Balch and Bingham LLP and an adjunct professor at Samford. He also dedicated his time to the YMCA's Camp Cosby.

**Larry Lee Guthrie Jr. '93** of Birmingham on April 8, 2012. Guthrie earned his J.D. degree from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law. He furthered his education with a master's of law in taxation from the University of Denver. He had experience with law firms in both Alabama and Tennessee. At the time of his death, Guthrie was employed in the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review of the Social Security Administration as a writer, with a dream of becoming a judge. Survivors include a brother, **Dr. Walter G. Guthrie '94** of Chicago.

**Patrick Christopher Bodnar '94** of Birmingham, on July 21, 2011. After BSC, Bodnar attended the Seibel's Institute of Technology in Chicago where he graduated from

the Master Brewery Program. He loved to travel and spend time outdoors, and he enjoyed skiing, snowboarding, and hiking. Among his survivors is a brother, **John Michael Bodnar '93** of Trussville.

**Bryan James Middlebrooks '98** of Birmingham on Sept. 16, 2011. Middlebrooks completed a master's program in education from UAB. He was an avid reader, a music lover, and an amateur painter. Survivors include a brother, **Allen D. Middlebrooks '01** of Birmingham.

## Friends

**Rev. Julius Logan Brasher** of Brasher Springs, Ala., on May 11, 2012. Brasher attended Birmingham-Southern and graduated from Asbury College in 1937. He received his divinity degree from Drew Theological Seminary. Brasher served as pastor of United Methodist churches in numerous towns and superintendent of the Northern District of the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference. He was widely respected for his leadership in social justice issues. Gifted with a beautiful baritone voice, he pursued many hobbies and interests, including singing, repairing and remodeling, cave exploring, archery, tennis, golf, softball, ping pong, hiking, swimming, nature study, carpentry, and teaching. He was the father of Dr. Lawrence Brasher, Denson N. Franklin Professor of Religion at BSC.

**Wallace R. Bunn** of Mountain Brook on Aug. 26, 2011. He served

three years in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. During his telecommunications career, Bunn served in various capacities in 14 different cities. He was the founding chair and CEO of the BellSouth Corp. in Atlanta, retiring in 1984. Bunn also served on a dozen corporate boards. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from BSC in 1979.

**Dr. Dean Calloway** of Louisville, Ky., on Feb. 27, 2012. Calloway earned his bachelor's degree at Millsaps College and his doctorate at the University of Alabama. Most of his 30 years of teaching in the sciences was at Birmingham-Southern. He retired in 1987 and was an emeritus member of the American Chemical Society.

**John Jordan Cowin** of Birmingham on Nov. 15, 2011. Cowin had a long and successful career as the president and CEO of Cowin and Co., a mining engineering firm started by his father in 1929, and as longtime vice president of Cowin Equipment Co. He served during the Korean War from 1952-53 as a first lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers. Cowin was the longtime president of CCI Insurance Co. He served on the BSC Edward Norton Board of Advisors for Management and Professional Education.

**Dorothy "Dodie" Jemison Day** of Birmingham on Jan. 3, 2012. Day was the wife of BSC Trustee Horace Corbin Day. She graduated from Bennett College in Millbrook, N.Y., and had an active curiosity for art and nature.

**Asa N. Green** of Birmingham, formerly of Mars Hills, Maine, on March 26, 2012. Green was city manager of Mountain Brook from 1957-65, then executive secretary of the Alabama Association of Insurance Agents. He began his academic career in 1966, when he became director of development for BSC, overseeing an \$8.5 million fundraising campaign. In 1969, Green went to Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., to head development. He left there in 1973 to become president of the University of West Alabama, then called Livingston University, until 1993. He was the president of the University of South Alabama Foundation board of directors from 2004 until his death.

**William "Bill" Harrison Jenkins Jr.** of Birmingham on Feb. 27, 2012. Jenkins was a guidance counselor

at Vestavia Hills High School for many years. Survivors include his brother, **George Jenkins '67** of Birmingham, former vice president for development at BSC, and his sister, **Virginia Jenkins Van Horn '60** of Bellaire, Texas. At the request of the family, memorial contributions may be made to the Jenkins Family Student Travel Fund at Birmingham-Southern through the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254.

**Dr. Theo Daniel Kimbrough Jr.** of Crozier, Va., on Sept. 10, 2011. Kimbrough worked as an educator over a period spanning four decades. He began his career as a biology teacher at Tuscaloosa High School and subsequently filled biology professorships at BSC and Virginia Commonwealth University.

**Virginia Bissell Spencer** of Mountain Brook on June 21, 2011. Spencer had a passion for flowers and gardening, as was seen through her work with The Little Garden Club in Birmingham, and she won many distinguished awards. During her marriage to William Spencer, she helped develop the Virginia Bissell Spencer Lectures at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and the William M. and Virginia B. Spencer Honors House at UAB. She was a former BSC trustee.

**Cmdr. Donald W. Stauffer**, USN Ret., of Irondale on Nov. 17, 2011. After retiring as the commanding officer in the U.S. Navy Band, Stauffer was hired by Birmingham-Southern to lead its band program and was a member of the faculty, where he oversaw music education courses. He taught other courses at BSC as well. One of Stauffer's

legacies at the college is the Panther Fight Song, which he composed, and which is still used at athletics events.

**Mary Alice Stout** of Marietta, Ohio, on Oct. 28, 2011. A graduate of Marietta College, she was a lifelong learner and teacher. She taught home economics at Marietta Junior High School and served as a substitute teacher in the Marietta City school system. At the request of the family, memorial contributions may be made to the James Curtis Williams Jr. Scholarship at Birmingham-Southern through the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254. Williams was her nephew, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident while a student at BSC.

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