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Greetings from the Maryville College campus!

Many FOCUS readers took with them from their student days fond memories of the College Woods. As I visit with alumni who haven't been back to campus in some years, I often hear stories about May Day and Easter Sunrise Service in the amphitheater, about Easter breakfasts at the president's home in Morningside, and about visits in the home of the Chaplain in the House-in-the-Woods. I have to report that the amphitheater is no longer used, that Morningside hasn't been the president's home in 22 years, and that the House-in-the-Woods is now a place for meetings of groups rather than the Chaplain's home. But I hasten to assure alumni with those fond memories that the College Woods remains nonetheless a treasured place for current students, faculty, and staff of Maryville College. It is a place where we practice careful stewardship. The MC2000 Plan speaks to this matter. "The College Woods will

be preserved, and will provide educational and appropriate recreational opportunities for the College and community."

At another point the MC2000 Plan speaks more generally: "Maryville College in the year 2000 will be characterized by...deep commitment to responsible stewardship of all its resources." We take those words seriously, and in this issue of FOCUS you will get more of the details. You will read about environmental ethics in the curriculum and about both student and alumni involvement in environmental activities. You'll get an update on the College Woods as well from a faculty member who cares for the Woods as much as anyone I know.

We are also practicing good stewardship of the financial resources of the College. In the MC2000 period we have continued to operate with balanced budgets and have grown the endowment of the College by more than 70percent. We have, to be sure, been assisted substantially by the MC alumni who have made gifts to the Annual Fund each year, helping us to break records there. Special thanks to the many FOCUS readers who helped us set a new record of almost 46percent for alumni participation in the past fiscal year! That level far exceeds the rate reported by our peer college group.

Many records have been set during the MC2000 period and many goals achieved. One event that alumni and friends will not forget was surely not an MC2000 goal, the loss of Fayerweather Hall. We are grateful to all those who have expressed their concern, and offer assurance that even as we lament this great loss, the Maryville College community is coping and moving with continued optimism toward the new millennium.

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MOOSE participants **Amy Brooks '00**, **Lisa Higginbotham '00** and **John Falco '00**, discover a memorable photo backdrop in Cascade Creek of the Grand Tetons National Park.



“What is your environmental ethic?”

Perspectives on the Environment asks:

by Karen Beaty '94
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

At first, they read like freshman initiation dares; rites of passage that must be endured.

Students are given rubber gloves and asked to go through people's garbage.

In cold and wet weather, they tromp through the College Woods with Biltmore sticks and clipboards.

They participate in a campus scavenger hunt in which the only things they're asked to find are leaks.

They open the doors — and their minds — to compost toilets.

In a way, it is freshman initiation.

Environmental

It is a rite of passage. It's

Freshman Seminar 130: Perspectives on the Environment. *And it is required.*

Origins and objectives

"In the process of planning the new curriculum, College administrators and students realized that there wasn't a general education course that forced students to think about the environment," said Dr. Peggy Cowan, coordinator of Maryville College's General Education Curriculum. "And part of being a liberal arts institution is educating people for participation in the larger world."

Prior to the implementation of the new curriculum in 1996, students could voluntarily enroll in *Save the Earth*, an interim course taught by Adjunct Professor and MC alumnus David Powell '66. First offered in the late 1980s, the course evolved from discussions and field trips dealing with all environmental issues to focused study of one element of the environment — water, air, energy.

"*Save the Earth* was the precursor to our J-Term course on the environment," Cowan explained. "Students [on the Curriculum Task Force] said all students should have to take that course."

January courses (often called "J-Term courses"), offered during the three weeks between fall and spring semester, take an experi-

ential approach to learning. Cowan said the hands-on nature of the J-Term course is ideal for getting students out of the classroom and into the environment to see what effects modern society has on the planet.

"The overall idea of the *Perspectives on the Environment* course is to make students aware of the conflicts between our need to extract resources from the environment and the challenges — but the necessities — of conserving," she added. "It fits in with our emphasis on cultivating values, making decisions based on ethics, and educating students for living lives that make a positive difference in the world."

Four sections are offered in *Perspectives on the Environment*: Garbology (formerly called "Solid Waste"), Forestry, Water, Energy. Each student chooses one topic. Four sections are offered per topic; 12 to 15 students are in each class.

For the first week of J-Term, all freshmen learn about the natural history of the area — what East Tennessee looked like 200 years ago and how the Cherokee and the early European settlers lived off the land. During the second week, students are immersed in reading, data collection, and projects relevant to their topic. A speaker is invited during the third week, and students are asked to write essays describing their environmental ethic.

"The pace is relentless," said Associate Professor of Biology and Forestry Section Leader Paul Threadgill. "It's a lot of information in a short amount of time."

"But education is like farming — you plant the seeds and don't know when you'll reap the harvest. If we've made them think about the environment differently, then the course has met its objective."

It's a dirty job, but freshmen gotta do it

For two years, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Garbology Section Leader Jeff Bay has asked families in his neighborhood to save their garbage bags for a week. With their consent (and assurance that identities will be held in confidence), he takes the bags to work where freshmen in his Garbology class weigh them and sift through the waste to determine family size, ages, and lifestyles.

The idea of looking through people's garbage came from a project conducted at the University of Arizona several years ago. While the objective of the UA study was to look at the effectiveness of public information campaigns for nutrition, Bay indicated, the basic principle remains: You can tell a lot about people by what they throw away.

"We go through about a week's worth of garbage," Bay explained. "Students spend about one to two hours going through it. They have a worksheet of questions to answer. "Students usually have fun figuring out habits, but it's usually very clear which families are doing a good job at reducing waste and which ones are not."

Bay said he tries to get students thinking about how they can reduce their waste or incorporate the three R's — reduce, reuse, and recycle — into their daily lives. Studying the garbage of others is one way to open the eyes of students, he said, but field trips to the Knox County Landfill and Blount County Recycling Center help, too.

"We want students



to see that what they throw out goes somewhere, and there is an effect to that," Bay said. "Many have never thought about how much we throw away and how all of that goes into the landfill."

To sell or not to sell

In Paul Threadgill's J-Term class on Forestry, all of his students are landowners. Role-play landowners.

"We wanted to engage them in a project that has some rooting in reality," he explained. "Because most of the forests in Tennessee are small parcels, owned by non-industrial, private



Photography by Wes Hope, Daily Times Staff

Eighty-two year-old Barry Commoner, American biologist, ecologist, educator, author and former candidate for U.S. president, was a guest speaker at Maryville College Jan. 19-20. Dr. Commoner was invited to speak to freshmen as a part of the J-Term course, *Perspectives on the Environment*, but his campus-wide lecture was open to all students, faculty and staff members and persons in the community. Attending a reception in his honor in the Proffitt Dining Room were Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Susan Ambler (far right) and Dr. Marion T. Hall, Commoner's friend and Ambler's father (center).

owners, it's realistic to think that these students might come into some land some day."

With that a possibility, section leaders decided students should be given the tools to make good decisions about land use. In regard to the J-Term class, students decide whether or not they would sell the timber on a 25-acre parcel of land in the College Woods.

Using Biltmore sticks, students walk through a few acres of "their" land to measure board-feet of lumber the parcel contains. Students research the market value of the lumber during that month, and they also study the biological effects cutting the trees would have on the area.

"There's not an outcome they're supposed to get," Threadgill said, "but most decide not to cut because it wouldn't bring enough money. I think many students go into the project thinking, 'Gosh, I could build a house with the money I earn from this sale.' They're surprised at how little money that lumber would actually bring — that the pay would be eaten up in cutting costs, mill work and other expenses."

Living downstream

For English Professor and Water Section Leader **David Powell '66**, water is a complex issue — for students of his J-Term class, for citizens of the United States, for himself.

"The tough part is convincing people that there is a problem," Powell said. "As long as they turn on the tap and there's water, they're slow to do something. The day they turn it on and it's not there, then they're interested.

"At the moment, we have plenty of relatively unpolluted water

in East Tennessee," Powell continued. "That's certainly not true for the rest of the country."

Students enrolled in the Water J-Term explore where their water comes from, and they experience the process it goes through — from water treatment to the faucet. Habits of water use are studied on campus, then compared with state and national statistics.

"There have been several projects," Powell explained. "One group looked at the water use patterns in the dorms, and others tried to find out who leaves the water running while brushing their teeth and who takes longer showers. One group tried to determine how many leaks there were on campus and the amount of water lost in a day because of those leaks."

Field trips to a water treatment plant and sewage treatment plant are also included in the J-Term experience. Discussions are held about practical ways students can conserve water and keep the water supply clean.

When students write their environmental ethic at the close of the three-week study, Powell said he hopes they see a connection between their actions and the state of the environment.

"Rarely do I get a student who treats this subject lightly," he said. "Most admit that they had no idea what's involved — and that they are responsible."

Conscious choices

"In short, we want students to think about energy in their lives," said Assistant Professor of Political Science and Energy Section Leader Mark O'Gorman. "We want students to think about the conscious acts of turning out lights, driving around in cars, heating and cooling their homes."

Students enrolled in the Energy J-Term class discuss energy sources needed to live in a modern society and the environmental consequences of those uses. The economic benefits to conserving energy are studied as well as the benefits to the planet, O'Gorman said.

During the second week of J-Term, students travel to Washburn, TN, and the Narrow Ridge Center, an educational land-trust where residents practice an ecological lifestyle. Solar panels line the buildings at Narrow Ridge, and a small shed in the yard conceals a compost toilet.

According to O'Gorman, buildings on the Narrow Ridge Center are built "off the grid," meaning they have no electricity. Natural sources of energy are captured and stored. But to students' amazement, office workers at Narrow Ridge have computers, fax machines and copying machines.

"We have to choose when we're going to use them," O'Gorman said students are told by the director of Narrow Ridge. "For the rest of the time, they're turned off."

O'Gorman said he wants students to think through that process of making daily incidental activities conscious choices.

"I know when students go up there [to Narrow Ridge], they're skeptical. They think they're going to see a bunch of eco-freaks," O'Gorman said. "But by the end of the day, you see a shift occur in their thinking. They realize that these are just normal people who happen to have a different environmental philosophy."

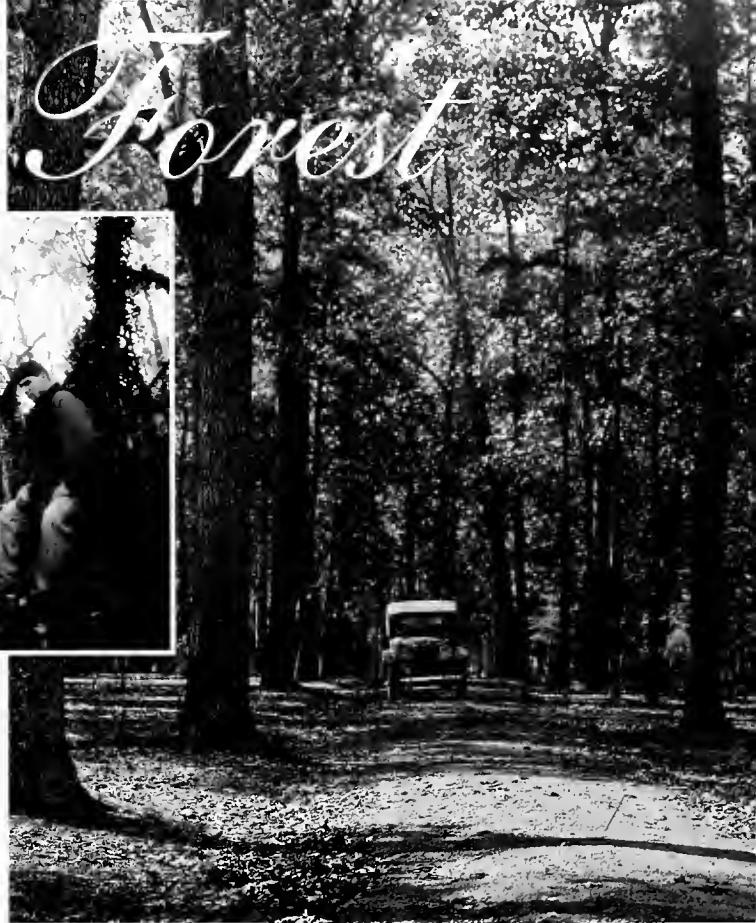
O'Gorman, who came to teach at Maryville College in 1997, said he has been impressed with the objectives behind the *Perspectives on the Environment* requirement.

"In a couple of years, we will have had 1,000 students take this course. That's 1,000 with an environmental ethic and consciousness — 1,000 people realizing that every environmental act has a result."

Enchanted Forest

College Woods provides unique learning opportunities

by Karen Beaty '94
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations



You won't find any high-powered microscopes back there. Nor will you find rows of beakers or the periodic chart.

But just like any laboratory in Sutton Science Center, the College Woods is a place where learning happens.

"The College Woods is a marvelous educational resource that you can walk to and from in one lab period," said Maryville College Associate Professor of Biology Paul Threadgill. "There, our students can study a good diversity of habitats within a small area that hasn't changed significantly in the last 50 years."

Approximately 115 acres make up the College Woods area, located just southeast of campus. Scientifically, it is an upland forest of mixed aged hardwood and pine. A flood plain runs along the creek.

The area was purchased by the College in 1873, and since that date, the space has been a source of countless memories for students. Years ago, Easter Sunrise Services and May Day festivities were held in the natural amphitheater of the College Woods, and numerous chaperoned — and unchaperoned — dates were planned under the canopy of tree branches.

For Maryville College faculty members, the College Woods has long been a source of material. Today, students majoring in Biology, Sociology, and Environmental Studies become very familiar with the College Woods because of lectures and assignments given there. And with the introduction of *Orientation 110* and *Freshman Seminar 130: Perspectives on the Environment* (see related article, pages 3-4) in 1997, all freshmen now learn the vegetation, the topography, and the paths that make up the Woods.

Science comes to life

Rattling off course numbers of classes that use the College Woods, Threadgill described student assignments that ranged from creating a herbarium to figuring board feet of lumber.

"In *Biology 222: Ecology*, one of the principals we like to illustrate is micro-climates," Threadgill explained. "We give students equipment to measure the air and soil temperatures, humidity, wind speed, and incident radiation at different locations in the Woods. What they find is a real difference between data collected on the south and north slopes, in the fields and in the forest, and under hardwoods and under pines.

"In *Biology 405: Ecology of Populations and Communities*, one of our goals is to teach students how to physically describe a

plant community," he said. "We teach them the techniques to determine the vertical structure of a forest and the diversity of trees, shrubs, and herbs."

Biology 311: Natural History of the Southern Appalachians is always taught in the spring because of the seasonal emergence of wildflowers, other flora, and fauna.

According to the associate professor, at least one biology major every two years incorporates the College Woods into his or her Senior Thesis project.

"It's an outstanding outdoor classroom," Threadgill said.

A different kind of lab

While it might be easy for people to see the Woods as a science laboratory, Mountain Challenge Director **Bruce Guillaume '76** has suggested that the area is a "social science" lab, as well.

Mountain Challenge, a program operated out of Crawford House, provides on- and off-campus constituents opportunities to challenge bodies and minds in activities like hiking, biking, climbing, rappelling, camping, and canoeing. In the College Woods, Mountain Challenge operates a "low ropes" course. According to Guillaume, the course offers 15 to 20 "problem-solving initiatives that demand collaboration and cooperation."

All freshmen participate in the low ropes course during *Orientation 110*, and some classes use the College Woods to learn map-and-compass techniques. Guillaume's staff members also use the Woods for outdoor recreation training and mock wilderness rescue.

But considering that more than 3,500 people — students, church groups, and corporate teams — go through the low ropes course, the Woods are an important part of the Mountain Challenge program.

"We would not be the kind of organization we are," Guillaume said, "without the College Woods."

NATURAL CHOICES

by Karen Beaty '94
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Environmental Studies growing in popularity

Almost 20 current Maryville College students are working toward a major in Environmental Studies. Formally begun about five years ago, the major is growing in popularity, according to Assistant Professor of Political Science Mark O'Gorman.

"Some students already have an interest in the environment when they come to Maryville," O'Gorman said, "but in most cases, the Freshman Seminar course (see story, pages 3-4) is the catalyst in their decision to declare the Environmental Studies major."

O'Gorman coordinates the College's Environmental Studies program. Course work involves both the social and natural sciences, but students are encouraged to supplement their studies with courses in the humanities and fine arts.

"The fact that we call this major 'Environmental Studies' gives you a sense of how broadly defined a program of this study could be," O'Gorman explained. "The broad objectives of the course are to educate students for a greater sensitivity and understanding of the environment and nature and to teach them how to translate that knowledge into practical activities, or praxis."

Environmental Studies 101: Introduction to Environmental Issues gives students a good foundation in the language of the discipline, the major players, and the different philosophies. The literary works of Emerson and Thoreau are read and discussed, as well as the works of Rachel Carson.

Upper-level courses explore issues such as population, geography, natural history and environmental legislation.

Because of different perceptions in the working world for what an Environmental Studies major might be prepared, O'Gorman said he encourages his advisees to earn a minor. One-third of his students minor in Business, one-third minor in Sociology, and the remaining third minor in Biology.

According to O'Gorman, Environmental Studies is one of the fastest-growing majors in colleges and universities across the nation. That has changed significantly in the last 10 years.

"You can do just about anything with this major," the professor said of the Environmental Studies major. "It really depends on your interest."

Early ecology course shaped alumnus' life

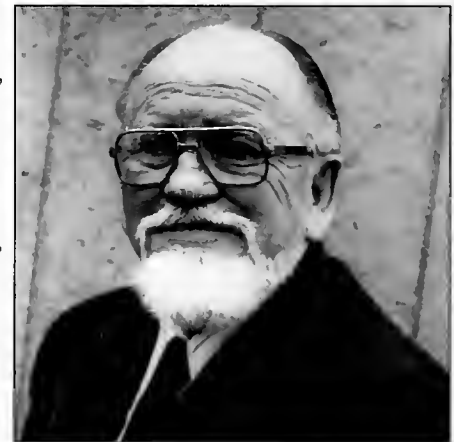
It was a proximity to campsites, lakes, and fresh air that led **Bruce Smith '68** to enroll at Maryville College, but when the Collingswood, NJ, native moved south in 1964, it was to prepare for a life on the inside of a dentist's office - not for a life in fields, forests, streams, and rivers.

"Going through high school, I was impressed with our family dentist," Smith explained. "By the time I was a senior in high school, dentistry was the direction I thought I would take."

Smith declared a major, Biology, during his freshman year at MC. During those first two years as an undergraduate, he was confident in his career choice and enjoyed participating in the College band

and pulling pranks as a member of the infamous "Porkies." But during his junior year, he was faced with a life-changing decision.

"I was doing fine, academically," the alumnus said, "but during my junior year I had to go to Atlanta for a test that would evaluate my small motor skills. The test was



Dr. A. Randolph Shields '34

carving a set of teeth out of soap.

"By the time I was finished, my teeth looked more like Dracula's fangs. It was a disaster," Smith added. "At that point, it was 'Now, what do I do?'"

Enter the late **Dr. A. Randolph Shields '34**, chair of the Biology Department, and his ecology course of 1967.

"'Ecology' was a new word," Smith explained. "At that point in time, no one was talking about pollution or protection of the environment. People were busy enjoying the environment but not protecting it."

In 1967, Shields was not only teaching ecology before it would creep onto the national landscape, he was exuding a passion about its importance, Smith said.

"You could draw from that belief," he added.

Despite all of his experiences in the great outdoors, Smith said he had never heard of "ecology" before meeting Shields and attending Maryville College. But the student discovered he had a talent studying the environment and decided to base his Special Studies project on that - instead of dentistry.

After graduating, Smith served in the Army for two years. In January 1971, he applied for work in the newly created Environmental Protection Agency (see column, page 7). In 1974, he earned a master's degree in Environmental Science from Rutgers University.

GUEST COLUMN

by Bruce P. Smith '68
EPA, Region 3 Energy Manager

If you were of college-student age or older in the late 1960s, you knew that America had a serious pollution problem. Many rivers and streams were polluted and closed to fishing and bathing. They often reeked of raw sewage. You could see black smoke belching from industrial smokestacks and feel the burning in your lungs and eyes. There were large fish-kills and bird-kills.

Americans demanded a change, and they demonstrated their desire for a clean environment with a huge national Earth Day Rally in 1970. In that same year, President Richard Nixon created the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

I joined EPA, Region 3, located in Philadelphia, PA, in 1972 and began working on the Agency's top priority — water pollution. I learned about wastewater treatment systems and the types of pollutants in industrial discharges.

My job involved issuing discharge permits to companies that contained strict limitations on pollutants. I brought enforcement actions against those companies that violated the conditions in their permits. By 1977, 85 percent of the industrial pollution being discharged to the nation's waterways had been eliminated, and thanks to grants from EPA, sewage treatment plants were much improved.

In the late 1970s, the Agency began to address hazardous waste, another big pollution problem. Decades before EPA came along, companies in the United States had disposed of their toxic waste as cheaply as possible — often in landfills, or buried in drums deep in the earth, or just released from trucks along roadways. I was put in charge of a group responsible for finding and disposing of these "toxic time bombs" before they could seriously contaminate the environment and jeopardize public health.

Many "midnight dumpers" were at large, hired by companies to dispose of their hazardous waste in secret. Eventually, the EPA — with the help of Congress — established laws for managing hazardous wastes from "cradle to grave" (i.e., origin to disposal). This stopped the midnight dumpers.

I changed jobs at EPA to lead a team responsible for enforcing those new laws. In the following years, additional regulations made it prohibitively expensive for companies to dispose of hazardous wastes. Companies learned to recycle and reduce the waste they produced.

I currently manage a group in EPA's air program that addresses global warming and pollution caused by the combustion of fossil fuels for energy. Generating electricity by burning coal and oil at power plants produces more air pollution than any other industry in the U.S.

Energy is shamefully wasted in this country because it is cheap. The typical coal-fired power plant is so inefficient that

it needs to produce 300 watts of electricity to light every 100-watt light bulb. The technology exists to produce cars that get over 100 miles to the gallon, but what do many Americans want? They want sport utility vehicles, and these get around 13 miles to the gallon. (Interestingly enough, American companies have made car engines a lot cleaner in the past 20 years, but people are driving a lot more, thereby offsetting these gains.) Such waste creates unnecessary pollution, which ultimately may affect your health.

People sometimes ask me what they can do to help the environment. I tell them to first become knowledgeable about environmental issues. An excellent source is the Internet. All government agencies maintain websites to provide information to the public. (EPA's web-site address is <http://www.epa.gov>.)

People should become aware of what environmental problems may be impacting their communities and should organize community groups to deal with these problems. Ask yourselves: Is your community located in an ozone non-attainment area? Has the cancer rate or number of asthma cases been increasing in your neighborhood? Do sections of your community have contaminated drinking water? What industries near your community release the most toxic pollutants? What hazardous waste sites are close to your community, and what is being done about them?

Community groups can rally around issues such as these and influence federal and state agencies, elected officials, and businesses to do something about them.

Public support for environmental initiatives is critical. EPA has taken a number of actions that have directly impacted the lives of American citizens, but some of these actions were not always popular.

I have had a very satisfying career with EPA because I can see the improvements to the environment that I helped bring about. I can walk along the banks of rivers and see the waste treatment plants that I required factories to construct. The Potomac and Delaware rivers and the Chesapeake Bay are much cleaner now and support a much greater abundance of aquatic life than when I started with the Agency. There are now buildings, golf courses and baseball fields atop of many of the landfills and hazardous waste sites that I helped to clean up. The air is cleaner, acid rain is decreasing, and companies are recycling or minimizing their waste. However, there are still many environmental challenges left to face including such things as global warming, ozone, air toxics, and an increase in asthma mortalities, to name just a few.

I continuously thank Maryville College for preparing me for this career, and enabling me to make an important contribution to society.



1968 photo of Bruce Smith



protecting our water

by Donna Franklin Davis '83
Vice President for Admissions and Enrollment

Ramger closes 40-year career at Maryville

Young **Robert Ramger** of Pinellas Park, FL, came to Maryville College in 1952 to earn a degree and play baseball. One warm spring day in 1956, he graduated from Maryville College, returning to campus only three months later as Instructor of Biology. His retirement this year marks the close of over 40 years of service to Maryville.

Ramger recalled the 1962 release of Rachel Carson's book, *Silent Spring*, as the awakening of environmental consciousness in America. Carson's vivid description of widespread ecological degradation placed environmental ethics on the national agenda and led to the founding of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1970 and the ban on DDT in 1972. Ramger was attending graduate school at the University of Tennessee during this time where he earned a Master of Science in



Robert Ramger '56

Embryology and a Ph.D. in Limnology, the study of lakes.

When ALCOA needed to respond to EPA regulations requiring it to monitor the quality of the plant's wastewater, an ALCOA engineer called Ramger to see if he could provide the necessary testing. This marked the beginning of Ramger's work monitoring coolant water from ALCOA's production facilities. Ramger recruited MC students to assist with the testing which consisted of growing ceriodaphnia (water fleas) and fat-head minnows in the coolant water used in the production of aluminum. For seven years, Ramger and his team of students provided testing services for ALCOA. The project ended when new regulations from the EPA required testing by certified labs.

Today, Ramger is involved with the Little River Watershed Association (LRWA), a non-profit group of concerned citizens who help to maintain a high quality of water in Little River and its tributaries. Working with the Tennessee Valley Authority, Ramger and his students test mountain streams using the Index of Biological Integrity. To conduct the test, an electric current is passed through the water, temporarily stunning the fish and animals in the stream. Volunteers scoop the fish out with nets, catalog the variety and sizes of specimens, and return them to the stream. Ramger said that Little River, which provides the drinking water for all of Blount County, is fairly clean "...with an index of about 50 on a scale of 60." However, many tributaries are polluted by livestock that wander into creeks to drink. To clean up the tributaries, the LRWA is helping farmers to rebuild the creek banks and to plant trees and shrubs to block the cattle's access.

In addition to his work in water quality, Ramger is known by many Maryville alumni for his three-week Human Sexuality course. The course had its beginnings when Dean Frances Massey called Ramger one day to ask him to hold an after-hours session in the women's dorm on the topic of human reproduction. Later, Ramger's pastor at New Providence Presbyterian Church asked him to attend a workshop on the "Christian Response to Human Sexuality and Loving Relationships" to help teach parents how to talk with their junior high students. The course that evolved was a favorite of College students during the 25 years it was offered. Ramger reflected, "I have grown so much as a parent and husband while teaching this course, and feel that I've contributed to students' lives in a very real way."

Another short course offering was Ramger's trip to Cinnamon Bay on St. John's Island in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Students who sign up for the trip are required to prepare in advance a lecture on a species found on the coral reef and take turns presenting the information each evening. In May of this year, 26 people joined Ramger for the trip. Ramger said, "Every time I go to the Virgin Islands, I learn volumes of new information. I wonder why I didn't learn these things 20 years ago!"

Ramger and his wife, **Sue Kindred Ramger '70**, are eager to begin a new chapter in their lives. "Looking back at my career, I am very fortunate that I happened to be at the right place at the right time," said Ramger. "Some of my colleagues have asked me if I will continue to teach a course now and then, but I think it is time to hand it off. I am ready to try things I've never tried before."

GUEST COLUMN

by Amy Ralston Vagnier '86
Foothills Elementary School, fourth-grade teacher

Touching the Future

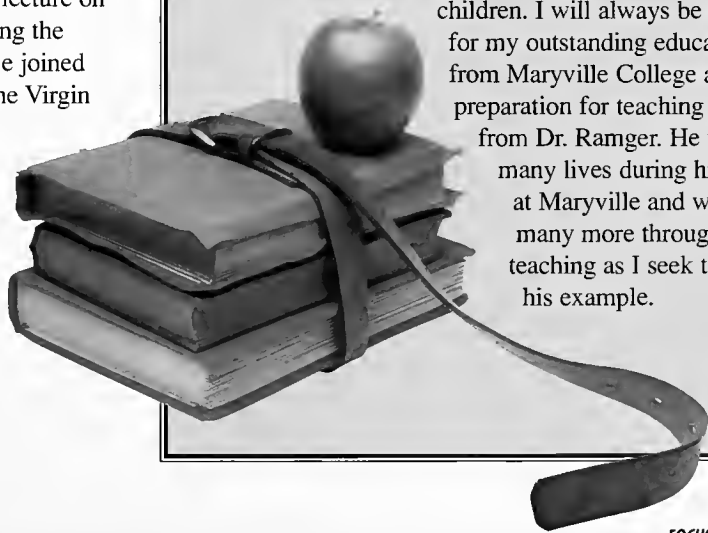
"School is not easy and it is not for the most part very much fun, but then if you are very lucky, you may find a teacher," wrote John Steinbeck in his essay "On Teaching." I remember and honor my first real teacher, Dr. Bob Ramger.

I felt weak in the knees when my MC advisor recommended that I take biology. Fresh in my memory was a high school dissecting class where my anxiety caused my hands to shake terribly, launching a formaldehyde-enriched starfish into my lap. The first day of class, I slipped a novel in my backpack (with hopes of hiding behind an opened textbook) and chose a back row seat in the Sutton Science classroom.

Dr. Ramger entered the room and introduced himself, providing personal and actually interesting information. I was taken aback the next day when he used our names during the discussion. I can still hear him say, "Now, the great thing about this, Miss Ralston, is that the cells multiply and..." He spoke quickly, with animation, and before I knew it the hour had passed, my notebook was filled with diagrams, and I found myself perched on the edge of the chair, becoming interested in science.

He opened the door to learning for me by conveying his passion for biology. Through field trips to wade in the muck looking for pond critters and invitations to his home for study sessions, he opened his heart and life to his students. Guiding and leading rather than lecturing, he ignited a burning desire for learning. I grew to love science and began to think about majoring in elementary education.

Dr. Ramger is the reason I became a teacher. I waited a long time before coming to know the true joy of learning, and I wanted to pass this on to young children. I will always be grateful for my outstanding education from Maryville College and the preparation for teaching gained from Dr. Ramger. He touched many lives during his years at Maryville and will touch many more through my teaching as I seek to follow his example.





Photography by Elizabeth Moore '00

Through the eyes of a MOOSE

by Karen Beaty '94
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

MOOSE participants stopped in the Badlands of South Dakota before arriving at Yellowstone for volunteer work.

Students gain perspectives in national parks

The name of the program is "MOOSE," but that's not what the Maryville College students are hunting for when they travel to national parks in the western United States.

Instead, they're looking for work, for lessons of history, for their spiritual sides. And they're also looking for nature in its purest form.

"This is primarily a service program, but it's such a multi-layered experience," said **David Powell '66**, English professor at Maryville College and leader of the Maryville Outdoor Outreach Service Experience (MOOSE). "It's wonderful."

Begun in the summer of 1998, MOOSE takes a small group of MC students out west for a trip that lasts almost four weeks. The destination is national parks such as Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, where students complete volunteer work such as building and repairing trails, painting picnic tables, and building tent pads and corrals.

Along the way, students see the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, Devil's Tower, and the Little Big Horn Battlefield. They sleep in tents and cook their own meals. They personally pay for the expense of travel, food, and camping.

"Whoever took this trip could make it into whatever he or she wanted to. We give students a taste of art, botany, and history," Powell explained, "but what happens is that we see so many new things in the environment that students gain respect more on a spiritual level."

According to Powell, MOOSE was conceived after Maryville College English Instructor Linda Clark heard Tom Coates, a professor at Gardner-Webb University, speak at a conference. Coates was sharing with the group his 15-year practice of taking Gardner-Webb undergraduates to the national parks for service projects. After returning to campus, Clark told **Jennifer Cummings West '95**, assistant director of Volunteer Services, about the trips. West sought out a leader for the trip. Powell was the first to say "yes."

On July 6, 1998, eight students from MC, three from Gardner-Webb, and three adult leaders left Maryville in vans. Among the backpacks of personal belongings, boxes of food, and camping gear were books on the history and geography of the places they would visit. Powell packed a group journal and asked students to make regular entries during the drive.

Of the eight MC students on the 1998 trip, only one had been beyond the Mississippi River.

"When you get west and you see this different landscape and

you labor to preserve it, there's a connection made that couldn't be made anywhere else," the leader explained. "They gain a respect for the environment and a recognition of the beauty. The best way to understand that is to look through their journals."

Powell recounted one entry where a student had written of his "emotion and desire" for preservation of the land. Another entry confirmed that students were realizing preservation would have to be led by people like themselves — if it were to happen at all.

"The underlying assumption" of the trip, according to Powell, is that if students visit the national parks and make the parks appealing for others to visit through their volunteer work, more people will be inspired to protect the environment.

"I think it changes the way students see the Great Smoky Mountains," he added.

MC programs presented at national conference

A paper written on the Maryville College's MOOSE program will be one of 32 presentations made at the "Greening of the Campus III: Theory and Reality" at Ball State University Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1999. Maryville College English Professor **David Powell '66** and Tom Coates of Gardner-Webb University will share with other educators and environmentalists the opportunities for service-learning in the national parks.

Mark O'Gorman, Maryville College's Assistant Professor of Political Science and Environmental Studies Coordinator, will present a paper entitled "Educating the Campus Community: The Freshman Course 'Perspectives on the Environment' at Maryville College."

Approximately 300 people from 30 states and a few foreign countries will attend the conference, which is organized as an international exchange of ideas on environmental concerns. Large universities such as Duke, Emory, Baylor and Brown will also be represented during the paper presentations.

"The environment has taken its rightful place on the Maryville College campus. We went from offering virtually nothing 10 years ago to something we can be proud of," said Powell. "And now we have so much confidence that we're going to a national conference where we present — not just one — but two papers."

"Maryville has come a long way."

THE BEST POSSIBLE COLLEGE



The MC2000 Campaign: A Vision for the Year 2000 and Beyond

MC Receives

KRESGE CHALLENGE GRANT

for Student Center Project

AS REPORTED IN THE JUNE 1999 MARYVILLE COLLEGE SPECIAL REPORT, THE LOSS OF FAYERWEATHER HALL TO FIRE HAS CREATED A NEW URGENCY FOR THE

remaining project of the MC2000 Campaign - the expansion and renovation of Bartlett Hall as a new student center. Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of Maryville College's alumni and friends, the College has received \$4.4 million in gifts and pledges towards the \$6.3 million needed to complete the project. A remaining \$1.9 million is required to reach our goal; a \$500,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation of Michigan will help the College close the gap.

Grants from The Kresge Foundation are made toward projects involving construction or renovation of facilities and the purchase of major capital equipment or real estate. Grant recipients have raised initial funds towards their projects before requesting Foundation assistance. Grants from the Foundation are then made on a challenge basis, requiring the raising of the remaining funds, thereby insuring completion of the projects.

The \$500,000 grant to help fund the expansion and renovation of Bartlett Hall as a student center will be awarded by The Kresge Foundation in August of 2000, provided that the College raises the remaining \$1,400,000 needed to complete the project, by July 1, 2000.

News of the Kresge Challenge comes at a pivotal time in the MC2000 Campaign. With the loss of Fayerweather Hall, the College's only student activity facility, completion of the campaign to renovate and expand Bartlett Hall as a student center is now especially important.

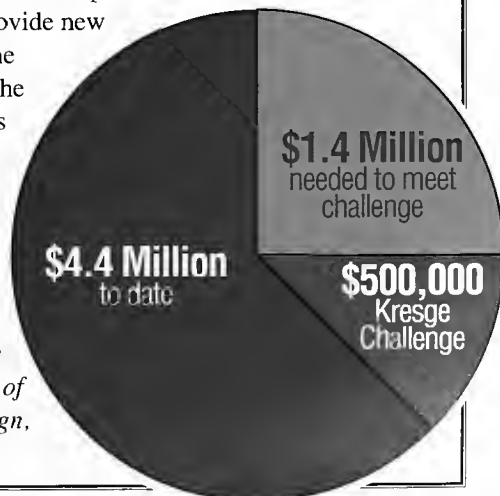
"Fundraising must be accelerated so that construction on Bartlett can begin this summer," said President Gerald W. Gibson. "We believe that with the strong support of individuals and organizations, the Kresge Challenge and the overall campaign goal can be met ahead of schedule.

"Our standing with this important foundation will be affected by our ability to successfully meet the challenge," he added. "We are hopeful that alumni, friends and organizations will rise to the occasion in support of Maryville College and the students it serves."

**"MC must raise \$1.4 million
by July 1, 2000, to receive the
\$500,000 challenge grant."**

Throughout the next year, all alumni and friends are encouraged to support this important initiative, which will provide new spaces for many of the offices displaced by the Fayerweather fire - as well as a true "living room" for the College community.

For more information on giving to this project, contact Anna B. Graham, Director of the MC2000 Campaign, at 423/981-8202.



MC2000 Campaign

Volunteers Make Regional Events a Success

As the College "hits the road" across the country in support of the MC2000 Campaign, many volunteers have come together to make campaign events a success.

"Volunteers make the difference for Maryville College," said MC2000 Campaign Director Anna B. Graham. "We simply would be unable to spread the word about all the good things happening here if it weren't for the help from alumni, parents, and friends."

Names of campaign committee members are printed on this page, along with pictures taken at regional events in three regions: Sevier County (TN), Atlanta, and Washington, DC. Collectively, almost 50 volunteers helped out with these events.

"My thanks to all of those people who helped us plan, encouraged others to 'save the date,' and came to the events with much enthusiasm and optimism," Graham added. "My colleagues and I agree that these were some of the best events ever organized in the name of Maryville College."

Like to help? Please call Graham at 423/981-8202.



Charles '56 and Jean Dildy McFarland '57 chatted with Vice President and Dean of the College Dr. Nancy Sederberg, right, at the June 10 event in Atlanta.

Asheville

Norma Lou Loetz Robinson '53 Chair
Sally Broughton-Ives
Robert '58 and Sue Nelson Hassall '57
Mary Jo Pribble '52

Atlanta

Nancy Gamble Bromley '73, Chair
Hugh and Tedi Ballou
Linda Clopton '63
Jeffrey '70 and Carey Cox Coghill '72
Donald Ford '56
Sue Hardrath '73
Charles '56 and Jean Dildy McFarland '57
Michael Parks '72
Pat D'Alba Sabatelle '74
James '64 and Marianne Jefferson Skeen '66

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Cole Piper '68 and Tim Topham '80, Co-Chairs
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Priscilla Book Campbell '79
Jan Rickards Dungan '65
Greg Gheen '83
Mike and Judy McKenzie
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John C. Trotter '95
Peter Xiques '78

Raleigh/Triangle

Fred G. Morrison, Jr. '61 Chair
Frank H. Barr '42
John B. Emery, Jr. '59
Richard E. Jones '59



(L-R) Mike '82 and Brenda Babb McKroskey '82 and Julia Pancoast Householder '48 were three volunteers who helped to make the Maryville College event in Sevier County a reality.

MC2000 Campaign Update:

100%
\$16 MILLION

87%
\$13.9 MILLION
RAISED TO DATE

STUDENT CENTER
\$6.3 million
70% (\$4,400,000)

CCM
\$700,000
82% (\$572,000)

ENDOWMENT
\$4.2 million
98% (4,125,000)

0%

THE MC2000 CAMPAIGN

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 J. Knox Singleton '70



(L-R) Trenta Swann, Roy Swann, Dr. Gerald Gibson, Jeanna Swann, and Dr. Joe Copeland were present at the Music Road Hotel Convention Center in Pigeon Forge, where the College hosted a reception May 13. At the reception, Gibson announced the creation of the Amos Arthur Swann Memorial Scholarships for Maryville College students from Sevier County.



(Clockwise, from bottom left) Nan Elliott '83 and Gill Sallade '81, Peggy Caldwell Smith '45, Hugh and Tedi Ballou, Jeff Hollar '87, Joe White '70, Eyobong Usanga '74 and Ann Kuykendall Gillespie '63 enjoyed lots of food and lots of laughter at the Atlanta home of Nancy Gamble Bromley '73.



Campaign Director Anna B. Graham, left, shared stories with former parents and long-time Maryville College friends Martin and Anita Gerra at the June 15 event in Washington, DC.



Dr. Sara Parker '66, husband Bill Strait, and Dr. Gerald Gibson discussed the College at a gathering at the University Club in Washington, DC.

Brown sisters share sense of stewardship

by Lyn French,
Director of Gift Planning

"We were among the few who didn't mind the food at the College," said **Lynn Ann Brown Best '36**.

"The rules didn't bother us either," chimed in her sister, **Mary Gladys Brown Pieper '36**. "They were pretty much the same as those we lived by at home."

Optimistic sisters, Lynn Ann and Mary Gladys seem to see the glass as three quarters full, especially regarding their alma mater.

Home for the Brown sisters was Kingsport, Tennessee, when, on the combined advice of their Latin teacher and their uncle, they made their way to Maryville College in 1932. (Mary Gladys could have graduated from high school ahead of her sister but took extra course work so they could go to college together.) Their uncle, an administrator at the University of Pennsylvania, expressed the opinion that people who "didn't have much experience with the world" needed the protection of a small college.

"He was quite wise because we would have been lost at the University," Mary Gladys said.

They were not lost at Maryville College, and they found a great deal on "the hill:" knowledge, friends, and life-long interests. Though both are now widowed, they also found husbands, **Ed Best '36** and **Archie Pieper '36**. They furthermore found a place of their future employment. Lynn Ann became the Circulation and Reference Librarian of MC, and Mary Gladys taught sociology. Even now, in retirement, on every Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m., they go to Thaw Hall where they incorporate new materials into the College archives, according to a system formulated by Mary Gladys and Chris Nugent, the College's current librarian.

Their interest in books was well established when they came to Maryville and has been constant ever since.

"I don't really remember learning to read," Lynn Ann said. They would sit beside their mother as she read aloud to them and then soon they were just reading along with her. The family would go to the library each Saturday and pick out several books. Their mother, an educator and school principal, set few boundaries for their reading, but when she discovered the *True Romance* magazines that the sisters had been given, avidly read and then hid, she threw them into a fire, becoming, Mary Gladys said with a laugh, "a book burner."

An English major, Lynn Ann became involved in drama, glee club and the choir. In the meanwhile, Mary Gladys, a political science major, was involved in drama, debate, and sports.

"The joy of our varied interests," said Lynn Ann, "was that we brought one another different groups of friends."

"Without cars," Mary Gladys added, "something was always going on. We stayed busy making our own diversions."

An activity they shared was drama, then called "expression," led by Mrs. Nita Eckles West.

"Our mother was a real stickler for correct and precise expression," said Mary Gladys. This skill, fostered at home and honed at MC, is evident today in the easy, vivid expression of ideas in the conversation of the sisters.

Both sisters did graduate work. Mary Gladys earned a master's degree from the University of Tennessee. She had already passed the Tennessee State Bar exam when she went on to receive an M.A. from the Columbia University Library School. Lynn Ann took course work at UT before being hired in the College's library. After teaching sociology at Maryville College, Mary Gladys worked at the New York Public Library.

Their late husbands, too, stayed involved with the College. Archie Pieper, a political science professor at Maryville, was active on the Alumni Board, and Ed Best served as secretary of the Board of Directors for many years.

The family involvement with Maryville College now stretches into a second and third generation. Lynn Ann's son, **Edwin Best Jr. '68** and daughter-in-law, **Caroline Munn Best '72** are Scots. Their daughter, **Sarah Best '99**, graduated this May, and a second daughter Katherine is a junior.

"It all just seemed to flow," said Lynn Ann.

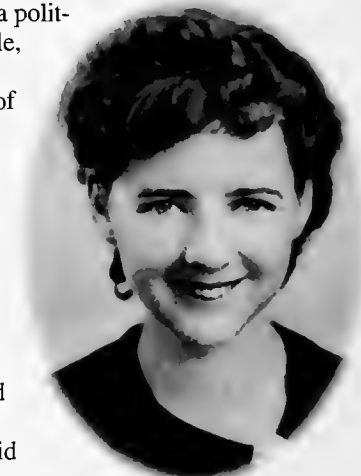
Though both are still very active, Lynn Ann and Mary Gladys claim to have slowed down. World travelers, they now confine themselves to shorter trips. Mary Gladys used to work for hours in her yard. Now, she says, she still works for hours in her yard, but gets less done. They are both involved at New Providence Presbyterian Church, book groups, an A.A.U.W. seminar on art and architecture, and a historical district volunteer long-range planning committee. They work out regularly at a fitness center.

Both are benefactors of the College, and, along with their late husbands, always were. Now they are also both members of the Society of 1819. Lynn Ann has made a provision in her will for the College. Mary Gladys has established a charitable gift annuity. It comes, they agree, out of a "sense of stewardship."

As members of the Society of 1819, their presence will continue to be felt throughout the Maryville College future.



Lynn Ann Brown Best '36



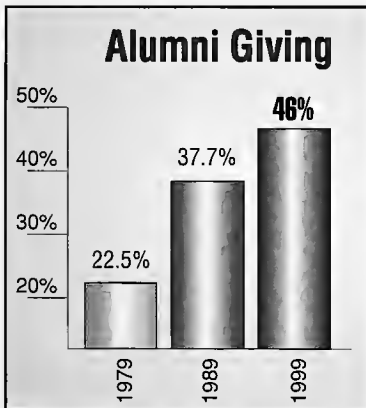
Mary Gladys Brown Pieper '36

Alumni Set New Participation Record

It's official! Maryville College alumni have again responded to the challenge and set a new record for giving participation. Forty-six percent of MC's alumni made a gift to the College during the 1998-1999 fiscal year that ended May 31. The new figure breaks the 43.9 percent participation record set in 1997.

"I often brag to colleagues about the loyalty and commitment of Maryville's alumni," President Gerald Gibson said. "This new record further illustrates the unique bond between our alumni and the College."

The national average alumni giving percentages are 21 percent for all colleges and universities and 32 percent for private liberal arts colleges.



"We've worked hard to emphasize the importance of participation," said Mark Cate, Director of Development. "But we still have a way to go to be in the elite group of schools with giving percentages consistently over 50 percent."

Alumni giving has risen dramatically over the past 20 years. In 1979, 22.5 percent of the alumni made a gift compared to 37.7 percent in 1989 and the 46 percent record this year.

"Today, more than ever, this statistic is used by a number of organizations when they consider funding the College," Cate said. "And of course, it is used by *U.S. News & World Report* when ranking higher education institutions."

Goal set for 2000

"One down and one to go!" Those were the words of National Alumni Association President **Tim Topham '80** when told of the new alumni giving participation record set during the 1998-1999 fiscal year.

"The Alumni Board was very optimistic in setting a 50-percent goal by the year 2000," said Topham. "Having reached the 46 percent mark this year is outstanding."

At its 1998 fall meeting, the National

Alumni Board Executive Committee set the year 2000 goal with hopes of reaching 45 percent this year. By the end of the College's fiscal year on May 31, 3,523 of Maryville's 7,660 alumni of

50% BY 2000

record had made a gift, breaking the record of 43.9 percent set in 1997.

"This is a tremendous show of support considering we finished last year at just over 41 percent," Topham said. "From what I understand, the student phonathon callers deserve much of the credit for the increase."

Under the leadership of Phonathon Coordinator Chris Howard, the student callers increased their number of pledges by thirty percent. This year's caller roster included: **David Alexander '00; Vicki Ayers '01; Patrick Baden '01; Jessica Ballou '01; Kikki Benson '02; Tomasz Czudowski '99; Erica Hayes '01; Tiffany McElyea '02; Krista Smith '02; and Erin Verhofstadt '02.**

"We are proud of the students' efforts and hope that more people will respond when called next year," said Topham. "As I've said before, every gift truly makes a difference when you are talking about participation percentages."

Winner named in reunion giving race

It was another record year for the Reunion Giving Program. Revived in 1997, the program challenges reunion classes to make special gifts to the Annual Fund.

At Homecoming, the classes with the most dollars raised and highest participation rate are recognized for their efforts. Then at the end of the fiscal year, the winning classes are announced and recognized on permanent plaques in Anderson Hall.

All totaled, this year's reunion classes raised more than \$95,000 for the Annual Fund, surpassing last year's \$65,000 mark. The Class of 1983 won the award for the most dollars raised with \$13,940 in gifts, while the Class of 1948 won the participation award with 65 percent of the class making a gift. Congratulations

to both classes and to **Susan Van Aken '83** and **Lib Crawford Roper '48** who chaired their respective class programs!

Other reunion gift chairs included: **Art Bushing '43; Janet Wood '53; Sid Gilreath '58; Dennis Miller '63; Cole Piper '68; Janet Conway '73; Pete Xiques '78; DeAnn Hargis-Kaminski '88; and David King '93.**

Class of 1999 breaks records

At the conclusion of this year's Senior Gift Campaign, the Class of 1999 had pledged \$5,985 with 57 percent of the seniors participating — both new records! The money raised was used to build a new sidewalk (see photo) connecting Beeson Village with Fayerweather Hall. Senior Gift committee members included: **Ryan Stewart,** Chair; **Joy Bailey; Sara Baker; Katie**

Brehmer; Lolo Johnson; Heather McCloud; Heather Menefee; Trey Murphy; Brian



O'Connor; Sherry Oden; Erin Palmer; Bobby Parrillo; Adam Shepherd; Lucretia Sleeper; and Jennifer Windrow.

Faculty promoted

Dr. Carl Gombert and Dr. Roger Miller were awarded tenure by action of the Board of Directors at the April meeting. Gombert was promoted to Associate Professor of Art, and Miller was promoted to Associate Professor of Physics.

Ziegler returns to MC

Rick Ziegler '70 returned to MC this summer as Vice President and Dean for Enrollment. Ziegler replaces **Danna Franklin Davis '83** who resigned the position following nearly 20 years of service to the College in order to pursue Ph.D. studies.

Ziegler comes to MC from his post as Director of Admission at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA.

"I am delighted to be coming back to Maryville at such an exciting time," he said.

Ziegler worked at MC from 1970 to 1979 in various positions including Residence Director of Pearsons Hall, Admissions Counselor, and Director of Admissions.

Mountain Challenge wins Quality Award

Mountain Challenge staff learned this spring that its Corporate Development Program earned recognition as a winner of the Tennessee Quality Award. Awarded by the Tennessee Department of Economic Development, the competition included evaluation of leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, information and analysis, human resource focus, process management, and business results.



All MC students participate in this award-winning program as part of the Maryville Curriculum. For more information, visit the Mountain Challenge website at <http://www.MtnChallenge.com>.

Fire destroys Fayerweather

A powerful bolt of lightning struck the Fayerweather Hall on Sunday evening, May 23, triggering a blaze that destroyed the 101-year old building.

Fayerweather was the College's student center and home to the Education Department, Treasurer's office, and Communications office.



College administrators are working with the Knoxville architectural firm McCarty Holsaple McCarty to rebuild the historic structure with plans to begin construction this fall.

Until the new student center at Bartlett Hall is completed, the bookstore, post office, and Student Development offices will occupy temporary buildings located adjacent to Cooper Athletic Center. The Education Department and Treasurer's office are in temporary space in Sutton Science Center.

Do you have memories of Fayerweather you would like to share with other FOCUS readers? Send them to: Alumni Office/Maryville College/502 E. Lamar Alexander Pky./Maryville, TN 37804 or e-mail them to: beaty@maryvillecollege.edu.

College buys apartments

Maryville College recently purchased Stanley Apartments located across the street from the Court Street entrance to the campus. Twenty-four MC students will live in the 12 apartments which will be renamed as the Court Street Apartments. The new facility, considered honors housing, is needed to accommodate growing enrollment at the College.

Residents are required to have high grades and exemplary conduct records. The Court Street Apartments bring the total on-campus housing to 730 students.

College officials expect that all College residence halls will be fully occupied for Fall Term.

New faculty join MC

Three new faculty members have been named. Jerilyn M. Swann has been appointed as Assistant Professor of Biology. Swann earned the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. at University of Tennessee.

William Benjamin Cash will join the Biology Department as Instructor. Cash earned the B.A. at Piedmont College, the M.S. at Georgia Southern, and the Ph.D. at University of Mississippi.

Michelle Wilkes-Carilli joins the business faculty as Instructor of Business and Organization Management. Wilkes-Carilli earned the B.A. at East Stroudsburg University and the M.S. and Ph.D. at Southern Illinois at Carbondale.

College area code changing

The College's telephone area code is changing to "865" on Oct. 1, 1999. The current area code (423) will still work until the end of January, 2000.

Physical plant building underway

The College's Physical Plant staff will soon relocate to brand new facilities locat-



ed near Gamble Hall. The building will provide workshops and office space designed for maintenance, housekeeping, grounds and security workers.

Bartlett Hall, home for the Physical Plant employees since the early 1970s, is undergoing renovations to serve as the College's new student center.

Palmer Named Outstanding Senior



Finalists for the 1999 Outstanding Senior Award were (l-r) Sarah Knisley, Marl J. "Trey" Murphy, Erin Palmer, Joel Shields, and Rachel Rae.

Erin Nicole Palmer '99, a political science major from Winchester, TN, was named Outstanding Senior at the Maryville College Academic Awards Banquet held in the Margaret Ware Dining Room April 17. She was one of five candidates nominated for the honor.

The Outstanding Senior Award was established in 1974 by the Maryville College Alumni Association. A committee of students, faculty and staff selects the finalists from a list of seniors who have at least a 3.0 G.P.A. and who have demonstrated overall

academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities.

Palmer participated in a wide range of activities while at the College. Active in student government, she served as her sophomore, junior and senior class secretary. She also served on the Constitution, Residence, Budget, Spirit and Traditions, and Food Services committees of student government. She was a senior leadership scholarship recipient in 1998 and served on the College's Judicial Board and Disciplinary Review Board.

A four-year member of the Lady

Scots Soccer team, Palmer was a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and on the MC Athletics All-Academic Team for four years. She was also a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Palmer was a Maryville College Dean's Scholar and a Bradford Scholar. As a Bradford Scholar, she was a member of the Literacy Corps and served as an MC Families tutor and as a tutor at the Blount County Children's Home.

She was a Spanish language practice teacher and took part in a summer study abroad in Mexico City at the Universidad Iberoamericana in 1998.

Palmer served as an MC Peer Mentor and worked in the College's Advancement Office as a student worker. She was a staff journalist for the Highland Echo, Maryville College's student newspaper, and served as the Maryville College Model United Nations Administrative Director in 1996-97.

The daughter of Lee and Gail Palmer of Winchester, she is a graduate of Franklin County High School. Palmer graduated in May and will attend the University of Tennessee School of Law in the fall.

Other 1999 Outstanding Senior Award candidates included **Sarah Knisley '99** and **Marl (Trey) Murphy III '99** of Knoxville, **Rachel Roe '99** of Maryville, and **Joel Shields '99** of Troutville, VA. (Shields is the grandson of the late Dr. **Randolph Shields '34**, long-time chairman of the Biology Department at Maryville College.)

Three receive J.D. Davis Award

(Our apologies: Due to the fire in Fayerweather Hall, we have no pictures of this year's J.D. Davis Award recipients.)

Lesley Roberson '99, **Lee Simmons '99**, and **Jennifer Windrow '99** were given the J.D. Davis Award during the All-Sports Banquet on campus April 26. Named for alumnus and long-time football, track and wrestling coach John A. "J.D." Davis '30, the award recognizes leadership, athletic ability, Christian

values and academic achievement.

Roberson, daughter of David and Linda Roberson of Maryville, was a four-year member of the Lady Scots Basketball team. Team captain for three years, she set a school record for steals (236).

Roberson was voted by her teammates as the "Most Valuable Player" during the 1998-99 season, nominated to be a Kodak All-American, named second from All-South, and named to the third team of Division III On-Line Team of the Year.

Simmons, son of Danny and Debbie Simmons of Fruitland Park, FL, was a four-year starter on the football team. At center, he was elected captain and "Most Valuable Offensive Player" by his teammates in 1998.

Murfreesboro native Jennifer Windrow was a four-year starter on the Lady Scots Soccer Team. She finished first in career goals (70), was named to the All-South Team three times, voted "Most Valuable Offensive Player" two times, and, during her senior year, was elected team captain.

Five inducted into Wall of Fame

(Our apologies: Because of the fire in Fayerweather Hall, we have no pictures of the 1998 Wall of Fame inductees.)

Five alumni were inducted into the Scots Club's Athletic Wall of Fame, which recognizes outstanding individuals who have contributed to College athletics. Inductions for the 1998 honorees were held April 26, 1999, during the All-Sports Banquet on campus.

Football star **Sheridan "Dan" Greaser '60**, baseball, track and football legend **Joseph Houston '05**, tennis stand-out **W. Lynn Howard '66**, track record-breaker **Stuart Snedeker '36** and basketball and softball All-American **Sara Covington Matthews '85** were recognized by Athletic Director **Randy Lambert '76**. Houston and Snedeker were inducted posthumously, but members of their respective families were in attendance at the banquet. Matthews was unable to attend.

If you would like to nominate an alumnus or alumna for the Wall of Fame honor, please call the Alumni Office at (423) 981-8197.

Soccer games scheduled for Aug. 22

Maryville College Head Soccer Coach Pepe Fernandez is organizing alumni soccer games for Sunday, Aug. 22, 1999. A women's game is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the campus field; men will take the field at 3 p.m.

Following the games, a barbecue dinner will be offered.

For more information or to register to play, contact Fernandez at (423) 981-8284.

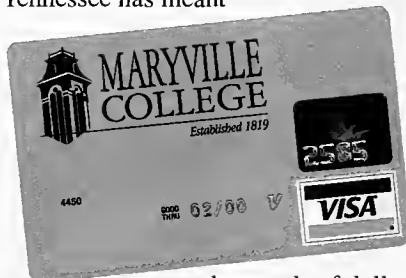
VISA contributes \$5K to Association in 1998

The Maryville College Alumni Association collected \$5,686.91 from the VISA Affinity Card program during the 1998 calendar year.

Quarterly earnings were: 1st quarter, \$1,161.38; 2nd quarter, \$1,144.57; 3rd

quarter, \$1,077.60; and 4th quarter, \$1,141.98.

First offered in 1988, the credit card agreement between the College and First Tennessee has meant



thousands of dollars for the Alumni Association. With the income, the Association is able to pay for student-alumni events, fund Student Government projects and buy gifts for incoming freshmen and graduating seniors.

The 100 Days Celebration and Senior Barbecue (both events that younger alumni may remember attending) are traditionally funded from VISA card earnings.

Every time cardholders use the Maryville College VISA card to make a purchase, First Tennessee makes a donation to the College. The bank pays .75 percent (three-fourths of 1 percent) of the net sales amount generated by these accounts each quarter.

During the spring of 1998, the National Alumni Board set a goal of adding 100 card members to the program by the year 2000. In March of 1999, active credit card users totaled 224.

"While we are pleased with the way the VISA Affinity program is paying off for the Association, we would love to see more alumni, parents and friends of Maryville College get involved," said Alumni Association President **Tim Topham '80**. "This is an easy way to help students and the College because most people are already accustomed to using a credit card."

An added benefit, he said, is the publicity the College gets when alumni living in far-off cities and towns use their credit cards, which carry the College name, Anderson Tower logo, and founding date.

"I know staff members from the

College carry these applications with them when they're on the road, and the Alumni Board has made these applications available at events like Homecoming," Topham added. "I would encourage any alum, parent, or friend of Maryville College who cares about student-alumni interaction to take an application, fill it out, and send it in."

To have an application mailed to you, please call the Alumni Office at (423) 981-8197.

Florida Reunion set for Jan. 14-16

The Florida Reunion, Maryville College's annual weekend retreat for alumni, parents, and friends living in Florida, has been scheduled for January 14-16, 2000, at the Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg.

During the reunion held Jan. 15-17, 1999, the Florida Alumni Chapter elected the following officers: **Joe Whitehead '78** and son Jeremy, co-presidents; **Danny '80** and **Nancy Freudenthal Morris '81**, vice-presidents; and **Kim Dolce '79**, secretary.

The chapter set a goal of getting 60 people to attend "Leesburg III."

Registration materials will be sent to all Florida constituents later this year. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at (423) 981-8197.



Sisters **Libby Lee Burke '65** and **Rosemary Lee Potter '60**, last year's co-presidents of the Florida Alumni Chapter, were among those who attended the 1999 Florida Reunion in Leesburg. Dates for "Leesburg III," the Florida Reunion in 2000, are Jan. 14-16.

20s

David S. Marston '29 writes that broken hips, arthritis, etc. keep him in a wheelchair, but he continues to work in his home office with a computer and fax, consulting on technical manuals and writing books.

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Louis B. Blair '32 writes that he is still attempting to promote national health care reform that provides universal coverage. He and his wife, Ernestine Smith Blair '34 live in Iowa City, IA.

Maria Wynn Claiborne '35 and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 18, 1998.

Ruth Perry Johnston '35 continues to live in Hendersonville, NC. Her husband, Elston E. Johnston, is deceased. She has four children, 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Mary Gillingham Padgett '35 writes that she now has five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She lives in Savannah, GA.

Mark L. Andrews '37 observed the 59th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry on Apr. 16, 1999. He is still active as Parish Associate in Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean, VA.

Minnie-Lou Chittick Lynch '38 will lead a workshop, "Emerging Issues," at the 1999 conference of the Louisiana Library Association. Emphasis will be on Internet policies. She was also a program participant at the 1999 American Library Association Conference: "Library Trustees and Technology."

Donald E. Rugh '38 celebrated his 84th birthday on Jan. 11, 1999, while attending a mission committee meeting in Concord, TN. He writes that, thanks to his present wife, Doris, of India, he keeps up contacts around the world.

Howard Sams '38 notified the College of the death of his wife, Flora Louise Kelley Sams on Apr. 12, 1998. They had been married one month short of 56 years.

40s

E. B. Smith '40 and wife, **Jean Smith '46** were recently house guests in Tokyo of the German Ambassador to Japan. In 1964, the future ambassador was E. B.'s student guide on a tour of Germany, including East Berlin, which they entered by subway to avoid the Berlin Wall.

Peg Coats Graham '41 notified the College of the death of her husband Robert E. Graham, on Nov. 16, 1998. He was a retired Presbyterian minister.

Amy Palmer '42 recently toured in northwestern Mexico including the Copper Canyon. She also enjoyed a vacation at King Ranch in Texas with her grandson.

Octavia Blades Edwards '43 celebrated her 78th birthday by taking a cruise up the Inland Passage of Alaska. She has completed 10 years as Enabler for 10 churches and ministers for Salem Presbyterian Women. In November she plans to travel to China and will travel on the Yangtze River.

Marion Magill Foreman '43 is moving to Racine, WI, where she is building a house a mile from her daughter and son-in-law, **John '71** and **Carol Foreman Randall '71**.

Robert K. Lackwood '43 continues to live in Farmington, MI, and still travels, gardens, plays in three golf leagues, and is "slowly mastering the computer." He has three children and four grandchildren.

Joel Phillips '44 and **Elizabeth Bryant Phillips '42** live in Winter Park, FL, and write that farming their orange groves takes much time and cultivation. Their son is also in the business and specializes in growing Pomeloes, similar to grapefruit.

Robert F. Huber '45 has written a book about the Mayflower Pilgrims, which has been published by Picton Press. "Pilgrim Footnotes* (With Humor)" is a collection of more than 60 of his articles that have appeared in various magazines. Bob is editor of the Howland Quarterly and a past Mayflower Society governor. Bob and his wife, **Carolyn Ulrich Huber '47** toured England, Scotland, and the Netherlands in May, 1999. He was tour director for 44 members of the Pilgrim John Howland Society.

Margaret Cross Scruggs '46 has published her step-by-step book "Fanciful Phonics," for beginning and remedial readers. Her website is: www.triadnetwork.com/phonics.

David John Seel '46 former director of Presbyterian Medical Center, Chonju, S. Korea, received an honorary doctorate from Montreat College on May 15, 1999, and the Outstanding Alumni Award from Tulane Medical School on May 17, 1998. He has recently had two books published, "Suffer the Children" in 1998, and "For Whom No Labor of Love is Ever Lost," the 100 year history of Jesus Hospital, written for its Centennial Celebration on Nov. 7, 1998.

Dr. Jeanne Keyes Youngson '46 was recently the guest of honor at a Henry Langlois Memorial Conference in Paris. Langlois founded the Cinematheque Francaise in 1936.

Catherine Stout Beals '47 lost her husband, Dr. Joe Duncan Beals, Jr., on April

15, 1999. He suffered a heart attack and died at their home in Knoxville. He was a neurosurgeon and served as chairman of the Baptist Health System Foundation board. A memorial service was held at Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville. Survivors also include his sons, Joe Duncan Beals, III, and Brent Beals.

Phyllis Rainard Haxton '49 and her husband have recently moved to Harrisonburg, VA. They enjoy spending vacation time doing volunteer work for JAARS at Waxhaw and taking two to three week church building trips in Belgium, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Estonia.

50s

Glen Knecht '50 is now serving as Assistant Pastor at 4th Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. **Betty Jean Greenwald Knecht '51** is helping to care for their handicapped daughter and her child.

William W. Nish '50 and **Maggie Newland Nish '50** write that their youngest daughter traveled to China in May, 1999, to adopt a Chinese baby girl, the fifth grandchild for the Nishes.

Lambert E. Stewart '50 is an elder in Venice Presbyterian Church, Venice, FL.

Laurie Dale Kluth '51 was selected to serve on the PCUSA team to observe the national election of El Salvador on March 11, 1999.

Bob Larson '51 retired in 1992 and has since served as interim pastor and/or pulpit supply minister in a number of Knoxville Presbytery churches. He and his wife, **Mary Wills Larson '51** live in Lenoir City, TN.

William W. Willingham '51 recently received the J. C. Canipe Award for Teacher of the Year at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute in Hendersonville, NC.

Betty Lou Cutler Boggs '56 and her husband traveled in Greece and Turkey in March, 1999, with a group from their church. They plan a four-week tour of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland in September.

Ethelyn Cathey Gardner Pankratz '56 is the administrator of Providence Child Center of the Sisters of Providence Health System in Portland, OR. She has been in the position for 10 years and plans to retire in September, 1999.

Robert L. Patterson '56 has recently retired from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, GA, after 32 years of teaching.

Maryel Vogel Smith '56 retired in 1996 and then did substitute teaching. She later returned to regular elementary vocal music teaching for three days a week.

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Her K-5 choir gave a mini-version of "Carmen" with the Cleveland (OH) Opera in February, 1999.

Raymond J. Van Stone '56 recently moved to Morganwood, a retirement facility sponsored by the Presbytery of Philadelphia in Swarthmore, PA.

Grace Benham Webb '56 writes that she and her husband now have three children with spouses and 11 grandchildren.

David Williams '56 and **Jean Boyd Williams '57** report the birth of a granddaughter, Christina Nalle Quiner, on March 22, 1999.

Robert F. Baker '58 has retired to the Golden Isles of Southeast Georgia.

60s

Ralph Ayers '60 and his wife, Kitty, have recently opened the Coastal Academy of Fine Arts and Crafts in Port Isabel, TX. It features an art gallery, retail supply store, plaster fun house, art and dance classes. Their daughter, Vicki, is entering her junior year at MC.



Three generations of the DeWeese family were present for a College outreach event in Tampa on Jan. 14. From left are Emma Northwood DeWeese '36, her son Dr. William DeWeese '64 and grandson Bradley DeWeese '97.

Carolyn Siera Coen '61 is moving to Madison, WI, where she will be establishing a consulting firm to do program evaluation, grant writing, research design and analysis.

John A. Lock '61 and his wife have moved to Albright Gardens in Beamsville, Ontario, Canada, a retirement community sponsored by The United Church. John is a minister in The United Church. Built on a former fruit farm, the community consists of some 40 houses, an apartment building, and a 200 bed nursing home.

John's home, the original farm house, was built around 1840 — "updated of course."

Donald C. Jackman '62 recently stepped down as Chair of the Department of Chemistry & Physics at Pfeiffer University. He is now enjoying teaching and "doing chemistry."

Betty Sue Talbott Wengert '63 received Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women PCUSA from Orange Park Presbyterian Church Women, Orange Park, FL, in 1997.

Barry Birch '64 is Food Safety Program Manager for the New Mexico Environment Department.

Patricia O'Neill '64 is Associate Professor of Voice at Louisiana State University and performs as a recitalist and in concert. She was recently soprano soloist with the Louisiana Philharmonic (New Orleans) in Brahms "Requiem." She has offered master classes at several universities in the South and concerts of Irish folk songs, folklore and history, accompanying herself on the Irish harp. She is currently studying at the Alexander Foundation in

wrote a proposal to establish the administrative office, clearing house, archives and newsletter on the Ole Miss campus. The press association has accepted the proposal and Dr. Atkins will be setting up the office. She received her Ph. D. from the University of Missouri School of Journalism; her dissertation was "The Genesis and Development of Open Meetings Laws in the 50 States." She worked with the University of Missouri Freedom of Information Center for 12 years, prior to going to Ole Miss, where she is an associate professor in the Department of Journalism.

John Chaki '65 writes that, after 29 years selling and managing for Betz Laboratories, a corporate takeover has led him to retire. He plans to spend time with his horses on his farm in Buckingham, PA.

Benny Monroe '65 was recently inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame. He coached football at Cleveland (TN) High School and at McMinn County High School, compiling a career record of 211-53 and leading Cleveland to four state championships.

W. Lynn Howard '66 represented Maryville College as the official delegate to the inauguration of Dr. John L. Carson as president of Erskine College and Erskine Theological Seminary on April 24, 1999.

Sara J. Parker '66 recently moved to McLean, VA, and married a former high-school sweetheart, William Saint. Her younger daughter, Marion Scotchmer is a student at the University of Virginia. Older daughter, Kristin Scotchmer, works in Washington, DC. Sara's son, Jonathan Scotchmer, died in 1995.

Donna Cieply '67 is in her 15th year with Center City Ministries in Bethlehem, PA. The organization houses, counsels, and offers homeless individuals "an atmosphere of Biblical hospitality."

Ellen Hamlett Ferry '67 is listed in the 6th edition of "International Who's Who for Business and Professional Women" in the area of administration. She is administrative assistant for Comdata Corporation in Nashville, TN. Her first granddaughter was born on Aug. 21, 1998.

James M. Gifford '67 recently was presented with the Berea College Service Award for his service to the Appalachian region. Gifford is Executive Director of the Jesse Stuart Foundation.

Linda Giesselmann Driver '69 is a technical writer and editor for CDI Engineering Group at Lockheed Martin Energy Systems in Oak Ridge. Her son, Christopher, is a senior and musician at

Philadelphia to become a certified teacher of the Alexander Technique.

David West '64 retired from Maryville City School System in May, 1998. He lives in Greenback, TN, where he now enjoys farming, gardening, hunting, and grandparenting his four grandchildren.

Jeanni Atkins '65 served on a Mississippi Press Association committee to discuss establishing a state Freedom of Information Office. She has served on the Mississippi Center for Freedom of Information advisory committee and

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MTSU, staying to get a second major in English.

70s

Ross Hamory '70 and Christine McCormack Hamory '71 are living in Singapore, where Ross is the director of the FAA's Asia Pacific Region. Chris is a teacher at the Singapore American School.

Jane Elmore Wilson '70 recently competed in several tournaments doing tai chi chuan and Wah Lum Praying Mantis Kung Fu. She was awarded trophies at each tournament, including six first-place trophies.

Eileen Myers Zimmerman '70 returned to teaching in October, 1998. She now teaches a multi-level class of grades 3-7 in a charter school. She received her M.S. Ed. from the University of Dayton in 1989.

Ana Tampanna '71 is working as a corporate trainer, consultant, and inspirational speaker. She lives with her husband and two children in Winston-Salem, where she is active in community service.

M. Shepard Spear '72 was named 1998 "Developer of the Year" by the North East Builders Association. He serves as president of the Massachusetts Builders Land Trust and senior vice president of the Home Builders Association of Massachusetts. He is vice chairman of the North Reading Community Planning Commission and has open space reservation legislation pending before the Massachusetts "Great and General Court."

Doug Chase '73 has enrolled in a doctoral program at Princeton Theological Seminary where he will begin work in September, 1999.

Hardy DeYoung '73 was the winner of the 1998 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching on a secondary level for Tennessee. He is a biology teacher at Alcoa High School.

Delores Bowen Ziegler '73 sang at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Snellville, GA, recently in memory of her uncle, who died April 29, 1999, at the age of 80. She also sang the role of Romeo in Atlanta Opera's production of "The Capulets and the Montagues" in June.

Sean Sullivan '74 has been appointed Director & Program Head, Tumor Endothelium Program at Genemecine Inc. He received his M. S. and Ph.D. degrees in biochemistry from the University of Tennessee.

Kathy Royal Wassum '75 recently auditioned for the Orlando (FL) Opera

Company and has been notified that she has been selected to sing with the company.

Virginia Millner Elkins '78 is now teaching 5th grade after 19 years of teaching Special Education. She and her husband have five children and are presently awaiting their eighth grandchild. They live in Venice, FL.

Carol Friend Rushforth '78 and her husband, David, announce their adoption of Emily Grace Yamei Rushforth, who was born July 3, 1996. They spent two weeks in China in November, 1997, to complete the adoption process. The family lives in Marietta, GA.

Mark Mortensen '79 formed Mortensen's Property Services in Littleton, CO, in

with her nine cats and four dogs. She is a group home manager and recreation therapist for Adult Community Training in Blount Co.

Jim Markle '81 has recently accepted the position of Vice President of Network Operations for Knology Holdings, Inc. in West Point, GA.

Jo Ann Berretto Lemly '83 and her family live in Halifax, NS, Canada, where her husband is an exchange officer with the Canadian Navy. She resigned her commission in the US Navy a few years ago and has been working as an emergency room nurse since then.

Beth Sieber-Ford '83 has been appointed as the Interim Director of the Webster Avenue Family Resource Center of the



(L-R) Gwyneth Williams McKee '49, Rachel Bowman '02, Scott Poland '76, Bridget Bell '99, George Poland '61, Carol Greenwood Poland '62 and James McKee '50 attended the 1999 Scholarship Luncheon. Bowman was the recipient of the John M. Poland Presidential Scholarship; Bell received the John M. Poland Scholarship.

April of 1998. The company's primary focus is pruning trees and shrubs and horticultural consultation. He recently demonstrated professional competency by successfully completing the Certified Arborist examination administered through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and the local chapter of the ISA.

80s

Elizabeth Barrie '81 received the M. S. in Speech-Language Pathology in 1994, from Nova Southeastern University. For the past five years she has been working at three schools in Miami, FL, as a speech-language pathologist.

Birdie Hill '81 is playing on a softball team in Maryville with several MC graduates, remodeling her Victorian house "from top to bottom" and keeping busy

Family Resource Centers of Rochester, NY. She is also Director of the Miriam Family Resource Center and the Agency's Special Projects Coordinator.

Sharon Wood '83 was selected College/University Athletic Trainer of the Year for 1999 by the Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society. She is Athletic Trainer at Maryville College.

Susan Friedman-Berman '84 was recently promoted to the position of Program Coordinator with CATCH, a partial hospitalization program in Philadelphia. She supervises 10 professional staff and has about 60 patients each day at the program for mentally ill older adults.

Susan Jennings Singer '86 writes that, after 12 years of teaching kindergarten, she is looking forward to putting theories into practice as she stays home to raise her daughter.

Alfred Chiverton '89 has completed his

medical residency and is currently in private practice in New Orleans, LA.

90s

Christen Anderson '91 recently took time off from her job as chef at the Food Business Restaurant in Atlanta to visit the Galapagos Islands and Quito, Ecuador.

Bahrin Che Daud '92 is working for the government in Malaysia as a superintendent of customs with Malaysian Royal Customs and Excise. He is stationed at the import and export section in the seaport of Penang.

Carrie Callaway Denkinger '92 has received her Master of Social Work degree and is now an Adult Clinician at Region Ten Charlottesville (VA) Community Service Board.

James E. Fitzpatrick '93 moved into an apartment in Tipp City, OH, about 15 miles from his parents in 1998. He is a network control coordinator for Emery Worldwide and is able to travel a great deal since he can jumpseat on any Emery aircraft.

Jamie Kent Harrison '93 now works as an internal auditor with Home Federal Bank in Knoxville, TN. **Sandra Brown Harrison '94** works on staff with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Maryville College and part-time in MC's sign language interpreting lab.

Carol Millsaps Luckey '93 has been named executive director of Maryville-Alcoa College-Community Orchestra.

Lynette King Webb '93 was named Teacher of the Year at North Middle School in Loudon County, TN, for the 1998-99 school year.

Jennifer McCafferty Grad '94 completed her Ph. D. in Molecular & Cellular Pharmacology at the University of Miami School of Medicine in May, 1999.

Jeffrey D. Huffman '94 is working for AEI Music Networks, the largest provider of music for businesses in the world and "much more specialized than Muzak." The corporate headquarters are in Seattle.

Nancy Allen Lassiter '94 passed the Certificate of Transliteration test, completing her Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. certification. She is returning to a position as staff interpreter at the University of Georgia after a one-year stint working for the Department of Mental Health in South Carolina.

Lori Schirmer '94 has been accepted to the pharmacy doctoral program at the University of Tennessee-Memphis and will begin her work in the fall of 1999.

Lauri Ellis Coffey '95 is completing her master's degree in Education at

University of Tennessee-Knoxville. She coaches basketball at Maryville High School.

Patrick M. Cummins '95 retired March, 1997, as Deputy Chief of the Knoxville Fire Department. He is starting several businesses that market products on the internet.

Amy E. Lee '95 is a commissioned officer in the U. S. Public Health Service/Indian Health Service, serving as a physical therapist at Tuba City (AZ) Indian Medical Center.

Shedrick D. McCall, Jr. '95 is a juvenile counselor with the Reception and Diagnostic Center in Richmond, VA, and an adjunct professor in Psychology at John Tyler Community College. He is also CEO and president of Unlimited Potential Speaking Firm.

Erin Guigley '95 is now working at Developmental Services Group in Columbia, MD. She is a job developer/job coach, assisting developmentally disabled, deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals to find jobs and train them.

Sarah E. Smith '95 is a first-year resident at Canlion Health Systems in Roanoke, VA, in obstetrics and gynecology. She graduated from UT-Memphis College of Medicine on June 4, 1999.

Rachel Winter '95 is a candidate for ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament and has completed her second year of seminary at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA.

Ben Bendever '96 received the MBA from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in May, 1998. He accepted a management position with Lucent Technologies and is based out of Greensboro, NC.

B. J. Ewing '96 recently became R.I.D. Certified (C.T.) Certificate of Transliteration. She is Social Services Coordinator with Interpreting Service for the Deaf in Memphis.

Kristin Kant '96 is currently doing the research for and the writing of a master's thesis investigating the impact of tourism on art production in an Appalachian Tennessee town. She is a Cultural Anthropology graduate student at Temple University.

Patrick Murphy '96 recently received a Master's degree in Spanish at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Megan Miller Strickler '96 and her husband had a number of MC friends take part in their wedding. **Sara Goelz Carey '95** was Matron of Honor and **Rissa Miller '99** was one of three bridesmaids. **Kristi Kennedy '93** was the Scripture Reader.

Also taking part were **Charles Reneau '50** and his wife, Merle, who are special friends of Megan's.

Jon Davis '97 entered the University of Cincinnati's Ph. D. program in July where he will pursue research in molecular and cellular physiology.

Jennifer Stables Stewart '97 is now working at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL.

Jadlyn Lang McDaniels '98 and her husband live in Murfreesboro, TN, where she is a sign language interpreter at Oakland High School. They expect their first child in October, 1999.

Marriages

Ellen Hamlett Petrie '67 to William J. Ferry, July 2, 1998.

Barbara J. Wagner '71 to Martin Skiles, June 18, 1998.

Eric D. Booth '94 to Angi D. Giltman, May 22, 1999.

Gina Victoria Davis '94 to Drew Edward Berman, March 27, 1999.



Many MC alumni were present for the wedding of Patrick Murphy '96 and Grace King '97 in LaFayette, GA.

Ben Bendever '96 to Deborah Beard, Oct. 24, 1998.

Megan Ashley Miller '96 to Geoffrey Mark Strickler, May 29, 1999.

Patrick Murphy '96 to **Grace King '97** Aug. 1, 1998.

Kevin Turner '96 to Julie Coltrin, April 25, 1999.

Jennifer Stables '97 to Brooks Stewart, March 6, 1999.

Keli Jean Stewart '97 to Kevin Dayne Meadows, March 13, 1999.

Jessica Shea Garrett '98 to **Christopher D. Thomas '98**, March 27, 1999.

Births

Paul Heinze '82 and **Dorothy Carson Heinze**

'84, a son, Jan. 9, 1998.

Jo Ann Berretto Lemly '83 and her husband, David, a daughter, Marina Christine, Aug. 8, 1998.

Kevin Crothers '85 and his wife, Patti, a daughter, Lindsay Eryn, May 13, 1999.

Joanie Williams Marshall '85 and her husband, Steven, a son, Riley David, Dec. 13, 1998, their second child.

Susan Jennings Singer '86 and her husband, Mitch, a daughter, Madeline Nancy, March 25, 1999, their first child.

Jon Allison '90 and his wife, Kim, a daughter, Katherine Lee, May 8, 1999, their second child.

K. C. Cross '90 and **Melissa Combest Cross '91**, a daughter, Karlee Stricklin, Feb. 11, 1999, their fourth child.

Rae Ann Hickman McCurry '90 and her husband, David, a daughter, Judith Ann, Feb. 14, 1999, their second child.

Kathleen North Powers '91 and her husband, Raymond, a son, Joseph Curtis, Jan. 9, 1999.

Scottie Cline '92 and his wife, Alicia, a son, Easton Scott, Sept. 25, 1998, their second child.

Jennifer Stanley Holley '92 and her husband, Del, a daughter, Leah Elizabeth, May 3, 1999.

Ted Belflower '93 and his wife, Lori, a daughter, Hope Elizabeth, Feb. 1, 1999.

Shedrick D. McCall, Jr. '95 and his wife, Nancy, a son, Shedrick D. McCall, III, Dec. 3, 1998.

Richard Wayne Norman, Jr. '95 and **Claire Thomason Norman '96** a son, William Hunter, March 16, 1999.

In Memorium

Denna Reaves Dame '26 on May 13, 1999, in Gaffney, SC. She had taught and lived in Dawson Springs, KY, for many years prior to moving to Gaffney to live with her daughter. Survivors include a sister, **Gladys Reaves Sullivan '36**.

George Sewell Shanks '27 on March 22, 1999, in Clarkston, MI. He had retired from the Pontiac Motor Division in 1971 after completing 43 years of service. Survivors include a son, four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

John Trevithick Wriggins '28 on Dec. 17, 1998, in Middletown, OH. He had been ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1931, and served churches in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Survivors include a daughter, **Dr. Aimee Wriggins Richmond '44**.

Edith Burns Little '30 on May 5, 1999, in Maryville. She was active in New Providence Presbyterian Church, D. A. R., Blount Historic Trust, East Tennessee Historical Society and a number of other

civic and community organizations.

Survivors include brothers, **Herbert V. Burns '34** and **John T. Burns '33**, and sister, **Inez Burns '29**.

Vera Boyd Stupak '30 on March 26, 1999, in Bar Harbor, ME. She had taught school in Cleveland, OH, for many years. Survivors include her husband, **Andrew**; son, **Donald Stupak '62**; daughter-in-law, **Beverly Ball Stupak '63**; two grandsons and one great-grandson.

Laura Jean Workizer Bailey '32 on March 14, 1999, in St. Petersburg, FL. She had taught in the Pinellas County School System. Survivors include a daughter and two sons and their families.

Carrie Lou Tweed Clopton '34 on March 30, 1999, in Birmingham, AL. Survivors include her husband, **J. Malvern Clopton '34**; and two daughters, **Linda Clopton '63** and **Larry Ann Bridgeman**.

Margaret Kelbaugh Ferguson '35 on Aug. 14, 1998. Survivors include her husband **Blundon G. Ferguson '32** of Marietta, GA.

Virginia Doran Pennington '36 on March 6, 1999, in Blanco, TX. She was a retired teacher and had been a champion of education for women, for capable students from the lower middle class and for migrant children in South Texas. Survivors include a daughter and two sons.

Elizabeth Kent Tomlinson '36 in Kennett Square, PA, following a lengthy illness. Survivors include a son and daughter, and sister, **Louise Kent Alexander '39**.

Turley Farrar '37, in August, 1996, in Pelzer, SC. He had formerly lived in Memphis, where he was retired general surgeon and former chief of staff at Baptist Memorial Hospital. Survivors include his wife, three daughters and a son, and their families.

Sara Fay Kittrell Schwam '39, on March 31, 1999, in Maryville. She was the widow of the late J. Howard Schwam, who taught at Maryville College. She was a retired teacher, a member of Maryville First United Methodist Church and active in many community organizations. Survivors include an aunt, a number of cousins, and several nieces.

Edward O. Baker, Sr. '40 on Sept. 1, 1998, in Schenectady, NY, after a brief illness. He had been a senior project engineer with General Electric Co. prior to his retirement. Survivors include his wife, **Irma Souder Baker '39**, two daughters and a son, and their families.

Suzanne Fickes Egelston '40, on Jan. 24, 1999, in Sedona, AZ. She and her late husband had moved to Sedona in 1975. They were members of the Church of the Red Rocks and were avid hikers. They were involved with the Westerners and Keep Sedona Beautiful. Survivors

include a daughter, Linda Stock.

James H. (Joe) Etheredge '40, on Sept. 20, 1998. Survivors include his wife, **Elizabeth Gaultney Etheredge '41**, of Fort Walton Beach, FL.

Helen Trotter Miller '42, on April 13, 1999, in Athens, TN. She was a retired teacher. Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Miller.

Sara Jones Winkler '42 on Apr. 10, 1999. She lived in Louisville, KY. Survivors include her daughter, Janice Winkler '69.

Jane McFarland Holland '44 on Jan. 31, 1999, following 39 days in the hospital. She had had infection following heart valve replacement surgery and then suffered strokes. Survivors include her husband, Clarence Holland, of Miami, FL.

Jean Ellis McCulley '45 on Nov. 23, 1998, in Maryville. She had suffered from MS for over 30 years. Survivors include two sons, four grandchildren, and sister **Edwinna Ellis Coffey '43**.

Polly Lickeig Rawson '47 on Feb. 14, 1999. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Monroe, LA. Survivors include her husband, Paul Rawson, four children and three grandchildren.

Evelyn Marshall Bunch Tergerson '47 on Nov. 20, 1998, in Clifton, TX, following a heart attack. Survivors include a daughter, Kay Sawyer.

Margaret Zoe Sayre Webster '49 on Feb. 10, 1999, in Caldwell, ID. She was married to the Rev. William H. Webster, and together they had served churches in Missouri, Kansas, Wyoming and Idaho. Survivors include two sons. (Husband William died June, 1999.)

Glenn Davis Smith '50, on Aug. 10, 1998. He had been an engineer for the U. S. Federal Government. Survivors include his wife, **Muriel Headrick Smith '50**, of La Plata, MD; two daughters, and two sons.

Mary Biggs Hicks '62, on April 8, 1999, in Stone Mountain, GA. Survivors include her brother, **Morgan Biggs '56** of Knoxville.

Maureen Cary Antman '71, on May 29, 1999. She was former advertising manager at Georgia Theatre Company and member of Rock Spring Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her husband, Bruce H. Antman, of Atlanta, and a son.

Paul Anagnostis '85 on April 8, 1999. He was an attorney in Miami, FL, and died following a bone marrow transplant and lengthy illness.

Charles Logsdon '92 on Feb. 23, 1999, in Knoxville. He had worked at BTR Sealing Systems North America. Survivors include his wife, two sons, two daughters, and their families.

As I write this, summer has come to Maryville College. Campers and conference participants have temporarily moved into the residence halls, and an interesting mix of young and old stand in serving lines in the Margaret Ware

Dining Room. A few buildings on campus are receiving some attention from maintenance crews while community residents walk, jog, or push baby strollers past trucks, heaps of gravel, and cranes.

These are the sights I've come to expect as I drive through the campus during the summer.

Although end-of-year doesn't come to the minds of many people in June, it does for the folks who work at Maryville College.

With the dawn of June 1, 1999, the College

closed its books on fiscal year 1998-1999. In one specific way, it was a very good year.

As you've probably already read in this issue of FOCUS, the alumni participation rate broke a record, and the Alumni Association's goal of having 45 percent of alumni making gifts to the College was surpassed.

Today, I'm happy to write that 46 percent of my fellow alumni answered our call to make a difference. If you participated, I thank you. With these figures in, National Alumni Board members and I are confident that a 50-percent alumni participation rate is well within sight for the year 2000.

That's next year, but fiscally speaking, we're already there.

Five years ago, the year 2000 seemed, to me, more like 25 years away. With all the advertisements using the word "millennium" and all the Y2K talk, I now realize that it's just months away - five months away by the time this issue of FOCUS is in your hands.

Amazing, huh?

About as amazing as the College's preparation

for a freshman class — the Class of 2003! — this September that will number more than 300 new students.

... perhaps as amazing as erecting three new buildings while renovating another.

... Or maybe as amazing as raising nearly \$14 million of the \$16 million needed to, as Maryville College President Gerald Gibson says, "take the College confidently into the future" and complete the MC2000 Capital Campaign.

This is where the College stands today. And whether you're an alum of Maryville, your child is an alum, or you simply love the mission of this 180-year-old institution, we hope you're excited about where this College is and where it's going.

On the inside back cover of this issue, you can read information about the upcoming Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. You can read that the theme for this year's celebration is "Crossroads." And from reading that page, you can also get an idea of why it's called "Crossroads." I've already alluded to some examples of how Maryville College is at a point in its history where it's never been before, but let me tell you who - and what - may be seen at these "crossroads:"

- * 1,000 students enrolled at Maryville College;
- * a quality liberal-arts education that is recognized regionally;
- * a dedicated alumni body and alumni participation percentage that distinguishes Maryville College from institutions of similar size and purpose;
- * campus facilities that remember and respect the past but operate with the future in mind; and
- * leaders and concerned constituents who realize the seriousness of the crossroads and approach dilemmas with much hope, faith, and enthusiasm.

I hope you will put the Homecoming dates on your calendar and plan to visit the campus. I hope you will continue to be interested in what's happening at the College and that you will continue to support it.

Every May, we can anticipate the end of the fiscal year. However, we can never know, for sure, when we'll next be standing at a crossroad.

Sincerely,

Tim Topham '80
Alumni Association President



Tim Topham '80, Alumni Association President

WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE?

A new job, a new home, a wedding or the birth of a child? Please take a few minutes to let us know about the latest developments in your life by filling out this card for the Class Notes section of Focus

Name _____ Class _____

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DO YOU KNOW A PROSPECTIVE MARYVILLE STUDENT?

Alumni and friends play an important role in our recruiting efforts by giving us the name of prospective students. Our success in recruiting record freshmen classes is due in part to your help. Please take the time to complete this card and drop it in the mail. We look forward to another successful recruiting year, thanks to your input.

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WANTED: A FEW GOOD ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Volunteers play a vital role in the College's successes. If you are interested in volunteering for Maryville, please fill out this card and return it to us. We'll try to match your interests with a volunteer role that will be satisfying for you and beneficial to the college.

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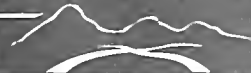
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CROSSROADS

HOMECOMING AND REUNION WEEKEND



crossroads (kros'ródz') *n.* a. A place where two or more roads meet. b. A place where different cultures meet. c. A crucial point.

HOMECOMING: OCTOBER 22-24

Like the rest of the world, Maryville College is preparing to enter the 21st century and a new millennium. 1999 is a crucial period in the College's history - as evidenced by traveling the campus "crossroads."

Historic Fayerweather is gone. A new building will soon be erected in its place. Historic Bartlett Hall waits to become home for student life. Residence halls and classrooms overflow with students.

It's a time for big decisions; it's a time of great possibility. And there's never been a better time to come home.

Mark your calendars for Homecoming and Reunion

Weekend, October 22-24, and make plans to be in Maryville, Tennessee.

At these old crossroads, you'll see the walls of new buildings rising up into the blue October sky. You'll marvel at an old building looking new again. You'll

notice more Maryville College students than ever before crisscrossing the campus sidewalks. You'll hear old friends and roommates, beloved professors and memorable staff members recounting "the old days."

You'll be very proud to be an alum, a parent or a friend of Maryville College.



**MARYVILLE
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Alumni Citation, Young Alumni award winners announced



Joseph Dawson '69



Henry Van Hassel '54



Boydson Baird '41



Kandis Schram '85

Four Maryville College alumni will be honored with awards during the annual Alumni Association Meeting and Banquet, scheduled for Oct. 23 in the Margaret Ware Dining Room. Joseph M. Dawson '69, Henry J. Van Hassel '54, and Boydson H. Baird '41 will be given the distinguished Alumni Citation. Kandis M. Schram '85 will become the first recipient of the Kin Takahashi Award for Young Alumni.

Since 1961, the College has awarded citations to special alumni whose contributions to professional, business, civic, or religious institutions have significantly benefited society and thereby brought honor to their alma mater, or who have rendered

unusual service in any capacity on behalf of the College. No other alumni recognition by the College is more prestigious than the Alumni Citation.

The Kin Takahashi Award for Young Alumni of Maryville College was approved by the National Alumni Board in 1998. Named for an 1895 alumnus, the award is reserved for "any alumnus/alumna who has, within 15 years of his/her graduation of Maryville College, lived a life characteristic of College legend Kin Takahashi, who, in his 36 years of living, worked tirelessly for the betterment of his alma mater, his church, and his society."



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