

# FOCUS

## BONNER SCHOLARS:

*15 years of putting service in the hearts and minds of students, faculty and staff*



"OUR WINDOW OF  
OPPORTUNITY"  
CAMPAIGN UNVEILED

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# RENOVATIONS, UPGRADES & CONSTRUCTION

## ABOUND IN CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN



GAMBLE HALL



THAW HALL



ALUMNI GYM



LLOYD HALL



SWIMMING POOL



PHYSICAL PLANT

**IN FEBRUARY**, Maryville College President Gerald Gibson announced details of a \$20 million Campus Improvement Plan (CIP). Funded by a board-approved bond issue, the CIP calls for:

- mechanical and cosmetic renovations to Gamble, Davis and Copeland halls;
- renovation of the Thaw Hall basement, construction of new offices for temporarily displaced fine arts students, faculty and staff;
- renovation of the Alumni Gym;
- installation of air-conditioning in Cooper Athletic Center and upgrades to the aquatic areas;
- renovation of the International House;
- mechanical and cosmetic renovations to the Court Street Apartments;
- HVAC upgrades to Sutton Science Center;
- improvements to the steam plant;
- construction of a third physical plant building;
- mechanical and plumbing improvements to Crawford House;
- addition of new smart classrooms;
- information technology upgrades;
- science and lab equipment purchases; and
- heavy vehicle and equipment purchases

A few of the projects included in the plan have already been completed this spring and summer, while work is underway on others and expected to be wrapped up in August — just in time to break ground on **a new residence hall that will mirror Lloyd Hall.**

When coupled with the efforts planned through the Our Window of Opportunity campaign, the CIP represents a total of almost \$70 million invested in buildings and campus infrastructure over the next two to three years.

“By assessing our entire campus as not only a collection of buildings and grounds but as a place that has the power to transform the lives of our students, our staff and our faculty,” said President Gibson, “we have created a bold plan for giving back to the campus and aiding in its next transformation.

“We’re doing something responsible for our students, staff, faculty, alumni and entire community,” he continued, “and especially for the generations to come.”

Ron Appuhn, former vice president and treasurer, has rejoined the MC family and is overseeing CIP projects as project manager.

*To view more photos of the plan, visit [maryvillecollege.edu](http://maryvillecollege.edu).*

# FROM OUR PHOTO FILES



*WHAT DOES THIS CAR –  
a 1995 Pontiac Bonneville – have to  
do with Maryville College’s Bonner  
Scholar Program?*



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*If you have any stories associated  
with this car, we’d love to have  
those, too!*

# From Our Readers:

*We asked for it, and we got it!*

The photo of the campus topiary around Anderson Hall apparently predated most alumni, but we did hear from one alumna, **Mary Elizabeth “Betty” Hunt Berlin ’32**, who had an explanation and fondly remembers taking classes in Anderson 75 years ago! Below, we’ve reprinted the email she sent the College back in September:



“I’m a 1932 graduate of MC, and ‘in my time’ there, those shrubs were laughingly referred to as the college ‘graveyard’ because they spelled out ‘Founded 1819’ (translated ‘found dead!’ Humor was simpler then.).

“I had philosophy in Anderson Hall in Dr. Orr’s class. I also remember Dr. Hunter and Professor Queener, who knew how to make American history come alive,” she wrote.

After seeing the photo in the magazine, Andy McCall, director of the College’s physical plant, called the Communications Office to let staff members know that he had an old landscape design of “Founded 1819” stored in his records. (See photo below.) The drawing indicates that the topiary was located on the side of Anderson Hall that now faces Sutton Science Center. McCall guesses that, given the time period, the topiary was probably a privet hedge, as hybrids and more exotic shrubbery didn’t exist. He also suspects that the shrub design was short-lived on the campus.

“Topiaries are very hard to maintain,” he explained. “They have to be



worked almost daily and because the College didn’t have a grounds department, as such, they probably grew up quickly.”

*Following the Summer 2006 issue of FOCUS, the College received several more Anderson Hall memories from former students. These have been added to the*

*web site. Be sure to visit [maryvillecollege.edu/news/pubs/focus/summer-2006/index.asp](http://maryvillecollege.edu/news/pubs/focus/summer-2006/index.asp) and click on the “Celebrating Our Icon” link. Alumni memories are posted in the “I Remember” section.*

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## 5 "Our Window of Opportunity" campaign unveiled

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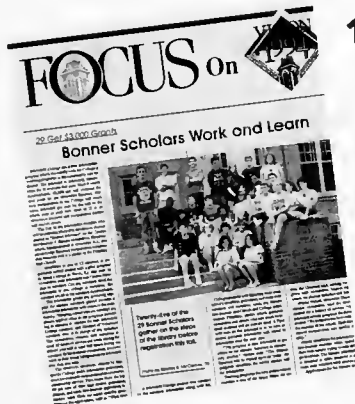


### IDENTITY

**Maryville College**  
*is an undergraduate, liberal arts, residential community of faith and learning rooted in the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition serving students of all ages and backgrounds.*

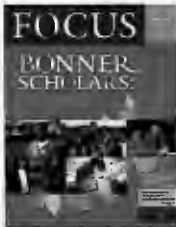
### MISSION

**Maryville College**  
*prepares students for lives of citizenship and leadership as we challenge each one to search for truth, grow in wisdom, work for justice and dedicate a life of creativity and service to the peoples of the world.*



## 13 Bonner Scholars: Putting service in the hearts and minds of students, faculty and staff

The first class of Bonner Scholars at Maryville College enrolled for the 1991-1992 academic year. History-makers of sorts, these Bonners helped change the culture of the Maryville College campus more than 15 years ago.



### ABOUT THE COVER:

Photographs illustrate the spectrum of

service placements pursued – and populations served – by current Bonner Scholars.

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*Greetings from the Maryville College campus!*

The Commencement speaker in May 2000 was Wayne Meisel, president of The Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation. The College bestowed an honorary Doctor of *Humane Letters* degree that May on Mrs. Corella Bonner, but it wasn't her first visit to the Maryville campus. She made it a practice to travel often to see her Bonner Scholars at more than two dozen colleges around the country, and she had included Maryville in her tour at least twice before.

It was wonderful to witness her with our Bonner Scholars. Diminutive, neatly dressed, every silver hair in place, regal in bearing and a smile lighting her face, she asked them about their Bonner service work and about their lives. She cared about them, and they were inspired by her. The Bonner experience that was the product of her vision and the leadership of Wayne Meisel shaped those scholars. Although Corella Bonner passed away only two years after that 2000 Commencement, her Bonner program lives on and is shaping students on this campus today.

In this issue, you'll read about the Bonner Scholars of 2007, as well as plans for future Bonners – thanks to a recent \$4.5 million grant from the Bonner Foundation to endow the program.

Quite a few readers of FOCUS are members of that generation known as Baby Boomers, born in the years between 1946 and 1964, and students at Maryville from the mid-1960s through the mid-1980s. If you're a Boomer, you may reject the "me" generation label so often assigned to your cohorts by those who see self-indulgence as a primary characteristic of the Boomers during their college years. However apt that appellation may have been for Maryville students a few decades ago, it misses the mark for the Bonner Scholars and their classmates on campus in 2007. Their trademark is service to others. You will see that in the reports by current Bonners and in reflections by past Bonners in this issue of FOCUS.

It is encouraging to note that in October 2006, the Corporation for National and Community Service reported a significant rise in civic engagement by college students in recent years. Over the three-year period between 2002 and 2005, student volunteerism increased by about 20 percent. All told, some 3.3 million college students, they tell us, are serving their communities and our nation. No self-indulgence there! At Maryville, the Bonner Scholars have led the way. They demonstrate every day what our slogan – "Be successful. Make a difference." – really means, and so inspire other students to get involved in service activities that make a difference on this campus and in the wider community.

Mrs. Bonner's refrigerator door in Princeton, N.J., was always plastered with photos of her Bonner Scholars. Once when I was visiting, she took me back into her kitchen to show me a picture of a current Maryville Bonner whose service had brought her special pride. She would take pride, I know, in the difference that her scholars are making in 2007, and in the difference that the Bonner Scholars Program is making in their lives, not merely by providing scholarship support for them, but of greater importance, creating in them a commitment to helping others. **MC**

*Gerald W. Gibson*

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# campus news

## FOUR JOIN BOARD

This spring, Maryville College welcomed four members to its board of directors: **Robert Kallstrom '60**, Sherri Parker Lee, **Alvin Nance '79** and Steve West.



Kallstrom is president and CEO of Softrac America, Inc. He serves on the board of trustees for Hood College, the Historical Society, the Community Foundation of Frederick County and Record Street Home. He is also on boards for the National Museum of Civil War Medicine and the Interagency Information Systems Authority. He earned a master's degree in management from Frostburg State University and attended the Installation Managers Institute at the University of North Carolina. He and wife Maureen have two sons and reside in Frederick, Md.



Lee, an alumna of Texas Christian University, is chairperson of the board of SSC Service Solutions. She is a founding member and executive board member of the University of Tennessee Women's Philanthropy Council and a member of the International Women's Forum, as well as an emeritus board member of Ijams Nature Center. She serves on the board of the East Tennessee Foundation and on the National Advisory Board of Churchill Archives Center at Cambridge Univer-

sity. The widow of the late Baxter Lee, a former member of the MC Board of Directors, she has three children and resides in Knoxville.



Nance is president and CEO of the Knoxville Community Development Corporation and serves on the boards of East Tennessee Children's Hospital, United Way of Greater Knoxville and First Tennessee Bank. He is also the vice chairman of Leadership Knoxville, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency and serves on the Habitat for Humanity advisory board. Nance and wife Nancy have two children and reside in Knoxville.



West is chairman of West Chevrolet, Inc., and West Properties, LLC. The former mayor of Maryville, he currently serves on the Maryville City Council, is a board member of the Blount County Parks and Recreation Commission and has previously served as president of the Blount County Industrial Development Board and Blount County Chapter of the American Red Cross. An alumnus of the University of Tennessee, he is a member of UT's President's Club. The former president of the Tennessee Automotive Association, he now serves as a member of NADA Charitable Foundation Board of Directors. He and wife Ruth have two children and reside in Alcoa.

## WEB SITE ADDITION SHOWCASES SENIOR STUDIES

ACE, "A Celebration of Excellence" in Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression, is a new addition to the Maryville College web site created to showcase students whose Senior Studies have been deemed exemplary by their academic division.

The Senior Study (which alumni may remember as "Special Studies," "Independent Studies" and "Senior Thesis") is one of the distinctive features of a Maryville education. The requirement calls for students to complete a two-semester research and writing project that is guided by a faculty supervisor.

In this area of the site, [maryvillecollege.edu/ace](http://maryvillecollege.edu/ace), people can explore the work of select 2006 graduates, whose studies range in theme from "A Day of Grace: Evangelical Theology in Uncle Tom's Cabin" to "A Survey of Arthropod Biodiversity in the Canopies of Southern Red Oak Trees in the Maryville College Woods." ACE features a profile of each student as well as an abstract of their project. The Senior Study in its entirety is available in .pdf format.

Members of the Class of 2007 whose studies were selected for inclusion will soon be added to the site.

## MC hosts Appalachian Studies Association 30th Anniversary Conference



Maryville was proud to serve as host for "Piecing the Appalachian Experience," the milestone conference honoring the Appalachian Studies Association's (ASA) 30th anniversary. Held March 23-25, the

event attracted more than 650 participants who chose from nearly 300 presentations encompassing Appalachian history, culture, live music, literature, photography, planning and service initiatives.

Pam McMichael, director of Highlander Research and Education Center, provided the keynote address. Dr. Kathie Shiba, Maryville College associate professor of psychology, served as program chair, and Dr. Susan Ambler, associate professor of sociology, was responsible for local arrangements.

Established in 1977 by a group of scholars, teachers and regional activists who believed that shared community is important to those writing, researching and teaching about Appalachia, the ASA is now more than 750 members strong.

## WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



The 2007 inductees into the Wall of Fame included (l-r) **Leah Onks-England '94**, **William Napier '65**, **James Thurston '51**, Maryville College Associate Athletic Director and Head Volleyball Coach **Kandis Schram '85** and Dr. Ken Bell. At right is Maryville College Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach, **Randy Lambert '76**, emcee for the event.

## Three presented alumni awards during Oct. 14 banquet

Maryville College honored three alumnae during the National Alumni Association's annual meeting and banquet held Oct. 14 in the Cooper Athletic Center on campus.

**Erin Palmer '99** was named the recipient of the Kin Takahashi Award for Young Alumni during the banquet. The College's Alumni Citation was presented to **Corita Erwin Swanson '58** and **Mary Lee Witherspoon '56**.

To read more about the recipients' lives of success and service, visit [maryvillecollege.edu](http://maryvillecollege.edu).



From left to right: **Corita Erwin Swanson '58**, **Mary Lee Witherspoon '56** and **Erin Palmer '99**.



Members of the Class of 1956 Reunion Gift Committee present their generous gift to President Gerald Gibson. From left to right: **Betty McKenney Horn**, **Ethelyn Cathey Pankratz**, **Bill Wheatley**, **Roberta Myers Petree**, **Jim Cummings** and **Kathy Kerns Vousden**. (Not pictured: **Harold Jones**)

## CLASS OF 1956 RAISES BAR IN REUNION GIVING

Presenting a generous gift to President Gerald Gibson during the Alumni Banquet last October, members of the class of 1956 raised the bar – again – in the arena of reunion class giving. Reunion Class Gift Committee Co-Chairman **Bill Wheatley '56** handed over a check for \$305,239 and announced a class giving percentage of 74 percent. In addition to supporting the Annual Fund, the money will endow “the Class of 1956 Endowed Scholarship.”

“We initially set a goal of \$200,000 and bypassed that amount relatively easily. When we were presented with a challenge of a 2-for-1 match from a classmate, we then asked our classmates to reach for \$300,000,” said Wheatley. “We hope this will serve as a challenge to other classes that follow to stretch their giving in support of their 50th reunion.”

Wheatley concluded with further positive announcements, stating the Class of 1956 now boasts 11 members in the Society of 1819 (those who have made plans to include the College in their wills or made other planned giving arrangements).



## MC TARTAN INTRODUCED

Maryville College vice presidents **Jason McNeal**, left, and **Mark Cate** reveal the school's official tartan to attendees of the College's Founder's Day Banquet last October. Commissioning tartan designer **Marjorie Warren** of North Carolina, the College began the project two years ago with the desire to honor the College's Scottish heritage. The tartan, a design that features prominent orange squares outlined in light gray on a field of rich garnet, has been authorized and approved by the Scottish Tartans Authority and registered in the International Tartan Index. It is unique in name, sett (the pattern of squares and lines) and color.



**DURING MARYVILLE COLLEGE'S** annual Founder's Day Banquet last October, board members, volunteers and administrators publicly announced details of the College's "Our Window of Opportunity" campaign, an \$83-million endeavor that



**COLLEGE  
ANNOUNCES  
PLANS, PROGRESS  
ON \$83 MILLION  
CAMPAIGN**



The "OUR WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY" campaign focuses on raising money for four initiatives:

■ The construction of the Civic Arts Center (CAC), a \$47-million partnership facility with the cities of Maryville and Alcoa;

■ The \$6-million renovation of Anderson Hall, the College's 136-year-old educational facility and campus icon, which provides classroom and office space for the humanities and education divisions;

■ The addition of \$20 million to the College's endowment, with the goal of reaching \$50 million by the end of the campaign; and

■ The strengthening of the Annual Fund, which provides key support for scholarships, library resources, department budgets, academic programs and athletics. The College hopes to raise \$10 million for the Annual Fund during the campaign.

will fund two bricks-and-mortar projects, grow the institution's endowment and strengthen its Annual Fund.

"Four years ago, the Maryville College Board of Directors approved 'the Window of Opportunity Strategic Plan,'" Dr. Gerald W. Gibson, president of the College, told the crowd of more than 300 people who had gathered for the banquet in Cooper Athletic Center. "With four overarching goals, or windows, the very name of the plan suggests that we presently find ourselves in a unique period of Maryville College history."

Gibson went on to describe a "tremendous momentum" currently experienced at the College: record-setting enrollments, a rigorous academic program, a highly qualified and committed faculty, improvement in student quality, a stable and solid financial position and improved facilities and grounds.

"But perhaps more important than our progress to date is how we can leverage that progress for our students and our institution for decades to come," the president continued. "Now is the time for us to act boldly in living out the dreams that we together dreamed in our strategic plan. Now is the time to marshal the good efforts and support that have provided us this momentum and live to our full potential as a College."

Gibson told the crowd that he believed the College could become a national leader, known for its scholarship and values, church-relatedness and quality liberal arts education. "... our present momentum has us

poised to take advantage of this window of opportunity to broaden our reputation and enhance the educational experience for students," he added. "We have the unique opportunity to create a Maryville College that is an asset to our students, our region, our country and our world for decades to come."

At the banquet, Jason McNeal, vice president for development, reported that the College had raised \$46 million during a "quiet phase" of the campaign, which began two years ago.

Kevin Clayton, CEO of Clayton Homes and member of a civic arts center fundraising committee, spoke about the CAC, which is the highest-dollar component of the campaign. He was recognized during the banquet for the volunteer leadership role he took in encouraging community support of the new facility.

"I have been involved now with this project and with this campaign for over two years," the Clayton Homes CEO said. "And I can tell you that I have never been involved with any other project that has as much promise for this College, our community and our region as the Civic Arts Center."

Providing the entertainment for the evening was Delores Bowen Ziegler '73, professor of voice at the University of Maryland School of Music and international opera singer; Dr. Robert Bonham, classical pianist and professor emeritus; and student vocalists from the ensemble Off Kilter.

**OUR WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY PROGRESS**

<b>PROJECT</b>	Civic Arts Center	<b>GOAL</b>	\$47.3 Million	<b>PROGRESS TO DATE</b>	\$34,900,000	<b>TOTAL GOAL</b> \$83.3 Million
	Anderson Hall		\$6 Million		\$1,160,000	
	Endowment		\$20 Million		\$11,500,000	
	Maryville Fund		\$10 Million		\$8,600,000	



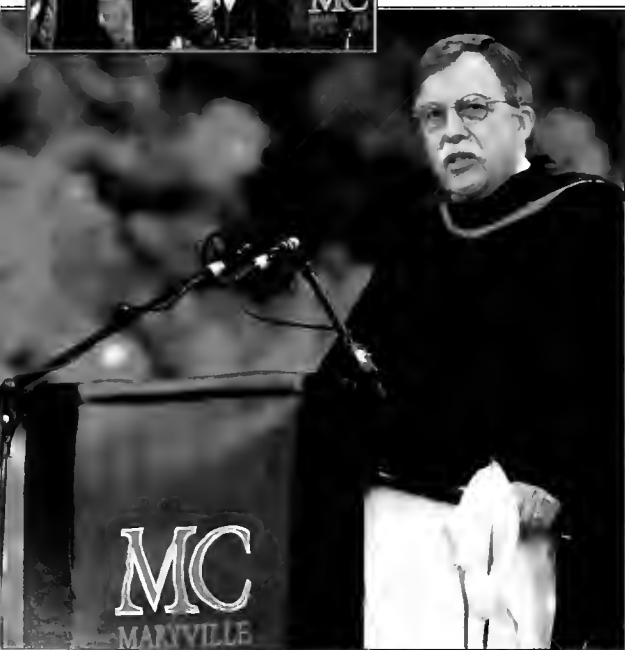
# COMMENCEMENT 2007

## FERREN draws lessons from MC's Wiley Rutledge in commencement address

(Below) Vice President and Dean Dr. Robert Naylor, left, and Dr. Dorsey D. Ellis, Jr. '60, chairman of the Board of Directors, place the hood on Dr. Bryan Cureton '60. At



right, President Gerald W. Gibson, reads the citation for honorary degree. (Below) Dr. John M. Ferren delivers the commencement address.



*In his commencement address to* Maryville College's Class of 2007, Dr. John M. Ferren, noted biographer and senior judge in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, implored new graduates to "find courage" and "live with honor" just as Wiley Rutledge, a Maryville College student from the early 20th century, did.

Ferren, who was awarded an honorary degree from the College along with Elmhurst College President **Dr. Bryant Cureton '60** on May 20, published *Salt of the Earth, Conscience of the Court: The Story of Justice Wiley Rutledge* in 2004. Ferren told the 223 graduates and commencement crowd that Rutledge, an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1943 until his death in 1949, heard the "still small voice" described in the biblical story of Elijah in 1 Kings 19:9-13.

"[Rutledge] heard that little voice – the 'still small voice' – that calls us to do the right thing as we perceive it," the speaker said. "Even when we are virtually alone." Throughout his time with the Supreme Court, Rutledge was a dissenting vote, Ferren pointed out, but his arguments often led to changes in the law and greater legal protection for disadvantaged populations.

"... dissent has power. It can be prophetic," the speaker said, using a World War II war crimes case to illustrate the point. In the 1946 case of *Yamashita v. Stryer*, Rutledge dissented and argued against the hanging of Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita, citing international law of war, the Articles of War, the Geneva Convention and the U.S. Constitution. "Within a few years after the Supreme Court decided *Yamashita*, courts around the world began to follow the Rutledge dissent, holding that a commander's criminal responsibility for war crimes committed by his troops is limited to crimes the commander knew, or had reason to know, about," Ferren said, adding that the dissent brought about clarification of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and amendments to the Geneva Conventions.

Ferren encouraged graduates to not only follow the law when hard choices presented themselves but to take action. "How much time – quality time – will you give to others in need? What just cause will you make an effort to support because the cause needs you – really needs you? What will the small voice say? Will you listen? Will you act?" he asked.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE DAILY TIMES



To read Ferren's complete address to the Class of 2007 and to see more photos from Commencement Weekend, visit [maryvillecollege.edu](http://maryvillecollege.edu).



## TWO VETERAN FACULTY MEMBERS RETIRE

During the 2007 commencement exercises, Dr. Harry Howard, professor of political science, and Dr. Dean Boldon, professor of sociology and former dean of the faculty, were recognized for their retirements and elections to the status of "professor emeritus" at the College.



(Above) During the retirement party for Dr. Harry Howard, Vice President and Dean Dr. Robert Naylor reads from the College's history book, *By Faith Endowed*, which labeled Howard a "faculty leader." (Below) Dr. Dean Boldon looks over a collage of photos taken during a recent travel-study course. The collage was a gift of MC seniors Alex Youn '07 and Zoë Sams '07, right.



Howard joined the MC faculty in 1976 and "has served with distinction during the subsequent 31 years," Vice President and Dean Dr. Robert Naylor told the crowd, adding that Howard will be remembered for his "benevolent mentorship" of students, "his patriotic support of the liberal arts and his deep commitment to the holistic learning environment of [the] College."

Naylor said Boldon's 12-year deanship at the College (1986-1998) will be regarded as "one of the two most distinguished in the 20th century." The professor came to Maryville College from a senior administrative post in Tehran, Iran, in 1979, and in 28 years has "made a lasting difference in the lives of his students and in the life of [the] College," Naylor said, calling special attention to his colleague's international perspective. "To be sure," the dean said, "the fact that one in every four members of this graduating class has studied abroad is the direct result of his dedication to international programming ..."

Howard was honored during a reception held April 19 in Bartlett Hall; Boldon was feted a week later during a reception in the Proffitt Dining Room. At each, colleagues declared the retiring faculty members "campus legends" and "institutional heroes."

## Simpson named 'Outstanding Teacher' for third time

DR. TERRY SIMPSON, LEFT, ACCEPTS THE OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD FROM DR. ROBERT NAYLOR, RIGHT



During commencement exercises, recognition was given to faculty and staff members for outstanding service during the 2006-2007 academic year.

The Outstanding Teacher Award, the recipient of which is nominated by juniors and seniors at the College, went to Dr. Terry Simpson, professor of secondary education and chair of the College's Division of Education. Simpson, who has taught at the College since 1990, is the first faculty member to receive the award three times.

Dr. Sam Overstreet, professor of English and the Ralph S. Collins Professor in the Humanities, was recognized as the runner-up for the award. He also joined the faculty in 1990.

Receiving the Nancy B. Hunter Outstanding Staff Award was Ellen Smyser, administrative assistant in the Office of Financial Aid. Michelle Ballew Safewright, assistant dean of students for campus life, was named Outstanding Administrator. Security Officer Yosef Addis '08 was presented the Sharon A. Murphy Crane Distinguished Service Award.



**Coaches honored after amassing 500 wins**

Maryville College witnessed a pair of legendary coaches reach the 500th-win mark during the 2006-2007 year, and for these accomplishments, Maryville College President Gerald Gib-

son awarded Presidential Citations to Head Volleyball Coach and Associate Athletic Director **Kandis Schram '85** and Head Men's Basketball Coach and Director of Athletics **Randy Lambert '76** during a celebration in Humphreys Court on April 12.

Schram, who completed her 21st season at the helm of MC's volley-



ball program last fall, earned her 500th win with a sweep of Fisk University on Oct. 10. Lambert, who finished his 27th season as head coach, claimed No. 500 on Feb. 24 with a win over LaGrange College.

"I guess Kandy and I are both wondering what it takes to get a car around here?" joked Lambert to the crowd. "Maybe that comes after 1,000."

**SCOTS CLAIM THIRD CONSECUTIVE PRESIDENTS' CUP**

With six conference championships and four second-place finishes, the Maryville College Athletic Department garnered enough points to take home the Presidents' Cup for the entire Great South Athletic Conference.



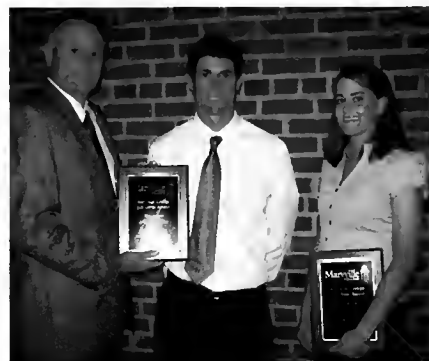
Maryville's women won conference championships in cross country, soccer and volleyball. They were second in basketball, softball and tennis.

On the men's side, Maryville won conference championships in cross country, basketball and baseball. Maryville's men came in second in soccer and tennis.

MC's men accumulated 480 points to outdistance by 50 points Piedmont College, which posted 430. The Scots' women dominated competition with 570 points, surpassing Piedmont by 80 points.

In the Great South's seven-year existence, Maryville has won five men's titles (the last four consecutively), and four women's accolades. The 2006-2007 academic year marks the third consecutive year the College has taken home the collective honor.

Maryville College Athletics Director **Randy Lambert '76** presents the 2007 J.D. Davis Award to student-athletes **Adam Rosen '07** and **Angie Castle '07**.



Visit [maryvillecollege.edu](http://maryvillecollege.edu) for the 2006-2007 Athletic Honor Roll, which includes win-loss records, season successes and individual and team awards.



FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE COLLEGE'S SPORTS INFORMATION OFFICE, **KENT HOGAN '07** WAS SELECTED THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE KEN KRIBBS AWARD.



**KEN KRIBBS AWARD PRESENTED**

At the College's annual Leadership Awards Ceremony in April, a new award – "the Ken Kribbs Award" – was presented for the first time, with senior Kent Hogan selected for the honor. A computer science/mathematics major from Newport, Tenn., and member of the MC baseball team, Hogan was directly responsible for documenting play-by-play computer statistics for more than 150 games.

The award, established by MC's Sports Information Department, recognizes a member of the MC community who "exhibits outstanding contributions and dedicated service toward the preservation of the history of Maryville College athletics." It is named for **Ken Kribbs '68**, who wrote *History of Athletics at Maryville College: 1866-1968* for his independent study and was in the first class of inductees into the Maryville College Wall of Fame.

For more on the award, visit [maryvillecollege.edu](http://maryvillecollege.edu).

# MARYVILLE COLLEGE ATHLETICS SPORT NEW LOGOS

LAST FALL, MARYVILLE COLLEGE unveiled a new graphic identity for its sports teams that will give the Scots a consistent, unifying image.

During a ceremony held in Bartlett Hall, MC students and other fans were introduced to six new logos, including a fierce-looking Scot (the College's mascot), as well as an orange and garnet "Power M." A new look for the words "Maryville" and "Scots," utilizing a new typeface and the image of a sword to represent the "t" in "Scots," was also presented to the public.

Addressing the crowd in Isaac's Café, Mark Cate, vice president for advancement and finance, explained the decades-old need for a graphic identity for the College's sports teams and the process the College followed to create the logos. Cate said the College hired local design firm Graphic-FX in 2005 with the goal to create a "family" of logos that would be standard in all sports publications and for all sports-related printing, including uniforms and other apparel, banners and field and court decoration.

A committee of coaches, trainers, student-athletes, alumni, administrators, faculty and staff members from the College's Office of Communications met with designers from Graphic-FX to discuss the need for a consistent and functional representation of the College's athletic program. Over a period of several months, the designers met regularly with a smaller group of people from the College, first presenting conceptual sketches, then later revisions as they received feedback and suggestions from their client. After the group gave its final approval, Graphic-FX prepared working art in several formats and developed a guide for proper use of the marks.

"I really like what we've been able to accomplish here, and I hope this graphic identity will serve us well for years to come," **Randy Lambert '76**, athletic director and head coach of the men's basketball team, said at the end of the ceremony.



## Rosen is ABCA All-American

**Adam Rosen '07**, a senior shortstop/relief pitcher for the Maryville College Scots, was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association All-American baseball team following his selection as a First Team All-South member. Rosen earned a spot on the national second team as a utility player for his outstanding offense and relief pitching performances.

The Great South Athletic Conference's "Player of the Year" established six new single season or career records this year. Rosen hit .429 while play-



ing in 47 games. He surpassed the single season hit mark with his 72 base hits and the career record with his 218 base knocks. He established new career marks in doubles and RBI, as well. On the mound, he posted a 2.73 ERA in relief and led the nation with his 10 saves, another MC record.

The Goodlettsville, Tenn., native is the first player in Maryville College baseball history to be named the team's "Most Valuable Player" on four occasions.

Rosen is the first ABCA All-American since first baseman **Mike Smickilas '86** earned the honor in 1983.

# New Faculty



## **MS. KAREN BEALE | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY**

TEACHING AREAS: General Psychology courses, First-year Seminar, Sociology. DEGREES: M.A. in General Psychology, East Tennessee State University (2003); B.S. in Psychology, University of Virginia's College at Wise (1999). PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS: Research Assistant, North Carolina State University; Instructor of Psychology, NCSU; Social Development Lab Manager, NCSU; Assistant Seminar Instructor, ETSU. OTHER NOTABLES: Beale is currently working on her doctoral dissertation, which is entitled "Parents' beliefs about children affect the socialization of emotion in the family" through NCSU.



## **DR. JENNIFER BRIGATI | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY**

TEACHING AREAS: Microbiology, Genetics, First-year Seminar. DEGREES: Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences, Auburn University (2005); B.S. in Cell & Molecular Biology, Southampton College of Long Island University (2000). PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS: Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Tennessee; Teaching Assistant, Graduate Research Assistant, AU. OTHER NOTABLES: Brigati received a \$66,000 Predoctoral Traineeship Award from the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program in 2001. Her doctoral dissertation was "Development and study of phage-derived detection probes."



## **DR. SCOTT HENSON | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

TEACHING AREAS: International Politics, World Cultures. DEGREES: Ph.D. in Political Science, Vanderbilt University (2005); M.F.A. in Creative Writing, Queens University (2003); M.A. in Political Science, VU (2002); M.B.A., Duke University (1994); B.A., Gardner-Webb University (1988). PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS: Senior lecturer, teaching assistant, VU; Instructor of Law & Politics, Johns Hopkins University; Instructor of Advanced Marketing, Tusculum College. OTHER NOTABLES: In addition to his teaching experience, Henson has traveled to and worked in over 41 countries around the world.



## **DR. SHARON MAY | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS**

TEACHING AREAS: Business, Economics, Sociology. DEGREES: Ph.D. in Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, Ohio State University (2006); M.A. in Economics, OSU (2001); M.A. in International Relations, Syracuse University (2000); B.A. in International Studies, Wilson College (1998). PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS: Graduate teaching assistant, OSU; Graduate Administrative Assistant, SC. OTHER NOTABLES: May's doctoral dissertation "Measuring the Factor Content of Trade" was closely tied to her research interests in international trade, country studies of trade and development economics.



## **DR. GEOFFREY MITCHELL | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SPANISH**

TEACHING AREAS: Spanish Literature, Elementary Spanish. DEGREES: Ph.D. in 19th and Early 20th Century Latin Literature, Tulane University (2006); M.A. in Peninsular and Latin American Literatures, University of Missouri at Columbia (1992); B.A. in Spanish, Hillsdale College (1987). PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS: Instructor of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Southern Mississippi; Teaching Assistant, TU; Community College Lecturer, Butler County Community College; University Lecturer, Wichita State University; Senior High School Teacher, West High School; Teaching Assistant, U of M; Junior/Senior High School Teacher, Lewanee Christian School. OTHER NOTABLES: From 1997 through 1999, Mitchell created and marketed International Translation Services, a home-based translation and consulting service specializing in Latin American.



## **MR. PHIL SHERMAN | VISITING INSTRUCTOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES & ETHICS**

TEACHING AREAS: Old & New Testaments. DEGREES: M.Div., Candler School of Theology at Emory University (2000); B.A. in Religious Studies/German Language & Literature, Emory & Henry College (1996). PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS: Teaching Associate, CST; Adjunct Instructor, EU. OTHER NOTABLES: In addition to his teaching experience, Sherman is also the website administrator for *Review of Biblical Literature* on Bookreviews.org.



## **DR. DOUG SOFER | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY**

TEACHING AREAS: African History, European History, Western Civilization, Colonial & Revolutionary America. DEGREES: Ph.D. in Latin American History, University of Texas at Austin (2003); M.A. in Latin American History, UTA (1995); B.A. in History and Philosophy, Hartwick College (1991). PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS: Latin American History Professor, University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Latin American History Professor, Maryville College; Latin American History Professor, Tennessee Technological University; Teaching Assistant, UTA; World Civilization Professor, Knoxville College. OTHER NOTABLES: Sofer was awarded the prestigious Fulbright-IIE Fellowship Award in 1998; he is also fluent in Spanish and Portuguese.

## New Faculty

**MS. REBECCA TREADWAY | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS**

TEACHING AREAS: Accounting, Senior Study, First-year Seminar. DEGREES: M.A. in Business Administration, Middle Tennessee State University (1991); B.S. in Business Administration, University of Tennessee at Knoxville (1988). PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS: Visiting Assistant Professor of Business and Organization Management, Adjunct Professor of Business and Organization Management, Maryville College; Assistant Professor of Accounting, Full-time Instructor of Accounting, Part-time lecturer in Accounting, Cumberland University; Part-time Lecturer in Accounting, Tennessee State University. OTHER NOTABLES: Certified in internal auditing and public accounting, Treadway also worked as a staff accountant in the audit and tax divisions of Arthur Young International in Nashville.

**DR. HO YAN AGNES WAN | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MUSIC**

TEACHING AREAS: Introduction to Fine Arts in Music, First-year Seminar. DEGREES: Artist Diploma in Piano, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (2006); Ph.D. in Piano Performance and Pedagogy, University of Iowa (2004); M.A. in Music Therapy, Loyola University (2001); M.A. in Piano Performance, LU (2000); B.M. in Piano Performance, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (1998). PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS: Graduate Assistant in Vocal Accompanying, Choral Accompanist, U of CC; Teaching Assistant in Piano, U of I; Music Therapy Intern, Sunnyside Haven of Hope School; Principal, The Blessed Martyrs of China Catholic School. OTHER NOTABLES: The winner of numerous piano competitions and scholarships, Wan has performed in recital halls all over the world, including the Weill Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall.

**MR. ALAN WATTS | INSTRUCTOR OF SPANISH**

TEACHING AREAS: Elementary Spanish. DEGREES: M.A. in Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish), University of Tennessee (2005); B.C. in Public Relations, UT (2003); B.A. in Spanish, UT (2003). PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS: Spanish Instructor, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Spanish Tutor, UT; Spanish Instructor, Roane State Community College. OTHER NOTABLES: Watts has studied Spanish for two summers in Puebla, Mexico, and has been an active member on the Public Relations Student Society of America, Alpha Psi Omega service fraternity and Student Alumni Associates.

## Crain participates in important NIH workshop

DR. DREW CRAIN, associate professor of biology, recently participated in a National Institute of Health (NIH)-sponsored workshop examining bisphenol A (BPA), held in Chapel Hill, N.C., and attended by nearly 50 scientists and physicians from across the United States and around the globe.



What he learned was incorporated into his classes at Maryville. While teaching about the endocrine system last semester in his *BIO 412: Animal Physiology* course, Crain was able to discuss with his students the latest data and thoughts regarding a real-world biological debate.

The NIH workshop, entitled "Bisphenol A: An Expert Panel Examination of the Relevance of Ecological, In Vitro and Laboratory Animal Studies for Assessing Risks to Human Health," was organized to gather, share data and make recommendations regarding BPA, a manmade compound found in most plastics.

As a result of the last 50 years of plastics production, scientists are now beginning to see the harmful effects of BPA leaching into the environment as a result of throwing away mass quantities of plastic, heating plastic at a high rate (such as microwaving disposable containers and bags) and disposing of human waste.

Workshop attendees, separated into panels according to their areas of expertise, looked specifically at five areas potentially adversely affected by BPA. Because of his extensive research and publication record on endocrine disrupting contaminants and environmental toxicology, Crain was asked to not only serve on the Ecology panel but also be the author of the panel's review article, which was completed and distributed before the Nov. 28-29 workshop convened. To read more about the workshop, visit [maryvillecollege.edu](http://maryvillecollege.edu).

GOMBERT'S ART  
SELECTED FOR  
SEATTLE EXHIBIT

Artwork by Dr. Carl Gombert, associate professor of art history, won a recent juried show and, as a result, was included in the "Introductions 2006" exhibit at Davidson Galleries in Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8-23.

Only five artists were featured in the exhibit. The pieces represented a variety of mediums. Gombert's 30-by-22 inch "Kings and Queens #1"



portrait was selected for the exhibit. It was created by using tiny rubber stamps of Elvis and bees.

## Newton named director of new Center for Strong Communities

Last fall, Dr. William Newton, former chaplain and director of community service at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., was selected to head Maryville College's new Center for Strong Communities.

"We're delighted to announce the official opening of the Center, which we believe over time will significantly impact communities across the southern Appalachian region," said Dr. Robert Naylor, vice president and dean of the College, at the time of the appointment. "And we're excited to welcome Dr. Newton, who comes to the College with a wealth of experience in working with and building partnerships among community organizations and non-profit agencies."

According to the dean, the Center will foster and facilitate community service, research and leadership initiatives that connect people, organizations and institutions to help communities become stronger and better places in which to live and work. Already in 2007, the Center has helped sponsor the East Tennessee Quality Growth Conference and the Blount County Children's Advocacy Center's Mayfest celebration.

As director of the Center for Strong Communities, Newton will serve as a liaison for the Center among faculty, staff and the various administrative networks of the College to encourage community-based scholarship and service. He will also cultivate and nurture relationships with local, regional and national organizations to develop collaborations, partnerships, projects, workshops, conferences, educational programs, public dialogues and informational resources that serve the mission of the Center.

Ordained a minister of word and sacrament by the Presbyterian Church (USA), Newton earned a doctor of ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1986. He completed undergraduate coursework at Rhodes College (Southwestern at Memphis) and has a diploma and teaching certificate from the Association Montessori Internationale.

While working at Rhodes for more than 15 years, Newton directed the campus-wide Kinney Service Program, increasing student participation in community service programs from 56 percent to 83 percent. He directed the Bonner Scholars Program at Rhodes from its inception in 1992 and coordinated numerous workshops, programs and committees focused on service-learning. He developed service-learning in the curriculum and formed substantive service and learning partnerships in the Memphis community.

Newton's office is located in the College's Alexander House. Assisting him is **Mary Amber Brooks '05**.



NEWTON

In Bookshelf, we catch up with members of the MC community to find out what pages they're turning.

## BOOKSHELF

### AMANDA SPARROW '08

Major: Child Development and Learning  
*The Purpose Driven Life*  
by Rick Warren

"I found out about this book through several of my friends. All the good things they said about it caught my interest and I decided to try it out. I feel that this book has been a positive influence on my faith and has taught me how to be a better person."



### MICHAEL "SHOTGUN" SPRTLING '07

Major: English for Teacher Licensure and Writing/Communication

*Josh Gibson: The Power and the Darkness* by Mark Ribowsky

"Being a baseball player, I am interested in the history of the game. That's why I'm reading about the Negro Leagues and one of the greatest sluggers of all time, Josh Gibson."



### MAC BARTINE

Assistant Director of Admissions  
*Thirteen Moons* by Charles Frazier

It's the story of the development of the South through the eyes of Will Cooper, a boy from mid-1800s North Carolina. Frazier is a great storyteller who also wrote the National Book award-winning *Cold Mountain*. I highly recommend *Thirteen Moons* to all who enjoy well-spun tales, colorful characters and Appalachian history.



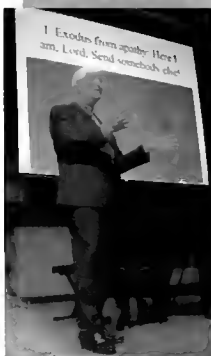
### ANGELA QUICK

Director of the Library  
*The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*  
by Michael Pollan

Humans can eat almost anything, so how do we decide what to eat? *The Omnivore's Dilemma* seeks to help us decide by tracing four meals to their origins. The book's engrossing depiction of the processes, people and products involved in the industrial food chain, commercial organic food production, sustainable agriculture and hunting and gathering reads like a cross between *Gourmet* and *Mother Jones*. I found it an entertaining narrative as well as an evocative moral and philosophical exploration of food.



## Irish minister leads 2007 February Meetings



For the 130th-annual February Meetings, the College brought the Rt. Rev. Ken Newell of Belfast, former moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, to speak on "The Church as Peacemaker."

In 1999, Newell was recognized by the international movement Pax Christi with an International Peace Award for peace building on a grassroots level in Belfast. In 2006, Newell was given an Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of his work for reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

A life-long resident of Belfast, Newell, in his February Meetings lectures, gave the broad historical and theological context of the conflict and reconciliation among churches in Northern Ireland and also shared his personal experiences as a church leader.





# BONNER SCHOLARS:

*15 years of putting service in the hearts and minds of students, faculty and staff*

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF Maryville College's selection as a Bonner Scholar school ran fairly prominently in the fall 1991 issue of FOCUS. Under the headline "Bonner Scholars Work and Learn," the news story explained how 29 incoming freshmen had been selected to each receive \$3,000 grants from the Princeton, N.J.-based Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation "for student activities geared towards a one-to-one interaction with youth in the community."

A photo of 25 of the 29 first Bonner Scholars and the Rev. Stephen Nickle, then the new chaplain and director of volunteer services, ran with the story. Dressed casually and posing for photographer Stan McCleave '78 on the steps of Thaw Hall, the students probably didn't realize at the time that they were history-makers of sorts and that the program for which they had signed on would, in large measure, change the culture of the Maryville College campus.

Over the last 15 years, the scope, requirements and benefits of the Bonner Scholars Program have expanded, but Nickle's 1991 explanation of the endeavor rings as true today as it did 15 years ago:

"The program is ... structured to get others on the campus involved in community service. The Bonner Scholars will be looked upon as 'yeast' for programs involving the whole college and the community."

As Maryville College observes its 15-year affiliation with the Bonner Foundation and celebrates the announcement of a \$4.5 million grant to endow the program (see page 17), the campus considers how Bonners have put community service front and center in the hearts and minds of students, faculty and staff.



## 29 Get \$3,000 Grants Bonner Scholars Work and Learn



Twenty-five of the 29 Bonner Scholars gather on the steps of the library before registration this fall.



The Bonner Scholars are shown here participating in a community service project outdoors.

# Bonner beginnings

DURING THE SPRING of 1991, David Powell '66 was asked by Dr. Dean Boldon, then dean of academic affairs, if he would work as a liaison between the College and the Princeton, N.J.-based Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Foundation in establishing a scholarship program that would provide access to higher education and an opportunity for students to serve their communities.

Powell, who was a writing instructor at the College at the time, agreed to take on the duties, which meant communicating regularly with people at the foundation

who were trying to iron out the specifics of a relatively new program. The Bonner Scholars Program had been piloted at Berea College in 1990, and foundation founders Corella and Bertram Bonner, along with foundation president Wayne Meisel, were looking to add to the number of participating colleges in the Appalachian region.

"Dean knew my interest in service was high," Powell said. "I told him that I was interested and saw a wonderful opportunity for the College to focus on service. With the Bonner Scholars Program, I believed that we could market ourselves as a school that had service programs."

In 1998, Dave Powell '66 (second from left) made his first MOOSE trip with MC students. The Bonner Scholars Program has helped grow the three-week service trip to western national parks.

Certainly, the College already had a long history of service to the community. With his personal commitment to "do good on the largest possible scale," founder Isaac Anderson was an excellent example of munificence for his young students –

traveling the countryside to preach and organize churches, securing the freedom of an African slave, opening his home to poor pupils, founding a seminary. His attitude toward service was passed on through faculty and staff members, and for decades, Maryville College students could be counted on to give of their time in churches, schools and community centers.

It was this legacy that Powell believed could be built upon, and Bonner Foundation officials seemed to agree, naming Maryville College one of 11 participating Bonner Scholar schools in 1991. Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City was the only other Bonner Scholar school selected in Tennessee.

Working with Donna Franklin Davis '83, then vice president for admissions, Powell went through prospective students' applications for the Class of 1995, searching for incoming freshmen who met the foundation's criteria for the program. Qualified students included those who demonstrated financial need (providing Appalachian students access to higher education was very important to the Bonners), academic and leadership abilities and a previous interest in community service.

With 29 selected for that first class, Powell and the Rev. Stephen Nickle, who had just been hired as chaplain and director of



## About Corella & Bertram F. Bonner

BERTRAM AND CORELLA BONNER established the Bonner Foundation with the hope and, indeed the expectation, that the impact of their support would be far-reaching in the areas of hunger and education.

Drawing on their own personal experiences, as well as the knowledge of friends and visionaries in the philanthropic and educational communities, the Bonners created the Crisis Ministry and Bonner Scholar programs. These programs promised that their expectations would be met.

The Crisis Ministry Program does more than give grants to food banks – it distributes the money through congregations of all faiths and asks that they become involved in feeding the hungry. Similarly,

the Bonner Scholars Program does more than provide scholarships – it gives students the impetus to become involved in changing their communities.

Both Bertram and Corella Bonner's personal journeys played a significant role in the development and direction of the foundation.

Bertram Bonner, describes his wife, was born "without a dime" in 1899 in Brooklyn, N.Y. At the early age of 22, after putting himself through college at night, Mr. Bonner was named Head Treasurer for Heda Green Banks. He had been working with Green since the beginning of his teenage years and had learned much from the eccentric and well-known woman. As

head treasurer, he made many loans to New York builders, which inspired him to become involved in the real estate business. He was successful from the beginning, but in the stock market crash of 1929, like so many others, he lost everything.

Unlike others, with hard work and a tremendous acumen for business, Mr. Bonner quickly made back his fortune. His career spanned six decades and can be credited with the building of more than 30,000 homes and apartments.

Corella Allen Bonner, like her husband, was born into poverty. But she began her journey in the rural south – in the town of Eagen, Tenn. As a 14-year-old, after living in coal-mining towns in West Virginia,

volunteer services and would take over the Bonner Scholars Program, attended a Bonner Foundation retreat during the summer in North Carolina, meeting coordinators from other schools.

When the academic year opened (and for many subsequent years), Powell continued to stay involved with the Bonners by leading their Orientation class.

Today, he said he's "amazed" at the number of service organizations and projects that students are involved in. In 1998 – seven years after the Bonner Scholars came to campus – he led the first group of Maryville College students on the Maryville Outdoor Outreach Service Experience (MOOSE) trip. MOOSE takes students west for a three-week period during the summer, where they camp and volunteer at national parks. Typical work completed at the park includes painting, brush removal and campsite clean-up.

The interest in MOOSE has always been high among students, and Powell credits this to the Bonner Scholars Program. Because of it, students understand why service is important and aren't afraid to get their hands dirty. Because of the Bonner Scholars Program, students also know how uplifting it can be to make a positive difference in the lives of others.



#### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Bonners who choose to participate in MOOSE can count those hours toward the 280 hours of service that are required during the summer, and to keep the scholarship, students are required to volunteer two of their three summers as an enrolled MC student. The Bonner Foundation provides up to

\$1,500 to each student for travel and living expenses.

During the school year, students are asked to devote at least 10 hours a week at their Bonner service placement. Volunteer duties and work sites can range from mentoring youth at a local middle school to reading to the visually impaired at a retirement center. (See pages 20-21.) Students are encouraged to find and arrange their own placements, taking into account their own vocational interests and personal calling, but **Preston Fields '03**, coordinator for the Bonner Scholars Program, does assist in making placements.

Annually, each Bonner receives a \$2,100 stipend that can go toward tuition, as well as a \$300 check every semester for books.

In the last five years, the Bonner Foundation has instituted trips for first-year Bonners and junior-year Bonners and provides funding for them. Students in their first year in the program choose an area of need to focus on (homelessness, literacy, health-

care, etc.), research it together and then take an off-campus trip so that they can see the need up close and participate in activities that address it. Since the Bonner Foundation introduced these trips, Maryville College students have spent the first week of their summer vacations on Native American reservations in Oklahoma, with border patrol agents and immigration ministries in Arizona and at homeless shelters and soup kitchens in Washington, D.C.

Bonners finishing their junior year are given the opportunity to experience service abroad. During the summer of 2006, several students traveled to Peru, where they assisted missionaries and helped construct a wall around a village.

Orientations and "reorientations" (for returning students) at the beginning of each school year are required of Bonners. Fields organizes other retreats and regular meetings. Reflection is a major component of the Bonner Scholars Program; he and students gather frequently to talk about placements, service work, what they're observing and learning. Often, students are required to turn in journals and reflection papers after special projects and trips.

Today, Maryville College welcomes 15 Bonners with each new class, guaranteeing a group of 60 in the student body at any given time. Fields said within the larger group, the Bonner Foundation encourages the College to use the scholarships to achieve gender, racial and ethnic diversity.



(Left) Corella and Bertram F. Bonner.  
(Below) Mrs. Bonner received an honorary degree from Maryville College during commencement exercises in 2000.

Tennessee and Kentucky, Corella, along with her mother, sought opportunity in the northern city of Detroit. Arriving penniless, the young Allen soon found work as a cashier at a cafeteria, attended Wayne State University at night, and made sure that her younger siblings went to school.

She worked her way up from cashier to manager and was eventually transferred to the Statler chain's New York hotel. It was there she met Bertram Bonner. They married in 1942.

The Bonners' involve-

ment in community service emanated from their early work providing food for destitute families in Fort Lauderdale, where the Bonner family lived. When the Bonners moved in 1956 to Princeton, N.J., they began a broad-based ecumenical crisis ministry program housed in the Nassau Presbyterian Church.

In 1990, after working with the late John B. Stephenson, president of Berea College, Bertram and Corella established the first Bonner Scholars Program at Berea College. It was designed to provide access to higher education and an opportunity for students to serve.

Mr. Bonner passed away in 1993. Mrs. Bonner, however, continued to carry on their legacy of hope, service and gratitude until her death in July 2002.

— text from bonner.org

# Helping students, helping communities: An interview with Wayne Meisel

WAYNE MEISEL is the president of The Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation, a non-profit organization he's helped guide since 1989 – much to his surprise. “I took the job at age 29 and thought I might lead the foundation for a couple of years,” he explained. “Anything longer than that, I thought, was just way over the top.”

What's kept Meisel at the foundation and motivated are the successes of the Bonner Scholars Program, the Bonner Leader Program and the Crisis Ministry Program. According to the Bonner Foundation web site, the foundation has provided more than \$9.5 million in grants to thousands of religious, community-based hunger relief programs across the country in the last 11 years and has awarded more than \$12 million in scholarship support to more than 2,500 students at 27 colleges.

The son of a Presbyterian Church (USA) minister, Meisel met the Bonners through Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, N.J., where his father was serving as pastor and they were parishioners.

“They took a real interest in me,” he said of the couple.

And they had reason.

Meisel, who had overcome struggles with dyslexia as an adolescent and gone on to not only enroll at Harvard University but graduate *cum laude* with a bachelor of arts degree in government, had shown an extraordinary passion for service and social justice as a young man. Awarded a John Finley Traveling Fellowship in 1982, he walked from Maine to Washington, D.C., visiting some 70 colleges and universities along the way to champion student and campus involvement in community service.

One year after his graduation from Harvard, he founded the internationally known Campus Outreach Opportunity League (COOL), a platform for students and graduates to lead, sustain and challenge their peers to serve others and bring about positive change.

So when the Bonners approached Meisel about overseeing their young foundation that would focus on hunger and education, he listened.

And envisioned.

## CREATING A MODEL PROGRAM

The Bonner Foundation was already operating a crisis ministry program for the hungry, but Meisel wanted to expand the non-profit's scope. Seeing huge promise in college students, he proposed the Bonner Scholars Program, an initiative that would provide scholarships to students in exchange for hours given in community service.

“I consider myself something of a community artist,” Meisel explained. “I like to take what's already around and try to build something better. With the Bonner Scholars, I saw a real variety of challenges and opportunities within the same program.

“Society had an idea of what it meant for college students to do community service – things like all-night dance-a-thons and opportunities to join a Big Brother/Big Sister program,” he added, explaining that the foundation's vision was geared toward making a larger, more long-term impact. “And in the beginning, people didn't think it could be as bold as it has been.”

Specifically targeting students of limited financial means, the scholarships, he proposed, would make college affordable to young people, thereby fulfilling the foundation's mission of serving the underprivileged. And focusing on college students in the Appalachian region would please Mrs. Bonner, a native of Eagen, Tenn. “We started at Berea College,” Meisel said. “Then we said, let's look around the area. We ended up including 11 colleges and universities in that first round of proposals.”

Maryville was among that first group asked to participate. Meisel was vaguely familiar with MC, having traveled to campus with Earl Rash, who led a February



Meetings in the mid 1980s. Other than its location in Appalachia, the College fit two other criteria: It demonstrated a commitment to making a difference in its community and region; and fiscally and curricularly, it operated from a point of strength.

From the beginning, the Bonner Scholars Program has been dedicated to providing students access to education and an opportunity to serve, but it has also been interested in how it impacts campus cultures and surrounding communities.

Over time, it has become a nationally recognized service-scholarship model.

Giving students the tools and opportunities to learn servant-leader concepts and providing support and resources to faculty and Bonner coordinators to build the infrastructure to create and sustain a “culture of service,” the Bonner Scholars Program was designed to remind participating schools (most of which were liberal arts colleges) of their institutional missions and in doing so, have a significant impact in the community.

“It is a goal of the Bonner Scholars Program for [the college or university] to be a telling presence in the community, fully engaged in the community,” Meisel said. “We're not just sending forth an army of volunteers, students are not just ‘showing up.’ Instead, what we have is a thoughtful strategy of service.”

## ASSESSING MC'S PROGRAM

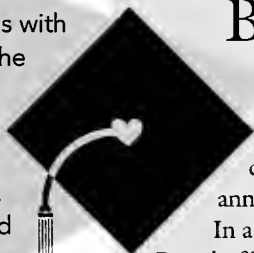
Making his annual tour of the 27 Bonner Scholar schools last fall, Meisel said he is and has been pleased with the program at Maryville. “It's a strong Bonner program that we're proud of,” he said. “In some

respects, the story of the Bonner Scholars Program at Maryville College is the story of the Bonner Scholars Program in general. Sort of like a bellwether, we've asked 'How's Maryville doing?' when considering how the Bonner program is doing at other schools."

Although they are linked by common requirements and a clear mission, Bonner Scholars Programs vary from school to

#### BONNER MISSION STATEMENT

Through sustained partnerships with colleges and congregations, the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation seeks to improve the lives of individuals and communities by helping meet the basic needs of nutrition and educational opportunity.



school and have their own kinds of successes, Meisel said. Learning best practices from the various Bonner schools, the foundation is able to "raise the bar" in expectations and outcomes.

One area where MC is paving the way for other Bonner Scholars Programs is in international service, Meisel said. Groups of MC Bonners have completed service projects abroad, but individual Bonners have traveled also to China, Thailand and Ireland during the summer to volunteer with non-profits and missions.

"In the area of international service, Maryville College is providing real leadership, making it work and not just be 'volunteer tourism.' The students here have arranged trips and service that make sense."

Another affirmation of the success of the MC program can be seen in its leadership, Meisel pointed out. **Jennifer Cummings West '95**, a Bonner Scholar from that very first class, came back to work with the College's program in 1996 and stayed for nine years. Her successor, **Preston Fields '03**, also a Bonner alumnus, has coordinated it since 2005.

Stories of Bonner alumni often make it back to Sheldon House, the foundation's headquarters in Princeton. From those stories, Meisel and other foundation officials are assured that the program's goals are being met. "We hear of several Bonners who've made service a life commitment or at least a significant part of their life," he said. "Nothing is more affirming."

Bonner Foundation President Wayne Meisel, right, discusses placements, overseas service opportunities and college life with current Maryville College Bonner Scholars in the Center for Campus Ministry last fall.



## College selected for \$4.5 million Bonner endowment

In April, Maryville College President Dr. Gerald Gibson received word that the Bonner Foundation Trustees had voted unanimously to invite the College to participate in the Bonner Endowment. The agreement comes with a \$4.5 million grant to establish the Bonner Endowment to annually support 60 Bonner Scholars.

In a letter to Gibson, Kenneth Kunzman, chair of the Bonner Foundation Board of Trustees, wrote: "After Mrs. Bonner's death, the Foundation's trustees decided to endow additional institutions that met certain programmatic and financial standards in regards to the Bonner Scholars Program. They also established an endowment process that schools would follow in order to receive such an endowment."

That process includes a requirement that the College match the Bonner Foundation's grant with \$2 million – a \$1 million "completion grant" that will be added to the foundation's \$4.5 million to create the Bonner Scholar Endowment; and another \$1 million to establish the Bonner Operating Endowment, which will be used to support activities surrounding the Bonner Scholars Program.

The College has until Aug. 1, 2009 to raise the funds necessary for the match.

To date, more than 15 participating Bonner colleges and universities have been selected for the endowment. The goal, according to Bonner Foundation President Wayne Meisel, is to endow every institution with which the foundation has had a long-term relationship. Meisel said his hope is that the endowments will strengthen both the institutions and the scholarship programs, ensuring the programs' continuance. The role of the Bonner Foundation in the day-to-day operations at the schools will likely change, he explained, but exactly how has yet to be determined.

After receiving news of the trustees' vote, Gibson said he was excited about the Bonner Scholars Program living on in perpetuity on the Maryville College campus.

"For 15 years, the Bonner Foundation, through its Bonner Scholars Program, has supported Maryville College's mission by making a transformational education possible for numerous students who demonstrate a high financial need and a desire to make a difference in the world," Gibson stated. "This grant will ensure meaningful classroom and volunteer experiences for future students and also help us engage the whole campus in service that will empower our communities to become healthy, just and caring places to live and work."

"I am grateful to the Bonner Foundation administrators and trustees for their support of Maryville College over the past 15 years and for their foresight in securing the Bonner Scholars Program's future through these endowments," the president continued. "I am also grateful to the College's faculty and staff members and current and former Bonner Scholars who have dedicated their time, energy, enthusiasm and creativity to making the program here such a huge success. Without their hard work, I feel certain that the Bonner Foundation would not be extending this very generous opportunity to Maryville College."

For more information on the Bonner match, contact Jason McNeal, vice president for development, at 865.981.8197 or [jason.mcneal@maryvillecollege.edu](mailto:jason.mcneal@maryvillecollege.edu).

# Bonniers Plant Seeds for Service

THE FACT THAT the Volunteer Services Office is in the Center for Campus Ministry is no accident. Maryville College's passion to serve the world is deeply rooted in our Christian faith and Christ's challenge to love. In fact, the best way I can describe what happens here at Maryville College is through a story from the Gospel of Mark. The story is of a man who asks Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus lists the commandments and the man eagerly replies, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Then something very interesting happens. The Gospel says, "Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, 'You are lacking in one thing, sell what you have and give to the poor; then come follow me.' At that the young man's face fell and he left, for he had many possessions."

Unlike the young man, most of our students have few possessions. For one thing, many of them have to share a very small space with a roommate. But, like the young man, most of our students are eager to do the right thing, ask the questions and reach their professional and long-term goals. Most of them come to Maryville College with a strong family background. They have followed the rules put down by their family and faith community; indeed, many of our students come to us with already strong roots. However, Maryville College, like Jesus in the story, both affirms a student's background as good, but then challenges him or her to go beyond the obligation of laws and rules and to choose a life of deeper service – to

do one more thing, to go an extra mile, to step beyond one's comfort zone. The Bonner Scholars program at Maryville College plays an integral part in keeping that challenge in front of the campus community.

As Director of Volunteer Services and coordinator of the Bonner Scholars Program, I am privileged to see the many extraordinary ways our students are stepping up to the challenge. Beyond their classes, labs, seminars and many hours studying, our students volunteer more than 1,000 hours a week in the community. In fact, Maryville College was just honored by the Corporation for National Service and put on the President's Honor Roll for community service with a special citation for the campus' response to the hurricanes that devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005. In the end, though, the hour logs and honors only partly express the amazing commitment of our students to serve their neighbor and follow Christ.

And the statistics and accolades cannot truly tell the story of how Bonners are passionately planting the seeds for service throughout the campus community.

How many college-age students would be willing to give up their much-deserved relaxation during a Spring Break to build walls, clear debris and roof houses? How many would agree to the aches and pains of manual labor without the promise of a tangible reward such as money or hours to

count toward scholarship requirements? In 2006, with the help of a special Katrina Relief Grant from the Bonner Foundation, I took 13 such students who said "I will" (along with several Bonners) to hurricane ravaged Pearlinton, Miss.

Instead of a condo on the beach, these students found themselves in a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Volunteer Village, sleeping in tents that twice flooded in the middle of the night, going days without a shower and facing a world without indoor restrooms. When the time was right to cease working, they put down their hammers and listened to the people they were serving, comforted them and built relationships. One elderly man, looking at his newly landscaped yard, and said, with tears in his eyes, "It just looks like...well, like someone cares." Many of these same students returned to the Gulf Coast for Spring Break 2007.

When I think of Bonners setting an example of service for the campus, I also think of other trips that help remind all students, faculty and staff that there are needs across the country and around the world.

During the summer of 2006, the Maryville College Bonner Scholar Junior Class organized a trip to Peru to volunteer with health clinics and construct a wall around a village. Of the 15 students who went, three were not Bonner Scholars and subsequently did not receive Bonner Foundation funds for trip expenses. However, the group

(Below) With the help of a special Katrina Relief Grant from the Bonner Foundation, 13 MC students and Director of Volunteer Services Preston Fields '03 teamed with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Mississippi to help with hurricane cleanup during Spring Break 2006. (Right) Bonner Scholars cut up carrots in a Washington, D.C. soup kitchen.



In 2005, first-year Bonner Scholars traveled to Arizona and Mexico, where they volunteered and got an up-close look at the issues of immigration and border communities.





In 2006, 12 MC Bonner Scholars spent four weeks volunteering with Impacto Cristiano in Peru. Funded by the Bonner Foundation, the trip was organized by Bonners Sarah Hailey '07 and Christin Marshall '07.

worked hard to minimize costs and make arrangements for anyone to go who had the desire to serve. While it was certainly the resources and leadership of the Bonner Scholars that made this trip a reality, the group went to Peru as a united team of Maryville College students and committed global citizens.

Perhaps no other organization has benefited as strongly from MC's Bonner Scholars and their leadership and recruitment of their fellow students as much as Habitat for Humanity. At almost anytime during the week you can walk into the Habitat for Humanity thrift store and find Bonners and other MC Volunteers on the loading dock receiving and sorting donations, working the cash register, or setting up store displays. Early on Saturday mornings at the build-sites you are bound to find Raekanya Walker, Bonner Scholar '09 and President of the Maryville College Habitat for Humanity Chapter, smiling from ear to ear and encouraging all the other students she has convinced to wake up much earlier than they thought possible on a weekend. Once a year it's even become a tradition to see Maryville College students, like Bonner Scholar Keith Edmonds '07, faculty, like Dr. Gombert and Dr. Moss, and staff, like Dean of Students Vandy Kemp, sleeping outside in boxes in order to raise money and awareness about issues of homelessness and housing.

Jesus asked the young man to do one more thing. As a former Maryville College student, I know that our students can become overwhelmed, tired and frustrated by the constant self-examination and action that is asked of them. At the same time, I think students know that we challenge them out of love and out of necessity to be

true to our calling as an institution based on the challenge of Jesus Christ to love our neighbors. We challenge them to make those critical connections between what they are learning in the classroom and the world around them.

Mother Teresa once said, "I have found the paradox, that if you love

until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only love." We hope this is something our students will learn, but we also know that this is a lesson best learned through direct experience. We challenge them to go forth and love their neighbors and eventually have the courage to ask others to become active in their community and to create and cultivate a larger culture of service.

Several of our Bonner Scholars see that "larger culture of service" in local alumni and dedicated community partners who have truly become co-educators with Maryville College faculty and staff by organizing and

supervising Bonner service placements.

For example, Julia Wickstrand Pearce '82 at the Good Samaritan Clinic in Maryville continually helps our medical-school bound students gain practical experience while at the same time teaching them about issues surrounding America's uninsured. And Kristi Kell Falco '01 at Keep Blount Beautiful shows students what it means to keep serving well after their college career.

Terry Elmore, the director of special operations at Maryville Housing Authority, is not only dedicated to improving the lives of those in need of housing, but has become a friend and mentor to many of the students, once even driving three hours to pick up a Bonner whose car broke down over Christmas break.

More than 150 years ago, MC founder Isaac Anderson challenged his institution and those around them to "do good on the largest possible scale." That mission – that culture – has continued to exist throughout the decades, and I'm pleased to be a part of a program that gives students the desires and opportunities to do just that.

## Meet Preston Fields '03



Neither the Bonner Scholars program nor the Center for Campus Ministry was unfamiliar territory to Preston Fields '03 when he was selected to head the College's Volunteer Services Office in August 2005.

Fields, who was a Bonner Scholar at the College from 1999 until his graduation, also held the position of intern for service and mission in 2004-2005, in which he coordinated Micah 6, a Bible study designed for children in the Blount County Juvenile Detention Center, and led training and reflection for Bonner

Scholars and members of the Student Literacy Corps.

In addition to directly supervising 60 Bonner Scholars, Fields coordinates students in their pursuits and interests in community service and promotes service-learning opportunities for the entire campus community.

The 1999 graduate of Knoxville Catholic High School double-majored in international studies and religion at the College and was one of five finalists selected for the 2003 Outstanding Senior Award.

As a student, he was involved in the Student Literacy Corps, the Young Democrats and Student Government Association and founded the Maryville College Catholic Community. As a Bonner, he interned with East Tennessee Catholic Charities and mentored in TRACES foster care.

Today, Fields is active in worldwide peace and justice initiatives. He serves on the board of directors for the Ulster Project, which brings Protestant and Catholic youth from Northern Ireland to the United States in an effort to continue peace building in Northern Ireland. He has spoken at several conferences throughout the Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville.

## BONNERS IN ADULT LITERACY

Adult Basic Education Center, Asbury Place, Blount County Justice Center

**NAME:** Aaron Triplett **HOMETOWN:** Knoxville, Tenn.

**MAJOR:** Political Science **REGULAR BONNER PLACEMENT:** Asbury Place

"When we cannot read, we are cut off from the global community. Illiteracy makes it difficult to know what is going on beyond one's immediate surroundings. It leads to frustration, which can carry over to other aspects of life."



## BONNERS IN GLOBAL SERVICE

Bridge Refugee Services; Peru, Mexico (group service trips); Ghana, China, Thailand (individual service trips)

**NAME:** Megan Burgess **HOMETOWN:** Hixson, Tenn.

**MAJOR:** Writing/Communication

**REGULAR BONNER PLACEMENT:** United Way of Blount County

"One of the most incredible things about the [Peru] trip for me was getting to build relationships with those around me. Those who made an impact on me were filled with love and laughter. These people challenged me to become a better person and to encourage those around me to think more about making a positive impact on the world and to really love those around me."



## BONNERS IN HEALTHCARE

Cornerstone of Recovery, Good Samaritan Clinic, Helen Ross McNabb Center, Peninsula Hospital, Trinity Dental Clinic

**NAME:** S. Jason Barnes

**HOMETOWN:** Knoxville, Tenn. **MAJOR:** Psychology

**REGULAR BONNER PLACEMENT:** Peninsula Hospital

"Almost all of my time at Peninsula is spent with the patients, and I have found that, in most cases, they are just like anyone dealing with a hardship and life's setbacks. I find happiness and pride almost every day I go to Peninsula, whether it be juggling to make someone laugh or helping someone take a shower and eat a meal because they are too impaired to function properly."



MARYVILLE COLLEGE  
BONNER SCHOLARS'  
SERVICE AREAS

# New Growth

*Rooted in service, Bonners reach out through placements*



## BONNERS IN CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY & MENTORING

AYSO Soccer, Blount County Children's Advocacy Center, Boys & Girls Clubs, Camp Wesley Woods, Fort Craig Elementary School, Maryville Middle School, Martin Luther King Center, Maryville Housing Authority, William Blount Middle School

**NAME:** Joshua Gresham

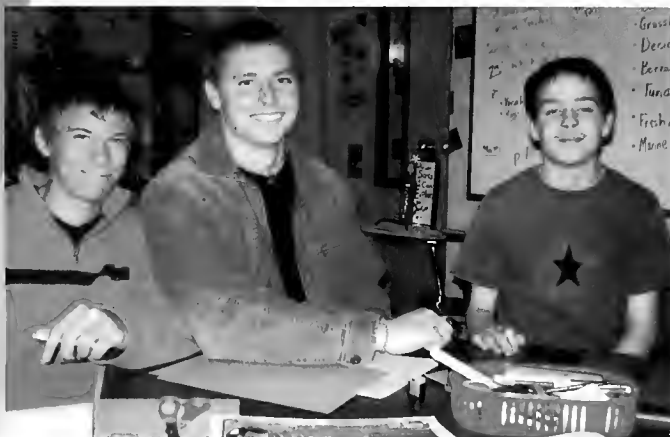
**HOMETOWN:** Rome, Ga.

**MAJOR:** Mathematics

**REGULAR BONNER PLACEMENT:**

William Blount Middle School

"I hope to be able to give children a special type of advice as a counselor – the type of advice that is based on understanding how difficult it can be to have family problems and try to remain focused on academics. Not only has the Bonner program given me direction in my future career, but more importantly, it has given me direction in my life."



## BONNERS IN ADVOCACY FOR THE HUNGRY & HOMELESS

Blount County Habitat for Humanity & ReStore, Knox Area Rescue Ministries, Salvation Army

**NAME:** RaeKenya Walker

**HOMETOWN:** Chattanooga, Tenn.

**MAJOR:** Child Development and Learning for Teacher Licensure

**REGULAR BONNER PLACEMENT:** Habitat for Humanity

"Despite all the theories that people have about why people are homeless, the fact of the matter is that affordable housing is the real issue ... Mostly due to my Bonner affiliation, I am currently president of the College's chapter of Habitat for Humanity. I feel by being a force behind an organization that deals with these issues head on, I can influence others and do something to fix the obvious problem."



## BONNER SCHOLARS AT MARYVILLE COLLEGE

typically choose to volunteer in one of five service areas: adult literacy, children's advocacy and mentoring, healthcare, hunger and homelessness, global issues. Above, FOCUS introduces five "spokespeople" for the main areas served by current Bonners. The quotes printed as a part of their profiles have been extracted from longer essays that are now posted online.



*Go to [maryvillecollege.edu](http://maryvillecollege.edu) to discover how these Bonners chose their placements, what kind of assistance they provide at various non-profits and community organizations and how the Bonner Scholars Program is inspiring them to grow in ways they never before imagined.*

*As of 2006, Maryville College has graduated approximately 150 Bonner Scholars. Many of these alumni have gone on to earn advanced degrees in fields such as law, medicine, theology and business. Many have assumed leadership positions in organizations dedicated to community building, education and social justice. Many have found their calling through meaningful Bonner placements. Nearly all continue to volunteer. To serve. To give back.*

*Regardless of where they are and what they're doing today, the vast majority of Bonner alumni agree that the Bonner Scholar Program transformed their lives and is helping them change the world through service.*

# Lives Transformed

## MC's first Bonner director remembers 'marvelous ride'



I had not even started at MC, was not even on the payroll yet – I had literally just unloaded the U-Haul! – when a strange character named Dave Powell packed me into his miniature pick-up truck and set forth over the mountains to a North Carolina gathering of the first II Bonner schools. Several days and many long

conversations later, Dave returned to teaching in the English department, the first Maryville College Bonner Scholars arrived on campus, and we were off on an adventure of self-discovery and encounter with people whose stories differed from our own, an exploration of new ways of serving and being served.

As part of that first orientation we rafted the Nantahala, and then explored multiple alternatives on the bus ride home (we were lost!), finally returning to campus several hours late to the immense relief of college administrators who were pacing the parking lot.

Many of the dynamics of these early weeks typified the unfolding genius of the Bonner Scholars program: enthusiastically leaping forth and trusting that whatever preparation would be enough, learning as we were being swept along by powerful institutional, community and personal currents, finding ourselves in unexpected places that demanded that we act without being reactive, and recognizing and celebrating common cause with strangers who invited us into their lives.

As each class graduated, we remembered not only those who had touched our lives and whose lives we had touched, but also those whose lives we would be influencing because of how the program had formed us – which strikes me now as the heart of Maryville College's purpose: "...to build and strengthen the human community." It was a marvelous ride!

— The Rev. Stephen Nickle  
Chaplain, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas

## Greer reaches out in Thailand

I think of Maryville College all the time as I am working in other communities doing volunteer work. While living and working in Kuwait for three years, I helped to initiate a program called "Week Without Walls" at the American School of Kuwait. This is an experiential learning and community service program that students participate in for about a week to nine days. To take students into villages to see life with a new perspective and to help others literally changes them forever, and it enriches my life even more.

For three years I took middle school students to Thailand for our Week Without Walls program. Each year we trekked to a Hmong hill tribe village to distribute school supplies, to a Palong hill tribe village to deliver school supplies and sports equipment and to a Karen hill tribe village to repair the flooring of an all girls' school. Along the way we would plant coconut and jack fruit trees and clean up the landscape and beaches. On a special occasion, a local group of orphaned girls performed traditional Thai dances to thank our school for giving them much needed equipment for their facility. This was such a genuine reminder that people are people all over the world and if we reach out to each other, as cliché as it sounds, it really does make the world a better place.

Tiffany Rudicil Greer '97

HS English Teacher, American Community School of Amman (Jordan)



GREER DISTRIBUTING SUPPLIES IN A THAI VILLAGE

## Placement reinforced vocational choice for McCord



The Bonner program gave me several opportunities that I would not have otherwise had by giving me experience. All of my Bonner placements helped me build my resume with elementary education. Since my placements were mainly

with elementary schools, this helped to reinforce my vocational choice of working with young students.

I appreciate the experience the Bonner program gave me to want to continue service work in my community. I am currently in Junior Service League of Maryville, and we have to volunteer 40 hours a year. That's nothing compared to all the hours I volunteered as a Bonner Scholar!

Nichole Johnson McCord '02  
Elementary School Teacher, Blount County



## Younger 'addicted to helping others'

In my first summer as a Bonner Scholar, I found myself in another country, working with a team of volunteers from all across the world. Few of us spoke the same language and, for me, it was a quick course in understanding and embracing other cultures.

Despite our differences, we organized a summer camp for the underprivileged children in a rural Welsh town.

I actually didn't realize how transformative the experience was at the time. Looking back, I realize that I have spent virtually every summer returning to those international volunteer camps because of those early trips. The Bonner Scholars Program made an investment by helping me reach out to people so far away, and I'm grateful for the formative experiences the program provided. I believe the program's goal was to get me addicted to helping others, and I am certain it worked.

—Jarred Younger '98

Postdoctoral Scholar, Stanford University School of Medicine

## Martinez continues with B&G clubs

I am one of those fortunate people who love my job. I find it challenging and fulfilling on an intellectual and emotional level, and I am surrounded by competent people and wonderful club members. None of this would have happened if it weren't for the Bonner Scholars Program. I started volunteering at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Blount County as part of my Bonner service requirement. My first day was chaotic, scary, messy – and tons of fun. I was immediately hooked. I continued volunteering at the club, working there during the summer throughout my time at Maryville College.

After graduation (and when the budget allowed), I was hired on full-time at the club. Eventually, I decided to move to Denver to get my degree in linguistics. When I moved, I was hired part time at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver (BGCMD). I decided that I loved it at BGCMD and wanted to pursue my master's degree in non-profit management instead of linguistics so that I could further my career with the clubs. Today, I have advanced within the organization and truly believe in its mission.

None of this would have been possible without my experience in the Bonner Program.

Erin Martinez '02

Human Resource Manager, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver

## Bonner alumnus seeks work that benefits others

As a Bonner Scholar, I adopted a criterion for my work: I needed a job that made life better for other people. I have the ability, as all people do, to give my time, effort, knowledge and enthusiasm to improving other people's lives.

Graduating in 2003, I have been the athletic director for the William E. Cope Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver. I worked with inner-city, economically deprived youth at that job. I then moved to the Denver Inner-City Parish, where I designed and ran Project ReNew Youth. As the project coordinator, I worked with at-risk and adjudicated youth. Helping the young person return to school, graduate, find employment and learn life skills was the focus there. Today, I am the youth suicide prevention coordinator at Colorado's Office of Suicide Prevention. I manage a federal grant to train adults who work with at-risk youth, helping those adults see warning signs, intervene and prevent suicide. My jobs have changed since graduating a Bonner Scholar, but my underlying need to help remains.

Jeremy Martinez '03

Prevention Coordinator, Office of Suicide Prevention, state of Colorado



## Campus minister grateful for Bonners' ministry

When I became campus minister

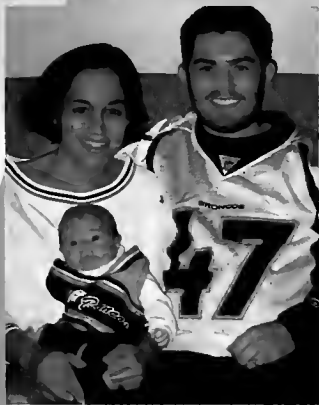
of Maryville College in the summer of 2001, I was pleased to learn that "ministry" at the College is defined by a deep connection between faith and service. The Center for Campus Ministry, where we lead the College's programs of spiritual life and volunteer service, makes that connection visible, and the Bonner program is an incredible catalyst for the energy and focus of the whole campus toward service.

As director of the Bonner Program as well as the campus minister, I am constantly grateful for this integration of the Bonner scholars with the CCM. Many of our students have developed their passion for service out of a deep faith commitment, following Jesus' teachings to care for the poor and those in need. Others do not use overtly religious language, but for them, serving is a way of expressing their deep compassion for others and sense of connection to the world. For students who are struggling with just what they believe, as many do in college, the steady rhythm of serving others through the Bonner program provides a kind of continuity and grounding, as they slowly find words to express their sense of life's purpose.

As campus minister, I get to watch it all with a sense of wonder and amazement, knowing that the daily practices of our lives – caring for strangers, reaching beyond the borders of our comfort, developing relationships across lines of difference – are where authentic spirituality takes root and grows. Lives are transformed, both the lives of people whom the Bonners serve, and also the Bonners themselves, as their own hearts are shaped and expanded by the work.

—The Rev. Anne D. McKee

Campus Minister and Maryville College Bonner Scholars Program Director



ERIN, JEREMY & DAUGHTER, ZYANYA MARTINEZ

# CLASSNOTES

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The College received information contained below between May 1 and May 30, 2006. Class notes received after Nov. 30 should appear in the next issue of *Alumni News & Notes*.

**'29 MEMORIAM: Louise Palmer Worobrow**, Oct. 14, in Wellsburg, W.Va. Born in Brilliant, Ohio, she earned a master's degree from Ohio State University after MC and taught school for many years. She was the oldest member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wellsburg, a member of the Wellsburg Shakespeare Club, the Daughters

of the American Revolution and the Wellsburg Civic League. Survivors include sons Leigh Worobrow and **David Worobrow '66**.

**'32 MEMORIAM: Ruth McCampbell Blades**, Sept. 8, in Maryville. After graduation from the College, she served in the Women's Army Corps and taught school in Blount and Knox counties. After retirement, she taught at Everett Adult Learning Center. She was a member of the Mountain View Methodist Church. Survivors include one sister and several nieces and nephews.

■ **Laleah Ball Logan**, July 22, in

Arlington Heights, Ill. She and her husband were activists in the Civil Rights movement in Henderson, Ky., when schools were being integrated. She sponsored refugees from Hungary and Vietnam and became a member of the Kentucky League of Women Voters and the Commission on Human Rights in Lexington. She received the Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. When she moved to Arlington Heights in the late 1980s, she became a volunteer at the Meadows Community Center and a Sunday School teacher. Survivors include four children, eight

grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**'33 MEMORIAM: Amelia "Mimi" Dickens Glass**, Aug. 30, in Pitman, N.J. After graduating from the College, she received her master's degree from Glassboro State College. A teacher and later a learning disability consultant for Gloucester County (N.J.), Glass was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pitman, National Audubon Society, Gloucester County Nature Club and the Wise Man's Club. Survivors include one daughter, one daughter-in-law, three sisters, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## COLLEGE MOURNS DEATH OF FORMER PROFESSORS, BOARD MEMBER



**E. CLINT ASH**, assistant professor of physics at Maryville College from 1955 until 1959, passed away Aug. 14.

Ash, a Navy veteran, was a native of Mobile, Ala. After attending the University of Washington and graduating with a master's degree in physics, he taught for two years at Tarkio College in Missouri before moving to Maryville. Relocating to Florida to pursue a position with General Electric, he operated a very early electron microscope and was a problem-solver for many departments until his retirement in 1982.

Post-retirement, Ash worked as a volunteer at Morton Plant Hospital up until his death, logging a total of 8,500 volunteer hours. He was named the hospital's "Man of the Year" for 2006. Survivors include wife Lois, one son, three daughters and seven grandchildren.



**MARY GLADYS BROWN PIEPER '36**, sociology professor at Maryville College from 1946 until 1955, passed away Sept. 30, 2006. She was 90 years old.

Following her graduation from MC, she worked for a law firm, studied for the bar and earned her license to practice law in Tennessee in 1939. She also earned a master's degree in sociology from the University of Tennessee. In 1940, Mary Gladys married **Archibald Pieper '36**. In 1955, the couple moved to New York City, where she earned a master's degree in library science from Columbia University and went to work in the New York Public Library system. From 1956 until her retirement in 1980, she held positions of increasing responsibility with the library.

Retiring to Maryville, Mary Gladys became involved in the

American Association of University Women, Maryville College Library Archives, Third Friday Book Club and Presbyterian Women at New Providence Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include one sister, Mary Emma Brown, one sister and brother in-law, Alice Pieper Carter and George Carter; and three nephews and their families: **Edwin J. Best, Jr. '68** and wife **Caroline Munn Best '72**; **Lynn W. Brown '73** and wife Joellen; and Sutton Brown and wife Beverly.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Annual Fund Scholarships at Maryville College.



**JOHN MAGILL '39**, member of the MC Board of Directors from 1959 until 1980 and song leader for several February Meetings, died Sept. 25, 2006. He was 93 years old.

Following MC, Magill went on to McCormick Theological Seminary, where he earned a B-Div degree in 1942. Monmouth College awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in 1953.

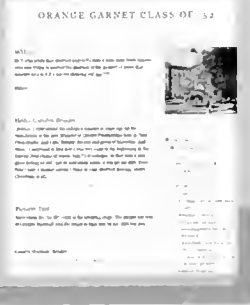
As a Presbyterian minister, he led several congregations in Illinois, Ohio and Florida, and served as an associate pastor for a Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania.

In 2003, he and wife **Louise Wells Magill '41** moved to Sedona, Ariz., where they became members of the Church of the Red Rocks and he was named "dean" of more than a dozen retired pastors in the congregation.

He is buried in the Maryville College Cemetery next to his wife. Survivors include daughter Carol McDougald, son David W. Magill and their families; and sister Eleanor Jane Hickey.

Memorial gifts may be given to the MC Choir Scholarships at Maryville College.

Members of the closely knit Class of 1952 have created and are maintaining a blog, thanks to the creativity and persistence of **Janice Marion Stotler '52** and her tech-savvy daughter. If you're a member of this class and would like to get in on the fun, e-mail Janice at [newnana29@yahoo.com](mailto:newnana29@yahoo.com). New postings go up weekly.



**'36** Leola Halsey Lightowler celebrated her 91st birthday in May with her daughter, two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren. In August, she went on a cruise to Alaska.

**'37** Mark Andrews turned 92 on Oct. 4. He recently wrote to the College that he is "still eating, driving, preaching and praying!"

**'38 MEMORIAM:** Howard Sams, June 19, in Asheville, N.C. An OSHA inspector, he retired from the North Carolina Department of Labor in 1981 after 30 years of employment. He also taught math in the Buncombe County School System and was an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville (N.C.) Survivors include four children, brother Ned Sams '41 and their families.

**'40** Geneva Davis writes that her husband, Charles Davis, is 90 years old, slowing down, but "happiest when talking about Maryville College." They live in Austin, Texas.

**MEMORIAM:** Minerva Burn Miller, Sept. 20, in Dover, Del. She graduated from the University of Delaware in 1941 and worked as a social worker at the Delaware Old Age Pension Bureau. After moving to Dover, N.J., she worked as a public librarian and was active in the First Memorial Presbyterian Church and Morris View extended care facility. After retirement, she and her husband moved to Slaughter Beach, Del., where she served on town council and as the town's building inspector. She served as a deacon for the First Presbyterian Church of Milford, Del., and was an active volunteer at Casa San Francisco. Survivors include husband Hugh; five sons, two daughters and their families, including Karl Miller '67; one brother; and one sister.

**'42** Charlotte Colby Anderson, a retired teacher, now teaches art history at Eckerd Senior College in St. Petersburg, Fla., and has written, *You Can Tell a Book By Its Cover*.

**MEMORIAM:** Roberta Hope Guthmann, July 16, in Laguna Hills, Calif. A retired registered nurse, Guthmann worked as head nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. Survivors include husband Marvin, two sons and sister Winifred Hope Smith '43.

**'43 MEMORIAM:** Natalie Yelton Morton, Aug. 7. She earned a master's degree from New York State University-Buffalo and worked as a counselor for SUNY-Buffalo/The Jewish Vocation Services. Survivors include one son.

**'44 MEMORIAMs:** Margaret Gessert Johnson, Aug. 29, in Sacramento, Calif. She retired from the City of Oakland Personnel Department in 1987. Survivors include two daughters, one son, their spouses and children, one brother and two sisters, including Dorothy Gessert Lambert '42 and L. Lisette Gessert Pemberton '45. ■ Oliver Spears, Sept. 11, in Maryville. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and returned to Blount County become a joint owner of Spears Furniture. Survivors include wife Barbara, three sons, one daughter and their children.

**'46 MEMORIAM:** Ruth Anderson Bacon, Aug. 31, in Naugatuck, Conn. She lived in Woodbury, Conn., for 45 years before moving to Naugatuck. She was the organist for her church where she mastered the new "exotic" pipe organ. Survivors include husband Henry, five sons, four daughters-in-law, one daughter, one son-in-law, brother Lloyd Anderson '48, sister Evelyn H. Anderson Wood

'49, 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**'48** After his return from WWII as a U.S. Naval Aviator, Harold Russell was the first veteran to enroll at Maryville College in Nov. 1945.

**'49 MEMORIAM:** Mary Laurel Reneau, Oct. 1, in Ormond Beach, Fla. Survivors include husband Victor, two daughters, one son, two grandsons and cousin John Moore '44, who notified the College of her death.

**'50 MEMORIAMs:** Richard Hamilton, Feb. 24, in Charlotte, N.C. Born in Maryville, he earned degrees from Catawba College and the University of Tennessee. He coached baseball, football and track and taught physical education, science and industrial arts in Lakeland, Fla., for 22 years and in Union County (N.C.) and Rockwell High School (N.C.) before retiring. Survivors include wife Lloyd, three sons and their families and one brother.

**'51** Xen K. Motsinger and wife Phyllis took a trip to Hawaii last November to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and his 80th birthday.

**'53** Peggy-Ann Kessler Duke has been busy with two one-person shows in Maryland, jurying into the Sumi-e Society National Show in Bloomington, Minn., and several others in Maryland and Virginia.

**'58** Opal Miller Chapman wrote the College about the loss of her son Stephen, who passed away Oct. 17 due to kidney failure. He was the second of her four children.

**'60 MEMORIAM:** Opal Sherrill McNeal, July 23, in Clearlake Oaks, Calif. Survivors include husband Clarence, one daughter and one son-in-law.

**'61** Thomas Scott, Jr. was appointed to Board of Professional Responsibility for the State of Tennessee and was listed in "Best Lawyers in America" in the field of Plaintiff's Personal Injury and Business Litigation.

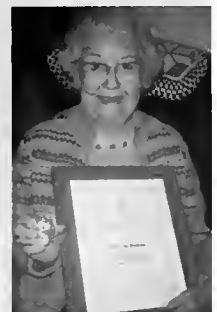
**'62** After 40 years as pastor in four Presbyterian churches, Blair Moffett retired from First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, Conn. Chuck Moffett accepted the position of Pastor for Equipping Ministries at the Venice Presbyterian Church in Venice, Fla., on Oct. 10. **MEMORIAM:** Barbara Jayne, Aug. 12, in Kilmarnock, Va. She was a retired cartographer for the U.S. government.

**'63** Meredith "Merelee" Knott lives in Redmond, Wash., and has co-authored a book, entitled *The Corn-Free Cookbook and Survival Guide*, published by Cumberland House.

**'64** Emily Blessing Sayers and husband Joseph are enjoying retirement by running their own

**Dorothy Barber Bushing '42** was awarded "The Wheel of Delta Omicron," at the recent Delta Omicron

International Music Fraternity Triennial Conference held at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill. Delta Omicron's highest honor, the Wheel recognizes Bushing's 30 years of service to the organization. Initiated into the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Omicron at Maryville College in 1974, Bushing has served as chapter advisor and chapter mother, as well as province president for East Tennessee chapters and as national music editor. In the latter position, she developed the 50-page Conference Songbook from its mimeographed manuscript to a professional music format, then to computerized copy.



bed and breakfast, Spring Grove Farm, in Appomattox, Va. She writes, "we would love to see any alumni who live nearby."

'67 **Joan Jenkins Thatcher**, husband Dale and daughter Sarah moved to Paris, Tenn., in November.

'68 **Gary Phillips** was named "Man of the Year" in Georgia high school wrestling by the Georgia Wrestling Coaches Association and the Atlanta Takedown Association. **Carol A. Vandegriff Andrews** is now retired after many years as the clinical director of a substance abuse clinic for the US Army.

'70 **Kirk Copeland** has retired from Phillips Consumer Electronics. He and wife **Kathleen Smith '69** now reside in Greeneville, Tenn. **Robert Durant** was elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, which is an independent, non-partisan organization chartered by Congress to assist federal, state and local governments in improving

their effectiveness. **Mary Evans Shedd** and husband David have served as missionaries in Southeast Asia with the International Mission Board for 15 years.

'71 **G. Douglas Cox** is transitioning from 25 years of full time organizational development consulting to clinical work, writing and a little farming. He and wife Elizabeth plan to move from Maryville to Chilhowee Mountain this year. In January 2006, they were docents on an MC-sponsored trip to Africa with professors Chad Berry and Mardi Craig and 26 students.

'72 **Kenneth R. Murr** retired after 30 years of service at Clemson University Libraries. **Mary McLeod Williams** and her family relocated to Indiana from Pennsylvania after nearly 30 years. She manages her franchise business remotely from her home that is closer to her daughter at Purdue University and to friends from MC, including **Karen Platt White '74**.

The home of **Nathalia Wright '33**, located at 723 Court Street, was recently opened as the College's guesthouse. Wright, who passed away in 2004, worked with local attorney Duncan Crawford to bequeath the home and property to the College following her death.



Last fall, the College renovated "the Wright House," creating three separate guest suites and common areas in a kitchen and library. Many of the rooms have themes that pay homage to its previous owner, who was a Herman Melville scholar and distinguished professor at the University of Tennessee from 1949 until 1982.

The Rt. Reverend Ken Newell, former moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and the 2007 February Meetings speaker, and his wife were the first guests of the house. To read more about the Wright House and see interior photos, visit [maryvillecollege.edu](http://maryvillecollege.edu).

'73 **Douglas G. Chase** celebrated the 30th anniversary of his ordination Sept. 30 at Brick Presbyterian Church in Asbury Park, N.J. He is a member of the Presbytery of Monmouth, is the Synod of the Northeast Commissioner, and has served on the Committee

of Ministry and the Presbytery Council. **Lynn Brown** has been elected to serve as the chairman of the board of directors of the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra and was re-elected to serve a third term as Criminal Court Judge for the First Judicial District of Ten-

## Three generations glad to call MC "home" during Homecoming

Classes aren't the only groups to gather for special reunions at Homecoming, as one three-generation Maryville College family recently proved.

**Bill Varker '51**, his daughter **Genie Varker Martin '79** and granddaughter **April Martin '08** enjoyed time together on the campus Oct. 12-15. Bill also celebrated his 55th class reunion but conceded during an interview prior to the weekend's festivities that he was looking forward to spending time with family as much as he was reminiscing with old friends.

The retired minister now lives in Wrightsville Beach, N.C., so trips to the MC campus are few and far between. Genie is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Burlington, N.C., and serves on the College's Board of Church Visitors. April is a rising senior. "I've said for a long time, some time while April is here, let's all get together," Genie said.

Touring the campus, the two alumni shared many stories – and admitted to many pranks – with the current student.

Bill, a psychology major, recalled one particular "chapel prank" that

involved stuffing the piano hammers with paper so that no sound was emitted when the pianist struck the keys. Genie, who earned her degree with an individualized music/sociology major, re-created the prank nearly 30 years later as an April Fool's Day joke.

"I feel like I carried on that tradition," she said. "I wouldn't have known to do that if it hadn't been for [my father's] stories."



**April Martin '08**, left, enjoys a moment outside the Fine Arts Center with grandfather **Bill Varker '51** and mother **Genie Varker Martin '79**.

Seeing how well the school is progressing academically and fiscally and how beautiful the grounds and buildings are makes Bill and Genie thrilled for April's undergraduate experience – and, perhaps, a little envious.

"I'd love to go through Maryville again," Bill said.

April, the youngest of the Varker family, and a music education major, toured several campuses before deciding on her mother's and grandfather's alma mater. April said she felt comfortable and welcomed on the campus and with the faculty members in the Fine Arts Center. She received the Dean's Scholarship and other music scholarships after enrolling in 2004.

Following in the footsteps of her mother, April is a member of the Maryville College Concert Choir. In addition to singing with the group, the two share the connection of holding leadership positions within the choir. Genie was treasurer of the choir under legendary director Harry Harter; April is choir assistant under director Stacey Wilner.

And just as Genie did, April has a huge fan in Bill Varker when she takes the stage to sing such beloved anthems as "Crimmond" and "the Lutkin Benediction."

nessee. She is an adjunct faculty member in the criminal justice department at East Tennessee State University. In June, **Michael Montgomery** published his 13th book, *From Ulster to America: The Scotch-Irish Heritage of American English*. **Jeanette Weaver Whitely** and husband Duane write their son Brandon is now a computer science graduate student at Georgia Tech, and son Nathan is a science teacher in Puyallup.

**'75 Marie-Bernarde Miller** is the Attorney Director at Gill Elrod Ragon Owen and Sherman, PA in Little Rock, Ark.

**'76 Vanessa Pettigrew Bryan** was elected to an eight-year term as District Public Defender of Tennessee's 21st Judicial District in August. The previous 16 years, she worked as an assistant public defender.

**'77 Carolyn Phibbs Cox** reports that business is "thriving" at The Dancer's Shoppe, her retail dancewear store in Knoxville. She recently retired as a church pianist, having served at several churches in the last 30 years. **Deborah Welch Douglas** is working as the public relations marketing director for the Uplands Retirement Village in Pleasant Hill, Tenn. **Edward Loper** is the pastor of Marshall Presbyterian Church in Marshall, N.C., after having served churches in upstate N.Y. for the last 25 years. **Pamela Patton Osborne** retired as principal of Chestatee Middle School in Gainesville, Ga., after 30 years in education. She and husband **Daniel '76** will soon celebrate their 31st wedding anniversary.

**'80 Anthony N. Fox** has been selected for inclusion in the "Best Lawyers in America" and is the managing partner of Scott, Sullivan, Streetman, and Fox. He and wife **Sandra Son '80** continue to live in Birmingham, Ala.

**'81 Bill "Dewey" Doyle** and wife Kathy recently celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary. He is currently active in the music ministry with Indian Rocks Baptist Church and has been an Allstate agent for 17 years in Largo, Fla.

**FOOTNOTE**

The Fall 2006 issue of *Alumni News & Notes* honored the 50th anniversary of the PC (USA)'s ordination of women as Ministers of Word and Sacrament. Included was a list of MC alumnae so ordained and a call for additional names that our records might have missed. The names of **Katherine N. Culpepper '81** and **Elizabeth Pankey-Warren '82**, should have appeared; however, **Margaret Wilkinson Muir's '57** name was incorrectly included.

**Ben Stabley** recorded the latest CD for Brian Neal, a contemporary Christian recording artist, last October and toured with Neal during November and December in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. **Bill Clarke** was promoted from Vice President of Products and Development to President of Thoroughbred Software International, Inc., a company he has been involved with for 25 years. He and wife Sharon reside in Hamilton Square, N.J. with their two sons.

**'82 Mary "Betsy" McCroskey Cagle** and husband Curtis celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary last November. Daughter Jessie is attending Roane State Community College in Oak Ridge, while son Tyler is a junior at Heritage High School.

**'84** After 20 years out of the classroom, **Lisa Vandivort** went back to school to become a certified professional medical coder (CPC). She writes, "Never thought I'd make it through anatomy/physiology...but I did! You can teach an old dog new tricks!"

**'85 Mark Street** is pursuing an M-Div degree at Emmanuel School of Religion in Johnson City, Tenn. He has been a pastor for Milligan Free Will Baptist Church for four years. **Patrick Moyer** accepted the position of President for Brumlow Home in Calhoun, Ga., and will celebrate 22 years of marriage in 2007.

**'89 BIRTH: Laura Brock Lynch** and husband Geoff, a son, Levi William, May 15.

**'91 BIRTH: Mark Smelser** and wife Tiffany, a daughter, Nevan Grace, Jan. 10.

**'92** In 2003, **David Fletcher** began Ergonomically Correct, Inc., a physical therapy, personal training and wellness business, along with a personal photography business. **BIRTHS: Roger Howdysshell** and wife Lori, a daughter, Megan Lynn, July 6. **Melissa R. Pankake** and husband Thomas Wooton, a son, Chance Ethan, March 2.

**'93 Ted Belflower** is teaching science at Bleckley County High School in Cochran, Ga., and is also the assistant football coach and head boys' track coach. **Kelin Mark** and wife Glenda recently started their own web development and consulting company in Indianapolis, Ind. In January, **Sarah Sawyer's** first book about tattoos and piercings was released by Rosen Publishers.

**BIRTHS: Kelin Mark** and wife Glenda, a son, Kelin Mark Jr., April 17. **Paula Eaker Priddy** and husband Jim, a son, Jared Nathaniel, Oct. 10. **Lanai Ballard Slater** and husband Eric, a son, Nicholas Joseph, Aug. 1. **Emily St. Clair Wolfenbarger** and husband **Tony**, a son, Joshua Stephen, Aug. 23.

**'94 Vance Grant**, wife Robyn and their two children live in Fort Mill, S.C., where he is currently an operations manager for Duracell.

**'95 Amy Lee Baggett**, husband Kip, and daughter Elisi recently moved to Bangkok, Thailand for Kip's work with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

**'97 Jennifer Stables Stewart** is now a full-time stay at home mom with her two boys. **Heather Everett Tipton** works at Exit Integrity Real Estate Office. Her husband **Chad '00** opened the office in September. **MARRIAGE: Jennifer Buck** to Billy Wallace, March 22. **BIRTH: Jennifer Stables Stewart** and husband Brooks, a son, Connor Edward, Nov. 27, 2005.

**'98 Daniel Bechman** now works for the Dollar General Corporation in Goodlettsville, Tenn., as project manager in the supply chain area. **Kenny Cobble** currently teaches English at Red Bank High School in Hixson, Tenn., and is also the defensive coordinator for the Red Bank Lions. **Meghan Casey Cobble** is now staying home with son Eli after seven years of teaching. In October, **David Franklin** joined the Blount Memorial's active medical staff as a podiatrist. **Christy Johnson Mowery** and husband Scott reside in Lenoir City, Tenn., where she is now an English teacher for Lenoir City Schools. **BIRTHS: Kara Buechele Alexander** and husband Michael, a daughter, Khloe Renee, July 20. **Aaron Damrill** and wife Megan, a son, Brody Andrew, Sept. 14.

**Katherine Bravard '05** departed for Niger on Jan. 9 to become an afro-forestry extension agent Peace Corps Volunteer. Bravard's work will include assisting the Natural Resource Management Project in rural community development and environmental education. Her efforts will work toward decreasing the pressure placed on soil, forest and wildlife resources in Niger.

In a press release distributed by the Peace Corps, Bravard was quoted: "I decided to become a Peace Corps Volunteer because at this point in my life I don't have any permanent obligations and therefore have the energy and time to devote two years to doing something that I believe is worthwhile. I like the idea of spending my time in a way that will positively affect people."



## Alumna creates military 'wall of honor'

**Dara DiGiacomo Case '98**, a music teacher at Greenbelt Elementary in Greenbelt, Md., set up her second annual "Wall of Honor" last October.

Inspired by the dedication and sacrifices of U.S. service members, the wall was made of paper bricks

listing 115 names of staff members' and pupils' family members who have served in the armed services in wars, ranging from World War II to the Iraq War.

The wall, located just outside the school's main office, was immediately visible to everyone entering the school during the month of October. "The display is powerful and is in a prominent location of the school. You can't miss it," Case said in a story that ran in *The Gazette*. "As long as I'm teaching, I will create this display because it's that important to me." (Case's cousin was deployed to Iraq in October 2005 and returned last November.)

Case said the school received a warm response for the wall from parents and the community.



'99 **Joy Bailey Hutson** accepted a position as a Credit Risk Analyst with John Deere Credit in Johnston, Iowa. She and husband **Travis '00** moved to the Des Moines area on Oct. 23. **Heather Devliss Lawson** is now married and works at the Tennessee School for the Deaf in Knoxville. **Melissa Warlick** is a special education teaching assistant at Willow Brook Elementary School in Oak Ridge, Tenn. **Lori Stinnett West** joined the science department as an assistant professor of biology at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. **BIRTHS:** **Celeste Willocks Bryant** and husband Andy, a son, Jacob Phillip, May 24. **Michael Clark** and wife Michele, a son, Brandon Michael, May 26. **Jennifer Windrow Forehand** and husband Michael, a son, Zachary Blake, Feb. 1, 2005. **Kristen Arwood Toth** and husband Martin, a daughter, Madaline Grace, Aug. 23.

'00 **Meredith Hansel** completed her master's degree in public administration from University of Tennessee-Knoxville and now works for Hands on Nashville, providing disaster preparedness/man-

agement, volunteer recruitment and training. **Dara Williams Hitson** is currently working for Helen Ross McNabb as a therapeutic foster care specialist in the TRACES program. She and husband **Jason '99** recently purchased a home in South Knoxville. **Matthew Jones** and wife **Bridget** write that their son **Turner**, born Feb. 16, 2005, finished the last of three major heart surgeries on July 13, 2006 and is now in perfect health. **Melanie Shepherd** recently finished her master's in education and is now working as the career counselor for Loudon and Greenback High Schools. **Chad Tipton** and brother **Chase '06** opened Exit Integrity Real Estate in Sevierville in September.

**BIRTHS:** **Cherie Olivier Beasley** and husband **Zachary '02**, a son, Rowan William, July 17. **Andrew Hoover** and wife **Phoebe**, a son, John Charles, May 2. **Allison Watts Mays** and husband **Bruce**, a daughter, **Kyndal Danielle**, Oct. 17. **Pennie Schraer Wiseman** and husband **Jeremy**, twin boys, **Mason Carter** and **Hunter Christopher**, Aug. 8. **Jessica Violet Young** and husband **Cliff**, a

daughter, **Lily Reagan**, May 21.

**MARRIAGES:** **Pennie Schraer** to **Jeremy Wiseman**, June 12.

'01 **MARRIAGE:** **C. Jonathan Sitzler** to **Amanda Whitley**, Sept. 3.

'02 **Zachary Beasley** was promoted to assistant vice president and branch manager of the Turkey Creek Wal-Mart in-store office of East Tennessee's SunTrust Bank. **Shannon Whitworth Jenkins** graduated from the University of Montevallo with a master's in marriage and family counseling on Aug. 11. **David Ruble** is working on his master's degree in environmental studies at Antioch University-New England. **Rachel Bowman** graduated from University of Tennessee College of Medicine in May and received her master's degree. She is now doing residency in family medicine at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

**MARRIAGES:** **BreAnn Daniel** to **Justin Kidd**, '04, June 24. **David Ruble** to **Catherine Rosario**, July 29. **BIRTHS:** **Mark Deml** and wife **Rachel Gossage '04**, a son, **Eli Jackson**, May 23. **Shannon Whitworth Jenkins** and husband **Bill**, a daughter, **Anna Katherine**, Oct. 10.

'03 **Bethany Brown** was recently hired as a contract management administrator for TeamHealth in Knoxville and is working in the company's health care financial services division. **Tiffany Sasser** is working at William Blount Middle School as the choir/music director. **Derrick Stowell** is the new youth activities coordinator for the Amputee Coalition of America. **Leslie Talbott Tummel** was awarded a doctorate's degree of physical therapy from Belmont University School of Physical Therapy in August. **Catherine Webb** is a laboratory specialist at Virginia Tech.

**MARRIAGES:** **Amanda Baker** to **Samuel Gillooly**, Oct. 28. **Robert Taylor** to **Katherine Headrick**, Oct. 21. **BIRTHS:** **Blake Dotson** and wife **Sara Kirk '03**, a son, **Kirk Bennett**, Aug. 10.

'04 **Frank Twum-Barimah** is now the residence education coordinator at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga. **Adam Billings** recently moved to Birmingham, Ala., where he is working

as senior credit manager for Wells Fargo Financial. **Matt Feathers** was recently promoted from trade marketing representative to area training representative based out of the New York metro region.

**Rachel Hankinson** is a teacher at Loudon Elementary School, a representative for the school to the Loudon County Educational Foundation, working at the Teacher Workshop in Loudon County and teaching homebound students. She recently bought a new home in Sweetwater. **Bethany Horvath** is now working at Fillauer Companies, Inc., in the marketing department. **Kathryn Smith** recently became event manager for the City of Gatlinburg's Convention Center. **Michael Werner II** is selling real estate in East Tennessee. **Stephanie Westner** is a first grade teacher at Dutch Valley Elementary School in Anderson County. **Karly Wilkinson** is now working at Community Action Committee (CAC) as a youth case manager. **Jonathan Young** is a teacher and head football coach at Heritage Middle School in Maryville.

'05 **Hollie Bivens** is now studying for her master's of science in citizenship and democracy at the University of Southampton in Southampton, England. **Stephanie Cole** is a countrywide ELL teacher with Hamblen County Schools (Tenn.) and serves nine different schools. **Matthew Frease** is the youth director at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Knoxville. **Blair King**, a teacher and coach at Norview High School in Norfolk, Va., is attending Tennessee Tech for his master's degree in exercise science. **Adam Mabe** is in medical school at the University of Tennessee-Memphis. **Marriah Wogomon** is working at St. Jude Hospital for her field placement. **MARRIAGES:** **Mary Hester** to **David Miller**, July 15. **David Rasnake** to **Meghan Large '06**, July 22.

'06 **Miranda Stutzman** and husband **Charles** live in Seymour, Tenn., where she is currently employed at 21st Mortgage Corporation.

**MARRIAGES:** **Miranda Gadd** to **Charles Stutzman**, July 1. **John "Jed" West** to **Kacie Everett '08**, Sept. 30. **MC**



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## WHO DESERVES AN ALUMNI AWARD?

The privilege of making nominations for any alumni award is given to alumni, faculty and staff members and friends of the College.

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I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_ for the **Alumni Citation Award**

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## AYERS 'MAKING THE BEST BETTER' THROUGH ESTATE PLANNING

**ALICE BLACKBURN AYERS '57** retired from her work as a 4-H extension agent nearly 15 years ago, but she continues to live by the organization's motto: "Make the Best Better." That's evident in her relationship with Maryville College and in her estate planning.

Along with a history of generous and consistent giving to her alma mater, she has a history of capitalizing on the benefits of charitable giving provided by the Internal Revenue Service. Ten years ago, Ayers became a charter member of the Society of 1819 when she established a charitable gift annuity in celebration of her 40th anniversary of her graduation and in memory of her mother, **Alice Stinecipher Blackburn '28**.

When asked about her motivation to make a gift to the College in the form of a gift annuity, the alumna explained: "A very long line of Blackburns graduated from Maryville College. This felt like a very good way to honor them while extending support to students of the future."

In addition to supporting MC, Ayers' charitable gift annuity benefits her by providing an income stream for herself and husband David for the rest of their lives. She also received a substantial tax deduction when she made the gift.

To celebrate her 50th reunion in 2007, Ayers is taking advantage of recent, but temporary, tax changes that allow for a gift to Maryville College through her IRA. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows IRA owners aged 70½ or older to make gifts of up to \$100,000 directly to a qualified charity in 2007. In addition, this donation will satisfy all or part of the IRA owner's required minimum distribution for the year.

"I understood that I could make this gift from my IRA without any negative tax consequences," Ayers said of her decision to give through her IRA. "I really felt like it was something I could do to extend my normal giving for my 50th reunion without having an impact on my retirement."

*If you're interested in learning how to make Maryville College better while enhancing your own retirement plans, contact **Diana Canacaris '02** in the Office of Planned Giving at 865.981.8198. The law allowing for IRA gifts of this type expires on December 31, 2007.*



*Alice Stinecipher  
Blackburn '28*

# HOME TO HOWEE

Circle **October 26-28** on your calendar and make plans now to come "Home to Howee!"

On the schedule are several much-loved events like the Coach Boydson Baird Golf Classic, Harvest Crafts Fair and Bake Sale and Homecoming parade, as well as chances to cheer on the Scots in seven sports! Special reunion get-togethers are being planned for classes that end in a '7' or '2.'

The annual Wall of Fame luncheon, held on Friday, will honor 2007 inductees **Lewis A. "Junior" Masingo '64, Steve Savage '78, Richard Suttle '81, Dena Godsey Barr '94** and **Joe Black** (special induction for athletic training).

At the Alumni Banquet, **George Carpenter '53** and **James McCall '57** will receive the Alumni Citation; **Kristine Tallent '96** will be presented the Kin Takahashi Award for Young Alumni of Maryville College.

A complete schedule will be in your mailboxes soon. For more information about Homecoming 2007, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 865.981.8200.



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