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DURING THE ALUMNI BANQUET held Oct. 25, the Maryville College Alumni Association (MCAA) ratified a slate of 11 alumni for service on the MCAA's Executive Board.

Previously, the Executive Board numbered a possible 20, but last year, bylaws were changed to expand the Board to a possible 29 members.

"As our alumni body has grown substantially in the last several years, we believed more people were needed on the Executive Board to better represent our 8,000+ graduates," said Helen Bruner, director of alumni and parent relations. "I'm excited about this change to the bylaws. It enables graduates to take greater ownership of alumni programming and have an even stronger voice in the life of the College."

Judy Penry '73 serves as the MCAA president through May. **Ken Tuck '54** will begin his presidency at the September meeting. **Rebecca Kinnamon Neff '62** is vice president, and recording secretary is **Carol Callaway Lane '92**.

For more information on the MCAA, contact Bruner at 865.981.8202 or helen.bruner@maryvillecollege.edu.

THOSE ALUMNI JOINING THE CLASS OF 2005 AND SERVING A TWO-YEAR TERM INCLUDE:

BEVERLY FOX ATCHLEY '82

Atchley followed her MC education with an MBA degree from Bristol University. She is currently a vice president with First National Bank in Lenoir City, Tenn. Atchley and husband Jim reside in Knoxville.

SHARON PUSEY BAILEY '69

Bailey continued her education at the University of Tennessee, ultimately earning a master's degree in nursing. She works as an associate nurse executive at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville.

DAVID RUSSELL '72

After completing his MC studies, Russell earned a master's degree in journalism from the University of South Carolina. He is the president of Paraclete Partners in Concord, Tenn., and is married to **Carol Abel Russell '72**.

THOSE ALUMNI JOINING THE CLASS OF 2006 AND SERVING A THREE-YEAR TERM INCLUDE:

TAMMY TAYLOR BLAINE '89

Blaine is a budget analyst with the U.S. Department of Energy in Oak Ridge, Tenn. She is married to **Alcc Blaine '89**.

G. DONALD HICKMAN '70

Hickman is currently employed as assistant inspector general for investigations with the Tennessee Valley Authority. He and wife Janet reside in Knoxville.

PATRICIA "PAT" CLAIRE JONES '55

Jones continued her education at the University of Tennessee, where she earned a master's degree. She is retired from a position as a computer specialist with Martin Marietta Energy System's Y-12 Plant in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

ADRIEL MCCORD '00

McCord is an assistant vice president and branch manager with SunTrust Bank in Maryville. He is married to **Nichole Johnson McCord '02**.

DANIEL F. OSBORNE '76

Osborne currently works as a vice president of Regions Financial Corporation in Gainesville, Ga. He is married to **Pamela Patton Osborne '77**.

JAMES "RYAN" STEWART '99

Stewart and wife **Jeanna Beck Stewart '99** live in Hershey, Pa., where they are both houseparents at the Milton Hershey School.

KRISTINE TALLENT '96

Following her graduation from MC, Tallent earned a master's degree from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa. She is a senior managing consultant with Public Finance Management in Atlanta, Ga.

LEE TAYLOR '77

Taylor is a vice president in sales with Trucklube 1, Inc. He and wife Carol reside in Longwood, Fla.

FROM OUR PHOTO FILES



Blueprints and building designs are nothing new to Maryville College. In our archival photo files, we came across this photo of what appears to be two people holding architectural plans for a facility on campus.

Written on the back of the photo are the names of then-president Ralph W. Lloyd and then-dean of women Frances Massey. "This is the place where the P.E. Building is now" is also written on the photo's reverse, but we're unsure of this description.

Alumni, we'd like to ask you: When and where was this photograph taken? What was the reason behind this gathering of administrators and students? What are the architectural plans of? Can you identify the females in the background?

If you know the answers to any of the above questions, write us!



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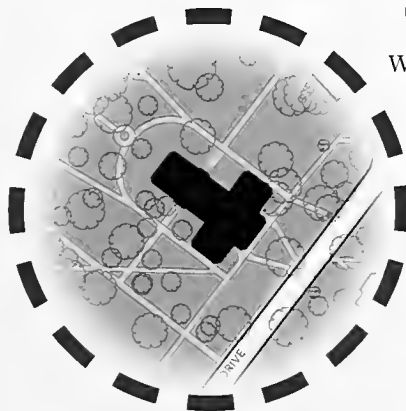


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While the MC Window of Opportunity strategic plan verbally paints a picture of what the College should be by the year 2007, a recently approved Master Plan visually paints a picture of what the College might look like in time for its bicentennial birthday, and it asks Maryville College constituents to imagine the possibilities.



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.*

ABOUT THE COVER:

A window in Maryville College's oldest building, Anderson Hall, provides expansive views of a campus positioned to undergo more physical transformations in the coming years.

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Greetings from the Maryville College campus!

AT MARYVILLE COLLEGE we believe in planning. Longtime readers of FOCUS will recall the role that the MC2000 Plan played in the progress of the College from 1994 through 2000. This was a period of enrollment and endowment growth, campus renewal, curricular innovation, technological transformation, strengthened ties with the church and external recognition. Now, with the MC Window of Opportunity Plan, we are laying out an optimistic pathway into the future. New goals inspire and excite us, as we build a new plan with the theme "going on to greatness."

There's a distinct difference in the feel of things between 1994 and 2004. MC2000 was our first institutional attempt to create a true strategic plan. Truth be told, not everyone on campus in 1994 took it seriously. The Vision '94 period had seen some increase in enrollment, but there were no more full-time students on campus than there had been 20 years before. Campus buildings, except for the newly renovated Carnegie Hall, were in considerable disrepair.

A decade later, our campus has confidence in planning. The historically high enrollment, the new and refurbished buildings and the beautiful campus land-

scaping have made believers of just about everyone. In 2004, when we say that Maryville is taking advantage of its window of opportunity and going on to greatness, few doubt it.

There's something about a campus master plan that encourages confidence. The master plan that was created in 1995-1996 was an important element of the MC2000 strategic plan, an architectural rendering of the campus as we envisioned it back then. It stood on an easel in my office, and was the focus of many conversations and planning sessions. As the years passed, we checked off the projects as they were completed: the building of Beeson Village, the restoration of the Center for Campus Ministry, the construction of a new physical plant building, the creation of a new student center from Bartlett Hall, new and redesigned parking lots and drives.

A new campus master plan now stands in one corner of my conference room, providing fresh inspiration and excitement about the future. (You can view the plan on pages 12-13 of this magazine.) This Window of Opportunity version of the master plan proposes the renovation of historic Anderson Hall, restoration of Alexander House, construction of a fine and performing arts center, addition of a new behavioral science building, renovation of Thaw Hall, a pavilion for College picnics and many other campus improvements. Much work lies ahead as we begin our efforts to translate this campus master plan into reality, but we take on that challenge confident that the whole Window of Opportunity Plan will indeed take Maryville to a new level of greatness. **MC**

Gerald W. Gibson

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campus news



MC selected for national project that will establish the standard for first-year experiences

MARYVILLE COLLEGE has been named one of 12 "Founding Institutions" selected to participate in a national project known as the "Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year."

The project, jointly sponsored by the Policy Center on the First Year of College and the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), will develop a model of excellence for the first college year. This model can be used by small, private colleges to develop and refine their overall approach to educating new students.

As a CIC member institution, Maryville College was asked to participate in the first phase of the project in February of 2003. Headed by Dr. Peggy Cowan, chairperson of the College's core curriculum, a task force of six faculty members and two staff members responded to and helped identify the "Dimensions of Excellence" that constitute a model first year. Of the 94 institutions that participated in Phase I throughout the winter and spring, Maryville College and 11 other colleges were selected through a competitive application process to continue on to Phase II of the project with the Policy Center and its research partner, the Center for the Study of Higher Education at Pennsylvania State University.

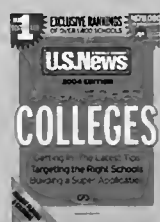
Criteria for selection included a strong campus commitment to the first year and readiness to engage in evaluation and improvement. In addition to being the only institution in Tennessee selected for the project, Maryville College is also the only strictly undergraduate school (offering only a bachelor's degree) represented.

Over the next 15 months, the 12 institutions will further refine and pilot use of the Dimensions. Specifically, colleges will measure their effectiveness in recruiting, admitting, housing, orienting, supporting, advising and teaching new students. They will then be able to make programmatic improvements that will increase student learning, success and persistence to graduation.

For more information, visit www.brevard.edu/fyfoundations.

COLLEGE AGAIN RECOGNIZED BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

For the ninth time in 10 years, Maryville College made the list.



Maryville was ranked in three categories for the U.S. News & World Report's 2004 guidebook and in the Sept. 1 issue of the magazine. MC was ranked No. 3 in the "Best Comprehensive Colleges – Bachelor's" category for southern colleges and universities. It was the only Tennessee institution listed in the category's top 10. Berea College of Kentucky ranked first.

Maryville College was named a "Best Value" among its peers (ranked No. 8), and also was included in a listing of like schools in the South with the highest graduation rates (ranked No. 7).

The College's first appearance in U.S. News & World Report's top-10 list occurred in 1994, when the College debuted at No. 7 for the 1995 guidebook. Since then, MC has appeared in the list that ranks best colleges and universities, but also has been included in categories that recognize best value and commitment to undergraduate teaching.

Morgan draws crowd; authors for 2004 Appalachian Lecture Series announced

ROBERT MORGAN, award-winning poet and best-selling author, kicked off the Appalachian Lecture Series on Sept. 9, with readings from his collection of poetry and his newest novel *Brave Enemies* (Algonquin 2003).

Approximately 225 people gathered in the Fine Arts Center Music Hall to hear the acclaimed author talk about his life, writings and career in a presentation entitled "The Voice of the Story." Following the lecture, Morgan held a book signing in the Fine Arts Center.

Morgan, who currently teaches English at Cornell University, spent the day at Maryville College, touring the campus and meeting with Maryville College professors and students.

As dinner guests of Dr. Chad Berry, associate professor of history, Morgan and students enrolled in Berry's Appalachian History and Literature class discussed writing and Morgan's 1995 novel *The Truest Pleasure*, which students recently read in the class.

With participation more than double that of last year, the 2003 lecture series was the best attended in the program's 16-year existence.

Authors who have committed to participate in the 2004 Appalachian Lecture Series include Ron Rash, Dorie Sanders and Katherine Landis. A fourth author is expected to be added to the lineup. Check the College's website in late summer for details.



COLLEGE SETS ENROLLMENT RECORD

WITH 1,052 STUDENTS enrolled this fall, the College set a new record for enrollment. And with 1,025 students taking at least 12 credit hours this fall, 2003 commemorates the first time the College has cracked the 1,000-mark for full-time enrollment.

And yet another record has been broken: that of new-student numbers. Totaling numbers of freshmen, transfers and others, 410 new undergraduates are on campus.

"It is always a pleasure to announce record-high enrollment, but above and beyond the satisfaction of making good progress toward a long-term, institutional goal for enrollment, we're excited about these numbers because having 1,052 students in our classrooms means that 1,052 young men and women are being taught the skills and given the opportunities to be successful and to make a difference in the world," said Maryville College President Dr. Gerald W. Gibson.



The previous record for enrollment was 1,026, achieved during the fall of 2001. Last year's total headcount was 1,020. The MC Window of Opportunity, a strategic plan guiding the College through 2007, calls for a total enrollment of approximately 1,200 students by the year 2007.

Academically, Maryville's Class of 2007 is the best prepared of any previous class. Average ACT score for entering freshmen is 24.3, and the average GPA is 3.56.

Totaling 293 students, the group is the second-largest freshman class in the College's history. Twenty states and seven foreign countries are represented. The freshmen come from 150 different secondary schools, and while most

are undecided about a major, several have indicated interest in science, business, math and engineering and the humanities.

Unlike recent years, freshman males outnumber freshman females, but only by a slight margin – 13.

MACCO undergoes name change

After many months of discussion and debate last spring, the 15-member MACCO Advisory Board recommended changing the name of the Maryville-Alcoa College-Community Orchestra to "The Orchestra at Maryville College: A College and Community Ensemble."

 **The Orchestra**
at Maryville College
A College and Community Ensemble

"There were several reasons for the name change," explained Genevieve Michael, general manager of the Orchestra. "We discussed it at length, and in the end, everyone decided that the new name was a better reflection of what we do and who we are."

While the previous five-word name accurately described the organization, Michael said it was too long to voice, forcing most people to shorten it to its acronym, "MACCO." And the acronym, she argued, didn't offer many clues to newcomers about the mission, composition or location of the organization.

Now, she's hoping that when people shorten the new name, the result will simply be "the Orchestra."

With a new title, Michael said she, conductor Lee Kull, the Advisory Board and the 55-member orchestra are hoping that a broader audience will be reached, raising the awareness and visibility of the orchestra.

The Orchestra also hopes to attract new Board members and generate added interest in the civic arts center that might be constructed on campus in the near future, the general manager added. For more information, call Michael at 865.273.8871 or e-mail her at genevieve.michael@maryvillecollege.edu.

Science and religion forum brings experts to campus

THIS FALL, the Community Conversations Series at Maryville College invited students, faculty, staff and community members to explore "Perspectives on Science and Religion." Organized by the College's Community Conversations Committee, the series of four lectures brought experts from across the nation to campus, including Pulitzer-Prize winner and noted historian Dr. Edward J. Larson.

Larson, who received national attention as the author of *Summer for the Gods*, was on campus Oct. 16 to discuss "America's Continuing Debate Over Science and Religion."

Dr. Neil Greenberg, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Tennessee, opened the Community Conversations Series with a presentation entitled "Science and Religion: Sibling Rivalry and Reconciliation."

Dr. Noreen Herzfeld, professor of computer science at St. John's University and author of *In Our Image: Artificial Intelligence and the Human Spirit*, was on hand to discuss the issues that arise "When Theology and Technology Meet," and Dr. Trinh Xuan Thuan, professor of astronomy at the University of Virginia, brought the series to a close with his presentation, "Science and Buddhism: Gentle Bridges."

According to Community Conversations Committee Co-Chair and Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Crystal Wright, the series was designed to encourage community members to think about their own views on current political and social issues and develop informed personal stances on these topics.

Volleyball team wraps up historic season

THE 2003 Maryville College Lady Scots Volleyball team completed the most successful season in the program's history. Maryville's record of 34-7 broke established records of most wins in a season and fewest losses in a season.



The Lady Scots earned a third consecutive trip to the NCAA national tournament in San Antonio, Texas. Although Maryville lost in the first round to East Texas Baptist University (25-30, 28-30, 26-30), the Lady Scots had a great deal to celebrate in 2003.

(Top) Kandis Schram is recognized for her 400th win. (Below) Jenna Jones goes up for the ball at the net while Sarah Arlinghaus readies for the next return.

An undefeated regular season within the Great South Athletic Conference and a GSAC Conference tournament title were only a few of the team's accolades this season. Five MC student-athletes were named conference players of the week. Senior Jenna Jones was named GSAC Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. Head Coach **Kandis Schram '85** took home conference Coach of the Year honors and celebrated her 400th win during the season.

Five Lady Scots earned All-Conference awards for their accomplishments. Jones, Karen Tobias, Jennifer Francescon, Sarah Arlinghaus and Kate Poeppelman have all been honored for their prowess on the court.

Arlinghaus finished her career with more than 3,200 assists as the Lady Scots setter. Jones ended her career with over 1,500 kills and 1,800 digs.

Other individual accolades include Tobias, MC's junior libero. For the second consecutive year, Tobias led the nation in digs and digs per contest. This season she recorded over 1,100 digs and averaged over 8.7 digs per contest.

MC's Computer Programming Team enjoying strong first year

YOU KIND OF have to know something about computer programming to really appreciate the T-shirts that Maryville College Assistant Professor of Computer Science Dr. Barbara Plaut ordered for her computer programming team this fall.

On the front of the T-shirts is the team name, "MC++ Computer Geeks," chosen because it includes Maryville College's acronym and the programming language (C++) that students use in competition. On the back are each member's numbers – combinations of binaries only – reflecting the 0 and 1 code that computers use.

Students on the team say they don't really mind the inevitable "computer geek" label. They wear it – and the shirts – proudly into competition. And as well they should. In its first year of existence, the team has made a strong showing already.

Competing at the 17th Annual Southeastern Consortium for Computer Sciences in Small Colleges Conference at Georgia Perimeter College in Dunwoody, Ga., in November, the College's team placed eighth among 30 other college groups and was highest-finishing rookie team at the competition. This March, students will travel to Mercer University in Macon, Ga., for more competition.

The team is made up entirely of computer science/business or computer science/mathematics majors at the College. They came together in January 2003, after Plaut approached some of her best students and asked them if they would be interested in competing in the fall. "I knew the practices and competitions would sharpen their [programming] skills, and they have gotten better at this," Plaut said. "I can tell."

Meg Graham, Andrey Khomenko, Michael Andy King, Daniel Ledford, Jessica Minihan, Stevie Neifert, Sara O'Neal and Ben Peacock – five seniors, one junior and two sophomores – make up the College's team.



(L-R) Andrey Khomenko, Ben Peacock, Sara O'Neal and Meg Graham work to solve a programming problem.

STERLING NAMED INTERIM VP

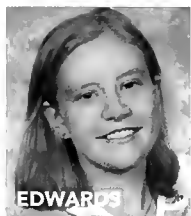
MARYVILLE COLLEGE PRESIDENT Dr. Gerald W. Gibson recently announced the appointment of Leigh Sterling as interim vice president and treasurer of Maryville College.

Sterling, who previously served the College as director of information technology, will continue to provide direct supervision of that area. As interim vice president and treasurer, she will be responsible for one of five administrative divisions, which includes the business office, human resources, telephone services, campus bookstore, mail services, information technology and the entire physical plant operations. "I appreciate Leigh's willingness to serve in this new capacity and have confidence that her leadership will prove to be of great value to the College and its mission," Gibson said.

Sterling joined the College staff in 2001. Previously, she had been employed with BankFirst as senior vice president. She has a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University and a master's degree in organizational communication and management from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

COLLEGE WELCOMES TWO NEW ANDERSON FELLOWS

Freshmen Travis Copen and Emily Edwards are the newest recipients of Maryville College's Isaac Anderson Fellowship for Church Leadership.



Copen, a member of First Presbyterian in Murfreesboro and graduate of Riverdale High School, is interested in becoming a youth minister. Edwards, also a member of First Presbyterian in Murfreesboro, graduated from Oakland High School. Her future plans include attending seminary and eventually teaching theology on the collegiate level.

The Isaac Anderson Fellowship is part of the College's Initiative on Vocation, funded by a \$2 million Lilly Endowment Inc. grant and named for the College's founder, who started Maryville College in 1819 as a response to the lack of church leaders in the area.

The fellowship awards recipients \$17,000 for tuition annually and is one of the College's premier scholarships. Recipients of the fellowship must demonstrate an interest in and promise for church leadership, and have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average in high school and scored at least a 1200 on the SAT or a 27 on the ACT.

For more information, contact Kathleen Farnham at 865.981.8217. Scholarship information is available at: www.maryvillecollege.edu/admissions/finaid-scholarships.asp.

Princeton Seminary professor to lead February Meetings

DR. KENDA CREASY DEAN, associate professor of youth, church and culture and director of the Tennent School of Christian Education at Princeton Theological Seminary, will be the guest speaker for the College's annual February Meetings, scheduled for Feb. 26-27.



Dean, who co-authored *The Godbearing Life* and co-edited *Starting Right: Thinking Theologically About Youth Ministry*, has chosen as the February Meetings Theme "The Godbearing Life: Young Adults and the Quest for a Passionate Church."

Presentations are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Feb. 26 in the Fine Arts Center Music Hall; 11 a.m., Feb. 27, in Lawson Auditorium.

For more information, watch the MC website or contact Campus Minister Anne D. McKee at 865.981.8298 or anne.mckee@maryvillecollege.edu.

Legacies now eligible for \$2,500 award

which will be given to students whose parents or grandparents graduated from the College. It will be offered for the fall 2004 semester. The new award will be worth up to \$2,500 per academic year; renewable up to four years with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Mark Cate, vice president for advancement and admissions, summarized the reasons behind reinstating the award. "Simply put, we want legacies to consider attending the College," he said. "It is our belief that they are more likely to understand and resonate with our educational philosophy. Also, our alumni are extremely loyal and committed to their alma mater. The Legacy Award is one very tangible way to demonstrate our commitment back to them." Alumni and eligible candidates should contact the Office of Admissions for additional information.

HUNDREDS OF ALUMNI pass the Maryville College experience on to their children and grandchildren as though it were a treasured heirloom. To help make this wish of former students easier, Maryville College is reintroducing the MC Legacy Award,

2002 Summer Youth Get-A-Way successful plans for 2004 retreat underway

A 2001 grant proposal that Maryville College submitted to Lilly Endowment, Inc., included a single page outlining the College's desire to host an annual retreat for high-schoolers to promote the development of strong, committed church leaders: "We propose to host an annual summer retreat devoted to 'Faith, Leadership, and Vocation.' The aim of the retreat ... will be to introduce teens to the notion of vocation as it relates to the life of the Christian faith and, in particular, to introduce them to a possible call to ministry" it read.

Two years later, the 2003 Summer Youth Get-A-Way represented the tangible product of this vision. Organized through the College's Initiative on Vocation (the set of programs funded with the \$2 million Lilly grant), the Get-A-Way was created to provide a retreat experience in which a select group of Presbyterian youth from across the Southeast could



gather to discuss issues of faith, vocation and church leadership.



In its inaugural year, the Get-A-Way welcomed 18 youth and their adult leaders to the College for a weeklong event.

"I've never done anything like that before" has quite possibly been the most common response from participants to the retreat's various worship activities. Much of the Get-A-Way was designed to introduce young people to something new, be it an activity or a way of thinking.

Planning for the 2004 Summer Youth Get-A-Way is already underway, with dates set for June 6-10. To learn more, contact Kathleen Farnham, 865.981.8217, or Melanie Rasnake, 865.273.8816.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE ON THE GOLD COAST

BY KAREN BEATY ELDRIDGE '94
Director of News and Public Information

MC staffer Jennifer Cummings West '95, left, traveled to Ghana during the summer of 2003 to visit MC senior Frank Twum-Barimah, right, and to establish service-learning opportunities for MC students in the country.



JENNIFER CUMMINGS WEST '95, Maryville College's director of volunteer services, dubbed her 2003 summer adventure "From Graceland to Ghana," as it started at the Memphis International Airport and took her half a world away.

Also spending the summer in Ghana was Frank Twum-Barimah, but he didn't give the trip a clever title with alliteration. He simply was going home for the summer like hundreds of his Maryville College contemporaries.

But both West and Twum-Barimah went to the African nation this summer to do good – West to establish partnerships between Maryville College and non-profit agencies in the rural areas of Ghana; Twum-Barimah, a business and organization management major, to intern with World Vision International and interview non-profit leaders in preparation for his senior thesis entitled "Business as a Calling – Emphasis on Non-Profit Development."

REASONS TO GO

The idea to visit Ghana originated with Dr. John Gallagher, associate professor of management who is also the faculty advisor of Twum-Barimah. Gallagher hoped to meet with a variety of agencies in Ghana in order to help his advisee focus his senior thesis topic and help him explore vocational possibilities in Ghana.

West decided the trip would be the perfect opportunity to make connections, utilizing Twum-Barimah's family contacts. She applied for funding from the Bonner Foundation to cover her travel expenses and was approved.

"I believe these partnerships will help Maryville students gain a sense of global citizenship as they learn about government, economic conditions, non-governmental organizations, language and culture," she said.

Staying with Twum-Barimah's family, West spent most of her time in and around the small village of Bompata. Twum-Barimah is the son of a Presbyterian minister in Bompata who came to Maryville through the efforts of Presbyterian minister George Carpenter '53 and Jamestown Presbyterian Church (N.C.).

Bompata has roughly the population of Maryville College's student body, but the village is nowhere near as modern as a U.S. college campus. West didn't have to wait to

visit non-profits to see the needs of the country that was known long ago as the "Gold Coast" for its gold, ivory and slave trade.

Unemployment in the country is at staggering numbers, and roughly 45 percent of the population makes less than \$1 a day. Huts with thatched roofs are common family dwellings in the villages. Because of a lack of nutrition, immunizations and medical access, children often die from disease. But meeting with representatives from the Presbyterian Church, local schools and Habitat for Humanity, West learned how and where MC students could spend summers in service to others.

"I believe these partnerships will help Maryville students gain a sense of global citizenship ..."

"Our students could work at hospitals, clinics, schools, World Vision, in AIDS education, Habitat for Humanity, the Youth for Christ Movement, or just assist with office work," West said. "Getting ready to leave Ghana, a Presbyterian minister said to me 'Sista, you will be coming back next summer with 100 students!'"

"I told him that I didn't think I'd be bringing one-tenth of our student body next year, but maybe some year we will!"

ALREADY REACHING OUT

West is currently in the process of finalizing details for students to intern at non-profits in Ghana, but the MC community is already making a difference in the lives of Bompata residents. The Student Literacy Corps has collected almost 4,000 children's books and textbooks to send to village schools.

Through various fundraisers and a generous donation from the Bonner Foundation, the College's Bonner Scholars have raised \$3,000 for a borehole. Deeper than a well, a borehole provides longer-term water sustainability and, with its accompanying pump

system, increases water pressure to users. Currently, the village has only one borehole, which services the medical clinic only.

TRAIL-BLAZERS NEEDED

Following graduation in May, Twum-Barimah plans to return to his native country and work with a non-profit that is assisting communities. "I want to build capacity there so that the people are self-sufficient."

In his internship report to World Vision, Twum-Barimah included a quote from Renn Zaphiropoulos who said, "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." The MC senior wrote that he was glad he "did not follow where the path may lead" but rather arranged for a summer experience that would make a difference in his home country.

He hopes other MC students will do the same – blaze a trail for people in need instead of following a well-established road.

The path from Graceland to Ghana can be their example.



HOME TO HOWEE

Lloyd Hall dedicated

MORE THAN 300 students, College faculty and staff, and alumni turned out for the dedication of Lloyd Hall.

Named in honor of the College's sixth president, Dr. Ralph Waldo Lloyd, and his wife, Margaret Bell Lloyd, the 52,800-square-foot residence hall is currently home to approximately 150 students. Members of the Lloyd family, including the surviving children of Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd, were distinguished guests at the ribbon-cutting.

Dr. Gerald W. Gibson, president of the College, offered dedicatory remarks, particularly noting the impact that Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd made on the Maryville College community during their more than 30 years of service to the institution. "... So we celebrate today Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Waldo Lloyd and the skilled artisans and tradesmen and laborers whose work has produced this newest facility for the Maryville College campus. ... May its presence serve to remind us of two people whose lives were dedicated to the students of Maryville College."

During the dedication, Vernon Lloyd '41, Hal Lloyd '43 and Louise Lloyd Palm '51 spoke about their experiences growing up on campus and the spirit of community that their parents sought to foster. Concluding the remarks, Palm spoke of her hopes for the new hall. "May it be much more than just a magnificent brick building. ... May it truly become a loving and nurturing home for all who live here, a community where people care about each other; a community committed to openness and hospitality, welcoming all people and all ideas; a community where faith is strong; a community striving to make the world a better place."

To read all of Palm's remarks, as well as the remarks of other platform speakers, visit www.maryvillecollege.edu/alumni/homecoming.



ABOVE: Children of Ralph and Margaret Lloyd (l-r), Louise Lloyd Palm '51, Hal Lloyd '43 and Vernon Lloyd '41, help officially open Lloyd Hall with a ribbon-cutting.



ABOVE: Seniors Aja Rodriguez and Mikey Rickman were crowned Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of Saturday's football game.



LEFT: Christen McCammon Khym '96 was presented the Kin Takahashi Award for Young Alumni of Maryville College by President Gibson during the Alumni Banquet.

**CLASS OF '53
RECOGNIZES
FINE ARTS
WITH
REUNION
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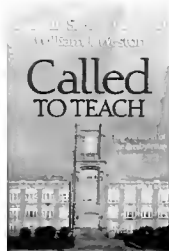
ABOVE:
Dr. Copeland,
center, was
presented the
Medallion by
President Gib-
son, right, and
Dick Ragsdale,
chairman of
the MC Board
of Directors.



class members hope to contribute another \$21,500 to the fund. If so, they'll meet their goal – "\$103,000 for '53." The funds are earmarked for the Annual Fund and the creation of a new fine and performing arts programming endowment fund.

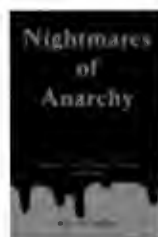
Members of the 1953 Gift Committee included Wilbanks, Jim Campbell, George Carpenter, Emerson Flurkey, Paul Merwin, Isabel Leitch Miller, Ruth Burgos-Sasscer, Shirley Atwell-Marble, and Edie McMillan Sutton.

FACULTY RESEARCH PUBLISHED



DR. PEGGY COWAN, Ralph W. Beeson Chair in Religion and chair of the core curriculum, published, with two other college professors, a chapter titled "The Vocation of Teaching in the Church-Related College" in *Called to Teach: The Vocation of the Presbyterian Educator* (Geneva Press 2003). The book grew out of a national conference for Presbyterian faculty. The chapter includes discussion of Rhodes College, Maryville College and Waynesburg College as three very different models of church-relatedness within the Presbyterian tradition.

DR. WILLIAM PHILLIPS, assistant professor of English, published *Nightmares of Anarchy: Language and Cultural Change, 1870-1914* (Bucknell University Press 2003). The book is loosely based on Phillips' dissertation, which he completed at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1996.



"By examining the writings of Henry James, Frank Norris, Ford Madox Ford, Charlotte Teller, Joseph Conrad and G.K. Chesterton, and other narratives of the times – fiction and nonfiction, journalism and academic writing, canonical and obscure writers – this study traces the discourse surrounding anarchism in order to understand the cultural practices that supported the rise of modern capitalist culture," the publisher writes.

Gombert's artwork purchased by West Virginia museum

ARTWORK BY DR. CARL GOMBERT, associate professor of art, will soon find a new home in West Virginia. His "Family Resemblance," a series of eight portraits, was recently purchased by the Avampato Discovery Museum in Charleston, W.Va., and will be added to the museum's permanent collection.



"Family Resemblance" was selected for the Avampato Discovery Museum's Appalachian Corridors exhibition, a juried show of work by Appalachian artists. Gombert's series was awarded second place among the 172 works selected for the exhibit, and the museum's Collector's Circle decided to purchase the artwork. Completed in 2001, the oil-on-canvas portraits that make up "Family Resemblance" depict

eight unique but related faces. Different gender, racial and ethnic characteristics are represented in each portrait, but all portraits resemble the artist.

"The recent purchase of 'Family Resemblance' bolsters and expands our growing contemporary art portrait collection," said Ric Ambrose, curator of art at the Avampato Discovery Museum. "Gombert's eight self-portrait panels raise universal questions about gender, ethnicity and race in today's society. Of the 172 works of art juried into the recent Appalachian Corridors exhibition, ["Family Resemblance"] was the most discussed work of art of school groups, the general public and museum staff," he added.

"Family Resemblance" is the latest of Gombert's works to be publicly featured. In 2002, the artist was commissioned to create artwork for the new Knoxville Convention Center. Gombert joined the MC faculty in 1993.

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

BOOKSHELF

GIHANI PERERA '05

Major: Writing & Communications



Laughing While Crying
Langston Hughes

"This is for my thesis on the Harlem

Renaissance. I've been interested in Langston Hughes for a while. I saw a paradox between race and identity among black authors of that time."

MARLA WHIPPLE

Director of Assessment Center for Calling & Career



What Should I Do with My Life? Po Bronson

"I'm reading this book for an on-campus, vocation-interest discussion group. Bronson asked this question of over 900 people and compiled about 50 stories that explore issues such as: what is the impact of money and happiness on the journey, who is able to ask and answer questions on 'calling' and where can the call of vocation come from in our lives?"

JORDAN WELLS, '06

Major: Music

The Summons

John Grisham

"I really like the way John Grisham writes. His wording, the way that he describes things, the scenes he creates."



DR. JOHN NICHOLS '65

Professor of Mathematics



Division Chair, Mathematics & Computer Science

The Lion's Game
Nelson DeMille

"I keep a book on the history of mathematics on the nightstand, but I tend to read historical fiction, like Michener, Jakes and Auel. The DeMille book is a murder mystery related to terrorism and was a gift."

Pierce is Tennessee's "Physical Education Teacher of the Year"

MARYVILLE COLLEGE Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Outdoor Recreation Dr. Danny Pierce was named "Physical Education Teacher of the Year" for college and universities in Tennessee.

The award was announced Nov. 7 at the 34th annual conference of the Tennessee Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD) held at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City.

Pierce, who began teaching at Maryville College in 1998, was nominated by student Melody McGee. McGee said her professor "inspired students to be the best physical educators possible – to move, to bend, to get future students excited about physical education."

Calling Pierce a "credit to [the teaching] profession," Dr. Terry Simpson, chairperson for Maryville College's division of education, wrote that the assistant professor consistently receives high evaluations from his students but suggested

that his greatest influence may lie in the area of professionalism. "The PE/Health for Teacher Licensure students take great pride in their teaching field," Simpson wrote in his reference letter. "The students attend professional conferences yearly, and they often make presentations at these conferences. As a result, they return to campus excited about their profession."

Pierce earned his doctorate, master's and bachelor's degrees from Oklahoma State University. He also studied at the University of Kansas. His teaching credits include the development of "Wellness Wednesday" for his *PHR101: Human Health and Development* class, co-creation of the "B-Healthy" program for Blount County home-school children and participation in training for the local public school district's "Tribes" character development curriculum.

Dr. Danny Pierce, left, accepts his award for Physical Education Teacher of the Year from Dr. Judy Stewart, chairperson of the TAHPERD Awards Committee.



NEW FACES



DR. THOMAS CONTE
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE

TEACHING AREAS: Political philosophy, contemporary political issues. DEGREES:

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Maryland (1999); M.A. in Political Science, New School for Social Research (1991); A.B. in Political Science and Philosophy, Boston University (1986). PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Gettysburg College (Pa.). OTHER NOTABLES: During the fall 2003 semester, Dr. Conte founded the Maryville College Philosophy Club, an informal reading group for students and faculty.



DR. PAM TURNER
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY
TEACHING AREAS: Laboratory chemistry, natural science. DEGREES: Ph.D. in Chemistry, Rice University (2003); B.S. in Chemistry and Physics, Harding University (1997).

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT: Adjunct Instructor of Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, Houston Baptist University (Texas). OTHER NOTABLES: Dr. Turner is particularly interested in the emerging field of nanoscale science, the study of extremely small particles; she has contributed to several important publications in the field.

Two faculty members retire

The College community recently celebrated the contributions of two faculty members who recently retired. **Dr. John Perry** retired at the end of the Spring 2003 semester after 18 years at MC; **Pam Bunde '79** put down her editing pens last summer after nearly 15 years and more than 2,500 senior theses.

Perry, who was feted Sept. 23, was presented a plaque by Dr. Terry Simpson, chairman of the division of education. Athletic Director Randy Lambert and the athletic department presented the former physical education faculty member with a stadium blanket embroidered "Coach John Perry."



(Above) Dr. John Perry, right, accepts a plaque of recognition from Education Division Chairperson Dr. Terry Simpson. (Right) Pam Bunde, former senior thesis editor, shows the crowd her retirement gift.

At a Sept. 9 farewell party, Vice President and Dean of the College Dr. Robert Naylor presented Bunde with a signature series pen from the College's Gold Medalion Collection. **MC**



FRAMING THE FUTURE:

WHILE THE MC Window of Opportunity strategic plan verbally paints a picture of what the College should be by the year 2007, a recently approved Master

Plan *visually* paints a picture of what the College might look like in time for its bicentennial birthday.

A new civic arts center. A new behavioral sciences building. Renovated Anderson, Pearsons and Thaw halls. An outdoor pavilion and indoor soccer facility. An additional residence hall on one end of campus; a renovated Alumni Gym on the other.

A 1997 Master Plan culminated in some astonishing results. (See some of the outcomes, pages 16-17.) The 2003 Master Plan again asks Maryville College constituents to imagine the possibilities.

WHY A MASTER PLAN?

"For a college or any organization that has a campus as large as ours, there are always needs," said Mark Cate, Maryville College vice president for advancement and admissions. "When you complete a renovation or restoration of one building, there's likely another one in need of improvement, and it's not unusual for there to be a number of projects that need to get done. The challenge lies in deciding which ones are priorities."

"A master plan helps build consensus for those priorities; it establishes a plan and puts budgets behind those plans."

Back in August 2002, many in the college community began reviewing the 1997 Master Plan for updates. Several projects had been accomplished already, but others remained on the "to do" list.

"The last Master Plan had prioritized projects by putting them into a time frame," Cate explained. "Some were slated for completion in one to five years, some in five to 10 years, some in 10 to 15 years."

Instead of putting time frames to the priorities, College administrators decided to group priorities into two phases for the 2003 Master Plan. Deciding which buildings and facilities would receive



"... To become one of the nation's premier colleges known for the strength and integrity of its distinctive values-based, liberal arts education ... To create a vibrant campus community recognized as a model character-building environment that emphasizes leadership development, public service, volunteerism and holistic well-being ... To build a broadly diverse and exceptionally talented faculty and staff preeminent in their roles as teachers, mentors and partners in the education of students ... To establish a hallmark learning environment exemplary for its superior facilities, unrivaled technology, and campus of great aesthetic appeal."

— STATED VISION STATEMENTS OF THE MC WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

attention in the immediate future (Phase I) and which would wait until a few years out (Phase II) was left to a group of college administrators, faculty and staff, which made recommendations to the College's

Board of Directors for final

approval. (See listing of priorities on page 15.)

Facilities needed to meet the objectives of the MC Window of Opportunity Plan will be given priority over others, but nothing is set in stone, Cate indicated. College programming may dictate emphases, he said, as may donors' wishes.

The plan is ambitious, the vice president affirmed, but vitally important. Just as the strategic plan suggests that the College is at a unique place in its history, so does the new Master Plan. Can a historic campus meet the needs of 21st-century students?

"The bottom line is that facilities are here to support the mission of the institution," Cate said. "How do we ensure that we have the facilities and the environment to support our mission — to prepare citizens and leaders for this world?"

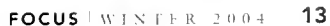
Maryville College answers the question with an inspiring 2003 Master Plan. **MC**

THE 2003 MASTER PLAN

Proposals for the campus include facilities slated for construction and renovation and added campus beautification projects. No exact location of a civic arts center on the campus has been determined. Because of space limitations, the steam plant renovation and intramural/multi-purpose fields aren't shown in this design.



BY KAREN BEATY ELDRIDGE '94 Director of News and Public Information



ON THE DRAWING BOARD

PHASE I OF THE 2003 MASTER PLAN has been called “ambitious” and “aggressive,” as it involves several major projects with major price tags. Here, three priority projects – varying in size, scope and cost – are explained in detail.



RENOVATION ‘IMPERATIVE’ FOR ANDERSON

THE 2003 MASTER Plan calls for an estimated \$4.5-million renovation of Anderson Hall, the oldest building on campus. Named for the College’s founder, the Rev. Isaac Anderson, Anderson Hall was completed in 1870 and since that time, has provided space for classrooms, offices, archives and storage.

The Plan argues that renovation of Anderson is “imperative,” given the building’s existing condition and the College’s long-term goals in academic programming and enrollment, and further recommends that interior space be reorganized to better meet the needs of the College’s education and humanities divisions.

“Some of the interior walls will be moved,” explained Mark Cate, vice president for advancement and admissions. “The questions we have to answer are: What are the appropriate number of classrooms and faculty and staff offices that we need? Right now, some faculty offices are very small. We need to provide them with offices and work spaces that support teaching and student advising in the 21st century.”

On the exterior, the Plan calls for reinstalling Anderson’s slate roof, removing old mortar between the bricks and tuck-pointing new mortar. The bulk of the budget to renovate Anderson is expected to go toward updating its mechanical systems. Other costs will include bringing it up to code and fitting it with an elevator to meet ADA requirements, Cate said.

“We expect that adding new HVAC, new electrical and new technology will require excavation to build a structure that will house the building’s mechanical systems.”

Currently, only pockets of space on the first-floor are equipped with central heat and air. A handful of second- and third-story offices and classrooms have window air-conditioning units. Spaces left without conditioning are uncomfortable and/or unusable during many months of warm weather.

ALEXANDER HOUSE BEAUTIFULLY RECLAIMED

TWO PROJECTS ON the 2003 Master Plan can already be checked off. Campus signage was completed during the summer of 2003, coinciding with the completion of the Campus Beautification and Improvement Plan. And Alexander House, a nearly 100-year-old structure located at 714 Hillside Avenue on the edge of campus, was renovated for 4,000 square feet of office space during the fall of 2003.

Five of the College’s Advancement officers are working in the upper level, while employees of the local non-profit Leadership Blount program are working on the lower level.

A dedication of the house is planned for this spring.



Work completed on Alexander House, which totaled approximately \$450,000, included rebuilding the interior walls, refinishing the hardwood floors and installing new carpet, plumbing, electric and HVAC systems. Exterior improvements included a new roof, new gutters, downspouts and windows. The front porch was repaired and made handicap-accessible with



a ramp, and the back porch was rebuilt. The clapboard siding got a new coat of white paint.

An asphalt parking lot was added on one side of the house, and landscaping should be completed this spring.

"As a College, we identified the space we needed to accommodate our people and programs, and it wasn't available on campus," explained Cate. "Running the numbers, we saw that it was as cost effective to renovate a vacant building as it was to build a new structure."

Another factor in the decision to renovate Alexander House was its historical tie to the College. Built in 1906, the Colonial Revival-influenced residence was home to the Rev. John Alexander, an alumnus (Class of 1887) and 50-year member of the College's Board of Directors, and his wife, Jane Bancroft Smith Alexander, who taught English and history at Maryville College for more than 30 years.

In 1989, Alexander House was put on the National Register of Historic Places, and unlike the College's other buildings placed on the Register because of their architectural features, Alexander House was chosen for inclusion because of its inhabitants and their contributions to Blount County.

Alexander family members, college faculty and staff used the home as a private residence until the late 1990s. When Fayerweather Hall caught fire and was razed in 1999, the College's business services and human resources offices temporarily operated out of the house.

NEW CIVIC ARTS CENTER COULD MEET COMMUNITY'S NEEDS, AS WELL

THE CURRENT MARYVILLE College Fine Arts Center was completed in 1950 and includes a 254-seat music hall, music library, art studio, gallery and classroom and office spaces. The Wilson Chapel/Theatre Complex, which is nearly 50 years old, includes a 1,250-seat auditorium and a 400-seat theatre.

Both facilities are in desperate need of improvement or replacement, and the MC Window of Opportunity Plan, a strategic plan adopted by the College's Board of Directors in April 2002, calls for a "newly constructed Center for the Fine and Performing Arts [that] will significantly enhance the educational offerings of the College and integrate community and regional activity in the arts."

Last winter, the College approached Blount County and the cities of Alcoa and Maryville to see if they would like to jointly fund and participate in a study that would determine the feasibility of the four entities partnering in a civic arts center. All voted to join the study.

"The College is fully committed to building a new fine and performing arts facility," Cate said, "but what a great opportunity we have to see if there is a desire to build a facility that will meet not only our [College's] needs but the community's needs, as well."

The findings of the feasibility study conducted by New York-based Webb

Management Services, Inc., and presented Nov. 13 in the College's Fine Arts Center Music Hall indicated that a new civic arts center is needed in Blount County, and that it makes good sense – both economically and operationally – for Maryville College and local governmental entities to partner in the construction of such a facility.

The study, carried out during summer 2003, looked at potential audiences for and potential uses of a new College-community facility, existing art- and large-group facilities in the area, and the broader benefits and impacts a new facility would have on the community and region. A 10-member task force representing local governments, schools and performing arts entities was convened for the study, and Webb representatives interviewed more than 40 other key business and civic leaders to collect relevant information.

Compiling anecdotal information from interviews with national research, representatives from Webb Management Services concluded that "a strong case can be made for new facilities – both for civic/social/business purposes, and for arts and culture."

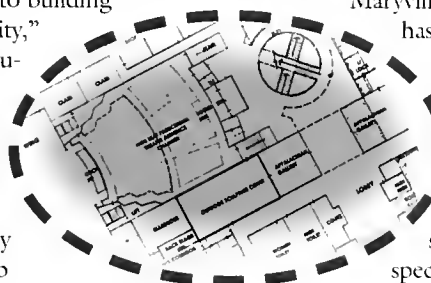
The consulting firm went on to make specific recommendations for the type of facility that may serve the College and region. Those recommendations included a 1,200-seat proscenium theater, a 350-seat recital hall, a 250-seat flexible theater, two or three new art galleries, two or three civic rooms/ballrooms/conference rooms that can accommodate up to 500 people, designated space for an Appalachian Cultural Center and support spaces.

Webb recommended that the College own and operate the facilities but added that the civic arts center have some autonomy from the College in terms of fundraising and governance that would include an advisory board made up of representatives from all contributing partners.

Recommending that the facility stay "as busy as possible," the consulting firm determined that a new civic arts center on the College campus could see as many as 85,000 concert- or theatre-goers in a year and, combined with workshop and conference attendees, could have a significant economic impact from operations and other ancillary spending in Blount County.

Discussions about the potential partnership between the College and local governments are ongoing.

No exact location of a civic arts center on the Maryville College campus has been determined, and Cate said that until the size, scope and site location of the facility are decided, construction costs are speculative. **MC**



Proposed Projects

Below are some major construction and renovation projects tied to the newest Master Plan. "Phase I" indicates a higher priority and closer completion date.

PHASE I

Alexander House renovation – completed
New Civic Arts Center
Anderson Hall renovation
New Outdoor Pavilion
New Residence Hall
Peckerson Hall renovations Phase I
Steam Plant visual upgrade
Soccer/Softball Concession and Locker Room/Toilet
Intermural/Multi-Purpose Field
Campus Walking Trail
Fitness Center Addition/Climbing Wall
Crowford House renovation
Campus Signage Phase I – completed

PHASE II

Thaw Hall renovation
New Behavioral Sciences Building
Sutton Science Center renovation
Peckerson Hall renovations Phase II
Alumni Gym renovation
International House renovation
Physical Plant Building III
Parking at Tennis Court
Promenade Extension
New Indoor Soccer Facility
Campus Signage Phase II



Street signs (right) reveal the new names for campus roads; the original "Corduroy" (below).

COLLEGE'S HISTORY BEHIND NEW STREET NAMES

BY STEPHANIE ZILLES '07

"JUST FOLLOW THE circle around until you pass the first street on your right. Across from that is Fayerweather; it's the big new building with a fish pond in front." How disturbingly familiar this may seem to those of us who are asked directions by someone driving around campus. We point in the right direction, hoping that our instructions are easily understood. It is the way, after all, that we learned to get around the grounds ourselves.

But new students and visitors to campus will have it easier now.

Last summer, a committee was formed to suggest names for the streets that connect the Maryville College campus. The results:

COLLEGE HILL (road that separates Bartlett Hall and Beeson Village). Originally located in downtown Maryville, the College campus was relocated to a hill just south of town after the Civil War. This hill was long referred to as "College Hill," and older alumni still know it as such.

MORNINGSIDE LANE (lane that leads from Cooper Athletic Center to the House in the Woods). In 1932, Mrs. John Walker built what would later become the home of MC presidents. Bequeathing "Morningside" to the institution in 1951, Walker also gave the surrounding land that now offers a serene drive through the Woods.

HOWEE AVENUE (road running between Crawford House and Copeland Hall). There is an old College cheer that begins like this: "How-ee, How-ee, Chil-how-ee, / Maryville, Maryville, Tennessee ..." It is the first word of this cheer that gives this avenue its name – and what a fitting designation it is for a street that provides an unobstructed view of the Chilhowee mountain range.

CIRCLE DRIVE (road encircling campus). The one road on campus with a name more obvious than the others is Circle Drive. **Martha Hess '67**, registrar and member of the committee for naming the streets, laughs when she explains. "It's been called that forever. People used to say 'follow the circle around ...,' and so the name stuck.

THE CORDUROY (road between Wilson Chapel and the Fine Arts Center). The most interesting street name, "The Corduroy," has a history that makes complete sense when told. It was not always smooth and even like it is today; in fact, it was the exact opposite.

"It used to lead right up to Broadway," explains Hess, "and it was so bumpy. Like the pants," she says, rubbing her leg in visual explanation, and we both laugh.

Yes, friends, this is a road named after clothing.

So now that you know, do not be afraid to use these street names, christened with history in mind. They are part of the campus now, reminding us of the past, leading us to wherever it is we may need to go in the future. **MC** — Excerpted from *The Highland Echo*

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MASTER PLANS WORK!

These projects, all completed in the last seven years, originated from Master Plan proposals.

BARTLETT HALL
Headquarters for the physical plant staff before 1999, it's now the campus student center thanks to a \$6.3-million restoration and expansion project.

CENTER FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY
The "architectural jewel" of the campus, 23W interior and exterior restoration in 1999.



PHYSICAL PLANT Two of three buildings to house the College's grounds, maintenance and house-keeping departments have been completed. A third building is slated for the future.



STADIUM ENTRANCE & TICKET BOOTH

Wrought-iron gates, landscaping and new structures (below) significantly improve the entrance to Honaker Field.



FAYERWEATHER HALL

Originally slated for major renovation in 2010 to make it the College's main administrative building, Fayerweather Hall's transformation was expedited by a 1999 fire.

BEESON VILLAGE

Construction on this residential village in 1997 marked the first major bricks-and-mortar project the campus had seen in 27 years.



BEFORE



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HUMPHREYS COURT

Originally dedicated in 1923 and featuring gardens and park-like benches and tables, the court was expanded, landscaped and re-designed to include an outdoor classroom as part of the 2012 Campus Beautification and Improvement Plan.



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BEESON VILLAGE

CLASSNOTES

EDITOR'S NOTE: The College received information printed below between June 1 and Oct. 31, 2003. Class notes submitted after Oct. 31 should appear in the Spring 2004 issue.

'27 MEMORIALS: Clara Tye Finchum, Aug. 14. She is survived by one son.

■ **Mary Nuchols Hitch**, May 25, in Maryville. She was a member of New Providence Presbyterian. Survivors include sons **Jim Giffin**, **Tip Hitch** and **Robert Hitch '67** and daughter **M. Susann Hitch Anderson '62**, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'32 Julia Terry Dickinson lives at home. She reads a lot, watches TV and still "thinks about those good times at Maryville College!"

MEMORIALS: Josie Tipton Hummel, Sept. 10. She and her husband owned and operated Hummel General Store in Chilhowee, Tenn. She served on the board of directors of Blount National Bank. Survivors include two sons, two daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

■ **Beulah Duggan Linn**, April 30. Linn was the Sevier County historian and lived in Pigeon Forge. She is survived by one daughter and four grandsons.

■ **Ellen Metz Welch**, Sept. 15, in Dallas, Texas. A math teacher at Roane County High School for many years, she was a charter member of Central Baptist Church in Kingston, Tenn. She is survived by a son, two grandchildren and two sisters.

'34 Mildred Schoeller Crump and husband **John '36** report they are still up and around and enjoying life at 96 and 91. The Crumps live in Bean Station, Tenn.

MEMORIAM: Mary Evelyn Russell Lane, Sept. 22, in Maryville. She was a member of New Providence Presbyterian, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Alpha Delta Kappa and the Blount County Historical Society. She taught for 28 years and was chairman of the

MEMORIAM:

Claire MacMurray Howard '21, a best-selling author and newspaper columnist, passed away July 31 at the age of 104.

A native of Indiana, Howard taught home economics in Alcoa, Tenn., after graduating from the College. She relocated to Cleveland, Ohio, with her husband, and from 1936 to 1965, she authored the "Good Morning" column in Cleveland's *Plain Dealer*.

Howard's first book, *And Beat Him When He Sneezes*, was published in 1941 and spent seven months on the national bestseller's list. The work also inspired the nationally aired NBC radio comedy, "Nichols Family of Five." Additionally, Howard's 1944 work, *Out on a Limbo*, enjoyed its position as a national bestseller for more than a year.

Along with five other residents, she founded the Cleveland Seamen's Service in 1964 to welcome crews of foreign ships to town.



Blount County Board of Education. She is survived by son George Lane, daughter and son-in-law **Louise Lane Talley '62** and **Donald Talley '61**, one brother, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

'36 MEMORIAM: Robert C. Borcer, July 17, in Hamilton County, Ohio.

'37 MEMORIAM: Ann Jett Jones, July 22, in Atlanta. She was a member of Peachtree Road United Methodist, Sharondale Garden Club and Emory Hospital Auxiliary of Pink Ladies. She is survived by her two sons and seven grandchildren.

'38 MEMORIALS: Stanley W. Phillips, April 20, in Reston, Va. He was retired from the Foreign Agricultural Service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Survivors include a son and three daughters.

■ **Geneva Johnson Rich**, July 11, in Asheboro, Ky. She received a master's in education at Rutgers University and taught schools in Elizabeth, N.J. and Pittsburgh. Rich is survived by one son, two daughters, two sisters, seven

grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

'39 Irma Souder Baker celebrated her 68th show as a dance instructor and choreographer. Her students have been Tony Award winners, Rockettes, Broadway dancers and dance studio directors. In 1997, she was honored by the Dance Masters of America with a 50-year membership award presented at Disney World.

MEMORIAM: Leonard J. Best, May 13, in Maryville. He was a member of the ALCOA 25-year club and a veteran of World War II. Survivors include one daughter, three stepchildren, two grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

'40 MEMORIALS: Genevieve McCalmont Tevis, Feb. 6. Survivors include husband Byron and two sons.

■ **Mignonne Myers Winn**, Aug. 31. She is survived by a son, grandson, and great-grandson.

'41 MEMORIAM: Rev. J. Robert Watt, Nov. 19, 2002, in Atco, N.J. Watt is survived by wife **Elizabeth Brimfield Watt '37**, one son, one daughter, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

'42 Bina Ruth Brown, owner of Brown Enterprises, retired from tax accounting and piano tuning. At age 83, **Lin (Ruth) Sutherlin Lepicier** writes that the Lord has richly blessed her. She is currently a soloist at North Bend Presbyterian in Bandon, Ore., and no one there knows her age! **Inez Johnson McRae's** husband, James, died July 11. He suffered from Alzheimer's disease and had contracted pneumonia. He was residing in an assisted living facility in Spruce Pine, N.C.

'43 Bettie Haines Ball is caring for husband Kenneth, who celebrated his 102nd birthday in September. **Bette Clevenger Carbery** has been visiting her daughters Suzanne (in McLean, Va.) and Mimi (in New Orleans). **Doris Murray Lorenz** has moved to a retirement home in Palm Desert, Calif. Also moving into a retirement community were **Marion J. Avakian Slater** and her husband. Their new residence, in Tinton Falls, N.J., is five miles from where they have lived for 46 years. **Joseph E. Huskey** recently demonstrated his metrigrid games for the third time to Dr. Arnold Davis of the University of Tennessee. Last fall Huskey introduced teachers to

metrigrad games at Murphy Elementary in Copperhill, Tenn.

MEMORIAMS: Robert Welden, July 7, in Beaufort, S.C. He was a dentist, graduating from Emory University and serving in the Navy Dental Corps for 27 years. His list of public service contributions was numerous and included the Beaufort County Board of Education and Rotary International. He was a past commodore and long-time supporter of the Beaufort County Water Festival. Survivors include wife Jeanne, two daughters, one son and four grandchildren.

■ **Ruth Johnson Farmakes**, June 20. She was a retired publisher and is survived by husband John and three daughters.

■ **Edward R. Rowley, Jr.**, Aug. 4, in Daytona Beach, Fla. A graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary, he served several Presbyterian churches in central Florida. He was president of the Daytona Beach Ministerial Association and helped to start a drive-in church service at Volusia Drive-In Theater. He was active in Civitan Club and the Salvation Army. He is survived by wife **Esther Ann Winn Rowley**, four children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

'44 MEMORIAMS: Dorothy Harned Clift, May 15, in Knoxville. She was a member of the First United Methodist in Maryville and a 30-year teacher in Maryville City Schools. Survivors include husband Lloyd.

■ **Grace Betts Gent**, Feb. 8, in Northglenn, Colo. She was a homemaker and worked as a health care provider and caregiver. Survivors include one son, one daughter and three grandchildren.

■ **Margery DuVall Roth Hay**, July 2. Survivors include husband William and four children, including **Leslee Hay Kirkconnell '84**. ■ **Horace E. Scherer**, March 21, in Norristown, Pa. He is survived by wife Alice, three sons and one daughter.

'45 Dorothy Brown DiStefano and daughter **Margie Van Sant Smith '73** returned from Turkey, Ephesus, Athens and five Greek Isles. She is very active at First Presbyterian in Boca Raton, Fla., singing in the choir and leading the Mariners evening out program. **Winifred Sommers Hein**

has returned from a week-long trip to Natchez, Miss., with two of her Maryville College classmates – **Anne Kerr Valentine** and **Peggy Caldwell Smith**. Out in Marshall, Texas, **William Segraves** is currently writing poetry and children's stories.

MEMORIAMS: Donald Black, June 2, in Chattanooga. An Air Force flight engineer in World War II, he received a B.S. in aviation maintenance engineering after the war. He was a fellow and life member of the National Speleological Society, and had been the national cave rescue coordinator and the U.S. delegate to the International Rescue Commission. He was a licensed emergency medical technician in both Tennessee and Georgia. He is survived by wife **Mary Curtis Black '45**, daughter **Ruth Black LeBlanc '68**; sons Paul, Robert and Philip Black; and seven grandchildren.

■ **Carolyn Harper Yunker**, April 10. She is survived by husband **Arthur James Yunker '43** of Bloomington, Ind., and three children.

'46 Jeanne "Pixie" Keyes Youngson recently gave a talk, "Ghosts in British Theatre" at the Student's Union in Oxford, England. She continues to lead "ghost walks" around Greenwich Village in New York City and has been invited to attend the British Museum's 250th Anniversary.

'47 MEMORIAM: Mary Barnwell Barlow, May 8. A member of Bethany Lutheran in Norwood, Fla., she taught and performed music at several churches in the Knoxville area. Survivors include a son, a daughter and son-in-law, sister **Martha Barnwell '48** and two grandchildren.

'48 MEMORIAM: Merle Henderson McCracken, May 29, in Clearwater, Fla., after a long bout with cancer. She taught school at Clearwater High School for 26 years. Survivors include husband James, two daughters, five grandchildren and three sisters, including her twin, **Marion Henderson Miller**.

'49 Evelyn Anderson Wood reports that husband Mitchell died July 21. She is living in Branford, Fla.

'50 Herbert M. McCallum and wife Dorothy celebrated their 38th

wedding anniversary. They recently moved into a retirement community from the home they had shared for 35 years. He is a retired Presbyterian minister. **Grady Lee Ernest Carroll** wrote the College that wife Betty died April 10.

MEMORIAMS: Jack Leroy Buckley, Dec. 8, 2002. Survivors include wife Frances and one daughter.

■ **James Thomas Yeaworth**, May 15, in Omaha, Neb. He is survived by wife Rosalee, two sons, one daughter and his mother.

'51 David H. Grubbs and wife **Sue Carson Summers Grubbs '53** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with 12 family members on a Caribbean cruise last June.

MEMORIAM: James Frain, May 26, of heart attack. Survivors include wife Mary and three children.

'52 MEMORIAM: Richard Newman, July 7, in Boston, of a brain tumor. He was an activist, minister, bibliographer and scholar who spent the past decade building the Afro-American Studies Department at Harvard's W.E.B. DuBois Institute for Afro-American Research. Survivors include wife Belynda Bady, three step-children, one brother and one sister. A detailed account of Newman's contributions to his field of study will appear in the next issue of FOCUS.

■ **Dr. Glenn Ferrell Watts, Sr.**, Aug. 19, in Knoxville, of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He was member and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Knoxville. A U.S. Army veteran, he earned a medical degree from the University of Ten-

nessee in Memphis and worked at the first birth-control clinic in Knoxville. He joined with other doctors to form Knoxville Gynecologic Obstetric Associates. He is survived by wife Jane, four children (including **Glenn "Bud" Watts Jr. '87**) and eight grandchildren.

'53 Barbara Scott Davis continues to teach private piano lessons. She now has 18 grandchildren and lives in Durham, N.C. **Peggy Kessler Duke** is co-chairman of the annual Sumi-e Society of America's juried oriental brush painting exhibition in Washington, D.C. She was featured in a show at Tai Sophia Institute in Howard County, Md. **Emerson Flurkey** is an instructor for AARP Safe Driving in Lemoyne, Pa. **Shirley Atwell Marble** and husband Louis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren. After 35 years at Kennett Consolidated School in Pennsylvania, **Barbara Miller Wilson** retired, but, missing the classroom, she's now substituting.

'54 A. Patricia Laing Stevens and husband Bill recently returned from a three-week trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji to celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary. Also traveling abroad were **Wilma Trumbull Gray** and husband Charles, who recently returned from a two-week tour of Ireland. A highlight of the trip was viewing *The Book of Kells* at Trinity University in Dublin.

'56 James H. Laster played the part of the Rev. John Witherspoon, a Presbyterian minister, signer of



In June, Austin '52 and Elenor Kramer Van Pelt '51 (right) traveled to Alaska and made some unexpected Maryville College contacts. At breakfast at Sheldon Jackson College one morning, Judy Perov Ball '60 (center), wearing an MC sweatshirt, came over to chat. Later, a friend shared with the Van Pelts a local calendar that included the photo and story of **Shirley Montgomery Henley '44**, who has spent more than 50 years on the Kenai Peninsula as a public health nurse and teacher.

MEMORIAMS:

Former College employees pass away

The College community recently mourned the deaths of three former employees.

THOMAS T. "TOM" EVANS JR. '59, former administrative director of the Maryville-Alcoa College-Community Orchestra and fine arts assistant for external relations, passed away Sept. 7.

Evans was an enthusiastic supporter of arts programs at the College and in the community. In March, he received the College's Distinguished Concert Choir Alumni Award in recognition of his ongoing patronage.

He spent more than two decades teaching literature and serving as a church choir director and organist in Oakland, N.J. He retired to Maryville's Historic College Hill neighborhood, where he was active in several community arts organizations.

Services for Evans were held on Sept. 14 in the College's Fine Arts Center Music Hall. In remembering the alumnus, Mark Hall, chair of the College's fine arts division, said, "Tom Evans was many things to the College, to the music program and more importantly, to the faculty and students at Maryville College. One of his last acts on behalf of the choir was to contact alumni of the music program and ask them for donations to buy much-needed choral risers. They were purchased last Spring." Evans is survived by sister Ann Howard and brother Nicholas Evans.



ARTHUR H. HAFNER JR., chair of the College's division of education from 1969 until 1976, passed away on Sept. 29, in San Antonio, Texas.



Born in Altoona, Pa., and raised in Vermont, Hafner resided in no less than half-a-dozen states during his 86-year life. After earning a doctorate from Columbia University in New York he held professorships at colleges and universities in Texas, Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky.

A memorial service for Hafner was held in San Antonio. He is survived by four sons and daughters-in-law (including **Arthur H. Hafner III, '72**, **Gail Bradley Hafner, '60** and **Carl Joseph Hafner '73**), nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

NEIL MCDADE, former chief financial officer at the College, died Oct. 19 in Nashville. He was 81.

McDade, an Illinois native, was a successful small businessman in the Chattanooga, Tenn., area for many years before attending Vanderbilt University. Following his graduation from Vanderbilt's Owens School of Business, McDade served as the chief financial officer at several colleges and universities across the Southeast.

Services for McDade were held on Oct. 21 at Nashville's Bellevue Presbyterian Church. McDade is survived by wife Ruth; daughter and son-in-law **Dana McDade Battaglia, '76**, and **Richard Battaglia, '74**; son Mark McDade; and one brother, Everest McDade.



the Declaration of Independence, president of the College of New Jersey, in a production of 1776. He also performed a part in *Brigadoon*.

'57 Dick Jensen led a team of American professionals on a goodwill tour of Russia May 21-31, as president of First Foundations, Inc. The group delivered supplies to a pediatric hospital in Moscow, performed free concerts and donated Russian language Bibles and other books to institutions and individuals. **MEMORIAM: William H. Deerfield**, June 30, in Philadelphia, Pa. Deerfield was admired for his writing and acting talents. He spent his early years with public television and the latter part of his career as a writer and editor for *Guidepost* magazine. Survivors include longtime friends **Jim Hopkins '56** and **Elinor Bass Hopkins '57**.

'58 Mary J. Kirklin moved to a home in Wilmette, Ill., in September. She works part-time and is enjoying her new home. **Grace M. Stinecifer** works at the Sanford Museum, Sanford, Fla., two days a week and writes a column for the *Seminole Herald*. She also is editor of the Sanford Historical Society newsletter.

'59 Alice McCombe Block and **Barbara Davis Tropansky** enjoyed rooming together at the Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, Ky., last July. Barbara and husband **Joe '59** have enjoyed seeing alumni and participating in the Kin Takahashi work week the past two summers. Last August, **Esther Ralph Holgate** moved to New Hope, Minn., to be closer to her children. **Arlene Jones Bird** and husband **Leon '61**, have retired and moved into Crosskeys Village in New Oxford, Pa. Rev. Bird was the pastor of Wesley United Methodist in Strasburg, Pa., for 17 years and will continue to pastor congregations in the New Oxford/Gettysburg area. **Margaret "Bonnie" Fortunato** reported to the College that husband Joseph died June 15.

'60 Robert M. Gwaltney has been "honorably retired" by the Presbytery of Denver for several years. He recently founded and is managing partner in a new real estate firm focusing on residential development in downtown Louisville, Ky. He is active at

Central Presbyterian.

MARRIAGE: Rosemary Lee Potter to Peter S. Hamann, Aug. 23.

'61 Leopold Chen took early retirement from GE Aerospace and Ericsson/GE then worked as a contract engineer. His work took him overseas and around the U.S., so he now limits his travels to visiting his children and two grandsons and enjoying the Virginia, North Carolina and Washington, D.C. areas. **Karen Kennedy** visited the College campus in September for the memorial service of her dear friend, **Tom Evans '59**. She was able to spend time with the Evans family and connect with several classmates including **Gail Hafner '60**, **Margaret Stevenson Ribble '61** and **Dave Styles '63**. **Fred G. Morrison**, a judge in North Carolina, has been reappointed to serve as a member of the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission for another two-year term. He also has been elected Chair of Administrative Law section of the North Carolina Bar Association for 2003-2004. **Carolyn Cybele Sieradzki** is working as a consultant in program evaluation and editing.

MEMORIAM: Jerry Overall on Sept. 10, 1990. While at the College he sang in the Vespers Choir. The College was informed of his death by **James Barber '58**.

'62 Roger Nooe, professor in the College of Social Work at the University of Tennessee, was honored for his exceptional public service by the UT National Alumni Association for his work with the homeless.

MEMORIAM: Judith Helen Agee Washington, Sept. 2, in Frisco, Texas, of colon and liver cancer. She was a teacher before becoming a homemaker and was an active volunteer with the Girl Scouts in Miami, Fla., where she lived for 25 years. She is survived by husband Martin, two daughters (including **Debra Washington Ballatyne '92**), one granddaughter, her mother and a brother and sister.

'63 Edward L. Ziegler and wife Nancy have recently retired to Florida and he writes that they are "loving every minute of it!" Also newly retired are **Nancy Kinsman Bunker** and husband **Doug '60**. Nancy completed 35 years of

teaching mathematics, and Doug finished 42 years of government service in July. They moved into an apartment in Leesburg, Va., and are deciding where to make their retirement home.

'64 Marjorie Loeffler Yenter and husband Earl moved to Washington to be near their sons and grandchildren. As they had been missionaries in El Paso/Juarez for three years (1992-95), they were asked to join the staff of Youth with a Mission. For more information go to www.ywampororchard.com.

'65 J. Thomas R. Higgins has had his landscape painting included in the Department of State Art-in-Embassies Program in Reykjavik, Iceland. His works have been featured in two books, *The Art of Maine in Winter* and *On Wilderness: Voices from Maine*. Higgins is professor of art at the University of Maine at Farmington. **W. Harold Laster** has been appointed vice president and dean of the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, Calif. Laster will oversee student life, including recruitment and admissions, as well as the music library and archives and the building and grounds department. He will also work as part of an artistic team in planning programmatic and educational activities of the institution. **Jack Spencer** and wife **Linda Hayes Spencer '67** are in Phnom Penh where Jack works as director of the Centers for Disease Control Global AIDS Program in Cambodia. **Frances Black Tocci** and husband Leonard divide their time between California and Cape Cod, Mass. Both are now retired and enjoy spending the summers in the east. **MARRIAGE: Robert Paul** to Patricia Diane Arnold, May 31.

'66 Stanford Long and wife Sally moved to a new home in New Ipswich, N.H. Stanford was a member of the zoning and planning board in Jaffrey, N.H. Currently they serve on several boards and committees in the community. **Rich Reed** continues his private practice in psychology and received a teaching award as adjunct faculty at Indiana University.

'67 Joyce Pigge was on sabbatical fall semester through January 2004. Her time was spent with Court Services in McPherson County, Kan.

She is a professor of political science at Bethany College in Kansas.

MEMORIAM: Michael C. White, Feb. 6, in Maryville. White was a long-time Blount County coach and teacher, spending eight years as assistant football coach at Maryville College. He was retired from the Tennessee Air National Guard. He is survived by wife Susan, two sons, (including **Nick White '98**), one daughter and three grandchildren.

'68 Linda Giesselmann Driver recently moved back to Tennessee after three years of adventure in Alaska. She is a procedure writer for Westkem LLC in Oak Ridge. In November, **E. Gayle Walker** began serving as associate pastor of Idlewild Presbyterian in Memphis, Tenn.

'69 Phil Bettis recently retired after a 31-year career in education. He is presently contracting with Loudon County, Tenn., schools as testing and data management coordinator. **Sandra Johnson Eggers** is director of Emmanuel United Methodist Kindergarten in Memphis. **Penny Blackwood Ferguson**, English department chair at Maryville High School, was chosen as the local winner in Wal-Mart's eighth annual Teacher of the Year program. In honor of this recognition, MHS was presented \$1,000. **Jim Moore** retired from a 31-year teaching career to venture into a new line of work – he is the pro shop manager at O'Bannon Creek Golf Course in Maineville, Ohio. Wife **Sue Edwards Moore '69** continues to work with special need students in the Milford Schools. As of January 2003, **Robert Phillips** is the store manager of Sears at Century III Mall in Pittsburgh, Pa.

'70 Mary Lois Brugler received the Special Contribution Award from the Department of Veterans Affairs in August. She is a registered nurse in Lexington, Ky. **Joel Tome** has maintained a permanent home in Greensboro, N.C., for the past 18 years while working and traveling as a computer systems consultant for numerous companies. He currently lives in Atlanta while working as the UNIX systems administrator for a hotel company. Recent travel has taken him to Montreal and Buenos Aires.



Dr. Meta Robinson Braymer '68, vice president and dean of the faculty of Mary Washington College's James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, was presented the Washington Medallion by the College's Board of Visitors May 15. The medal recognizes Braymer's dedication to the welfare of the College in general and her exceptional leadership in the development of the James Monroe Center.

'71 Mark Hughes is a controller at Milner-Fenwick, Inc. in Timonium, Md. He and wife Linda Anne are raising their family in the Baltimore area and spend their free time sailing and bicycling. **Robert N. Kennedy**, a senior claims representative for SAFECO Insurance Company, reports that his son **Geoffrey '07** entered the College as a freshman. **Mary Jo Martin Randall** and husband **Robert '73** report that Rob has taken a new job as vice president of sales for Big Dutchman Corporation in Holland, Mich. They will be moving there once Mary Jo retires from her teaching position in Sycamore, Ill. **Ron Robertson** is entering his 19th year of teaching. This year he is teaching eighth-grade algebra at Park Middle School. His daughter is a senior at Sacramento State University.

'72 Gaynell Harless Lawson's recipe for white chicken chili with cheddar hushpuppy crust took first place at the World Championship Cornbread Cook-Off held in South Pittsburg, Tenn., in April. The prize was \$4,000 and a professional stainless steel range.

'73 Kathleen Mary Meier has been employed as a research nurse at the University of Tennessee,

Memphis, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for 16 years.

'74 Louise McNair Bradford has a new part-time job at Linkages to Learning, a school-based program providing services to children and their families. She is also a substitute teacher. She and husband Tom have a daughter who is in fourth grade and a son who is starting the 10th grade. They live in Gaithersburg, Md. **Becky Buchanan Higgs** has been living in Colorado Springs since 1993. She and husband **Clarence** celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary July 26. Clarence retired from the Army in 1994. Becky has been employed by Comcor, Inc., a community corrections agency, for the past five years. They have recently purchased a larger home and are renovating it to accommodate her mother. **Carol Veltman Kariotis** continues to work at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She has a son who is a junior at the University of Missouri-Columbia and a son who is attending Drake University on a soccer scholarship.

'75 Art Fowler was recently recognized with the international Robert Giles Distinguished Advisor Award from Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Fowler is chairperson of the math and sciences division at Hiwassee College in Madisonville, Tenn. **Patrick Ekwom Ndoma** was appointed the executive secretary of Science and Education Board and chief accounting officer in his home country of Nigeria in July 2000. He and wife Dinah have four children and have moved into a new home in Satellite Town, Calabar.

'77 David Adcock opened a new plastic surgery practice at Hutcheson Medical Center in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., after leaving Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. A chapter he authored on body contouring was published in *Operative Techniques in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*. This was the fourth article on that topic he has had published in the past six years. **Vicki Parsons Duling** completed her doctoral dissertation in March and graduated with her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from George Mason

University in Fairfax, Va., in May. She is now assistant principal at Little Run Elementary in Fairfax.

'78 Rebecca Huisinga Gibbons is the laboratory director of Northwest Medical Center and is chair of the board of directors of Ft. Lauderdale Christian School, where her children attend. **Mary Arnold Quinlan** and husband John have two children, a daughter who's enrolled at Wake Forest University and a son who's a senior in high school. Mary is a freelance artist. **Joseph F. Whitehead** received a master's degree in sports management from Barry University in Miami, Fla., in May.

'80 Junichi J. Kasuya is living in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and is a deputy general manager of Idemitsu Kosan Corporation, Ltd. Middle East office. He would like to receive e-mail from friends. Contact kasuya@idemitsu.ae. **John F. Rhodes, Jr.** earned a clinical doctorate in physical therapy from Rocky Mountain University in Provo, Utah. He is a partner with Total Rehab Services in Blairsville, Ga., where he lives with his wife and two daughters. **Tim Stuart** received certification in educational media from the University of Central Florida and is in his second year at Citrus High School in Inverness, Fla., specializing in online research, multimedia presentations and web design. For the past 13 years, he has moonlighted with a karaoke business. **BIRTH: Denise Hinds** and partner Erin Donnelly, a daughter, Maura Clare Hinds Donnelly, Feb. 5.

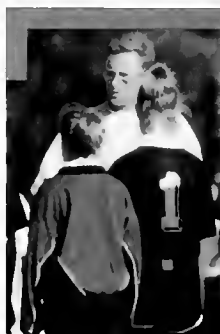
'81 Leisa Ford Pertesis and husband Louis sold their home and plan to purchase a villa, but decided to relax and travel for a while. The couple resides in Deerfield Beach, Fla., where Leisa is an agent for State Farm Insurance. **Sophia Shoemaker Metz** writes that son **Eric '07** has entered Maryville College as a freshman. He was awarded a Presidential Scholarship. **BIRTH: Sallie Favrot Stroud** and husband Steve, a daughter, Eleanor Serenity, July 23, 2002. (Serenity, from China, was adopted by the couple on May 26.)

'82 Janet Helwig Fortney recently moved with her family

from New Jersey to the suburbs of Milwaukee, Wis., and is teaching mathematics at Whitefish Bay High School. **John Sanders** and his family have moved back to Charleston, S.C., where he is the administrator for the Medial University of South Carolina Children's Hospital.

'83 Tom Hudson has joined Beaufort County, S.C., School District as staff writer with the office of communications. He returns to his first love, writing, following more than eight years in advertising with BellSouth. He was previously in public relations for the South Carolina Parole Board for seven years. **Bryan McFarland** has begun a traveling music ministry, providing original music for local church events, youth and young adult events, campus ministry programs, Presbytery events, listening rooms and house concerts. His website is www.bryanfieldmcfarland.com. He, wife **Diane McDaniel McFarland '85** and their daughter live in Greensboro, N.C. **Joann Ricci-Schlough** and husband Robert have lived in the mountains of Colorado since 2000. She is now directing children's plays for the Creede Reperatory Theater and the Creede Arts and Recreation Department. She is also acting in several plays. This summer she was stage manager for the children's show *An Afternoon of Mime*. **Laura Starkey** earned a master's degree in applied linguistics from the University of South Florida in December of 2002. She is now teaching English at USF's English Language Institute at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Fla. Her 3-year-old daughter, Sofia Ariel Ramierz Starkey, and her mother joined her on a trip to Ecuador in August.

'84 Susan Friedmann Berman and husband Marc recently opened a national Internet travel agency.



Brian Moore '91 coached his Peachtree City (Ga.) Lazars soccer team to a national crown in the girls under-19 division. Defeating Elk Grove United (Calif.) 2-1, the Lazars took home the Ross Stewart Cup in the 2003 Snickers US Youth Soccer National Championships held July 27 at the Maryland SoccerPlex in Germantown, Md.

Their niche market is luxury travel. Discounts for MC alumni! Visit their website at www.Bermantravel.com. **Nancy P. Jones** was recognized as a board-certified expert in traumatic stress by the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, and she holds diplomat status in the academy. She continues to work as a psychotherapist at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and as an adjunct instructor at Brookdale Community College.

'85 Kevin G. Crothers was recently named director of media services for the Charleston County Public School System in South Carolina. **S. Mark Street** was elected pastor of Milligan Free Will Baptist in Johnson City, Tenn., in February. He reports that the church is growing and the Lord is "blessing wonderfully!"

'86 Patrick Foster and wife Lynn moved from Santa Monica, Calif., to Hinesville, Ga., where he is a counselor and assistant football coach at Bradwell Institute. He had been head coach at Cabrillo High School. **BIRTH: Patrick Foster** and wife Lynn, a son, Zackary Franklin, Jan. 17.

'88 Karla Beard Heidelberg recently was appointed as the coordinator for a global ocean voyage of discovery, modeled after the Challenger Expedition, to evaluate microbial biodiversity using newly developed community genomic techniques. **Heather Farrar Kiernan** is currently a stay-at-home mom, homeschooling her children and raising small livestock on their family's mini-farm north of Knoxville. **Jennifer Chastain Shelton** is living in Fayetteville, N.C., and husband Michael is in the Army, stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. **Donna Clancy Trainer** and family are living in Nolensville, Tenn. She is teaching

business classes at Nashville Tech and coaching girl's softball. She serves on the board of directors for a non-profit organization.

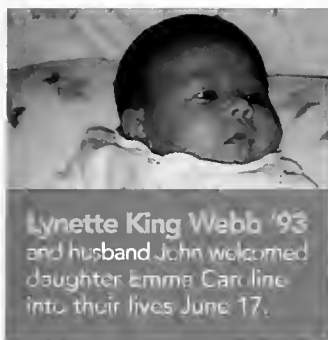
MARRIAGE: Anne Marcum to Paul Pearson, Aug. 16. **BIRTHS: Lisa Harvey Burkett** and husband Will, a son, Austin Alexander, May 10. **Jennifer Chastain Shelton** and husband Michael, twin sons, Caleb and Ian, Feb. 17, 2002.

'89 Christian Kaijser and wife Julie have moved to Phoenix, Ariz., after living in Sweden for nine years. **Dean Walsh**, head women's basketball coach at Carson-Newman College, was named director of basketball operations of United States Athletes International. He will be coaching teams in Holland and Barbados this summer. **MARRIAGE: Dean Walsh** to Courtney J. Dunn, July 19.

'90 K.C. Cross is the owner, president and CEO of Quality Management Group, a group of companies providing services to senior citizens in Dania Beach, Fla. **Sarah Schaefer Wimmer** received a master's degree and is a certified health education specialist. She has recently returned to work as an adjunct professor at Maryville College, and volunteer coordinator for Blount Memorial Hospital's Hospice program. **MARRIAGE: Stacy Reagan** to Kate Mahar, May 24. **BIRTH: Robin Schwall Harbin** and husband Brent, a daughter, Rebecca Brooke, Feb. 16, 2001.

'91 BIRTH: Kathleen Anderson Dudinsky and husband Michael, a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, July 21.

'92 Carrie Callaway Denkinger received a license in clinical social work in March. She and husband Thomas continue to live at Blue Ridge School (Va.), where he teaches and coaches. **BIRTHS: Anna Larson Henderson** and husband Bill, a daughter, Madeline Paige, March 30. **Roger Howdyshell** and wife Lori, a daughter, Jenna Lea, Sept. 3. **Heather Smith Powell** and husband Ralph, a daughter, Talley Elizabeth, May 17. **Cassie Burns Therrell** and husband William, a daughter, Charlotte Claire, Dec. 3, 2002.



Lynette King Webb '93 and husband John welcomed daughter Emma Carlisle into their lives June 17.

'93 **Jessica V. Roitman** is working toward a Ph.D. in history at the University of Leiden, Leiden, The Netherlands.

MARRIAGES: Robin Morris to David Hardin, Dec. 28, 2002. **Kevin Ragsdale** to Vickie Reese, June 7.

BIRTHS: Melissa Suder Arp and husband John, a son, Bryce Michael, Aug. 5. **Jamie Kent Harrison** and wife **Sandra Brown Harrison '94**, a daughter, Mariana Kate, May 17. **Paula Eaker Priddy** and husband James, a son, Timothy James, April 21.

'94 **Ayesha Dastgir** has been appointed director of community opportunities for the Junior Chambers Bangladesh. Recently she was elected to the executive committee of the American Alumni Association. **Lori Schirmer** graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in May. She is now a pharmacy practice resident at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Memphis, Tenn.

BIRTH: Bill Godfrey and wife Regina, a son, Alex Ray, May 18.

'95 **Rosa Rebecca Dean Duncan** completed a master's degree in instructional leadership at Tennessee Tech in August 2001. She is now principal of Vonore Elementary School in Vonore, Tenn. **Stephanie French Jahn** resigned from her job as a 4-H extension agent with the University of Georgia to follow her husband to his military station in Tucson, Ariz.

MARRIAGE: Stephanie French to Jesse Jahn, May 24.

'96 **Todd David Anderson** joined USAID Foreign Service as a democracy and governance officer in August. He is currently based in Washington, D.C. **Letitia Inez Hall** is currently on a one-year assignment with AEON. She is looking to make contact with other College alumni who may be in Japan or other Asian countries. Contact her at btr-

flynjp@docomo.ne.jp. **Kristin Kant** is working toward a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology at the University of Kentucky, Lexington. **Jeremy Landis** has been promoted to investigator with the Ohio State Highway Patrol Office of Investigative Services. **Laura Culp Tansill** is beginning her seventh year teaching at Powers Ferry Elementary School (Ga.), where she was named Teacher of the Year for 2002-2003. Currently she is working toward a master's degree in elementary education from Kennesaw State University. **Scott Moss** is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He recently completed duty at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, where he was mission commander and received a



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Navy Commendation Medal. He and wife **Erin Cockerham Moss '00** are now stationed in Pensacola, Fla., where he is a flight instructor at Training Squadron 10. **Amy McFall Prince** received a master's degree in human resources development from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, last summer. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. from UT in human resources. **David "Scooter" Reagan** recently graduated from the Southeastern School of Commercial Lending. He is vice president and loan officer of Citizen's National Bank's main office in Sevierville, Tenn.

MARRIAGE: Laura Culp to Ronald Steven Tansill, April 5. **Kevin Patrick Ernsberger** to Jessica Nicole Browning, June 14. **Amy Catherine McKeehan** to **Darin C. McGowan**, May 24.

BIRTHS: Jama Cameron Anderson and husband Donny, a daughter, Kayla Joelle, Oct. 30, 2002. **Kelli Jackson Graham** and husband Simon, a son, Jackson Noel, May 21. **Shelly Johnson Kelly** and husband Kevin, a daughter, Madison Rae, Jan. 20. **Tera Smith Tapscott** and husband Dewayne, a son, Bricen Devyaun, June 2.

'97 **David Golden** and his family moved to Chatham County, Tenn., where he is the new defensive coordinator at the high school. He is beginning a master's in administration and supervision at Tennessee State University.

MARRIAGE: David H. Hughs to Shawn Landreth, July 27, 2002.

BIRTHS: William A. Caldwell III and wife Ashley, two children, Jordan Traivone, Jan. 21, 2002; Makenzie Simone, Aug. 6. **Jennifer Ann Stewart** and husband Brooks, a son, Braxton Cromwell, June 10.

'98 **Funmilayo Eke** is an educator at Jessye Norman School of the Arts in Augusta, Ga. **Joshua Gooce** recently graduated from

Kevin Ragsdale '93 married Vickie Reese in a June 7 ceremony at the Wattles Mansion in Hollywood, Calif. **Spears Driskell '94** served as one of Kevin's groomsmen.

Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. with a Master of Divinity degree. **David McGreal** and wife **Angela Hicks McGreal '99** moved to Rockledge, Fla., where he is a high-school world history teacher, assistant athletic director and head boy's basketball coach for Rockledge High School. **Mike Sherrod** was named administrator of Emerald-Hodgson Hospital in Seawee, Tenn., in July. **Helen Peraza-Stewart** is pursuing a bachelor's degree in cardio-pulmonary therapy at the University of Central Florida.

MARRIAGES: Jonathan Brabson to Tarra A. McDonnell, June 22, 2002. **Elizabeth Buzzard** to Wesley Logan Speights, May 3. **BIRTHS:** Dara Di Giacomo Case and husband Randall, a son, Jeremy Scott, May 8. **Angie Lewis Chidester** and husband Jason, a son, Aaron Bryce, April 3. **Helen Peraza-Stewart** and husband Michael, a daughter, Jorden Nicole, Feb. 16. **Hallie Burger Shankle** and husband Lex, a daughter, Bella Marie, Nov. 11, 2002.

'99 **Rebecca Bowman** is currently working with medically at risk children through the "Great Starts"

program. **Nicole Brabender** graduated with a master's degree in human development from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Michael Clark moved to Livermore,



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During halftime of the Sept. 20 football game, **Michael Ramsay '00** (above) was recognized as a "National Assistant Coach of the Year" by Don Larson of the AFLAC corporation. Ramsay is an assistant coach for the MC baseball team. Criteria included longevity of service, knowledge, long-term success and special contributions to the school and/or community.

Calif., in March 2002. He accepted a position at Sandia National Labs in the environmental, safety and health department. **Angela Hicks McGreal** moved with husband **David '98** to Rockledge, Fla. She is employed with Brevard County Parks and Recreation as a recreation program coordinator for aquatics. **Bridget Bell Van Gansbeke** now lives in Columbus, Ga., near Ft. Benning where her husband is stationed. Bridget plans to pursue her education while he is in the Army. **Ryan Stewart** and **Jeanna Beck Stewart** will be in Costa Rica until July 2004 and offer this website for friends to share in their adventures: www.ryanstewart-art.com. Ryan has also started a collection of College memorabilia which can be seen at the site. **Julia Messer Strunk** and husband Joe have moved to Morgantown, W.Va., to attend West Virginia University so that she may pursue a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. **James R. "Tripp" York** earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. He has accepted a position with McGee's Prescription Shop in Shelbyville, Tenn.

MARRIAGE: Bridget Bell to Blaine Van Gansbeke, February. Jason Brooks to Christine "Chrissy" Newton, Aug. 2. Brian Coulter to Wendy Fuji, June 21. Ashley Dicus to Amber Rippy, April 26. Susan Kimberly McTeer to Roger Lowery, July 19. Kelly Willocks to Rex A. Bryant, June 7.

'00 Robertson Allen returned to Tennessee after three years in Japan teaching junior high school English. He plans to enroll in graduate school to study cultural anthropology beginning September 2004. Andy and Casey Anderson Bartow live in Maryville. She works at Edsouth in Knoxville, and he is employed as a manager at Blackberry Farm and also works at Timba Music Studio as a recording engineer. Aaron T. Clabo was promoted to Case Manager 2 in March and now oversees the interstate probation of the Juvenile Justice unit of the Knox County Department of Children's Services. Folami Ford received a Certificate of Interpretation from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf in March. She is now enrolled in the Master's of Interpreting program at Gallaudet University. Reanna Myers Franklin moved to Cleveland, Tenn., with husband Curtis and is teaching string orchestra and choir at Tyner Academy and Middle School in Chattanooga. Adriel McCord is branch manager and assistant vice president with Sun Trust Bank in Maryville. Emily Beth McLemore works as a customer billing specialist for Marriott Business Services. Steffanie Mashburn Speck graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law in May. She has accepted a job with Lacy, Moseley and Crossley. Erin Cockerham Moss and husband Scott '96 are living in Pensacola, Fla., where she is employed by A&E Associates. David Moss received a master's degree in health administration from the University of Kentucky in May, then graduated from Officer Indoctrination School. He is now a Lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Navy and the Officer in Charge of Plans, Operations and Medical Intelligence at Naval Hospital in Pensacola, Fla. Shane and Jessica Reynolds Otto recently moved to Indianapolis, Ind. Jessica is an analytical chemist at Eli Lilly,

and Shane is a casualty specialist with Progressive Insurance. Joette Russell received a master's degree in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May. Karrie Wilson moved to Mason, Ohio, with her fiancé. She is teaching special education at Mason Intermediate School.

Brandi Stewart Vaughn earned her master's degree in physical therapy in October 2002. **MARRIAGES:** Tonya Briggs to Brian Gossett, April 12. David Conner to Kendra Denise Jones, May 24. Natasha Duckett to Adam John Pritchard '03, June 21. Jackie Mathis to Sarah Russell, June 21. Steffanie Mashburn to Chad Speck, May 17. David Moss to Tosha Crass '01, Aug. 23. Shane Otto to Jessica Reynolds, May 17. Sandra Sikes to Todd Thurman, May 24. Jonathon Wright to Christina Johnson, Sept. 20. **BIRTHS:** Jamie Baker Hagy and husband Albert, two sons, Eli, April 27, 2001; Jacob, March 21. Joanna Wilson McCroskey and husband Benjamin, a daughter, Najena Marie, June 16, 2002. Kendra Moore Shackleford and husband Greg, a son, Caleb, May 8, 2001. Brandi Stewart Vaughn and husband Bart, a son; Bryce Allen, June 18.

'01 Amy Cron is a post-production assistant on the WB television show "Steve Harvey's Big Time." She is living in Burbank, Calif. Stephanie Howard Davis is a guidance counselor at Farragut High School. Vince Ingle is a third-year dental student at the University of Tennessee Dental School. Kristy Love Sharpton is a kindergarten teacher in Springfield, Tenn. Dorothy Mackay Spaulding is living in Wichita Falls, Texas, where her husband is in the Air Force and she is working toward a teaching certificate in high school science. Jason Nash is teaching 10th grade English and coaching varsity football at Elbert County High School in Elberton, Ga. He is also the head coach for the JV and C-Team baseball squads and is enrolled in the University of Phoenix to receive a master's degree in education. Elisha Giles Rogers is teaching first grade in Polk County, Tenn., schools and is currently the head softball coach. Mark Rogers is pur-



Chad Davis '03 and Lora Brandt '04 were married May 24 at Bloomingdale Baptist Church in Johnson City, Tenn. The wedding party included MC students and alumni Bethany Horvath '04, Andrea Frazier '04, Lydia Edrington '04, David Ruble '02 and Todd Hryn '03.

suing a master's degree in teaching from Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. Scott Slatton is in his third year at Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Ala. Ashley Watson is moving to Ithaca, N.Y., to pursue a master of fine arts in creative writing from Goddard College. Emily Stooksbury Wilburn is a fourth-grade teacher at Andersonville (Tenn.) Elementary School. Joshua Wheatley is currently working at ImagePoint in Cincinnati. **MARRIAGES:** Joseph W. Ballard to Amanda Carole Burnett, May 31. Amanda Carson to Slade Smiddy, June 21. Tosha Crass to David Moss '00, Aug. 23. Stephanie Howard to Travis Davis, May 3. Kristy Love to Blake Sharp-ton, June 15, 2002. Dorothy Mackay to Tim Spaulding, May 31. Emily Stooksbury to Gary Wilburn, March 14. Joshua Wheatley to Laura Beth Smith, July 12.

'02 Mark Brininstool is in the Ukraine with the Peace Corps. He will be teaching English for the next two years to middle-school children at Rubizhne, a town of 70,000 in eastern Ukraine. His new e-mail address is brininstoolmark@yahoo.com. Erin Verhofstadt Hartsell is pursuing a doctoral degree in physical therapy at University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. **MARRIAGE:** Loryn MacKenzie to Daniel Hoskins, May 17. Erin Verhofstadt to Jason Michael Hartsell, July 19. **BIRTH:** Loryn MacKenzie Hoskins and husband Daniel, a daughter, Madison DeLaney, Aug. 1.

'03 Erin Kobs is a college intern with the Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green, Ky. Tim Self is the new Tuckaleechee District executive for the Boy Scouts of America. His district encompasses Blount County and Greenback and is in Area One of the Great Smoky Mountain Council of BSA. Sarah Stutzman is in her third season with the Knoxville Opera Chorus. She is the



Jeremy Baucom '03 and Anna Marysheva were married Sept. 19 in Moscow. Following a honeymoon in Turkey, the two are at home in Moscow, where Jeremy is working to become fluent in Russian. The couple met in 2000, while Jeremy was a student at the College and Anna was working at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont.

children/youth music director at Unity Baptist in Maryville, and is the music teacher and choral director at Westside Elementary and North City Elementary in Athens, Tenn. Stephanie Sullivan is living in Nashville and is the Tennessee State Americorps leader. Alex Swann is an account representative for Fastenal Company. Josh Tum-mel has joined Thunder Enterprises, a development firm. He is based in the Tellico region. Laura Wright Heffern is living in Johnson City, Tenn., enrolled in graduate school at ETSU. **MARRIAGES:** Joseph Ambler to Carly White Covic, Aug. 9. Gina McFall to Scott Jenkins, Aug. 2. Alex Swann to Kelly Brown, Oct. 11. Laura K. Wright to Todd M. Heffern, June 7. MC

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At a time when most couples their age are looking at financing their children's college educations, **Steven '74** and **Deborah Welch Douglas '77** have taken a look further down the financial road – to estate planning.

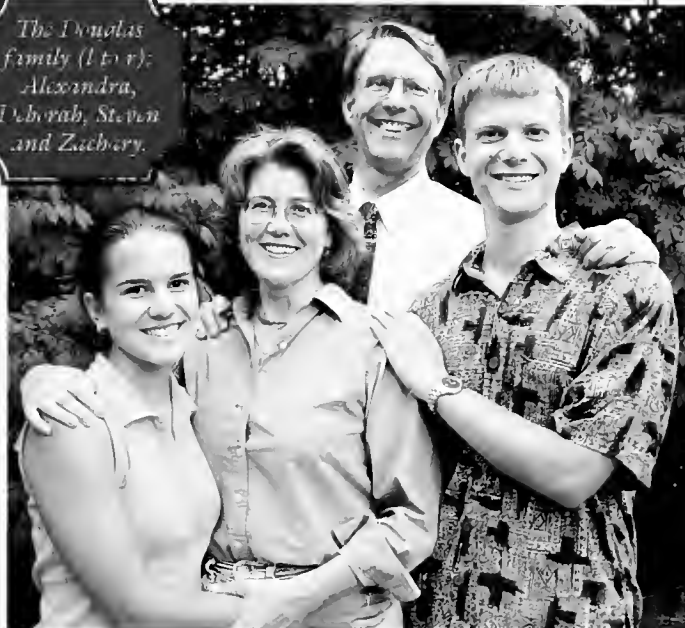
And they didn't forget Maryville College.

IT'S PRECISELY THE reality of paying tuition for their son Zachary today and sending 17-year-old Alexandra to college next year that made joining Maryville College's Society of 1819 more compelling. The Douglasses are well aware of the cost of higher education these days. With the cost of private tuition already high (and increasing), "nearly every student will need some financial aid," Steven predicted recently.

The Douglasses believe that those who went before should be looking back with an eye toward helping others receive some of the same value they did. "It is the responsible thing to do," said Steven, who's now General Sessions Judge in Crossville, Tenn. "Nobody is asking anyone to give all they have, I'm just asking alumni to remember."

The Douglasses were back on campus in August for a visit and a reunion with friends from his college years. They all toured new and recently renovated Fayerweather and Bartlett halls and saw the new Lloyd Hall. They even found a friendly custodian who let Steven visit his old room in the basement of Wilson Chapel. It's a different decade from the 1970s, when Steven and Debbie received

The Douglas family (l to r): Alexandra, Deborah, Steven and Zachary.



their diplomas; many things have changed for the better, but it's no easier today to find the resources to fund a quality education than it was 30 years ago.

Thanks to Steven and Debbie Douglas and many other generous and responsible MC graduates, worthwhile students continue to receive much-needed financial assistance.

Won't you join Steven, Debbie and many others by designating a percentage of your estate for Maryville College scholarships or other needs? Giving through your estate is a painless but important way to make a major difference.



Steven (top row, center) returned to campus last August to help celebrate the 50th birthday of Lyn "Ray" Stanley '75 (bottom row, right). Other MC buddies attending were (bottom row, l-r) Lou Catrett '76, Gwen Guba Stanley '76, (top row) Don Gilbert '74 and Wayne Reynolds '76.

For more information, contact Diane Montgomery at 865.981.8191 or diane.montgomery@maryvillecollege.edu.

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