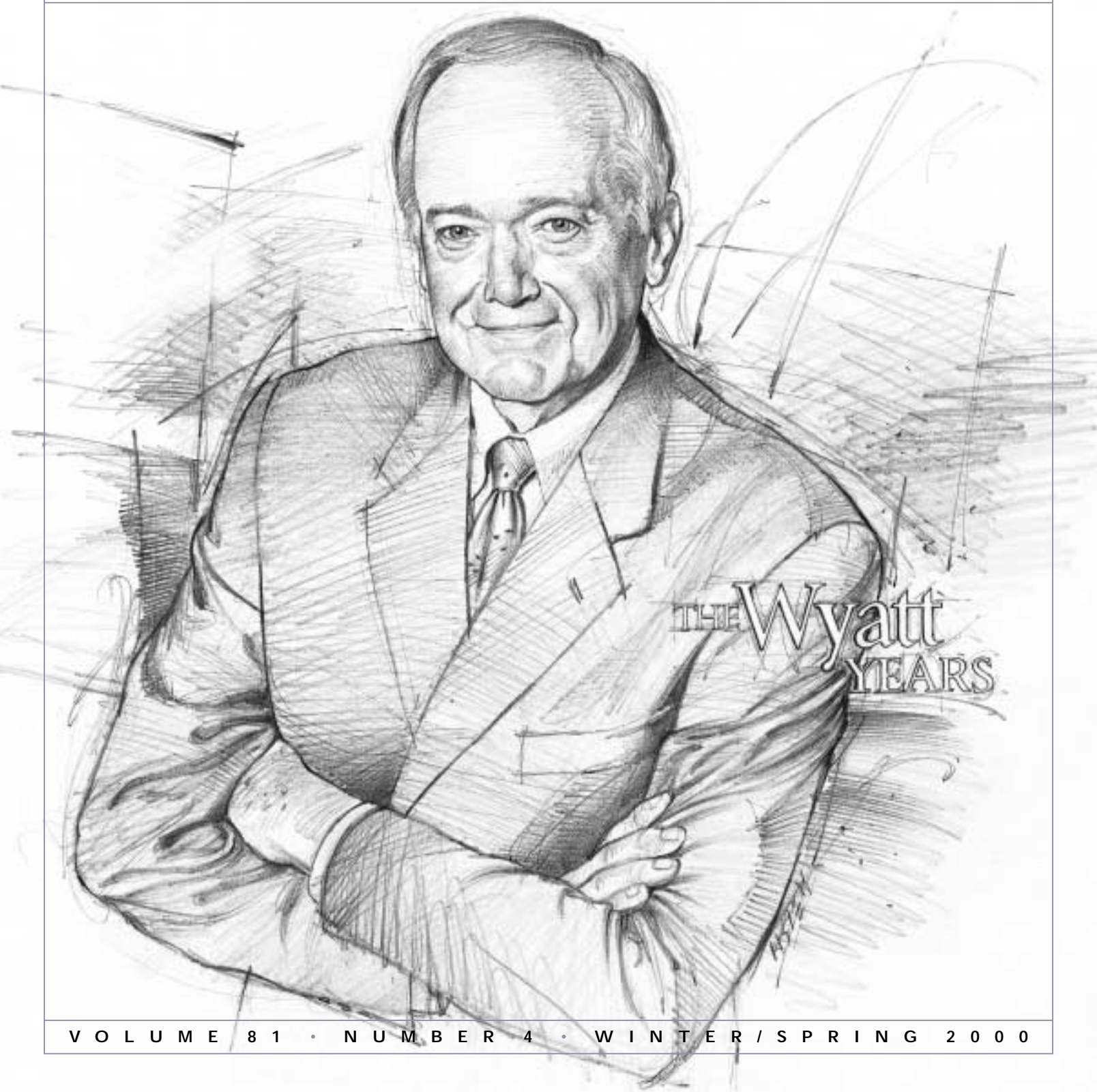


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# Brown President Named New Chancellor

*E. Gordon Gee to join Vanderbilt in August*



Chancellor-elect E. Gordon Gee toured campus and met with students following a press conference announcing his appointment as Vanderbilt's seventh chancellor.

As this issue went to press, E. Gordon Gee, 56, president of Brown University, was named Vanderbilt's seventh chancellor, effective August 1.

His unanimous election at a special February 7 meeting of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust came after a nine-month national search that began last April when Chancellor Joe B. Wyatt announced his intention to retire in July 2000.

President of Brown since 1997, Gee—pronounced with a hard “g”—also holds a faculty appointment as professor of education and public policy. Under his leadership, Brown launched new interdisciplinary programs in human values and life sciences and doubled its annual contributions in the span of two years.

During a press conference at Vanderbilt to announce his appointment, Gee said, “There is no other university in the country that already does so many things so well yet has almost limitless possibilities and a solid foundation on which to build for the future. Vanderbilt is blessed with rich traditions and even richer opportunities for learning, for discovery, and for service.”

A Board of Trust committee led by trustee vice chairman Dennis C. Bottorff considered more than 150 candidates before nominating Gee to be chancellor-elect.

A native of Vernal, Utah, he was graduated from the University of Utah in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in history. He earned J.D. and Ed.D. degrees from Columbia University in 1971 and 1972, respectively.

Gee, who began his career in academia as assistant dean of the law school at the University of Utah, first served as a chief executive officer at the age of 37 when he was elected president of West Virginia University. He became president of the University of Colorado in 1985, and in 1990 moved to The Ohio State University.

He is married to Constance Bumgarner Gee, assistant professor of public policy and education at Brown. At Vanderbilt she will be joining the faculty of Peabody College. Gee's daughter, Rebekah, is a medical student at Cornell University.

For additional information, visit [www.vanderbilt.edu/chancellorsearch](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/chancellorsearch). Gee will be profiled in more detail in the next issue of VANDERBILT MAGAZINE.



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# ON CAMPUS

## Deans Chapman, Hamilton, and Infante Announce Resignations

■ Dr. John Chapman, dean of the School of Medicine; Russell Hamilton, dean of the Graduate School; and Ettore Infante, dean of the College of Arts and Science, will step down from their posts this year.

The longest-tenured dean of any of the nation's 125 medical schools, Chapman has conferred degrees upon two-thirds of the living graduates of the School of Medicine and appointed essentially all of the Medical Center's more than 1,000 faculty members.

After serving as dean for the past 25 years, he will assume a new role as associate vice chancellor for medical alumni affairs. He will continue as dean until his successor is named and in place. A national search for a new dean is planned, but no timetable has yet been set.

"In reality, this is not retirement," says Chapman, who arrived at Vanderbilt in 1967. "I would call it a continuation and evolution of what I have done at the University for the past 32 years. We are number one in the nation in student satisfaction, and we want to extend that to alumni of the School of Medicine. It is my intent that the needs of alumni will be similarly met with equal satisfaction."

Hamilton, dean of the Graduate School since 1984, will take a year off beginning in July to prepare to return to the classroom in fall 2001 as a professor of Spanish and Portuguese. He has taught classes in the Department of Spanish and Por-

tuguese throughout his years at Vanderbilt.

"I came to Vanderbilt with a mandate to change the graduate enterprise," says Hamilton, a scholar of Brazilian and Lusophone African literatures. "But as any faculty member will tell you, there's no greater position than serving on the faculty, so I will step up."

During Hamilton's term as dean, internal funding for junior faculty research increased, the University added Ph.D. programs in anthropology, nursing science, and neuroscience, and annual giving to the Graduate School quadrupled. Among his other accomplishments is a successful Dean's Fellows program which recruits and provides scholarships for African American doctoral students preparing for university and college teaching.

Resigning for health reasons, Infante has been A&S dean since August 1997. Concerned about his long-term ability to serve the College in the manner he feels appropriate, he plans to step down in June.

Reflecting upon his role at Vanderbilt, Infante says he feels that he has been able to "re-articulate and rejuvenate" the undergraduate curriculum. "One of the most precious qualities about Vanderbilt is its commitment to undergraduate education. I believe I have been able to help enhance the undergraduate experience for which the University is so well known." Also, he adds, "I have attempted to see to it that faculty of the College have the support and the means to be the kind of scholars and teachers that they and we want them to be."

Provost Tom Burish has appointed Associate Provost John Venable to serve as A&S dean while a committee conducts a national search for Infante's successor.



John Chapman



Ettore Infante



Russell Hamilton

## LETTERS

### About "Uncommon Men"

One of our neighbors, Mrs. Ruth Holcomb Herren (BA'45), gave me a copy of the Fall 1999 issue featuring the article "Uncommon Men." Bishop Holland McTyeire was my great uncle, and I would like to have some copies to pass on to our children. It was a great article.

William W. McTyeire Jr.  
Birmingham, Alabama

Vanderbilt Magazine is a joy to read and a jog for my memory of being there. The article on the "Uncommon Men" of the early times of the University was especially good. I would like to point out that as good as it was, it probably would cause a quiver in the bones of my fellow Virginian, Landon C. Garland, who attended *Hampden-Sydney* College, as I did in the class of 1940.

William G. Walker, PhD'68  
Owensboro, Kentucky

Editor's note: Oops, thanks for correcting our misspelling, Hampton-Sydney.

### E-excellence

Thank you for sharing Vanderbilt's e-business focus and successful grasp of this "here and now" way of doing business ("Electronic Commerce Comes of Age," Fall 1999). I am currently taking graduate e-business courses via Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts, and am proud to see that my alma mater is making its claim to excellence in this important area.

Janice Miller Greenberg, BS'80  
Longmeadow, Massachusetts

### Class Notes Crazy

Congratulations on a very readable edition of Vanderbilt Magazine. Last night I read it from front to back, including a lot of the class notes on people of whom I've never heard. I especially enjoyed the article and accompanying timeline about the chancellors, the article on the Peabody-Vanderbilt merger, and the profile on Pam Fickenschier, MDiv'94.

Carolyn Whitaker Crowley, BA'53  
Ft. Worth, Texas

Letters are always welcome in response to contents of the magazine. We reserve the right to edit for length, style, and clarity. Send signed letters to the Editor, Vanderbilt Magazine, Box 7703, Station B, Nashville, TN 37235.

## Federal Grant to Help Combat Violence Against Women



■ A \$435,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice will help Vanderbilt coordinate and expand its services to female victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

The grant also will help fund educational outreach, training, and research on violence against women.

Vanderbilt is one of 21 universities nationwide and the only one in Tennessee to receive a grant through the Grants to Combat Violent Crimes Against Women on Campuses Program, a project of the Violence Against Women Office of the Department of Justice.

The existence of the University's task force on violence, formed last May by the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, helped Vanderbilt land the grant, according to Heather Moss, administrator for the grant and research coordinator for Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies' Center for Crime and Justice Policy. The task force comprises several University departments that house programs to address violence against women on campus.

Although only six cases of sexual assault were reported to Vanderbilt police in 1998 and only two went through the campus judicial process, more than 85 percent of 2,400 students answering a 1998 survey thought date rape was a problem on campus, and 10 percent of women respondents reported having felt pressured or forced to have sex.

According to Linda Manning, director of the Women's Center, "Vanderbilt's goals for the grant also include improving outreach and services to international women and to underserved populations; training women and men students to provide outreach and advocacy; improving education and outreach to men on campus; and providing training for health care staff, police officers, and other University departments."

The task force plans to involve such community agencies as the YWCA, the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center, and the Ujima House, which services the needs of women of color. To learn more, contact the Women's Center at 615/322-4843.

## New A&S Major Links Science and Communications

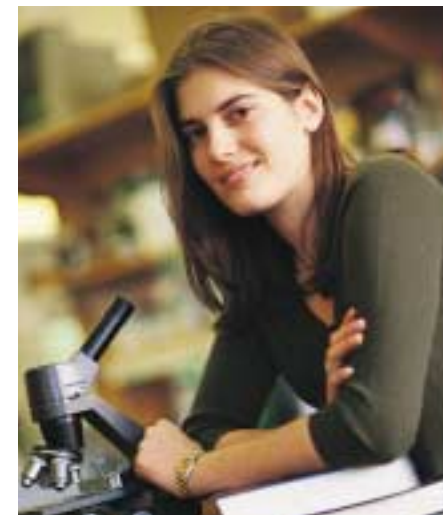
■ Freshman Ilene Wolf likes science and math and loves to write.

Until recently, Vanderbilt students like Wolf sometimes had to make difficult choices when selecting a major: science or humanities? Now, thanks to a new contract interdisciplinary major in science communications, these students are enjoying the best of both worlds and preparing to meet a growing need in the workplace.

Offered in the College of Arts and Science, the interdisciplinary major is preparing students for communication in science, engineering, and technology. "Students will have an array of careers from which to choose," explains Rick Chappell, director of science and research communications in the Division of Media Relations and adjunct professor of physics.

"Many careers require that bridging ability—not just science journalists, but in any career that's at the intersection of science/technology and the public. A science communication major could become an environmental lawyer, a legislative aide, management consultant, physician, public health official, or a PR person for a chemical corporation."

Wolf recognized the value of such a course of study last summer as an intern in a television news department and has set her sights on becoming a national science reporter,



A&S freshman Ilene Wolf is majoring in Vanderbilt's newest offering, science communications.

helping to explain the value of scientific work to laypersons. Last semester her courses included chemistry, intermediate English composition, science communications, Hebrew studies, and a psychology course in development of the human mind.

The major also offers students a for-credit internship program, both on campus and at such places as NASA, the Discovery Channel, National Institutes of Health, CNN, and the American Chemical Society.

More information about the major is available at [www.vanderbilt.edu/News/srcomm/training.htm](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/News/srcomm/training.htm).



### NOBEL LAUREATE DISCUSSES BLACK CULTURE

Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka visited campus in November when the Bishop Joseph Johnson Cultural Center hosted the ninth annual conference of the Association of Black Cultural Centers. Following his keynote address, titled "Culture, Politics, and the Burden of Kinship," the Nigerian playwright, poet, novelist, and critic signs a book for conference participant Terry Duffy, administrative assistant at the ABCC national headquarters in Galesburg, Illinois. Soyinka, the first black African to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature (1986), is the Robert W. Woodruff Professor of the Arts at Emory University.





#### TENNESSEE'S TOP TEACHER

Marshall Eakin, associate professor of history, was named Tennessee's Professor of the Year for 1999 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. The award, announced in October and presented to professors from 44 states and four U.S. territories, recognizes Eakin for his "extraordinary dedication to teaching, commitment to students, and innovative teaching methods." The Professors of the Year program is the only national award program that honors college and university professors for their teaching. Eakin, who joined the faculty in 1983, is a past recipient of two University undergraduate teaching awards as well as the 1994 Chancellor's Cup, and he currently holds a Chair of Teaching Excellence. "The ability to join one's highest personal goals into a single successful package, wrapped with the special cords of service-learning, provides a very important statement for others on campus and beyond," says Ettore Infante, dean of the College of Arts and Science.

#### New Engineering Complex Under Way

■ Work has begun on a new state-of-the-art building for the School of Engineering, a project that will enhance opportunities for teaching and research. In addition, 50-year-old Jacobs Hall, the anchor of the current engineering complex, will be overhauled. The two-year project includes the demolition and rebuilding of the middle wing of the complex and renovation of the two other existing wings. Work on building utilities began early this year, and work on the new middle wing will commence this summer.

The revamped facility will include an auditorium, a dozen or more state-of-the-art classrooms, space for more than 50 teaching and research labs, and updated infrastructure.

New space configurations will place departmental offices in close proximity to faculty and graduate student offices to enhance collaboration in teaching and research. The new design also incorporates community space for students, which was previously lacking at the school.

The facility's central feature is a three-story atrium with clerestory lighting. The atrium and common areas throughout will help promote interaction among the general student population and peer learning within individual departments.

Departments of electrical engineering and computer science, civil and environmental engineering, and a portion of mechanical engineering will be housed in the facility beginning fall 2002, and the classroom space will be used by all engineering students. Students and faculty in computer science, now located off campus at the Village at Vanderbilt, will return to the new building. The Engineering School will then be located in three buildings—Olin, Stevenson, and the new facility—all in close proximity.

The \$28 million project already has received \$16 million in commitments, an unprecedented record of giving to a single project by engineering alumni. Dean Kenneth Galoway says.



New entrance to the School of Engineering

#### Nursing Program in Correctional Health Among First in Nation

■ As America's prison system continues to grow and its population ages, demand for specialized health care within prison walls also is increasing. To help meet the need, the School of Nursing has begun a partnership with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to prepare graduates for careers in correctional health.

VUSN is one of the first graduate programs in the country to train adult nurse practitioners with a focus in the field.

"The most rapidly growing segment of the federal government is the prison system," notes Linda Norman, associate dean of the school. "Having only physicians provide the care is expensive. As nurse practitioners become more involved with health care systems, institutions like the Bureau have begun looking to nurse practitioners to provide primary care services."

Faculty and administration began meeting with Bureau staff three years ago to develop a correctional health curriculum. "One of the reasons the Bureau looked at Vanderbilt is our experience with managed care," Norman explains. "Many prison health care delivery systems use the managed care concept—controlling cost and promoting health. We are perfectly aligned for this."

The School of Nursing began offering the course of study in correctional health last fall. "Health care education programs have not paid much attention to the incarcerated population," says Norman. "They are truly a portion of the underserved and in need of quality health care."

Jamie Brodie, an MSN who has extensive experience with prison health services, recently joined the nursing school faculty. Also, some of the correctional health didactic and clinical courses are led by Bureau staff.

Several graduates already are employed as nurse practitioners in prisons in Tennessee and surrounding states. Interest in the program is growing among others in the medical field as well, Norman says. Physicians and nurse practitioners involved in health care across Tennessee have contacted VUSN about how they can take correctional health courses.

To learn more, call Leslie Coleman, specialty director for the adult nurse practitioner programs, at 615/322-3029, or e-mail [leslie.coleman@mcmail.vanderbilt.edu](mailto:leslie.coleman@mcmail.vanderbilt.edu).



#### Grant Will Help Peabody Train Teachers in Technology

■ As more and more public schools install computers and other high-tech equipment, demand for teachers with technological expertise grows. Thanks to a \$2 million federal grant awarded to Peabody College, more teachers will graduate from the blackboard to the keyboard.

Vanderbilt is one of only 14 colleges and universities nationwide to win a U.S. Department of Education grant designed to train new teachers to use technology in the classroom. Peabody researchers will use the Catalyst project grant money to develop curricula, teaching methods, instructional materials, and other models of teaching technology.

Peabody and a consortium of 11 other institutions will then put research into practice by disseminating information to schools of education through conferences, presentations, workshops, course outlines, Web sites, and satellite programs.

Catalyst is part of a \$135 million package in Department of Education grants helping connect children with computers and Internet access, Vice President Al Gore said recently in announcing the awards. "Technology-savvy teachers will be able to communicate more frequently with parents, exchange the best lesson plans with their colleagues over the Internet, and help all students meet high standards."

Co-principal investigators on the Peabody Catalyst project are John Bransford, Centennial Professor of Psychology, and Jim Pellegrino, Frank W. Mayborn Professor of Cognitive Studies.

Peabody's partner institutions in Catalyst are the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Apple Computer, Arizona State University, Bank Street College of Education, Little Planet Publishing, Middle Tennessee State University, The Milken Family Foundation, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, Stanford University, the University of Maryland, and the University of Vermont.

#### Device Offers New Alternative to Tracheotomy

■ Doctors at Vanderbilt University Medical Center have developed a new implantable device that helps patients with paralyzed vocal folds breathe on their own.

Called an Implantable Pulse Generator (IPG), the device recently was implanted—for the first time in the United States—in a Missouri woman, allowing her to speak and breathe normally.

"The idea is to restore the opening function of the larynx to allow inhaling and exhaling necessary to normal breathing," says Dr. David Zealear, associate professor of otolaryngology and director of research in the department.

With the device, Zealear says, an electrode is inserted next to the opening muscle of the larynx. "It involves electrical stimulation of the critical laryngeal muscle that has been paralyzed," he explains. "Stimulation takes place at the precise moment the patient inhales, allowing the patient to take a breath."

Approximately 6,000 patients are stricken with bilateral laryngeal paralysis each year

in the United States, primarily when the two nerves that serve the larynx become paralyzed due to neck surgery. Conventional treatment involves permanently opening the airway through surgical resection, leaving the patient with no chance of speaking normally again.

Vanderbilt's first IPG recipient, Helen Burns of Gallatin, Missouri, developed bilateral paralysis of the larynx after two goiter surgeries, necessitating insertion of a tracheotomy.

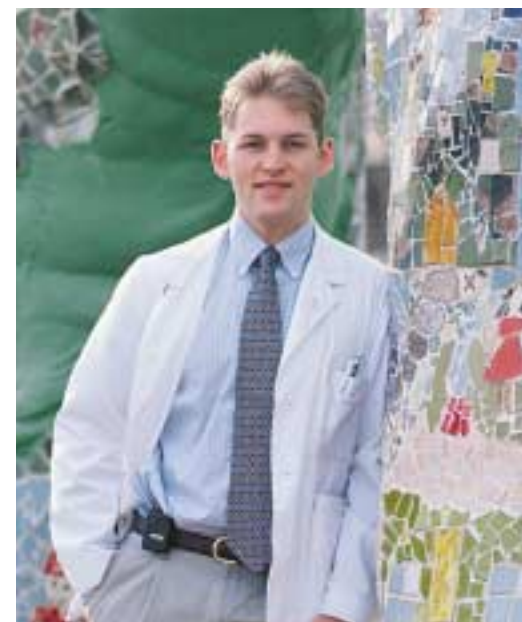
The implantable pulse generator allows her to inhale. She has been injected with botox (botulinum toxin, a man-made poison) to relax the tone of her larynx muscles, thus allowing her to exhale and complete the breathing cycle. The botox also allows increased air flow.

"It's wonderful to be able to breathe and not have a trach," says Burns. "It's brought back my life. I can do almost anything now."

A second patient at VUMC has been fitted with an IPG device but still has a tracheotomy in place.



VUMC researchers are testing a new implantable device like the one illustrated above to help patients with paralyzed vocal folds breathe on their own.



#### MEDICAL STUDENT UNCOVERS CLUES IN CHILDHOOD ILLNESS

Fourth-year medical student Tyson Thomas has solved some of the mystery surrounding an obscure childhood disorder known as Periodic Fever, Aphthous stomatitis, Pharyngitis, and cervical Adenitis (PFAPA). PFAPA is a chronic condition usually seen in young children characterized by high fevers. Working with two medical faculty, Thomas found that the fevers tend to last several days and occur roughly every four weeks, appearing not to cause long-term health problems. He was the lead author of an article publishing their findings last year in the *Journal of Pediatrics*. Thomas, from Tracy City, Tennessee, plans to become a pediatric surgeon.



## Blair Students Study Music in Africa

■ Two Blair School of Music students followed the beat of an African music class and traveled to Africa last summer to learn more.

Senior Nathan Hoeft received a Vanderbilt Summer Research Grant to assist Gregory Barz, assistant professor of musicology (ethnomusicology), with a ten-week project focusing on competitive *ng'oma* drumming in East Africa. Julie Hunter traveled to West Africa through the Vanderbilt-in-Ghana program to work on her senior honors thesis.

The genesis for both their explorations was Barz's class on African music. "Neither of us knew much about ethnomusicology before that. His class opened our eyes," says Hoeft.

"Ethnomusicology serves as a window to a culture by looking at how and why music is made in that society. Both students altered their original theses as a result of their experiences.

Hoeft traveled to the interlacustrine area—land that surrounds Lake Victoria—of Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. "I went to East Africa with the intention of studying the pedagogy of the instruments and looking at the similarities and differences among instruments around the interlacustrine culture," Hoeft says. "I'm ending up delving more into how the ensembles seem to mimic everyday life, how it's a community effort to make music, and how that reflects the community.



Blair School seniors Julie Hunter and Nathan Hoeft studied music in Africa last summer.

"We're taught that only a few people can be musicians—those who are talented enough. In Africa music is just part of what you do everyday."

Hunter found this to be true in her study of the Democratic Youth League Dance Ensemble in Accra, the capitol of Ghana. Her original thesis dealt with the relationship between rural and urban music in Accra.

"I'm now writing about the master drummer of the ensemble," she says.

## Owen School Lauded for Environmental Program

■ The Owen Graduate School of Management's environmental management program has been recognized as one of the top programs in the nation in addressing environmental issues in both student curricula and faculty research.

Owen's program received an award from the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the Aspen Institute's Initiative for Social Innovation through Business (ISIB) last fall at Citigroup's headquarters in New York. *Business Week* also cited Owen in its October 11 issue for innovative teaching of "green" issues.

WRI and ISIB's annual survey, *Beyond Grey Pinstripes: Preparing MBAs for Social and Environmental Stewardship*, named Owen as an innovator in training future business managers to link business to environmental issues. In the survey, Owen joined eight other

schools as "programs at the cutting edge" in incorporating environment-business issues. Other business schools honored were the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, Cornell University's Johnson School, the University of Michigan, the University of Texas, the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler School, Tulane University's Freeman School, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Lally School, and George Washington University.

Mark Cohen, associate professor of managerial economics and codirector of the Vanderbilt Center for Environmental Management Studies, says, "We are in the business of training top quality M.B.A. students who understand how to run companies that are both environmentally sound and financially successful."

## Gifted Youth Get a Jump Start

■ Academically gifted middle and high school students from the mid-South will spend three weeks at Vanderbilt this summer, studying advanced topics and getting a feel for college life.

The Vanderbilt Program for Talented Youth, open to rising eighth through 11th graders who have demonstrated an aptitude considerably beyond their grade level, is designed to "jump start" their development and set them on a path toward a lifetime of high achievement. One hundred students will be accepted into the program this summer.

With the program, Vanderbilt joins a number of other universities across the country, such as Johns Hopkins and Duke, that offer opportunities for talented youth to supplement regular schooling. Peabody College Dean Camilla Benbow has spent the past 20 years researching and tracking progress of students in such programs.

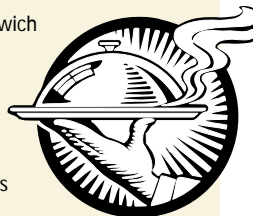
"If you look at the lives of eminent individuals—Nobel laureates, for example—you see that many were identified early as possessing talent or high potential and then were provided with special opportunities to develop further," she says.

The program is sponsored by Peabody College, the College of Arts and Science, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and the chancellor's and provost's offices. Pat Thompson, professor of mathematics education, and Matthew Gould, professor of mathematics, codirect the program.

For more information, call program coordinator Petrina Jesz at 615/322-8261 or e-mail [petrina.jesz@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:petrina.jesz@vanderbilt.edu). Also, check out the Web site <http://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/progs/pty/>.

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Made-to-order tossed salads  
Spaghetti with homemade meat sauce



## Innovative Therapy May Alleviate Self-Injury

■ People who routinely injure themselves may do so in order to stimulate the release of an analgesic chemical in the brain, and many of those sufferers can be helped with an innovative combination of two therapies, according to Travis Thompson, director of the John F. Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development and professor of psychology, special education, and psychiatry.

Thompson and his colleagues have found that many of the estimated 50,000 to 300,000 Americans with developmental disabilities who injure themselves by such means as head banging and self-biting do so either as a primitive form of communication or to stimulate release of beta-endorphin, the brain's natural "morphine."

Thompson's research has found that sufferers can be helped dramatically by combining communication training with a regimen of the drug naltrexone, which blocks the brain's opiate receptors. "If you provide an alternative form of communication that they understand, they will do that instead of self-injuring," says Thompson. "And by combining two treatments—augmentative communication training and naltrexone—it appears we can greatly reduce or stop self-injury in most cases."

Naltrexone works by blocking the brain's opiate receptors. When beta-endorphin is released following self-injury, it cannot bind to the receptors and create the same sensation that occurs, for example, when a heroin addict takes a low dose of heroin.

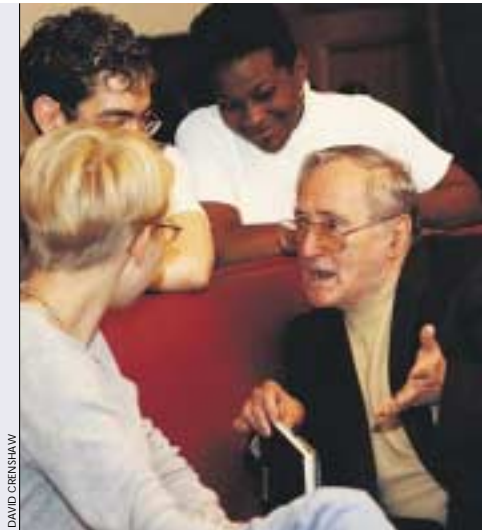
Self-injury is most prevalent in people with severe to profound mental retardation and those with autism, although it also occurs in individuals with other conditions.

Historically, people with intractable self-injury were institutionalized and often put in physical restraints. Beginning in the 1960s, neuroleptic medications came into use, but they were associated with serious side effects. Today newer neuroleptics and antidepressants are used for treatment of self-injury, but with limited evidence of effectiveness.

Thompson has been working on his theories of self-injury since 1987, when he published the first case report of a young adult with intractable self-injury whose treatment with naltrexone virtually stopped the behavior.

## HOLOCAUST LECTURES BRING SURVIVOR TO CAMPUS

During the 22nd annual Holocaust Lecture Series last October, Gad Beck, author of *An Underground Life: The Memoirs of a Gay Jew in Nazi Berlin*, discussed his experiences as a Holocaust survivor and participant in the anti-Nazi resistance. Former director of the Jewish Adult Education Center in Berlin, Beck also met with members of the Divinity School/Graduate Department of Religion's Office of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns where he described himself as a "triple target" of Nazi persecution—a Jew, a gay man, and a resister. Vanderbilt's lecture series on the Holocaust is the longest-sustained series presented on the subject on a university campus in the nation.



## Eyewitnesses to Vanderbilt's History

■ Commuting to campus via streetcar. The Owen School's genesis in a former funeral parlor. Tanks on the corner of Twenty-first Avenue and West End when Stokely Carmichael came to town. The Peabody merger.



Students began the tradition of socializing on Rand Wall shortly after Rand Hall was completed in 1953.

Historian Amy Sturgis has left few stones unturned in an ambitious oral history project aimed at recording yesterday's Vanderbilt by interviewing key players in the University's life. Sturgis, MA'95, PhD'98, has spent two years immersing herself in the history of Vanderbilt, conducting more than 70 interviews in her role as coordinator and interviewer for the oral history project.

Sturgis says the interviews shed light on every large question regarding Vanderbilt in the post-war years, including the GI Bill, the Civil Rights movement, the Vietnam War, and

unrest on campuses across the country.

"I think it's always valuable to mine the minds of people who set the course of the institution," Sturgis says. "It's important not only to know what happened, but also why things were done and to have a greater appreciation of the characters, in every sense of the word, who really created the character of the University."

Among those Sturgis interviewed are former chancellors Harvie Branscomb and Alexander Heard. Most interviews will be open for public hearing or perusal of transcripts, although some participants placed restrictions on access. Information gleaned from the history project will be available through a searchable Web site at [www.library.vanderbilt.edu/speccol/vuvoices](http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/speccol/vuvoices).

Sturgis was approached with the idea of doing the oral history project while she was still a doctoral candidate at Vanderbilt. "It's really the brainchild of Hugh Davis Graham (Holland N. McTyeire Professor of History)," she says. "Professor Graham, Paul Conkin (Alexander Heard Distinguished Service Professor of History), and Marice Wolfe (University archivist) put their fingers on a new national trend. Many state schools were involved with oral history projects. Vanderbilt would be one of the first private institutions to catch the wave of that trend."

Sturgis had help from Katy McDaniel, a Ph.D. candidate in history, Ed Harcourt, a graduate student in history, and Andrew McMichael, a Ph.D. candidate who was in charge of Web design.



# SPORTS

## Woody's Contract Extended Through 2005

■ Head Football Coach Woody Widenhofer's contract has been extended through the 2005 football season.

In his third year as head coach, Widenhofer had the Commodores on the brink of their first bowl appearance since 1982. Vanderbilt finished with a 5-6 record, highlighted by an upset of top-20 team Ole Miss on the road.

"Our football team is obviously better," says Athletics Director Todd Turner. "Woody has assembled and retained an experienced and capable staff and has energized the program with his unwavering commitment to rise to the top of the Southeastern Conference. He has done all this with no compromise of Vanderbilt's academic standards. In fact, the academic performance of the team also has improved under his leadership."

Vanderbilt was regarded as one of the most improved teams in the nation in 1999, and Widenhofer's recruiting efforts over the last several years were a major factor. While the quality of recruiting classes has improved, so has the coaching staff.

In the last two years, Widenhofer added offensive coordinator Steve Crosby and line-



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As refreshing as a cold drink on a hot day, Coach Woody Widenhofer has brought enthusiasm and energy to the Vanderbilt football program. In his third season as head coach, he led the team to a five-win season, beating two SEC teams (Mississippi and South Carolina) on the road.

backer coach Herb Paterra to his staff. Both had long coaching careers in the NFL. Much of the remaining staff has remained intact; there were no coaching changes on the offensive staff from last season to the current year.

These factors, along with the additional experience of the squad, which started just six seniors, enabled Vanderbilt to make major gains offensively while climbing back into the nation's top-20 rated defenses.

During Widenhofer's three years as head

coach, he has spoken to hundreds of organizations and made numerous appearances for charity.

"I've said many times that I love Nashville," he says. "I love our fans. I've enjoyed Vanderbilt from the day I first stepped on campus. I like working with our student-athletes. This extension reflects a lot of good work by my staff and our football team. I appreciate that effort very much and promise it will continue in the years to come."

## Commodore Baseball Reloads

■ The Vanderbilt baseball team looks to reload for the 2000 season after the loss of several key players, including 1999 SEC Baseball Player of the Year Hunter Bledsoe, starting pitcher Mike Byrd, and shortstop Matt Kata to graduation and the major league baseball draft.

Bledsoe, BS'99, was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers. Byrd was picked by the Cleveland Indians, and Kata went to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Commodores have 14 newcomers. Six of them are transfers, and their collegiate experiences will help a squad that includes only two seniors and four juniors from

last season's team.

Coach Roy Mewbourne is relying on his transfers and top returnees to lead the team to its first SEC tournament appearance since 1996. Sophomore Karl Nonemaker hit .415 as a freshman, ranking him second in the conference in batting average. A center fielder, he earned freshman All-American honors from *Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball*.

Seniors Andy Kropf and Damon Yee provide leadership. Kropf, the starting catcher, hit .322 while Yee, who was a freshman All-American in 1997, is one of the Commodores' three starting pitchers.

## Sports in the News

■ Vanderbilt athletics got high marks last September from a special report in the weekly magazine *Sporting News*.

*Sporting News* rated 112 major college athletic programs, limiting their consideration to football and men's basketball. Vanderbilt placed 33rd on the list. Only four SEC teams finished ahead of Vanderbilt in the poll: Florida (5), Kentucky (14), South Carolina (30), and Auburn (31).

*Sporting News* noted in its brief comment about Vanderbilt, "Outstanding gender equity and graduation ratings; needs to win."



## Women's Soccer Players Named All-SEC

■ Three Vanderbilt women's soccer players were named to the 1999 SEC Women's Soccer All-SEC team in November at the SEC championship banquet. Junior Asta Helgadottir earned first-team honors while junior Kim Szurovy and sophomore Linda Arauz were named to the second team.

Helgadottir, a midfielder, was the most decorated award-winner this year as she earned first-team All-SEC honors for the third straight year. The 1998 All-American led Vanderbilt with seven goals and five assists.

Szurovy, a forward, earned the first All-SEC honor of her career after helping Vanderbilt to its seventh straight SEC tournament appearance. She totaled six goals and had a team-high six assists.

Arauz has played a key role in Vanderbilt's stingy defense as the starting sweeper. The Commodores allowed only one goal in their last five games. They finished the season with a 9-10-1 overall record, 6-3 in SEC play.



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## New Commodore Club Director Chosen

■ Blanton Jones was named executive director of the National Commodore Club last fall.

Most recently, he served as assistant director of the Virginia Student Aid Foundation (VSAF), the University of Virginia's athletics fund-raising organization. A 1993 UVA graduate, he had been a member of the Virginia athletics staff since 1996.

Under Jones' leadership, the VSAF raised \$6 million for scholarships in 1998. He worked to raise funds for a major capital campaign for athletics to enhance the department's \$20 million endowment fund and expand the football facility. He also coordinated donor benefits associated with the school's athletics annual fund, including ticket allocations and reserved parking.

From 1994 to 1996, Jones was director of annual giving for athletics at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he worked on a \$25 million capital campaign and implemented the school's first-ever priority seating policy for men's basketball.

## Klimesova Czechs Into the Vandy Lineup

■ Zuzana Klimesova is willing to go the extra mile. Make that thousands of extra miles.

When the native of Prague, Czech Republic, wanted to learn to speak English, she decided the best thing was to move to the United States. In 1996 she did, leaving behind her family, who at the time was in Germany.

"The original plan was for me to come to America, learn to speak English, and then go back home to Germany," says Klimesova, a six-foot, two-inch sophomore forward and one of Vanderbilt's rising stars. Going into Christmas break, she was leading the team in points per game (16.5), field goal percentage (.702), and rebounding (7.6).

Klimesova was reared on basketball—her mother, father, uncle, and grandmother all had distinguished Olympic careers in Europe—and it soon became apparent that her talents could take her further.

Her gifts were quickly recognized, first at St. Pius XI High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin—where she enrolled as a result of family contacts—and then on the national level when her summer AAU team placed second in a tournament in Chattanooga.

"There were some who were saying that I could get a basketball scholarship here in



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Zuzana Klimesova

the States," Klimesova says. "I thought that sounded like a great opportunity."

Recruiting letters arrived at the home of Jack and Ann Shepherd—Klimesova's host family—in overwhelming amounts.

"I asked everyone, 'How do you know if you are picking the right school?' and everyone said, 'You'll just know when it is right.' They were right. When I visited Vanderbilt, everything was right."

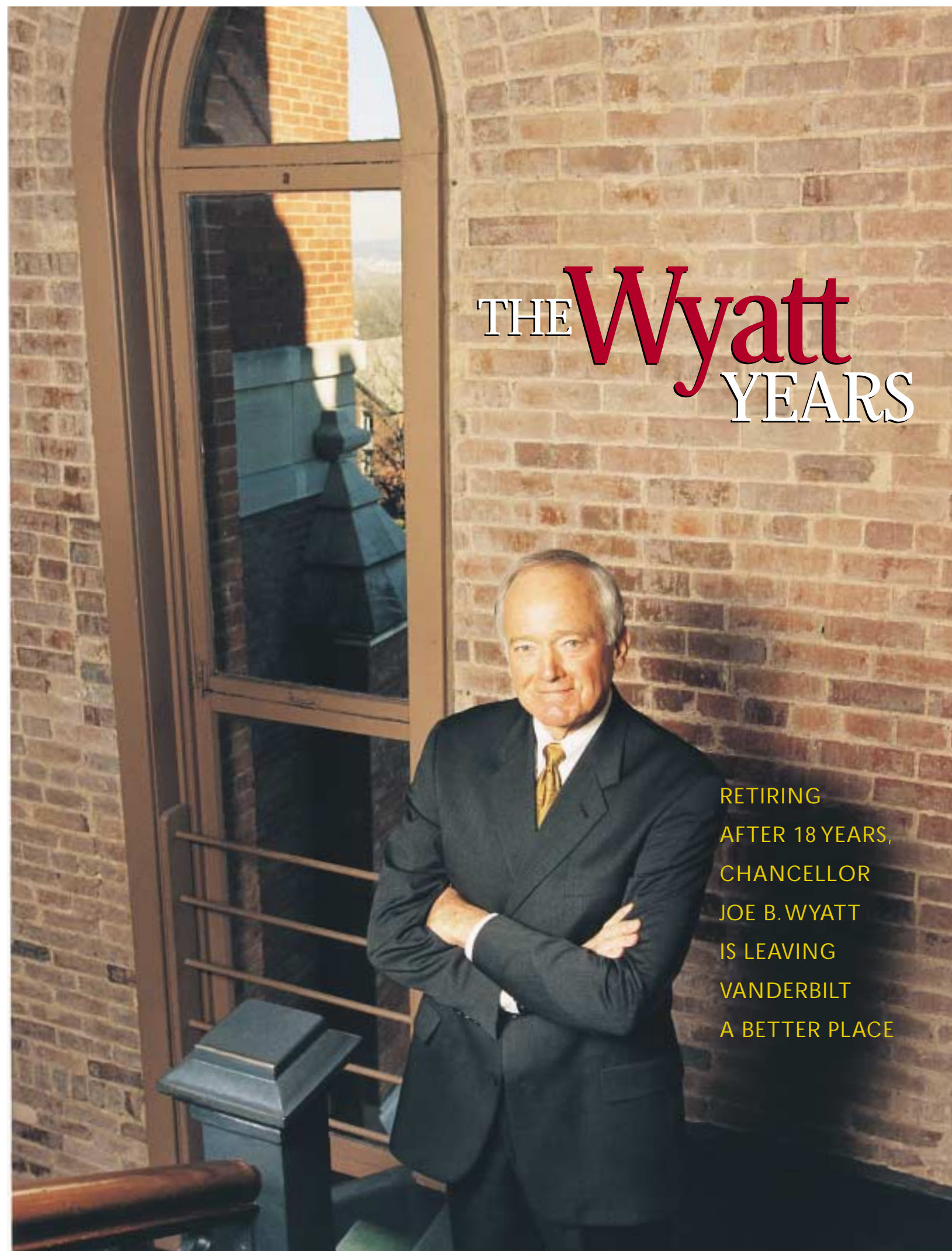


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## MEMORIAL GYM RENOVATIONS UNDER WAY

Vanderbilt's 1999-2000 basketball season opened to a new look and new features following completion of Phase I renovations to Memorial Gymnasium. Technical improvements include new lighting and sound systems. More than 1,000 chair-back seats were added to the lower east and west end zones just above the bleachers and quickly sold out. New ceiling fabric and gold illuminated accent tapestries were added, as well as new banners to showcase men's and women's landmark seasons and championships. Even the lobbies were renovated with new lighting and a black and gold motif. Fundraising is under way for Phase II renovations to provide a new practice gym and a new home for basketball offices.





by Gay Nellie Doll

**T**hanks, but no thanks, Joe B. Wyatt told the Nashville caller at the other end of the line.

It was 1982, and the telephone call from a trustee at Vanderbilt University asking whether Wyatt might be interested in Vanderbilt's chancellorship came as a surprise. Then vice president for administration at Harvard University, Wyatt knew of Vanderbilt's search for a new chancellor, but never imagined himself in such a position. His place as a Harvard administrator was more an outgrowth of his expertise in computers and technology than the result of a traditional career path in academia.

By that stage in his life, the 46-year-old mathematician and computer scientist had grown used to the ring of a phone signaling yet another institution or company interested in what he had to offer. As corporations and colleges across the country were scrambling to meet a growing need for computer expertise, Wyatt was in a seller's market.

Vanderbilt was not an unknown quantity to him. Two years earlier his college bound son, Bob, had chosen Vanderbilt for its excellent academics and other attractive qualities—not the least being the requisite 500 miles or more from Mom and Dad back in Cambridge.

The elder Wyatt told the Vanderbilt caller that day that he was quite happy in his work at Harvard. Weeks and months passed. The phone rang again.

*A few of us are coming to Harvard to meet with some other people, the Vanderbilt Board of Trust member said. Why don't we just get together and talk?*

And so the first meeting between Joe B. Wyatt and a trio of Vanderbilt search committee members—Bronson Ingram, A'53, Sam Fleming, BA'28, and Pat Wilson, BA'41—took place. Wyatt talked about his passion for technology and his concern that nationwide, fewer students were studying science than 20 years earlier. The Vanderbilt contingent talked about their desire to elevate Vanderbilt from a good regional institution to a top-tier national and international one. By the end of the meeting, both sides had moved a little closer.

Out of the 300 or so names put forth as possible candidates to become Vanderbilt's sixth chancellor, Joe B. Wyatt, who is retiring in July, was not an obvious choice. The tall, tanned Texan, more entrepreneur than scholar, was unlike any chancellor Vanderbilt had ever chosen—and it had chosen just five in a hundred years.

In the end, Vanderbilt's usually conservative 43-member Board of Trust approved the selection of Wyatt unanimously. Newspaper accounts of the day hailed their “daring” decision.

Looking back over the space of nearly two decades since Wyatt assumed the helm at Vanderbilt, two things are striking. The first is how much Vanderbilt and the world have changed in just 18 years. The second is how visionary Joe B. Wyatt has proven to be.

“Every part of Vanderbilt has benefited from Joe's vision of what a great university should and must be as we enter the next century,” says Martha Ingram, chairman of the board.

Back in 1982, most office workers could consider themselves up-to-date if they knew their way around an IBM Selectric typewriter. Yet here was Vanderbilt's new chancellor in his State of the University address, looking toward the 21st century and talking of computer networks which “may soon be as convenient as your office telephone.”

#### Tell It Like It Is

**W**yatt's leadership style, like his background, has never fit the traditional academic mold. “Joe is unusual among university presidents in his willingness to ‘tell it like it is,’” says Bruce Alberts, president of the National Academy of Sciences.

From the beginning Wyatt has likened his role at the head of a university to that of a corporate CEO. “I view the work as a series of projects,” he says, “and I look at where we



Alexander Heard and Joe B. Wyatt in June 1982, shortly before Wyatt succeeded Heard as Vanderbilt's sixth chancellor

might have a competitive advantage. The Free Electron Laser Center is a perfect example. We were brazen enough to believe we could produce a proposal as good or better than anybody's, then the center grew out of a collection of people we recruited. That has happened in a lot of instances, each time looking at where we might have a competitive advantage and the basic ingredients to begin.”

It's an approach that has worked. “His record speaks for itself,” says former trustee chairman John Hall, BE'55. “No matter what measures you use—academic reputation, financial stability, quality of faculty and students—all have dramatically increased during his tenure.”

In 18 years, Vanderbilt's operating budget has grown from \$200 million to \$1.2 billion. Its endowment has soared from \$170 million to \$1.8 billion. Its medical center is surviving the constraints of managed care in better fiscal health than many peer institutions. It has won national recognition for its undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools while expanding academic offerings and initiating innovative interdisciplinary teaching and research programs.

“There are so many things we have accom-



plished, and I do mean the collective 'we,'" Wyatt says. "I learned long ago that the formula for success is that for slightly higher compensation, you have a shot at the very best people. They can do not just slightly better than average, but many times better. That's why we've succeeded. We've gotten great people and given them room and encouragement."

#### Renaissance of a Bankrupt Treasure

Now at the end of his tenure, Wyatt declines to take credit for particular gains Vanderbilt has made under his watch. Looking back, though, he takes great pride in the renaissance of what he calls "the biggest, clearest problem" at Vanderbilt upon his arrival in 1982—Peabody College, which had nearly gone bankrupt before merging with the University a few years earlier. Its fate as a part of Vanderbilt was still unclear 18 years ago.

"It was a huge issue, and opinions ranged all over the lot," Wyatt recalls.

Wyatt had been active with the National Science Foundation and was keenly aware of the national crisis in K-12 education. "Peabody had a wonderful reputation, but it had failed financially. The nation had a great need for improvements in K-12 education. I began to see potential for a matchup."

By any measure, Peabody is enjoying unprecedented success these days. Its human and organizational development program is the University's most popular major. In the five years since *U.S. News & World Report* began ranking colleges of education, Peabody has made the top ten—last year coming in sixth out of 188 programs. With Wyatt's encouragement, its Learning Technology Center has grown from seven members in 1983 to a group

of 70 researchers, designers, and educators whose work in education, psychology, and other areas is known around the world. Peabody's centerpiece, the Social-Religious Building, has risen once again from a crumbling rabbit warren of desks and chairs Wyatt found upon his arrival 18 years ago to a showcase for learning technology and teaching.

"Peabody required a lot of work, but it's turned out very successfully," Wyatt says with pride. "It's a jewel."

Beyond Peabody, Wyatt also has supported many initiatives to enhance teaching. Endowed



Derek Bok, then-president of Harvard University and Wyatt's former boss, and Wyatt in 1983 during Wyatt's installation

faculty chairs have increased from 39 in 1982 to more than 100 today, attracting a better faculty than ever before. In fact, improving faculty quality has been one of Wyatt's proudest achievements.

Shortly after arriving at Vanderbilt, Wyatt asked James Blumstein, Centennial Professor of Law, to chair an ad hoc Committee on Appointments, Renewal, and Tenure. The result of that effort was new and significant-

ly more rigorous criteria for faculty appointments that emphasized teaching, scholarship, and service to the University community. In 1998, a follow-up effort chaired by John Wikswo, A.B. Learned Professor of Living State Physics, further raised the standards for faculty selection and promotion.

In 1986 the Center for Teaching was established in the College of Arts and Science to help faculty members and graduate students sharpen their classroom skills. It now serves as a resource for faculty throughout the University. The Initiative on Team Teaching, launched in 1993, encourages professors from different disciplines to develop and teach courses together. A year later, the Initiative on Technological Innovation in the Classroom was established.

Two other initiatives which recognize faculty members for extraordinary classroom efforts bear Wyatt's imprint. The Chancellor's Lecture Series on Great Teaching was begun in 1988, followed in 1996 by the Chairs of Teaching Excellence Awards.

Observes law professor Robert Rasmussen, 1998–99 chair of the Faculty Senate, "In the end, the measure of a chancellor's success is the comparison between where the University was when he took office, and where it is when he leaves. By this measure, Chancellor Wyatt has been a success. Vanderbilt had a strong faculty when Chancellor Wyatt joined the University; it has an even stronger one today. This is a legacy which will benefit the University for decades to come."

While maintaining Vanderbilt's commitment to great teaching, these changes have helped create a climate that fosters increased research activity. Again, a comparison of then and now tells the story: In 1982 Vanderbilt

received \$42 million in sponsored research support. Last year, that figured had increased to \$214 million—signifying, Wyatt the mathematician notes, a double-digit percentage increase year after year. "Vanderbilt researchers continue to be successful in increasing research funding at a rate greater than the growth in federal research budgets," he notes.

Wyatt's successes have helped thrust him into national leadership roles. He is chairman of the Universities Research Association as well as the Government-University-Industry-Research Roundtable at the National Academy of Sciences. A former chairman of the Association of American Universities, he has testified before Congress on such issues as federal funding of research and the partnership between federal government and the nation's research universities. He also serves on the Business Higher Education Forum, the Advisory Committee of the Public Agenda Foundation, and the Council on Competitiveness.

"Joe Wyatt's record of accomplishments at Vanderbilt is widely admired by his presidential colleagues," says Stanley Ikenberry, president of the American Council on Education. "His leadership on the national scene has been equally creative and productive."

Under Wyatt's leadership, an aggressive effort to recruit and retain students of color also has paid off. The percentage of minorities among undergraduates is at an all-time high, 18 percent. An honor scholarship program initiated by Wyatt in 1986 has been particularly successful. A total of 268 students have been awarded full-tuition Chancellor's Scholarships for Outstanding Minority Students. Meanwhile, the student body is the most diverse in Vanderbilt history, with students from all 50 states and 91 foreign countries.



In 1989 Wyatt and his wife, Faye (center), worked alongside Alternative Spring Break student volunteers to help clear land for a new house in Roses Creek, Tennessee.

could recruit with athletic scholarships. Crediting Provost Tom Burish with the idea, Wyatt says, "It's the right thing to do. It would be about time institutions did something that was the right thing to do in athletics. More and more you read about things that are downright embarrassing."

Another issue dear to Wyatt's heart has been volunteer service. He has been instrumental in establishing an array of initiatives aimed at helping students form a life-long habit of community service. The Office of Volunteer Activities, founded in 1989, facilitates outreach efforts.

Among the earliest and most successful volunteer efforts to receive Wyatt's support was Alternative Spring Break, founded in 1987 by a handful of students. Last spring more than 300 students took part in the program's 22 domestic and three international sites. With funding from the Chancellor's office, the non-

profit BreakAway: The Alternative Break Connection was founded in 1991 by Vanderbilt graduates to help colleges across the country start alternative spring breaks.

Throughout Wyatt's administration, other innovative volunteer programs have sprouted, including the Virtual School, Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for Science, and the Ingram Scholars Program. Today half of all Vanderbilt students take part in volunteer programs. In the past five years alone, the number of campus service organizations has doubled.



## In Wyatt's Words

#### On students who seek his counsel:

In a position like this you get a whole collection of people who are very much inclined to come in and ask for your advice, mostly students. Although I can't spend a lot of time with them, I take it seriously, and the fact that I'm willing seems to give them a great deal of satisfaction. It's an interesting part of the job.

#### On the hardest part of being chancellor:

I make the final decision on a lot of things for which it isn't immediately apparent whether it was a good call or a bad one. In a corporation, the shorthand version of goodness and badness is how a decision affects earnings, but in a setting like this it may be years before you really know.

#### On town and gown relations:

At Harvard the relationship between the university and the Cambridge city government was terrible. I know of another university where the relationship between the community and the university has been described as all-out war. This can be extremely debilitating. The university has to do its part and be truly sensitive to the needs of the community and the neighborhood. Here, there's truly a spirit of cooperation.

#### On self-confidence:

I don't remember ever being intimidated. I never thought of myself as this country boy from Dixie, Texas; it never occurred to me. I hadn't always done everything perfectly, but I wasn't afraid to take on new things. It was the only way I had gotten where I was.

#### On his son's reaction to having Dad as chancellor:

Bob was a student at Vanderbilt. After about my second meeting with the search committee, I thought we ought to talk to him about it. Bob's view was, "I've proven that I could go to a place of my choice, not knowing anybody, and be successful. I'd love to have you close as long as you won't come unannounced to my dorm." His mother quickly said, "Well, as long as you won't come unannounced into the Chancellor's residence, it's a deal."



Wyatt himself set an example for students by accepting the presidency of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce a few years ago. “I think it helped bring Vanderbilt and the community closer,” he says.

Agrees Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell, “Under Joe’s guidance, Vanderbilt has assumed a leadership position that our community, I believe, recognizes, appreciates, and applauds.”

It was the influence of one man that convinced Wyatt to take on the Chamber presidency: the late Bronson Ingram, then chairman of Vanderbilt’s Board of Trust and himself Chamber president.

Wyatt considers Ingram a personal hero. “He was candid. He was very smart. He had a huge capacity for absorbing information,” Wyatt says. “He spent only one year at Vanderbilt as a student, but he never wavered in the goal of making this a top-tier university. No institution could ever ask for more, and he’s missed still.”

Wyatt waxes nostalgic as he recalls flying from city to city with Ingram, who supplied his own plane, during Campaign for Vanderbilt events in the early ‘90s. “We’d get in the plane, head for Washington, D.C., or Dallas, do a black-tie dinner, come back home, and go to work the next day,” Wyatt remembers. “The only thing we couldn’t do was tie our black ties—we had to get someone to do that on the other end.”

#### The Chancellor as Student

Black-tie affairs were unheard of back in Dixie, Texas, where Wyatt spent his early years. Home in those days was a three-room house without indoor plumbing.

Characteristically, Wyatt sees his childhood in a Texas just beginning to emerge from the Depression as unremarkable. “Pretty much anybody growing up in my neck of the woods during that era shared my experience,” he maintains.

Young Joe Billy was a precocious if not model student. “I wasn’t a patient student. I

was bored and a bit of a smart aleck. But for teachers who challenged me, who knew how to corral precocious youngsters, I did well.”

Dixie didn’t offer football—the school couldn’t afford uniforms—but students like Wyatt found a competitive outlet in basketball and baseball as well as debate, theatre, and poetry recitation contests.

He earned extra money doing farm work, construction, and helping out the local grocer. “I learned that rich people aren’t necessarily the best about paying their bills, and poor people aren’t necessarily the worst,” he says.

Wyatt excelled on the dirt diamonds of East Texas. He might have had a career in baseball (see sidebar) or as a pilot. During World War II, just down the road at Pounds Field (now Tyler Airport), the U.S. Army Air Corps was training glider pilots. “It was magic to me,” he says. “I hung out there as much as I could.”

Following high school graduation he enrolled at the University of Texas, where he excelled at math. Blessed with a capacity to survive on little sleep, he took flying lessons, worked summers harvesting wheat or laying oil pipeline, and worked during the academic year at an Austin grocery, “the best in the city,” Wyatt says.

He considered a career in architecture or geology. His senior year in college, however, the chemistry department received something that represented the latest in technology, an IBM card-programmed calculator. “You could wire a board with a sequence of commands to do mathematical functions,” he explains. “It fascinated me, and still does. It was a natural marriage for my style of thinking and doing.”

Suddenly Wyatt had an idea of what he wanted to do with his life. He finished college with a major in mathematics and a minor in philosophy, with as many hours in English as in philosophy. “Poetry was my interest,” he says. “I’ve thought about it since, the marriage between poetry, philosophy—which includ-

#### Chandler 10, Edom 9

Of all the careers Joe B. Wyatt flirted with, baseball was among the most alluring. And of all the games he pitched, none was as dramatic as the one in 1952 between Chandler and Edom.

Back then, baseball was serious business in East Texas. “It was pretty much in the days before television,” Wyatt recalls. “The small towns all had ball parks and people paid admission to come to the games.”

Wyatt played for Chandler, though Edom was the town where his father and uncles had grown up and played the game. His parents never attended these games, probably because they were on Sunday. Arriving that Sunday afternoon after the game had already begun because a church function ran long, Wyatt found his team already in deep trouble: behind 9-0 at the bottom of the first inning.

“I warmed up briefly and started at the top of the second inning,” he says. “After that Edom got no runs, no walks, no hits. Nobody reached first base. We tied the game in the bottom of the ninth inning, 9-9, took it to the 10th, then to the 11th.”

Wyatt came up to bat with a man on first and two outs, and doubled in the winning run. “This was a heady experience for a pitcher. I took that ball home to my parents and told them what had happened,” he says.

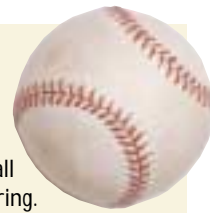
Many years later, back in Texas to clean out his father’s home after the death of both parents, he opened an old black trunk and discovered tattered baseball uniforms, yellowed newspaper clippings—and the baseball from that long-ago game, on which his father had penned the words CHANDLER 10, EDM 9, MAY 1952.

The ball, now encased in glass in Wyatt’s Kirkland Hall office, bears the ravages of time and his father’s faint handwriting.

For a brief time in his late teens, Wyatt played with the Dodgers farm team in Borger, Texas. “I was making 75 cents an hour driving a combine in the wheat harvest, and the team offered me a \$500 signing bonus, as I recall,” he says.

“It was very tempting. But of course I had to speak to my mother about it, and that was the end of that.

“The girls in those little Texas towns were liberated, and my mother had been a superb athlete herself, but she always felt that no matter how good an athlete I could have been, I had a capacity to learn and do something that went beyond physical skills. She gave me good advice.”



ed courses in logic and symbolic logic—and mathematics. In those days you couldn’t find a better blend to match up with what the computer field was all about.”

By the end of his senior year, he had four job offers, three with computer laboratories. He took the computer job that paid the best, with General Dynamics Corporation, and married that summer after finishing college.

“Faye and I first met at the West Austin Baptist Church,” he remembers. “The church had a basketball team, and they recruited me. We married in Austin during July and took a trip to Galveston. The car wasn’t air-conditioned, but it didn’t matter.”

Wyatt stayed with General Dynamics for nine years. By then, he says, “I had more than a hundred people working for me. I was 29.” During his time at General Dynamics, he picked up a master’s degree in mathematics and some teaching experience at Texas Christian University.

He left to cofound Symbiotics International Inc., management systems consultants, in Houston. At the same time he was named associate professor of computer science and director of the University Computing Center at the University of Houston.

By the time Harvard called, he remembers, “I had developed a reputation in the computer field as a pioneer of sorts. If someone had a project that everyone else said couldn’t be done, they’d bring me in. I relished challenges like that.”

His career at Harvard, in addition to a stint as vice president for administration, included serving as a senior lecturer in computer science on the faculty of Arts and Sciences and the John F. Kennedy School of Government, as well as being a standing faculty member at the Institute for Educational Management.

Faye had quit work with the arrival of their children, Bob in 1963 and Sandi 18 months later. In addition to her volunteer activities, she went back to work as a marketing consultant in Massachusetts when the children were in middle school. Upon settling in Nashville, she made the decision not to take a job.

“Faye and I talked about it again recently,” he says, “and I told her I don’t think I could have made it for this long, given the demands of my position, without the arrangement we had as a couple.”

#### Cattle on the Runway

Now that he’s retiring, Wyatt expects to have more time for more leisurely flying trips and for family. Bob is now a Dallas physician, and Sandi is a special education teacher. The Wyatts expect to divide their time between a lake home near Austin and their beloved farm in Tennessee.

Their property near Dickson, Tennessee, embodies Wyatt’s balance of high-tech and low-tech. Registered Angus cattle graze the grass runway where his Cessna 180 lands. A guest house is built from a 150-year-old log house. “There’s every conceivable kind of flora and fauna found in Middle Tennessee,” he says.

Between building fences and putting up more bluebird boxes, Wyatt says he’ll continue to advocate for higher education on a number of fronts, working with the National Academy of Sciences and other groups, including the EAA Aviation Foundation.

“I haven’t made up my mind if I’ll do any teaching,” he says. “I enjoyed it, and I think I’m a pretty good teacher. But there are lots of good teachers out there, my time might be better spent fostering advancements in the way people teach technology.”

He says he’ll be happy to give advice to Vanderbilt’s next chancellor if asked, “but one of the advantages of having a succession is a fresh pair of eyes to look at a situation, just as I was allowed to do.”

In any case, there will be no shortage of educators seeking Wyatt’s input. “I look forward to Joe’s impending retirement,” says Alberts, “because it means he will have more time for working with the National Academy of Sciences and others who recognize that taking the process of education seriously at all levels is the most important of all our national needs.”

“Joe steps down as one of the preeminent leaders in education who has done an outstanding job not only in leading Vanderbilt,” says Notre Dame president Edward Malloy, PhD’75, “but in taking the initiative on issues of national and international concern.”

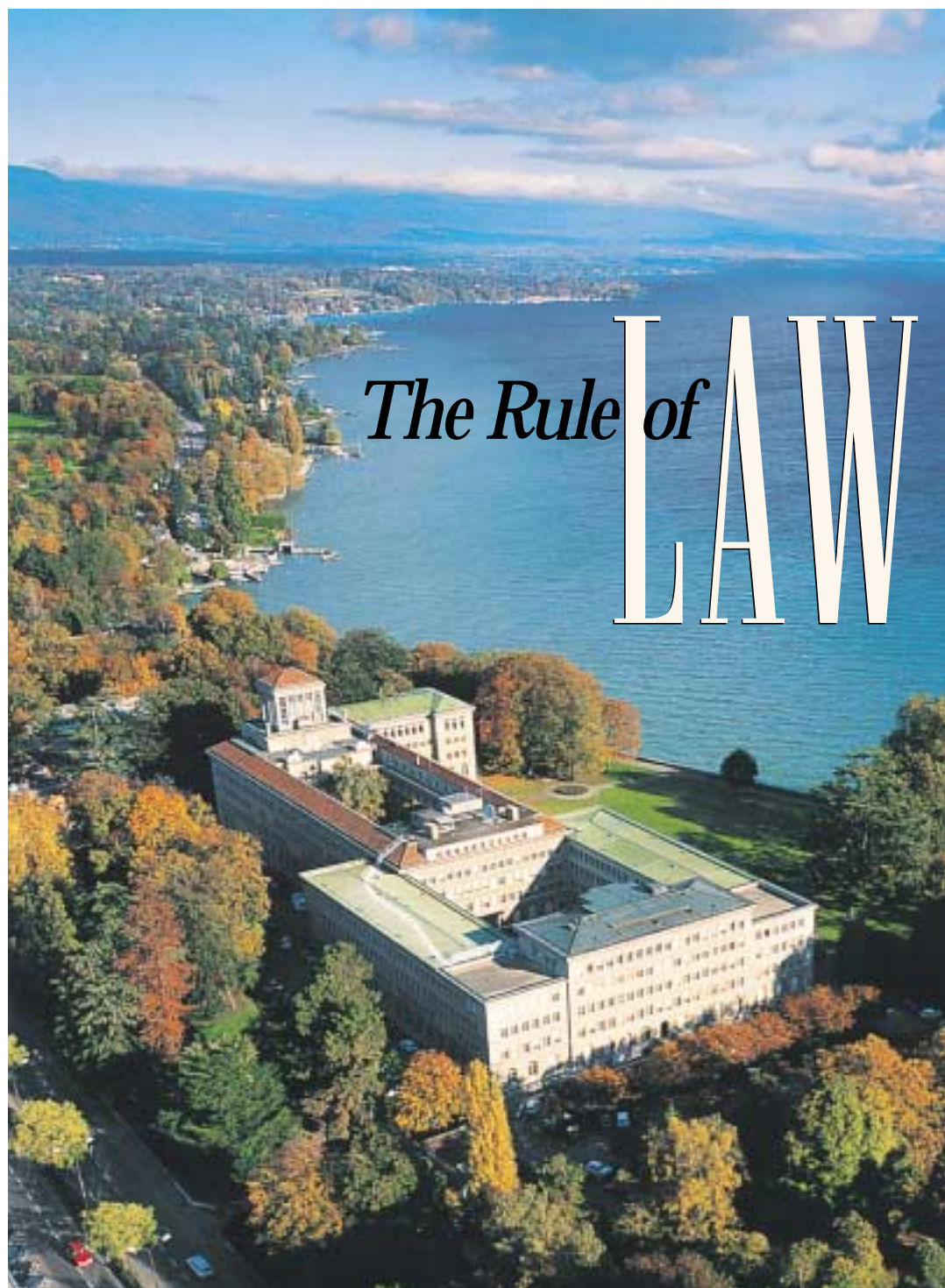
Asked to forecast Vanderbilt’s place in higher education a decade from now, Wyatt says, “We are positioned to take leadership roles through our interdisciplinary research and related work in technology transfer. Our distinction in teaching and educating teachers will become more important through the Internet. For example, Vanderbilt could take a leadership position in the development of a consortium of universities that will allow students to take courses for full credit by means of the Web at all levels of education, from kindergarten to post-graduate.

“It’s coming,” he adds. “It’s just a question of what Vanderbilt and other institutions like us do, how competitive we can be. I’ll be out there fiddling with some of it.”



Wyatt welcomes freshmen at his annual picnic for new students in 1998.





by Jim Bacchus

## REFLECTIONS ON THUCYDIDES AND THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

they could. For, as Thucydides put it, “the strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must.”

As I reminded Joe following his class, many today still believe that the strong, by right, should rule the weak. Human nature has not changed since the Peloponnesian War. All of history can be seen as a commentary on this sad episode in Thucydides—as a struggle to curb and tame our nature by replacing the arbitrary exercise of power with the rule of law.

With the rule of law, the law is written to apply to all equally, and all are equal before the law. With the rule of law, freedom becomes possible. Without the rule of law, we are not free. We are all potential victims of capricious power. We are all Melians.

Though centuries old, the struggle to establish the rule of law in the world is far from over. Internationally, especially, power still rules, not law. Yet, as one century ends and another begins, hope for success in the historic struggle between arbitrary might and legal right can be found at the headquarters of the newly established World Trade Organization, where the 135 member countries of the WTO are striving to establish the rule of law in the world economy. It is this task that takes me so often to Geneva.

There, on the shores of Lac Lemman, in the shadow of the Alps, in an imposing Italianate villa, I serve as one of seven members of the WTO’s Appellate Body. There, for the past four years, my six colleagues and I have judged an increasingly vast array of international commercial disputes.

The parties to our proceedings are the

member countries of the WTO, including the United States of America. Our cases cover virtually everything that is bought and sold in the world marketplace—from bananas to beef, apples to airplanes, chemicals to pharmaceuticals, and semiconductors to supercomputers. The economic stakes in these cases range routinely into many billions of dollars.

These cases involve not only customs, tariff, and other conventional international trade issues, but also, increasingly, tax, environmental, health, safety, and numerous other regulatory measures. The international laws that apply are those found in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade—the GATT—and in the more than two dozen other international agreements that fall under the auspices of the WTO. Altogether, these agreements give the WTO jurisdiction over trade in goods, services, and intellectual property accounting for 90 percent of all world commerce.

The seven of us who judge these cases do not represent our own countries. We represent the entire trading system when judging disputes that arise among WTO member countries over how best to interpret, implement, and enforce more than 27,000 pages of treaty commitments.

In this, we are strengthened by the fact that, unique among international tribunals, the decisions of the Appellate Body can be enforced. The member countries of the WTO have contributed to the rule of law in the world marketplace by empowering the WTO to authorize economic sanctions against those countries that do not comply with WTO rulings by fulfilling their treaty obligations.

Historically, there has been little resembling the rule of law in the world marketplace. For centuries, the reality of human nature has been revealed in the world marketplace through “protectionism.” Powerful domestic producers have long prevailed upon the governments of their countries to impose tariffs and other non-tariff barriers as “protection” against foreign competition. These barriers to trade have diminished competition, distorted world markets, and hindered the growth of world prosperity.

Rampant protectionism occurred during the Great Depression, when the United States and many other countries responded to the economic downturn by raising high barriers

to trade. This caused a sharp decline in trade, prolonged and deepened the depression, and contributed to the outbreak of World War II.

Learning from this, the United States and like-minded countries sought to establish a world trading system founded on the rule of law. In the aftermath of the war, they negotiated the first global trade treaty, the GATT. In the next half century, an ever-growing number of countries concluded eight successive “rounds” of global trade negotiations that lowered trade barriers worldwide and contributed to unprecedented growth in world trade and world prosperity. In the most recent “round,” the Uruguay Round, they strengthened the trading system considerably by concluding many new agreements and by creating the WTO.

Underlying the GATT and the other WTO agreements is a consensus that the world will work best if we each do what we can each best do most efficiently, most productively, and most competitively in an ever freer world marketplace. Economists call this “comparative advantage.” The WTO looks toward a world in which “comparative advantage” will prevail—a world in which market decisions will be made for market reasons, irrespective of who may be powerful and who may be weak politically.

Toward this end, the WTO agreements are intended to establish the rule of law in world trade. They establish a framework for making and keeping trade concessions. They forbid certain kinds of trade discrimination. They create disincentives for engaging in protectionism. Perhaps most important, they create a system for settling trade disputes.

The rule of law in the world marketplace will mean nothing if the rules of law in the WTO agreements are not enforced. Thus, the essential centerpiece of the WTO is dispute settlement. And central to dispute settlement in the WTO is the Appellate Body, which serves as the final forum of appeal in trade disputes among WTO member countries.

Appointed four years ago by the WTO to what is officially a part-time post, the seven members of the Appellate Body now spend much of our time in Geneva. By treaty, countries have an automatic right to a final appeal to the Appellate Body from initial decisions that are made by other WTO tribunals. Our caseload is growing rapidly.

In deciding these cases, we accept legal briefs and hear oral arguments from the countries involved. We deliberate, for long hours, and frequently for many days, around a round table in our chambers at the WTO. We debate points of law. We seek meaning in treaty texts. We ponder the arguments of the parties. Eventually, we reach a consensus. Then, together, we write an opinion that announces and explains our decision, which is later adopted by the member countries of the WTO. Recently, the *New York Times* described our decisions as “impartial and unflinching.”

They must be. Rules are fair, and rules ultimately will be heeded, only if they are applied equally to one and all. Anything else is not the rule of law. It is the rule of the Athenians on Melos.

My colleagues have taught me much about the rule of law. As an American, I was blessed to be born in a country that has always known, and has always valued, the rule of law. Not all my colleagues were as fortunate.

My colleague from the Philippines, Florentino Feliciano, defied Marcos when on the Filipino supreme court. My colleague from Egypt, Said El-Naggar, spent much of his life in exile after defying Nasser. My colleague from Uruguay, Julio Lacarte-Muro, chose voluntary exile to protest the military takeover of his country. Likewise, Claus-Dieter Ehlermann of Germany, Christopher Beeby of New Zealand, and Mitsuo Matsushita of Japan have all devoted their lives to defending, defining, and furthering the rule of law. All have reminded me how precious, and how precarious, the rule of law can be.

We are mindful of this on the Appellate Body. Yet we are more optimistic than that ancient pessimist, Thucydides. Human nature may not change, but human affairs can be arranged, and human institutions can be crafted, to appeal to the best in human nature. The rule of law can demonstrate that might and right need not be the same. The demonstration can begin with rules for the world marketplace. This is our task on the Appellate Body, and this is the historic task of the WTO.

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I was pleased when my son, Joe, reported that his first assignment in his first class on his first day as a freshman at Vanderbilt was to read the “Melian Dialogue” of Thucydides.

I was pleased because I believe a liberal arts education should begin with an appreciation of the reality of human nature, as reflected in the “Melian Dialogue.” I was pleased, too, because this gave me a chance

Above: The World Trade Organization headquarters sits on the banks of Lake Geneva. The WTO is the successor to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, established in the wake of World War II.



# Mann Behind the Lens

UNIVERSAL THEMES  
UNITE 50-YEAR  
BODY OF WORK

by Jon Krampner

While directing the 1958 film *Separate Tables*, Delbert Mann, BA'41, got a distraught late-night call from Rita Hayworth, whose husband, one of the film's producers, had stormed out after a fierce argument. Hayworth tearfully implored Mann to come over. He did—but brought his wife, Ann, BA'41, along with him.

Blessed with uncommonly good sense, Mann, winner of the Vanderbilt Alumni Asso-

ciation's 1999 Distinguished Alumnus Award, has directed some of Hollywood's greatest stars in some of its most acclaimed and successful films. Throughout, he has displayed a preternatural ability to keep his head about him when others are losing theirs.

Ever modest, too, Mann won the Academy Award in 1955 as best director for his debut feature film, Paddy Chayefsky's *Marty*. Pitted against directors of such film classics as *East of Eden*, *Bad Day at Black Rock*, and *Sum-*

*meritime*, Mann did not expect to win and had prepared no speech.

When his name was called as the winner, Mann approached the podium. "Thank you very much," he said, "I appreciate it," and walked off.

In his 50-year career as a director for film, television, and the theatre, Mann has made such classics as *The Dark at the Top of the Stairs*, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, and *David Copperfield*, Doris Day romantic comedies, issue-oriented films, biographical non-fiction, docudramas, and films in other genres. He has directed such stars as George C. Scott, Angela Lansbury, Sir Laurence Olivier, Frank Sinatra, Eva Marie Saint, Walter Matthau, Grace Kelly, Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, and Henry Fonda.

In addition to holding an Oscar, Mann's award shelf includes a Golden Globe, three Christopher awards, three Emmy nominations, and five Directors Guild nominations. He also has served as president of the Directors Guild of America, which published his memoirs in 1998.

But despite his impressive resume, the lingering impression Delbert Mann leaves is not of a highly accomplished director (although he is), but of a man of uncommon graciousness, steadiness, warmth, wit, and maturity.

"Everyone who ever worked with Delbert Mann loved him, and I don't use that word lightly," says Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tad Mosel.

Mann says there's a common thread to many of the movies he's directed: an abiding interest in people and how they deal with the universal problems of being human. "I'm not interested in action films, in impersonal, mechanical-oriented stories. People stories are the thing I like to do and feel most comfortable with. That's always been true, going back to the days of live television."

Live television in New York during the 1950s was an exciting medium, both in its cultural vitality and in its ability to challenge the creativity (and sanity) of its practitioners by providing a pressure-cooker environment in which anything could go wrong and often did. On one Mann-directed show, starring Darren McGavin and Veronica Lake, the two played a couple having a violent argument. At the end of that fight, Lake hit her head on a table and was knocked unconscious.

A quick-thinking assistant of Mann's was able to find smelling salts and revive her during the commercial break, just in time for her to go on live for the next scene.

*Marty*, which Mann directed both for television (starring Rod Steiger) and film (starring Ernest Borgnine) is a perfect example of the kind of "people stories" Mann most enjoys. The story of a homely butcher and his difficulties finding love, it shows the obstacles put in his path by his friends, his mother, and others when he meets a woman he cares for and how he overcomes them.

Asked about Mann's greatest strengths as a director, JP Miller, Emmy-winning author of *Days of Wine and Roses*, points to his honesty and ability to get the best out of actors because of the trust he places in them.

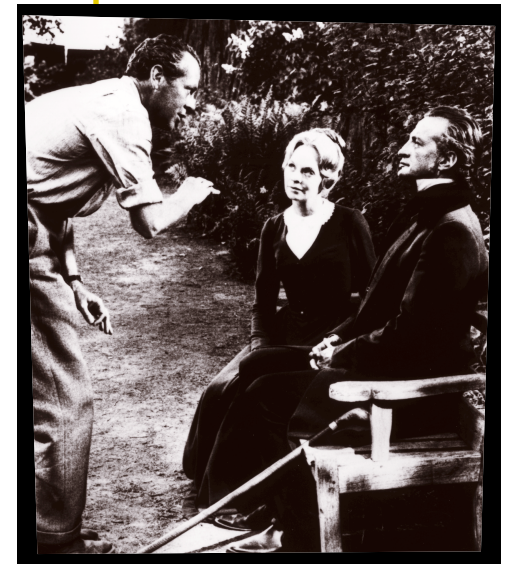
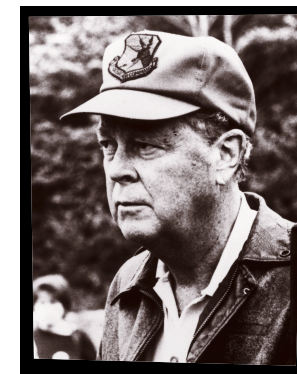
"He doesn't try to do it with special effects. He doesn't phony things up," Miller says. "Look at *Marty*. It's a perfect example of a director submerging himself and his own personality to the characters in the story.

"Whoever looked at a movie and said, 'That's Del Mann's signature.?' " Miller continues. "You say, 'That's a pure, honest result that was obtained by someone who cared more about the characters and the story than flashy camera work.'"

Olivier, Lee Remick, Deborah Kerr, David Niven, and people of that stature. They sought direction, came to the set knowing what they wanted to do, were thoroughly prepared, and had their lines learned."

There were exceptions, however. The most notable: Frank Sinatra, who played the stage manager in Mann's 1955 musical TV version of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town."

He was difficult to work with because he did not want to rehearse. Frank was ill-suited for the role of the stage manager in the first place, but he was



Top: Delbert Mann on the set of *April Morning*, 1987

Above: Delbert Mann, Susanah York, and George C. Scott, *Jane Eyre*, 1970

Left: Walter Kelly, Delbert Mann, Paddy Chayefsky, and Ernest Borgnine, *Marty*, 1954

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the premiere singer of the day, and it was a marvelous opportunity for NBC," Mann recalls.

"He didn't come to many rehearsals and bypassed the final dress rehearsal for the show, one of the worst things I have ever had happen to me. As a matter of fact, he had walked out on the filming of *Carousel* just prior to going into rehearsal for "Our Town," and that's

The Oscar-winning director holds his actors in high regard. And though it might seem unlikely, Mann says the biggest stars usually don't have the biggest egos.

"The biggest stars were almost always the best to work with: Fredric March, Laurence



how we were able to get him.

"We didn't know if he were going to show up for the air show or not, and this is not like a film where you can retake things and patch them up after shooting. This was done live." While Sinatra did show up and gave a competent performance, Mann notes, "It was a situation filled with tension, and I never really forgave Frank for that."

In addition to having an affinity for "people stories," Mann, an avid history buff, is also drawn to films on historical subjects. *All Quiet on the Western Front*, which Mann made in Czechoslovakia for Hallmark Hall of Fame in 1979, won him a Golden Globe as best director. Like the film version of *Marty*, it also starred Ernest Borgnine, along with Richard Thomas, Donald Pleasance, and Patricia Neal.

"It was a people story of the boys in a unit of the German army in World War I, their hopes, dreams and aspirations, their eagerness to get into battle and defend the Fatherland, their disillusionment, and the fact that they all ultimately die. It's a tragic and difficult story, but I'm very pleased with the results because it combined those people stories set against a historical—hopefully, accurately-created—background."

Among his many credits, Mann feels *All Quiet on the Western Front* is his best film, in part because he was able to realize his vision of Erich Maria Remarque's literary classic on the screen. For directors, one of the dismal verities of life in Hollywood is that the studio and network chains of command frequently include kibitzing executives eager to substi-

tute their judgment for that of the director.

Although those who have worked with Mann praise him as a consummate professional who runs a tight ship on the set, they note he displays a distinctive sense of humor as well.

For 1963's *Dear Heart*, a romance starring Glenn Ford and Geraldine Page, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tad Mosel had a walk-on role consisting of one word. When the scene was filmed, though, Mosel ad-libbed his line instead of sticking to his own script.

"There was this terrible silence," Mosel recalls. "A large cast of extras was sitting around watching. Del came up to me and said so everyone could hear, 'We are trying in this

script to stick exactly to what the author has written, because he's a wonderful writer. Now we're going to do this scene again and would you please *not* improvise?' And all the people were thinking, 'Why is he being so mean to that poor little extra?' So we did it over, and believe me, I didn't improvise."

### Meeting His Match

Delbert Martin Mann Jr. was born in Lawrence, Kansas, on January 30, 1920, the eldest of three children of Delbert Mann Sr., a sociology professor, and his wife, Ora. They moved to Nashville when he was 11, and his father accepted a position teaching at Scarritt College.

"I was once called by an actor, after an exchange of growing-up experiences, 'the lucky S.O.B. who had a *happy* childhood.' And I truly did. I grew up in Nashville in a loving and stable family that provided strong traditional 'family values.'"

Mann attended Hume-Fogg High School, where he headed the school's dramatic club, and in the fall of 1937, began his studies at Vanderbilt.

He was not a diligent student and has said he majored in having a good time (his actual major was political science, with minors in economics and sociology). He worked with campus organizations such as the student council, whose president he became; the *Hustler*, where he was co-managing editor; and the Kappa Alpha fraternity. But the activity which held the greatest interest for him was the Nashville Community Playhouse on Belcourt Avenue. "Most of what I know, I learned there," he says.

Mann is grateful for the liberal arts education he received at Vanderbilt, adding that

many of today's starry-eyed film students would do well to take a similar course of studies.

"I have grave problems with young people who go to college and immediately select a major of film-making when they are freshmen and concentrate on that, almost to the exclusion of the ranging-across-the-board education that I had. A little sample of Biblical literature, a little sample of English, a little sample of, heaven help us, math—I did not do very well at that."

Vanderbilt also provided Mann with an introduction to his future wife, Ann Caroline Gillespie. They met on registration day their freshman year and sat next to each other in a few classes. Several times in the fall of 1937, Mann asked her out, only to be rejected. His interests wandered elsewhere, as did hers.

But they worked together in a number of campus organizations, most notably the *Hustler*. When Mann was co-managing editor, he shared that post with Ann, who he feels would have been named editor had it not been for her gender.

In their senior year, they realized they were in love. After graduation, Ann became a reporter at the *Nashville Banner*, only its second female reporter. Six months after they were graduated in June 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

"Ann was assigned to go to various homes in Nashville of young men who were believed to be in Pearl Harbor and get information from their families and pictures of them," Mann recalls. "I drove her around that afternoon, and we sat and talked that night. We decided to get married rather quickly," which they did on January 13, 1942.

During World War II, Mann piloted B-24

bombers, striking industrial targets in Germany, France, and Belgium. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal

with four clusters for the 35 raids he successfully completed.

Upon returning from military service, Mann followed in the footsteps of producer Fred Coe, with whom he had worked at the Nashville Community Playhouse. Coe's recommendation helped him get into the Yale School of Drama and then land his first job as a director at the Town Theatre in Columbia, South Carolina, from 1947 through 1949. Coe then recommended him to NBC,

where he was hired as a stage manager in 1949, later becoming a director for *Philco-Goodyear Playhouse*, *Producers Showcase*, *Playhouse 90*, and other leading live dramatic anthologies of the 1950s produced by Coe.

Ann was with him every step of the way. They had four children: David, a lawyer, born in 1946; Fred, a journalist, born in 1950; daughter Susie, born in 1952 and killed in a tragic auto accident in 1975; and Steven, an investment banker, born in 1957. Although he has had many accomplishments in his life, Mann considers his 57-year marriage to Ann the greatest.

"It's the best thing, the most important thing that ever happened to me," he says.

It has been especially difficult for him, then, having to deal with the Alzheimer's that began to afflict her about ten years ago. For the last five or six years, she has needed round-the-clock nursing care at home.

"It's been devastating," Mann says. "It has proven to be, and I was surprised at this, more difficult than the death of Susie, which

I thought was the worst thing we could ever experience.

"And," he continues with a slight cough, "I'm certain it's traumatic for her as well, but I can't tell for sure." He did glean a heart-breaking insight into her state of mind on one recent occasion, however.

"Out of long moments of absolute silence, no communication, just sitting, looking into the distance, she suddenly said, very plaintively and clearly, the first thing she had said that I could understand in three or four years: 'What has happened to me?'"

Mann does not complain about the formidable demands of caring for his wife. Nor does he complain about the Job-like series of medical afflictions he has faced in recent years, including intermittent pain from a deteriorating back condition, a brain hemorrhage, and two heart surgeries to replace an aortic valve.

"He's an amazing person," JP Miller says. "He's suffered so much and had so many negative factors in his life in the last few years, but he just keeps plugging right along, doesn't whine, gets it done, and has an upward look. He is an inspiration."

An active Vanderbilt alumnus, Mann has been a member of the Board of Trust since 1962, chairing its buildings and grounds committee from 1976 through 1985 (a period of great building activity on campus), and serving on its student affairs committee since 1977. In the late 1960s, he and Ann served as Southern California co-chairmen of the University's \$55 million campaign.

He also set up the Fred Coe Artist-in-Residence-in-Theatre program for which he organized several benefits, and donated his papers to the Heard Library, which has published a catalog of them.

Mann has not directed a film in the last few years, but that soon may change. A feature film about an elderly man and woman who meet on a bus tour and fall in love is currently in the works, with Mann veterans Ernest Borgnine and Jean Simmons set to star. Because of the vagaries of financing independent films, the project has not yet been green-lighted, though Mann remains optimistic, something that will not surprise anyone who knows him.

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Above: Tony Curtis and Delbert Mann, *The Outsider*, 1960

Left: Sophia Loren, Delbert Mann, Anthony Perkins, and Burl Ives, *Desire Under the Elms*, 1957



Right: Among those attending the Television Academy Tribute to Delbert Mann in 1988 were Richard Dysart, Ernest Borgnine, Eva Marie Saint, Mann, Richard Thomas, Lee Remick, unidentified, Jackie Cooper, Michael Gross, Betsy Palmer, and Susan Blakely.



# Sunny Side of the END

ALUMNUS TRAVELS THROUGH END-TIME AMERICA

“They like to have their bellies scratched,” said Clyde Lott, a softspoken Pentecostal minister and cattle breeder. It was May 1997, on a bright, warm, breezy Saturday morning, and Lott was showing off a few head of prize livestock inside an enclosed pen on his farm, a tidy layout just east of Canton, Mississippi, the town where John Grisham set *A Time To Kill*. Using a “show stick,” a modified golf club with a dull point on the tip, he tickled the belly of a Red Angus cow named Harvey, who moved slowly around the pen with three other happy beasts. Harvey paused to blink and enjoy the scratching, and one of her colleagues seized the moment to liberate a prodigious green pie, which hit the dirt with a wet *plap-plap*.

“Now, see here?” Lott continued. “Her length and her structural correctness are two of the things we’re trying to produce,” He used the tool as a pointer, tapping flanks and legs and rump.

I leaned over for a squint. Harvey was a heifer, which means a young, virginal cow, and she was a nice-looking animal. She had a

wide, muscular back that looked solid enough to dribble a basketball on, sturdy legs, and an all-body, velvety redness, down to the tiniest detailing—hoofs, whiskers, eyelashes. Even her skin was red, the color of blush wine. Earlier, Lott had shown me a picture of Harvey taken a few months before at the Dixie National Junior Livestock Show in Jackson, the nearby state capital (and, as it happens, the city where I was “calved” and lived until junior high). Harvey whipped all comers that day—she was named Grand Champion in her class,

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English Cross—and you could see why. She looked glowing, inspired, beatific even, like she’d been dipped in buttermilk and fluffed by a team of yackety, gum-popping hairdressers flown in from Oz.

Granted, in the glaring sunlight, Harvey looked more ordinary, what with all the flies buzzing around her. Still, the big gal had a quality.

“She’s something, all right,” I said, a comment that drew affirmative grunts from three other men who, just now, stood behind us: the Reverends Alfred Bishop and Guy Garner Jr., red-faced and gray-haired Pentecostal ministers both, from Waverly, Tennessee, and Porterdale, Georgia, and Rabbi Chaim Richman, a pale, middle-aged, American-born Israeli who had traveled all the way from Jerusalem to be here. Why? Partly to check out Harvey, who in his mind was, as E.B. White might have put it, “some cow.”

Lott, a husky 41-year-old with a neat cap of tightly curled gray hair, went on with the lecture. “And then there’s the thickness of the animal, the width. Here again”—he tapped a shoulder—“is your muscle. In that particular pitcher you showed me earlier, I would say that muscle is one of the things you’d fall short on.”

Lott was politely trashing a picture of a skinnier red calf named Melody, whose image had been published in *Newsweek* just a few days before my visit, under the headline, “The Strange Case of Israel’s Red Heifer.” The strange case involved Melody’s supposedly miraculous birth (it was said she was the first all-red calf born in Israel since biblical times) and her possible role as a sacrificial animal in a restored Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. These offbeat matters tied into something that was flat-out bizarre: the potential fulfillment of apocalyptic and messianic prophecies that captivate millions of Christians and a much smaller (but significant) number of Jews. When I visited Lott, many messianic Israelis were in a tizzy about Melody’s all-over redness—was she a sign that it was time to rebuild the Temple?—but he wasn’t much impressed.

“She’s a little swaybacked,” he diagnosed when I pulled out the Melody pic. “I don’t imagine she would be a very...sturdy animal.”

Then I noticed a flaw.



“Are those white spots on her face?”

“Yessir,” Lott said.

“Wouldn’t that disqualify her from being ‘perfectly’ red?”

“Yessir,” he said. “Those spots there would probably be from worms.” It’s strange but true: these four men are convinced that an animal like Melody or Harvey will play a crucial role in the End of the World as we know it. Stranger still, they’re looking forward to this event with great joy. That part sounds confusing to untrained ears, but it points up a fundamental paradox of millennial beliefs: the way they can be terrible and wonderful at the same time.

It’s a drag for a cow like Harvey. Call it *A Time to Be Killed*. As explained in the Old Testament’s Book of Numbers, which contains descriptions of ritual practices adopted by the ancient Israelites, the ashes of a sacrificed red heifer were needed in rites to purify priests who had been made “unclean” by contact with a dead body. In Numbers 19, God tells Moses and Aaron to order a priest to kill and burn “a red heifer without spot, wherein there is no blemish, and upon which never came a yoke.” Much later, the ashes of the heifer became an

integral part of Temple rituals in Jerusalem.

A surprising number of people in the United States and in Israel monitor these red heifer doings, which is why Melody caused a commotion. But alas, she was a dud: as Melody grew, she sprouted white hairs on her tail. Harvey didn’t stay perfectly red either—she nicked herself on barbed wire, and white hairs sprouted where the wound had been.

## The Prophecy-Decoding Game

What does it all mean? Religious thinkers have puzzled over that one for centuries. St. Augustine, the great theologian, basically elected to grab the apocalyptic pigskin, drop back deep, and punt. He believed in a Second Coming, but not in a literal millennial kingdom on Earth, and he said Revelation should be read allegorically, as a symbol for the ongoing spiritual war in the hearts of men. This take, called “amillennialism,” dominates Catholicism and mainline Protestant sects.

In response to these rather bloodless interpretations, many faithful Christians, including millions and millions of fundamentalists, Pentecostals, and evangelicals, have essential-

ly said: Uh, thanks, but we’ll stick with the truth. *It’s all going to happen*. These are the rock-ribbed “premillennialists,” who are sure that we live in an age prior to the literal establishment of Christ’s millennial kingdom.

In fact, the prophecy-decoding game has entranced some of the finest minds in history. Luther was an ardent millennialist, as was Isaac Newton, who spent the better part of his golden years analyzing Daniel and Revelation to figure out the date. At one point he leaned toward 1948.

The amount of millennial hubbub surrounding the year 1000 has long been debated—some scholars say not much happened, others insist Europe suffered widespread panic—but it’s widely agreed that the post-1000 world periodically saw outbursts of millennial theory, hoodoo, and disruption. One of the most influential promulgators of the genre appeared in the 12th century: Joachim of Fiore, a prolific Italian abbot who expected a literal Second Coming, and who divided human history into three ages, the Age of Law, the Age of Grace, and a future, millennial Age of Spirit. Other manifestations were less bookish. In *The Pur-*

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*suit of the Millennium*, a 1957 study of millennialism in the Middle Ages, Norman Cohn catalogued a procession of hysterias and murderous popular rampages, often directed against Jews, who were deemed by some Christians to be in league with the Antichrist.

One of Cohn's larger points, though, was that the deadly variety of millennial delusion did not completely disappear with the Middle Ages or the Reformation. In a controversial thesis, he argued that it infected the 20th century in a defining way, mutating into the killer utopian bacillus that poisoned Hitler and Stalin, who believed they were cleansing the world of evil. "For Cohn," writes Michael Barkun, a contemporary millennial scholar, in his book *Disaster and the Millennium*, "[millennialism's] reappearance in secularized form has been its most sinister incarnation."

My own small contribution to millenarian theory doesn't have that much clang and bang, because I was interested not in big-time

Lapsed End-Timers claim that several people in the group, including children, have died because they didn't receive proper care, a charge that is often leveled against another millennial sect, the Jehovah's Witnesses.

But to me, the real surprise of the '90s was the fact that millions of "millennialists" managed to do their thing without hurting themselves or anybody else. In my opinion, they were usually engaging in something more corrective than deadly: elaborate self-therapy. Self-therapy about what? In part about their fear of death in a modern world that, by and large, says death has no meaning. Above all, they were expressing a need to believe that the awful things that happen here on Earth are being watched by a higher power that has a redeeming purpose in mind.

This is an important point, because it helps explain why people preoccupied with doom so often seem sunny. Reverend Garner's booklet talks of genocide, of innocent children

Clyde Lott raises heifers. Other people throw themselves into church work, some read teeth-chattering thrillers like *The Late Great Planet Earth*. But the most kinetic peaceful expression of millennial fever I've run across, by far, is the work of a globe-trotting evangelist who calls himself Arthur Blessitt.

I first became aware of Blessitt in 1995, when his press kit landed on my desk, announcing the imminent completion of his mission to carry the cross of Jesus to every nation in the world before the year 2000. The kit was stuffed with pictures of Blessitt—a tall, thick-limbed, smiling man with long gray hair—doing just that, in some of the strangest places. The first picture showed a much younger Blessitt on the day he started: December 25, 1969, preparing to drag his cross from coast to coast across America.

Then there was page after page of countries Blessitt had knocked off, often rubbing shoulders with the famous. I saw Blessitt with



I was trying to teach the parrot how to preach. My plan was to release him and he would preach to the other parrots. El Salvador del Mundo was his name." Unfortunately, del Mundo, who sat on Blessitt's shoulder as he trudged, succumbed when a mosquito-spray truck rolled by and fogged them both.

But why do all this? Jesus spelled that out clearly to Blessitt, but this is his Big Secret: he won't reveal the stakes. Every indication and hint, though, is that Jesus told Blessitt that He will return if Blessitt gets the job done. So according to his beliefs, he's hiking for the salvation of everybody in the world.

"Jesus said the gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world to every nation, then the End will come," Blessitt said. "Now, I'm not saying that this means my walk necessarily, because the gospel's been to every place I've been. But

## "A fundamental PARADOX of millennial beliefs is the way they can be TERRIBLE and WONDERFUL at the same time."

bad guys but in the little fellers, the grunt millennialists who, more often than not, are harmless. People like Guy Garner Jr., with his homely doombook, or Clyde Lott with his beloved apocalypse cows.

Throughout the '90s, many scholars and (especially) journalists seemed to assume that millennialism automatically means darkness and destruction. Obviously, it *has* meant that at times (Jim Jones and David Koresh are good examples), and it may mean that again. To name just a couple of quite scary millennialists whom I think we'll hear from before 2001: Yisrayl Hawkins and Charles Meade.

Hawkins, who runs a Christian cult in Abilene, Texas, called the House of Yahweh, teaches that most of the world will perish on October 13, 2000, flaming out in a nuclear holocaust. Meade is the leader of a church in Lake City, Florida, called End Time Ministries, which teaches that the world is headed for an apocalyptic drought that only church members will survive. Unfortunately one of Meade's "truths" appears to be a rejection of modern medicine.

going under the Antichrist's guillotine. But in person he's as happy as a chubby uncle on his way to a family reunion. Along the same lines, the *Key* contains reprints from old premillennial works by the Reverend Clarence Larkin, a Pennsylvania minister who in 1918, amid the horror of World War I, wrote an odd little book called *The Second Coming of Christ*. Like Garner, Larkin—who lived in a house he called "Sunnyside"—assumed everything was getting worse and that the End would arrive at any time. True to form, this made him glad. "In short," he exulted, "'The Blessed Hope' helps us to cling lightly to this world. It will not make us idle and negligent, but will fill us with zeal to be found a faithful servant at His return... [it] fills the heart of those who believe it with Joy."

### Evangelical Globe-trotting

As you might imagine, the act of anticipating the Second Coming produces considerable amounts of nervous energy. What do you do to work it out?

Billy Graham in Northern Ireland in 1972, with Yasir Arafat in Lebanon in 1982, with Muammar Qaddafi in Libya in 1988, with President Mobutu in Zaire, no date given. I started counting off countries and locales: Spain, Poland, Israel, Colombia, Brazil, Egypt, the Great Wall of China... ah, there was no use counting. According to the kit, he'd taken his cross—80 pounds of wood with an inflatable tire attached to the base, to reduce the drag—through 223 countries, on seven continents, covering 30,942 miles. Anticipating everything a reporter might want, he included a sheet of fun facts.

"Who is Arthur Blessitt? He's a 55-year-old resident of North Fort Myers, Florida, who accepted Jesus Christ at age 7. In 1969, the Lord told him: 'Carry the cross on foot—identify My message in the highways, road-sides where the people are.'

"Average shoe life.' 500 miles.

"Average tire life.' 2,000 miles.

"Biggest animal scares.' Green Mamba snake in Ghana; baboon attack in Kenya; ele-

phant chase in Tanzania; crocodile attack in Zimbabwe.

"A few memorable scenes: Firing squad in Nicaragua; stoning and beating in Morocco; Civil Guardia attack in Spain; LAPD choking..." A firing squad? I wanted to hear more about that, but it had to wait. I called Blessitt's office, but his assistant said he was "out."

Eventually I found him and got to know him fairly well. Blessitt had burned with religious intensity since age seven, when he accepted Jesus at an old-fashioned tent revival in Louisiana. As a kid, he helped pray his dad off the bottle and then accompanied him, now reformed, on forays into bars to rescue sodden souls. After college Blessitt moved to California, where he evangelized North Beach beatniks and, in the late '60s, Los Angeles hippies in a Sunset Strip coffeehouse called His Place. He received the call to walk the United States from coast to coast in 1969, though he wasn't exactly in peak condition for the journey.

"I had been very ill with a brain aneurysm,

a small seepage of blood in my brain," Blessitt told me, in a voice that was oddly high-pitched for a man his size. Despite experiencing "numbnesses," he flushed his medicine down the toilet and took off on Christmas morning, dragging a 12-by-6-foot, 105-pound cross made of creosote-soaked wood.

Blessitt went international in 1971, with a trip to Northern Ireland. The mission expanded after that, but not until 1988, in Germany, did he formally hear the voice of the Lord tell him to take the cross to *every* nation. These days, as the final triumph or failure looms, Blessitt is well funded by a solid core of private religious donors who underwrite an operation that costs about \$150,000 a year. Along the way he has experienced many, many things that, if true, could only be called miracles.

For example, in Nicaragua in 1978, Blessitt says he was almost shot. "I was walking the Pan American highway," he told me, "and it was the day that my parrot died."

"Your parrot?"

Yes, I had gotten him in El Salvador, and

for the first time in human history, one person, with an open symbol of the message of Christ, will have gone through every nation with that gospel."

That settled, I pestered Blessitt with questions about the tiny-type details of his final challenges. If he was absolutely barred from a place like North Korea, would it be fair to, say, sneak in at night as a frogman, carrying only a cross made of matchsticks?

He thought about it, then nodded. Sure, that would qualify, but he preferred to roll in the big guy, the 40-pounder.

How determined was he to finish? Completely. He said he would do whatever it took, even if it meant running into a hail of bullets.

"If I'm alive and physically able to complete this journey before the year 2000," he said, "I will give my life rather than not attempt it."

Alex Heard, BA '80, a former Vanderbilt *Hustler* editor, is an editor at *Wired* magazine. He also has edited and written for the *New York Times Magazine*, *Outside*, and the *New Republic*. *Apocalypse Pretty Soon* is an account of the millennially-consumed characters Heard encountered over a ten-year cultural tour of America.



# BOOKS

## ZEN MASTERS

**Women Living Zen: Japanese Soto Buddhist Nuns** by Paula Kane Robinson Arai, 164 pp. plus notes, appendices, bibliography, and index, Oxford University Press, \$39.95 hardcover

The belief that women have been universally victimized by oppression is challenged in Paula Arai's new book when she opens the door to the fascinating world of the Sōtō Buddhist nuns of Japan.

Drawing on her experience of living with the nuns for four months and participating in their community for more than a year, Arai, assistant professor of religious studies at Vanderbilt, reveals firsthand knowledge of the nuns' lives. Her participation in the community also led to personal interviews with many of the nuns as well as their participation in a survey of their lives and self-understandings.

Arai argues that because of the gender-exclusive, text-based nature of most research on Japanese Buddhist monastics, these vibrant, influential women have been excluded from the full accounting of Japanese Buddhist history.

She demonstrates that the Sōtō nuns, far from understanding themselves as victims of oppression, used their role in Japanese society to advocate both for women and for Buddhist tradition. Based on their understanding of the teachings of Dōgen, their founder, the nuns have used and continue to use oppression as an opportunity for further practice toward enlightenment. Through the discipline of human relationships, the nuns "polish their hearts" as they preserve traditional Buddhist practice.

In the 20th century, these nuns achieved equality with their male counterparts by advocating for and achieving reform in sect regulations and by maintaining strict monastic lifestyles, even as the monks were abandoning many of the traditional strictures on marriage, clothing, cooking, and cleaning.

Through their practice of their founder's precepts, Arai concludes, the nuns served two important functions. First, they preserved and created Buddhist tradition within the wider culture. Second, they acted as preservers of traditional Japanese culture, including tea ceremony, flower arranging, and other aesthetic disciplines. In the end, the nuns became "innovators for the sake of tradition."

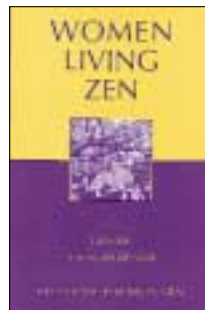
Arai's work is a fascinating, lucid examination of a complex group of women. In particular, her stories of personal experience with the nuns lend depth and charm to a thoroughly scholarly work. The story of the Sōtō Buddhist nuns shows that oppression need not prevent anyone from living according to one's vision of truth.

—Beth Pattillo

## GRADING MAGNET SCHOOLS

**School Choice in Urban America: Magnet Schools and the Pursuit of Equity (Critical Issues in Educational Leadership Series)** by Claire Smrekar and Ellen Goldring, Teachers College Press, 120 pp. plus appendices, references, and index, \$46 hardcover, \$19.95 paperback

For three years Peabody College professors Claire Smrekar and Ellen Goldring studied the quality of magnet schools in Cincinnati and St. Louis as well as the makeup of the families



who used them. The result of their research is *School Choice in Urban America: Magnet Schools and the Pursuit of Excellence*, which highlights the success those schools have had in alleviating racial desegregation but also criticizes the ways in which magnet schools segregate communities along income lines.

Cincinnati and St. Louis were chosen for the study because both cities' magnet school programs, begun in the '70s in the wake of segregation lawsuits, are well established. Nationwide, 1.2 million students in 230 districts attend magnet schools.

Through thousands of detailed surveys and interviews, comprehensive case-study analysis, and visits to magnet and non-magnet schools in both cities, Smrekar and Goldring conclude that school choice in a society of unequal resources does not automatically make schools better. For example, more than one-third of the parents whose children attended magnet schools in Cincinnati earned more than \$50,000 a year, as opposed to 18 percent at non-magnet schools.

The disparity raises a question as to whether a wealthier family has better access to the resources and information needed to take part in the magnet school experience, and the book emphasizes the need to place information regarding school choice in locations that are readily accessible to families in poverty, such as federal housing rental offices, local grocery stores, public health clinics, churches, laundromats, and other community gathering places.

Smrekar and Goldring, both professors of educational leadership, together have studied the school choice movement for several years. Next they will set their sights on the impact of the post-busing era in Nashville as it relates to issues of school choice, racial diversity, and social equity.

—Ned Andrew Solomon

## MAKING PEACE WITH WORDS

**Speak the Language of Healing: Living with Breast Cancer without Going to War** by Susan Kuner, MEd '93, EdD '98; Carol Orsborn, MTS '97; Karen Stroup, PhD '96; and Linda Quigley. 240 pp. including bibliography, group study guide, and index, Conari Press, \$14.95 paperback

Four women, united by the experience of having breast cancer, share their stories of healing and living with a life-threatening illness in this honest, positive, and spiritual book. Their experiences reflect their different spiritual backgrounds—Christian, Jewish, Sufi, and Twelve Step.

Stroup is an ordained minister and adjunct professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Kuner is director of the Virtual School and a lecturer at Peabody College. Orsborn is the author of several books, including *The Art of Resilience*, and Quigley is a Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist at the *Tennessean*. All felt the need to rewrite the combative language of disease, often described as a war on cancer in which there are winners and losers. They have tried to develop a new framework for the emotional stages of illness and a new way to talk about them.

Each of the women lives with a different stage of cancer, from early Stage 1 to the most advanced Stage 4. Their search for meaning, purpose, and emotional balance is valuable for anyone who wants a spiritual approach to living or dying. The authors also address practical subjects, such as surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, well-meaning friends, and true supporters. They offer

suggestions for the latter: Better to say "It's good to see you" or "I've been thinking about you lately" than "How are you?" Always unwelcome are unsolicited medical advice, speculations about what caused the disease, and religious platitudes.

"When a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer," they write, "she has the opportunity to confront the unknown future and the precious present. Even the most spiritual among us must learn to live in the shadow of uncertainty. But given the fact that we all must die someday...this may not be such an unfortunate skill to have to master. On this journey, it is possible to learn not only to live with that uncertainty, but to move through it with something that approaches grace."

—Joanne Lamphere Beckham

## THE DARK FANTASTIC

**Pop Goes the Weasel** by James Patterson, MA'70, 432 pp., Little, Brown and Company, \$26.95 hardcover

Hero Alex Cross returns in this latest psychological thriller by novelist James Patterson. The Four Horsemen—Conqueror, Famine, War, and Death (former British Secret Service agents)—are caught up in a deadly international fantasy game. The object: to create the most delicious and unusual fantasy or adventure. Murder is part of the game, and a simple roll of the dice determines who dies on the streets of London, Bangkok, Sydney, Melbourne, Manila, Washington, D.C., or Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

In Washington, home of Death, a series of Jane Doe murders go ignored by police. Is Death a British diplomat who, disguised, cruises the streets at night in a purple and blue taxi known as the "nightmare machine?" Detective Cross thinks so, but proving it becomes a difficult and deadly task. Against police department orders, Cross vigorously investigates the murders on his own time. When his fiancée disappears, the pursuit becomes personal. Has he become the Fifth Horseman?

A fun and fast read, *Pop Goes the Weasel* is a Literary Guild main selection. Patterson has written half a dozen novels, including bestsellers *Along Came a Spider* and *Kiss the Girls*, which Paramount turned into a major motion picture starring Morgan Freeman as Alex Cross.

First-time novelists take heed: After rejections from 26 publishers, James Patterson's first novel, *The Thomas Berryman Number*, was published and went on to win the Edgar Award for Best First Mystery Novel in 1976.

Patterson received a master's degree in English at Vanderbilt. He lives in New York and Florida.

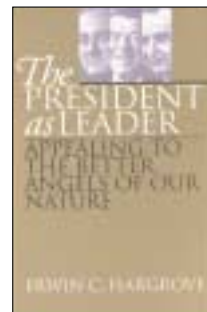
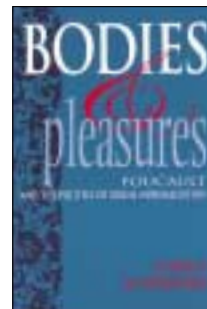
—Beth Matter

## SPONTANEOUS DESIRES

**Bodies and Pleasures: Foucault and the Politics of Sexual Normalization** by Ladelle McWhorter, MA'85, PhD'86, 288 pp. plus index, Indiana University Press, \$39.95 hardcover, \$18.95 paperback

"Michel Foucault's work gripped me from the very first encounter I had with it as a first-year graduate student back in 1982," says University of Richmond philosophy professor Ladelle McWhorter at the outset of her candid, funny, and accessible account of how the famous French deconstructionist philosopher Foucault (1926–1984) changed her life. But, she notes, "not all of Foucault's readers share my enthusiasm. In fact, a great many are positively condemnatory."

A *mea culpa* (or at least a *nolo contendere*) may be in order here. McWhorter was my classmate in the graduate philosophy program at Vanderbilt in the early '80s, and I recall—despite her very friendly and personable nature—our sitting at figuratively-opposite ends of the seminar table more than once. I had little



use for what then struck me as the gratuitous obscurities of Foucault and his cohorts (Derrida, Deleuze, and Lyotard, among others) in what has come to be called "poststructuralism." Are these people saying anything, I wondered, not said more straightforwardly by philosophers like William James and (more recently) Paul Feyerabend, Thomas Kuhn, and Richard Rorty?

But while I fulminated and fumed, McWhorter was beginning to undergo a significant personal transformation, which in this book she credits to her reflective reading of Foucault. His writing somehow catalyzed her revelation that others' scorn for her homosexuality was symptomatic of large, impersonal, broadly "political" forces which she need not internalize, accept, or validate. She came to understand that "deviation" is not unnatural or perverse, but is in fact the normal way of the earth and of humanity at its best. What's "normal" for anyone is best found in the spontaneous desires and satisfactions which each of us is privileged to know firsthand in our own embodied and personal experience.

One of the effective concrete metaphors by which McWhorter illustrates her own pilgrim's progress toward enlightened self-acceptance is her discovery of gardening and the plenary virtues of humble dirt, which "gives occasion for the play of beautiful things. Life never surpasses dirt, because life rides on dirt's coat-tails." And we all ride on the coattails of our fidelity to the things and passions that connect us to our own natures and the larger Nature which sustains us all.

This is a bridge-building book—honest, personal, and hopeful. It won't make poststructuralists of readers such as I, but it might just bring us to acknowledge glimmers of saving light in corners whose darkness we were too quick to declare.

—Phil Oliver

## THE RIGHT STUFF

**The President as Leader: Appealing to the Better Angels of Our Nature** by Erwin C. Hargrove, 229 pp. including notes and index, University Press of Kansas, \$25 paperback

Vanderbilt political science professor Erwin C. Hargrove presents a study of the presidency, with particular attention paid to the administrations of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Ronald Reagan.

For years Hargrove has kept a journal of notes about presidential leadership. In *The President as Leader*, he utilizes his extensive observations to examine presidents who combined political skills with intellectual and moral leadership. A moral element, he says, is a must for a political leader to be effective. "...The prophets of the Bible were authentic figures to the community to which they preached because they appealed to the shared values of the faithful," he writes. "Presidents, at their best, do the same."

He avoids the terminology of political science when possible, but his anchoring in the discipline is evident. "Franklin Roosevelt was a supremely skilled politician and is the exemplar of the good leader in this book," he states. "He knew how to lead by listening and teaching, and then listening and learning more, as he again taught." He says of Lyndon B. Johnson that the historical context "was favorable to Johnson's leadership in civil rights and social policy. He knew how to accommodate his political abilities to social currents."

Hargrove characterizes Ronald Reagan as "an American Adam who has always believed in the innocence and goodness of the American promise." Hargrove's study of the presidency (and these three in particular) is shared with the reader in a very readable, thought-provoking book.

—Nelson Bryan



# ALUMNI NEWS

## CLUBS IN ACTION

### IN VANDY'S BACKYARD

Nashville alumni hosted the pregame brunch during Homecoming '99, and the Commodores held up their end of the successful weekend with a 58-0 victory over the Citadel Bulldogs. Alumni Association President John Loomis, BA'51, was responsible, literally, for the crowning touch when he installed the 1999 Homecoming King Dan Barnhardt and Queen Colleen Reilly.

More than 120 Nashville alumni were star struck in November when they gazed at Jupiter and Saturn from the Arthur J. Dyer Observatory. "Reach for the Stars at Dyer Observatory" proved so popular that several evenings of star gazing were scheduled to meet the demand. Douglas Hall, professor of astronomy and director of the observatory, led a question and answer session following an informal reception.

### DOWN SOUTH

The "voice of the Commodores" resounded among Tennessee's Shelbyville-Highland Rim alumni when the club hosted an evening with Vanderbilt sportscaster Joe Fisher in November.

Visions of sugar plums danced in the heads of Memphis, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C. alumni when they attended December performances of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker Suite*. An alumni reception was held at the Orpheum Theatre before Ballet Memphis performed the seasonal classic while Atlantans gathered at the Fox Theatre on Peachtree Street and D.C. alumni met at the Warner Theatre for this holiday classic.

Tampa alumni attended a happy hour in September at Four Green Fields.

In Durham, more than 100 Vanderbilt fans attended a pregame party organized by the North Carolina Triangle alumni club. The group gathered at the R. David Thomas Center on the Duke campus to hear Vanderbilt athletic director Todd Turner and men's basketball coach Kevin Stallings before walking across campus to cheer for the Commodores as they defeated Duke on the gridiron.

## Lanier Scholarships Help Atlanta Alumni Recruit Top Students

Atlanta Vanderbilt Alumni Club members are helping more Atlanta-area students attend Vanderbilt through a club scholarship program.

Of the ten finalists interviewed by Atlanta club alumni for the two annual Lanier Scholarships, seven enrolled at Vanderbilt last fall. Tony Pace, senior associate director of undergraduate admissions, attributes this high yield to the alumni club's enthusiasm for Vanderbilt.

"Interviews for scholarships can be daunting experiences—especially when a finalist is sitting in a corporate office with 12 alumni and the dean of admissions," says Pace, "but any apprehension a Lanier Scholarship candidate may feel is soon allayed by the way the Atlanta alumni present Vanderbilt as such a welcoming place."

"I always feel very humble after interviewing the students, and this year was no exception," says Kevin Grady, BA'69, an attorney with Alston & Bird and member of the Lanier Scholarship committee. "The finalists were extremely well-grounded in books and community—they demonstrated an intellectual curiosity by their strong SAT scores, but they also expressed a strong sense for helping others. And they knew that Vanderbilt could offer them challenging classroom experiences as well as opportunities for community service."

### Reunion 2000 Online

Classes reuniting May 26 and 27 can get a head start by visiting the Reunion 2000 Web site at [www.vanderbilt.edu/alumni](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/alumni).

The site includes:

- Class specific pages
- Class message boards (e-mail [betsy.ladner@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:betsy.ladner@vanderbilt.edu) for the password)
- Frequently asked questions
- Reunion hotel information
- Reunion giving program

The classes of 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, and 1995, plus graduates of 50 years or more, will be returning to campus for Reunion 2000.



REYTON LUDGE

Among the Lanier Scholars attending Vanderbilt are engineering sophomore Virginia Wahlig, Peabody senior Larken McCord, and A&S freshman Derek Williams.

Each year more than 100 students from Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, and Rockdale counties apply for the two Lanier Scholarships. The ten finalists are selected on the basis of academic accomplishment and promise as well as their potential for leadership.

When the late Sartain Lanier, BA'31, Vanderbilt trustee and Atlanta businessman, learned in 1984 of the Atlanta Vanderbilt Club's efforts to launch a scholarship program for high school students, he challenged the club with a matching grant. The club granted a scholarship each year from 1985 through 1991, and in the following year, Lanier endowed the scholarship program that currently awards two four-year, full-tuition, merit-based scholarships. Club representatives, working with the Admissions Office, conduct the interviews and select the recipients.

"The Lanier Scholarship serves as a common purpose—a focal point—for Atlanta alumni," adds Grady, "and I cannot stress enough the value of the program's returns, especially when we receive letters from the recipients telling us how the scholarship and the educational opportunities at Vanderbilt have changed their lives."

"The success of the Lanier Scholarship Program provides an impetus for Atlanta alumni to join ranks and support this club's creative efforts to add to the scholarship's fund," says Carolyn Schmidt, executive director of alumni programs. "Through this program, the Lanier family and alumni make it possible for outstanding students to join the Vanderbilt community."



## Did you meet your mate at Vanderbilt?

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## Crackerjack Clubs

Outstanding Vanderbilt clubs were honored Homecoming weekend for their successes during the 1998-99 year and for providing a strong Vanderbilt presence in their communities.

**Outstanding Large Club of the Year:** New York. Club president Tom Rousseau, BA'89, MBA'95, and his club volunteers enjoyed a very successful year. Alumni in the Big Apple cheered on the Commodores with viewing parties for three basketball games, participated in the annual SEC fall kickoff party, and organized a February Mardi Gras party. Club members celebrated the holiday season by hosting their annual holiday party and attending the New York Philharmonic Holiday Concert. They also held an event around the Jackson Pollack exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, sponsored their second annual Rites of Spring happy hour series, and took a summertime cruise in New York Harbor.

**Outstanding Smaller Club of the Year:** Jackson, Mississippi. With record numbers of alumni for each event, Jackson members proved difficult to match in their enthusiasm. President James Wilkerson, BA'85, and club volunteers organized a number of events that had broad appeal, including an alumni education event and a summer send-off party.

**Best Event of the Year:** Colorado. A record number of alumni attended a lecture, cocktail reception, and private tour of Colorado's Ocean Journey, a new aquarium in Denver. President Rachel Rogers, MEd'94, coordinated the event.

## ALUMNA GIVES CAREER ADVICE

Finance expert Ricki Tigert Helfer, BA'67, came to campus for a day last September to talk with various groups of students about careers in international finance and business trends. After meeting with student leaders, economics and prelaw majors, and other undergraduates, she led a discussion at the women's center on issues related to women in business. On alumni mentoring students, she says, "Students can decide for themselves whether the experiences of alumni have relevance to their future prospects, and alumni can share again the excitement of youthful potential." Helfer serves on the faculty of American University's Washington College of Law, heading a new program in financial institutions regulation. From 1994 to 1997, she served as chairman and CEO of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The event was cosponsored by the Vanderbilt Alumni Association and the College of Arts and Science.



DAVID CHENSHAW

South Carolina-Piedmont alumni gathered at the home of Clare Hungville, BS'86, in Columbia before the Vanderbilt-South Carolina game.

## UP NORTH

Metro New York alumni met at the Warwick Hotel in midtown Manhattan in October to celebrate the reopening of the Greek Central Gallery at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The club organized a breakfast reception and lecture featuring Barbara Tsakirgis, associate professor of classics and fine arts. Participants then traveled to the Met to view the Greek collection.

Centennial Professor of Philosophy John Lachs invited Boston alumni to ponder eternal questions when he discussed his new book, *In Love with Life: Reflections on the Joy of Living and Why We Hate to Die*, during an October reception at the Hilton in Boston's historic Back Bay.

Also in October, Pittsburgh alumni sampled the libations of Drednought Wines during a wine-tasting party in the city's Strip District.

## HEADING WEST

Three successful educational "masterpieces" were mounted by the Phoenix, Houston, and Dallas clubs last fall.

In October, Leonard Folgarait, professor of fine arts and department chair, gave a presentation on *Monet at Giverny: Masterpieces from the Musee Marmottan* to 75 members of the Phoenix club before viewing the exhibition at the Phoenix Art Museum.

Seventy-five Houston alumni entertained Folgarait at a breakfast in November at the Warwick Park Plaza Hotel before his lecture about the *Diego Rivera: Art and Revolution* exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts. Also in November, Dallas club members met at the Dallas Museum of Art where they viewed the exhibition *Georgia O'Keeffe: The Poetry of Things* following a lecture by Vivien Fryd, associate professor of fine arts.

California alumni have been active with club events in their northern and southern cities. In October, a group in San Francisco met at Bay-side Sports Bar and Grill to watch the Vanderbilt-Alabama game. Los Angeles alumni met at Hennessey's in Hermosa Beach for happy hour and invited San Diego alumni to join them at the ballpark as the Dodgers faced the San Diego Padres.



# CLASS NOTES

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**QUINO** John Bingham, BA'41, MA'47, of Nashville, professor of Spanish, emeritus, and former associate dean of the College of Arts and Science, is busy writing his memoirs. He taught in the College from 1951 until his retirement in 1991. For 25 years he was associate dean, responsible for students' academic progress. **Early M. Tapley**, BA'45, MA'46, and his wife, Ruby, have endowed a premed scholarship at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee. He was the first dean and academic vice president of Lee College from 1946 through 1953 and served as interim president in 1950-51. The endowment gift honors their son and granddaughter, who are physicians. The Tapleys live in Dunedin, Florida. **Mary Ann Wilson**, BA'48, travel columnist of the *Oseola Times* newspaper in Arkansas, dedicated a column to her granddaughter, Allison Shafer, a Vanderbilt junior who studied last year with the Vanderbilt-in-Spain program. The on-site correspondent who relayed photos and notes to Mary Ann was her daughter, Terry Shafer, of Dallas.

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**'50** **Lloyd A. Bates**, BA, BD'53, is president and owner of Universal Systems with headquarters in Brentwood, Tennessee, and a branch office in Fairfax, Virginia. The company markets identification systems, access control systems, and inkless fingerprint systems worldwide. He is married to **Wanda Carter Bates**, BA'49, and they have three sons, including **Marc Bates**, BE'79.

**'52** **Carolyn Kinnard Ziffer**, BA, of Bangor, Maine, spent much of 1999 traveling throughout the United States and Mexico and attended her high school's 50th reunion in Franklin, Tennessee. She teaches religious education to sixth and seventh graders at the Universalist Unitarian Church while continuing work as a community volunteer.

**'56** **Dewey C. Whitenton**, BA, JD'59, of Bolivar, Tennessee, was reelected without opposition to an eight-year term as chancery court judge of the Twenty-

fifth Judicial District of Tennessee. He and his wife, **Marne Davis Whitenton**, BA'59, have three children and two grandchildren.

**'57** **Jerry Caldwell**, BA, vice president of field operations for NetSchools Corporation in Atlanta, was installed into the Georgia Tennis Hall of Fame. He and his wife, **Margaret**, A'60, are restoring an antebellum home in Madison, Georgia, in the historic district. They also are building a home in Cashiers, North Carolina.

**'58** **Richard K. Hammel**, A, of Hammel Hari & Kendall in Brentwood, Tennessee, was named one of the top 250 financial planners in the United States by *Worth* magazine. **Bill Potts**, BA, and his wife, Peggy, visited their son, Lt. Col. Gary Potts, in Seoul, Korea. A retired major general in the U.S. Army, Bill is vice president for international programs at Cypress International Inc. in Alexandria, Virginia. He was appointed a board member of the US-Turkey Joint Venture Company, involved in manufacturing defense articles for Turkish armed forces.

## Bill McNutt THE KING OF FRUITCAKE

What do the Aga Khan, Lyle Lovett, and Vanna White have in common? Bill McNutt.

McNutt, BA'49, chairman of the Collin Street Bakery in Corsicana, Texas, is the king of fruitcake, and each of these high profile people is a regular customer. The crowning achievement of his bakery—the Original DeLuxe fruitcake—has been made since 1896, before McNutt's father and uncle bought the business from the original owner's widow in 1946. However, McNutt really didn't have fruitcake in mind when he majored in business in the College of Arts and Science at Vanderbilt.

"My family owned Dr. Pepper bottling plants, and we had one in Nashville," he says. "The day after I graduated from Vanderbilt, I went to work at the Dr. Pepper plant there. I stayed until 1958 when I was offered the opportunity to move back

to Corsicana and work for the bakery. It was a very difficult decision, because I'd married a Nashville girl and had three children in Nashville. But I was born and raised in Corsicana."

McNutt returned home and has never looked back. And the fruitcake business has never been better. The Collin Street Bakery pioneered the business of mail order and has been rated by *Consumer Reports* magazine as number one among U.S. mail order companies for overall customer and product satisfaction.

—Bonnie Arant Ertelt

Last year about four million pounds of the Collin Street Bakery Original DeLuxe—which is only available by mail—traveled by post to destinations far and near. In fact, from October to December the Original DeLuxe was shipped to customers in 50 states and 200 foreign countries, accounting for 20 percent of the U.S. Post Office's overseas-bound surface mail.

"We are in the middle of it right now," says McNutt, who spoke to Vanderbilt Magazine in early November. "We're a totally seasonal business. This year we'll serve about a half million mail order customers who come to us by mail, phone, fax, e-mail, and the Internet. We have about 85 full-time employees, but seasonally that 85 grows to about 650 people. Seasonally, we employ 80 ladies alone who do nothing but hand-decorate the top of each cake."

And a gorgeous cake it is, containing 27 percent Texas pecans by weight, plus pineapple

and papaya from family-owned plantations in Costa Rica, cherries from the Northwest, raisins from California, and a honey and egg batter that holds it all together.

To find out more about the Original DeLuxe fruitcake and the Collin Street Bakery, visit [www.collinstreetbakery.com](http://www.collinstreetbakery.com). You may wind up joining Princess Caroline of Monaco, Zubin Mehta, Dr. J., and U.S. Embassy personnel around the world as regular customers.

**'59** **Jesse Edgar Nichols Jr.**, MA, EdS'61, of Piggott, Arkansas, writes poetry and paints at his winter home in Florida. He retired in 1982 after working as a teacher, counselor, and principal in public and private schools. **Elizabeth Morgan Spiegel**, BA'58, MAT, writes that the Class of '59 had a wonderful 40th Reunion last May. "The sock hop on Friday night was well attended, and we partied outside and inside amid colorful flowers, tablecloths, and balloons.... The DJ played songs popular in 1955-59, and it only took about 20 hops to remember the bunny hop. As for the hula hoop, no one seemed to be able to keep it going, but I have a picture of **Fran Hardcastle**, BA, and **Boyce Smith**, BE, in one together—maybe they thought four hips would be better than two. The regular questions were asked with some new ones—as the latest marathon was run by **Bill Cochran**, BA, and **Harriet Henderson Stubblefield**, BA, MAT'60, still has all her original body parts! **Ellen Russell Sadler**, BA, entertained as only she can do. **Bill Bugg**, BA, let me know that he and his committee, with **Byron Harris**, BA (Charlie Brown), **Joe Sills**, BA, and **Lynda Lou Wagster**, BA, MAT'75, MA'76, have exceeded our Reunion giving goal. Our class memory book was a success. The rest of the weekend was spent with all the alumni learning, eating, partying, and—the thing our class excelled in—talking."

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**'60** **James B. Threlkel**, BA, MD'63, of Winter Haven, Florida, served as second vice president of the Southeastern Surgical Congress at its February 1999 meeting. **Carmen Woodson**, MA, of Decatur, Georgia, last August received the Employee of the Month Award from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services director Donna Shalala. She is a quality review specialist with the Health Care Financing Administration in Atlanta, the agency that administers Medicare and Medicaid. **Herbert "Bud" Young Jr.**, BA, was elected to the community bank board of Union Planters Bank. He is president and general manager of the Pure Milk Company, a business in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, since 1929.

**'61** **Kay Strain King**, BA, married Danny Borkowski on June 4, 1999. They commute between Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain. She is a faculty member at Zayed University, a new university of Emirati women, and he is a computer analyst in Dharan

**'63** **Gene Farish**, BA, an attorney and mountaineer in Monte Vista, Colorado, was featured last summer in the *Valley Courier* newspaper of Alamosa, Colorado. The article highlighted his climb to the summit of the Matterhorn in the Swiss Alps. **O.J. Sikes**, BA, deputy director of the United Nations Population Fund, Latin America and Caribbean division, was named to the University of North Carolina School of Public Health's dean's alumni advisory committee to work on the university's "Agenda for the 21st Century."

**'64** **Leslie B. Enoch II**, BA, chief executive officer of Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District in Smithville, was named president of the American Public Gas Association at the association's annual conference in Burlington, Vermont. **John W. Thompson III**, BA, was elected a fellow to the American Society of Landscape Architecture in Washington, D.C. He is managing editor and senior writer for *Landscape Architecture* magazine. **Jim Gilliam**, BE, of the Nashville engineering firm of Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, was presented a Presidential Citation from the Consulting Engineers of Tennessee for his service in building and enhancing relationships between engineers and their representative organizations.

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**'65** **Janet Patterson Gardner**, BA, married Glenn W. Eason on October 15, 1999. She works in the Office of Alumni Publications at Vanderbilt, and he is executive vice president of Comfort Supply Inc. in Nashville. In attendance were her children, **Jim Gardner**, BA'90, and **Janet Gardner Master**, BS'95; her son-in-law, **Neil Master**, BA'95; and her daughter-in-law.

**'66** **John Steele Gordon**, BA, a historian in the areas of business, theatre, and New York history, is author of the "Business in America" column in *American Heritage* magazine and a regular contributor to *Marketplace* on National Public Radio. His books include *The Scarlet Woman of Wall Street*, a treatise on the Erie Railroad, and *Hamilton's Blessing*, a history of national debt. He also was featured last November in the first three episodes of the PBS series *New York: A Documentary Film*.

**'67** **Ronald F. Knox Jr.**, BA, a chartered life underwriter and a chartered financial consultant with Northwestern Mutual Life Insur-



## CROSS COUNTRY BIKER

Richard Harless, BA'65, completed last August a solo 4,000-mile bicycle trip, traveling from Florence, Oregon, to Yorktown, Virginia. During the nine-week trip he passed through 11 states and four time zones, averaging about 66 miles daily. "Highly recommended," he says. Off the bike Harless serves as a legislative assistant for the Virginia General Assembly.

ance Company in Nashville, was elected president of Northwestern's national sales organization, representing 8,000 agents across the country. **Martha Tate**, BA, an Atlanta gardener, has a weekly garden column in the *Atlanta Constitution* newspaper. She also is a producer of *A Gardner's Diary* on cable channel HGTV.

**'69** **Jim Armistead**, BA, of Nashville, was named commercial sales manager with AmSouth Bank of Middle Tennessee. He previously was corporate middle market manager with First American Bank before its merger with AmSouth. **Heradio Atencio Bello**, MA, is an attorney in Caracas, Venezuela. **Michael Cope**, BE, a Dallas businessman, was elected to the board of directors of TM Century Inc., a company that creates, produces, and distributes music-based products for media use. Cope is the retired founder and CEO of Interphase Corporation, a Dallas-based computer hardware manufacturer. **Fred Fischer**, BE, of Louisville, Kentucky, was elected vice president of the Automated Builders Consortium. **Pamela Owens**, BA, joined Mount Union College in

Alliance, Ohio, as an associate professor in the department of religion and philosophy.

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**'70** **Robert P. Belcher**, BA, MA'71, was named vice president, chief financial officer, and corporate secretary of Memry Corporation, a designer, developer, and manufacturer of medical and industrial materials based in Brookfield, Connecticut. **Fredrick D. Hunt Jr.**, BA, president and owner of Hunt Management Systems in Bethesda, Maryland, in 1999 marked his 20th year as president of the Society of Professional Benefit Administrators, the national association of third-party administrators of employee benefit plans. Vice president of the SPBA is **Anne Lennan**, BA'86. Fred is married to **Casey Graham Hunt**, BA'73. They have two sons, aged 18 and 15. **Sanford Novick**, BE, was promoted to executive vice president and named to the board of directors of Mississippi Valley Gas Company in Jackson. **C.S. "Trey" Runnion III**, BE, was appointed chief executive officer of Healthcast, a medical



## Lonnie Proctor

SHE'S GOT GAME

When Lonnie Proctor, PhD'81, toed the line last October, badminton racket in hand, she was poised to play in her 15th National Senior Olympic Games.

Competing in the 70-to-74 age category, she battled her way to a silver medal, finishing behind the number-one ranked player in the National Badminton Players Association.

Proctor, of Shelby, North Carolina, has been to every National Senior Olympic Games since age 55. She has watched the number of competitors climb from 2,500 at St. Louis in 1987 to 12,300 in 1999 in Orlando. Over the years, in state and national competition, she has either placed (first, second, or third) or finished (top eight) in events ranging from the shot put and discus to the long jump and cycling. She has garnered more than 300 medals, earning five gold, ten silver, and three bronze at the national level.

An exceptional athlete in her own right, her life's work has focused on helping find the athlete in others. A physical education teacher at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina, she also launched the Special Olympics program in her home county in 1972 and directed it until 1992. She even donated her own trophies as rewards for the youngsters, removing her name and replacing it with theirs.



Lonnie Proctor, standing atop number two, won the silver medal in the shot put event at the 1999 National Senior Games held in Orlando, Florida.

"I thought it would be good for my students to go out and work with the children," she says. "We were the only physical education they had. We brought them to Gardner-Webb for a swimming program, covered almost every sport available, and used that to help them prepare for Special Olympics. It wasn't part of my contract, but it was the happiest part of my teaching."

When her youngest of four children turned 14, she, her husband, Dan, and the children had a family conference. Proctor wanted an advanced degree, and after an intensive search for the right institution, she chose Peabody College.

"I worked hard picking a school. I picked the best one."

She left her family in North Carolina for eight weeks for three consecutive summers and earned the Ph.D. in health and physical education. It was tough, but she credits Sharon Shields, professor of the practice of health promotions and education, with helping a 50-year-old student adjust.

Proctor's sports activities now are limited to singles competitions in the seniors games. But her contributions to others continue. She teaches first aid, leads three Bible study classes per week, and recently reached the 29-gallon mark in blood donations. Next up? The state senior games in the spring and qualifying for the next nationals.

—Nelson Bryan

information company located in Horscham, Pennsylvania.

**71 E.E. "Bo" Edwards**, JD, of Nashville, was named treasurer of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for the 1999–2000 term. **Thomas H. Gilpin**, BA, managing partner of the Huntington, West Virginia, law firm of Huddleston Bolen Beatty Porter & Copen, was elected to a five-year term as chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia.

**72 W. Ladd Bodem**, BE, was named vice president for customer services of eBusiness Technologies, based in Providence, Rhode Island. **David E. Dugger**, BE, MD'76, joined St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin, Missouri, with a limited practice in obstetrics and gynecology. **Joel Frockt**, BE, a partner in the Louisville, Kentucky, law firm of Maze Berman & Frockt, successfully completed all requirements for mediation certification granted by the Mediation Center of Kentucky. **Mae King Co.** BA, has moved to Durham, North Carolina, and works for

a money management company in Chapel Hill. **Marian Harrison**, BA, of Nashville, was appointed to serve as one of Middle Tennessee's three U.S. Bankruptcy Court judges by the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, based in Cincinnati. The appointment is a fourteen-year term. **Archer Nevins Martin III**, BA, was appointed Andrew Mellon Professor-in-Charge at the American Academy in Rome, Italy. **Roy Neel**, BA, of Los Angeles, president and CEO of U.S. Telephone Association, last summer was interviewed by *Investor's Business Daily* newspaper of Los Angeles about telecom regulation and competition.

**73 Linda Bird**, BA, MA'74, EdS'80, was named vice president of Career Resources, a Nashville-based career management firm. Formerly director of Vanderbilt's Career Center, she now directs Career Resources' career counseling and executive coaching services for professionals in career transitions. **David H. Cooper**, BA, joined the Louisville, Kentucky, law firm of Goldberg & Simpson as a partner. **Katy Manier Schneider**, BA, deputy

mayor of Louisville, Kentucky, last summer was profiled in *Business First* magazine. **Neil Skene**, BA, of Tallahassee, Florida, is the managing principal of the Advanced Interactive Media Group, a research and consulting firm specializing in electronic publishing. He and his wife, Madelyn Miller, have three children, Christopher, 12; Jennifer, 10; and Katie, six.

**74 Sally E. Self**, BA, MD'78, was named to the Lander University board of trustees in Greenwood, South Carolina. She is an associate professor of pathology at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

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**75 Robert H. Montgomery Jr.**, BA, and his wife, Jamie, announce the birth of their first child, Andrew Robert, born on August 17, 1999. They live in Kingsport, Tennessee, where Rob is an assistant district attorney general. **John L. Wolford**, BA, MD'80, joined Carolinas Health Systems in Florence, South Car-

olina. He is board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology.

**76 Stephen K. Henderson**, BS, along with his wife and five daughters, moved to Munich, Germany, where he was called to pastor the Munich International Community Church, an interdenominational, English-speaking church which serves the international expatriate community. **Sally Wolff**, BA, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Emory University in Atlanta, is coeditor of *Southern Mothers: Fact and Fictions in Southern Women's Writing*, published by Louisiana State Press.

**77 Devan D. Ard Jr.**, BA, was named Nashville city president of AmSouth Bancorp last fall after serving as head of the bank's Tennessee region and city president in Chattanooga. **Brian Clearman**, MA, was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army. He is assigned as deputy director of programs and analysis and deputy chief of staff for the army's Intelligence Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

**79 Mary Jane Boswell**, BE, was named counsel to the Washington, D.C., law firm of Morgan Lewis & Bockius. **Nora Wingfield Tyson**, BA, a commander in the U.S. Navy, is assigned as the navigator aboard the USS *Enterprise*, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. She lives in Williamsburg, Virginia, with her husband and plays "as much golf as possible."

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**80 Allan G. Duncan**, BA, of Maplewood, New Jersey, and his partner of 18 years, Kevin, adopted a two-year-old daughter, Madeline, born in Laredo, Texas. **Anne Thompson Mancino**, BA, and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their first child, Parker Kathleen Mancino, born on August 10, 1999. They live in Little Rock where Anne is a general surgeon on the faculty at the University of Arkansas. **Fredrick L. Manuel**, BE, was named senior vice president-geothermal at Calpine Corporation power company's The Geyser's, the world's largest geothermal facility located in Sonoma and Lake Counties, California. **John R. Pleas**, PhD, last summer received an Outstanding Teacher Award from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro where he teaches in the psychology department.

**81 Ann Fullinwider Hankins**, BS, and her husband, Ken, announce the birth of their first child, Kenneth Marlow "Tripp" Hankins III, born on August 25, 1999. They live in Midland, Texas. **Pam Jones**, BSN, MSN'92, was named administrator of the new Baptist Women's Pavilion Hospital—North Tower, in Nashville. **David H. Pease III**, BS, of Cincinnati, was named president of Pease Industries, a 106-year-old manufacturer of entry and patio doors. He is the fourth generation of his family to head the company. **James G. Rissler**, BA, was appointed vice president and chief operating officer of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program by the Presbyterian Church (USA), Louisville. **Kurt Swensson**, BE, founded a full-service structural engineering consulting engineering firm, KSI/Structural Engineers, last summer with offices in Atlanta and Nashville. The company has seven employees and projects in five states. Kurt and his wife, Frances, live in the Atlanta area with their daughters, Ellie, 10, and Kate, 14. **William S. Walton**, BA, joined the Nashville law office of Miller Martin & Trabue as a partner, practicing general business litigation, insurance defense,

and health care and malpractice litigation.

**82 David J. Burge**, BA, was elected a partner at Smith Gambrell & Russell, an Atlanta law firm, practicing in commercial real estate law. **Annette Wagner Burlet**, BA, and her husband, Chad, announce the birth of their fourth child, Thomas Theodore, born on September 17, 1999, joining siblings Julianna, three; Katrina, eight; and Christopher, ten. They live in Hinsdale, Illinois, where "life is busy and wonderful." **Gary Burns**, BS, head baseball coach at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri, was named NCAA Central Region Baseball Coach of the Year following a fourth-place finish in the NCAA II World Series. He was a member of the 1980 Vanderbilt baseball SEC championship team under coach Roy Mewbourne. **George W. Dunaway**, BE, was named vice president of finance and chief financial officer of Matria Healthcare in Marietta, Georgia. **Michael Frank Nicoladis**, BE, married Kristen Hope Conerly. They live in Metairie, Louisiana. **Elizabeth Gardner Rudolph**, BSN, and **David Myers Rudolph**, BA'85, JD'88, announce the birth of their fourth son, Thomas Carson Rudolph, born on May 17, 1999, joining brothers Myers, Gardner, and Wise. **Bruce A. Scott**, BS, an otolaryngologist from Louisville, Kentucky, was elected secretary of the American Medical Association Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the American Medical Association.

**84 Leslie Smith Rawlings**, BS, MTS'90, married Victor Slezak on August 4, 1999. They live in New York City, where she has a private psychotherapy practice, and he is pursuing an acting career. **Suzanne Scott**, BS'84, married Lawrence Emerson Hayes Jr. on July 24, 1999. They live in Brentwood, Tennessee. **Rhonda Finch Steinbach**, BE, of Waco, Texas, announces the birth of Ross Bowman Steinbach, born on August 18, 1999. Rhonda left her 15-year career at Raytheon Systems to be a full-time mother. **Bogue Waller**, BE, MS'97, joined the Nashville engineering systems consulting firm of Nash Lipsey Burch as an electrical design engineer.

and Shuttle Payloads Directorate at the Kennedy Space Center and received the award for her efforts in processing the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission. **Mary Ann Ruff Lavery**, BSN, MSN'88, and her husband, Pat, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Caitlin Lavery, born on July 30, 1999, joining four-year-old sister Margaret. They live in Denville, New Jersey. **Anne Pope**, BA, was appointed by Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist to be the state's commissioner of commerce and insurance. Previously, she was executive director of the Tennessee Film, Entertainment, and Music Commission.

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**85 William S. Armistead**, MEd, joined Bulletin News Network, of McLean, Virginia, as vice president for sales and operation. **Robert Capobianco**, BA, was named vice president and branch manager for CGU Insurance Company's office in Greensboro, North Carolina. **Casey Carter**, BA, joined the editorial staff of the White House Bulletin, a Web site designed for the White House by Bulletin News Network based in McLean, Virginia. **Melinda Cross Kenan**, BS, announces the birth of a daughter, Mary Sinclair "Claire," born on March 4, 1999, joining four-year-old brother Alexander MacLaine. Melinda works part-time in the corporate financial division of The Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta. **Carol Richardson**, BS, joined the North Highland Company in Atlanta as a manager specializing in call center improvement, responsible for software design, systems integration, training, and client accounts development. **Laurie Schmidt-Moats**, BA, and her husband, Timothy E. Moats, announce the birth of a son, Clark Edwin Moats, born on April 5, 1998, who had his first tour of the Vandy campus last July. They live in Columbus, Ohio. **Millie Whitacre**, BA,

of Birmingham, Alabama, works as the Vestavia Hills School System's alternative school teacher with at-risk children after working eight years as an 11th-grade English teacher.

**86 Torin Alexander**, BS, was appointed college chaplain at Albion College in Albion, Michigan. He is an ordained American Baptist minister. **Hoyt A. Fleming**, BE, and **Teresa Apple Fleming**, BS, live in Boise, Idaho, where he is chief patent counsel for Micron Electronics, and she is a computer consultant with Avista Energy. **Tracy Hogan**, BA, joined the Nashville firm of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis as recruiting coordinator. **Denis Kennedy Koenig**, BA, and her husband, **George August Koenig**, BA'85, announce the birth of their fourth child, George August "Tripp" Koenig III, born on July 2, 1999, joining sisters Nancy, Courtney, and Laura. **Jeffrey M. Warren**, BA, joined the New York-based international executive recruiting firm Russell Reynolds Associates as an executive director, specializing in recruiting for financial services clients. **Lana Leinbach Yaney**, BSN, her husband, Gordon, and daughter, Abigail, live in Braintree, Massachusetts, where she works part-time as a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

**87 Andy Ball**, BE, has joined the "Internet gold rush" after working two years as the public policy manager in the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center. He now works as a content manager with WorkingNets.com, creating sites for professional communities. He loves California and looks forward to visits from Vandy friends. **Mary Kaye Mil-moe Chryssicas**, BS, of Wellesley, Massachusetts, gave birth to Grant James Chryssicas on January 24, 1999, joining sisters Tyler and Ashton. **Jennifer Dudley Goodman**, BS, and her husband, announce the birth of their second son, Stephen, born on October 1, 1999. They live in Kennesaw, Georgia. **Shelley Jeffrey Gula**, BS, and **Robert A. Gula**, BA, announce the birth of Peter Walter Gula, born on October 5, 1999, joining siblings Melissa, one; Matthew, three; and Christopher, five. They live in Short Hills, New Jersey. **David Heger**, BE, and his wife, Lynne Zwart Heger, announce the birth of Elizabeth Leigh Heger, born on June 24, 1999, joining sisters Carolyn and Mary Catherine. They live in St. Louis where David is an analyst with A.G. Edwards. **Marcia "Ja" Morales Howard**, BS, an attorney with McGuire Woods Battle & Boothe in Jacksonville, Florida, was appointed to the board of



the Jacksonville Transportation Authority. **Meg Nicholson Jackson**, BA, and her husband, **Todd Jackson**, BS'90, celebrated the first birthday of their daughter, Evaline Keara, on October 22. They live in Nashville where Meg is director of conferences at Vanderbilt, and Todd is completing a Ph.D. in biology at Vanderbilt. **Douglas J. Markham**, BS, was named vice president of network development for FOCUS Healthcare Management in Nashville. **Sharon Clements Oswald**, MS, is a clinical audiologist at Columbus Hospital in Chicago. She is coauthor of a successful grant proposal for testing the hearing of newborns. She and her husband, Art, a forensic investigator with the Chicago police, have two children, Catherine and Michael. **Christin Cerisi Sandweiss**, BA, of Hamden, Connecticut, writes that she and her husband traveled in Europe over the summer, boating down the Danube River from Vienna to Budapest, flying to Northern Romania, and viewing a total solar eclipse in Bucharest. **Melissa R. Webster**, BS, and her husband, Jon VanNevel, returned to Tampa, Florida, where she is medical director at VCA Tampa Bay Animal Hospital, and he works with Innesbrook Golf Resort. **Thomas L. West III**, MA, of Atlanta, published a new Spanish-English dictionary of law and business. After practicing law for five years, he opened a foreign language translation company.

**'88 Katie Kelly Bell**, BA, MEd'91, and her husband, David, announce the arrival of their second son, Harrison Dechard Bell, born on July 9, 1999. They live in Decatur, Georgia. **Scott R. Gibbs**, BA, MD'92, and his wife, **Mary McLaughlin Gibbs**, BSN, MSN'90, live in Huntington, West Virginia, where he is a doctor with River Cities ENT Specialists, and she works as a nurse practitioner for the Marshall University Department of Family Practice. Their daughter, Mary Virginia, turned three years old last Halloween. **Pamela Hellinger**, BS, of Atlanta, was promoted to chief financial officer at Gordon Bailey & Associates. **Jarmin Steffner Johnston**, BA, and her husband, Fox, of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, announce the birth of a daughter, Helen Lawson Johnston, born August 25, 1999, joining brothers Fox III and Nelson. **J. Craig Reed**, BS, of Frederick, Maryland, is a medical countermeasures specialist in the chemical and biological defense division of the Southern Research Institute. Previously he served with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases. **Rebecca Norman Webb**, BS, MEd'92, and her

husband, Scott, announce the birth of a son, Brian Evan, born on May 5, 1999. They live in Franklin, Tennessee. **James J. Williams**, JD, and his wife, Valerie, announce the birth of their son, Owen Thomas, born on August 26, 1999, joining brother Garnet James, three. James practices as a confidential law clerk to a county judge in Lowville, Lewis County, New York.

**'89 Kimberly Sue Carter**, BA, married Richard James Coughlin on June 12, 1999. They live in West Orange, New Jersey. **Walter Clarke**, BA, joined the Dudnyk Healthcare Group in Philadelphia as a senior account executive. **Shannon Davis**, BS, married Charlie Blocker on August 28, 1999. They live in St. Louis. Vanderbilt attendees at the wedding included **Terri Egan Follis**, BS, **Nancy Clarke Mannon**, BS, MEd'93, and **Kristen Cook Oliver**, BA'90, MEd'91. **Kimberly Howison Jewell**, BA, and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of their first child, Gillian Marie Jewell, born on April 19, 1999. They live in Atlanta. **Heidi Kemp**, BS, MEd'94, joined Healthcare Management Systems in Nashville as clinical product manager. **Rebecca DeMars King**, BS, MBA'90, and her husband, Joe, announce the birth in January 1999 of their first child, a son, Parker. Rebecca works with a large sales firm in Richmond, Virginia, coaching the leadership and project managers. **Laura Muckerheide Miller**, BA, and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of their first child, Hannah Marie, born on August 18, 1999. They live in Excelsior, Minnesota. **Karen Candee Scofield**, BA, married Scott Paul Zimmerman on August 28, 1999. They live in Denver, Colorado. **Elizabeth Melton Sweeney**, BSN, MSN'92, and her husband, Sean, announce the birth of their first child, Evan Matthew Sweeney, born on September 1, 1999. They live in West Richland, Washington. **Caroline Gaines Wood**, BA, director of development at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, writes that she and her husband have a son, Jeffrey Paul Wood Jr., born on August 11, 1999, "and I'm working on making him a Commodore—but unfortunately his father, a Georgia bulldawg, is barking awfully loud."

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**'90 Paul Battles**, BA, was named assistant professor of English at Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana. **Jennifer Hooker Brinegar**, JD, and her husband, Jamie, announce the birth of their second child, Michael James Brinegar, born on September 15, 1999, joining older brother Kevin James, six. They live in

Bloomington where Jennifer is assistant athletic director at Indiana University. **Julienne Marie Brown**, BS, MEd'91, married Randall Vaughn Parker on June 10, 1999. They live in Danville, Virginia, where she teaches the visually impaired. **Stephanie Barger Conner**, BS, of Nashville, was appointed executive director of the Tennessee Film, Entertainment, and Music Commission by Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist. **M. Giselle Gauthier**, BA, was named director of admissions at the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. **Bama Folsom Hager**, BA, completed her Ph.D. in clinical child psychology at Auburn University and teaches part-time at Samford University in Birmingham. She and her husband, **Jeff Hager**, BA, await the birth of their second child. **Sydney Rutherford Milling**, BS, MEd'91, and her husband, **Brooks Pitman Milling**, BA'91, announce the birth of a son, Brooks Pitman Milling Jr., born on July 1, 1999, joining three-year-old sister Nell. They live in Mobile, Alabama. **Betsy Almonney Reale**, BA, and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their first child, Andrew Balfour Reale, born on April 27, 1999. They live in San Francisco. **Georgette Marie Shaker**, BA, married Michael William Rech on June 5, 1999. They live in Nashville. **Stephen S. van Wert**, BA, was named executive vice president and program manager for the Lawyers Protection Plan, an insurance program administered by the Tampa-based professional programs division of Brown & Brown. **Philip Zanone**, BA, was promoted to president at Wunderlich Securities in Memphis.

**'91 Mark R. Harrington**, BE, is pursuing a master in business administration degree at Washington State University. A retired navy lieutenant, he married Julie Anne Williams on August 2, 1997. They live in Vancouver, Washington, where is principal engineer with BOC Edwards. **Susan Harrington Jones**, BA, JD'94, and **David Jones**, JD'94, announce the birth of their second child, Watkin Harrington Jones, born on October 8, 1999. They live in Houston. **Lindsey Howe Parham**, BA, and her husband, Rob, returned to Austin, Texas, after a stint in Washington, D.C. She works as state director for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. **Rich Maradik**, BA, and **Jay Graves**, BA'93, cofounders of Nashville-based DataMark Inc., were featured on the cover of the August issue of *Inc.* magazine. They were the centerpiece of an article on "Great Companies Started for \$1,000 or Less." **Camille Brown McMurray**, BS, and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their sec-

ond child, Meghan Allison, born on July 16, 1999, joining older sister Madeleine Jane, three. They live in Bellingham, Washington, where Camille is a stay-at-home mom. **Robert Roselli**, BE, joined the staff of McGoeys Hauser & Edsall Consulting Engineers in New Windsor, New York.

**'92 Doug Asiello**, BA, is pursuing an M.B.A. degree in finance/investment and an M.A. in international management at the Wharton School and Lauter Institute at the University of Pennsylvania. He left the U.S. Army in 1998 as an intelligence officer for a Cavalry squadron at Fort Stewart, Georgia. **Jennifer Helm Barbour**, BS, and her husband, Greg, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Joseph, born on April 18, 1999. They live in Birmingham, Alabama. **Ajay Kumar Bhan**, BS, married Cindy Bedford on June 5, 1999. They live in West Grove, Pennsylvania. **Morgan Carroll Cole**, BA, married Elizabeth Millicent Lell on October 9, 1999. They are employed by the Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington. **Steve Green**, BA, married Shelton Arnold on May 29, 1999. They live in Nashville. **Alfred Edward Hult**, BA, married Ann-Gail Bregianes on July 10, 1999. They work and live in New York City. **Hillary Holland Hurst**, BA, married Mark Edward Schwarz on May 22, 1999. They live in Dallas. **Megan Lee McCarthy King**, BA, and her husband, Richard, announce the birth of a son, Richard James "R.J." King III, born on February 22, 1999. They live in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. **Mary Catherine "Katie" Knaphurst**, BA, married Charles "Charlie" **Bascom Reasor III**, BA'90, JD'99, in Katie's hometown of San Marino, California, on September 18, 1999. They live in Nashville. **Robin Cernuda Perry**, BS, and **Will Perry**, BS, announce the birth of their son, William Rhett Perry IV, born on March 24, 1999. They live in Atlanta. **Bonnie Leigh Terwilliger**, BS, MEd'94, married Grant D. Leadbetter on June 19, 1999. They live in Atlanta, where she teaches elementary school. **Reuben Thacker**, BA, is a physician training in orthopedic surgery in New York City.

**'93 Anne-Marie Webster Brown**, BA, married Brian L. Davis on August 14, 1999, in Oxford, Mississippi. They live in Durham, North Carolina, where she is finishing a master of business degree at Duke University. **Nicole Adele Clark**, BA, and **Christopher Oliver Eades**, BA'92, were featured in the Weddings section of *Town & Country* magazine's September 1999 issue. They live in Sad-

dle River, New Jersey. **Amanda Christine Dake**, BA, and **Christopher Robert Rowley**, BA'92, were married October 16, 1999. They live in Dallas. **Elizabeth Bizet Erwin**, BA, married David Shayne Williams on October 16, 1999. They live in Huntsville, Alabama. **Tracy Gorrell**, BS, MTS'95, is working on a master's degree in public health at UCLA and was promoted to administrative coordinator of the nutrition center at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. **Mary Elaine Gill Haden**, BA, JD'96, and **Clay Haden**, JD'96, moved to Atlanta, where she works in the law and governmental affairs department of AT&T, and he practices construction law with McCullough Sherrill. **John W. Harrison**, BA, graduated from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University and moved to New York City to work as an associate at Chase Securities. **Richard P. Hazelton**, JD, and his wife, Colleen Jones Hazelton, announce the birth of a son, Harry Joseph Hazelton, born on May 30, 1999. They live in Easthampton, Massachusetts. **Kelly E. Hensley**, BS, married Jeff Wlodarczak on May 15, 1999. They live in New York City where she is a vice president at Scien Worldwide Public Relations, a health care communications firm based in New York City. **Britt Johnson**, BS, married David Smithson on October 30, 1999. They live in Chester, Virginia, where she is a teacher. **Catherine Wendel Mathes**, BS, moved back to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she works for Deloitte Consulting. **Leslie Johnson McClanahan**, BS, and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia, born on March 22, 1999. They live in Corpus Christi, Texas. **Carolyn Grace Millican**, BS, married Charles Ivor Berry on July 31, 1999. They live in Nashville. **Philip Edward Phillips**, MA, PhD'96, was appointed assistant professor of English at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. **Linda L. Roberts**, MEd, has been keeping busy at Calvert High School in North Beach, Maryland, where she is in her second year of teaching Spanish I and II. Roberts also is assistant cheerleading coach for football season, dance team coach for basketball season, and a member of the elementary foreign language study committee. **Aimee Lynn Sanfelippo**, BA, married William Daniel Puckett II on July 10, 1999. They live in Birmingham. **Jennifer Brown Shepard**, BS, was promoted to vice president and branch manager of the Union Planters' Harding Road branch in Nashville. **Lisa Uiberall**, BA, married C. Utey Noble III, on September 5, 1999, in Maui, Hawaii. They live in Arrington, Tennessee.

## Baird Fogel

### ALTRUISTIC ALUMNUS

■ He may be an attorney, but there's a bit of salesman about him. At Vanderbilt, Baird Fogel, BA'93, was an unofficial "rusher" of prospective students.

"I sold prospective students on the fact that Vanderbilt has the single greatest balance of social life and academic life of any school," says Fogel, who practices corporate law, mergers and acquisitions for Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Missouri. "I took many highly competitive classes, but when classes were over, students took full advantage of the many social opportunities, and their friendships remained."

Two things stand out in his mind as key preparations for his legal career. "My speech classes at Vanderbilt lay a perfect foundation for the Socratic method of teaching in law school. I also credit Vandy with making me a much better writer."

A highlight of his undergraduate career, Fogel says, was a political communications class assignment in which he and three classmates produced a video documentary on a local political story. He recalls many all-nighters spent editing the video.

"Dr. Pride (Richard Pride, associate professor of political science) said the documentary would be one of our proudest achievements at Vanderbilt, and he was right. What an innovative way to make the study of politics come alive for us."

But more than anything else, it was the work of John Beasley, former vice chancellor for Alumni and Development, that instilled in Fogel a deep passion for the school.

"Three grandchildren from the Deramus family graduated from Vanderbilt—Dawn Deramus Fogel (BA'95), Marshall H. Dean III (BA'99), and me. And although Mr. Beasley knew very little of my family or my grandfather, he watched out for all of us. On the



Patricia Deramus Fogel; Marshall Dean III, BA'99; former vice chancellor for Alumni and Development John Beasley, BA'52, JD'54; and Baird Fogel, BA'93, at Beasley's retirement dinner last April

day before Thanksgiving break of my freshman year, my grandfather passed away suddenly, and within hours Mr. Beasley called me, offering his help."

To honor his grandfather, Fogel and his family founded the Deramus Foundation, which primarily supports education.

In 1998, to commemorate his fifth-year class reunion, Fogel and his family, through the Deramus Foundation, pledged \$1 million to endow a scholarship in the College of Arts and Science. The gift marked the largest pledge ever by the family of a graduate in a fifth-year reunion class.

"The pledge seemed fitting for a school that shaped my life so significantly," he says.

Fogel serves on the board of the Kansas City Zoo and is a Lancer with the Kansas City Royals. He also scuba dives and participates in a number of other sports.

"Not a lot has changed. I still work hard and play hard—just as Vanderbilt taught me."

—Melissa Carro

**'94 Laura Ann Cheatham**, BA, and **Gregory Stewart Elliott**, BS, were married on November 21, 1998. They live in Louisville, Kentucky. **Michael B. Jenny**, BA, was graduated with an M.B.A. in finance from Washington University and works at a St. Louis investment banking firm in middle-market merger and acquisition transactions. **Kristy Kain**, BS, married Chris Kuzniowski in May 1998 and graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch with a Ph.D. in pathology last May. She teaches at the University of West Florida in Pensacola. **James B. MacDonald II**, BA, joined the Plainsboro, New Jersey, law firm of Smith Stratton Wise Heher & Brennan as an associate specializing in the negotiation of commercial transactions.

**John Haigler Purvis**, BS, received the doctor of medicine degree from the University of Tennessee at Memphis last June and began residency training in pediatrics at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. **Christopher Rehm**, BS, married Kris Parks. They graduated from medical school at Northwestern University in 1998. Christopher is training in physical medicine and rehabilitation, and Kris is training in pediatrics in Boston, where they live. **Wendy Reynolds**, BA, teaches first grade at the Tower Hill School in Wilmington, Delaware, after earning a master's degree in educational leadership and administration from American University in Washington, D.C. **Gregory J. Roberts**, BE, received an M.D. degree at the University of Ten-

nessee at Memphis last June. **Marc Sherrell**, BA, assistant professor of theatre and undergraduate design coordinator at Louisiana State University, has recent design credits that include *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and *Sleeping Beauty* for the Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre. **Aaron Slator**, BS, and his fiancée, Jennifer Gilly, earned M.B.A. degrees from Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business and moved to Houston, where he works with TXU Energy Services. **Bryan A. Thorpe**, BE, married Rebecca Anne MacKinnon on October 16, 1999. They live in Franklin, Tennessee. **Scott Richard Tyrone**, BA, married Frances Elizabeth Shears on July 31, 1999. They live in Nashville. **Carrie Zimmerman**,



BA, works at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, teaching leadership classes and helping new students make the transition into college life. She earned a master's degree in theology at TCU and directed a homeless shelter for three years before returning to TCU.

#### REUNION MAY 26-27, 2000

**'95 Patrick N. Baker**, BS, of Marietta, Georgia, married Melisia Sweat on January 22, 2000. He works for Delta Technology in Atlanta. **Rebecca Anne Campbell**, BA, married Cedric Dupuy last summer and moved from Dallas to Nashville to pursue an M.B.A. degree at the Owen Graduate School of Management. **Sharling Chen**, BA, and **Charles Gardner Grummon**, BA, MBA'99, were married August 14, 1999. They live in Nashville. **Melanie Lynn Conwill**, BS, MED'97, married Christopher Patrick Beck on July 31, 1999. They live in Nashville. **Elizabeth J. Deal**, BA, a corporal in the Marine Corps, reported for duty at Headquarters, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Camp Pendelton, California. **Michelle deBlauquiere**, BS, married **John Langgaker**, BE, on July 10, 1999. They live in Fairway, Kansas. **Robert "Tenny" Field**, BA, works in New York City for Chase Securities in the Global Investment Bank. He looks forward to visits from friends. **Layne Harris Heacock**, BS, MED'98, and **Robert Bryles Pickett**, BE'93, were married on September 18, 1999. They live in Nashville. **Molly Henneberg**, BS, is the HealthBeat reporter at WBRE-TV Channel 28 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and was featured in an article in the *Times Leader* newspaper last July. **Paige N. Hopkins**, BA, married **Kevin Reilly**, BA'92, on September 19, 1999. They live in Chicago. **Deborah Hutchinson**, BA, is in the doctoral program in cultural anthropology at SUNY at Buffalo where she is studying Chinese medicine, and attends the Maryland Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Bethesda, studying acupuncture. **Jason Janning**, BE, is pursuing an M.B.A. degree at the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. **Ingrid Lang**, BS, writes that she is engaged to David Beede Jr. for a May 20, 2000, wedding in Darien, Connecticut. The maid of honor will be **Jennifer Foley**, E'93, and **Katherine Majowka**, BS'95, will be a bridesmaid. **Whitney E. Pollock**, BA, was awarded the doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine last June. **Helen Letitia Pryor**, BA'95, married Stephen Grady Arnold on August 7, 1999. They live in

Marina del Ray, California. **Greg Stine**, BE, of Alexandria, Virginia, received the 1999 Distinguished Contribution Award from the Project Manager Institute in Philadelphia for his efforts in developing student involvement in PMI. He is a project manager with Program Planning Professionals.

**'96 Linda Lee Auther**, PhD, married Andrew Phillip Steffen on October 2, 1999. They live in Nashville. **Bonnie J. Baria**, BS, is working on a master's degree in mathematics at Stanford University in California. **William Jarratt Bell**, BA, married Deanna Marie Smith on August 7, 1999. They live in Nashville. **Elizabeth Ann Benchea**, BA, and **Matthew Ferdinand Block**, BA'95, were married July 10, 1999. They live in Thibodaux, Louisiana. **Susanne Day**, BA, married **Robert Seidman**, BA, on August 21, 1999. They live in Arlington, Virginia. In attendance were **Josh Schwartz**, BA, **Olivia Carter Mather**, BS, and **Carina Benavides**, BS'97. **William M. Gerhardt**, BA, is a first-year law student at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. **Susan B. Holmes**, MEd, accepted a position as associate vice president for academic affairs at Chattanooga State Technical Community College. She also is "having fun running a weekend B&B in a restored 1872 home in Sewanee, Tennessee, with her husband, Greg Maynard, and nine-year-old son, Robert." **Elaine Anderson Phillips**, PhD, was appointed assistant professor of English at Tennessee State University in Nashville. **Christine Huffman Sadler**, BS, and her husband, **David Sadler**, BS, live in Cincinnati where she is a clinical data specialist, and he is a research associate at Procter & Gamble. They miss the theatre and their friends, "but we are very content." **Nancy Schultz**, BE, joined the Nashville office of the North Highland Company, a technology and management consulting company, as a principal in charge of business development. **Elizabeth Anne Shirel**, BS'96, married John Manley Fortune on November 6, 1999. They live in Nashville. **Martha Randolph Tipton**, BS, married **Bennie Ray Elrod**, BA, on October 30, 1999. They live in Nashville. **Amy Vance**, BA, a navy lieutenant j.g., was stationed in Istanbul, Turkey, last summer aboard the dock landing ship USS *Gunston*, providing disaster relief in the aftermath of the earthquake in western Turkey. **Melissa Joyce Wilkins**, MS, married James Elliot Still Jr. on August 7, 1999. They live in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

**'97 Connie Lynn Baker**, MSN, married Tod Jason Barrow on August 1, 1999. They live in Palmetto, Florida. **Toby G. Cannon**, MEd, joined BMI in Nashville as director of training and development and general licensing. BMI is a performing rights organization, representing more than 200,000 songwriters and publishers and a catalog of more than three million songs. **Lisa M. Cipolla**, BA, is in graduate school at Washington University in St. Louis after spending a year in Paris. Her puppy, Blackberry, keeps her company, "although not quite like McTyeire and a good game of Gotcha did!" **Katherine A. Kerns**, MA, is in her second year of teaching English in Poland as a Peace Corps volunteer. **Bradley E. McCall**, BE, lived in Illinois and Connecticut, then bought a Harley and headed to the warmth of Plano, Texas, where he is a regional product support manager for Caterpillar. **Virginia Fancourt McCord**, BA, and **James Vann Stewart**, BA'96, were married June 5, 1999. They live in Birmingham. **Amanda Dickinson Pommerenck**, BE, and her husband, **Derek**, BE, are first lieutenants in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They are stationed in Southern Germany but were deployed to Kosovo for several months. **Renie B. Porter**, BS, completed a master's degree in education last summer and was named director of student activities at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. **Amanda Restifo**, BA, joined the Nashville firm of Paine/Pomeroy Marketing Communications as an account executive. **Daniel R. Scott**, BS, and his wife, **Ellen Hoppmann Scott**, BS'98, were transferred to Marine Corps Base, Hawaii. He is an assistant operations officer for the First Radio Battalion, and she is the special education services coordinator at Kaneohe Elementary School. **Jessica Stone**, BS, and **Richard Hartley**, BS, were married on July 10, 1999. They became engaged atop Love Hill during Homecoming weekend in 1998. The bridal party included **Elsa Wang**, BS, **Caroline Portis**, BA, **Michelle Littman**, BA, and **Diedra Stavelly Collier**, BA. The couple resides in northern New Jersey. **Jennifer Paige Trager**, BA, and **Jay Robert Janco**, BA, were married June 12, 1999. They live in Dallas. Vandy grads in the wedding party included **Heather Carmichael**, BS'96; **Megan Steenberge**, BA; **Stephanie McKnight Husband**, BS'98; **Melissa McCurley Rockenbach**, BA'96; **Kent Allen**, BE; and **Dan Blum**, BA. Numerous other Vanderbilt alumni also were in attendance.

**'98 Angela Olivia Carter**, BA, married Nathan Stephen Holleman on June 26, 1999. They live in Charleston, South Carolina. **Brad Chicoine**, BA, joined the Orsborn Company, a Nashville public relations firm, as an associate account executive. **Margaret Laurie Comer**, BS, married **Holland Boyd Wright II**, BA'97, on July 31, 1999. She is pursuing a doctoral degree in counseling psychology, and he is pursuing a doctoral degree in medical dentistry at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. **Coni Ely**, BA, joined Earnhardt & Co. Productions, a Nashville-based video production firm, as production/administrative coordinator. **Brett D. Feldman**, JD, is a second-year associate at the Philadelphia law firm of Piper & Marbury. He married Jennifer Blum in September 1999. In attendance were **Andrew Steinberg**, JD, and **Marc Schatten**, JD. The couple spent their honeymoon visiting family and touring Israel. Reach Brett at bfeldman@pipermar.com. **Brooke Courtney Gallagher**, BA, and **Jason Scott Reusch**, BA'99, were married in Salzburg, Austria, on July 10, 1999. They live in Nashville, where she works in human resources at Sprint PCS, and he is a systems administrator at the Owen Graduate School of Management. **Robyn A. Gerth**, BS, is working toward a master's degree in geology at the University of California at Santa Cruz but misses the Vanderbilt environment and people. "Six of us had a reunion in June, and it was the best time I've had in a long while," she writes, adding that she would welcome Vandy visitors in the San Francisco/Monterey Bay area. **Gayle D. Green**, BA, earned a master's degree last spring from the University of Chicago and is pursuing a Ph.D. in sociology at SUNY-Stony Brook in New York. **Danielle Hicks**, BA, is pursuing a master's degree at the Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. **Jacquelyn K. Hutson**, BS, a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, reported for duty with the 2nd Radio Battalion, 2nd Surveillance Reconnaissance, Intelligence Group, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. **Timothy J. Long**, BS, an ensign in the U.S. Navy, earned the Surface Warfare Officer pin and serves as a first lieutenant aboard the guided missile cruiser USS *Princeton*. **Kevin Blaine Miller**, BA, married Emily DeCamp Sanders on July 17, 1999. They live in Lexington, Kentucky. **Miranda Kaye Pritt**, BA, married Trenton Lee Baldwin on December 18, 1998. On July 21, 1999, they celebrated the birth of their son, Keaton Alexander Baldwin. They live in Charleston, West

Virginia. **Elizabeth Hartsfield Ross**, BE, received a master of science degree in civil and environmental engineering from Leland Stanford Junior University in Palo Alto, California. She works with Morphy Makofsky in New Orleans. Her parents are **John Ross**, BA'68, and **Harriet Long Ross**, BA'68, of Savannah, Tennessee, and her grandmother is **Marion T. Long**, BA'40, of Trenton, Tennessee. **Richard Todd**, MD, and **Chandler Todd**, MD, are living in Chicago where he is in the second year of residency in urology at the University of Chicago, and she is in the second year of residency in pediatrics at Northwestern University's Children's Memorial. They welcome visits from medical school friends who want to see the Windy City. **Rebecca Torok**, BS, lives in Pittsburgh where she recruits attorneys for law firms and corporations nationwide. **Andrew O. Zurick**, BA, is working toward a medical degree at the University of Cincinnati.

**'99 Haley Jane Abel**, BA, married **Eric James Duncavage**, BA'98, on June 26, 1999. They live in Memphis where they continue their studies at the University of Tennessee Medical Center. **Sheri E. Auttonberry**, JD, is a resident in the Cincinnati office of the law firm of Thompson Hine & Flory. **Eric Bakewell**, BA, is pursuing a law degree at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and working as a health care legal assistant at the law firm of Powell Goldstein Frazer & Murphy. **Brad Bushnell**, BA, was elected president of his medical school class at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, which he attends on a meritorious scholarship. **Ashley Drummond**, BA, of Austin, Texas, is the regional political coordinator for the western states with the Bush for President campaign. **Peggy Chiu Heminger**, JD, became associated with the Pittsburgh office of Doeppen Keevican & Weiss, practicing

corporate law. **Kristin L. Kirkman**, BE, married Brian Hall on January 1, 2000. They live in Greensboro, North Carolina. **Matthew L. Lenhard**, JD, joined the Cleveland, Ohio, law office of Thompson Hine & Flory as a resident. **Duncan McIntosh**, BA, is serving with the Peace Corps in Samoa, teaching physics in a secondary school. **Alexander P. Okuliar**, JD, joined the Dallas law office of Sheinfeld Maley & Kay as an associate practicing in the reorganization and bankruptcy section. **Brooke Palmer**, BS, moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, to get a master's degree in marine science from the University of South Florida. Her research involves manatee rehabilitation. She also works as a zookeeper at Busch Gardens. **Rebecca Williams**, BS, and **Allen MacKenzie**, BE, were engaged to be married during Homecoming weekend. He is a graduate student at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

#### DEATHS

**Harriet Chappell Owsley**, A'22, BS'25, of Nashville, July 2, 1999, of heart failure at her home after a lengthy illness. She lived on the Vanderbilt campus with her husband, Vanderbilt history professor Frank L. Owsley, until the family moved to Tuscaloosa in 1949. She returned to Nashville after her husband's death in 1956 and became archivist for the State of Tennessee at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. She also was assistant director of the Andrew Jackson Papers at the Hermitage and editor of volume one of the *Papers of Andrew Jackson*. Survivors include a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren. **John R. Steelman**, MA'24, BD'25, of Naples, Florida, July 14, 1999. He was "assistant to the president" under President Harry Truman and was listed as one of Truman's top-ten friends and advisors. His specific function was to

## Kim Huu Nguyen Le PRIME-TIME ARTIST

When the history of America's great 20th-century families is written, a select few are certain to be included: the Vanderbilts, the Rockefellers, the Kennedys—and, of course, the Simpsons.

For ten seasons, the animated Fox television series *The Simpsons* has elevated family dysfunction to an art form, offering America a farcical glimpse into the lives of the witless but lovable Homer Simpson; his long-suffering, blue-haired wife, Marge; and their three children, Bart, Lisa, and Maggie. The enduring—and often endearing—show is currently television's longest-running comedy series.

Bringing the show's characters to life each week is a cast of animators nearly as large as the Simpson family's own fictitious city of Springfield. One of the newest members of that cast is Kim Le, BA'98, a character layout artist for Film Roman, the Los Angeles studio that provides animation for *The Simpsons* and *King of the Hill*.

Le, a Kansas native, received her fine arts degree from the College of Arts and Science in 1998 and immediately moved to California where she enrolled in courses taught by animators with Disney, Warner Bros., and DreamWorks studios. Le's teachers began to notice her work, and last August she landed her "dream job" with Film Roman and *The Simpsons*.

"*The Simpsons* set a new standard for the world of animation in America, where animation is only considered by most people to be cartoons," she says. "Its writing is intelligent, and it really broke ground for the industry. I would like to see animation in America get to the point that it is in Japan, where people of all ages respect and enjoy it."

From the first script to final production, each *Simpsons* episode takes about six months to complete. Because 22 new episodes are produced each season—each one with as many as 33,000 individual animation cels—animators frequently work on as many as ten different episodes concurrently.



Le must be versatile enough to animate scenes involving any of the show's myriad characters. "The common misperception is that these are really easy characters, but they have been around for 11 years. The show has a great presence, and viewers know when the animation doesn't look right. The company is very conscientious about training everyone to animate consistently."

The first *Simpsons* episode featuring Le's work, tentatively titled "Alone Again, Naturadiddly" (à la Ned Flanders), aired in February.

Le says her Vanderbilt education taught her structure, an understanding of deadlines, and the importance of analytical thinking—lessons that one day are certain to benefit the delinquent but misunderstood Bart Simpson, if ever he is old enough to attend college.

"Of course," agrees Le, "but Baby Maggie has a better chance of being accepted at Vanderbilt than Bart!"

—Phillip B. Tucker



coordinate federal agency programs and policies. He served in World War I and worked in jobs from logging to bookkeeping. After serving with the Truman administration, he became a director of the Audio Dynamics Corporation in Washington and a trustee of the Nationwide Investing Foundation. Survivors include his wife, a stepson, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two brothers.

**Grace McVeigh**, BA'25, of Nashville, June 28, 1999. She had a nearly 30-year career as a geophysicist for the Atlantic Richfield Company in search of oil. Her work took her to South America and the Middle East. She was a strong and active supporter of the Vanderbilt University Medical Center, establishing several academic and need-based full-tuition scholarships. Donations may be made to the Grace McVeigh Scholarship Fund at the Vanderbilt School of Medicine, Medical Center Development, 301 Medical Center South, 2100 Pierce Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37212.

**Joseph S. Rosenberg**, A'25, of Albany, Georgia, April 20, 1999, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife; a son, **Ralph S. Rosenberg**, BA'52; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Alden Hitchcock Smith**, BA'27, of Nashville, August 5, 1999, at his home of cardiac arrest. He was a retired special life insurance agent with the William S. Cochran General Agency. He was a founder and partner of the former insurance firm of Smith, Reed & Thompson. During World War II, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps and served as an intelligence officer for a troop carrier squadron. He was a past president and member of the Nashville Association of Life Underwriters, belonged to West End United Methodist Church, and was affiliated with the United Givers Fund (United Way), Boys and Girls Clubs, Downtown Rotary Club, Scottish Rite, Masonic Lodge, and Belle Meade Country Club. Survivors include two sons, **Alden H. Smith Jr.**, BA'53, JD'65, and **E. Dan Smith II**, BA'61; a stepdaughter; 17 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

**Giles Roberts Floyd Jr.**, MA'28, of Floydale, South Carolina, June 1, 1999. He is survived by a niece and three nephews.

**Thomas Lewis Blalock**, A'30, of Atlanta, July 29, 1999, of congestive heart failure. He was a retired life insurance executive and agency owner. A native of Valdosta, Georgia, he also lived in Jacksonville, Florida; Waycross, Georgia; and Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He

was active in St. Anne's Episcopal Church and civic clubs. Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, three grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

**Audrie Leah Bobb**, MS'31, of Ithaca, New York, October 5, 1999. A baccalaureate graduate of Mississippi State College for Women, she earned a medical degree at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. She practiced medicine in New York City from 1942 to 1952, specializing in peripheral vascular disease, and later taught management of musculoskeletal pain at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. Survivors include a companion and two children.

**Thomas Lester Hale Jr.**, BA'33, of Tryon, North Carolina, September 22, 1999. He was a native of Watertown, Tennessee, and spent the 40 years following graduation from Vanderbilt with E.I. Dupont de Nemours Company in Buffalo, New York; Old Hickory, Tennessee; and Wilmington, Delaware. He was an active member of the Red Fox Country Club, the Covenant Presbyterian Church, the Rotary Club, and professional organizations. Survivors include his wife, **Eugenia Smith Hale**, BA'32; a daughter; a son; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a brother; and a sister.

**Louis Rosenfeld**, BA'33, MD'36, of Nashville, October 2, 1999. He was a surgeon, medical professor, and historian who taught for 46 years at Vanderbilt. He was author of *Memoirs of a Surgical House Officer*, *History of Surgery at Vanderbilt University*, and *The Fighting 300th*, an account of his experience with a Vanderbilt surgical unit during World War II. Survivors include two sons and three grandchildren.

**Charles P. Noell Jr.**, A'35, of Covington, Tennessee, July 12, 1999. He is survived by his wife.

**Marjory E. Stewart**, BA'35, of Toms River, New Jersey, December 30, 1998.

**Wilburn Jackson Winter**, BA'35, of Highlands, North Carolina, July 30, 1999. A World War II veteran with the U.S. Navy, he was a business executive in the steel industry and a member of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. Survivors include two sons and a granddaughter.

**Rolon L. Madry**, BA'37, of Nashville, July 20, 1999. He is survived by his wife, a brother, three nephews, and two nieces.

**Gale Armstrong McIver**, A'38, of Columbia, Tennessee, August 2, 1999. A retired teacher, she is survived by a daughter, son, and four grandchildren.

**Hugh Jordan Miser**, BA'38, of Farmington, Connecticut, June 22, 1999, of cancer. He had a long career as an educator, practitioner, consultant, and editor in the fields of mathematics, operations research, and systems analysis. During his career he held positions with the Illinois Institute of Technology, Williams College, the University of Massachusetts, U.S. Air Force, Research Triangle Institute in North Carolina, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mitre Corporation, and Travelers Research Center, where he retired as vice president in 1982. He was a founding member of the Operations Research Society of America. He received a number of medals and awards recognizing his contributions to national and international operations research communities. A devoted opera fan, he was a founding board member of the New World Chamber Ensemble. Other personal interests included his grandchildren, his church, and the Boston Red Sox. He is survived by his wife, four children, and 15 grandchildren.

**Bernard Rich Breyer**, BA'39, of Auburn, Alabama, May 17, 1999, at his cottage in Hereford, England. An English professor at Auburn University, he served as a combat soldier in the Pacific theater during World War II. Survivors include his wife; a daughter, **Lucy Breyer**, BA'69; two sons, including **Thomas Jonathan Breyer**, BA'69; four grandchildren; and a brother, **Julius Breyer Jr.**, E'37.

**Ruth K. Strohschein**, MD'39, of Columbus, Ohio, March 17, 1999.

**Jean Bass Beran**, BSN'40, of Sun City, Arizona, September 19, 1999. She practiced public health nursing in Gibson County, Tennessee, after graduating from Vanderbilt and earned a master's degree in nursing education at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio. After a stint as a head nurse and teaching supervisor of obstetrical nursing at St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco, she joined the U.S. Army as a captain and served at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, before moving to Denver, Colorado. In Denver she worked for the state of Colorado in the Department of Health until her retirement. Survivors include two stepchildren, a brother, nephew, and niece.

**John Dawson Frierson Jr.**, BA'41, JD'47, of Columbia, Tennessee, July 24, 1999. He served the city of Columbia as city judge and as a private attorney. During World War II he was a captain in the U.S. Army. In 1951 he was a member of the state House of Representatives and sponsored a bill calling for the state's first limited constitution-

al convention. His community affiliations included First Presbyterian Church, Columbia Rotary Club, Maury County Board Association, Maury County Gun Club, and the Vanderbilt Quarterback Club. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, a grandson, a sister, and a brother.

**Henry P. Gude**, A'41, October 6, 1998, of congestive heart failure in Little Rock, Arkansas. A veteran of World War II, he was a retired plant electrician for Ford Motor Company in Buffalo, New York. Survivors include a sister and two nephews.

**O. Dayton Manier**, A'41, of Nashville, June 21, 1999. He was vice president of sales at Baird Ward Printing Company. After his retirement, he was a counselor at Cumberland Heights and later director of First Step Halfway House for Recovering Alcoholics. He also worked as equipment manager in Vanderbilt's Department of Campus Recreation. He volunteered for military service during World War II and had been a line coach for the Woodmont Elementary School football team. He was affiliated with St. George's Episcopal Church and the Exchange Club of Nashville. Survivors include his wife, **Virginia Hatcher Manier**, BA'43; two daughters; a son; two grand-children; and a brother, **William R. Manier III**, A'44.

**William S. Mills III**, BA'42, of Edmonds, Washington, August 2, 1999. A native of Nashville, he served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and Korea and with the NROTC at the University of Washington. He retired as a commander and, during his career, was awarded the Navy Commendation for Valor. He also was vice president with Peoples National Bank and was an elder with the Edmonds Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife, four children, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Robert Lynn Farrar Jr.**, A'43, of Walland, Tennessee, June 27, 1999. He was a retired chemist at the Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant and received numerous patents related to the gaseous diffusion process. He was a navy veteran of World War II, an avid researcher in family genealogy, and a certified member of First Families of Tennessee. He loved the outdoors, camping, fishing, hunting, and hiking. Survivors include his wife, a son, two daughters, three grandchildren, and two sisters.

**S. Edward Izard**, MD'43, of Charleston, South Carolina, July 14, 1999, of heart failure. He was an orthopedic surgeon, an associate professor with the Medical University of South Carolina, and a

consultant to Veterans Affairs and the Crippled Children's Society. His professional and civic affiliations included the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, South Carolina Orthopedic Association, South Carolina Medical Society, Widows and Orphans Society, American College of Surgeons, Carolina Yacht Club, Charleston Club, Carolina Agricultural Society, and Sea Island Yacht Club. Survivors include his wife, three sons, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two sisters, and two brothers.

**Howard M. Rhea Jr.**, A'43, of Somerville, Tennessee, April 29, 1996. He is survived by his wife.

**Anita Parks Burrus**, BA'44, of Jackson, Tennessee, June 1999. She became the first female member of the Madison County Court in 1965 and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, **Swan Burrus**, BA'42, MD'45, a son, and two grandchildren.

**Ralph W. Kieffer**, A'44, of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1999. He is survived by his wife.

**Stanton Dibrell Tubb**, A'44, of Sparta, Tennessee, July 26, 1999, at his home. He joined the Naval Air Corps and served in the Pacific theater during World War II and saw extensive action from 1942 to 1945. His professional career included being an officer and director of Tubb Motors, Tubb & Hill Oil, Dann Manufacturing Company, and Manchester Manufacturing Company. He was a director of the Volunteer State Oil Committee and the Tennessee Oil Men's Association. His community affiliations included the Central Church of Christ, West Sparta Church of Christ, the Chamber of Commerce, Civitan Club, Tennessee PTA, Masons, Elks Lodge, and the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. Survivors include his wife, a son, three daughters, and six grandchildren.

**Paul J. Acker**, BD'45, of St. Petersburg, Florida, June 22, 1999, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He is survived by his wife.

**Arthur E. Carpenter Jr.**, A'45, of Gainesville, Georgia, August 6, 1999. A physician, he retired as chief medical director of the Northeast Georgia Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, two sons, three daughters, two stepdaughters, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his mother, and two brothers.

**C.H. Hunt**, BD'45, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, September 19, 1999.

**George W. Pickens**, BA'46, of Nashville, November 17, 1998.

**Walker H. Thomas**, BE'47, of Boulder City, Nevada, August 7, 1999. He is survived by his wife.

**Doris Steelman Frakes**, A'48, of Columbia, Tennessee, June 25, 1999. She was a retired schoolteacher and is survived by her father, two sons, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

**Clinton David Hamilton**, MA'48, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, September 27, 1999. After receiving a master's degree in medieval European history at Vanderbilt, he served as dean of Florida College in Temple Terrace until 1968. He later served as general secretary of the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities and in 1993 retired as executive vice president of Broward Community College in Ft. Lauderdale. His community affiliations included the Rotary Club, Temple Terrace Public Library Board, Board of the City of Temple Terrace, Boy Scouts of America, Friends of the Broward County Library, Broward County Red Cross, Broward County Center for the Blind, Board of Service Agency for Senior Citizens, and the Broward Community Blood Center. He also served as minister of the Northdale Church of Christ in Ft. Lauderdale. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, a son, two grandsons, and two brothers.

**Dewey D. Lineberry**, BE'48, of Louisville, Kentucky, May 11, 1999.

**Ed Maddux**, BE'48, of Nashville, September 5, 1999. He lettered in basketball and football at Vanderbilt and was an army veteran of World War II. A Nashville businessman, he helped found Southern Machinery Company. He was a member of Inglewood United Methodist Church and the Downtown Rotary Club. Survivors include his wife; sons **Ned Maddux**, BE'71, and **Ray Maddux**, BE'73; four grandchildren, including **Drew Maddux**, BS'98, and **Chris Maddux**, BS'96, JD'99; a brother, **Richard Maddux**, E'50; and two sisters.

**Wenzel E. Bjorklund**, BE'49, of Hallsville, Texas, September 1, 1996.

**Richard M. Moores**, E'49, of Daytona Beach, Florida, March 3, 1999.

**Henry Wigge Schlattner**, A'51, of San Antonio, Texas, June 16, 1999, of lung disease. He was a retired architect who designed the Texas state seal. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, three grandchildren, and a brother.

**George K. Stout Jr.**, BA'51, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, July 31, 1998.

**Robert H. DeLano**, MD'52, of Northwood, North Dakota, March 31, 1999.

**Reginald D. Stagmaier**, A'52, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, December 27, 1998. He is survived by his wife.

**Henry Francis Stabler**, BA'56, of Atlanta, June 26, 1999. He was a professor of accounting, emeritus, at Georgia State University. He received the university's 1997 Outstanding Faculty Award from the school of accountancy and the 1995 Blue Key Distinguished Professor Award. He was a past president of the Georgia Society of CPAs and during his career taught at Tennessee Technological University and worked with Price Waterhouse and Arthur Andersen accounting firms. He was an active member of St. Mark United Methodist Church.

**James Floyd Taylor Jr.**, BD'56, of Columbia, Tennessee, June 26, 1999. He was a retired minister of the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church. On his birthday in 1941, he was inducted into the U.S. Army and served four years during World War II. As a pastor he served pastorates in West and Middle Tennessee. Survivors include his wife, three sons, five grandchildren, an aunt, niece, and nephews.

**Gilbert C. Willems**, BA'56, MS'67, of Slidell, Louisiana, July 10, 1999, at his home of renal failure. He was a retired engineer for the Naval Bio-Dynamics Laboratory, Michoud Facility, New Orleans, and employee of the University of New Orleans. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren, and a brother.

**George Deiderich**, BA'59, of Gallatin, Tennessee, July 2, 1999, of cancer. He was an All-American guard in football at Vanderbilt who played offensive and defensive guard and was a two-time All-SEC selection. He played professional football with the Los Angeles Rams and the Montreal Alouettes. An avid golfer, he retired from the Lipton Tea Company in Naperville, Illinois, after 25 years. Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

**Alance Irwin Brunson**, MS'62, of Roswell, Georgia, August 15, 1999. She was a speech pathologist at the Bill Wilkerson Hearing and Speech Center; director of the Cerebral Palsy Program in Nashville and Atlanta; director of the Michael Reese Hospital at DePaul University in Chicago; and an instructor in speech pathology at Emory University School of Medicine, Maryland Society for Crippled Children in Baltimore, Loyola College in Baltimore, Atlanta Easter Seal Center, and the University of Georgia. She received a bachelor's degree from Randolph Macon Woman's College, a master's degree at Vanderbilt in speech pathology, and did post-master's study at Northwestern University. Her affiliations included Kappa Alpha Theta, *Who's Who of*

*American Women*, *Who's Who Among Human Services Professionals*, and *International Register of Profiles*. Survivors include two sisters.

**Genevieve Carol Parker Thomas**, BA'62, of Nashville, June 17, 1999, of breast cancer. After earning her degree in math and German, she worked in computer science at IBM in Dallas, the Vanderbilt Computer Center, First National Bank in Atlanta, HCA, and the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee. Most recently she was director of alumni education and travel at Vanderbilt. She served on the boards of the Junior League, League of Women Voters, Hope Inc., Friends of Children's Hospital, and the Friends of the Tennessee Association of Crafts Artists. A two-time member of the vestry of Christ Church Cathedral, she enjoyed native-plant gardening, scuba diving, and travel. Survivors include her husband; three children, including **James Speed Thomas**, BS'95; and two sisters.

**Raphael G. Powers**, MS'64, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, January 1998.

**Helen H. Thompson**, MAT'64, EdS'67, of Richmond, Virginia, June 17, 1999. A retired English teacher, she is survived by her husband of 57 years.

**Walter Ira Berman**, BA'68, of Dallas, Texas, June 27, 1999, after a long battle with cancer. Survivors include his wife and five children.

**George W. Martin**, MA'68, of New Orleans, June 24, 1999. He is survived by his wife.

**Steven Douglas Thomas**, BA'80, JD'83, of Nashville, September 4, 1999, of cancer. An attorney, he is survived by his wife, a daughter, and his mother. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, Patient and Family Care, 301 Medical Center South, Nashville, TN 37232.

**Mary Sue Wright**, MBA'85, of Nashville, November 4, 1998. Formerly assistant to the Tennessee Secretary of State, she is survived by a daughter, son, two sisters, and a brother.

**Donald Frederick Walker Jr.**, BMus'92, of Asheville, North Carolina, July 17, 1999, of injuries suffered in a traffic accident. A self-employed guitarist, he is survived by his parents, a brother, and four sisters.



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