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Thank You, Bereans!



Ann Mary Quarandillo

When I came to Berea College five years ago, I had heard bits and pieces about it from friends in Lexington. But I had no idea what a special place it is and what wonderful people I would meet. I've had the opportunity to interview a Nobel Prize winner—Dr. John Fenn, '37. I've stood on top of a mountain with an Olympian—Matiss Zacmanis, '97. For this issue, I was fortunate to meet with a brother and sister who have both risen to the heights of their fields—Keith Dean, '73, tour manager for some of today's top musicians, and Dr. Donna Dean, '69, a former senior scholar in residence at the National Academy of Engineering and top level administrator for the National Institutes of Health.


I've also met amazing people who are quietly working to better their communities and their region. John and Susan McGuffin Alexander, '78, who teach young children in the heart of western Virginia. Patty Wallace, '52, the "Housewife from Hell" who has spent more than 20 years fighting to protect the mountains from environmental degradation. Ralph Smith, Elsie and Doris Robinson, Catherine Scott, '69, and Dr. Alfred Cobbs, '66—the African-American students from Prince Edward County, Virginia, who came to Berea when they had few alternatives, and became an inspiration to all of us.

It is now time for me to give another editor the opportunity to tell stories such as these. I have taken a position in publications management with Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, which makes this winter issue my final Berea College Magazine. Knowing there are many more of these stories to be told here at Berea makes me confident that your next editor will never be at a loss for inspiration.

Thank you all for five wonderful years!

Ann Mary Quarandillo
Editor

Around Campus

 Sustainability

Lincoln Hall Named Kentucky's First LEED Building



Lincoln Hall, Berea College's administration building, recently became the first building in Kentucky to be awarded the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The designation recognizes high performance and sustainable buildings and was created to promote integrated, whole-building design practices and raise consumer awareness of green building practices. To date, there are only 151 LEED certified buildings in the United States.

Certification at one of three levels—Silver, Gold or Platinum—is awarded based on a point system which evaluates projects on more than 70 stringent criteria that fall under the general categories of sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and

atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation and design process. Lincoln Hall received certification at the Silver level.

Built in 1885-87, Lincoln Hall is the second oldest permanent structure on Berea's campus and has been Berea's administration building since 1914. Lincoln Hall was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1975 for its significance in the history of the U.S. civil rights movement.

Lincoln Hall underwent an 18-month, \$5.5 million "green" renovation as a result of a collapse of its central interior in May 2001 and reopened in the fall of 2003. In addition to the President's office, the newly renovated building houses Finance and Business Administration



offices, offices of the Provost, Associate Provosts, Dean and Associate Dean of the Faculty, and the office of Institutional Research. Most of the first floor is occupied by the new Student Services Center, providing "one-stop shopping" for students that consolidates Academic Services, Student Financial Aid, and Student Accounts.

For more information about LEED's certification visit www.usgbc.org. Read more about Lincoln Hall's Historic Landmark designation at www.cr.nps.gov/nhl.

Upward Bound Director Mary McLaughlin, '69, Honored for 35 Years of Service

Mary McLaughlin, director of the Upward Bound program at Berea College, was honored by colleagues and students with a surprise recognition event Sept. 18 for 35 years of leadership and service. The event took place on Upward Bound reunion day, when students currently enrolled in Upward Bound come to campus. Former staff and students, including students from McLaughlin's first class 35 years ago, were also invited.

Students and alumni alike arrived to show their respect with their comments, poems, and speeches. Former student Hasan Davis, '92, who went on to earn a law degree and is now advisor to the President of the United States on youth issues, stated, "Everything I now do is motivated by the passion of Mary McLaughlin."

McLaughlin has had a role in Berea College's Upward Bound program in every year except the first (1966), and has had a great influence on its development. It is distinctive among programs due to its challenging interdisciplinary curriculum and the student involvement as tutor counselors and teachers.

Today, the Berea College Upward Bound program serves 85 participants each year in selected schools in eight south central Kentucky counties: Clinton, Laurel, Madison, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Wayne, and Whitley. Ninety-nine percent of the participants in the Berea program graduate from high school and last year 88 percent of the participants enrolled in college. Former participants have been placed in at least 30 different colleges throughout Kentucky and the surrounding states. "Upward Bound changes lives and it changes mine every summer," McLaughlin emphasized as reasons for her sustained dedication.

Earlier this year, McLaughlin was recognized for her years of service to Upward Bound by the Southern Association of Educational Opportunity Programs. In 1998 she received the Paul Luxmore Lifetime Achievement Award for professional excellence from the Kentucky Association of Educational Opportunity Programs.



Mary McLaughlin

College's Newest Technology and Industrial Arts Laboratory Is...Really Old!



The lab's "ribbon cutting" involved placing a 6'x6' beam across the doorway with a rough-hewn wooden ribbon attached, then sawing it off using a 2-person saw - with students on one end and various officials, including Berea College President Larry Shinn, on the other.

It's Berea College's newest technology and industrial arts laboratory, but those attending the lab's open house on Sept. 28 felt as if they'd stepped back in time.

The Monty Saulmon Early Technology Lab is not only filled with authentic—and operational—hand-powered tools and machinery, but the classroom itself has been transformed to resemble a 19th century woodworking shop. In the lab are more than 100 tools and pieces of hand- or foot-powered equipment, from

augers and clamps to large band saws and lathes.

The 24' x 28' laboratory was built and set up in only four weeks last summer with an Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects grant from Berea College, by assistant professor Brad Christensen and TIA majors Carrie Causey, Ben Ingram, and Ethan Minney, who had a hand in every aspect of its creation.

Plans for the early technology lab began several years ago when Saulmon, a 1964 Berea College alumnus and industrial arts major, donated the collection to Berea. "He donated about 1,000 pieces to us with the idea that we would use them," said Brad Christensen, assistant professor of technology and industrial arts. Since then, students and faculty have been researching and repairing them, helped by several boxes of old catalogs and books donated with the tools along with Saulmon's own personal notes.

As tools are researched and repaired over time, they will be rotated in and out of use. A computer database of the collection that includes all information known about the origin, manufacture and use of each tool has been started also, and will eventually be accessible online.

Technology department faculty aren't aware of any other college or university campus in the country with a similar laboratory or of one that has a comparable collection of early hand tools and machinery of comparable age, quality, variety, and quantity, that is available for students to use. Some of the tools were used in a Short Term course taught in Jan. 2003 called "Woodworking Unplugged," but beginning this past fall, the laboratory made experiences with early technology available to a wide variety of classes year-round. The facility will also be open to visitors.

"Students will get a new appreciation for traditional methods," said Christensen, "and they'll gain craftsmanship skills and a historical perspective of the trade of woodworking."

Internationalization

Dr. Lily Feidy Speaks on Peacemaking in the Middle East

Dr. Lily Feidy, deputy for program design and management for Jerusalem-based MIFTAH (The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy) delivered the annual Robbins Peace and Brotherhood Lecture at Berea College Oct. 21, speaking on "The Role of Women in Promoting Peace: Israel-Palestine."

"I bring a message of hope and peace from the Holy Land," Feidy told Berea students. Dr. Feidy, whose daughter Riyam Bashir is a Berea College sophomore, spent a week in Berea, meeting with several classes and participating in "Refugees' Journeys: From Camps to Campus," a United Nations Day Forum on Oct. 22 at which a group of Berea students from different countries talked about their experiences as former refugees.

Feidy is on the board of directors of AMPAL (Americans and Palestinians for Peace) and has taken part in conferences and committees related to Higher Education and Middle East Issues. Born in Jerusalem, West Bank, Feidy earned her B.A. in English and Literature from Birzeit University, then studied in the United States where she earned a M.A. from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics from the University of Delaware.

Feidy emphasized the importance of women engaging in the political system. "Women need to assume official responsibilities in order to make a difference on a governmental level," she said.

Feidy's lecture and other activities were sponsored by the Berea College Campus Christian Center, the International Center, and the Earl and Sue Robbins Lecture Fund. The Robbins Peace and Brotherhood Lectureship at Berea was established by the late Earl G. Robbins, '32, and his wife, Sue D. Robbins, along with members of their family to bring speakers involved in the world's pressing issues to central Kentucky.



Dr. Kingshuk Majumdar Awarded Two Grants for Physics Research and Study

Dr. Kingshuk Majumdar, assistant professor of physics at Berea College, received two major awards for physics research and study.

The Cottrell College Science Award of more than \$22,000 will support Majumdar's research project "Study of Vortex Deconfinement in Condensed Matter Physics." The grant is one of 38 awards given to scientists at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada by Research Corporation, a foundation for the advancement of science. The grant will support two summers of research for Majumdar and two students in Berea's Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects program.

Through the Cottrell Science Awards, faculty at primarily undergraduate institutions are challenged to explore new areas of science and to make new discoveries that contribute to their discipline. A key element in these research programs is that they involve undergraduate students in meaningful ways. It is also expected that these endeavors will spill over into teaching, raising the quality of undergraduate education.

Majumdar also was named a Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics (KITP) Scholar. The award will fund travel and

study over a three-year period at the Kavli Institute, located at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he will work as one of seven theoretical physicists chosen from institutions nation-wide.

The KITP is one of the premier physics research facilities in the world. Institute director David Gross is one of the recipients of the 2004 Nobel Prize in physics, for work on quarks and quantum chromodynamics.

"The awards reflect the skill and knowledge that Kingshuk possesses and the level of work that he does on current problems in theoretical physics," said Dr. Smith T. Powell, professor of physics at Berea since 1970. "He is already involving students in his research and is eager to involve them in future research. We are fortunate to have Kingshuk working with us."

Majumdar joined the Berea faculty in 2000. He earned a B.S. from Presidency College, a M.S. from the University of Calcutta, and his Ph.D. from the University of Florida.

For more information, visit Dr. Majumdar's web pages at <http://www.berea.edu/physics/people/kingshukmajumdar.asp>



Kingshuk Majumdar

Berea Takes



Statewide Awards

Four Berea College publications and media relations projects received statewide honors at the annual Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Kentucky conference held December 9-10 in Hebron, Ky. The video news release covering the campus visit of Nobel Prize-winner Dr. John Fenn, '37, took top honors in the video news category, winning the CASE Grand Award. The *Berea College Magazine*, the BC Now electronic news service, and the feature article "They Closed Our Schools" were also honored.

Berea competed against more than 25 other colleges and universities across the Commonwealth.

Middle East Peace Quilt Displayed

More than 300 people from all over the world contributed squares to the Middle East Peace Quilt, an international community art project and now a traveling exhibit, which was on display in the Berea College Hutchins Library this fall. The exhibit was sponsored by the Berea College International Center and is part of the Center's "Focus on the Middle East" events.

Thirty quilted panels, each about three feet square, depict the visions of Middle East peace and a shared future by men and women of all ages and backgrounds, including Jews and Palestinians. Each of the panels is displayed with its binder containing the names and personal statements of each quilt square maker, who range from professional artists to school children.

The project's creator is Sima Elizabeth Shefrin, a Jewish fabric artist in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Shefrin first put out a call for squares in 1998, with a response she calls "extensive and wonderful in both their thoughtfulness and their creativity." Shefrin says she views the Quilt "as a place where people who will never meet can listen to one another."

On November 3, Shefrin spoke at Berea as part of the "Peanut Butter and Gender" Series. In her talk "Stitching for Social Change," Shefrin discussed the social history of quilting as a route to world peace.

Sima Shefrin





Nation's Six "Work Colleges" Gather at Berea

Students and administrators from the nation's "Work Colleges"—so called because a college job is an integral part of every student's educational program at these institutions—held the annual fall conference of the Work Colleges Consortium (WCC) at Berea October 28-31. The conference included activities designed to help participants examine work from multiple perspectives ranging from individual experience through institutional programs to global issues and service.

Guest speaker for the conference was ethicist and author Gil Meilaender, Ph.D. Meilaender has edited a volume entitled *Working: Its Meaning and Its Limits* (2000) a volume in the series by University of Notre Dame Press about the ethics of everyday life. He is the Richard & Phyllis Duesenberg Professor of Christian Ethics at Valparaiso University.

Students from the work colleges, especially a team from Berea, played a major role in designing



the conference. Activities included visits to student work places on Berea's campus, including student craft workshops, the College Farm, the planetarium, and the geology museum, as well as a service project at the MERJ Cooperative, a sustainable community center promoting access to clean local food and knowledge sharing about sustainable

living which opened last spring.

The Work Colleges Consortium was established in 1996 to foster collaboration and information sharing between member institutions, to assist members in improving their programs, to develop and coordinate work/ service/learning projects both locally and nationally, and to promote the dissemination of effective student work-learning programs more widely throughout American post-secondary educational institutions. The WCC's six member institutions include Berea College (KY) and Alice Lloyd College (KY); Blackburn College (IL); College of the Ozarks (MO); Sterling College (VT); and Warren Wilson College (NC). The WCC is headquartered at Berea College and is directed by Dr. Dennis Jacobs.

For more information about the WCC and member institutions, visit www.workcolleges.org.



Biology Majors Take Statewide Honors

Twenty one Berea biology majors traveled to Murray State University to represent Berea College at the Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Sciences November 4-6. Seventeen of the twenty one students presented their Summer Undergraduate Research Projects at this meeting. Six students won awards for their research and for oral and poster presentations, including Mary McCauley, '05, (Ecology and Environmental Sciences), who took first place for her poster presentation, and Ni Ji, '07, (Physiology and Biochemistry), who took first for an oral presentation.

Speech and Debate Team Hosts National Forensics Tournament



Billy Wooten

On November 19-20, the Berea College Speech and Debate Team hosted its second annual John G. Fee Invitational forensics tournament. The largest academic event hosted at the College, the tournament featured more than 200 competitors from eighteen colleges and universities from as far away as Michigan and Florida, including such powerhouses as nationally ranked Clemson University, the University of South Carolina, and Western Kentucky University.

Competitors participated in parliamentary debate, duo acting, after-dinner speaking, dramatic interpretation, prose, poetry, extemporaneous speaking, programmed oral interpretation, and communication analysis, among other categories. "This year's tournament surpassed even our most ambitious expectations," communication professor and event organizer Billy Wooten said. "All of the schools can not wait to return next year." Berea's tournament was joined simultaneously by the Curtis Brown Invitational sponsored by Cumberland College.

Because of its hosting duties, Berea's team submitted only a few competitors during the home tournament. However, the team, led by senior captain Christie Poteet, competed in eight tournaments this year, earning more than 40 awards.

Chemistry Grant Buys State-of-the-Art Equipment

The Berea chemistry department received a \$230,000 grant from National Science Foundation, which they used to purchase a Liquid Chromatogram/Mass Spectrometer (LC/MS.) The LC/MS allows the chemistry department to do mass spectrometry on molecules dissolved in solutions. Dr. John Fenn, '37, Berea's Nobel Prize-winning alumnus, developed this machine to analyze these solutions. This instrument will help to analyze everything from small drugs up to large biomolecules like proteins and DNA.

Besides education, the LC/MS will be used heavily for research. Dr. Matthew Saderholm, '92, will use the LC/MS in a new project started in collaboration with Appalachia-Science in the Public Interest (ASPI), which has been trying to encourage ginseng as a crop to replace tobacco. With the help of Berea College, the ASPI will now be able to analyze ginseng samples



Dr. Saderholm points out features of the new equipment to students.

collected to determine which genocides are present and in what concentrations.

Saderholm also wishes to set up an outreach program targeting younger students still in middle or high school. "I hope we can get some more middle and high school kids thinking about science as a profession through showing them what we can do right here in Berea," he said.



Larsen Elected to College Board of Trustees

Brenda Todd Larsen of Kiawah Island, S.C. and Tryon, N.C., was elected to the Berea College Board of Trustees.

The Mt. Vernon, Ohio native has a long association with Berea College as well as roots in Madison County. Her mother, Elizabeth Dove Jessee, attended Berea Academy and completed a business course at the College, then worked for former Berea Dean Edward Matheny and his wife, Edith, in their Berea weaving business. Other members in Larsen's family also attended the Academy and Berea College. Larsen's father, Walker Thurman Todd, whose family goes back several generations in Madison County, was a member of the first graduating class of Berea High School in 1929.

Larsen brings to Berea's Board experience in health education and a wide range of volunteer service. From 1987 – 1998, Larsen held positions at the University of California at Los Angeles in cancer information programs, including serving as Chair of the Policies and Procedures Committee for the Cancer Information Service, a program of the National Cancer Institute.

Larsen has been active in community and church organizations in all of the communities where she has lived. In Los Angeles, she volunteered with a psychosocial counseling program with Cancer Care; was treasurer of a fundraising guild for Los Angeles' Children's Hospital, and was a member of a symphony league. Larsen serves on the Board of Directors for Kiawah Island Natural Habitat Conservancy and is active in Johns Island Presbyterian Church. Larsen and her husband, Charles Larsen III, have three grown children.



Brenda Larsen

Berea Runners Dominate All-Conference Team, Head to Nationals

Runners from Berea College headlined the men's and women's Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (KIAC) all-conference cross country teams. Berea College swept the men's and women's conference championship races held November 6 in Louisville.

Izabela Luckiewicz, '05, was named the KIAC Women's Runner of the Year for her performance in capturing the conference title in a time of 19:28.25. She finished third in the Region XII championships, and 82nd out of 258 runners at the national meet in Louisville.

Luckiewicz was also named an NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete. Leesa Unger, '08, and sisters Esther Miltenberger, '05, and Hannah Miltenberger, '05, were named to the women's All-Conference team.

Matthew Schenk, '05, was named the KIAC Men's Runner of the Year for winning the conference meet in a time of 26:55.83. He also finished 10th overall in the Region XII championships. Schenk was also named an



Izabela Luckiewicz



Matthew Schenk



NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete. Zachary Holbert, '08, David Webster, '07, Luis Soto, '08, and Stephen Hogan, '05, were also named to the All-Conference team. Schenk and Holbert also qualified and competed at the national meet.

Coach Mike Johnson, '73, was named the men's and women's Coach of the Year for the 32nd time since he began his career in 1979. He has produced 24 All-Americans in track and cross-country.

Soccer Star Ayiegbo is KIAC Offensive Player of the Year

Mohammed Ayiegbo, '05, a 6'0" forward from The Gambia, was named the KIAC Offensive Player of the Year. He helped guide Berea to a 7-8-1 record on the year, leading the league with 21 goals scored. Ayiegbo also added four assists. In addition, Ayiegbo was named an NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete.



Mohammed Ayiegbo

Goalkeeper Kelly Williams, '08, and defender Brian Seals, '05, were both named 2nd Team All-Conference.

Women's Soccer Boasts Two National Scholar Athletes; Kluesener is 1st Team All Conference

Midfielder Maureen Kluesener, '08, was named to the KIAC 1st Team All-Conference this year. Goalkeeper Megan Royalty, '08, backs Erin Kluesener, '05, and Patrice Riesenberger, '08, midfielder Bethany Kershner, '06, and forward Lacey Bostick, '07, were all named 2nd Team.



Maureen Kluesener

The women battled to a 5-6-4 record this year, and downed second seed Brescia University to advance to the KIAC tournament championship game before falling to nationally ranked Bethel College 3-0.

Mary Muncy, '05, and Carrie Dixon, '05, were both named NAIA All-America Scholar Athletes this year.

Come Support the Mountaineers!

Visit the athletics website at www.berea.edu/peh for updated schedules, or call the athletics department at 859.985.3423.





Berea Honors John G. Fee Moran

Founders' Day Celebrates Mentor to African American Students

John G. Fee Moran (1893-1977), businessman, church leader, and mentor to African American students, was honored at the fifth annual Berea College Founders' Day Convocation on October 28. Moran is the 2004 recipient of the John G. Fee Award, which honors Berea alumni of 1866-1904 who gave distinguished service to their community, especially in the field of education and whose lives reflect the ideals of Berea founder Rev. John G. Fee, as expressed in the College's motto, "God has made of one blood all peoples of the earth."

Moran's children received the John G. Fee Award on his behalf, and his eldest son, Albert Moran, shared reflections about his father's strong work ethic and involvement as deacon, church clerk, and trustee at Middletown Baptist Church. Berea alums Jessie Reasor Zander, '54, and Dr. Constance Willard Williams, '56, who benefited from the generosity of Moran and his wife, Adelia, while studying at Berea, also shared their reflections at the event. "The Morans eased me into college," recalled Zander, while Williams remembered that the Morans fed her body and her spirit with their attitude, welcoming her into their family.

Moran was born in 1893 in Berea, where his father was employed by Berea College founder Rev. John G. Fee (who reportedly suggested the younger Moran be named after him). Fee Moran, as he came to be called, attended the Berea College Primary School but was unable to continue when



Adelia and Fee Moran



Front Row: Paul Moran, Frances Moran, Douglas Moran. Second Row: Audrey Brooks, Albert Moran, Darlene Henderson.



Members of the extended Fee Moran family join President Shinn on the steps of Phelps Stokes Chapel.

Kentucky's Day Law, enacted in 1904, suspended interracial education in the state for almost 50 years. Through the efforts of Eleanor Frost, wife of former Berea College President William G. Frost, Moran was able to complete his education through the eighth grade. However, because there was no high school for black people to attend in Berea and he could not afford to go away to school, Moran's formal education ended in 1908.

In spite of this, Fee Moran became a respected businessman, church leader, and community servant. Although denied a full education for himself, Moran valued education throughout his life, made sure his six children were educated, and opened his home to African American students at Berea College when the school was reintegrated in 1950.

College President Larry D. Shinn presented the award, a walnut box designed and made by Berea College Woodcraft with a medallion made by Berea artist Ken Gastineau, to the Moran family. Inside each box was a hand-woven table runner created by students in the College's Weaving Industry. The award has two purposes, said Dr. Shinn – "To celebrate the vision of John G. Fee, and to offer tribute to John G. Fee Moran."




Albert Moran



President Shinn

Family Values

By Ann Mary Quarandillo

A photograph of a middle-aged man with short brown hair, glasses, and a goatee, smiling. He is wearing a blue short-sleeved button-down shirt. He is standing in front of a light-colored wall with a vertical shadow on the left side.

Growing up on a farm in Lancaster, Kentucky, siblings Donna and Keith Dean learned from their parents how to manage competing priorities. But neither of them imagined they would grow up to manage hundreds of people in such high profile fields. Today, Keith, '73, uses his organizational skills and calmness-under-pressure to manage some of the highest profile singers in the music business. Donna, '69, now a Senior Science Advisor with

Keith and Donna Dean Have Made Careers of Solving Problems

a leading government relations firm in Washington D.C., and formerly a senior executive at the National Institutes of Health, has spent nearly two and a half decades researching and designing systems to understand and improve health care processes and systems for the federal government. Even working in such divergent fields, both of the Deans credit lessons learned at home and at Berea for their success.



When the lights go down in a concert arena and the roar goes up from the crowd, it is sweet music to Keith Dean's ears. All the work he has done over the past months comes down to this moment, when Tina Turner, Christina Aguilera, Rod Stewart, or the Eagles step on stage and start to play. To the fans streaming in to see their favorite singer, there's only one thing they're thinking about—"Will they play my favorite song?" Keith has to think about everything else it takes to make the show a success.

When you walk into his house, the first thing you notice is the massive



Keith Dean's computer links him to his contacts throughout the world.

system of electronic devices that keep Keith in touch with clients, venues, and agents all over the world. He's talking on two different cell phones, answering email, and reading a sheet of paper simultaneously. But he's thriving on it. If you ask him how he got into the business, though, the man with all the answers is stumped.

"It's not something people plan to go out and do," he says. "I don't

remember actively seeking to get into the business. It's a question I've pondered for 28 years—how did I get into this business?" Although it is not a career that offers a lot of job security, it has offered opportunities Dean never thought he'd have.

For the man who joined the Berea swim team in college to give himself the chance to travel, the fact that he works all over the world is still a thrill for him. "A huge part of the lure of this job is the travel," he explains. "If you're really lucky and get tied in with world-renowned artists, you get to see this big globe of ours. I've had the privilege of going around it a few times." Dean was in Berlin when the Wall fell. He has spent extensive time in Australia and New Zealand. And, the people he has met and worked with are the "Who's Who" of the music business.

Not a bad gig for a guy whose high school counselors told him not to bother taking the SAT because he probably wouldn't be going to college. His sister Donna's accomplishments in high school were so well known that he was constantly being compared to her. They both were concerned at first about his following her to Berea. "I knew Keith would do well at Berea, but he had to discover it for himself," Donna says. Once he got to college, he began to realize his own potential. "I really opened up when I went to college," Keith recalls. "I saw that there was a big wide world out there. I didn't see anything fearful about it—I just wanted to savor it."

And for three years, he explored every opportunity Berea gave him. He hung out at the Presser music building, experimenting on drums, piano, and guitar. In 1971, he got his first professional music experience coordinating a Box Tops concert at the College. He majored in agriculture and found out that he had a lot to teach the other students in the class because of his experience on the



Vintage Keith Dean

"I really opened up when I went to college. I saw that there was a big wide world out there. I didn't see anything fearful about it—I just wanted to savor it."

—Keith Dean

farm. He wanted to go to veterinary school. But the summer after his junior year, tragedy altered his entire world.

Keith and Donna's father, Joe, died of an unexpected heart attack in June 1972 at the age of 57. Suddenly they were faced with a new set of challenges. Donna had only been away at graduate school for three years. Keith seriously considered dropping out of Berea to help his mother, Anna Mae, and younger brother, Rodney, run the family farm, but decided that since he had only one year left, he should finish college. He spent Thursday evenings through Monday mornings working at home, took classes and studied in between the rest of each week. He stayed on the farm for a year after graduating from Berea. He had

excelled in science, especially chemistry, and put that knowledge to use working for the Lancaster utilities department, testing water quality and environmental standards.

But after work and on weekends—it was still the '70s—Keith spent much of his time hanging out with musicians. He took a new job with Delta airlines, moving to Dallas to train. But the draw of the music industry was always there. “I ended up in places that had music—not so much going out to a club like a lot of people might do,” he explains. “I ended up on the other side, with the musicians and the people that work in the business.”

He started traveling locally with a group called Dave & Sugar, and found that it was much more fun to be out on the road than working in one place. “I’ve always dreamt of traveling, even as a kid,” says Keith. “It was that passion for travel as much as for music that got me into this.” As the traveling got more extensive and Keith learned more about managing musicians, he left his job at Delta and ended up in Nashville. When Dave & Sugar disbanded, he landed a new job with superstar singer Eddie Rabbitt. “I was still green then, in my early 20’s, trying to find my path in life,” he remembers. “But I basically went straight to the top of the ladder with a singer at the height of his career.”

And he has never looked back. As a tour manager and tour accountant, Keith is the organizational guru that gets the more than 200 people involved in a music tour from city to city night after night. Once artists decide to go on tour, they hand him a schedule (usually about 30 cities) and “I take it from there,” he explains. “Routing, travel, hotels, air, ground, crew – everything you see when you go to a concert is what I’m responsible for making sure happens.” It takes eight hours to set up a show, two to three hours for the show, and four more to take it down, pack it all up, and move

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on to the next one. As tour accountant, he is also working with the promoters in each city to ensure that artists receive the money they are supposed to. He makes multi-million dollar decisions constantly, and deals with personalities that require finesse and care. “You have to be a real people person,” Keith laughs. “But if you can take 50-100-200 people and coordinate and lead them to a common direction, all the other stuff usually comes together.”

What says more about his uncommon talents is the fact that he has worked with several stars over long periods of time, compared to most tour managers who simply are hired-on for single tours. He was with Eddie Rabbitt for five years, then after moving to Los Angeles, found a job with Tina Turner. “I’ve been very fortunate to be at the top of the game,” he explains. “I got with Tina right after her breakup with Ike (Turner) and was with her as she climbed. You don’t climb a mountain with anyone bigger than that.” He went from ten years with Tina to working more than nine years with Barry Manilow, before returning to

independent contracting in 2001.

Since then, he’s toured with Rod Stewart, Melissa Etheridge, Christina Aguilera, Don Henley, and the Eagles, among others. But contrary to most impressions, the business is not all fun and games. “Artists today are huge corporations with lots of dollars,” Keith says. “It’s a big, big business and you’re responsible for making sure the business runs.” But how does he work so well with celebrities most people would be dumbstruck around? “They’re there to do a job and so am I,” he says. “I wouldn’t treat them any differently than my family or neighbors. They need people around them who are doing the job they need done, and the more you’re around it, the easier it is.”

Actually, he’s as nervous around the Nobel Prize-winners, top notch scientists, and major government officials with whom his sister, Dr. Donna Dean, ’69, works with on a regular basis as she is about meeting Tina Turner or Kenny Rogers. Whether in her roles as Senior Scientific Advisor to the director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the founding director of the NIH’s newest institute, the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), as Senior Scholar in Residence at the National Academy of Engineering, Donna has helped the national government set health policy for more than 25 years.

Donna’s interest in science began early and was encouraged in high school by teachers and government programs designed to help the U.S. win the “space race.” She remembers her parents reading a lot and always encouraging her and her brothers to read. She and Keith both remember their father’s amazing math skills. As a tenant farmer on the tobacco farm, he had to keep careful records because they cost-shared with the owner of the farm. As soon as she understood numbers, she can remember him showing her how to calculate.

Donna was one of the first in her extended family to go to college. “Something that my parents clearly wanted was for their kids to go to college,” she recalls. “My father already knew that tobacco farming wouldn’t be a sustainable way of life and he wanted to be sure we had other opportunities.” With her grades and test scores, she could have gone to a number of colleges, but decided on Berea because of its academic environment. After taking chemistry at Berea, she fell in love with the subject and majored in chemistry, figuring she would take some education classes and teach in high school. But her Berea professors encouraged her to go to graduate school, and even though she didn’t think she could afford it, she ended up with a fellowship to study biochemistry at Duke University.

A National Institutes of Health grant to Duke paid for that fellowship and it has certainly paid off for the organization. After earning her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Duke in 1974 and doing postdoctoral work in cell and developmental biology at Princeton University, she joined the NIH Laboratories as a research chemist in biochemical endocrinology. She also held positions at the Food and Drug Administration prior to rejoining NIH in its grant programs that fund medical research at universities and research institutions.

“All the time I was at Berea, and even while I was at Duke, I had always had this feeling that my undergraduate education wasn’t quite up to the Ivy Leagues,” she recalls. “My three years at Princeton convinced me beyond a doubt that the quality of education I got at Berea was as good, and probably better, because of the intense involvement of the faculty and the small number of people in classes.”

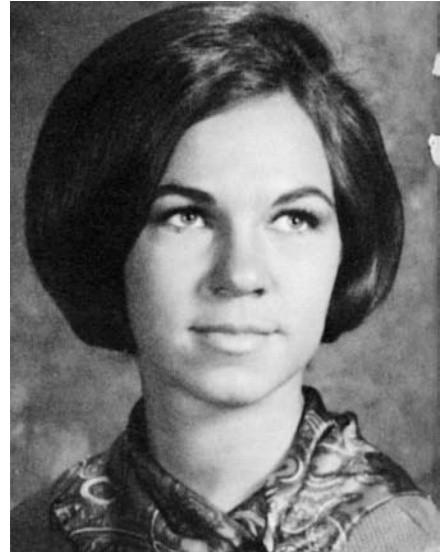
Donna had always been interested in science and how it could be used to

better people’s lives. While at Berea, she worked in several outreach programs, including one summer on a mission working in daycare centers in Detroit. She joined the Association for Women in Science as a graduate student when it was founded, and is now the organization’s national president for 2005 and 2006. While working for the NIH and the FDA, she became more and more interested in science policy issues. “What I was really interested in was working in all areas of science, finding common meeting ground and bringing people together,” she says. “One of the reasons I didn’t stay in research was because I couldn’t see how what I was doing was really going to make a difference. I needed to see the connections.”

She spent 15 years in management deciding how to allocate NIH research funds across all different scientific areas, expanding her knowledge about different areas of science and how they were interconnected. She moved into the Director’s office of the NIH, working on critical science policy issues—how to fight Mad Cow disease, the discovery of hepatitis C in the nation’s blood supply, questioning the safety of vaccines, and issues around Gulf War illnesses. In helping to develop the NIH agenda for women’s health in the 21st century, she contacted more than 2000 women all over the country to discover the issues they felt were most important.

“Working with the Gulf War illnesses and the women’s health agenda really gave me a sense of how you can involve the public and how you can partner with the public in helping you identify what you need to do as a civil servant,” she explains. “I found out how important it is to hear from the citizens about what they expect their government to deliver and where the government perhaps has fallen short.”

In December 2000, in one of his last acts in office, President Clinton signed a



Vintage Donna Dean

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law establishing the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), the newest of the 27 NIH Institutes and Centers that supports fundamental research applying principles of engineering and imaging sciences to biological systems and to human health and well-being. Dean was asked to be the founding and acting director that would get the institute up and running. “It was the most fun and most challenging thing I’ve ever done,” she says. “We had no

people, no budget, no space—just a law saying ‘you exist.’ It was the hardest I’ve ever worked, but 21 months later we had a \$283 million budget, 58 people, and had given out more than 400 research grants.”

When the permanent director of NIBIB was hired, Donna decided it was time for her to step back from her administrative roles and take some time to think about the critical issues facing health care today and the next phases of her career. So why did a biochemist become a scholar in residence at the National Academy of Engineering?

“I think I must have been an engineer in a past life,” she laughs. “I discovered all my background in chemistry and physics and math, which was laid down at Berea, was a very good foundation for being able to converse with engineers. In the last five years at NIH, I had been thinking very broadly about the physical sciences—including engineering—how those fields relate to health research, biomedical research, biologically based research, and how to bring a greater contribution from those fields into the medical arena. The goal of the NIH is to improve the health of the people of the United States, so you want to make sure you are doing that.”

According to Donna, the biomedical research community has historically looked at more individual diseases or problems. The engineering mindset, however, considers how everything works together and how things can be designed to solve a particular problem. “For example, even if we had a vaccine for HIV tomorrow, we don’t have the delivery systems (in place) to deliver it to the people who need it. It is a systems engineering problem to figure out how to do that,” she explains. “There’s an incredible amount of creativity in engineering, because (one is) really trying to envision things that didn’t exist before.”

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She emphasizes that it is critical to come up with health care delivery solutions by 2011, when the first baby boomers begin to qualify for Medicare. Dean points out that when these people need home health care, there likely won’t be enough nurses, so scientists and physicians will have to find other ways to be more efficient. The law that created NIBIB states that this institute is supposed to make a difference in how healthcare is delivered to people and bring engineering approaches so that there is an ultimate difference and an ultimate improvement in people’s healthcare. Dean’s projects focused on engineering for independent living and rehabilitation engineering—finding ways to help all people live more independently .

“What I like about engineering is that you look at things in a broad, systematic way,” Donna says. “And that is certainly necessary when you look at human health because the real issue in human health is how you get all the pieces to work together. What could you

do if you thought in an engineering way about all kinds of issues related to health and medicine? We also need to be thinking about issues related to the delivery of health. So if you’re a community care physician in rural West Virginia, Kentucky, or Tennessee and you have a patient that is presenting with something that’s unusual, you can quickly get access to up-to-date information that helps you decide how to deal with it.”

With no unrealistic expectations about her work, Donna has felt that the projects she created will help people who need assistance. “I haven’t been one of those people who think that all the problems of the world will be solved if we just apply science and technology,” she says. “But I think science, technology, and engineering do have the capability to develop solutions that make being a human being easier—make the struggle less difficult.”

Even though Donna and Keith operate in different arenas, they have similar attitudes toward work, including seeing the big issues and the big problems that need to be solved, and the ability to surround themselves with people who are dedicated to doing good work. “Both Keith and I—as has our brother Rodney— have been in positions where we must manage and coordinate people, and make things happen in a timely way without messing them up.” Donna said. “We are all superb organizers because our parents were—they had to be.”

None of the Deans would be where they are today without the lessons they learned from their parents. “Our family was always very independent and self-sufficient,” says Keith. “I knew we all had a path to follow in life, but what we choose to do on that path is our own destiny.” For Donna, bringing her analytical approach to solving problems into the civil arena was a choice she made long ago. “I want my father and mother to be proud of me,” she says. “I always



Serving Fellow Students

*Berea's Student Chaplains Bring
Christian Presence to Residence Halls*

By Bridget Carroll

When Emmy Skirvin, '05, came to Berea, she was sure she had found the right place to study. "When I came here ... it's hard to describe ... I was ecstatic. Berea College was everything that I wanted in a college. A small liberal arts school, nice people, and compared to the big city atmosphere that I came from, I felt relaxed for the first time in a long time," recalls Skirvin, a student chaplain in Berea College's Student Chaplain Program. "The two consistent things in my life up to that point had been school and studying. And I immersed myself in both here."

But, like many first-year students, a change of scenery did not mitigate the hidden challenges Skirvin faced before

arriving at Berea. "I had some family and personal struggles in high school that had nothing to do with academics, and they didn't go away despite the change in surroundings," Skirvin remembers.

"And that is when I turned to Dara Evans, the student chaplain in Pearsons Residence Hall. She sat down with me and just let me talk. After truly listening, she made an appointment for me with one of the college counselors," Skirvin says. "She even took me to my first few appointments." Today, Skirvin is completing her senior year and plans to pursue a master's degree in counseling, specializing in working with adolescents and young adults with eating disorders.

This year's student chaplains come from diverse Christian religions and cultural backgrounds. Front Row, L-R: Caroline Twiggs (service chaplain to student chaplains and the CELTS center), Jersey Napoleon, Sarah Poole, Caitlin Malone. Second Row, L-R: John Clay, Rachel Eisenmann, Katie Raley, Crystal Martin, Ari Pyscher. Third Row, L-R: Leonard Gordon, Jared Manes (student chaplain coordinator), Emmy Skirvin, Joanna Malcolm, Brett Bartscherer. (Not pictured: Ronnie Farmer, service chaplain to student

She is now back where she started at Berea College, this time serving as the student chaplain in Pearsons Hall. She feels blessed that she is able to help the students—especially young women—who are struggling with similar problems. She makes herself known to students and feels very confident and comfortable in approaching them. She feels it is also

important to trust that students will come to her. “As a student chaplain I have learned how to approach people and direct them to the resources they need,” Skirvin adds.

The Student Chaplain Program at Berea College is an all-inclusive Christian ministry made up of students who have a wide range of Christian beliefs. The student chaplains approach their work in the spirit of holistic pastoral care. They seek to minister to fellow students’ religious, physical, and emotional health and welfare at all levels critical to making the journey from young person to adulthood.

Their job is not that of evangelizing or proselytizing, but rather setting an uplifting and positive example in Berea College’s residence halls. Their work can range from a note of encouragement tacked on a resident’s door to acting as a mediator in everyday disagreements. They do not perform in place of campus professionals; they act as conduits to the College’s qualified theological, academic, physical, and mental health experts.

Dr. Loretta Reynolds, supervisor of the Student Chaplain Program, explains that the program “is set up to bring a Christian presence into the residence halls. One of the things I was asked to do when I came to Berea College was to figure out ways that we, as a college, could build on a Christian foundation, and specifically cultivate that Christian presence.”

Reynolds says that a simple way to understand the student chaplains’ mission can be found in the gospel of Matthew: (25:35) “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

The hunger and thirst mentioned in Matthew could be for conversation, a caring listener, or even a plate of chocolate chip cookies and hot cocoa made by the residence hall’s student chaplain.

The stranger that Matthew speaks of could be new students who are strangers to each other. They find friendly residence assistants and student chaplains who make it their mission to welcome new students on their first evening at Berea College. The student chaplain can be there to lend a helping hand and an empathetic ear to help students realize that they are not alone. “Jesus said, ‘in as much as you’ve done it to any of these in my family, you’ve done it to me,’” Reynolds emphasizes. “That is what we live by. I tell the chaplains that they are welcome to give their own experience of faith as a part of their work. Their job is not to convert, but at the same time they are free to share their own personal faith experience.”



Loretta Reynolds with Emmy Skirvin.

The Student Chaplain Program has evolved, under Reynolds’ direction, into a primary student labor position. In collaboration with the Collegium and the Student Life Department, the Campus Christian Center’s student chaplains act as resident assistants in the various residence halls. The Center also has a student chaplain coordinator and a service chaplain who is the liaison between the student chaplains and the Center For Excellence In Learning Through Service (CELTS).

Past student chaplains such as Amy Winn, ’01, and Phillip Sutherland, ’05, are still deeply involved with the program. Winn acts as the head of the Campus Christian Council, which is comprised of various Christian and ser-

vice groups on campus. She is the Berea College Chaplain Assistant and is working part time while attending Lexington Theological Seminary. “I think that the diversity of student chaplains works well here,” Winn says. “They represent the full range of Christianity, from conservative to liberal. And they come together and offer a heart for the campus and for the students.”

Philip Sutherland, a Residence Hall Coordinator, served as a student chaplain for two years in Edwards Hall. He comes from a very conservative religious background and a large loving family who live much in the plain manner of Mennonites. Along with his nine brothers and sisters, Sutherland was home schooled by his mother. After high school, he worked in various jobs and as an emergency medical technician. Told of Berea College by his grandfather, who happened upon the school while on a bus tour, Sutherland applied and was accepted. Now, after spending several short term sessions working in remote health clinics in Haiti, Sutherland is in the process of applying to medical school.

“I would say, in general terms, one of the more rewarding things I experienced as a student chaplain was that whenever there were people having a disagreement and yet were objective enough to want to solve it, I was there to help them work through the process,” Sutherland says. “Seeing their relationship strengthen through that solution process was always a very rewarding thing.” He described being a student chaplain as “having the opportunity to be a friend and develop relationships and rapport with people who were very different from me.”

The mission of the Student Chaplain Program always comes back to the students. “The Collegium, college counselors, and I work together as a team to provide education, training, and support for our student staff who work in the residence halls,” Reynolds concludes. “Our principal purpose is to work with the students. They are our central concern.”



A Model for Sustainability



Education is First and Foremost at the Berea College Ecovillage

By Julie Sowell

 Sustainability

Three to four times a week, students who live in the Dr. Margaret S. Austin Sustainability and Environmental Studies (SENS) House show groups of visitors around their Ecovillage residence, explaining the natural building techniques used in its construction and a host of energy and water saving features in the house. After living in the house for a semester, Kati Maginel, '07, from Cape Girardeau, MO and Megan Naseman, '07, from Anna, OH, know what people are likely to be most intrigued with.

"We get a lot of questions about strawbale construction," Maginel says. "As for the composting toilet, either people don't want to go there or that's all they want to see."

The brightly painted straw bale demonstration wall in the living room resembles adobe in appearance, but behind it are tightly packed bales of straw that form a wall with high insulation value. The wall's finish, both on the inside and on the building's exterior, is a natural plaster that is durable and attractive. The technique is inexpensive and energy efficient. Frequently asked questions by visitors include: is it weatherproof? (yes) and isn't it highly flammable? (no).

The composting toilet is one of two toilets in the house (the other is of more

In the Neighborhood Student Parents Find Support in the Ecovillage

By Linda C. Reynolds, '93

Paige Cordial, '06 and Alysia Sherman, '08, are students and single mothers living with their respective children, three-year-old Lucias and 14-month-old Kyleigh, in the Berea College Ecovillage. The children attend the Boyd and Gaynell Fowler Child Development Laboratory (CDL), only

a stone's throw away from their apartments.

The Ecovillage, a model community for sustainability and environmental studies, currently houses close to 50 student families. Having family housing abutting the CDL and the campus itself enables the families to feel as connected



conventional design with water-saving features). The process uses no water, is odorless, and produces compost which could potentially be used to enrich the soil, but for now, it has to be thrown away.

“Composting toilets aren’t legal yet in Kentucky. We have this one with special permission from the state on a three-year trial,” Naseman explains. The compost can’t be used until the trial period ends and testing confirms it is safe. “We hope after the trial that composting toilets will gain acceptance in the state and become available. This technology could eliminate water pollution in rural areas of the state where ‘straight pipes’ dispose of untreated sewage directly from homes into streams and rivers.”

The SENS House promotes sustainable living among its residents and serves as a demonstration for the campus and the world beyond of sustainable technologies and how ecological design, thoughtful lifestyle choices, and community cooperation can intersect to provide a high quality of life without degrading the natural environment. Performance goals for the house include producing all of the household’s electricity needs from solar panels and supplying all of the household’s water from rainwater captured from the roof.

“It’s a challenge to work together to reduce our use as a household, but it’s going pretty well,” says Maginel. “The washing machine is designed to use less water and the monitor for the solar output is right there on the wall. Everything about daily life is a little easier

to be more aware of—where things are coming from, where they’re going. Over the weeks, we’ve brought our water use down tremendously. Our whole house of four people is only using about 40-45 gallons of water a day. In comparison, the average in Berea is about 63 gallons per person per day.”

“Tours of the Ecovillage are one of the important ways we educate students, the campus community, and others,” says Connie Briggs, residential life coordinator for the Ecovillage and a resident there. “Every group that visits is different. Some of them want to know about the energy-saving features and some want to know more about the community.”

So far, interest has been high and the groups diverse. Among those who have visited are groups from the Boys and Girls Club, the Berea Community School, a landscape architecture class from the University of Kentucky, and a UK sociology class interested in the social aspects of the Ecovillage. Groups from Warren Wilson College and Furman University, which also have sustainability programs, also visited recently. Alumni response to the Ecovillage has been very positive. “Their comments are things like ‘I can’t believe my school is doing this—this is really great. I wish this had been here when I was a student.’” Briggs says. “Alumni are very proud of what’s going on.”

Briggs’ tour for a group of students and faculty visiting Berea for the Work Colleges Consortium annual conference is like many. She begins at the Information Kiosk, a shed constructed with straw

bales that teaches through its architecture and also contains information about all aspects of the Ecovillage. To the west is the large greenhouse containing the Ecological Machine, the complex’s on-site sewage treatment facility.

“The cycle typically takes about four days,” Briggs tells the group. “Sewage from the apartments and the Child Development Lab passes from the holding tank through a series of closed and open tanks of water, where fish and plants clean the water naturally. From there it goes to a wetlands and back into the apartments, where it is used only to flush the toilets. The water is purified to swimmable quality. In time, and after consistent testing of the processed water, it is hoped the city will approve using the water in additional ways.”

After Naseman shows them around the SENS House, the group heads for the Boyd and Gaynell Fowler Child Development Laboratory (CDL), the childcare facility for up to 118 infants through preschoolers and an educational laboratory for Berea’s Child and Family Studies majors. “The littlest kids are learning about recycling, composting, gardening, and saving energy,” says Briggs. “If you were to sit down and have lunch and you asked at the end of the meal what to do with the milk you had left, even the youngest ones would tell you that you can’t compost milk.”

A full tour can take an hour and a half or more, but on this day, there isn’t time to talk about all of the literally hundreds of noteworthy materials and features incorporated in the buildings

to the campus community as the students living in residence halls. Another reason for families residing in the Ecovillage is to foster future community and environmental awareness. As parents learn sustainability standards, these are passed on to the children as they will pass on what they have learned to future generations.

Sherman and Cordial both decided to come to Berea after they heard about the Ecovillage, its support staff, and the CDL. Paige and Lucias Cordial have

lived in the Ecovillage for 15 months. Cordial likes the neighborhood feel which reminds her of going back into the past, when neighborhoods were more interactive. “We sit out on our back porches and watch out for each other’s kids,” she explains. “It’s nice to see them playing together and sharing toys.” Sherman likes the “family” ambiance of the village. Although she and Kyleigh are new members, they’re “treated like family,” she says. “It’s so reassuring to have Connie (Briggs, the Ecovillage coordinator)

working and living right here if we should need anything.”

Cordial was interested in sustainability issues before she came to Berea, and now she is able to increase her knowledge base. “I learn so much living there and having workshops with SENS directors,” she says. “A lot I have learned is hands-on.” Gardens are popular with the residents, so she and Lucias planted flowers in their space and got a lot of satisfaction from their efforts. They plan to add vegetables next year. There is also a community

and grounds, to visit the Commons House, or to go inside an apartment (Connie usually shows her own). Instead, Connie ends the visit by hitting some of the high points and features that are visible.

“There are currently 46 apartments in the whole village, heated and cooled by geothermal units,” she explains. “Roofs are pitched to add solar panels later and overhangs reduce heat produced by the sun in hot weather. Walls are made with pre-fab, high insulating SIPS panels. Our goals are to use 75 percent less energy and 75 percent less water than comparable apartments and childcare centers.”

Ecovillage education programs also extend to the rest of Berea’s campus. Maginel, Naseman and the five other SENS directors lead a number of educational efforts as their jobs in the SENS labor program. As outreach coordinator, Naseman is responsible for organizing workshops and educational programs for Ecovillage residents and the larger campus and community. Maginel is in charge of the Ecovillage gardens and the Permaculture Food Forest. Permaculture is the conscious design of “cultivated” ecosystems that are agriculturally productive and that have the diversity, stability and resilience of natural ecosystems.

Maginel designed the Ecovillage Food Forest, led a community workshop to plant it last year and now maintains the feature on the eastern edge of the site. “It’s an area demonstrating a local Kentucky ecosystem that will develop over time into a combination orchard, forest and garden

and be an educational resource,” Maginel explains. “Eventually we hope to integrate native grasses and more fruit trees and gardens throughout the Ecovillage.”

Another educational project, an onsite composting program, collects and processes 30-40 pounds of kitchen and plant waste weekly, which is being turned into



fertilizer for the Food Forest and Ecovillage gardens. The sustainable practices modeled by the Ecovillage are also finding their way into the Appalachian region served by Berea, according to Dr. Richard Olson, director of Berea’s SENS program. SENS students have worked in internships with officials in Letcher County (Ky.), and groups from there have toured the Ecovillage. A course focused on the region, “Sustainable Appalachian Communities,” that includes travel and

service to the region is also taught annually at Berea. Olson recently became a member of the Board of Pine Mountain Settlement School in Harlan County, Ky., which since 1965 has been a regional environmental education center.

The Ecovillage, and Berea’s sustainability initiatives as a whole, have also caught the attention of state and federal agencies who are providing support for a project that will reach wider state and national audiences. The Kentucky Department of Energy and Rebuild America, a U.S. Department of Energy program that promotes sustainable and energy-efficient construction in partnership with schools and communities, are working with Berea College on a video case study that will feature the Ecovillage and Lincoln Hall. Architects, contractors, school superintendents, city officials and others involved in decision-making, design and operation of schools and public and private buildings in their communities will be the video’s primary audiences, but the video will be an educational resource available to anyone.

“A lot of this is made possible by design, but a lot is by choice. For example, the use of compact florescent bulbs and low-flow showerheads are also easy to do but have a lot of impact,” Briggs concludes. “The most important thing I hope people will take away with them is that sustainability is a feasible thing for anybody.”

The formal dedication of the Berea College Ecovillage is scheduled for the weekend of May 13-14, 2005.

vegetable garden near the Commons (a multi-purpose building with offices, meeting rooms, and laundry room) that all interested residents maintain. Cordial likes the informality. “If you need some lettuce, you just go and get what you need,” she says.

Along with the other Ecovillage residents, Cordial and Sherman recycle, compost, carpool, monitor utilities and energy, and make or use “green” cleaning products, among other sustainable methods they follow in their everyday living. Both

plan to continue sustainable practices when they graduate and leave the Ecovillage. “I’m learning to live this lifestyle instead of wasting things. I’d never thought much about it before I moved here,” explains Sherman. “The last time I visited my parents, I talked to them about recycling and other environmental awareness issues. It’s a habit with me now.”

Both Cordial and Sherman are pleased to have their children in the Child Development Lab. Sherman appreciates that the teachers take her comments and

ideas seriously and give her a voice in Kyleigh’s care. She is amazed at Kyleigh’s progress since she has been there and is excited that Kyleigh is learning sign language as a way to communicate until she begins talking. And the fact that Sherman doesn’t have to drive her to day care or search for parking spaces is such a time saver. “The CDL is virtually in our backyards,” says Sherman.

Lucius was on a waiting list for the CDL, so he attended other day care programs before he was accepted. The



The Boyd and Gaynell Fowler Child Development Laboratory

Just a year after construction began, the Boyd and Gaynell Fowler Child Development Laboratory (CDL) began receiving its first class of preschool aged children. Although Berea College has operated Early Childhood Education programs since the 1920's, the new, state-of-the-art laboratory is the first one in the program's entire history that was designed specifically for young children.

The new lab is directed by Susan Yorde, who is assistant professor in the Child and Family Studies Program. Yorde referred to the multidisciplinary task force that helped to plan the CDL, saying it took "a lot of minds and a lot of meetings" to develop the healthiest environment for young children.

Lead gifts, generously given by Frank Fife and Gaynell Fowler, helped Berea focus more on the concept, rather than worry about the cost. The concept for the new facility was developed by Rodney Wright, design architect, and executed by Joe Turley and Scott Fleming of GBBN Architects, along with a host of contractors, with staff from the College's Facilities Management department. Construction materials for the lab, which is located in the Berea College Ecovillage, were selected for their sustainable and eco-friendly qualities.

Based on the reactions of parents and the staff working in the new CDL, the task force succeeded. The interior colors, ceiling heights, window placements, flooring materials, and layout, as well as the exterior spaces, landscapes,

and "playground" resulted from careful planning and research intended to create a superb teaching and learning environment. Yorde states that the outcome has exceeded everyone's expectations. The design of the new space provides more programming options than the previous locations and has prompted the preschool teachers to think differently about their approaches to teaching and to collaborate more. The space also allows for more interaction between children of different



age levels. "The teachers came through with hard-hats before the building was completed," Yorde continues. "The new environment has had an effect on teachers who are enthusiastic and their programming is now at a new level." And, because the CDL is part of the Ecovillage, the preschool teachers have adopted three ongoing "eco" projects for special emphasis with the children—recycling, composting, and bringing environmental-based ele-

ments into their instruction. Yorde says "The teachers are embracing the (eco) concepts and incorporating them into the daily life of the classroom."

Berea's new CDL is unique in that it crosses divisional and departmental lines. Two College divisions—Academics and Student Life—are part of the CDL's interdisciplinary approach. Two College departments—child and family studies and agriculture and natural resources—align their classroom practices with program activities of the CDL. Yorde notes that the laboratory also provides opportunities for learning and observation for students in nursing, education studies, psychology, sociology, music education, business, art education, sustainability, and environmental studies. And, since the CDL also is equipped to serve children with special needs, Berea College students have opportunities for interaction and scholarly instruction not often available in other preschool settings.

Although a primary purpose of the Boyd and Gaynell Fowler Child Development Laboratory is to serve the young children of Berea's students, staff, and faculty, the CDL also serves as a model to other educators and communities throughout the region. Already, groups touring the Ecovillage have visited the CDL to learn how they can apply the principles of Berea's state-of-the-art facility to their own neighborhoods and communities.

difference is "night and day," according to his mother. Cordial especially appreciates the teacher retention with fewer turnovers, ensuring better parent-teacher relationships, and the fact that many teachers hold degrees with a child development focus and are required to take continuing education classes.

The Ecovillage offers a number of non-traditional services to its residents. One of the best, according to Sherman, is the once-a-week babysitting group. Parents take turns babysitting the children

for an hour or so while other parents can use the time for errands or grocery shopping. The children enjoy the playtime together and parents feel comfortable leaving their children.

In addition to the children's activities, there are plenty of adult activities. Once a week there are parent luncheons that give everyone a chance to talk and get to know one another. At some luncheons, special guests such as faculty or staff members are invited to speak on various topics. With the

Commons within walking distance, birthday parties, showers, study sessions, and other activities can be held without having to leave the Ecovillage, which is helpful to busy student/parents.

Cordial had attended another private college in her home state but realized it wasn't for her. Because of the support she found through the Ecovillage, she is sure that "I would not have been as successful anywhere else as I am here."

Campaign *Views*

Endowed Faculty Chairs



EXTENDING BEREA'S *Legacy*

The practice of endowing chairs has a long history in higher education and at Berea College, where more than 20 endowed chairs exist because alumni and friends have believed in the Berea College mission. Over time, the College has been able to add endowed chairs in traditional academic disciplines, in professional programs such as nursing and technology, and in such fields as Black and Appalachian studies that are a distinct part of Berea's learning community. As part of our Comprehensive Campaign, *Extending Berea's Legacy*, the College set a goal of adding five new endowed chairs. Three of those chairs have been funded, leaving a campaign goal to fully endow two additional chairs at \$1.5 million each.

"Endowed chairs bespeak the institution's commitment not only to excellent education across all departments but also to nurturing and recognizing distinction in particular departments," said Dr. Stephanie Browner, Dean of the Faculty. "To have an endowed chair in an established discipline is to recognize the long history of that discipline in academia and to renew a commitment to that discipline's future. To create an endowed chair in a new area is to invite that discipline into the academy."

In 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Foster McGaw enabled the College to do both those things—recognize established disciplines they saw as critically important and to bring Black Studies into the curriculum. The McGaws gave \$2 million to establish four endowed professorships, all of which reflect important aspects of the McGaws' lives. Foster McGaw, a native son of Appalachia who dropped out of school in the fifth grade to help care for his mother, founded the hugely successful American Hospital Supply Corporation. His zealous support of nursing later led him to launch a vigorous campaign for a commemorative stamp honoring nurses. Francis McGaw, Foster's father and the man for whom one chair is named, had been a Presbyterian minister in North Carolina and at age 82 became a missionary in Kenya. Music was the passion of Mary W. McGaw, who

graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music and taught music. The chairs in nursing, religion, and music provided support for traditional programs, and the Carter G. Woodson Professorship in Negro History, which honors Berea alumnus Carter G. Woodson, the father of black history in America, helped the College to create the Black Studies program. It was indeed a happy alliance of generous friends and Berea College that made these four professorships come to be, all at one time.

For the incumbent, an endowed professorship or chair means additional funds for research, greater influence in the field, more opportunities to publish and present scholarly work, and the respect of

colleagues. Dr. David Nelson, '65, the Julian-Van Dusen Professor of American History, has used the funds in writing five of his books. Nelson said, "I consider it an honor to hold this distinguished chair, and I also appreciate the very practical benefits it provides me as a scholar. It has

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—Dr. David Nelson

helped me in my historical research, making it possible for me to do research in such places as the Public Record Office and British Library in London. Holding the chair gives me prestige among my colleagues at other schools, and Berea College's reputation is enhanced by this obvious sign of support for teaching and scholarship."

Dr. Larry Blair, '66, the Nathaniel Southgate Shaler Memorial

Chair in Chemistry, credits the travel funds provided by the endowed chair with his ability to move his work and his department toward green chemistry. During a recent sabbatical, Blair used travel funds to attend a green chemistry seminar at Oxford, and he attended a similar one last year in Washington, D.C.

As an alumnus, Dr. Donald Hudson, '65, is privileged to sit in the William J. Hutchins Alumni Chair, established in 1959 by the bequest of President Emeritus William J. Hutchins and the gifts of others, including many alumni. While on sabbatical next year, Hudson will pursue his longtime interest in sustainability with a goal of returning to the classroom to extend this thinking in best practices in manufacturing, construction, power, and energy throughout the department.

Dr. Michelle Tooley, Eli Lilly Chair in Religion, especially appreciates how the variety of activities and scholarship made possible by the endowed chair contributes to her work as a Christian ethicist teaching and working in social justice. For example, Tooley and Emeritus Art Professor Dorothy Tredennick

worked collaboratively on a program on Peacemaking and the Arts. Tooley said, "Not only did we bridge the new and old Berea College, but our cross-discipline conversation and Dorothy's deep knowledge and experience enriched the program."

Because Berea's ability to add new faculty positions or launch new initiatives is dependent on raising funds to endow faculty positions, launching

such programs as sustainability and ecological design, as well as the Entrepreneurship for the Public Good (EPG) Program, largely depended on campaign gifts to establish endowed faculty positions.

Three chairs have been funded during the campaign. All of them illustrate the beneficence of alumni and friends that make it possible for Berea College to sustain its academic excellence. The William and Kay Moore Chair in Entrepreneurship and Management, funded in 1999 by William T. Moore, Foundation School 1945, and his wife, Kay, is currently held by Debbi Brock, Assistant Professor of Business and Economics. The second EPG chair is the William R. Gruver Chair in

Leadership Studies, funded by several generous colleagues and friends of College trustee William R. Gruver. Dr. Jeff Nelson, who assumed that chair in July 2004, serves as co-director of Entrepreneurship for the Public Good, along with Debbi Brock.

The third chair funded during the campaign is the Compton Chair in Ecological Design, funded in 2000 by the

Compton Foundation, long-time supporters of Berea College. The Compton incumbent, Dr. James Dontje, assistant professor of sustainability and environmental studies, has concentrated his work in three areas: developing and teaching an ecological design course, working with the Campus Master Plan Steering Committee, and consulting with two community groups working to create sustainable communities.

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—Dr. Gordon McKinney

What Other Includments Say

Dr. Kathryn Akural, Robert Charles Billings Chair in Education: "It's an honor, a sign that one's teaching and scholarly work are valued. It connects the recipients to the tradition of endowed chairs at great universities like Oxford and Cambridge. It creates a sense of obligation to the donor, whether living or dead, to act in ways consistent with the trust bestowed through the endowment."



A student consults with Dr. Akural, (right).

Dr. Robert Hoag, Henry Mixer Penniman Chair in Philosophy: "The chair I hold is in Philosophy, lodged in the Philosophy & Religion Department. This signals to external audiences that the disciplines are distinct, that this Christian college still takes philosophy very seriously as a distinct discipline. And to faculty colleagues in my discipline, this is a very important message to convey."

Dr. Robert Suder, Francis

Alexander McGaw Professor of Religion: “Without these funds, my course preparations would have been rather truncated. My work on the Northwest Semitic Inscriptions would have proceeded at a much slower pace.”

Dr. Roswell Cox, '66, Julia Parmly Billings Chair in Child and Family Studies: “The financial support made available to me and my department through this endowed chair has provided opportunities to attend professional conferences to strengthen our course offerings and to stay abreast of recent research. In a department like Child and Family Studies that is, by its very nature, varied and diverse, such activities are essential.”

Robert Lewis, the Mary W. McGaw Professor of Music: “I have used the extra travel money to attend professional meetings and summer music festivals such as Aspen, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and Tanglewood, as well as music workshops and visits to the best art museums in this country. These opportunities enrich my teaching in the required general studies program, as well as my teaching in the Music Department.”

Once an endowed chair is established, the incumbent may enjoy a connection to the donor. For example, Dontje writes an annual report to the Compton Foundation. Dr. Gordon McKinney, Goode Professor of Appalachian Studies, said it was a particular pleasure for him to meet the late Dr. Roland Goode, alumnus and College trustee, and further noted that the Goode chair “is evidence of the College’s continuing commitment to its original charge. For me and many

others, this is the most significant point about the endowed chair. It says that the College and the donor value what I do and provides the incentive I need to keep up the demanding schedule that is part of my rewarding life at Berea.”

Clearly, many donors have realized that Berea’s ability to achieve its mission is greatly dependent on excellence in its faculty. In a time of constrained operating budget funds, adding faculty positions is possible only with endowed positions.

Endowed Chairs 2004-2005

Robert Charles Billings Chair in Education, founded in 1903 by Robert Charles Billings of Boston, MA. *Incumbent: Kathryn Akural, Professor of Education Studies.*

Julia Parmly Billings Chair in Child and Family Studies, endowed in 1919 by Elizabeth Billings of New York City in memory of her mother. *Incumbent: Roswell Cox, Associate Professor of Child and Family Studies.*

Clarence M. Clark Chair in Mountain Agriculture, founded in 1920 by Clarence M. Clark of Philadelphia, PA. *Incumbent: Michael Panciera, Associate Professor of Agriculture and Natural Resources.*

Henry Mixter Penniman Chair in Philosophy, founded in 1920 by Henry D. Woods of Newton, MA. *Incumbent: Robert Hoag, Professor of Philosophy.*

Nathaniel Southgate Shaler Memorial Chairs in Geology and Chemistry, founded in 1923 by graduates of Harvard University in memory of Dr. Nathaniel Southgate Shaler, former professor of Geology at Harvard. *Incumbent: Larry Blair, Professor of Chemistry.*

Julian-Van Dusen Chair in American History, established in 1953 through bequests of William A. Julian, Washington, D.C., former Trustee, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Van Dusen, Detroit, MI. *Incumbent: David Nelson, Professor of History.*

Morris B. Belknap, Jr. Chair in Fine Arts, founded in 1954 through a bequest of Morris B. Belknap, Jr., of Louisville, KY. *Incumbent: Walter Hyleck, Professor of Art.*

William J. Hutchins Alumni Chair, established in 1959 by the bequest of William J. Hutchins, President Emeritus, and the gifts of William H. Danforth and many alumni. *Incumbent: Donald Hudson, Professor of Technology and Industrial Arts.*

Charles F. Kettering Chair in Science, founded in 1959 by the Charles F. Kettering Foundation of Yellow Springs, OH. *Incumbent: Smith T. Powell, Professor of Physics.*

Susan V. Clayton Chair in Nursing, endowed in 1967 by Will L. Clayton and his daughters in memory of Mrs. Will L. Clayton. *Incumbent: Pamela Farley, Professor of Nursing.*

W. George Matton Chair in Business, endowed in 1971 by a bequest from W.G. Matton of Louisville, KY. *Incumbent: Philip Spears, Professor of Business.*

W. George Matton Chair in Economics, endowed in 1971 by a bequest from W.G. Matton of Louisville, KY. *Incumbent: Clifford Sowell, Professor of Economics.*

Foster G. McGaw Chair in Nursing, established in 1972 by Mr. and Mrs. Foster McGaw, founder of American Hospital Supply Corporation. *Incumbent: Sandra L. Pennington, Associate Professor of Nursing.*

Francis Alexander McGaw Chair in Religion, established in 1972 by Mr. and Mrs. Foster McGaw of Evanston, Illinois, in memory of Mr. McGaw's father, a minister in the Appalachian Mountains and missionary to Africa. *Incumbent: Robert Suder, Professor of Religion.*

Mary W. McGaw Chair in Music, endowed in 1972 by Mr. and Mrs. Foster McGaw. Mrs. McGaw, a musician, considered the arts to be an important aspect of liberal education. *Incumbent: Robert Lewis, Professor of Music.*

Carter G. Woodson Chair in Negro History, established in 1972 by Mr. and Mrs. Foster McGaw of Evanston, Illinois, in memory of Dr. Carter Woodson, Berea alumnus and founder of the Journal of Negro History. *Incumbent: Vacant.*

Eli Lilly Chair in Religion, endowed in 1972 by Mr. and Mrs. Eli Lilly of Indianapolis, Indiana, as part of the Campus Christian Center and designed to strengthen and unify the intellectual and Christian purposes of the College. *Incumbent: Michelle Tooley, Associate Professor of Religion.*

Chester D. Tripp Chair in Humanities, established in 1974 through the bequest of Chester D. Tripp of Chicago, Illinois. *Incumbent: Richard Sears, Professor of English.*

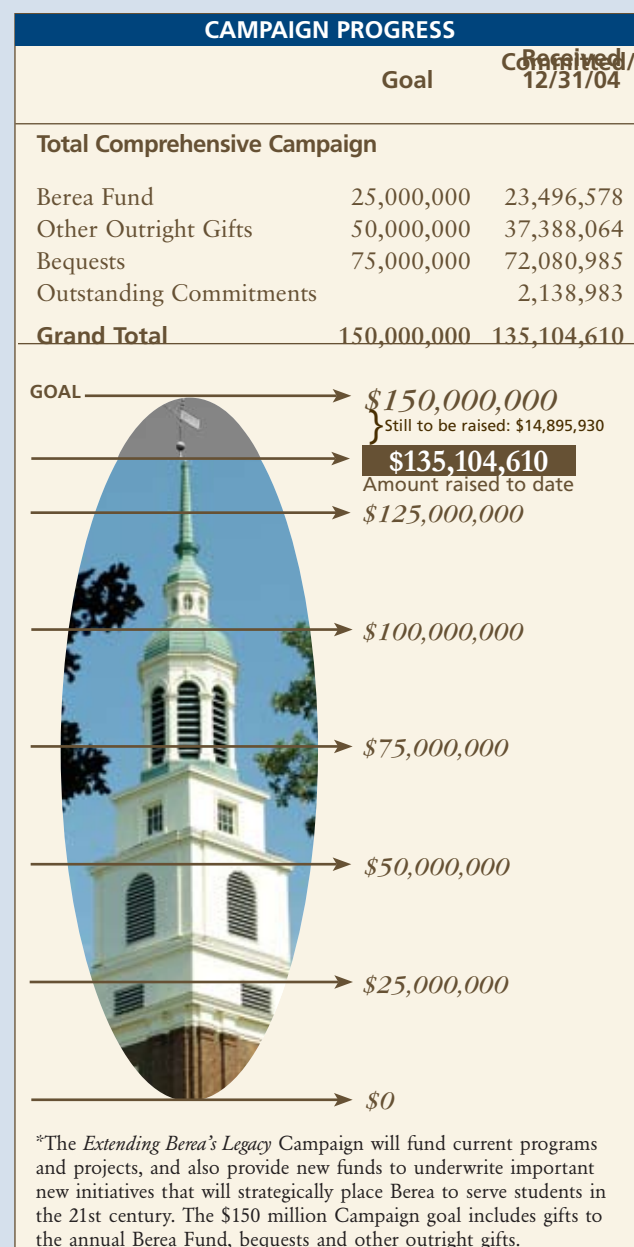
Goode Professorship in Appalachian Studies, established in 1986 by Roland and Dorothy Goode, both Berea alumni of the 1940s. Roland Goode later served as a College trustee. *Incumbent: Gordon McKinney, Professor of Appalachian Studies and Director of the Appalachian Center.*

National Endowment for the Humanities Chair in Appalachian Studies, established in 1997 through a matching-funds endowment grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to provide greater support for faculty research in Appalachian Studies and for the integration of regional materials into the classroom. *Incumbent: Joyce Miller.*

William and Kay Moore Chair of Entrepreneurship and Management, endowed in 1999 by a gift from Kay and William T. Moore, Jr., Foundation,'45, to provide leadership for the Entrepreneurship for the Public Good Program and entrepreneurial expertise for the Department of Business and Economics. *Incumbent: Deborah Brock, Assistant Professor of Business and Economics and Co-Director of Entrepreneurship for the Public Good.*

Compton Chair in Ecological Design, endowed in 2000 through a gift from the Compton Foundation, designed to provide expertise and leadership for teaching concepts of sustainability and for campus-wide progress toward sustainable practice. *Incumbent: James H. Dontje, Assistant Professor of Sustainability and Environmental Studies.*

William R. Gruver Chair in Leadership Studies, funded by several generous colleagues and friends of College trustee William R. Gruver, established in 2004 in support of the Entrepreneurship for the Public Good Program. *Incumbent: Jeffrey Nelson, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Co-Director of Entrepreneurship for the Public Good.*



Catch the **BEREA** Homecoming 2004 Spirit





Dr. Chella David, '61, and W. M. Davis, '50, were each awarded Berea's Distinguished Alumni Award during Homecoming 2004. David leads the largest laboratory at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, with 30 researchers studying the genetics behind diseases that include cancer, arthritis, diabetes, and AIDS to help patients suffering from these diseases. Davis is a retired Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. He has also served on special assignment at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C.

Naval Commander Michael Murphy, '84, with the Staff of the Commander, United States Pacific Command, received the Outstanding Young Alumnus award in absentia during the Alumni Banquet. Murphy is responsible for engagement and cooperation programs with the countries of South Asia.

On Saturday, Barbara Goddard, '48, an assistant to the President from 1982 – 1994 received this year's Rodney C. Bussey Award of Special Merit. Dr. Richard Drake, professor emeritus of history at Berea and a founding member of the Appalachian Studies Association, was named Honorary Alumnus.

Homecoming Queen Jodi Sumner, '05, a child and family studies major from Cadiz, KY, and King Christopher Awosika, '05, a psychology major from Springfield, OH, were crowned at halftime of the men's varsity game.

The Mountaineers and Lady Mountaineers both enjoyed 50 point wins against Miami University–Hamilton. The men defeated the Harriers 104-57, while the women rolled over their opponents 115-65. Highlighting the women's game was senior Ashley Miller who broke the College record for career rebounds, tallying eight.

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(Note: names of alumni pictured above are available online at the alumni page at: www.berea.edu)



Alumni Connections



With over 17,000 members around the world, the Berea College Alumni Association represents a diverse yet connected extended community. We encourage all our alums to develop strong ties with your friends and to Berea by engaging in our many programs, services and activities.



Berea is Coming to You!

Berea College Alumni Chapters are all over the country—one is probably meeting near you! Chapter meetings for 2004-05 run through May, so don't miss out! For more information, contact the Alumni Association at 1.800.457.9846, or e-mail jennifer_mills@bereda.edu.

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Eunice Hall, '78

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Tyler Smyth Thompson, '83

Save the Date—
Homecoming 2005 is earlier this year!
Mark your calendars for
NOVEMBER 4-6, 2005!

Bereans Staying Connected!



Betty Parker, '50, and Margaret Haun, '52, pose for a picture with President Larry Shinn during his visit to Pleasant Hill, Tenn. More than 80 alumni and friends turned out to hear the President speak about Berea's mission and commitment to sustainability and the environment.



Bereans in the Houston, Texas area gathered together for an evening reception at the brooks-reid studio in downtown Houston. The event was sponsored by alumni Paul Yim, '78, and Darin Brooks, '95.



Wisconsin area alumni got together to meet Berea's new Alumni Director, Mae Suramek, '95. Josietana Hall, '63 won the top door prize of the night—spoonbread mix from Boone Tavern!

Chapter coordinators—please send your pictures in so that we can share them with other Berea alumni and friends!

Campus Leaders



As part of Orientation week, former Student Government Association (SGA) Presidents and Campus Activities Board (CAB) Chairs came back to campus to introduce the incoming freshmen class to the Great Commitments of Berea College. (Left photo) Former SGA Presidents Hasan Davis, '92 and William Jones, '95, met with current SGA president Shane



Gregory, '05. (Right photo) Current CAB Chair Wendy Brotherton, '06, exchanged ideas and shared Berea experiences with Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, '97, Kif Skidmore, '95, former CAB Chairs, and Mae Suramek, '95, Alumni Director.

Extending Berea's Legacy in North Carolina

On October 2, more than 100 Berea alumni and friends gathered together to celebrate "Extending Berea's Legacy" at the Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, N.C. They were treated with a spectacular performance by the Berea College Concert Choir and special remarks by President-Elect of the Alumni Executive Council, Mark Estepp, '77, current first lady Nancy Shinn, former first lady of Berea College Anne Weatherford, and President Larry Shinn.



Alumni Making a Difference

September 18-25, local alumni joined forces with the Madison County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity to help with the 50th House Project, a 7-day building blitz of two houses on Scaffold Cane Road in Berea, Kentucky. Berea alums from different classes showed their hammering, dry walling, and painting skills. Berea College alumni Ashley Morgan, '94, and Michael Wallace, '89, led the building efforts as house leaders for both homes. The Office of Alumni Relations hopes to encourage other Berea chapters throughout the country to come together to give back to their communities and continue Berea's commitment to service. For further information on Berea's Alumni Service Initiative, please contact Mae Suramek at 859.985.3110 or by e-mail at Mae_Suramek@berea.edu.



Winter/Spring 2005 Alumni Chapter Dates & Coordinators

East Central Florida – **Sun., February 27, 2005**

Vanessa May Lane, '87

Roanoke, Virginia – **Sat., March 5, 2005**

Leroy Worley, '70

Western Kentucky – **Sat., March 5, 2005**

George Ballard, '67, Annabelle Phipps Beverly, '52

Arizona – **Sat., March 12, 2005**

Terry Taylor Mull, '68

Colorado – **Sat., March 12, 2005**

Ursula Boehm Dickinson, '52

South Carolina Chapter – **Sat., March 19, 2005**

Walter Jacobs, '52

Northern Florida – **Sat., April 2, 2005**

Steven and Jennifer Goodpaster, '03

Central Virginia – **Sat., April 9, 2005**

Judy Coates Fray, '67

Madison County, Kentucky – **Sat., April 9, 2005**

Truman and Joyce Barnes Fields, '61, Virginia Ferrill Piland, '43

Hazard, Kentucky – **Fri., April 15, 2005**

Sam Turner, '54

Pulaski Co./Somerset, Kentucky – **Sat., April 16, 2005**

Garland Whitis, '86, and Paula Watkins Whitis, '84

Atlanta, Georgia – **Sat., April 23, 2005**

Shelby Alderman Whitson, '59

Alabama – **Sat., April 30, 2005**

Eugene Dekich, '52

Greater Kanawha, West Virginia – **Sun., May 1, 2005**

Brandy Sloan Brabham, '00, Sarah Wallace Stump, '83

Columbus, Ohio – **Sat., May 7, 2005**

David and Jennie Tallent Nickel, '65

Bluegrass, Kentucky – **Sat., May 21, 2005**

Kristin Conley Clark, '92



You are the honored classes—
 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960,
 1965, 1970, 1975 as well as
 all Academy, Foundation, and
 Knapp Hall classes. Come
 join us Kats and Kittens for
 some jump jivin' good ole
 times! Revisit, remember,
 and join with old friends and
 classmates. It's all here
 waiting for you. Be sure to
 register now and join in
 the fun!

For further information—
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Summer Reunion 2005 REGISTRATION FORM

Name (include birth name) _____ Class Year _____

Spouse/Guest (include birth name) _____ Class Year _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ FAX Number _____ E-mail _____

- Yes**, I plan to be at Summer Reunion on June 10-12, 2005 but no tickets are needed.
- Yes**, I plan to be at Summer Reunion on June 10-12, 2005. Please reserve tickets for me for the following events:
- No**, I am unable to attend Summer Reunion '05. Enclosed is some information which can be shared with the reunion group.

FRIDAY, 6/10

Summer Reunion Evening Class Picnic with Live Band _____ tickets at \$15.00 each

SATURDAY, 6/11

50th Reunion Class of '55 Breakfast _____ reservations (complimentary).

Sweetheart Breakfast _____ at \$7.00 each.

Class Luncheon _____ at \$10.00 each.

(For the classes of '40, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, Academy and Foundation – please circle one!)

Alumni Banquet _____ at \$25.00 each. Tickets are limited, and sold on a first come, first served basis.

Please indicate if you require special accessibility or assistance, or have special dietary needs during Summer Reunion.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ - \$ _____ of this is my contribution to the Berea Fund and \$ _____ is for my tickets OR Please charge my VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, AMERICAN EXPRESS, OR DINERS CLUB card (*circle one*) for \$ _____. \$ _____ of this is my contribution to the Berea Fund and \$ _____ is for my tickets.

CARD Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Signature of Card holder _____

Due to limited availability, reservations must be made by May 27, 2005. Tickets are non-refundable after reservation deadline.

Tickets can be picked up starting Thursday, June 9 from 8 am–5 pm. They can also be picked up during registration on Friday, June 10 from 8am–5:30 pm or Saturday, June 11 from 8 am–6 pm at the Alumni building.

Mail reservation form by **May 27** to: Berea College Alumni Relations, CPO 2203, Berea, KY 40404
 FAX to 859.985.3178, e-mail jennifer_mills@bera.edu, or call 1.800.457.9846.



About Berea People

1932

Dr. James Moler, of Charles Town, W.Va., was recently honored as Distinguished Citizen of the year in Jefferson County.

1934

Fern Elizabeth Stowe, '34, states that she is now living in a nursing wing at Friends House in Sandy Spring, MD. "At nearly 93, I get around in (a) wheelchair."

1935

Dr. Dean Colvard recently attended a book signing for *Dean W. Colvard, Quiet Leader* written by Marion A. Ellis. He and his wife, **Martha Lampkin Colvard**, '34 reside in Charlotte, N.C.

1938

Mabel Self Emerson of Birmingham, Ala., recently celebrated her 90th birthday with a large celebration held at the East Lake Methodist Church. Approximately 100 people attended.

1940 65th SUMMERREUNION

Chairperson June 10-12, 2005

Dr. Robert G. Menefee: (859) 986-4627, no email

Katleen K. Shaw, '40, of Charlotte, NC just celebrated her 90th birthday with her first party, organized by her sons. She is still mobile and volunteers with Loaves and Fishes at her church.

1941

Corleene Shumate Hammond was recently included in *Who's Who in America, 2004* under Humanities, Liberal Studies. She has degrees in English, education and drama as well as completed course work at Stanford in speech and drama. She resides in Hayward, Calif.

Dr. Leon Lackey's wife, Sylvia, of Martinsville, Va., died on June 6.

1942

Rosella Morgan Stuart has moved to a retirement community in Nashville, Tenn.

Burnice L. Wall, '42, and his wife Mayme, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June 2004 as well as their 91st birthdays in October, report enjoying retirement life in Midway, KY.

1944

Marion Hines, Navy V-12, is retired and lives in Little Rock, Ark.

Bertha B. S. Seal, '44, is retired from teaching and now lives in a patio village in Winter Haven, FL. She is active in church and reports she survived three hurricanes with "little damage and much prayer."

Nell Warholme Sibling, '44, reports that at 84 years old she is still active in art work (watercolor, pen and ink sketches, etc.) as well as writing poetry. She also takes community college classes for senior citizens at Riderwood Village, in Silver Spring, MD.



Marion Hines

1945 60th SUMMERREUNION

Chairpersons June 10-12, 2005

Sara Slusher Jordan: (317) 253-8196, no email

Helen Monson Luce: (828) 733-2479, millern@juno.com

Louise Young Gossett: (336) 759-2597, no email

1949

Garland Thayer is a retired educator since 1995 and has recently become a visitation minister for First United Methodist Church in Johnson City, Tenn. He and his wife, Jean, have seven grandchildren and live in Limestone, Tenn.

1950 55th SUMMERREUNION

Chairperson June 10-12, 2005

Loring Vance: (304) 897-5634, no email

1951

Dr. George Barrier and **Frances Farley Barrier**, '53 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December with a trip to South America. The couple resides in Chadds Ford, Pa.

Dr. Dolores Noll, Cx'51, Emeritus Professor of English at Kent State University, recently received a Master of Divinity degree from The Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She is a member of Liberation United Church of Christ in Lakewood, Ohio.

Ted Smith and his wife, **Mae Watts Smith**, '49, are both retired. Mae was a first grade teacher and Ted was an elementary school principal.

1952

Homer Ledford, Cx'52, received the Lifetime Achievement Award on April 17 from the Southern Highland Craft Guild in Asheville, N.C. He and wife, **Colista Spradlin Ledford**, '53 live in Winchester, Ky. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

Vinson and **Patty Ascough Watts**, '52, **Owen Schumacker** Cx'57 and **Reva Fowler Schumacker**, Cx'54, and **Ronald Gibson** '54 and **Bethena Shaw Gibson**, '54, all celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries in 2003. The couples met at Berea College.

1953

Wilma Baker Parks is retired from New York Life Insurance Company. She has three children and five grandchildren and resides in Indianapolis, Ind.

Frances Dillingham Price lives in Whiteville, N.C. with husband, Allen. They have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1954

Orpha Copley Keller, Cx'54, of Roland, Iowa is a retired R.N. She has six children and 14 grandchildren.

Dr. Joe L. Morgan was recently awarded the D.T. Smithwick Newspaper/Magazine Article Award from the North Carolina Society of Historians, Inc., for his article "Peter Smith Hanged in Marshall, 1905" which was printed in the Madison County News Record and Sentinel on September 27, 2000. He was recognized for his preservation and perpetuation of North Carolina's history.

Jackie Webb Williams, Cx'54, of Tucker, Ga., has retired from 10 years of being a medical lab technician and 27 years of teaching high school science.

C. Milton Young graduated from Duke Divinity School. He retired from First Methodist Church in Forest City, N.C. to Asheville, N.C.



C. Milton Young

1955 50th SUMMERREUNION

Chairperson June 10-12, 2005

Herb "Cotton" and Jacky Hopper Shadowen: (270) 843-6358, no email

William Farmer and wife **Violet Johnson Farmer**, '61 of Berea, Ky., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a celebration with family and friends.

Billy Edd Wheeler's outdoor drama "Johnny Applesseed" ran in Ohio from June 26–September 5. The book, music and lyrics were all written by Wheeler.



"Johnny Applesseed"

1956

Dr. Bernard Davis and wife Jerrye have moved to Louisville, Ky.

Darrell Crase, Ph.D., professor at The University of Memphis, retired in April 2004 after 38 years at the university. His wife, Dr. Dixie R. Crase, continues in a dual role as professor of child development and director of University internships. They reside in Memphis, Tenn.

Dorothy May Todd, Cx'56 has recently moved to a retirement community in Lexington, Ky. She retired from teaching English at Henry Clay High School after 38 years of teaching in three states.

1957

Mary Lou Battle Parrish retired in 2000 after 30 years of teaching. She and husband, Pete, reside in Hickory, N.C.

1958

Rev. J. Oscar McCloud, of Teaneck, N.J., is Associate Pastor for Administration at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. He has been a member of the pastoral staff at Fifth Avenue since 1995.

Academy/Foundation **SUMMERREUNION**

Chairpersons June 10-12, 2005

Academy-Roy N. Walters, Jr: (828) 437-6610, no email

Foundation-Thomas Coomer: (606) 329-9327, coomer_b@msn.com

1960 45th SUMMERREUNION

Chairpersons June 10-12, 2005

Evelyn Hensley Hance: (859) 485-7193, no email

1961

Dr. Chella David was awarded the Ranbaxy Research Award for the year 2003 in the field of "Medical Science-Medical Research." The award was jointly shared with Dr. V.M. Katoch of Agra, India. The award was presented in New Delhi on October 8, by the President of India.

1962

Mary Johnson Marasa is a retired nurse with two grandchildren. She resides in Louisville, Ky.

1963

Wanda Dodson retired in July from Mississippi State University and moved to Monticello, Ky. She has accepted a Fulbright Lectureship in India for Fall 2004.

1964

Margaret Davis Boone and her husband **Richard Boone**, Cx'64 reside in Los Gatos, Calif. Richard has retired from law practice and Margaret works as House Supervisor at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center as well as teaching nursing courses at local colleges.

1965 40th SUMMERREUNION

Chairpersons June 10-12, 2005

Veree Thompson Woodbridge: (440) 543-0502, woodbridges@adelphia.net

Faye Collett Sutton of Louisville, Ky., recently received her doctorate in Organizational Change. She is on the faculty of the University of Louisville.

1966

Dr. Rena Lanham Catron retired this year after 34 years as a teacher, principal, consultant and professor. She resides in Medina, Ohio.

Juanita Hayes Lampi is working for Mesa Verde Middle School in Moorpark, Calif.

Frances Nichols Rogers and her husband, Terry, of Clyde, N.C., traveled to Princeton, W.Va., to attend the July 3 wedding of Eric Lester, son of **Roger Lester**, '63, as well as visiting classmates **Willard Duckett**, '64, and wife, **Mollie Watts Duckett**, who live in Bloomington, Ind.

1967

Gail Brashear Combs is retiring after working 30 years for the Cabinet for Families and Health Services in the areas of adoption and foster care. She and husband, **Ralph Combs**, '66, reside in Versailles, Ky.

Carolyn Powers Szekely, retired in 1986 and opened a store for military memorabilia and plaques in Brandon, Fla., where she lives with husband, John.

1968

Roger Jenkins was named dean of the Richard T. Farmer School of Business Administration by Miami University. He resides in Oxford, Ohio.

Connie Spencer-Ackerman, director of the Adult Education Academy for Professional Development at Morehead State University, was named to the 2004 Board of Examiners of the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence. Established in 1993, the award program strives to promote economic development by helping companies grow more competitive. It honors excellence in business operations and results. She began working at Morehead in 2002, and has also worked as a corporate research associate in the family literacy field, as coordinator of Ohio's Even Start Family literacy program and Ohio's Family and School Partnership Initiative and as the supervisor of several adult education organizations. She received her master's in English from Northern Kentucky University and has completed postgraduate coursework toward certification as an instructional supervisor and principal.

1969

Dr. J. Pat Seabolt is in his 29th year at the University of Kentucky.

Joseph Sowder retired in April from Federal Civic Services at Wright-Patterson AFB after 35 years of government service. He and his wife, **Pamela Thompson Sowder**, reside in Beavercreek, Ohio.

1970 35th SUMMERREUNION

Chairpersons June 10-12, 2005

Carolyn Castle: (859) 985-3050, carolyn_castle@bera.edu

George Fain retired from Spartanburg High School after 31 years of teaching Advanced Placement European History. He continues as an instructor at the University of South Carolina and as a consultant for the College Board regional office. He resides in Spartanburg, S.C.

1971

Elizabeth Blackson Browning, Cx'71, of Richmond, Ky., took part in the Berea Craft Festival July 9-11 in which she answered questions about common decorating dilemmas. She is a portrait painter turned design coordinator.

Belinda Pugh has worked as a librarian in Germany, Italy, and Cuba and is now doing so in Japan.

1972

Patricia Oliver Pittman became the CEO/Medical Center Director at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Memphis, Tenn.

Ruthaleen Henderson Morrow received her real estate broker's license in May and works at a brokers office in Perdido Key, Fla.

1973

Dr. Betty Smith Coffey has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to teach and conduct research in strategic management at Sichuan University in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, People's Republic of China during 2004. Her husband, **Dr. Dennis Coffey**, '71, is an associate professor of construction management at East Tennessee State University. They live in Boone, N.C.

Irene Bradley Ogle, '73, now lives in Tigerville, SC.

1975 30th SUMMERREUNION

Chairpersons June 10-12, 2005

Bill and Anne Hylton Ramsay: (859) 986-6052, berea75reunion@hotmail.com

1976

Kenneth Ellis retired in August after 22 years of service as an Air Traffic Controller at Louisville International Airport in Louisville, Ky.

Keep in Touch

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Elizabeth Ball Webb and husband, **Dean Webb**, '81, both teach at Grant County High School and reside in Dry Ridge, Ky.

1977

Larry Sweeney was recently named "ESOP Employee of the Year" by his employer Delta Environmental Consultants, Inc. He resides in Verona, Pa.

Dr. Deborah Lilly Weddington, '77, is a family practice physician in Bristol, VA. Her husband, **Sam Weddington**, '77, recently graduated from Appalachian School of Law and was scheduled to sit for the Bar in February 2005. Their elder son, **Samuel Terrence Weddington**, Cx '01, is attending Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA. He and his wife, Grace Kim, have a son, Samuel Kwang Weddington (born Sept. 23, 2004). Their younger son, **Robert Michael Weddington**, Cx '02, is a student at Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, VA.

1978

John and Susan McGuffin Alexander have moved to Fairfield, Va. Susan is the Reading Specialist for Effinger Elementary School and John is the principal at Fairfield Elementary School.

Dr. Iris (Clay) Lee Mullins has received a Ph.D. in nursing from Georgia State University. She is currently an assistant professor of nursing in adult health in the School of Nursing at Radford University. Her husband, **Dr. Gregory Lee Mullins**, '79, is professor and nutrient management specialist in the department of crop and soil environmental sciences at Virginia Tech. He was recently selected as Fellow in the American Society of Agronomy. Iris and Greg have two children; both are students at Virginia Tech. They reside in Blacksburg, Va.

1979

Jola "Bitsy" Carico is the Secondary Guidance Counselor, Director of Guidance of Norton City Schools in Norton, Va. She is now living in Big Stone Gap, Va.

Jennifer McClanahan is the Fine Detail Gardener for an environmental landscaper and shoreline restorationist. She resides in Bridgton, Maine.

Phyllis McGlone Williams is an elementary school counselor at Heritage and Star elementary schools in Carter County, Ky.

1980

Sara Dunne resides in Lowell, Mich., with husband Greg Ghetia. She is the Nutrition Services Director at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

Dr. Joe Korn and wife, **Tamira Field Korn**, '82, moved to Israel where Joe worked for a short time for the Veterinary Services of the Ministry of Agriculture. He currently works for Ha Chakait, a group of 50 dairy veterinarians serving dairies across the country.

1981

Jim Ramsay was recently named Regional Coordinator for Eastern Europe and Central Asia for the Mission Society for United Methodists. He and his wife, **Shawn Myers Ramsay**, Cx'86 will continue to reside in Karaganda, Kazakhstan.

1983

Dena Sturgill Schneider Harrison was recently married. She and her husband, Gerald, live in Bristol, Tenn.

Paul Hii and his wife, **Theda Crutcher Hii**, '85 reside in Mobile, Ala., with daughter Rebecca who was born in May 2003.

1984

Michael Bobic is the director of institutional research, and Division Chair of History and Pre-Law at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Ga.

Margery Coulson-Clark was recently awarded a space in *Who's Who Among American Teachers* and *Who's Who of International Professionals*. She attended Oxford University in summer 2004 to do post doctoral studies in world trade policies.

1985

Ernie Kidd works at Body and Soil in Charlottesville, Va.

Regina Mattingly, '85, has a four-year-old daughter named Hope. Regina states that the international background at Berea, her semester in France, and her degree in French are useful in her current work with the International Visa Service, in Atlanta, GA, where she processes U.S. passports and travel, work, and study visas outbound from the U.S.

1986

Bob Wilson had two black and white photographs published in the Knoxville Writers' Guild's sixth anthology *Migrants and Stowaways: An Anthology of Journeys*. The anthology release party was on Oct. 1, 2004 at the Emporium Building in Knoxville, Tenn. The anthology contains poems, memoirs, essays, photographs, and short stories. The Knoxville Writers' Guild website is www.knoxvillewritersguild.org.

1987

J. D. Williamson taught a comic strip cartooning class at the Marietta, W.Va. Family YMCA in November. He has taught art for more than 20 years in the Mid-Ohio Valley.

1988

Raymond Bryan and **Denise Roberts McKinney**, '91, reside in Berea, Ky. Ray teaches fifth grade at Lexington Christian Academy. Denise has published an anthropology text entitled "Poetry as Prayer: Appalachian Women Speak" which she compiled and edited with funding from the Kentucky Foundation for Women.

1991

Katherine Silver Kelly has completed her first year at the University Of Akron School Of Law. She and husband, Andrew, reside in Akron, Ohio.

Greg Lakes, Cx'91 received an award for Outstanding Achievement in Funeral Service Education. He and wife, **Rachel Roberts**, '92, reside in Berea, Ky.

Christopher Lo works as a State Farm Insurance agent in Sacramento, Calif.

Nathan Platt and wife, **Janie Jessee Platt**, reside in Louisville, Ky., with their two year old son Johnathan. Nathan completed his doctoral degree in the summer and will graduate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in December. Janie is Director of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program at University Hospital.

Edward Miller resides in East Bernstadt, Ky. He was recently named "Teacher of the Year 2003" by the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce. He has been teaching for the past 10 years at London Christian Academy.

1992

Brenda Ferguson-Sebastian is currently a student at West Virginia University in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program. She resides in Williamson, W.Va.

Lucha Ray Ramey gave birth to son Adam Joshua Ramey on June 2. She and husband, Aaron, reside in Knoxville, Tenn.

1993

Regina Ragan is a psychotherapist in private practice in Chapel Hill, N.C. She also serves as the Executive Director of the Satir Institute of the Southeast, a nonprofit educational corporation providing education, training and consultation to individuals, groups, families, organizations and communities in the Virginia Satir human growth model. She resides in Hillsborough, N.C.

Andrea Ford Thomas, Cx'93, graduated from Midway College in May 2004 with a BA in Elementary Education. She is employed at Jamestown Elementary School in Jamestown, Ky. Andrea and her husband, Andy, have three children and reside in Russell Springs, Ky.

1994

Married: Donna Clanton Anderson to Jesse Anderson, Cx'95, on July 14, 2003. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Kelly Hutchinson Fannin was married in May of 2000 and had a son, Mason Walker in April of 2002. She resides in Chesapeake, Ohio.

Married: Jeremy John Heidt to Brenda Covington on May 29. Alumni in attendance included **Jerry Kettles**, '93, **Steve Jones**, '96, and **Erica Anderson Jones**, '94. The couple reside in Nashville, Tenn.

Jarrod Henson, Cx'94, is working on publishing a book and owns his own cyber business. He also works with juvenile offenders in an outreach program. He resides in McDonald, Tenn.

Joyce Mphande-Finn received her Doctorate in Education from the University of Montana in May. She resides in Missoula, Mont.

1995

Ronnie Nolan is completing his dissertation for a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from North Carolina State University. He is the associate director for the Kentucky Educational Collaborative where he works in partnership with 58 school districts and 116 programs throughout the state to provide educational opportunities for at risk students. He and his wife, **Mae Suramek**, '95, reside in Berea, Ky.

Belinda Anderson Roberts, Cx'95, teaches a second grade bilingual classroom in Harvard, Ill. She resides in Belvedere, Ill.

Birth: A daughter, Hannah Faith, to Shawn Skeese and his wife, Elizabeth, in August.

1996

Birth: A daughter, Anna Catherine, to Hatha Gable Bartlett on June 20. She and her husband, **Geoffrey Bartlett**, '93, reside in Shepherd, Mich.

Birth: A daughter, Ashley Mercedes, to R. Travis Brenda Brenda, '00 on November 13, 2003. The family resides in Crab Orchard, Ky.

Angelia Faulks, '96, is now a Quality Control Coordinator for the Inorganics Department at Environmental Science Corp. in Mt. Juliet, TN.

Yoon-Sook Moon has moved to Tampa, Fla.

1997

Melissa Kern is a traveling nurse in Dayton, Ohio. **Nicole Proffitt Pernsteiner** graduated with her MBA from the University of Phoenix in May. She adopted a daughter in June and gave birth to a son in July.

1998

Amanda Allen Lentz resides in Louisville, Tenn., with husband, Abe, and daughter, Iris Simone, who was born on February 13.

Birth: A son, James Estill Joshua, to Jennifer Randolph, Cx'98 on January 16, 2003. She resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Married: Sarah Stricklen to Eric Schilens on July 10 in Kowaliga, Ala. Sarah is a third grade teacher at Richey Elementary School.

1999

Birth: A daughter, Chloe Elizabeth, to Jessica Starcher Burdine and her husband, **Danny Burdine**, '98, in April. They reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Melissa Carpenter is the guidance counselor at Owen County High School. She resides in Frankfort, Ky.

Married: Courtney Ann Dike to Scott Bradley Moore, '00.

Dawn Waters-King is a realtor with Century 21 Gold of Berea. She resides in Richmond, Ky., with husband, David, and son, Ethan.

Sara Bradley Sexton is currently teaching first grade at Berea Community School while pursuing a Master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University.

2000

Married: Fritz Schindler to Andrea Halvorson on June 26, 2004. He is the worship pastor at New Horizons Foursquare Church in Radford, Va.

Katrina Suzanne Thacker is a teaching associate of English at Indiana University of Pennsylvania while writing her doctoral dissertation. Her poetry was published in the May issue of *Small Town Life* magazine.

2001

Camilla Clay Andrews received her Master's of Theological Studies degree from Vanderbilt Divinity School in May. She will begin a residency in pastoral counseling at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

Sanjeeva Goonasekera received a Masters Degree in Science from the University of Rochester in Pharmacology, in May 2004. He resides in Rochester, N.Y.

Soneath Hor has been living in Cambodia for more than a year and a half after finishing his graduate studies at Fordham University. He is working for a facility of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank, to improve the business environment.

Suleiman Oko-Ogua received his law degree on May 27 from the University of Kentucky's Law School.

2002

Kara Beisner has moved to Rupert, Idaho where she is working as a behavioral therapist with Progressive Behavior Systems.

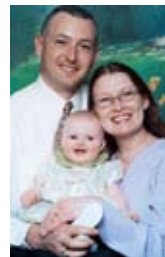
Married: Michael Bess to Rebekka Cantrell on June 19. They reside in Cynthia, Ky. Michael is currently teaching history and German at Bourbon County High School in Paris, Ky. Rebekka is currently teaching technology at Pendleton County High School in Falmouth, Ky.

Margaret Born is a manager at Lowe's and resides in Lexington, Ky.

Cassandra Covington has moved to Vermont to attend the University of Vermont College of Medicine. For the past two years she has worked as a research assistant at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

Heather Veeder Monroe was recently married and resides in North Huntingdon, Penn.

Birth: A son, Jonah Andrew, to Hannah Logan Ponder, in July. She and husband, **Denis Ponder**, '03, reside in Berea, Ky.



R. Travis and Judy Ellenburg Brenda with daughter Ashley

Birth: A son, Isaiah, to **David and Nicole Black Wilson** on March 14. David is working on his master's degree in education at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The couple resides in Bexley, Ohio.

2003

Married: **Bethany Herman** to Luke Archer on May 29. The couple resides in Loft Findlay, Ohio.

Rhonda Burkholder is working as a critical care nurse in Harrisonburg, Va.

Jim Fershee recently published his first book, *Benny and the King*. It was published by PublishAmerica in Baltimore. He resides in Berea, Ky.

Andra Noble Turner is currently teaching physical education at Dennis C. Wooten Elementary School in Hazard, Ky.

Married: **Andrea Lowery Van Dorsten** to **Jeremiah Van Dorsten** '02. The couple resides in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Married: **Amy Nelson Walsh** to **Joseph Walsh** on August 16. Amy gave birth to daughter, Hailey Suzanne, on May 7. The family resides in Mount Vernon, Ky.

2004

Novruz Bashirov has recently begun working for Fidelity's Fixed Income group. He lives in Bedford, N.H.

Brandi Collins is teaching at Berea Community Elementary School in the physical education department.

Matthew Glover is teaching in Houston, Texas.

Thaminda Ramanayake has started his Ph.D. at the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, N.Y., in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

Amy Riggle has joined Save the Children as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow. She will focus on programming and development.

Faculty/Staff

Dr. Stephanie Browner, associate professor of English and Dean of the Faculty at Berea, is the author of *Profound Science and Elegant Literature: Imagining Doctors in Nineteenth Century America*, which examines how fiction represented medicine and the doctor as medicine professionalized and became the most esteemed and highly-paid profession in the nation. The book was published in November by the University of Pennsylvania Press. Browner's first book, *Literature and the Internet: A Guide for Students, Teachers, and Scholars* (with Stephen Pulsford and Richard Sears), was published in 2000.



Dr. Gordon McKinney, director of Berea's Appalachian Center and Goode Professor of Appalachian Studies, is the author of *Zeb Vance: North Carolina's Civil War Governor and Gilded Age Political Leader*, published this fall by the University of North Carolina Press. The biography places Vance "in the context of historians' rapidly changing perceptions of the American South." His numerous books and articles on central and southern Appalachia include the *Guide to the Zebulon Baird Vance Papers*, co-written with Dr. Richard McMurry, and *Southern Mountain Republicans, 1865-1900: Politics and the Appalachian Community*. *The Heart of Confederate Appalachia: Western North Carolina in the Civil War*, co-authored with John C. Inscoe of the University of Georgia, was published in 2000.

Passages

The "Passages" section of the *Berea College Magazine* honors Bereans who have passed away. If you know of a Berean who has died, please let the Alumni Association know by calling 1.800.457.9846, or e-mailing mae_suramek@berea.edu. Please include the person's class year or connection to Berea, and the date and place of death.

1920s

Ruth Gabbard, Cx'27, of Aurora, Ind., died February 25, 2003.

Georgia Harmon Owens, Cx'28, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died May 16, 1999.

1930s

Lula Thacker Welborn, Cx'30, of Evansville, Ind., died September 19.

Virginia Dean Judson, Cx'32, of Carmel, Calif., died September 22.

Marvin Paul Booher, '33, of Huntsville, Ala., died July 20. He was a market analyst for Dayco Corp. for 32 years before retiring at the age of 67.

Rufus Taylor, Cx'33, of Bardstown, Ky., died on October 18, 2001. He is survived by his wife, Anne Brown Taylor.

Ruby Hamon Clark, '34, of Patriot, Ohio, died August 27, 1999.

Thomas George Cocks, Cx'34, of North Palm Beach, Fla., died October 13, 2000

Lester McClung, Cx'34, of Nitro, W.Va., died August 12, 2001.

Lucille Webb Helton, Cx'35, of Rock Hill, S.C., is deceased. She was preceded in death by husband,

Jerome Helton, '33.

Ruby Grayson Tanner, Cx'35, of Richland, Mo., died on April 27, 1999.

Hubert Cornett, Cx'36, of Liberty, Ky., died January 26, 2004.

Rev. James Stilz, Cx'35, of Lexington, Ky., died November 26, 2002.

Grace Oneal Littlejohn Taylor, '36, of Birmingham, Ala., died February 3. She was a teacher for 30 years, and is survived by husband **Robert L. Taylor, '36.**

Read Clark, Cx'37, of Easley, S.C., is deceased.

George Hamilton, '37, of Crescent Beach, Fla., died July 8.

Dr. G. Kelly Keith, '38, of Oceanside, Calif., died on August 1. There is a fund in his name at Berea College for students from Clay County, Ky.

Reed Owens, '38, of Fort Pierce, Fla., died January 13, 2003.

Xury Settle, '38, of Georgetown, Ind., died August 13. He was a retired chemist for Ashland Oil Co. in Louisville and an Army veteran of World War II.

Morgan Scaggs, Cx'39, of Vanceburg, Ky., died March 28, 1999.

Frances Wilson Smith, '39, of Decatur, Ga., died May 10. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Clarence Edwin Smith, '36**, who died October 18, 2002.

1940s

Dr. Robert Blake, '40, of Austin, Texas, died June 20. He was a tenured professor of psychology at the University of Texas at Austin until 1964. He lectured at Harvard, Oxford, and Cambridge Universities, and worked on special extended assignments at the Tavistock Clinic, London, as a Fulbright Scholar. While working at Tavistock, he heard that National Training Laboratories was being established in Maine for the purpose of studying group behavior. He spent 10 summers there as a faculty and board member. This is where he met his professional partner, Dr. Herbert Shepard, with whom he joined forces to conduct a 10-year study of the Exxon Corporation that served as the building block for Scientific Methods and the first real practical application for his theory and methodology. Dr. Blake was a pioneer author and consultant who distinguished the "human" side of business leadership in the early 1950's, when the human resource development movement was in its infancy. He developed a worldwide network of managerial consultants, co-authored more than 40 books and seminars, hundreds of articles, and consulted for governments, industries, and universities in 40 countries for almost four decades. He was a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and a Diplomate in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. He was elected to the Human Resources Hall of Fame in 1987. He received an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Berea College and was recognized in 2003 in "Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century." He is survived by his daughter, Cary Mercer Blake, his son, Brooks Mercer Blake, and two grandsons.

Charles Chidester, Cx'40, of Fort Wayne, Ind., died April 27. He was the son of Berea College professor Albert J. Chidester.

Charles Jarvis, '40, of Rural Hall, N.C., died April 17, 2004.

Herman McDonald, '40, of Lexington, Ky., died in August 2003. He is survived by wife, **Mary Ellis McDonald, '41.**

Kathleen Ruddle Scherrer, '40, of Tucson, Ariz., died in August.

Howard Pilson, '41, of Stuart, Va., died July 23. He practiced law in Patrick County for 40 years.

Herbert Branscum, Cx'42, of Brodhead, Ky., died July 21. He is survived by wife **Virginia Bullen Branscum, '51.**

Lloyd Robertson, '42, of Greensboro, N.C., died August 13. He was a WWII veteran, serving in the Army Air Corp. He was a vocational agricultural teacher in the Madison, N.C., High School System for 30 years. He is survived by sister, **Elizabeth Robertson Stamper, '42**, of Greensboro, N.C.

Jewell Ingram Seay, Cx'42, of Charlotte, N.C., died August 21. She was a teacher in North Carolina, Kentucky and Maryland. She was preceded in death by husband, **William Brownlow Seay, '41.**

Jerome Bouhl, Cx'44, Navy V-12, of Louisville, Ky., died July 21, 1999.

Dr. Carl Cowen, Cx'44, Navy V-12, of Indianapolis, Ind., died April 7.

John Harris, Cx'44, Navy V-12, of Paducah, Ky., died November 18, 2002.

Lewis Hart, Jr., Cx'44, Navy V-12, of Lexington, Ky., died May 3.

William Heid, Cx'44, Navy V-12, of Cleveland, Ohio, died in November 2001.

Henry Straceski, Cx'44, Navy V-12, of New York, N.Y., is deceased.

Pauline Pigman Bowling, '45, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died August 10. She was a former teacher as well as editor for *Kyana Gemscoop*.

Dr. Keith Speer, Cx'45 of Damascus, Va., died July 15. He served the Grundy area with his dental practice for over 38 years until his retirement. He is survived by sister, **Lois Speer Baird, '48** and her husband, **Calvin, '49**.

Donald Eklund, Cx'46, Navy V-12, of Portland, Ore., died December 22, 2003.

Dr. Kathryn Abels Stratton, '47, of Indiana, Pa., died July 25. She taught at Freeport High School, Freeport, N.Y., and at IUP, where she was a counselor in the Educational Opportunity Program. She is survived by sister, **Lois Abels Pike, '51**.

William "Bill" Sayles Wake, Cx'45, Navy V-12, of Geneva, Ill., died July 24. He was chairman of Eby-Brown Company in Aurora.

John Biggerstaff, Cx'48, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., is deceased.

Betty Jean Davis Morgan, '48, of Saluda, N.C., died November 4.

Lucy Stewart Williams, '49, of Gadsden, Ala., died September 11. She taught high schools in Lexington and Louisville, Ky.

1950s

Dr. William Gallimore, '51, of Springfield, Va., died June 25. He was a retired economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He is survived by wife, **Wyldine Williams Gallimore, '51**.

H. Anita Purkey Wiginton, '52, of Lynwood, Wash., died on September 21. She was a retired kindergarten teacher and was an organist for several Seattle area churches.

Mary Stokes Cline, Cx'57, of Bluefield, W. Va., died October 2. She is survived by husband, **Roy Cline, '55**.

Wilma Dych Floyd, '57, of Knoxville, Tenn., is deceased. She taught school in the Knoxville School System for many years.

Mary Shackelford Davis, '59, of Cocoa, Fla., died September 17. She was a school teacher for over 25 years. She and her late husband, Henry founded Davis Funeral Service, Inc., in Monroe in 1990. She retired as CEO of the company in 2003.

1960s

John A. Zook, '61, of Rising Sun, Md., died July 17. He was a physicist at Aberdeen Proving Ground from 1965-1995.

Wanda Asher McIntyre, '62, of Lexington, Ky., died August 5. She was a retired State of Kentucky social worker.

A. Edward Abney, '64, of Berea, Ky., died July 5. He was retired Chief of the Army Radiation Dosimetry Center.

1970s

Dr. Walter Muelder, Cx'74, of Boston, Mass., died June 12.

1990s

Dorothy Preston Silver, Cx'94, of Richmond, Ky., died June 7.

Faculty/Staff

Dr. Ray R. Ramseyer, former vice president for development, died October 6. He served at Berea as director of development from 1959-65, and returned as vice president from 1973-77. Nationally known for his development work, at Berea, he directed completion of the \$35 million Great Commitments program, which raised more than \$40 million six months ahead of schedule, and doubled the number of non-alumni donors to the College. He successfully directed funding of the art building addition, and directed the Ford foundation Challenge program, which raised more than \$10 million. Publications and mail solicitation materials that he developed won several national awards. He joined the University of California at San Diego in 1977 as vice-chancellor for development. When he retired from UCSD after 10 years in 1987, Ramseyer was recruited by the late Dr. Jonas Salk to spearhead fund-raising projects at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies. He retired for a second time in 2002 but continued in a consulting capacity at schools and institutions throughout the country. He was an active volunteer with the UCSD Undergraduate Scholarship Council, and volunteered at La Jolla Playhouse, the First Unitarian Universalist Church, and the Friends of Vista Hill, where he was a member of the board of directors. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty. He is survived by his son, Craig, his daughters, Nancy and Pamela, and five grandchildren.

Dr. William "Bill" Tallmadge, retired professor of music, died October 8. Born April 11, 1916, he was an athlete early in life, earning a basketball scholarship to Grinnell College in Iowa. At the age of four, his mother, the local piano teacher, recognized that he had perfect pitch, and he started music lessons. At Grinnell, he continued to pursue his music studies, and after two years, transferred to Oberlin College where he earned two music degrees. He was a professor at State University College in Buffalo, N.Y. from 1949-76. He was published widely in the areas of jazz and blues, as well as African-American and European American religious music. His African-American music course was the first credit course on the history of jazz ever taught in the United States. He was a charter member of the Sonneck Society for American Music. He retired in 1979 and moved to Berea with his wife, Mim, where he taught part time at Berea for 10 years. In 1983, he started race walking competitively, culminating in American and World Championships, including world titles in Finland (1991) and South Africa (1998.) Since 1994, he volunteered for Hospice, the long-term care center at Berea Hospital and the Berea Health Care Center. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mim. He is survived by his second wife, Betty Winslow McLain, three daughters, Ellen T. (Mark) Russak, Eliza "Beth" Burgess, and Alison T. Szweczyk, one son, William R. (Susan) Tallmadge, step-daughters Nancy Ann (Tom) Wartman, Alice (Al) White, and Ruth McLain (Philip) Smith, step-sons Raymond W. (Diane) McLain and Michael (Jennifer) McLain, nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and thirteen step-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

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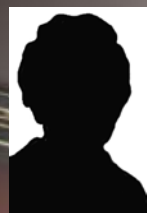
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