“Without bitterness or hatred. . .”

Berea during World War II
As the Berea Alumnus was going to press, we were all shocked and saddened by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The feature article on World War II’s impact on the Berea community (p. 10), as well as former President Francis Hutchins’ address on “War’s Demands,” (p. 38) were planned some months ago for publication in this issue. In light of recent national events, they are especially relevant in the uncertain days ahead.

On Wednesday, September 12, Berea President Larry D. Shinn shared his reflections on the tragic events of the previous day with the Berea College campus community. We thought you would want to read those reflections. As Dr. Shinn reminds us, Berea’s commitment to “impartial love” can and should guide our response to these events. — Ed.

Dear Bereans,

As the tragic events and news are still being reported from New York City, Washington, D.C., and around the world, I want to reflect briefly on ways we can respond to these events.

The noon chapel service yesterday (Sept. 11) included the dedication of seventeen student chaplains. During this moving service, these young people were asked to serve others on campus with the premise of the two great commandments: (a) love God and (b) love your neighbor as yourself. I reminded those attending this service that this scriptural text helped shape John Fee’s notion of “impartial love” that resulted in the early Berea utopian community and our community of today. That same vision of impartial love can help us fathom and respond to the current terrorist acts that are extraordinary in scope and precedence.

We can expect disbelief to turn to fear, anger, and calls for retaliation as the days wear on. Our President’s speeches yesterday reflect this progression. We need at this moment to comfort each other and allow our tears of grief and disbelief to find expression. However, we must remind ourselves that too often anger turns into hate, and ultimately, even into violence. We must resist this tendency by tempering even righteous anger with compassion and restraint.

Some of you will remember a Holocaust survivor who spoke at Berea four or five years ago and was asked what we could do about violence against Jews or other targeted minorities. He responded that we cannot intervene in the Middle East or Northern Ireland when it is those who live there who must create a path of peace for themselves. Instead he suggested that we must act locally if world peace is ever to become a reality.

May we at Berea College use the events in New York City and Washington, D.C. to remind us that our community will achieve its lofty ideals only to the extent that our righteous anger is also tempered with compassion and restraint. It is my hope that our national leaders will seek justice and not simple vengeance. It is also my hope that we as a community may use this tragic national event and its complex causes as an opportunity for reflection and introspection. Let us promote “love over hate, human dignity and equality, and peace with justice.” This is the challenging ideal to which we as Bereans aspire.

Sincerely yours,
Larry D. Shinn, President

— Ed.

The United States flag on College Square flew at half-staff in honor of the victims.

Jason Mendez, Student Government Association vice president, and U.S. Army reservist, lights a candle in remembrance of the victims of a service sponsored by the student chaplains, the SGA, Campus Christian Center and the President’s office.
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Note to our readers: The mission of Berea College is carried out through activities guided
by Berea’s Great Commitments. Since its founding, Berea College has provided a place for
all students – male and female, black and white – to “be and become.” Berea’s strategic
plan, Being and Becoming: Berea College in the Twenty-First Century, identifies specific
initiatives which the College is implementing to continue its tradition of learning, labor and
service. While all Alumnus articles relate to Berea’s mission, specific articles about the
strategic plan initiatives are indicated with the ⚪ symbol.

Clarification: In the Spring 2001 Alumnus, the action photo of Greg Laws on p. 34 should
have been credited to Kim Alsip, ’03.
A house of straw?

There is a new straw bale shed at the Berea College Greenhouses that was designed by students and constructed at a July 28 workshop organized by students. But this straw house is in no danger of being blown down by a big bad wolf.

Straw bale construction is an alternative building technique that is gaining acceptance nationwide. The exterior walls of these buildings are comprised of bales of straw, and coated with various types of plasters, many of which are made from local soil. Straw bale walls provide high insulation values, good structural support, moderate cost, low toxicity and easy installation. Straw bale construction also takes an agricultural product that is in some areas a waste disposal problem and turns it into a valuable resource and income source for farmers.

During the workshop, sponsored by Berea College’s Sustainability and Environmental Studies (SENS) program, participants helped build a straw bale shed and apply earthen plaster to the structure. Berea College students Kelly Cutchin,’03, Jennie Koch, ’02, and Kristin McCombs, ’03, who have been learning about straw bale construction this summer, conducted the workshop. The shed will be used by the College gardens.

Over 40 students, faculty, staff and community members participated in the hands-on straw bale workshop. In the foreground is a sample bale covered with earthen plaster.

Berea College has adopted ecological design—the application of ecological principles to building and landscape design—in its effort to become a sustainable campus. As part of this process, students in the SENS program are experimenting with alternative building techniques and materials that could be used in campus construction projects. “A lot of the SENS program focuses on improving lifestyles in Appalachia,” says agriculture and SENS major Chloe Tewksbury, ’01, who participated in the workshop.

“The solution has to be low input, low cost. We have straw and we have trees. You can build a house and support the local economy. When you support the local economy, you build community.”

Information on other natural building techniques was also available, including a demonstration on how to make “papercrete” building blocks from old newspapers. The SENS program solar demonstration cart, solar ovens and information on producing electricity from sunlight were also a part of the workshop.

New College cars save gas, energy

In keeping with its goal to reduce the use of fossil fuels as part of becoming a more sustainable campus, the College recently purchased two Toyota Prius compact sedans, hybrid gasoline- and electric-powered automobiles which have just become available in the United States. Their hybrid engines use a combination of electricity and gasoline for power and are more environmentally friendly and fuel efficient than traditional combustion vehicles. The United States Environmental Protection Agency estimates the Prius is capable of 52 miles per gallon in the city and 45 mpg on the highway, and significantly reduces emissions of carbon monoxide and other pollutants.

Berea named “hidden treasure”

The Kaplan/NewswEEK College Catalog 2002 has listed Berea as a “hidden treasure” as well as a top school in the “schools that support diversity” category. The annual publication is based on market research among high school guidance counselors across the country. Excerpts from the survey also appear in the Kaplan/Newsweek How to Get into College magazine.
New Staff at Berea

Attorney Judge Wilson, ’78, has joined Berea College as on campus General Counsel. Wilson served as the College’s attorney while at Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP in Lexington, Ky., where he became a partner in 1993. Prior to that, he served as Vice President and General Counsel for the Fasig-Tipton Company, Inc. He holds his B.A. in economics, and earned his J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1981.

Dr. Miriam David has joined the College Health Service as a physician and director of Health Services. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor with a B.S.N., and received her M.S. in public health from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She earned her M.D. with high distinction at the University of Kentucky, and completed her residency in family practice and preventive medicine. Before coming to Berea, she served for 10 years as a family practitioner in Lexington, Ky. She is the Medical Director of Mountain Maternal Health in Berea, and serves on several community boards.

Dr. Patricia Kaurouma is the new director of residence life services and Collegium team leader. She holds a B.A. from Colorado State University and her M.A. and Ed.D. from the University of Colorado. She also earned a Masters of Divinity from Yale University where she served as a minister. She has taught in education and Black and African studies at the University of Colorado, SUNY, CUNY, Vassar, and Cornell, and has served in student affairs leadership positions at Earlham, Vassar, MIT, and the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Kaurouma is a frequent contributor of papers and presentations on topics such as Black history, gender studies, and minority student success and retention.

Sustainability

Dontje new ecological design chair

Dr. James Dontje has joined the College as assistant professor of Sustainability and Environmental Studies (SENS), holding the Compton Chair in Ecological Design. His main focus will be to teach the concepts of ecological design and involve students in applying these concepts to the development of a sustainable campus and region.

Dontje holds his B.A. in physics from Luther College and his M.S. in agricultural engineering, with a minor in sustainable agricultural systems, from the University of Minnesota.

Dontje served for six years with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), first in Burkina Faso in western Africa, and most recently in Indonesia. His work with native peoples in two very different environments gives him a unique understanding of the effects of human actions on the environment, and the issues confronting sustainability locally, regionally, and globally. He will assist communities in the Appalachian region in developing strategies for sustainable development, in addition to his role as a primary advisor for the College’s construction and renovation projects. Dr. Dontje’s master’s research in wastewater treatment aquaculture systems will directly support two projects being planned at Berea—a “Living Machine” to treat the wastewater from the College’s ecovillage, and an aquaculture/hydroponics facility being planned by the agriculture and natural resources department. He will also teach in both the SENS department and in general studies.

Fee descendant visits campus

A little rain couldn’t dampen the enthusiasm of Mac Pirkle, great-grand nephew of Berea College founder John G. Fee, when he visited Berea in June. The theatre producer, director and writer from Nashville, Tenn., who has founded several theatre companies in the south, explored campus with tour guides Clara Garcia Rendon, ’03 (right, with Pirkle) and Esther Greene, ’02, who happens to be a theatre major. With his background in theatre and film, he was especially interested in the McGaw Theatre and enjoyed seeing the historical performance photo display from the College’s theatre department. He was also treated to a crafts demonstration including woodcraft, broomcraft and wrought iron work.
Service and Learning

High school students gain college experience

From June 9th to July 25th Berea College hosted 113 low income, high potential high school students in the Upward Bound and Carter G. Woodson Math and Science Institute enrichment programs. Sixty-six students in Upward Bound, a federally funded TRIO program, and 47 in the Woodson Institute got a six-week taste of college life.

According to Berea TRIO director Mary S. McLaughlin, ’69, students in these programs tend to go on to college at a much higher rate than others in the region. “Our goal is to place 75 percent in college,” she says. “We exceed that goal every year.”

The Woodson Institute focuses on recruiting African American students, and concentrates heavily on science and mathematics, while Upward Bound provides a liberal arts experience for Appalachian students. Upward Bound participants studied a wide variety of subjects, including foreign language, weight training, poetry, Malaysian culture, and much more.

Students got a feel of what it is like to be a college student by living in Berea College residence halls and eating in the dining hall. Besides the required academic work, students were also involved in a number of activities designed to help them explore different fields and prepare for college enrollment.

Berea art exhibits

Due to construction and renovation of art department facilities scheduled during 2001–2002, the art department will not have special exhibitions in the Doris Ulmann Galleries. From October through May 2002, visitors can see exhibitions from the permanent collection. Gallery hours are M-Th, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Galleries are closed Saturdays and during College holidays and vacation periods. For additional information, call Gallery director John Hua Zhang at 859.985.3530 or visit the art department website at www.berea.edu/ART/home.html.

Show your Pride on your Plate

The Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) is pleased to announce an opportunity to show your school spirit and support Berea’s general scholarship fund through the new Independent Higher Education series of Kentucky license plates. The series features a license plate for each of Kentucky’s 19 non-profit independent colleges and universities. Plates featuring Berea College’s name and logo can be ordered now and are renewable annually when you register your vehicle. The license plate costs just $10 per year in addition to regular registration fees—$10 that will go into the general scholarship fund at Berea College.

To produce the first shipment of plates, the Kentucky Department of Transportation must receive a total of 900 applications from the state’s 19 independent colleges and universities. A one-time application fee of $25 is required with each order. When the plate is picked up at the County Clerk’s office, the regular registration fee of $15, plus the $10 to benefit scholarships at Berea, will be due. The $25 application fee is refundable in the unlikely event that 900 applications are not received.

Show your support for Berea College and send in your application today! For additional information about this program, visit www.aikcu.org.

Application for Kentucky Independent Higher Education License Plate

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School Choice___________________Berea College

Return completed application form with $25 to your County Clerk or mail to:

Kentucky Department of Transportation
Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing
Special License Section
PO. Box 2014
Frankfort, KY 40602

Checks should be made payable to: Treasurer, Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Public Relations moves to new home

Berea College’s Public Relations office has moved to the historic Bond House at 213 Chestnut Street, across from Berea City Hall. Public Relations distributes news about the College through news releases, campus tours, brochures and information packets, while also coordinating the College web site, video production, and photography, and producing The Berea Alumnus. The tour center, which offers walking tours of the College, can still be found in the lobby of the Boone Tavern Hotel. Public Relations can be reached at CPO 2142, Berea, KY 40404, and by phone at 859.985.3018.
Wierwille camp a success

National Hall of Fame Coach Roland Wierwille hosted the 27th annual Wierwille basketball camp at Berea College’s Seabury Center June 19-22. Well over 100 male and female athletes ages 5-15 gained new skills, refined existing ones, and learned fitness techniques to help them become better players. Students came from all over central Kentucky, as well as some children of camp alums who rearranged their vacations so their kids could attend.

Many of the students’ coaches help lead the day camp, which stresses fundamentals of the game. Alumni help as well, as do young athletes from surrounding communities who have attended the camp. Several Berea College student-athletes assisted with the camp, including Andrea “Andi” Amburgey, ‘03 (below, with Coach Wierwille and camper Bianca Pennington of Berea) who plays basketball and softball for the Berea Lady Mountaineers. “I really enjoyed working with the kids, and I’m definitely working the camp next year,” says Amburgey. “Not only were they learning, but they were having fun learning. It was awesome!”

For more information about next year’s camp, contact Coach Wierwille’s office at 859.985.3423.
UNDERSTANDING OUR GLOBAL
International programs help faculty and students

by Zachary C. Pence, '03

Two international learning experiences this summer allowed students and faculty to step outside the normal boundaries of the classroom, and experience other cultures firsthand. A faculty seminar and tour of China and a student course which visited Holocaust sites in Eastern Europe both stemmed from Berea’s commitment to international education that prepares students to live and work in an increasingly interdependent global society, outlined in the College’s strategic plan Being and Becoming: Berea College in the 21st Century. “I want our students to learn how to live and work responsibly in such a complex world,” says Berea College President Larry Shinn, who traveled with the China group. “We want to develop faculty who, regardless of their disciplines, have the capacity to teach students about other perspectives.”

SEEING IT FOR THEMSELVES
Students experience the horror of the Holocaust

In June, a group of 19 Berea College students, along with several students from other institutions, toured various Holocaust sites in an attempt to enhance their understanding of the causes, course, and consequences of one of the darkest points in European history. The journey took place after nine days of intensive background study and preparation, and included sites in Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Poland. During the course of the 17-day trip the students explored a number of concentration camps and European cities that were key sites in the destruction of Jewish life and culture.

“The experience is very difficult to explain. You have to see it for yourself,” says Heather Abbott, '02, after visiting Auschwitz, the largest of the Nazi concentration camps, where nearly 1.5 million Jews were executed. “I had to force myself to go into some of those rooms. To sit and dwell on it is too much.”

Steve Gowler, director of Hutchins Library Special Collections, who co-taught the class along with Dr. Alfred Perkins, professor of history, thinks one of the chief difficulties with teaching a course as emotionally draining as this is separating one’s feelings from the coursework.

“It’s difficult walking the fine line between intellect and emotion,” he recalls.

Gowler and Perkins believe that study-travel courses, are beneficial to both the student and professor. “It was a very gratifying teaching experience,” says Perkins. “The subject matter is significant and interesting enough for other faculty members to utilize for future courses.”

Students were also required to read large amounts of literature on the subject and write about what they had learned. During the tour they kept a reflective journal to record their thoughts and emotional reactions to what they were seeing.

One of the goals of the course was to increase the students’ ability to cope with new situations and learn to view issues, such as the Holocaust, with a fresh perspective. Gowler and Perkins witnessed a new maturity in their students. “These young people were willing to experience things they were not familiar with,” says Perkins. “I was delighted with their personal growth.”
In an attempt to understand how countries deal with the issues of modernization, 17 faculty members, led by Dr. Robert W. Foster, assistant professor of history, and Dr. Jill Bouma, assistant professor of sociology, went on a 25-day tour of China this summer. The participants explored a large number of cities and popular tourist attractions, between lectures with Chinese educators and experts.

“Our goal was to get those who went on the trip to understand the conflict between modernization and tradition,” says Foster. Modernization and globalization have had a significant impact on Chinese culture. The larger cities are marked throughout with American icons, such as McDonald’s and Starbucks. “Despite the U.S. influence,” he says, “China has held onto her traditions.” Since the loosening of Communist control, China has begun to revive the old ways, and this past is beginning to mesh with the modern. “Restaurants, like McDonald’s for instance, tailor their menus to meet the tastes of the Chinese customer,” Foster continues.

Those who participated also pondered whether or not modernization meant westernization. “The American influence was somewhat of a surprise,” says Verlaine McDonald, assistant professor of English and theatre. “Many get the idea that China is a backward culture without any modern conveniences. It’s not.”

Foster believes visiting China gave faculty a chance to challenge stereotypes. “You really can’t generalize about such a large country,” says Stephanie Browner, associate professor of English and theatre, who teaches several courses dealing directly with diversity and race issues. “When most people see an Asian person, they tend to think, ‘There’s an Asian.’ You just stick them into one big group. But when you are the minority in another land, you think more about the individual, not just the group they belong to.”

Besides simply viewing the various aspects of Chinese culture, the faculty participated in group discussions with several Chinese experts and leaders. The topics varied greatly, from Shanghai’s high-tech industry to Yunnan minorities.

The group is encouraged to find ways to incorporate what they have learned into future courses. “Dr. Bouma and I will work with these faculty members to figure out practical ways to incorporate these issues in the classroom,” Foster says. “I think all faculty members can greatly enhance their perceptions and teaching styles by physically exploring other cultures.”

The trip was made possible by generous grants given by the Knight Foundation and the Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation in support of Berea’s learning goals.
Between 1941 and 1944, 844 students, men and women, withdrew from Berea to enter the armed services, as did over 50 faculty and staff members. More than 200 students, faculty and staff on campus participated in peace movements aimed at ending the war. The Navy V-12 program brought 782 young sailors to study at Berea. Seven Nisei (Japanese-American) students left relocation camps for the College. A German student was detained under suspicion he was a spy. And at least 58 Bereans died in service to their country.

As the 60th anniversary of the United States’ entry into WWII approaches in December 2001, it is important to look back at Berea during wartime. The Great Commitments, particularly “to assert the kinship of all people,” “to create a democratic community,” and “to emphasize the motive of service to others” resonated with Bereans in different ways. Some felt that any kind of war was wrong, and fighting was against their conscience. Others knew they needed to serve their country as soldiers and sailors.

But through the war, the overriding commitment “God has made of one blood all peoples of the earth” shaped the College’s culture and environment. Dr. Louis Smith, who served as dean of Berea’s upper division from 1927-47 and academic dean of the College from 1947-69, corresponded with many Berea servicemen and women during WWII. The letters they wrote tell amazing stories of Bereans at Corregidor, on the beaches at Normandy, struggling through training, and being detained as prisoners of war. The letters paint a picture of bravery, conviction, and overall, a respect and fondness for Berea College, which supported each one’s choice to follow his or her conscience.

April 28, 1944
Nicolaus General Hospital,
Ft. Thomas, Ky.

It has often occurred to me just how much change there is in one’s attitude toward an individual after he acquires the title soldier, Marine, or sailor. I often feel it myself - the loss of a number of soldiers doesn’t seem as bad as if a group of people are killed in a train wreck or some fire disaster. When one does stop to think though, those fellows are just as close, and to them life is just as dear.

Hughes Spurlock, ‘47, served in Africa, and spent July 4, 1943 in a military hospital for a compound leg fracture. He went on to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

July 13, 1944
Normandy, France

It’s no secret that life has not been too easy with me since our being on the beach D-day. In the setting the Germans aren’t first place the Germans isn’t too much about our being care too much about our being here, in fact, if the welcome they gave us on D-day is indicative of what attitude they have here to stay and I imagine came here to stay and I imagine Hitler is yet to decide what attitude he is to take.

Kermin Fleming was a political science major who went into the Navy as an ensign in WWII. He fought through the war, but was killed in an automobile accident near Shelbyville, Ky. after his return.

All letters and photos are courtesy of Hutchins Library Special Collections.
In 1943, Berea College was invited by the U.S. Navy to cooperate in its training program. The first group of 300 men of the United States Naval Reserve arrived on July 7, 1943, under the command of Lt. Comm. Homer Dunathan and executive officer Lt. Comm. John Kessler. Unfortunately, few letters sent from V-12 men to the College remain, but several reunions held at Berea, the most recent during summer 2000, have allowed many of the men to find one another, and Berea, again. Pictured above, a Navy V-12 formation at Berea in 1943.

May 26, 1945
In the Pacific
I can't look at any book on the subject of American politics without thinking of those hot days (they seemed hot then, sometimes, but I've been in rather warmer weather since) when we all sat back and relaxed in those stuffy cigars and listened to your (Honus Smith's) opinions and attempted to learn something. We occasionally raised our own well-behind-the-seas, but sometimes, I think, carry criticisms. I enjoyed these lectures a great deal and wish they could have continued longer.

Nathan Anthony, Cx'44, was a member of the first V-12 group to arrive at Berea, and served in the Pacific from 1942-46. A career journalist, he was metropolitan editor for the New York Times from 1962 to 1984.

August 26, 1944
Normandy, France
We were approaching the beach in the early morning light. The naval shelling had not commenced...Then off to the left a flash followed quickly by a sharp report about 150 yds. off our stern. The next one landing 10 ft. off the stern, with perfect range still, dispelled any doubt that he was quickly correcting his deflection. We expected the next one squarely on the deck. Fortunately at that crucial moment a large cruiser with several destroyers opened up with a deafening roar. The shells streamed out towards the battery on the shore and what a comforting sound those explosions were! The battery never fired again. Naval gunfire is very accurate, terrifying and destructive. I at once became an ardent admirer of naval gunnery.

Quentin Brickey, '43, survived D-Day, and moved to Columbus, Ohio. His stories from France vividly describe not only his combat experiences, but the strength and courage of the civilians he met. The following story is from the same letter as above.

One morning as I was walking on the beach I met an elderly French lady...We talked for some time, then she remarked that to celebrate this American friendship, she would bring me some flowers sometime that afternoon. As we shook hands and parted, I never expected to see her again. In an hour or two she, to my disbelief, appeared again carrying the flowers wrapped in a cloth. The flowers were fragrant but somewhat dusty, for she had picked them from around the pile of debris which had been her home before intense naval bombardment had demolished it on D-Day. June 6. I cherish not as much the perishable flowers alone, but the spirit in which they were given.
Ralph Hammond, Cx ‘42, was a war correspondent in Europe, earning five battle stars for his reporting. He served as Alabama governor James “Big Jim” Folsom’s press secretary and chief of staff, and publicity director for the state. An accomplished poet, he was Alabama’s seventh Poet Laureate from 1992-95.

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In December, 1943, the Berea Civilian Defense Council (C.D.C.) passed a resolution against allowing Japanese-American students to relocate at the College. Professor E.T. Parks, whose nephew and brother were both serving in the U.S. armed forces, responded:

*The Berea Citizen*

December, 1943

The rights of American citizenship are precious, not something to be lost merely because of the particular color of the skin or slant of the eyes. Prison camps were never meant for American citizens not convicted (not even charged) of disloyalty to their country. Disloyal persons (aliens and citizens alike) must be restrained during war time, but the action ought to be on individual, not racial bases. . . My hope is that we shall be able to assure our returning service men that we have perceived these essentials of the Democracy that they were defending.

Several Japanese-American students attended Berea College as a result of internment or “relocation” during World War II. On November 15, 1943, students Marjorie Ota, Frances Ota, Frank Seto, ’49, Sally Shiminaka, ’47, and Nobuyuki Yokogawa, ’49, related their experiences in the relocation centers.

*The Wallpapper*

November 22, 1943

Spending money is obtained through labor in the camp at wages comparable to ours in the Berea system. . .

education is handicapped by the lack of equipment for physical sciences. Sally’s band, quite simply, the psychological problem of being housed in such narrow limits, the breaking up of the family unit, due to abnormal dining and living conditions, and the stagnation that would naturally follow such confinement. Frank told all of the steps necessary to leaving camp to come to college. Questionnaires and applications are filled out. FBI investigators are sent to the college. Many students are not accepted.

Frank Seto, ’49, received his Ph.D. in biology, and returned to Berea as a professor in 1960. Mary Kariya Takagaki, Cx ’44, served as secretary of the junior class in 1943, and moved to Los Angeles, Calif. Nobuyuki Yokogawa, ’49, was drafted into the U.S. Army and worked as a military translator in Japan at the end of the war. He went on to become a prominent physicist.

Men were not the only ones who joined the armed services. Nora Lou Thomson Treece, ’44, wrote this essay to explain the hardships of war to other women who were considering joining the Army.

*Undated*

The Army routine is a stiff one, no one should tell you otherwise. . . remember that in spite of all the fun, hard work, and excitement, there will be difficulties. You will shed many a bitter tear, and curse the day you ever entered. . . but after that bitter moment has passed, you told your head a little higher because of the pain you have gone through. The fellows that come back from overseas are proud even though they bear the marks of hard and tauturous living. They carry their heads high. . . So, when this is all over, are the women who have won and lived in uniform going to look.

Nora Lou and her sister Elizabeth Thomson served in Europe as part of the Women’s Army Corps (WAC) during WWII.

*January 28, 1944*

Camp Bragg, Great Lakes, Ill.

I could see myself back in Berea, as a civilian, going to the Board Hall and to and from my classes just as you wrote in your letter. I always wish I was back there. But when I start thinking of what’s to be done, I change my mind, not because I want to, but because my conscience forces me to. But it won’t be long until I and many others will be back in the groves again at the college. I am very anxiously awaiting that day to come.

Calvin Baird, ’49 returned to finish his degree at Berea and became a business representative in Tennessee.
The Fellowship of Reconciliation (F.O.R.), founded in Cambridge, England in 1914, opposed war and violence in international relations and promoted alternative means of reducing tension among nations and peoples. A chapter, organized in Berea in 1936, worked with conscientious objectors during World War II, supported civil rights, and protested U.S. policies during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam war. The Youth Committee Against War (Y.C.A.W.) was a more radical group formed in 1937. The Berea Chapter was the catalyst for several peace protests on campus.

Cowley and Calfee Lewis attended Berea’s Foundation School, and went into military service from there. Calfee returned to Berea following the war. Cowley was taken prisoner when Corregidor fell to the Japanese on May 6, 1942. He lived out the remainder of the war in a prison camp, where he kept himself alive by eating food he was supposed to give to the pigs. He returned home, but passed away from tuberculosis a few years after his return, most likely as a result of his experience.

Margaret Steinorth Reuter, ’42, served as co-chair of the Youth Committee Against War. She went on to become an editor in Illinois.
In the counties surrounding Berea College, families are enjoying healthier lifestyles. Elderly people are eating better and getting more exercise. Teachers have adopted better strategies for working with special needs students. School children have learned about good nutrition and the need for physical activity. Parents have realized the importance of immunizing their children. Meanwhile, Berea College nursing students have gained real-world experience and established relationships that are unavailable in the classroom. Berea’s nursing department helped create these opportunities through its approach to the student clinical experience.

Assistant Professor Brenda Hosley, M.S.N., ’81 describes the department’s curriculum as focused on community-based strategies for health, built on the College’s commitment to serving the Appalachian region and providing a continuous learning environment for students and community members. The program has moved beyond a hospital-based clinical model to a partnership that includes community agencies and families and that introduces students to the concepts of holistic community health.

The shift from a hospital-based to a community-based model resulted from observations of how patients were...
HEALTH IS HER BUSINESS

Ann Duncan Peterson, ’65, has spent her professional life improving the health and well-being of the citizens of Tennessee. Starting out in Chattanooga as a public health nurse on the front lines of disease prevention, Duncan is now deputy commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Health.

Responsible for day-to-day decisions in the Department of Health, and chief administrator for policy, planning and assessment within the agency, Duncan is also in charge of special projects for the Commissioner’s office. She headed a project on community-based child health prevention initiatives which became Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist’s plan for improving child health in the state. Other projects include the recent “Healthy People 2010,” an initiative which sets public health goals for the state of Tennessee, and a current state-wide project focusing on nurse education.

“Educating nurses for the 21st century requires adapting and responding to changes in society,” says Duncan. “We need to be preparing nurses for a much more diverse culture and be recruiting from more diverse populations. We also should focus more on environmental factors affecting health.”

A member of the second class of students in Berea’s baccalaureate nursing program, Duncan discovered her senior year that she wanted to go into public health when she took the on-site course in public health nursing, living and working for an entire semester in Clay County.

“I didn’t know much about public health nursing until then,” she recalls. “In my clinical experiences at Berea Hospital, observing sick children and people who came in with different illnesses, I often said to myself ‘This could have been prevented.’ When I took the public health course, I found out that public health professionals do help prevent some of this. It just made so much sense.”

Duncan, who also holds a masters degree in public health nursing from the University of Minnesota, has enjoyed her career because it remains personally rewarding. Perley F. Ayer, former director of the Council of the Southern Mountains who also taught at Berea, helped her develop the philosophy toward her work which continues to inspire her efforts.

“When I look back at the experiences I had at Berea, I think it prepared me well for nursing and also for community service,” she says. “One of Perley Ayer’s ‘laws’ was ‘society can advance only as fast as the very weakest among us can keep pace.’ The idea that we have a responsibility to our society to help strengthen those groups—I think that’s what we’re doing in public health.”

Berea College has been educating nurses since 1899, although the bachelor of science program was not officially established until 1960. In the early years of the bachelor of science program, students spent a two- to three-month period living in a community, serving the health needs of the residents (See story on Ann Duncan Petersen at left).

Today, the service component exists just as strongly in the program. The program currently graduates an average of 16-20 nurses per year with a background focused on holistic community health.

The entire community benefits from Berea’s clinical program, from the partner agencies that enjoy the energy and enthusiasm of Berea students to the families who receive services through the program. Berea students to the families who receive services through the program.

With clinical student assistance, partnering agencies are able to expand their programs to meet additional needs. Sometimes these partnering agencies aren’t focused solely on health care, so the insights of Berea nursing students can be especially valuable. For example, when teachers in the
Jackson County schools wanted to improve their interaction with special needs children, Berea students provided a day of professional development. They taught the teachers about resources available to help them deal with the mental health needs of these children. Another project was a nutrition program at Tyner Elementary in Jackson County. Students taught fifth graders about the importance of good nutrition, and the University of Kentucky Extension Service helped the children plant fresh vegetables in a school garden.

Berea students have created award-winning clinical projects. John Stacy, ’01, a recent graduate from Hazard, Ky., and his clinical partner Nyima Yangzom, ’01, of Tibet, were awarded the Julia Drukker Stammer Award for a nutrition and exercise program they designed for elderly residents in Jackson County. Through a partnership with the Jackson County Health Department, the students created Healthy Hearts 2000, which targeted all elderly individuals regardless of their physical condition.

"The continual hands-on experience is irreplaceable as we work to become community nurses and leaders.” Stacy notes that the instructors were always available to provide assistance to students, but he stresses the value of learning through a relatively autonomous clinical experience. Making his own decisions in a community setting proved an important learning tool.

This particular clinical project will impact the elderly in Jackson County for years to come. The Jackson County Health Department has maintained files on each program participant and will continue to offer screening, exercise and educational programs to these residents. The community was not the only long-term beneficiary of the program.

“The people we had contact with really touched our lives. We didn’t realize how much we had touched one another until the end of the semester.”

"Holistic health is the foundation of Berea’s program,” Hosley concludes. For over 100 years, and now at the beginning of a new century, Berea’s nursing program is keeping up a community tradition of service and better health through education.
Dr. Chella David’s special mice help doctors fight disease

By Ann Mary Quarandillo

Dr. Chella David, ’61, has contributed to several Nobel Prize winning studies. His research in immunogenetics takes up two full floors at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. His results affect laboratories worldwide, from France to Japan and all over America.

Dr. David raises mice.

Not just any mice, but mice that make a difference for millions of disease victims.

David leads the largest laboratory at Mayo, with 30 researchers working on the genetics behind specific diseases. “We basically want to know why, when two people are both exposed to the same virus, one gets it and one doesn’t,” David explains. “Our work focuses on how a particular gene causes disease in this person.”

His work in immunogenetics was encouraged when David was a young post-doctoral researcher in the early 1970’s at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor under George Snell, the Nobel Prize winner widely credited with being a founder of the field of immunogenetics. It was there that he helped 1996 Nobel Prize winners Peter C. Doherty and Rolf M. Zinkernagel in their studies of how the immune system recognizes and attacks viruses.

Today, David continues to look at the complex causes behind long term diseases with specially bred “transgenic mice” — part mouse, part human. No — this isn’t a science...
fiction movie. When you walk into the sterile “mouse condo,” you don’t see giant mice with human heads. You do see thousands of cages hidden behind sterile entryways, and masked scientists carefully working with these very special mice. David and his colleagues produce mice with human-like immune systems by inserting human DNA inside the nucleus of a mouse embryo. These mice can then be studied as they react to different diseases. David’s team uses the mice in its own research and provides them free of charge to university laboratories around the world.

David’s main focus is on autoimmune diseases, where the body’s immune cells malfunction. Instead of recognizing and destroying foreign antigens such as infectious organisms that may cause illness, the cells attack the body’s own tissues. “We learn more every day about how human genes predispose an individual to disease. For example, if the gene causes the destruction of joint tissue, people get arthritis. If brain tissue is killed, multiple sclerosis can develop—it all depends on what the target is,” David says. “Our research focuses on discovering what causes the genes to malfunction.”

David collaborates with a number of physicians at the Mayo Clinic to help patients suffering from cancer, arthritis, asthma, diabetes, multiple sclerosis and AIDS, among others. “We’re hoping to gather enough information from the mice to correct the malfunctioning genes.”

At this time, in the early 1950’s, there were two ways to get to Ooty, which sat forty miles up a mountain. The train, which circumnavigated the mountain, took five to six hours. The bus only took two hours, but the multiple hairpin turns made tourists ill by the time they reached the top. David realized he could taxi tourists up the mountain in his father’s car. The road he traveled in his “taxi” was the beginning of his road to America.

“In 1955, a friend of my family’s asked me to pick up a passenger who traveled all over the world doing missionary work,” he recalls. “Since I had gone to English schools, I spoke English pretty well, and this man was impressed with my ability. He wanted to know what I was doing driving a taxi! I told him I wasn’t really a taxi driver—I was just doing this for a few years to figure out what I wanted to do with my life.”

The missionary suggested that David go to college in America, where the educational structure might better suit him. David laughed. “I said ‘I don’t know anyone in America!'” Plus he didn’t have the money to go halfway around the world. But the missionary had a suggestion.
“He said he had been traveling in America, and he had visited a college named Berea College, where you can work your way through,” David recalls. “He told me about a person named Mr. White who was a personal friend of his, and offered to write him for me.”

David’s eye doctor in India, an American missionary named Dr. Jeffries, had been a classmate of President Hutchins, and wrote him on David’s behalf. David wrote to the college as well, passed his English competency exam, and could hardly believe when he received a letter saying he was accepted. But India was a very conservative country at the time, and refused to give him a passport. The only way David would be allowed to leave was if it were a special circumstance, since the government felt he was able to get his college education at home. Berea came through again.

“I wrote Mr. White and told him the difficulty I was having,” says David. “I asked him if they could write a letter saying that I was a special candidate for some program we didn’t have here in India. I didn’t really believe they would do that for someone about whom they knew so little.”

But they did. Berea wrote a letter to the Indian government, citing the commitment to “all peoples of the earth,” and indicating that they were seeking international students to globalize the campus. David would represent India, as they had no other Indian students at the time. “The minute they heard ‘represent India,’ my passport was guaranteed!” David recalls.

David firmly believes that his whole journey to Berea was made possible by the goodness of people. When he arrived in New York with no money, an African American taxi driver gave him a free ride to a hotel, where he was able to stay on his promise to pay when he received his check. His first meal in America was a White Castle hamburger and a Coke, again given on credit. He was careful to pay back his benefactors, and was rewarded when he arrived in Berea at midnight on a September evening. He knew no one would be up that late at the college, so he settled down on the train platform to sleep, when he heard someone calling his name.

“It was a man from the registrar’s office,” David says. “They had actually sent someone down to meet me. He took me to Blue Ridge and got me settled in. From that moment on, I felt like my life was going to be o.k. I knew Berea was a place where everything was going to be o.k.”

David, an agriculture major, says he owes a great part of his success to Berea. “I can’t think of another place where the college is so supportive of students,” he says. His labor assignments in the dairy and on the poultry farm sparked his interest in animal science. He earned his master’s in animal science and genetics at the University of Kentucky, and his Ph.D. in animal science and genetics at Iowa State University, where Dr. W. Robert Parks, ’37, was serving as president. He began working at Mayo in 1977, when they recruited him to begin their immunology department, and gave him a whole floor for his laboratory.

“I look back on my life, and I think ‘what if I hadn’t picked up that guy in my taxi?’” David concludes. “What if Berea hadn’t written that letter to the Indian government? My life would be so different today.”

And so would the lives of countless disease victims, who can now say they’ve been helped by the taxi driver from Ooty.
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A REAL PLUS

Berea education invaluable for two-physician family

By Linda C. Reynolds

“We’re just two regular people and both of us pitch in,” says Dr. Ann Adams Hays, ’78, about how she and husband Dr. Lon Hays ’78, mesh two medical careers, three children, schedules, and a busy sports life.

The couple met at Berea in 1975 and found they had a lot in common. As biology majors, they attended the same classes and had mutual friends. Best friends by their short term ecology class in the Everglades, Ann modestly says “we sort of fell for each other.” They married between their third and fourth years at University of Kentucky Medical School.

Both continue their passion for sports—Ann played college basketball, field hockey and as a senior was the only woman on the golf team. “Roland Wierwille needed bodies—he was desperate,” she laughs. Ann is captain of a U.S.T.A. Lexington tennis team and Lon, who was nationally ranked while playing at Berea, plays U.S.T.A. tennis regularly.

The Hayses fondly recall the “pluses” of their Berea education: small classes, small campus, individual attention from professors, sports and extracurricular opportunities (Lon was a Country Dancer), and the labor program.

These pluses paid off in medical school.

“That’s when Berea’s ‘important life lesson’ kicked in,” echo Lon and Ann. Or as Lon explains, “You learn how to structure your time to do in the course of a day all you need to do.”

Out of their class, eight students applied and seven were accepted to medical school. The couple remembers two of their first-year classes as “very demanding.” Students from larger universities had already studied histology and embryology, whereas coming from a liberal arts college, those two classes were not offered. But by the second year, they say, “we were on an even playing field—the classes were new to all the students.”

“My labor assignment was perfect training for medical school,” says Ann. “I worked under Dorothy Grossman in the hospital lab learning to draw blood, differentiate blood cells and interpret lab reports.” Lon also appreciated his training. “As a morning person, I enjoyed working the breakfast shift in food service my first year,” he remembers. “Then I moved to the microbiology laboratory, which was a big advantage in medical school.”

Both are on staff at the University of Kentucky in their respective disciplines.

Ann “loves working at Student Health Services because it’s a great place to work and get to know the students.” She also coordinates and lectures fourth-year medical students who do an elective rotation in student health. As a student health physician, she is on an academic, nine-month calendar which frees the summers for more family time.

“Clearly, I see the Berea students have a stronger work ethic and dedication that I think is due directly to the labor program.”

Lon’s clinical, research, and educational focus is with drug and alcohol abuse and dependence.

“There’s the possibility of helping someone turn his or her life around,” he explains. “Like any chronic disease, people suffer negative consequences from addiction. It’s rewarding to intervene in the process and see them affect some very positive changes in their lives.”

As chair of UK’s Psychiatric Department for one and a half years, he lectures second year medical classes, third year medical students that rotate in psychiatry and neurology and psychiatric residents in training. His teaching areas include psychiatry, addiction and geriatric psychiatry. He also supervises clinical residents as they see patients, and residents, medical students and physicians assistant students who rotate at Ridge Behavioral Health where Lon is medical director and does in-patient work.

As medical director, working with students from many colleges and universities, he notices a pattern. “Clearly, I see the Berea students have a stronger work ethic and dedication that I think is due directly to the labor program,” he says.

Berea’s “pluses” continue to train new students to meet the challenges they face, just like the Hayses.

Lon and Ann Adams Hays, with daughter Kathryn. The Hays children—Lon, 16, Karolyn, 12, and Kathryn, 9, play tennis, soccer and golf.Lon and Karolyn are state ranked tennis players and Karolyn’s team won a state cup in soccer.
What do Tai Chi, yoga, weight training and a walking club all have in common? They are just a few of the activities now sponsored by the Berea College Wellness program, committed to promoting health and wellness for students, faculty, staff and retirees.

Last June, Holli Hudson, ’89, was hired as director for the College’s Wellness department, where she immediately started a program to encourage people to think about health and the overall benefit of exercise and nutrition. Hudson holds degrees in physical education with a minor in health from Berea College and a masters in health education from Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), with doctoral work in health education at the University of Utah.

“The first Wellness classes introduced Tai chi, yoga and a walking club, and quickly became very successful. More classes were added,” Hudson says. “We designed a screening program called “Wellness Wednesday,” to identify participants showing signs of high blood pressure or high cholesterol, encouraging those at risk to watch their diets and to utilize exercise programs.

Hudson has found it challenging at times to design programs for the College’s broad audience of students, faculty, staff and retirees.

“They are different populations, so you have to do programming that looks at the overall organization,” explains Hudson. “It’s really difficult for students to see the long term, but we try to encourage them to look at nutrition and exercising, because we do have health problems on our campus.”

Mary Musser Nash, Cx ’52, ’85, a retiree from the College, is an active participant in several of the Wellness programs. “I am in pretty good shape for someone my age,” says Nash. “I walk three to five miles a day and started using the weight room when a class was offered for age 50 and over.

“I think the Wellness Program is a good thing and I hope it continues,” Nash adds. “I wish more people would get involved.”
Studies show this region of the United States has a high incidence of obesity, cardiovascular disease and high blood pressure. The Wellness program is trying to address these health issues, starting with the campus population. In the future, Hudson plans to branch out and work with the community and other coalitions in Madison County to identify and address health issues.

"Ultimately, it’s the culture and the environment we want to change in order for people to be well,” Hudson says.

The College’s Intramural programs, also under the auspices of the Wellness Department, needed to be revamped and reorganized when Hudson started. They have become very successful, with more students participating in intramurals over the 2000-01 school year than anytime in the past ten years.

“More students are getting out and being active in various sports,” says Hudson. “We’re trying to increase the number of activities we offer, both competitive and non-competitive, to keep them interested.”

In addition to Hudson’s role in the Wellness program, she is coaching women’s volleyball at the College this year. Hudson played volleyball while a student at Berea and has previous coaching experience.

The Indiana native says she and her family try to embody the spirit of the Wellness program, enjoying the outdoors, biking and hiking. “We love Kentucky State Parks,” declares Hudson. “We hike the trails up at Cave Run and go to Cumberland Falls to do the trails down there.” She has a son, Sterling, nine, and two stepchildren, Kelsey, 18, and Colby, 21. Her husband Steve is the director of admissions at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

The overall goal of the Wellness Program is to develop long-term life skills through exercise and nutrition for a long and productive life.

“I’d like us to be more active as a community and help our children be more active,” Hudson says. “I really love the whole idea of trying to encourage people to have a healthier lifestyle.”

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**Wellness Programs Offered**

- Body Composition Testing
- Aerobics
- Lap Swim
- Water Aerobics
- Water Exercise
- Water Arthritis
- Walking Club
- Tai Chi
- Weight Training Basics
- Yoga
- Wellness Wednesdays
- Camp Chameleon
- Swimming Lessons
- Bocce Ball
- Sand Volleyball
- Youth Weight Training
- Racquetball League
- Massage Therapy
- Smoking Cessation

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*In summer 2001, the Wellness program offered Camp Chameleon, a day camp for local children. Holli Hudson, ’89, (standing) directs the camp activities.*
Dr. Parker mentions one of his most memorable experiences. "I have a great love of science and for people," states Parker, '86. "Medicine allows me to combine both of those."

After graduating from Berea College with a biology major/chemistry minor in the secondary education track, Parker attained his M.D. in 1990 from the University of Iowa College of Medicine. He then completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 1994. Parker also worked two years with the Centers for Disease Control and completed a one year residency in Preventive Medicine. After several years of active medical practice in obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. Parker now serves as the Chief of Maternal and Child Health Programs for the California department of Health Services. Headquartered in Sacramento, Parker faces the challenges that come with directing 14 different multimillion dollar programs for women and children in California.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Parker acknowledges the positive influence others had on him. He grew up in the same community as Michael D. Moore '77. In Moore, Parker found a baseball coach, a pastor, and his introduction to Berea College. Later, during his senior year in high school, Parker—as student body president—was responsible for coordinating the school’s “College Day,” during which he hosted Carl Thomas, '78, associate director of Minority Services with the Berea College admissions office. Rather than pursue the athletic scholarships other schools were offering, Parker chose the academic advantages Berea College could provide.

As a Berea College student, Parker found other mentors who were especially influential, both on his life and his career. "Dr. Thomas Beebe was very encouraging," Parker recalls. "I remember specifically my general chemistry class. When many classmates were struggling, he wrote on one of my papers 'Excellent work! What do you plan to do after you get your degree? Talk to me after class.' Dr. Beebe had a profound impact on my career choice (in medicine). Originally I came to Berea to prepare to teach high school.”

During the break between his sophomore and junior years, someone at the University of Alabama-Birmingham suggested he apply for the Harvard Summer Health Professions program. "It was there that I found I did, in fact, have an aptitude for medicine," Parker continues. He returned to Berea, determined to go into the medical field.

While reflecting on his years as a Berea College student, Dr. Parker mentions one of his most memorable experiences. "I had the opportunity of working for six months as a researcher for Alex Haley. Haley, who was a Berea College Trustee, had asked for a couple of students to help him with research for a book he never finished (before his death).” Parker explains that the book was to be about the experiences of a black grandfather in Appalachia in the 1920’s.

“Ed Ford, Fd '54, Cx '58, and Ann Ford, in the College public relations office, referred me to Haley and I took on the research project as a six-month, secondary labor assignment,” Parker continues. “I researched race relations in the Appalachian region and was pleasantly surprised to find there was less racial tension during that era in Appalachia than in the rest of the country. The livelihood and survival of blacks and whites were so intertwined—such as helping each other to harvest their crops. There just weren’t the same tensions that existed elsewhere. Working on this with Haley, who was such a well-known author, was a great experience.”

Parker found another mentor in Dr. Michael Rivage-Seul, professor of general studies and religion. "He was my teacher in my Issues and Values class," says Parker. "He helped me learn how to be a critical thinker, something that has been helpful to me, both spiritually and in my profession.”

During his rare moments of free time, Parker pursues some of his hobbies. “I love salsa music and Latin dancing. I also enjoy chess, jazz music, physical fitness and spirited debate,” he says. "Although I don’t fancy running for political office, I think of myself as somewhat of a ‘political hack.’”

Parker’s hard work, both as a student at Berea College and as a professional in the field of medicine, has been recognized through the presentation of many awards and honors. At Berea, Parker received the E. R. Brann Good Citizenship Award and the Homer E. Williams Award for Promoting Interracial Understanding. Dr. Parker is slated to receive the 2001 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, which will be presented at Homecoming, November 16-18, 2001. He is the new president of the Berea College Alumni Association.

There is one professional honor that Dr. Parker especially treasures. "The award I feel is the most significant is the National Health Service Corps' Director’s Award, a national recognition for providing health care to the medically underserved," Parker states. "This award, for service to people who need medical care but cannot afford it, is especially meaningful because it reinforces the value of service to others that is so much a part of Berea College.”

Today, through his love for people, his passion for his profession, and heeding wise counsel, Dr. Parker touches the lives of thousands of people. His mentors would be proud.
Dr. Harold “Hal” Moses, ’58, director of Vanderbilt University’s Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, is responsible for assembling the best and brightest doctors and scientists for the Center’s leading-edge cancer research programs. For the past two summers, Berea College students have been among this select group, expanding the scope of Berea’s commitment to students’ undergraduate research.

Moses has developed Vanderbilt-Ingram into one of the nation’s top 25 cancer research centers. It is one of only 40 centers in the United States to earn the National Cancer Institute’s highest distinction as a Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Pre-med majors Jacqueline Price, ’02 and Cassondra Covington, ’03, have not only been able to intern at one of the nation’s top medical research facilities, they’ve had the opportunity to learn from two distinguished physicians and medical researchers, who also happen to be Berea alums. Moses and Dr. Sarah Hamilton Sell, ’34, are helping a new generation of Berea students who aspire to careers in medicine.

Moses has spent more than 35 years as a distinguished physician and researcher engaged in the war on cancer. A native of Whitley County, Ky., where his father was a coal miner, Moses earned his medical degree from Vanderbilt after earning his B.A. in biology at Berea. He has been a Trustee of Berea College since October 2000.
Since 1985, when he was recruited from the Mayo Clinic to lead the creation of Vanderbilt’s Cancer Center, Moses has developed Vanderbilt-Ingram into one of the nation’s top 25 cancer research centers. One of only 40 centers in the United States to earn the National Cancer Institute’s highest distinction as a Comprehensive Cancer Center, Vanderbilt-Ingram includes a cancer clinic, inpatient units in Vanderbilt Hospital and more than 100 laboratories throughout the university and medical center.

Moses and Sell cite their experiences at Berea as giving them a good educational foundation. Chemistry Professor Julian Capps, who taught at Berea from 1925 to ’58, was remembered fondly by both as a demanding but excellent teacher who prepared them well for the rigors of medical school.

Moses initiated efforts to recruit Berea students for summer research at the Center in the spring of 2000 and Price, a biology major from Walhalla, S.C., met the qualifications. But it was an experience that almost didn’t happen. After visiting Vanderbilt and excitedly making plans to take advantage of the challenging opportunity, she realized that the stipend, if used to pay rent and other living expenses in Nashville, would leave her without funds she was expected to save toward her next semester’s expenses. Sell, who had met Price on her earlier visit, came to the rescue.

“I live in a big house,” Sell says. “The third floor was empty and I’d been thinking of taking in a medical student. When I was asked if I could help Berea find Jacqueline an inexpensive place to live I said, ‘Well, sure, and I can do better than that. She can come stay with me.’”

Sell is a pediatrician and pioneering bacteriologist whose research efforts led to the development of a childhood meningitis vaccine. Now part of the routine series of immunizations given to all infants in the U.S., the vaccine has virtually eliminated this disease which, before antibiotics, was almost always fatal. In addition to her B.A. in biology from Berea, Sell earned her medical degree and a masters degree in bacteriology from Vanderbilt University and also has a doctorate in infectious diseases from Louisiana State University. A member of the Vanderbilt Medical School faculty from 1954-78, Sell also had a second, 13-year career with the Tennessee Department of Health, from which she retired in 1992. The first woman elected president of the Nashville Academy of Medicine, as well as the first woman to serve on the admissions committee for Vanderbilt Medical School, Sell has won numerous awards for both her professional and volunteer activities, including Berea College’s Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1985. In December, she will be the speaker at the Recognition Ceremony for mid-year graduates and also will be awarded an honorary doctorate from the College for her lifetime achievements.

Price says she felt fortunate to have shared Dr. Sell’s company last summer. “I learned so much from Dr. Sell, who has a passionate commitment to both her family and to research,” says Price. “She helped me clarify my own goals and what kind of doctor I want to be.”

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Research jobs during their undergraduate or graduate school years proved to be influential experiences for the course of both Sell’s and Moses’ careers, and they both understand the importance of providing those opportunities for new students. In the summer of 1933, between her
junior and senior years at Berea, Sell worked for no pay in the state health department laboratory in her hometown of Birmingham, an experience that landed her her first job after she graduated. Moses got his first research experiences as a medical school student. “I began doing projects and discovered how much fun it was,” said Moses. He ended up specializing in pathology and has focused on research ever since.

The focus of Moses’ cancer research is hormone-like compounds called “growth factors” that are secreted in human cells. His discovery 20 years ago of a Negative Growth Factor named TGF-Beta, which inhibits instead of stimulating cell growth, has affected the way cancer is studied and treated around the world. The summer research of Covington and Price involved looking at how TGF-Beta affects genes, work that employs the latest techniques in cancer research, such as gene cloning and splicing. Moses had high praise for the work of both students.

“Both Cassondra and Jacqueline did a great job,” says Moses. “Berea students are bright, well-prepared and learn very quickly.”

Covington, one of two Berea students at the Medical Center this summer, was recruited by Moses to work in his lab after he heard a presentation she gave at a Berea Board of Trustees meeting. The other Berea student, Amanda Roberts, ’01, worked with neurologist Dr. David Charles.

Both the Cancer Center and the students benefit from the students’ laboratory work. Students contribute significantly toward the many areas of cancer research going on simultaneously at the Center. The hands-on experience helps them develop their research skills and clarify their future goals and interests.

“It was a great experience,” says Covington, a Birmingham native. “It was amazing to discover how much is involved behind the scenes—how many really specific procedures go into this kind of research.” Majoring in neurobiology with a minor in Spanish, Covington plans to enter a dual M.D.-Ph.D. program and do experimental research.

“I’m not sure what research area I’ll end up in,” she says, “but I’ve become really fascinated with cancer biology, so that might be the direction I choose.”

Both Covington’s and Price’s learning extended beyond the laboratory, as they attended medical school seminars and visited treatment facilities. Shadowing doctors as they cared for cancer patients was especially valuable for Price, who plans to become an oncologist, or cancer treatment specialist. It also created an interest for her in what is known as “transitional research,” the bridge between research and medical practice.

“The practitioners are doctors who find ways to most quickly bring the results of research to patient care,” explains Price. “That really appeals to me.”

Building on her Vanderbilt experience, Price spent this past summer conducting research at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. There she shadowed Dr. Judith Kaur, one of only three Native American oncologists in the U.S., an important experience for Price who is herself of American Indian heritage.

Time spent in the service-oriented Bonner Scholars Program, through which she volunteered in the Hospice Program at Berea Hospital, as well as her experiences at Vanderbilt and Mayo, have also led to Price’s decision to apply for a Watson Fellowship this spring.

“Between graduating from Berea and beginning medical school I’d like to take a year to study palliative care in other countries,” she says. “Other cultures approach care for the dying in different ways. Gaining an international perspective on how we care for people in their final stage of life will make me a better doctor.”

The road to becoming a doctor is a hard one at best, and the advancement of medical science and treatment requires doctors who’ve had the very best preparation. “The challenge,” says Moses, “is to train people who are better than we are.”

The support and guidance from teachers and mentors, combined with outstanding learning opportunities such as those made possible by Drs. Moses and Sell, are giving a new generation of Berea students an edge that just might help them become tomorrow’s medical trailblazers.
“Inspiring, demanding, very caring, wanted you to do your best,” is how D. Edward “Eddie” Kennedy recalls his professors at Berea. “That’s the kind of caring you can get (at Berea.)”

Kennedy, ’68, was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award during the Summer Reunion ’01 Alumni Banquet. In addition to his award winning Drama program at Berea Community School, Kennedy is a talented playwright and actor. He has won the prestigious Eudora Welty Award, and had one of his plays made into a film by Kentucky Educational Television (KET). Kennedy’s wife, Norma Proctor Kennedy, Cx ’80, is office manager for the Berea College Alumni Association.

“It’s family, I think, that makes Berea so special,” Kennedy emphasized. “No matter who I’m talking to here, we all have the same feeling. We truly, truly love Berea. We’re just one big family. It’s all basically about family and about the values. We found great people to teach us who believed in the values of Berea College, who allowed the dream to keep going and the vision to keep going.”

Rev. Lee Morris, retired Campus Minister, was made an honorary alum at the Alumni coffee on Saturday. Dr. P. David Nelson, ’65, chair of Berea’s history department, received the Rodney C. Bussey Award of Special Merit. Virginia Ferrill Piland, ’43, longtime volunteer at the College, received the Alumni Loyalty Award.

An estimated 1400 alumni and their family members and friends attended the weekend activities, which included a picnic, luncheon, and reunions for 11 classes. Reunion activities concluded with Sunday morning worship at Union Church.
Class of ‘41

Class of ‘46

The Class of ’51 celebrated their 50th Reunion this year.

Class of ‘51
Class of ‘56

Class of ‘61

Class of ‘66
Class of ‘71

Class of ‘76
First Row: Travis Hicks, Braxton Hicks, Nelson Hicks, Jocelyn Hicks. Second Row: Ruth McConnell, Teresa Reed Thacker, Leila Johnson Rash, Andrea Thomas Hardymon, Barbara Workman, Shirley Conley Frederick, Lorene Napier, Libby Austin. Third Row: Brenda Abney Bullock, Shanda Smith Aiken, Paul D. Atkinson, Tim Jordan, Betty Lou McCreary Alsophaugh, Mark Boes, James Hicks, Michael L. Davis.

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piano accompaniment, along with singing. Sharps and Flats, which is a rhythm band with ties including the Shepherd’s Choir and the Hollandsworth is the reunion chairperson.

W. Va., which he visits on nearly a daily basis, is ranch of cattle and pasture land in Lewisburg, High School Alumni Hall of Fame. He retains his George H. Hinman Fellowship in the Kiwanis Club. for other tutors. Ross was also awarded a "faithful dedication" Literacy Board of Pineville, directed by the Literacy Program of St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church in Richardson, Texas, having served 33 years as volunteer treasurer, Pearle Scott Hubbard, '43, was presented a 45-year pin for her service to Girl Scouts at the annual appreciation luncheon. She also received the "Thanks Badge," the highest honor given to adults by the Girl Scouts of Texas Council, in Dallas, Texas. Helen Mouser Engels, '45, husband, Clem, died. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Jimmie Ruth Barton Harris and her husband, Alton, of Rainbow City, Ala., stay active and have been married for 53 years.

The Class of 1947 will celebrate its 50th reunion during Summer Reunion 2002, scheduled for June 7-9. The reunion chairperson is Juanita Nolan Coldiron.

Joe Summer and his wife, Jean, of Cincinnati, Ohio, observed their 55th wedding anniversary on Feb. 24.

The Class of 1942 will celebrate its 60th reunion during Summer Reunion 2002, scheduled for June 7-9. Ruth Corbett Ferros is the reunion chairperson.

Virginia Ferrill Piland presented a quilt to Berea Hospital, entitled “Our Berea Heritage.” The quilt, in memory of Berea Hospital Auxiliary Past President and volunteer, girl Ethelback, was 97 inches by 36 inches and took 25 months of designing and working to complete. It depicts the settlement and development of Berea from before 1900 to the present.

Dr. Thomas Hubbard Jr. was honored by St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church in Richardson, Texas, for his 27 years of volunteer service cooking monthly special meals. He was also named a "Hometown MP" by the Ashland Daily Independent newspaper. She also cooks for her church, including fellowship dinners, meals after funerals, and other events, and is the head church librarian. She and her husband, Minato, who met while she was his sister’s roommate at Berea, live in Flatwoods, Ky.

Eleanor Louie Golabide’s husband, Charles, died April 17. She lives in Tampa, Fla.

Joline "B" Vickers Nakamura was honored by the Ashland (Ky.) Senior Center with a "Jo Nakamura Day" at the Center on May 21, 2001, for her 27 years of volunteer service. She was named a "Hometown MP" by the Ashland Daily Independent newspaper. She also works for her church, including fellowship dinners, meals after funerals, and other events, and is the head church librarian. She and her husband, Minato, who met while she was his sister’s roommate at Berea, live in Flatwoods, Ky.

Berea Friends, the Class of 1949 traveled in September from Seattle through the Canadian Rockies to Vancouver Island. She lives in Granada Hills, Calif.

Amanda Clark Snider traveled in September from Seattle through the Canadian Rockies to Vancouver Island. She lives in Granada Hills, Calif.

Amanda Clark Snider with her grandchildren.

The Class of 1950 will celebrate its 50th reunion during Summer Reunion 2002, scheduled for June 7-9.

The Class of 1958 will celebrate its 50th reunion during Summer Reunion 2002, scheduled for June 7-9.

The Class of 1962 will celebrate its 40th reunion during Summer Reunion 2002, scheduled for June 7-9.

The Class of 1967 will celebrate its 40th reunion during Summer Reunion 2002, scheduled for June 7-9.

The Class of 1972 will celebrate its 30th reunion during Summer Reunion 2002, scheduled for June 7-9.


Jimmie Ruth Barton Harris and her husband, Alton, of Rainbow City, Ala., stay active and have been married for 53 years.

The Class of 1947 will celebrate its 50th reunion during Summer Reunion 2002, scheduled for June 7-9. The reunion chairperson is Juanita Nolan Coldiron.

The Class of 1952 will celebrate its 50th reunion during Summer Reunion 2002, scheduled for June 7-9. The reunion chairpersons are Bill and Rose Moore Ramsay.
Eugene Dock, C/S2, of Birmingham, Ala., finished second place in the HealthSouth Pro-Am at the 10th anniversary Brumos Memorial Classic golf benefit tournament on April 25, 2001.

Bill Ramsey is president of the board at Pine Mountain Settlement School. Rose More Ramsey, C/S2, schedules performances for Kentucky folk singer and youngest daughter, Jennifer Rose. They both accompanied Mr. Rose and her husband in February on a singing tour in Florida. They are invited with fourteen churches in their community of Edisto Island, S.C., and work with four teen churches in the area.

1953
Wiley DuVall retired from the North Carolina Agriculture Extension Service in 1991, after serving as an agent in Madison County (NC) for 26 years. He is now retired second time as a real estate broker. Elisabeth Hale DuVall, ’55, retired in March 1999 from serving as public health nurse with the Madison County (NC) Health Department for 26 years. They live in Marshall, NC.

Dr. Billy Friar retired from the mechanical engineering faculty of Wight State University after 30 years of service. Prior to that he taught at Virginia Tech and Ohio State. He is a registered professional engineer in Ohio and continues to be active in several professional and honor societies. He lives in Fairborn, Oh.

1954
Delores “Dixie” Mitchell Grubbs has a full-time art career after years of serving as a mother and corporate wife. She has a studio, works part-time art agent, and does one person art shows. She is married to Basil A. Grubbs, live in Jacksonville, Fla., and enjoy spending time traveling throughout the world.

William Napier of Gainesville, Ky., spends a lot of his time in church activities, fishing, gardening and visiting his two sons.

Jessie Benson Zander received the Tacon Hanum Relations Commission Certificate of Honor on Jan. 24, from the city of Tacon, Ar. She also received the Sentry Leader Award from St. Mark’s Church on Oct. 15, 2000, for her leadership in the church and the Tacon community.

1955
Dean, C/S5, and Nina Grabtree Cornett, ’61, retired to Cooper Landing, Alaska a few years ago to a home near a river with a great salmon run. They spend the summers fishing, hiking, volunteering for environmental causes, and spend their winters in eastern Kentucky.

1957
The Class of 1957 will celebrate its 45th reunion during Summer Reunion 2002, scheduled for June 7-9. The reunion chair is Harold Blackburn.

Sisal, C/S7, and Elson Ison Gilmour, ’56, are both retired school teachers in Wise, Va. Dr. Jack Banton, a long time vice chancellor, has been named the acting senior vice president for administration at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky.

Dr. J. Gordon and Sue Troutman Henry, ’59, conducted prayer seminars recently in Germany, France, and Romania. Over the past few years, they have worked in 41 nations and 45 states. He is a retired executive director for the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools after an 11-year tenure. She is retired from the Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro, Tenn., where they continue to live.

1958
Janet Rice Hoddgett is a retired teacher and library assistant in Charlotte, Mich. Dr. James Colvard was honored by the northeast Seaside Service Center in Dalton, Ga., with an award for leadership established in his name. The award is presented annually to recognize professionals who have exhibited outstanding leadership during their career at the center. Dr. Gubard served as technical director for the center from 1973 to 1980. He lives in King George, Va.

1960
John Greene, of San Jose, Calif., retired from Lockheed Martin after 34 years of service. Dr. Nathan Greene, an immunologist, and Lynn Easter Greene, C/S61, real estate agents, are both retired in Ballard, Tex.

H. Randolph Kidd, Jr., is a retired pastor with the Methodist Church in Barbourville, W.Va.

1961
Dr. Paul Peery, dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin (Madison), was elected to the national Academy of Engineering. Prior to his present position, he was president of SEMATECH, that steered techical issues for more than 150 of the nation’s top suppliers to the semiconductor industry, and was director of microelectronics and photonics at Sandia National Laboratories.

1962
The Class of 1962 will celebrate its 40th reunion during Summer Reunion 2002, scheduled for June 7-9. The reunion chairperson is Jack Harrier.

Vincent Ross, who died Jan. 24, 2001, was instrumental in developing the walking trails at Hunter Park. Since his death, the path has been named the Vince Ross Walking Trail, and the township chose Mr. Ross’ birthday, May 18, as a dedication date. The Vince Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund has also been established at Springboro High School. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving senior to remember and honor Mr. Ross’ dedication and service to school and community, concern for others, loyalty, and work ethic.

Carolyn McDermitt Williams is a substitute teacher with the Karusha (W.A.) County Schools.

1964
Pat Powell Greathouse has opened a bed and breakfast, the Great House Inn, on Jackson Street in Berea.

Jack Roush, race-car builder and engineering-firm owner, has thoroughly reworked the Sage 3 Mustang. The car, which has a Ford 4.6-liter V8 engine, can outrun the Camaro and the Corvette 220. This past spring, the first of some 750 Roush Mustangs found their way into about 200 Ford dealerships.

1966
Dr. Larry Blair, professor of chemistry at Berea College, had a photography exhibition at Berea College’s Hutchins Library from April 9 to May 15 entitled “Women Figureheads from the Cutty Sark.”

John Henning, formerly the director and chief operating officer at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, was appointed the Cincinnati Museum Center’s vice president of museums. He will oversee education, public programming, collections, and research.

Derek Robbins, of Clevland, Oh., has retired after playing ball for 25 years. He played for Medina Body Shop, on the National Championship Gass Asso. team of 1992.

Russ Sword is CEO at the Ashley County Medical Center in Crossett, Ark. He is married to Erma Foster Sword, ’65.

1967
The Class of 1967 will celebrate its 35th reunion during Summer Reunion 2002, scheduled for June 7-9. The reunion chairpersons are Judy Coates Fray and Rick Gunter. William Chappell has retired from the Division for Air Quality with the Kentucky state government and moved to Berea.

1968
Jimmy C. Gaffney was named director of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children’s (KBHC) Southern Region Campus in Bronston, Ky. in June. KBHC provides care for children who have been abused, neglected, or whose families are in crisis. The Southern Region Campus is home to KBHC Bronston Center, a residential treatment facility which cares for up to 20 girls, and the Wilderness Gamping Treatment program, which serves up to 40 boys. Gaffney worked for 24 years at the Lake Cumberland Boys Camp, a juvenile treatment facility, including six years as superintendent.

Dr. John Grigsby is an attorney with the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund. Janice Yeargen O’Grady, ‘75, is a nurse practitioner with Women’s Care Group. They live in Maryville, Tenn.

Married: Doris Smithson to Douglas Temple on May 21, 2000 at Bowles Chapel in Rutland, Vt.

1970
Jean Rockwell Cooper completed training to be a lactation consultant (LC) with the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners in October 2000. She is the LC at East Ohio Regional Hospital and has started a lactation program there that includes outreach and education to the WIC offices of three rural Appalachian Ohio counties. She and her husband, Fred, operate a small education farm near Burns ville, Ohio, making sorghum and farming with oxen.

Dorothy Logan Wilson retired from Texas Instruments in Dallas, Tex., after more than 21 years of service.

1971
Lynda Turner-Tindall was recognized as one of the outstanding teachers in Kentucky, who helped set the standards for the Kentucky Core Content tests. She is an instructor at Frederick Franz High School in Copleriver, Ky.

Birth: Adaughter, Sophie Marie Crase, born May 1, to Mese Watson, C/S71, and her wife, Nancy Crase. They live near Nashville, Tenn.

1972
The Class of 1972 will celebrate its 36th reunion during Reunion Summer 2002, scheduled for June 7-9. The reunion chairperson is Janie Adams Fraizer.

Ron Daley is campus director of the Hoot County Branch of Hazard Community College in Hindman, Ky.

Dr. Donna Dean, ’69, a biochemist, was named acting director of the new National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering by the National Institutes of Health. The institute will support fundamental research into using engineering and imaging science in the study of biological processes and disease, and in applying this information to medical care.
The Berea College Alumni Association invites you to join us this summer for a Vancouvers-Alaskan cruise on a Holland America cruise ship. Departure is July 11, 2002, and the cost is only $1,699 for a full week on the beautiful Alaskan coast, plus air add-on of $300 and port charges of $270 per person. Travelers who purchase outside cabins get two extra nights FREE in Vancouvers. For more information, please contact Alumni Association director Jackie Ballinger at 1.800.457.9846, or by e-mail at jackie_ballinger@berea.edu.

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1974

Allan Burger is a prevention consultant and research analyst for the Prevention Research Institute in Lexington, Kj. Danny Parker, Cx’74, is a certified public accountant in Richmond, Kj.

1975

Patricia Darnell Sutton, Cx’75, is employed by St. Joseph Hospital in Humble, Texas. Larry K. Woods was named superintendent of Breathitt County (Kj) Schools in June. For the past four years, he has served as instructional supervisor at Garrard County Schools, and has served as principal at schools in Garrard and Lincoln counties. He has received multiple honors as a principal, teacher, and coach. Woods is working on his doctorate in educational administration at the University of Kentucky. His wife, Sharon L. (Kiner) Woods, is a registered nurse (RN)

1976

Michael and Vicky Scalls Davis, ’74, traded in their suburban life for a 126 acre farm near Lexington, Kj.

1977


1978

Mike Gauld was named superintendent of Madison County (Kj) Schools. Lisa Pennington Gauld teaches at Madison Southern High School. Jonathon and Karen Greene Hurler observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Aug. 14. She teaches music at four elementary schools in Harrison County (Kj), serves as the church pianist at Gethsemani Baptist Church, and is a part-time music instructor for Myssyville Community College. M. Hurler is employed by Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Georgetown, Ky. Rebecca Blankenship Liles, Cx’78, of Wheelersburg, Oh., is now Rebecca Blankenship Sibley.

1979


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Leonard Laurinaitis is a forage agronomist at New Mexico State University’s Agricultural Science Center. He is married to Donna Browning Laurinaitis, ’81.

1981

The Class of 1981 will celebrate its 20th reunion during Homecoming 2001, scheduled for Nov. 16-18. Susie Hillard Bullock is the reunion chair. She can be reached at 4081 Palomar Blvd., Lexington, Ky. 40513 or via e-mail at bullock@mail.transy.edu.

1982

Bryan Gabriel has been appointed as middle school principal at the George Morgan School in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Ron and Liz Mullins Robinson both graduated on July 21, with master’s degrees in Communications and Information Sciences from Ball State University’s Center for Communication and Information Sciences.

1983

Birth: Adaughter, Rachel Alexandra, born Oct. 17, 2000 to Chuck and Sarah Wallace Stump of Hurricane, Wv. Beth McKenzie Adams received her master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from Lindsey Wilson College. With a 3.9 grade point average, she also received the Education Achievement Award. She teaches at Adair County High School, and is married to Gay Williams Adams, ’81.

Dwayne Dover, Cx’84, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and is stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. Rej. Jeffrey McDowell, an ordained pastor in the North Central New York Conference of the United Methodist Church, is in his fifth year at Central United Methodist Church in Bath, New York.

1985

Birth: Adaughter, Bryna Elizabeth, born Oct. 9, to Eddie Galloway and his wife, Angela of Lancaster, Kj. Kimberly Taylor Goodlett is a teacher and has relocated closer to her family in West Chester, Oh. Married: Vicki Hays to Brad Gould of New York, NY. Fooq Weng Ng is employed at Seagate, an American tape drive manufacturer, in Penang, Malaysia. John Paris has been named president of Western Kentucky Gas Co. He began his career with WAGas an operations aide in 1985, and has held a variety of positions in operations, marketing and engineering in the natural gas industry, most recently with Galey Gas Co. in Colorado. He and his wife, Delynn Roark Paris, and their three children live in Owensboro.

1986

The Class of 1986 will celebrate its 15th reunion during Homecoming 2001, scheduled for Nov. 16-18. Donna Baker

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McClure is the reunion chair. She can be reached at 667 Hart Church Road, London, Ky. 40744-7996.

Birth: Ason, Owen Christopher, born Aug. 3, 2000 to Dwain Arnold and his wife, Michele of Kingsport, Tenn.

Sandra Hayden Collins is a student support manager at Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center in Paintsville, Kj.

Dr. Willie Parker completed a one-year training in preventive medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, which makes him eligible for a second board certification in the specialty of preventive medicine. He is chief of maternal and child health programs and policy for the California Department of Health Services in Sacramento, Calif.


1988

David Peeler, of Fayetteville, NC, was selected for the Comptroller Meritorious Performance Award, a prestigious award from the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

Melanie Qisenberry, a human resources specialist, is pursuing her master’s degree in personnel at Kentucky State University.

1989

Married: Veronica Ellis and Terry Stephens. Mrs. Stephens is program manager for East Tennessee Human Resource Agency’s Child Care Food and Summer Food Program. She was presented the Sunshine Award for outreach and promotion of summer food programs in the southeast region.

Leonidas Kassapides is a director, writer, designer and performer for theatre and television. He is also a teacher, scientist, and part time weather forecaster. He lives in Berea.

Deborah Cantrell Schaffer, Cx’89, and her husband, Brian, are overseas missionaries. They recently served in the Dominican Republic and Costa Rica. They are now working with different ethnic congregations in Houston, Texas for the Church of the Nazarene.

Nomi Ruth Sutton Shore, a stay-at-home mom, volunteers at the Randolph County (Indiana) “MACwith a local MHS group where she serves as a discussion leader. She does cottage industry sewing for Rors. She and her husband, Todd, are both involved in their church.

1990

Birth: Ason, Brice Gilby, born May 12, to Willie and Janet Brown Hill. M. Hill is the loan portfolio manager/officer with the Professional Sports Division of Firstar Bank. Mrs. Hill is the assistant director of admissions at Seven Hills School in Cincinnati, Oh. Married: Adaughter, Amber Michele, born Aug. 15, 2000 to William and Beatrice Speakman Lee of Rio Rancho, NM.


Sherry Galloway Ray completed her master of science in nursing degree at the

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University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on May 6. She is a family nurse practitioner. She and her husband, Terrell, observed their 10th wedding anniversary in June. They reside in Ringgold, Ga.

1991

The Class of 1991 will celebrate its 10th reunion during Homecoming 2001, scheduled for Nov. 16-18. Sara Zook Wilson is the reunion chair. She can be reached at 8835 Fountainview Drive Apt. 512, Indianapolis, Ind. 46226. Donna Spradlin Comer’s name has changed to Donna Spradlin Steele.

Michael Hunt, of Jasontown, Ind., started “OneOnOne Ministries,” where he travels around the country doing concerts containing a combination of vocal and instrumental music, comical and dramatic sketches, puppetry, corny “magic,” and other entertainment. In April, he and his fiancee, Carol Klierim, participated in a mission trip to Romania and assisted with physically handicapped individuals through physical therapy education and evangelism.

Greg Lakes, C’91, who lives in Berea, was elected for a two year term as president of the Kentucky Funeral Directors Association’s Central District. He will coordinate continuing education opportunities, meetings, and events for other funeral directors across several counties from over 100 funeral homes. He is married to Rachel Roberts, ’92.

Birth: Alex, Jason Lee, born Jan. 30 to Sean and Michelle Heins Leonard of Big Hill, Ky. Mrs. Leonard is a homemaker.

Choua-Yeng “Christopher” Iou, became an entrepreneur and opened an insurance and real estate brokerage firm on Jan. 1, 2000, after five years of management with US West. He and his family live in Stockton, Calif.

Debby Davidson Patcholewski, student taught high school agriculture for six years in Harlan, Kentucky, has moved to Lee County (Va.) where she is teaching eighth grade agriculture.

Jennifer Rose, a performing artist and singer, was artist-in-residence at Felter 4-H camp in London, Ky. this summer. She has released six compact discs, and performed throughout the US and overseas, including Japan, Italy, Austria and Denmark, where she tours annually. She has appeared at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Musikfest in Pennsylvania, and the Kranmert Center at the University of Illinois.

Married: Kelly Runyon and Shari Mijar on Nov. 25, 2000, at Steele Memorial United Methodist Church, Ms. Mijar is director of finance with Artisim Services Center in Huntington, W.V.

Dee Lindemann Verdecchia is a registered nurse at the University of Kentucky Children’s Hospital. Carlos Verdecchia, ’91, is a science teacher at Bryan Station High School.

1993

Birth: Ason, Noah James, born Oct. 20, 2000 to Ralph, ’96, and Linda Bayes Clark. Mrs. Bayes is a stay-at-home mom. Mr. Bayes is activities and admissions coordinator for Calhoun Christian High School in Jackson, Ky., and serves as the director of “Spoudaum,” a character-building program for teens.

Dennis Sargent is the branch manager of Community Trust Bank in Berea, KY.

Birth: Ason, Andrew John, born April 4, 2000, to Christopher and Amanda Cristene Estep of Berea. Ms. Schreiner is a homemaker.

Russell Schweighardt, C’93, is a respiratory therapist at Holyday Medical Services. Sanya Sannah Schweighardt, C’93, is a homemaker. The couple has been home-schooling their children for two years. They live in Ogden, Ky.

Birth: Ason, William Bragdon, born March 28, to Billy Sims and his wife, Melissa. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sims are teachers at Kings Mountain Elementary School in Lincoln County (Ky.).

T erria Wight, C’93, is a teacher in the Birmingham City Schools. She is pursuing a master’s degree and “A” level certification in collaborative teaching. “A” level certification in educational leadership, and expertise in literacy at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

1994

Felicia Cheek participated in President Bush’s bill-signing ceremony which repealed the Death Tax, representing the Printing Industries of America (PIA), where she has served as government affairs manager since January 2000.

Lobbying for the FIA she was instrumental in arguing for the tax’s repeal. Anative of London, Ky., Cheek has served on the staffs of US Representative Ed Whitfield and US Senator Mitch McConnell, both of Kentucky.

Gregory Brian Dye MD, has joined the Downtown Clinic in Harlan, Ky. as a family practitioner. The Clinic is associated with the ARH Medical Association/Daniel Boone Clinic and Harlan ARH Hospital. He received his medical degree from the University of Kentucky in 1998, and recently completed his family practice residency at the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University. His wife, Carla Ward Dye, is currently pursing her master’s degree in education at ETSU.

Jodie Leidecker is a lecturer in general studies at Berea College.


1995


Birth: Alyse Elizabeth, born March 17 to Haze, C’98, and Shanda Miller Wahlert. Ms. Wahlert is in human resources and M. Wahlert is a sound engineer. They live in Lexington, Ky.

1996

The Class of 1996 will celebrate its 5th reunion during Homecoming 2001, scheduled for Nov. 16-18. Michael Green is the reunion chair. He can be reached at 1605 5th St. W., Flemingsburg, Ky. 41041.

Birth: Adaugher, Cindy Jo, born Dec. 2000 to Nelson and Darla Hardwick Hams, ’94. Mr. Ham graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in May and is now a pediatric resident physician in Georgia. Mrs. Ham is working on a thermal wildcat for the Wildcat Madness Art Show to benefit the University of Kentucky Basketball Museum.

Janel Bowling Grider is pursuing her master’s degree and teaching kindergarten in Somerset.

Married: Selina Stambaugh and Jeff Bryan on Aug. 7, 1999 in Ironon, Ohio. Tina Napper Wiseum served as matron of honor. The couple resides in Berea. Alumni attending were Greg Wiseum, and Jason and Ruth Kelegy Gregg, ’95.

Birth: Ason, Ashley Elizabeth, born March 17 to Haze, C’98, and Shanda Miller Wahlert. Ms. Wahlert is in human resources and M. Wahlert is a sound engineer. They live in Lexington, Ky.


1997


Married: Cynthia Smith and David Ludwig on May 12. Ms. Ludwig graduated from law school on May 12, at the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia. They live in Seattle, Wash.

Shayne Harrison is manager of product applications and ingredient marketing with the U.S. Dairy Export Council, an association of dairy producers and suppliers who wish to export abroad. In the past year he has traveled to Mexico, Canada, Korea, China, Japan, Brazil, Egypt, and Lebanon. He is also pursuing his master’s in international business.

Nathan Hartman is assistant registrar of Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, Kentucky. Holly Hartman is consulting coordinator for Rockwell Laser Industries in Cincinnati, Ohio.


Birth: Adaugher, Taylor Madison, born March 26, to Trina Lurue Thomas and her husband.

Byron Walters is a software engineer for Systems and Computer Technology. He is involved in the Madison County (Ky.) Rescue Squad and the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Department.

Theresa Sanders Walters is account manager with Systems and Computer Technology.

Birth: Ason, Cooper, born April 7, 1997, to Joseph and Laurie Hewitt White, ’03. Mr. White teaches at Berea Community School and Ms. White is a current student at Berea College.

1998


Dawn Swallow Ballard is the assistant track coach for Montgomery County (Ky.) High School. She started marathoning a couple of years ago and qualified to compete in the Boston Marathon on April 16.
To honor Bereans who have passed away, and help former classmates identify them more easily, the Berea Alumni lists them in this “Passages” section. If you know of a Berean who has died, please let the Alumni Association know by using the form on page 34, calling 1.800.457.9846 or e-mailing alumni@berea.edu. Please include the person’s class year or connection to Berea, and the date and place of death.

■ 2000

Nelson Alexander is employed at Caritas Peace Center, a mental health facility in Louisville, Ky.

Amy Clifford is pursuing her master’s degree to be a nurse practitioner at the University of Kentucky.

Don Hodges is a case manager with the Child Care Council of Kentucky for the Child Care Assistance Program. He is also youth leader at Berea Church of God.

Birth: Adakut, Kaitlyn Nicole, born May 5, to Bobby and Laurel Jennings Epps, C’00 of Berea.

Ian Moran is a youth leader at Berea Church of God.

University of Kentucky.

Degree to be a nurse practitioner at the University of Kentucky.

Moran attends Chichester University.

Delora Wren Davis, N’28, of Berea, died May 29. Aformor teacher, she was active in her church, including teaching Sunday school and being a member of the Women’s Missionary Society, prior to being disabled.


■ 1920s

Herald Richardson Sr., C’24, of Richmond, Ky., died April 26. He was a former teacher, farmer, and served as general merchandising chief of administration officer in the armament division at the Lexington Blue Grass Army Depot for 32 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Madison County Fair and Horse Show Board, and the Richmond Masonic Lodge No. 25. He is survived by a son, Harold, two daughters, Betty Zane: Althea and Nelda Gebelt; two brothers: one sister; and six great-grandchildren.

Delora Wren Davis, N’28, of Berea, died May 29. Aformor teacher, she was active in her church, including teaching Sunday school and being a member of the Women’s Missionary Society, prior to being disabled.


■ 1930s

Irena Howard, C’30, of Manchester, Ky., died Jan. 31.

Stella Jean Denny Gibson, ’31, of Lexington, Ky., died May 2. She had served as a teacher and school lunch director for Roxio County (Ky.) schools and as a Kentucky district supervisor, working with County Judge John Sherman Cooper. She was a member of FED Homemakers, and the Broadway Christian Church. She is survived by a son, Douglas; and a daughter, Sue Rady, five grandchildren; two sisters; and several nieces.

Carla Hudson Abney, C’32, of Berea, died May 14. She was retired from Berea National Bank, and a member of Berea Baptist Church, where she was a part of the Dixie Lee Sunday School class. She is survived by her son, E.J.: a daughter, Betty Burnett; two sisters; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Byse Huddix, ’36, of Albany, Ky., died Nov. 7, 2000. He was a former math teacher, farmer, and owner of Huddix Electrical appliance store.


Gaylce Combs Langdon, ’39, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., is deceased.

■ 1940s

William Gray, ’40, of Westland, Mich., died April 6. He was retired from Ford Motor Co. He was a World War II veteran, and a member of the First United Methodist Church at Garden City as well as the Masonic Lodge at Stone, Ky. He is survived by his wife, Irene; a son, Robert; and three daughters, Susan Barton, Susan Hack, and Patricia Satter; a sister; and six grandchildren.

El Turner, ’42, of Tacon, Ariz., died March 11. Ateacher and Indian Agent with the Bureau of the Interior, he worked primarily with the Pima and Pima Indian tribes of Arizona. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Deaton Turner. He is survived by two daughters, Treva Turner, ’61, and Paula Herkens, and a son, Ron Turner.

Ernestine Mitchell, ’43, of Louisville, Wa., died March 17. Aretired school teacher, she was a member of the First Baptist Church. She is survived by her brother, Isaac Mitchell, ‘38.

Jeanette Peters Nowlin, ’43, of Waynesburg, Pa., is deceased.

Robert Rowles, ‘VI245, of St. George, Utah, is deceased.

Minnie Sue Hill Koon, C’47, of Rutherfordton, N.C., died April 1. She is survived by her husband, James, and sons James, Larry, and Martin.

Dorothy Medich, ’47, of South Bend, Ind., died Dec. 24.

Mary Helen Parker-Bauer, ’47, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Nov. 18, 2000. Aretired teacher, she volunteered at the Cincinnati Zoo and tutored elementary school students in reading. She is survived by her husband, Joseph.

■ 1950s

Boone Caldwell, ASO, of Berea, died May 11. Retired from the Berea College Bakery, he was a World War II army veteran, and a member of the First Christian Church. He is survived by his wife, Tommy; one brother; Nee; one sister, Dallie Cline; two granddaughters, four grandchildren and one niece.

Donald Hall, ASO, of Hopkinsville, Ky., died on a photographic safari in Africa during the Labor Day weekend. He was retired from the United States Air Force. After retirement, he managed several military reunion groups and continued to be involved with experimental air craft as a civilian consultant. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Flank Hall, ’54.

Albert Miller Lanham, ’51, of Lexington, Ky., died March 9. She was a former home economics teacher and Kenton County Schools food service director, and a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church. Survivors include a daughter, Vicki Lanham; and a sister, Elma Gregory.

Alfred Swanson, ’51, of Wilmington, Del., died in November, 2000. He was a geologist, and construction superintendent for Worby Brothers Pipeline Corp. Inc.

Sara Neal Hettinger, C’55, of Stevenson Ranch, Calif., died March 17.

Mary Garrett Ogle, C’56, of St. Albans, W.V., died April 1. She was a former teacher. She was preceded in death by her husband, Milton Ogle, and is survived by two children, Tommy and Angela, and four grandchildren.

Jerry Halstead, H’58, of Berea, died July 8. Aretired Berea College Utilities employee, he is survived by his wife, Mary Goodrich Halstead, C’48, a son, Terry; and two grandchildren.

Samuel Hawkins, ’59, of Bedford, Mass., died Jan. 23, 2000. Aretired meteorologist with the U.S. Air Force, he was involved in Boy Scouts, the Masons, and his church. He is survived by his wife, Martha Moore Hawkins, ’60.

■ 1960s

Maureen Sexton Gormus, ’63, of Berea, died March 5. She had retired in June 1997 after teaching in Prince Georges County, Maryland for 30 years. She is survived by her husband, Francis; three children, Pamela, David, and William; and one grandchild.

■ 2001

The Class of 2001 will celebrate its 1st reunion during Homecoming 2001, scheduled for Nov. 16-18. Ann Kessinger is the reunion chair. She can be reached at 210 Mason St., South Point, Ohio 45680.
HOMECOMING 2001 REGISTRATION FORM

Name (include birth name)______________________________________________________Class Year___________
Spouse/Guest (include birth name)________________________________________________ Class Year___________
Address___________________________________________________________State________Zip_______________
Home Phone___________________Business Phone____________________FAX Number______________________

_____Yes, I plan to be at Homecoming, November 16-18, 2001. Please reserve tickets for me for the following events:
I will need ______ tickets for the Friday evening, November 16, banquet at Boone Tavern at $15.00 each.
I will need ______ tickets for the Class Pizza Buffet Luncheon on November 17 for the class of ’81, ’86, ’91, ’96, ’01, or others (please circle one). Tickets are $6.50 per adult, $3.00 for children ages 5 and under.
I will need ______ tickets for the Basketball Game on Saturday evening, November 17. ($6.50 each)

Please indicate if you require special accessibility or assistance during Homecoming or special dietary needs you may have.

_____No, I am unable to attend Homecoming 2001. Enclosed is some information which can be shared with the reunion group.

Enclosed is my check for $__________ - $__________ of this is my contribution to the Alumni Fund and $__________ is for my tickets OR Please charge my VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, AMERICAN EXPRESS, OR DINERS CLUB card for $___________. $__________ of this is my contribution to the Alumni Fund and $__________ is for my tickets.
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Due to availability of tickets, reservations must be made by November 2, 2001.
Mail reservation form to: Berea College Alumni Association, CPO 2203, Berea, KY 40404
FAX to 859.985.3178, or call 1.800.457.9846.
As far as the work of Berea College is concerned, I believe the present emergency demands that we do our work very much better. The college is an educational institution. We can serve our country in time of emergency as in time of peace, by doing our work well. I believe in an emergency we should do it better. If it has been by lowering standards, not by deviation from our accepted program. If it has been essential in time of peace for individual and social welfare, I believe it is still essential in time of war.

... It is essential for our country, for our society, that people have education so that they may understand the problems of the world in which we live, so that they may devise ways and means of meeting these problems which are better than our present ways and means.

What we have accomplished will be important; what we leave undone will be a detriment. The completion of your courses is more important to you and to the service which you may render to your country, than rushing off, dropping the responsibilities which you have accepted.

... What I am going to keep in mind, and what I believe each of us must keep in mind, trying desperately to do so if necessary, is that there is a world ahead; we are going to be in it. I mentioned the paradox last June—we are fighting for peace. I believe it is true. Whether or not we get the peace will depend a great deal on how we strive and how we plan, and how we think. That is why an educational institution is perhaps different than some other institution. It cannot be turned on and turned off. It is a continuous process.

Your contribution in the future, I believe, depends on how you meet the present emergency.

As the 60th anniversary of the United States’ entry into WW II approaches on December 7, 2001, it is important to look back at Berea during wartime. President Francis Hutchins’ speech is a convincing argument for the importance of education for the future of the country, and an appeal to students, faculty and staff to weigh their actions and reactions carefully. It is as pertinent today as we respond to the events of September 11, 2001.
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