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Front Cover: Fifty years after Brown vs. Board of Education made school segregation illegal, Doris Robinson Brown, Fd. '64 (center), her sister Elsie Robinson Walker, Fd. '65, and Ralph Smith, Fd. '62, visited the high school that Prince Edward County, Virginia closed down rather than allow them to attend. Berea's Foundation School provided a place for them to learn until the schools reopened five years later.

Photo (right): "Redbuds (Anglin Falls)" by Dr. Alan Mills. Dr. Mills' photographs express his interest in conservation photography. His passion is capturing powerful images on film and introducing students to the art of conservation photography.






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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 *Berea College Magazine* articles relate to Berea's mission, specific articles about the strategic plan initiatives are indicated with the  symbol.

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Throughout this year, schools, organizations, and the media have focused on the state of education 50 years after the *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision made segregated schools illegal. The landmark decision has led to numerous advances in civil rights. But the anniversary on May 17, 2004 also taught us at Berea about a valuable episode in our own history.

Last fall, most of us on campus had never heard about the students who came to Berea from Prince Edward County, Va. When *Brown* passed, and it became apparent that integration was going to happen, the county closed down its public schools rather than allow desegregation. Private schools for white students were opened almost immediately, but more than 1,700 black children had no access to school for five years.

Many of these children were sent to live with relatives or sympathetic families in other counties and states, although many more were left with no opportunity for education. The American Friends Service Committee, based in Philadelphia, instituted an "Emergency Placement Program" for some of the older students, sending them to schools in Pennsylvania, Iowa, New Jersey, and Kentucky. One of the key goals of the program was to place students in an integrated environment, so when they returned to Virginia, they could help others adjust.

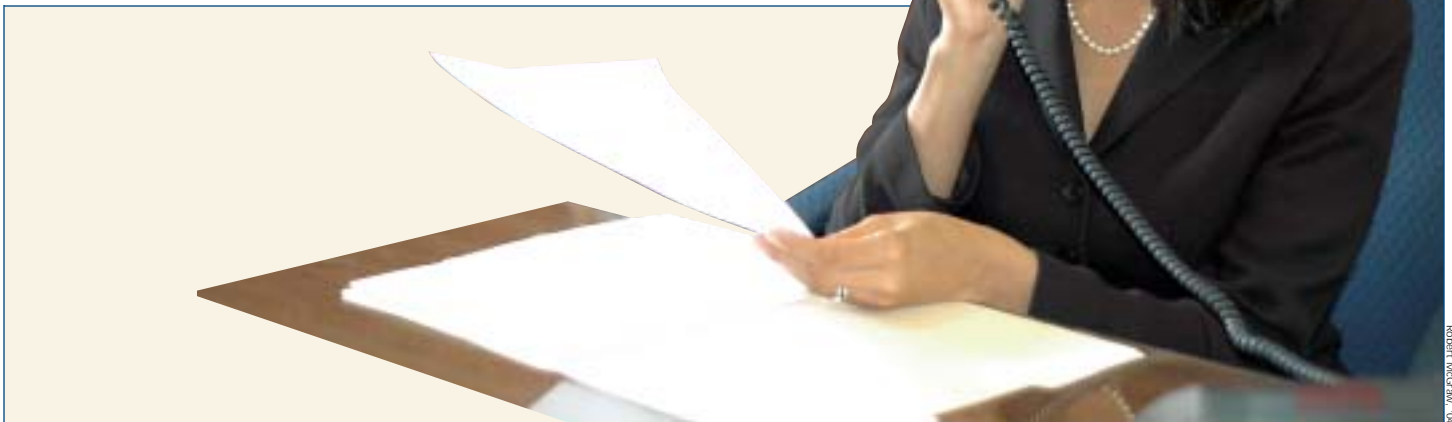
With their long tradition of interracial education, Berea College and Berea Foundation School were an ideal location for the students. Six of them came to Berea for high school, and three more followed later to graduate from Berea College. Their success, despite the difficulty of their situation, is a testament to their determination. You can read more about them in the story on page 13.

Even at Berea, where interracial education is a founding commitment of the College, we are not immune to racial concerns. Moreover, it is our responsibility as a college committed to "assert the kinship of all people" to take the lead on examining and addressing these concerns—not just at the College, but in our communities and region as well. I hope the anniversary of this groundbreaking case inspires all of us to take action.

Ann Mary Quarandillo

Correction: The announcement of Nancy E. Blair as a new Berea College Trustee on page 5 of the *Berea College Magazine* winter issue stated that Ms. Blair writes and lectures on "real estate planning;" it should have read "estate planning." We regret the error.

Suramek “Comes Home” as Berea’s Alumni Relations Director



ROBERT MCGRAW '08

Mae Suramek, '95, has joined Berea College as the new director of Alumni Relations. Suramek began her new duties January 26. She succeeds Mark Boes, '76, interim alumni relations director, who has assumed the position of assistant to the President and major gifts officer at the College.

Before joining Berea, Suramek was employed as a human relations specialist with the North Carolina Human Relations Commission. Prior to that, she served as job developer with the Refugee Resettlement program of Lutheran Family Service in Raleigh, N.C. In Kentucky, Suramek served for two years as a civil rights investigator with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission and as a counselor and caseworker for the Lexington YWCA Spouse Abuse Center. She also previously served as employment specialist with AmeriCorps in Prestonsburg, Ky.

In addition to a B.A. in psychology from Berea, Suramek holds an M.A. in community counseling from Eastern Kentucky University and has completed coursework in Women's Studies at the University of Kentucky. Suramek and her husband, Ronnie Nolan, also a 1995 Berea graduate, reside in Berea.

What made you decide to return to your alma mater to work?

My husband and I both graduated from Berea in 1995 and no matter where we lived, we always felt that special bond and sense of gratitude to the place that brought us together and helped shape us into whom we have become today. I was thrilled when the opportunity came up for me to return. I feel extremely fortunate to have the chance to finally give back and serve at such an exceptional institution that has impacted my life in countless ways. I am humbled to be joining Berea College's outstanding and dedicated Alumni Relations team that has led and organized numerous initiatives and programs that continue to reach over 17,000 alumni.

It is a privilege for me to serve my fellow Berea College alums and I am honored to be able to play a small part in Berea's larger mission of changing lives of those with limited resources but unlimited potential. Ronnie and I are happy we have "come home" to serve alongside our extended Berea family.

What do you see as critical issues facing the Alumni Relations office?

- As Berea's student population continues to become increasingly diverse, the Alumni Association has the responsibility of addressing and meeting the needs of alumni from diverse cultural, ethnic, and generational backgrounds, while continuing to foster alumni connectedness.
- With changes in today's technology the Alumni Association has to make significant strides to keep up with new and innovative ways to stay connected to fellow alums. We need to expand methods of communication by creating an efficient and interactive system of reaching alumni through the coordinated use of the internet, electronic mail, telephone, written correspondence, and publications.
- The Alumni Association serves over 17,000 alums, and thus needs the support and partnership of the larger Berea community, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, and other Berea College supporters to help advance the College's mission through the support of alumni.

How do you see your skills contributing to the Alumni Relations work at Berea? to Berea College as a whole?

As a student at Berea, I served as the chair of the Campus Activities Board as well as student director of the Campus Activities Department. The leadership and interpersonal skills that I developed along with the strong service and work ethic that Berea instilled in me helped prepare me for graduate studies in community counseling and continued volunteer and professional work in public service. For the past six years, I have served in city and state government positions both in Kentucky and in North Carolina in the field of Human Relations and Civil Rights Enforcement. I hope to utilize my experience in program development, coalition building, event planning, public relations, and community service to connect with alumni and expand Berea's Alumni Relations program.

What can alums look forward to in the coming year?

- Opportunities for alumni to participate in discussions, dialogs, surveys, etc. to share their ideas, thoughts, perceptions, and how they think the Alumni Association can better serve them.
- A personal commitment to reach out to all alumni and to engage them in continually feeling connected to the larger Berea community.



Mae Suramek, '95, (right) has spent her first months as Berea's new alumni relations director talking with alums, faculty and staff, and future alums like Aisulu Masytkanova, '06, about how she can best meet their needs.

Mae looks forward to hearing from alums with ideas for the alumni relations department. You can contact her at 859.985.3104, or email mae_suramek@berea.edu.

- The development and expansion of services and programs for alumni and opportunities for alumni to serve the College and help advance Berea's mission of integrity and excellence.

What are you looking forward to personally?

Ronnie is a college administrator and we both look forward to living and engaging ourselves in a college community like Berea. We hope to settle down in a home within walking distance to campus—as soon as we find one! And we are happy to be closer to Ronnie's family in Corbin, Kentucky and our lifetime Berea friends who live in the Berea-Lexington-Cincinnati area.

Shakespeare Comes to Campus

OK, so he didn't *literally* come to campus. But the Berea College theatre department took on a magnificent challenge presenting the playwright's *Richard III* this winter. Directed by Deborah Martin, asst. professor of theatre and director of the theatre laboratory, the play featured a cast of 25 students, faculty and staff portraying over 40 roles.



The drama tells the tale of the medieval King Richard III, whose short reign has been haunted for centuries with stories of murder, deceit, and treachery. Berea's cast and crew worked for months to create an authentic Shakespearean experience. In July 2003, Martin and five students traveled to England for a month, where they attended contemporary and Shakespearean plays and did extensive research on the history of King Richard III. During January's short term, in the accompanying "Shakespeare in Performance" course, the cast worked on numerous difficult elements, including preserving the language of Shakespeare, and choreography of key battle scenes.



Denis Burton, '04, as Richard III (right) accosts Lord Ratcliffe, played by Justin Paul Dearing, '05.

Robert Radkoff-Ek, theatre lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and an advanced actor/combatant with the Society of American Fight Directors, spent short term in Berea choreographing the battle and individual combat scenes in the play, and training the actors in unarmed and armed combat for the stage.

In addition to the staging of *Richard III*, the College also hosted regional language arts teachers in a day-long exploration of teaching Shakespeare with national Shakespearean expert Michael LoMonico. The workshop, "Shakespeare: Words and Actions," focused on teaching Shakespeare's language through performance. LoMonico is the founder and editor of *Shakespeare* magazine, and wrote *The Shakespeare Book of Lists* and *Shakespeare 101*. Since 1986, he has taught at and directed the Teaching Shakespeare Institute at the Folger Library in Washington, D.C.

Appalachia

Red Cross Honors Berea's Youth Involvement



Psychology major Angela Evans, '04, accepted the Youth Involvement Award from the Daniel Boone Chapter of the American Red Cross at their annual meeting on December 30, 2003. The award is given to schools and groups who excel in providing varied service and learning experiences to young people.

Berea College earned the award for work completed through the Center for Excellence in Learning Through Service (CELTS) and the Bonner Scholars programs. In addition to conducting fundraising efforts for local disaster victims, these programs worked directly with the Red Cross to offer health and safety and disease prevention classes to businesses and schools in the area.

Evans also received a personal award for her outstanding volunteer service, and for being involved with many different groups within the Red Cross organization. She has been employed at the Red Cross through Students for Appalachia since her sophomore year.

Writer-Scholar bell hooks Joins Berea Faculty

bell hooks, acclaimed author and academic, outspoken social critic, and one of our nation's leading public intellectuals, will join Berea College in fall 2004 as Distinguished Professor in Residence.

With a passionate voice about the lived experiences of race, class, sex, and gender in America, hooks has written more than 25 books and countless essays on subjects ranging from pop culture, film, and black masculinity, to poetry, children's literature, art, and Buddhism.

Born Gloria Jean Watkins in Hopkinsville, Ky., hooks has taught at Oberlin College, and for many years has been a distinguished professor at City College of New York.

"Her groundbreaking meditations on race, class, and gender are assigned in courses across the country, and recently she has turned her attention to community, education, love, and the possibility of hope and change," says Dr. Stephanie Browner, dean of the faculty at Berea.

At Berea, hooks will conduct seminars, give lectures, consult with faculty, and provide assistance in recruiting diverse faculty and staff to further enhance Berea's commitment to diversity and interracial education. Her dedication to transforming lives through dialogue and education promises to enrich and enliven the Berea experience not only for students, but for faculty and staff as well.



Author and activist bell hooks has given several seminars at Berea, including her most recent visit in October 2003.

Scientists Challenge Students to Affect Their Environment



Elizabeth McGuire, '04

Dr. Richard Alley explained to students that we not only need hard-core scientists, but scientific communicators who can show businesses and governments the human benefits of scientific research.

Dr. Richard Alley's visit was sponsored through Berea College's Science Lecture Series, created by science alums to help expose the entire student body to science. The series invites leaders in the physical, biological, and social sciences to speak to students about recent developments in their fields, as well as science and public policy. If you would like to help support this innovative series, please contact Berea's college relations office at 859.985.3005, or email [bera_college_relations@bera.edu](mailto:berea_college_relations@bera.edu)

Two world-renowned scientists shared their environmental expertise with Berea students at convocations in February and March. Dr. Richard B. Alley, who studies glaciers in Greenland to learn about climate change, and Dr. Terry Collins, whose discoveries will be instrumental in reducing industrial pollution, gave students new perspectives on how the environment is changing.

Collins, a Carnegie Mellon University chemistry professor, is internationally recognized for creating a new class of oxidation catalysts which can have enormous, positive impact on the environment by significantly reducing industrial pollution. Experts believe that Collins' systems will enable valuable new technologies for previously unsolved environmental and health problems. In his talk, Collins highlighted ways that science can be applied to sustainability concerns.

Alley began his talk with a simple question, "Why do we believe in global warming?" He spent the next hour explaining how analyzing two-mile thick sheets of ice gives us the answer. As the Evan Pugh Professor of Geosciences and Associate of the Earth and Environmental Systems Institute at The Pennsylvania State University, Alley has made numerous trips to Greenland, where he studies the climate records in the ice in order to make predictions about future climate changes.

Governments and businesses are constantly making decisions that are affected by climate, so

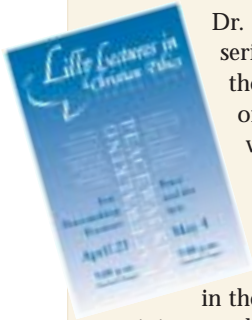
the models they use need to be as accurate as possible. The ice cores Alley studies offer the best record of climate history, including air quality, pollution, temperature changes, and even records of storms. The key, he explains, is that humans need to be aware of these changes and how our actions can influence them.

"We should get past the argument of whether humans affect climate—they do," he challenged the packed auditorium. "We need to begin the debate on what we're supposed to do about it. That's your job."

Exploring the Roots of Peace

Dr. Michelle Tooley, Eli Lilly professor of religion at Berea, offered a series of lectures this spring exploring peace and conflict resolution and the roots of peace in Christianity's history. Tooley's lectures gave insight on current global issues and discussed how conflicts can be solved without violence. The first lecture, "Tradition, War, and Peace," addressed the paradox of justifying wars through Christianity, and encouraged all to practice peace daily.

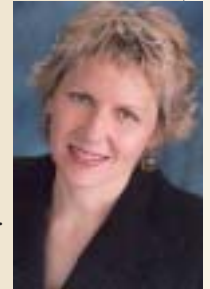
Tooley joined Berea's philosophy and religion department in 2003. In addition to college teaching, she has worked as a teacher in the Cayman Islands, a campus minister in Texas and Louisiana, and minister to the homeless in Louisville, Ky. Tooley, raised as a Southern Baptist, has been an outspoken advocate of Christian witness for justice. Her current research focuses on the role of Christian religious communities in peacemaking.



Appalachia

Appalachian Fund Announces 2004 Grants, New Director

The Berea College Appalachian Fund has approved \$423,700 in grants to 28 organizations working to improve health, education, and human services in Appalachia.



"Nonprofit organizations play a vital role in improving the quality of people's lives," explains new Fund director Jeanne Hibberd, '84. "When people are healthy and have access to education and other services, they are more likely to be productive members of their families, workplaces, and communities."

The Appalachian Fund board recently named Hibberd as its new director, a position held for over 50 years by the late Judy Stammer. Hibberd also is serving as associate director of the College's Entrepreneurship for the Public Good Program.

Hibberd brings to the positions nineteen years of professional community development and public policy experience working with nonprofit, business, government, and educational organizations. In 1999, she co-founded and was president for three years of Communities by Choice, an international network of communities, organizations, and individuals committed to advancing the practice of sustainable development.

Herbert Faber and Ruth McGurk Faber created the Appalachian Fund in 1950. Mr. Faber, the co-inventor of Formica, was impressed by Appalachian employees that worked in his Cincinnati factory. The Berea College Appalachian Fund remains dedicated to its original mission of improving the general education, health, and physical well being of people living in the Appalachian region.



Berea Honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On January 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Bereans honored Dr. King with a full day of events to promote racial harmony on campus and in the community. The events included a chapel service at Union Church, a march to City Hall,

a convocation with poet and author Nikki Finney, and a candlelight reception. Paula McGhee, director of the Black Cultural Center, believes the march to City Hall was particularly effective. "If you don't teach the children, Dr King's

Children from the College's Child Development Laboratory are learning early about the legacy of Dr. King.

dream may fade away," said McGhee. "We at Berea College demonstrated that Martin Luther King Day was a day on, and not a day off."

Oral History Project Focuses on Lincoln Institute



Andrew Baskin

In 1908, when the United States Supreme Court upheld the Kentucky Day Law, making it illegal to educate black and white students together, Berea College decided to create Lincoln Institute, a new school for its displaced black students.

Andrew Baskin, '72, associate professor of general studies and black studies director at Berea College, has initiated an oral history project to gather and preserve information about Lincoln Institute. The goal of the project is to locate and interview on camera former students, faculty, and staff of Lincoln Institute about their experiences and memories of the institution. All of the videotaped interviews will become part of the collection of Berea College Hutchins Library Special Collections and be available as a resource to scholars, students, and any others interested in the education of blacks in Kentucky. More information on the history of Lincoln Institute is available at www.lincolnfdn.org.

As a Berea College graduate, Baskin feels an obligation to help preserve knowledge about Lincoln Institute's importance in the history of education in Kentucky. "Since Berea played a role in creating Lincoln, I feel



Lincoln Institute

like I should play a role in keeping the memory alive," he says. "It's a token of appreciation for people who made it possible for me to be where I am today."

Baskin joined Berea's faculty in 1983. He has served as director of the College's Black Cultural Center and taught in the history department. He currently serves as Vice President of the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, and is on the Kentucky Humanities Council's Speaker's Bureau, giving talks statewide on "Berea College: Black and White Together" and "Lincoln Institute: The View from Berea College."

Baskin is anxious to talk with Lincoln alumni and former faculty before opportunities are lost. He is arranging interviews at the Lincoln Institute National Reunion, scheduled for July 30-Aug. 1 at the Galt House in Louisville, Ky. He can be contacted at 859.985.3393, by email at andrew_baskin@bereda.edu or by mail at CPO 1715, Berea College, Berea, KY 40404.

Cornell MBA's Offer Business Advice

Berea College students who are learning to prepare



for internships, graduate school, and full-time jobs recently got some assistance from students at Cornell University's S.C. Johnson School of Management. In February, seven Cornell students conducted an overview session on preparing for job searches, and followed up with one-on-one sessions to review resumes and give practice interviews.

Joe Bridy, a graduate of Bucknell University and current student at the Johnson School, organized the career-development workshop to assist Berea students in their careers and to remind his Cornell peers about the importance of giving back to the community. For his role in establishing the workshop, Bridy received the Johnson School's Leading Edge award.

One Berea College student who attended the workshop said the Cornell panelists provided invaluable advice. "All of us at Berea were impressed with their knowledge and professionalism, as well as their willingness to help our students far beyond the original scope of the project," says Berea's President Larry D. Shinn. "It is our hope that this program will become an annual event."

Interracial Education

Affrilachian Poets Speak to Black Kentuckians' Experience

On Feb. 5, poet Frank X. Walker kicked off the celebration of Black History Month, reading from his newest book *Buffalo Dance, The Journey of York*. It is the story of York, an African-American slave who accompanied Lewis and Clark on their historical expedition.



Frank X. Walker, co-founder of the Affrilachian poets, spoke to Bereans about the importance of the black Appalachian experience.

Walker's poetry collection *Affrilachia* helped define the often overlooked black Appalachian experience. He currently resides in Louisville, where he serves as Vice President



Crystal Wilkinson

of the Kentucky Center for the Arts and Executive Director of Kentucky's Governor's School for the Arts.

Affrilachian poet Crystal Wilkinson, author of *Blackberries*, *Blackberries* and *Water Street*, served as writer-in residence at Berea from April 5 until April 30, 2004. Wilkinson grew up in Casey County, Ky., and her literary work centers on themes of the Affrilachian experience. In addition to teaching in the women's studies department, Wilkinson offered a non-credit evening writing workshop for budding authors. Her stay at Berea was sponsored by the Appalachian Colleges Association.

Board Welcomes Crase, Haaga

The College's Board of Trustees elected Jan Hunley Crase, Cx'60, a business woman and civic leader from Somerset, Ky., and Heather Sturt Haaga, an artist and former marketing executive from La Cañada, Calif., at its February meeting.

A real estate broker and appraiser since the 1970s, Crase currently is involved in development of commercial and residential real estate and rental properties. Earlier in her career, Crase served in Louisville as an agent with the University of Kentucky Extension Service, where she developed some of the first 4-H clubs in inner city schools in the nation.

An active Berea alumna, Crase is a former president of the Berea College President's Council and presently is an alumni co-chair for Berea's \$150 million comprehensive campaign "Extending Berea's Legacy." Crase holds her B.A. from the University of Louisville. She is married to Dr. James Crase, '58, a Somerset physician, who also is a co-chair for the campaign. The couple have three children and four grandchildren.

Heather Sturt Haaga brings a 15-year marketing career and more than 25 years of experience in fundraising and support of community and cultural organizations to her new duties as a trustee. From 1982-86, she served as president of Marketing Management, Inc. She also has held marketing management positions with Chesapeake and Potomac (an AT&T operating company), with the U.S. postal service, and was an account executive with international advertising agency J. Walter Thompson.

Since 1993, Haaga has been a professional artist. Her paintings have been exhibited at Whites Gallery in Montrose, Calif., and collectors of her paintings range from Delaware to California. Haaga has served on several art boards, and has provided support for local schools and her local YMCA, where she has served on the board since 1986 and has been the only female president.

Haaga was born in London, England and holds a bachelor's degree from Vassar College. She and her husband, Paul G. Haaga Jr., have two children.



Jan Crase



Heather Sturt Haaga

Bluegrass Musician Receives Red Foley Award

Traditional bluegrass musician Ryan Blevins, '04, was awarded the 2004 Red Foley Memorial Music Award, established in 1970 to honor country music star Clyde J. "Red" Foley, A'28. The annual award is presented to a talented Berea College student in recognition of musical contributions to the campus community.

Blevins began playing banjo when he was six years old, and has had a lifelong devotion to bluegrass music. He is an original member of the College's Bluegrass Band, playing guitar and mandolin in addition to banjo. "Ryan has served as a backbone for the group with his strong musical skill and devotion to bluegrass music," says Deborah Payne, student life collegium member and former member of the Berea College Bluegrass Band.

An education major, Blevins has played for classes on campus, as well as demonstrating bluegrass music styles to classes at Leestown Middle School in Lexington, Ky. where he currently student teaches. In addition, he has accompanied the Berea College Country Dancers at several performances, including appearances in New York City, Tennessee, and Arizona. Blevins hopes someday to open his own studio where traditional musicians can record and preserve their music at low cost.



Ryan Blevins, '04, showed off his skills at Berea's 29th annual Celebration of Traditional Music in October 2003.

Kentucky Legislator Apologizes for Day Law

On February 27, 100 years after the fact, Kentucky Rep. Teddy Edmonds of Breathitt County apologized for his predecessor Carl Day's role in sponsoring the 1904 Day Law enforcing segregation in Kentucky. Edmonds had read in the legislature's daily "Moment in Kentucky Legislative History" about the Day Law, which prohibited "white and colored persons" from attending the same school, and was specifically aimed at Berea, the only integrated school in the state. Edmonds, a retired teacher, said he was ashamed and added "I humbly ask you to accept my public apology." He received a standing ovation from the House.

Kentucky Academy of Science Recognizes Berea Students

Six Berea students received awards from the Kentucky Academy of Science for outstanding presentations of their research at the Academy's annual meeting in fall 2003. CaraLee Richardson, '04, won first place in physiology and biochemistry, while Chris Barton, '04, took second place in cellular and molecular biology for their oral presentations. Both were advised by Dr. Dawn Anderson, associate professor and chair of Berea's biology department.

Award winners recognized for poster presentations included Rashaad Abdur-Rahman, '04, Daisy Shrout, '06, and Crecey Varney, '06, who were awarded second place in social and behavioral sciences, and were advised by Dr. Gene Chao, professor and chair of psychology at Berea. Mohammed Aiyegbo, '05, advised by Anderson, received third place in life sciences.

The Kentucky Academy of Science is an organization of more than 500 scientists from colleges, universities, and research institutions across the Commonwealth.

Mountaineers Head to Missouri *Men Bounce Back from 1-10 Start to Make National Tournament*

As they poured out of the stands into the middle of the Seabury court March 10, the last thing the screaming students, players, and fans expected was to be celebrating the Mountaineers' first trip to nationals since 2000. After all, Berea's 14-16 season record didn't look too



The 2004 KIAC Champions. "Did this team belong in the national tournament? Most definitely," says Coach John Mills. "We know that we belong in the top part of NAIA Division II college basketball."

impressive, until you considered their 12-4 finish, which included a thrilling 56-53 Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) tournament championship victory over top-seed Spalding.

Last fall, when only four players returned instead of the seven expected, the younger, less experienced players were thrust into starting roles, and took some time to build their chemistry. The team was 2-12 overall when senior Jay Simmons finished his soccer season and joined them. The coaching staff decided it was time to make some changes, and put the team's two biggest players—6'9" Tomas Klimas, '07, and 6'6" Joe Sebey, '04—on the floor together. The more physical lineup helped the Mountaineers to their first conference win against Asbury, which started their remarkable comeback.

Senior captain Charles Marshall led the way, averaging 18.3 points per game on his way to being named 1st Team All KIAC Conference and NAIA Honorable Mention All-American. Guard Melvin Brown, '06, poured in 17 points in the tournament final and received Honorable Mention All-KIAC. The end of season success made the team hungry for more, and winning the KIAC Tournament on Berea's home court was the icing on the cake.

"The kids just had that look against Spalding," says Coach John Mills. "I knew it was going to be a battle, but when I saw that look in their eye Saturday night I never really doubted that game."

The Mountaineers entered the NAIA Championship in Branson, Mo., as the 32nd seed, forcing them to face the number one Jamestown College (N.D.) team. The game started off badly for Berea as Jamestown raced to a 10-3 lead, and maintained a sizeable lead for most of the game. With an outstanding 25-point, seven rebound performance by Bryan Loder, '06, and 17 points from Simmons, Berea kept fighting until the buzzer. But the 98-81 loss didn't spoil the team's season finish.

"We played them tough in the first half, but in the second half it was difficult to overcome their depth and experience," says Mills. The loss has made this team more determined to do well next year, and with eight returning players, the defending KIAC champions are looking for a repeat – with a better national result. "The guys went out there with a purpose, and they didn't fulfill it," Mills explains. "So now they know what it takes to win at that level, and they are committed to do that. They've given up part of their spring break to start workouts and help us evaluate new recruits. They're serious about this now."

Lady Mountaineers "Shoot and Shoot Some More" National Record-Breaking Season Makes Harkleroad Coach of the Year

With an unconventional style that led to some of the highest scores ever recorded, fourth-year Lady Mountaineers coach Bunky Harkleroad, '93, led his team to a school record 21-win season, shattering the previous record of 17 set in 1980.



Coach Bunky Harkleroad gives the women some pointers during the KIAC tournament.

The women broke six school records and broke or tied 11 national records this season (see box). They led all divisions of women's basketball, including both the NCAA and NAIA, in scoring with a 92.9 points per game average. Plus, they led the NAIA Div. II in offensive rebounds (26 per game), and total rebounds (56 per game). The women's fast-paced style and dizzying substitution pattern had many opponents scratching their heads. Coach Harkleroad admits the style has been an adjustment for the players, but you can't argue with its success.

"We made a lot of changes during the off-season and weren't real sure what to expect," says Harkleroad. "Breaking ten national records in one

season is outstanding work and proves the players' willingness to adapt."

Harkleroad was named KIAC Coach of the Year for the second time in the last four years. Lady Mountaineers Brittany Carr, '06, from Sand Gap, Ky., and Rebecca May, '07, from Waynesburg, Ky., were named women's 1st team KIAC All-Conference, with Morrisa Benberry, '05, of Louisville named 2nd team. Ashley Miller, '05, finished fourth in the nation in offensive rebounds per game and joined the 500 rebound club. May, the team's leading scorer, also broke the College record for most three point goals scored in a season with 80, and finished 16th nationally for threes made per game.

The team loses only one senior, Summer Smith. They are already looking forward to an even better season next year. "This season and this new style of play made us all come together—there was no room for selfishness," says Benberry. "There was no first or second team, there was just the team. And I would not want it any other way."

National Record-Setters

The Berea Lady Mountaineers broke ten NAIA Division II national records during the 2003-04 season.

Season Records:

Most 100 point games – 10 (ties record)
Most field goal attempts/game – 90.5
Most three pointers made – 370
Most three pointers attempted – 1239
Most three pointers made/game – 12.8
Most three pointers attempted/game – 42.7

Single Game Records:

Most shots attempted – 112
Most points (both teams) – 218
Most three pointers made (game) – 24 (twice)
Most three pointers attempted (game) – 66 (twice)
Most three pointers attempted (both teams) – 85 (twice)

Swimmers Make a Splash: Fink Leads Nine to Nationals

Three individual swimmers and three relay teams broke several school records this season and qualified for the NAIA national competition March 3-6. Jeremy Fink, '05, who had already broken several Berea records in his first two years, broke three more at the national competition in Lawrence, Kan. He placed ninth in the 100 yard freestyle and tenth in the 100 yard backstroke, breaking school records in both. He swam to another tenth in the 50 yard freestyle, setting a new personal record.

"Jeremy had an excellent meet," said first year coach Lori Myers-Steele. "All of our swimmers represented themselves very well."

The men's 200 meter freestyle relay team of Joe Tingle, '05, J.D. Heffernan, '04, Justin Poag, '05, and Jeremy Fink set a new school record and placed 11th, while the 200 yard medley relay team of

Tingle, Heffernan, Fink, and Jason Lambert, '06, finished 12th, barely missing a school record by 1/100th of a second. Heffernan broke Berea records in both the 50 and 200 yard butterfly, and finished 18th in the 100 yard fly at nationals.

The women's team wasn't about to let the men take all the glory. Rebecca Wickert, '07, broke school records in both the 50 yard freestyle and backstroke, placing 33rd at nationals in the 50 free. She and Katie Maginel, '07, along with Kara Daugherty, '07 and Megan Nuttle, '06, placed 14th in the 200 free relay. Maginel broke four Berea records this season, including the 200, 500, and 1650 yard freestyle, as well as the 400 yard individual medley.

In addition to their successful competition, three swimmers were recognized for success out of the pool.



Berea's national qualifiers: Front (L-R) Katie Maginel, '07, Kara Daugherty, '07, Megan Nuttle, '06, Rebecca Wickert, '07, Back (L-R) Jason Lambert, '06, J.D. Heffernan, '04, Jeremy Fink, '05, Joe Tingle, '05, Justin Poag, '05.

Chemistry major Justin Poag was named NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete, while J.D. Heffernan and Rebecca Wickert received NAIA Champions of Character Awards.

Myers-Steele was thrilled with the team's performance. "Our team was so excited about heading to NAIA nationals," she says. "And we met most of our expectations."



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O'Neil Arnold, '85

In 1954, the Supreme Court decided that “separate but equal” violated the Constitution, and that segregated schools had to go. In Prince Edward County, Virginia, black students looked forward to new opportunities in education. Until the county shut down the public schools. Fifty years later, they still remember.

“They Closed Our Schools”

By Ann Mary Quarandillo

The cream tiled walls of Prince Edward County High School in Farmville, Va., look like any other 1950's era school. The lines of lockers, the rectangular windows, an overheated auditorium with its wooden seats—none have changed much since the school was built to placate black students who had taken “separate but equal” all the way to the Supreme Court as part of the *Brown vs. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision. What has changed is the makeup of the students running up and down the halls—black, white, Hispanic, and Asian children mingle freely where once

were only black students, and later, no students at all.

Walking down these hallways today, Ralph Smith, Fd.'62, Elsie Robinson Walker, Fd.'65, and her sister Doris Robinson Brown, Fd.'64, reminisce freely. The photos and trophies lining the wall cases include brothers, cousins, and friends some of them haven't seen in years.

“I remember walking through these doors at the end of every day,” recalls Ralph Smith. A dapper man in a crisp pinstriped shirt and burgundy tie, he retired in 2003 from 35 years with the Social Security Administration and is now a successful real estate

agent in Reston, Va. “See you later,’ we’d say. ‘See you tomorrow,’” he recalls. But the last time the students walked out of that school building in 1959, it was five years before any black child walked back into a school building in Prince Edward County. Fortunately for six of those students, including Smith, the Robinson sisters, Doretha Pride, Frances Hayes, and Anna Marie Paige, Berea’s Foundation School offered them a place to learn in the first interracial environment they ever experienced.

On May 17, 1954, when the Supreme Court, in *Brown vs. the*



The 50th Anniversary of *Brown vs. Board of Education* made Ralph Smith and other Prince Edward County students begin talking about their experiences, which had made all of them more active and aware of racial issues. “I’ve blocked a lot of this away from my kids because of the ugliness. Witnessing cross burnings. The night that we found a man hung outside at Kittrell when I was 14,” says Smith. “I’ve just now started to talk about this. I’m glad Berea is referencing us because it was so key in my life—key in all our lives. It emboldened me to do the things I did later.” Smith currently serves as vice president of his local NAACP chapter.

Board of Education, found that segregation laws violated the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, the black children of Prince Edward County thought they had hope. They thought they saw the fruition of a dream that had started four years earlier when their older brothers and sisters had walked out of substandard schools.

In 1951, most black schools in Prince Edward County were overcrowded, requiring the use of hastily built tarpaper shacks as classrooms. The books and buses



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Elsie Robinson Walker, Doris Robinson Brown, and Ralph Smith, along with Anna Marie Paige, Frances Hayes Jordan, and Doretha Pride Fowlkes, left home in their early teens to attend Berea's Foundation School when their own schools closed rather than desegregate.

were hand-me-downs from the white schools. So on April 23, 1951, when the 450 students at all-black Robert R. Moton High School walked out of the school to protest the deplorable conditions, “they didn’t walk away from anything too pleasant,” recalls Smith, whose older brother was part of the walkout. “There was good reason for what they did.” On May 23, 1951, with help from the students, NAACP attorneys Oliver Hill and Spottwood Robinson filed a federal lawsuit demanding equal educational opportunities for black students. The case, *Davis vs. County School Board of Prince Edward County*, became attached to *Brown* when the Supreme Court heard it in 1954.

When the students walked out, they didn’t know they would be part of landmark legislation. All they wanted at that time was a new school. And at first, Prince Edward County worked to do that; land was purchased and funds were raised. In 1953, the County opened the new Moton High School for black students

in Farmville, hoping that would satisfy everyone. But now, separate but equal was no longer enough.

After *Brown* passed, the Virginia General Assembly instituted a state-wide policy of “massive resistance” to defy the court-ordered desegregation. Virginia Senator Harry F. Byrd pledged to use all legal means to maintain segregated schools in the state. In Prince Edward County, this policy took its most destructive form, when in 1959 the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors voted to close its public schools. Many of the white families in town knew about this and planned for it. They opened the Prince Edward Academy, a private school for whites only, and bussed most of the county’s white students there. But the vast majority of the county’s 1700 black students and poor white students went without formal education from 1959-1964.

In the summer of 1959, black families had started to hear rumors that the schools weren’t going to open. “We were incredulous—we really didn’t believe it,” recalls Alfred Cobbs, ’66, who was forced to move to Mecklenburg County, Va. to finish high school before coming to Berea College. “We got up and prepared for school the day that schools were supposed to open, and of course buses never came. Then it was real.” Ralph Smith lived closer to the main road, and watched the school buses pass him by that first day. “I remember being out in the yard and seeing those buses go by and all those white faces on them – they were busing them down to the Academy,” he recalls. He and his mother drove to all the surrounding counties trying to get into school, but fearing retaliation from the state, none would let him in.

The decision didn’t affect just a small minority; when the schools closed, 45 percent of Prince Edward County’s population was black. Rev.

Leslie Francis Griffin, pastor of First Baptist Church, began organizing the black community to home school students and start community centers where students could still have some form of education. And on Dec. 19, 1959, when it was obvious the schools were not going to reopen, representatives from the NAACP and the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) met to consider alternatives for the displaced students. Jean Fairfax, the AFSC's national representative for southern programs, was there.

Fairfax's first job after graduate school was at Kentucky State University in Frankfort, where she became involved with Berea. "Berea was a haven," she remembers. "It was the only college in the South that would even host interracial gatherings, so when I was desperately seeking placements for the Prince Edward students, I called dean Julia Allen, who immediately went to work."

But for the first two years, everyone believed that the schools would open soon. "We kept thinking 'next month. Next month they'll open,'" says Catherine Scott, '69, who went to live with her aunt in New York in order to continue her education until schools finally reopened. For two years, Ralph Smith attended high school at Kittrell Junior College in North Carolina, run by the A.M.E. church. Elsie and Doris Robinson were simply out of school for two years. During that time, Elsie participated in the growing protests and marches in Farmville, where she was yelled at, spat upon, and called "nigger" more times than she could count. "We'd walk all summer no matter how hot it was," she recalls.

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Alfred L. Cobbs, '66



Elsie Robinson Doretha Pride



Frances Hayes Anna Marie Paige



Catherine Scott Ralph Smith Alfred Cobbs Doris Robinson

For the Prince Edward County students, Berea was their first interracial educational experience.

"We got called all kinds of names. There were times when we were all taken to jail." But they were not deterred.

By early 1961, it was obvious that students would need to go elsewhere to school. The AFSC worked hardest to place high school students, realizing that they had the most to lose; if they missed out on those formative years, they were least likely to return to school. They also concentrated on placing the students where they could experience an integrated environment so when they came back they could help other kids—some of whom did not get to

go to school for the whole five years. "Who knows the long term impact this situation had on this area?" asks Smith. "We all know six-year-olds who were in first grade when the schools closed, and we don't know whether they came back. It made us leave, and who knows how many others?"

Smith and the others feel they were fortunate. As part of the AFSC's "Emergency Placement Program," they and three other Prince Edward County students came to Berea's Foundation School in the fall of 1961. Three more would follow them to Berea College. For

M. J. Murawka, Wayne State University

Dr. Alfred L. Cobbs majored in German at Berea; "I was trying to find my voice," he says. Now a German professor at Wayne State University in Detroit, he won the President's award for Excellence in Teaching in 1984, and has won two Fulbright scholarships.





Catherine A. Scott currently teaches Spanish at Benjamin Banneker High School in Brooklyn, N.Y. She is particularly interested in the Afro-Hispanic experience, which many of her students are not aware exists before they come to her classroom. "There's always something to teach young people," she says. "I try to help my students see things from a global perspective."

told me I had to learn to talk about it, no matter how painful it was. And what I remember from that experience was the compassion that was shown to me by the students in the class."

He and Scott both majored in foreign languages—Cobbs in German and Scott in Spanish. "I think I went into German because I was looking for a voice—a way to express myself," Cobbs recalls. "It was an experience where I could be on a neutral ground." German professor Kris Kogerma and his wife Amanda had been through the Nazi concentration camps and Russian occupation, and Cobbs remembers they were very compassionate. "These were people who believed in me when I wasn't sure I believed in myself," he says. "This is what racism does—it affects your self image and your sense of who you are and what you're all about. I had to redefine myself and find out who I was."

Cobbs even attended the University of Cincinnati for his Ph.D. so he could be close to Berea and the support system there. "Berea gave me my grounding after the Prince Edward experience," he explains. He has taught at Wayne State University in Detroit since 1979, and won the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching at Wayne State in 1984.

Yet when asked about *Brown's* success, he still wonders. As a professor of German, he still meets people today who are surprised and even shocked to see a black man teaching in his field. "I'm disappointed," Cobbs explains. "I think what happens in America is that any time we have government do something, it's 'fixed,' and once it's 'fixed' people walk away from it. That's how I feel about *Brown*. It's like 'it fixed the issue—why are folks still talking about race issues in America?' I think that *Brown* didn't do what it could have done. We've let the document sit on the shelf, but we haven't changed the hearts."

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Catherine A. Scott, '69

blacks and how many whites were there at Berea. You went there, and everyone was so nice. You didn't think about color."

The students at the college level made a more conscious choice to attend Berea. Alfred Cobbs had finished high school in South Hill, Va., and never returned to Prince Edward County. Catherine Scott had returned when free schools for black students reopened in 1963, and graduated from the "new" Robert R. Moton High School, under the same superintendent, Thomas McIlwaine, who had closed the schools down five years before. Her cousin Lydia Scott, '73, followed her to the College. Attending Berea gave them a new voice and a new perspective.

Cobbs remembers one of his first assignments at Berea was to give a speech based on something in his own experience. "I made the mistake of talking about this (the Prince Edward experience.) And I couldn't do it because of the pain that I felt." Even now, 40 years later, his voice breaks and his eyes fill with tears when he tries to talk about this. "My professor

all the students, Berea was an opportunity to get away from the difficult environment at home, and concentrate solely on their education.

"I dare say, Berea turned my life around," Smith says, and Elsie and Doris agree. "Everybody made us feel right at home." Not that being away from home at such a young age was easy for any of them, and it was the first time they had experienced an integrated environment. "You never realized how fast you had to grow up until you were on your own at Berea," recalls Brown. The teachers and students tried to make them feel as welcome as possible. Walker was elected president of Talcott residence hall. "Berea was eye-opening for me," she explains. "I can't even remember how many

When Scott graduated, Berea provided funding for her to spend the summer studying abroad in Mexico and Panama, which not only gave her valuable preparation for graduate school, but sparked her continuing interest in the Afro-Hispanic experience. "In Mexico and Panama I was treated very well," she remembers. "I felt like it was the first time in my life I got a little break from racism." Today she continues to study African heritage in Mexico and Latin America, and incorporates these lesser-known experiences into her classroom. "My students see blacks from Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and parts of Latin America every day, but they have no idea about the history of the Spanish slave trade, which is their own history," she explains. "Studying a foreign language gives you a more global perspective. If you look at everything from a global perspective, it opens up so many avenues of learning for you."

After receiving her master's degree at Boston University, Scott returned to teach Spanish at Berea—one of the first black professors at the college since the 1904 Day Law. "I almost felt like I had to go into education because I was from these places, both Prince Edward County and Berea, that were so related to integration of schools," she explains. And today, her background helps her prepare her own students for life after high school. "Students don't understand why I'm pushing them and demanding a lot—they think I'm crazy. I have to relate some of this history to them for them to understand and put it all in perspective," she says. "They don't understand that the same racism is out there. They're going to face the same hurdles we had to face and you have to be doubly prepared."

Their Berea years helped prepare all the Prince Edward students for success, despite the obstacles their early experiences set in front of them.

"The Berea experience was a success, in terms of quality of education, quality of life, and a futuristic view of what life was going to be like in the real world," says Smith. "I always have and I always will give Berea credit for whatever successes I've accomplished in my life—it certainly started there." Elsie Robinson Walker agrees. "What Berea did, did change my life—and for the better."

And Berea also taught them to pass that success on to the next generation. "One of the values that Berea taught was value of service," Cobbs emphasizes. "I find that I am generous with my time, and that is some of Berea's influence. You give back. You lift somebody, you reach back and you help somebody. The brotherhood idea at Berea—that "God has made of one blood all peoples of the earth"—was a spirit that was there and it did make a difference."

The commemoration of *Brown* comes as blacks continue to face greater struggles in educational achievement and access. Laws like the "No Child Left Behind" law have mandated improved minority performance, but; many educators question its effectiveness. Catherine Scott argues that only by helping students understand the struggles of the past can they recognize and address

issues that affect them today. "My great grandmother was a slave, my father and grandfather helped black people get the vote, and I came up through the civil rights movement," she says. "I try to get the kids today to be more activist, to not be so concerned with material things, but be more concerned with issues. They think the world was always this way. They don't know what we went through to get it this way. But there's always something to teach young people, so there's always ways to be involved with young people. And that's the only way things are going to improve."



A number of websites are dedicated to the events in Prince Edward County and their aftermath. To view historical and contemporary photos of the area, see the Dr. Edward H. Peeples collection at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/jbc/speccoll/pec.html>. The original Robert R. Moton High School is now a museum; more information is available at <http://moton.org>. To learn more about the timeline and history of the Prince Edward County school closings, and the related documentary film "They Closed Our Schools," visit <http://www.mercyseatfilms.com>.

Bereans and *Brown*

In preparing the *Brown* case, the NAACP relied heavily on the research of numerous scholars, many of whom had pursued graduate studies with awards from the Julius Rosenwald fund, a foundation devoted to the advancement of African Americans and improvement in race relations. Research by Dr. Alfred Perkins, Berea professor of history, shows two Bereans were a vital part of this scholarship. The President of the Fund, Edwin Rogers Embree, was a descendant of Berea founder John G. Fee, and Rosenwald grants funded graduate school for Horace Mann Bond, a graduate of Lincoln Institute, who provided integral research to the *Brown* case, outlining an extensive agenda to guide the work of other scholars. His father, James Bond, was a Berea graduate and trustee.

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Home

By Timothy Jordan, '76



At Berea, Runyon served as class vice president, sang in the Harmonia choir, and played varsity basketball.

Entering the lobby of the apartment building at 130 Morningside Drive in West Harlem, one is struck by the beauty of the marble walls and columns, the detail in the mosaic tiled floor, the intricate plaster designs filling each section of the coffered ceiling, and the polished wood and gleaming brass trim outfitting the elevator. The building, constructed in 1905, has dignity, charm, and character. So does its most notable tenant, Marie Morgan Runyon.

Runyon, a 1937 graduate of Berea College, has called the building home for more than half of its history. But living there has not always been easy. In fact, were it not for Marie Runyon, no one would be living there today.

Both the story of this building, and of Runyon's life, are filled with as many twists and turns as the road between Harlem and Runyon's birthplace in the beautiful Appalachian mountains of western North Carolina. Her father had been a pharmacist and her mother was college educated, but the "Crash of '29" brought hard times to the family. Runyon's older sister, Louise '33, attended Berea first. Marie followed,

attending both the Academy and then the College. Their introduction to Berea was by their Aunt Lucy Morgan, who took the weaving skills she learned at Berea back to Mitchell County (N.C.) where she shared them with local women and helped establish Penland Weavers.

Runyon's arrival in Harlem was by way of Kentucky, Minnesota, Connecticut, and Michigan where various jobs, as well as graduate studies in psychology, had taken her. She eventually left the academic world, landing in New York City, where she was hired by the *New York Post* as a copyreader. At a time when the newspaper field was dominated by men, she had the distinction of being only the second female reader ever in the City. At the *Post*, she fell in love and married her boss, a distant, younger cousin of famed journalist, screenwriter, and *Guys and Dolls* author Damon Runyon. Runyon quit her newspaper job to be a wife and mother, but after her divorce a few years later, she found herself both unemployed and homeless.

Thus began the next chapter in Runyon's life, which easily could have come straight from a modern-day Damon Runyon story. Runyon and her daughter, Louise, whom she lovingly

*For More Than 50 Years, Marie Runyon, '37,
Has Fought to Ensure Harlem is Home*

to Harlem

calls Weezie, had a “terrible time” moving from place to place, staying with relatives and friends, prompting a plaintive question from Weezie, “Mommy, where’s my home?” Suffering the discrimination of being (in her mid 30’s) “too old” to hire, a determined Runyon finally found employment with the American Civil Liberties Union and a rent-controlled apartment at 130 Morningside Drive in West Harlem. At first, the spacious apartment was sparsely furnished with only Weezie’s crib and a handful of boxes containing all their worldly goods. “I slept on the floor beside her crib for a while,” Runyon remembers. Later, a loan from her older sister allowed Runyon to buy some furniture so she could rent out some of the other rooms in her apartment and make a home for her daughter.

When she first moved in, the lovely building was filled with a diverse mix of families representing many ethnic, racial, financial, and cultural backgrounds. “There were four colors and six languages (English, Spanish, Magyar, Hindi, Hebrew, and Chinese),” she remembers. Runyon, who heartily embraced Berea’s motto “God has made of one blood all peoples of the earth,” took a certain delight in adding her demographics—a Southern, white, divorced mother with a toddler daughter—to the building’s rich cultural mix. Now, with a home and

employment, life was good for Marie and Weezie for the next few years. Then Columbia University entered their lives.

Since 1954, Runyon’s landlord had been the benign “130 Holding Corporation.” The real owner was Columbia University’s College of Pharmacy. Previously located many blocks to the south, the Pharmacy School wanted a site closer to the University’s main campus “to share in the reflected glory of Columbia,” and targeted 130 Morningside Drive. Overnight, eviction notices were posted, demanding tenants leave to make way for the School of Pharmacy which, as in other urban renewal schemes of the 1960’s, planned to level the block and build a new campus. Overnight, Runyon became an activist.

Today, Marie Runyon’s spacious, light-filled apartment contains mementos reflecting a lifetime of activism and accomplishments. This eight foot cork wall in her entry hall is covered with a myriad of colorful buttons with something to say about everything from political campaigns (her own, as well as other candidates), tenants’ rights, and women’s issues to civil rights, environmental issues, and peace.



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Threatened with being homeless again, Runyon emphatically said “Hell no!” Immediately, she began learning all she could about tenants’ rights. Runyon urged her neighbors to “Stay and fight!” Some, including Holocaust survivor, political scientist and author Hannah Arendt, moved out early on. Other neighbors were bought off and left. Tenants in the neighboring building faced the same plight. One family who wanted to stay was threatened with losing their welfare benefits. “These were not slum buildings, mind you, but good solid apartment buildings,” she emphasizes. “These were our homes!” Vacant apartments were gutted (Columbia said by “vandals,” Runyon says by “thugs”) with the end result leaving them uninhabitable and unattractive to squatters. “They went through all the vacant apartments with sledgehammers and broke the toilets and sinks,” Runyon states, disgusted over the waste of perfectly serviceable resources.

Eventually only a handful of residents remained. They endured inoperable elevators, heat turned on in the summer and off in the winter, and lack of water and other essential services. The exodus of intimidated and terrified tenants angered Runyon and prompted her to take action. “We disliked seeing the weak

Activist Marie Runyon’s FBI file fills two large boxes, but unfortunately, due to national security concerns, most of it has been blacked out.



pushed around by the powerful,” she recalls. “We felt it was immoral as well as the height of folly to tear down good housing at a time of acute shortage.” Runyon wasn’t the only one to resist Columbia University’s efforts at eviction and demolition, but certainly she was the vocal, persistent leader—one strong voice in what was to become a forty-year battle with Columbia and all its political, financial, and institutional might.

She quickly organized a coterie of her remaining neighbors to reason with Columbia, forming the Morningside Six, a tenants’ organization (named for the six at-risk buildings) that would later evolve into the Morningside Tenants Federation. Repeatedly rebuffed and ignored, Runyon got creative. She

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interspersed rent strikes and court battles with pickets and marches, dramatic demonstrations and public protests. She and the other tenants blocked traffic with a sit-in of rocking chairs lined across Amsterdam Avenue, a major artery bisecting Columbia’s campus. Another time, covered with black veils, they held a mourn-in, somberly marching up Amsterdam accompanied by muffled drum beats in a mock funeral procession for their homes. Once Runyon and the tenants wrote in blood—hers—on the sidewalk: “We Shall Not Be Moved!” The tenants served a mock eviction to a Columbia University official, who Runyon says was particularly disliked because he seemed to take delight in serving “often illegal, always immoral” evictions. Alerted to the “eviction” by his wife, when

the official arrived at his apartment, so did the police.

Police know Runyon well. “I stopped counting at 29, but the real number of arrests is closer to 40,” Runyon says nonchalantly, yet with a hint of pride. Her rap sheet is likely to grow as she continues fighting for causes she believes can benefit from her take-it-to-the-streets, grass-roots brand of activism. “I’m still part of a number of groups fighting racism, police brutality, bureaucratic nonsense, rotten landlords, and inhumane prison conditions.” Runyon has applied the acumen developed during her nearly half-century battle with Columbia to a wide range of political fronts, and in the process accumulated a huge F.B.I. file. Recently, under the Freedom of Information laws, Runyon requested a copy of her nearly 700-page F.B.I. file. Only some 400 pages were released, most of which censors had blacked out and left unreadable.

Runyon has been a fist-in-air protester from the Vietnam war in the 60’s to the Persian Gulf war in the 90’s. In between, working with organizations such as the ACLU and SANE, as well as under her own shingle, “Marie Runyon Associates,” she pushed for peace, worked to right racial and criminal injustice, and raised both awareness and funds for a list of individuals and organizations that reads like a veritable who’s who of 20th century radicals and movement leaders—the Black Panthers, the Chicago Seven, Phillip and Daniel Berrigan, Dr. Benjamin Spock, Eugene McCarthy, and George McGovern. Even Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. couldn’t resist Runyon’s persuasiveness. She had wanted King to join an anti-war march from New York’s Central Park to the United Nations building that she was organizing with Benjamin Spock. King demurred, citing his desire to remain focused on civil rights. Undeterred, Runyon

penned a letter to King, stating “We have a dream . . . (that you’ll join our march.)” King joined her march!

“I’m extremely indignant about this country’s racism,” she explains. Runyon remembers a time her father

As Executive Director of the Harlem Restoration Project, Runyon worked with several hundred ex-cons who provided labor to upgrade and renovate deteriorated buildings, creating decent housing and jobs for the Harlem community.

gave a ride to a black hitch-hiker (something she says most whites in that era would not do), but in spite of plenty of room inside, he made the man stand on the running board of their car. That didn’t seem reasonable to her, and she says it left an indelible mark. Even though Runyon attended Berea during the Day Law era, she remembers, “There was a lot of emphasis on the motto ‘God has made of one blood all peoples of the earth.’” During Runyon’s years at Berea, she remembers challenging the faculty and administrators over dress codes and other issues. But perhaps most memorable and influential on Runyon’s life’s work were the values Berea instilled; she recalls “the absence of racism. The emphasis on work and the de-emphasis on money and the material world.” Both of these would become critical as she faced down politicians, business-people, and anyone else who infringed on others’ rights.

In 1974, while still battling Columbia for the survival of her building, Runyon was approached by a member of the African-American Collective in Harlem to run for office

in the New York State Assembly. Runyon resisted. “I told him he was out of his mind,” she says. “We were enemies of the establishment, not participants.” Eventually she was persuaded, won the race, and “though white and Southern born” represented her mostly black and Puerto Rican district. The unconventional Runyon, dubbed “the fighting lion,” kept the lawmakers in Albany on their toes. During her term in office she served on the housing, social services, labor, and cities committees. She made the rights of prisoners her focus, making frequent, unannounced visits to state prisons, such as Attica, to check on conditions and talk with prisoners. “The prison officials hated to see me come,” she recalls.

At age 62, when many begin contemplating retirement, the fighting lion was looking for her next job after an unsuccessful 1976 bid for re-election to the State Assembly. Her long-running, and still-raging, battle with Columbia as well as her interest in the welfare of prisoners led her to found the Harlem Restoration Project (HRP) “to rebuild Harlem and supply jobs for ex-offenders.” For the next twenty-plus years as Executive Director of the Project, Runyon worked with several hundred ex-cons who provided labor to upgrade and renovate deteriorated buildings, creating decent housing and jobs for the Harlem community.

By the middle 1990’s Runyon was managing 500 units, with half of those housing formerly homeless families. Through sheer gumption, and later through a city receivership program, Runyon’s HRP transformed squalid buildings, many of which had been owned by some of the most notorious slumlords in Harlem and were all but uninhabitable. HRP received no help from politicians. “Poor people and ex-convicts are not very popular,” Runyon explains. “Neither tend to vote very much, a fact of which the

politicians are well aware.” Even so, her work with HRP organizing tenants, ousting drug dealers, fixing furnaces, locks, elevators, and other essentials to repair the hell-holes of Harlem attracted the attention and support of people of position, power, and fame, including Ossie Davis, Tony Randall, Pete Seeger, and Paul Newman.

While fighting to improve the plight of Harlem’s near-homeless, Runyon continued to fight for her own home. Seven neighboring buildings were torn down for the Pharmacy site, with two parking lots serving as “mute testimony to the loss of 175 homes.” Occupancy at 130 Morningside Drive dwindled until only Runyon and four other tenants were left, surrounded by 19 gutted apartments in the once-proud building. By then, even Columbia’s Pharmacy School had met its demise. Her decades-long

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Ken Lax

bitter embroilment with Columbia finally took a turn with the arrival of William Scott, Deputy Vice President of Columbia's Institutional Real Estate, responsible for some 160 off-campus buildings and more than 6,000 apartments.

"I can't explain why some of the policies were the way they were," says Mr. Scott of his predecessors. "When I came here, I just dealt with things as they appeared to me." To him, Runyon appeared to be "persistent," "stubborn," "a person of deep principles" and "one who looks out for the underdog." Scott actually visited Runyon's apartment building, admitting that her concerns were hard to disagree with. "The building was in an extremely



Marie Runyon's relationship with Columbia University has been significantly warmer since William Scott became deputy Vice President of Columbia's Institutional Real Estate. He was instrumental in properly restoring 130 Morningside Drive.

In 2002, Columbia honored Runyon's years of struggle, naming the building she fought for "Marie Runyon Court."

deteriorated state," he says. "And the handful of remaining apartments were below minimal standards." After a forty-year stalemate, repairs began in 2000 at considerable expense to Columbia. In spite of decades of decay, the place was

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properly restored. In the process of renovating Runyon's building, Columbia also agreed to keep a certain percentage of the apartments with affordable rents for non-Columbia University residents. The building is now fully occupied.

As confirmation of a long-needed truce, Scott presented a proposal to John Zucotti, a Columbia Trustee and Chair of the University's Buildings and Grounds Committee, suggesting that the Trustees name the building at 130 Morningside Drive "Marie Runyon Court." Columbia's Trustees approved it with no opposition. At a brief ceremony in December 2002, bronze signs were unveiled indicating "This building is dedicated in honor of Marie Runyon in recognition of her more than fifty years of service to the Morningside Heights and Harlem communities as a member of the New York State Assembly, founder and Director of the Harlem Restoration Project, and tireless

civil rights and housing advocate."

Today, Runyon's spacious, light-filled apartment contains mementos reflecting a lifetime of activism and accomplishments. Although her now-legendary battle with Columbia is over, and she recently has stepped down as the Executive Director of the Harlem Restoration Project, Runyon still holds forth at a desk in her home office. "The issues Marie Runyon has raised are still there," Scott states. "There are still debates ... still a need for affordable housing."

Russ Baker, a New York investigative journalist who has written much about Runyon in numerous publications, says, "'Larger than life' is such a cliché, but I think it's true in Marie's case. When I first met her, about a decade ago, I was struck by her incredible energy." Baker once likened her constitution to that of the Energizer Bunny¹. Even at age 88, Runyon says, "I work hard, I've got a lot of energy. I'm virtually never tired."

Baker, intrigued by "her tremendous resilience, her commitment to the dignity and rights of ordinary people and the oppressed, and her impish sense of fun," wanted to do more. "I always felt that print did not completely do justice to the Marie who enchants most people and infuriates a lot of powerful folks. I always thought that a lot of people would like to 'meet' her, and a documentary seemed the best way to share her persona with a large audience." Five years ago, Baker began a still-unfinished documentary. Once he acquires more funding Baker hopes to complete the film. Until then, folks need only show up at "Marie Runyon Court" in Harlem to experience the persona.

¹HOPE Magazine, November/December 1996.

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Teach the Children Well



Shirley Holt/Hale, '66, Makes Fitness Fun

If it were up to Shirley Holt/Hale, '66, even working at a computer—writing a story such as this—would involve some sort of physical activity. Each keystroke might require an arm-chair push up or a treadmill stride. “I’m convinced that fifteen years from now all computers will come with a label that says ‘this product is hazardous to your health,’” says Holt/Hale.

There is really no polite way to say it: Americans are getting fatter. 64% of the adult population is overweight. Chronic illnesses such as type 2 diabetes, heart, gall bladder, and degenerative joint disease are increasing at alarming rates. Waist lines are growing, and so are the medical costs directly related to obesity. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports that a whopping \$75 billion was spent principally on obesity-related medical costs last year.

Another equally troubling CDC survey reveals that 61.5 percent of 9-to-13-year-olds participate in no

extracurricular organized physical activity. The survey also revealed that more than 22 percent of these children engage in absolutely no physical activity in their free time. Unfortunately, this lack of physical activity, combined with the typical diet of today’s children, will produce generations of “super sized” adults. Waistlines and wallets will be strained to their limits.

So, what is the solution? Or, at the very least, what measures can we take to counteract this very real and disquieting trend?

Reversing the tide of soft drinks, empty calories, and fattening foods will go a long way toward alleviating this critical and potentially life-limiting problem. Developing a lifelong love for movement and physical activity is equally vital. Childhood is the place where good habits must be learned if we realistically ever expect to reverse the current national drift toward an overweight, and unhealthy, country.

By Bridget Carroll

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Nancy Carow

Although many schools are reducing their support for physical education, Holt/Hale is determined that her students will learn the benefits of an active lifestyle.



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Shirley Holt/Hale is a force to be reckoned with. She is a lively, vigorous and energetic woman who has dedicated her life to giving children a love of physical activity that they will take into their adult years. “What I am all about is the teaching of children,” she explains. “And it just comes through in most everything I do. It’s important because that is who I am and that is what my life is all about.”

Holt/Hale has been a physical education teacher at Linden Elementary School in Oak Ridge, Tenn. for over 30 years, teaching the equivalent of ten 30-minute physical education classes each day. Now, for the next three years, in addition to her teaching responsibilities, Holt/Hale is set to serve as president of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD).

In its 118-year history, she is the first elementary physical education teacher chosen to head up this umbrella organization of 27,000 members. AAHPERD describes itself as “the largest organization of professionals supporting and assisting those involved in physical education, leisure, fitness, dance, health promotion, and education and all specialties related to achieving a healthy lifestyle. AAHPERD is an alliance of six national associations and six district associations and is designed to provide members with a comprehensive

and coordinated array of resources, support, and programs to help practitioners improve their skills and so further the health and well-being of the American public.”

When asked how she felt about being the first public elementary school teacher to lead AAHPERD, Holt/Hale was quick to say that “a Berea graduate can do anything. I am the first practicing public school teacher to ever be president of AAHPERD. In 118 years there have been 115 higher education professors and two supervisors of physical education. And then there’s me. And I don’t mean to imply ‘Wow, look at Shirley and who she is’ but it is just a reminder that a Berean can do anything. Berea is so much more than a four year academic education. It is work ethic, personal integrity, and service to others.”

Holt/Hale took ten years to come to the decision to accept this added responsibility. When first asked, she did not feel it was the right time for her to accept. “I learned a long time ago in my life to listen to what God tells me to do. And for those ten years, He said ‘No!’” she says with a chuckle.

Holt/Hale’s career, service, and mission can be summed up in one word: teaching. She describes it as “a calling much like a minister receives.” Holt/Hale describes that “No!” moment when she decided that although AAHPERD was important, her teaching was more critical at that time. “We were on a trip to Alaska. I can see exactly where I was sitting. I was waiting to use the pay phone—in those days before cell phones. And that little voice just clicks in your head. And this is what it said. I wrote it down: Your service will be to children. That moment was so powerful. I almost can’t talk about it.”

It is that service to children where Holt/Hale makes a difference. She

encourages her students to value physical activity and nutrition for good health their entire life.

As an instructor at Berea right after her graduation, Holt/Hale spent a summer in England that changed her life. While there, she discovered the movement education program for physical education developed for the British school system by Rudolf Laban. Returning to the States, she taught at Berea for an additional year. Then, through a series of serendipitous events, she found herself at Linden Elementary.

The Laban-based curriculum that she teaches her students has three components: dance, educational gymnastics, and the skill of games but never the games themselves. To “Americanize” the British model, she co-authored “Children Moving,” an invaluable resource that is now in its sixth edition.

When asked if what she teaches children today will translate in to a healthier future for each individual, Holt/Hale says, “I think the pieces to that puzzle are there. If you came to my gym you would see those pieces. You could have seen them today in a child who is not obese, but certainly overweight, who still did parallel bars, balance beam and every piece of gymnastic equipment in our gym. By having a program that says, ‘take me where I am and make me the best that I can be—if you do that with me, then I will develop skills, I won’t give up.’”

“Now you may not be an Olympic medal runner but you will have skills. Moreover, by teaching children in this manner, they come to the realization that if they are competent then they will have confidence. And with that competence and confidence they will have joy in activity,” Holt/Hale continues. “I truly believe that. If activity brings joy, then you will continue

physical activity. How we do it is critically important. Joy is a critical piece of the puzzle.”

Sedentary activity has no place in her curriculum. Her classes are a whirlwind of non-competitive, guided, and constant movement. Basketballs may be bounced but organized games are not played. The focus is on skill. As Holt/Hale explains, “I am not out to create outstanding athletes. They will naturally do that on their own.”

As president of AAHPERD, Holt/Hale is now poised to bring her message to a national audience. She will work closely with AAHPERD members as well as members of the United States Congress, including U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D., of Tennessee, with whom she has already been working on programs promoting healthy lifestyles for all citizens.

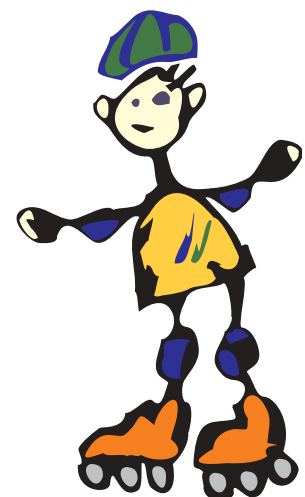
Despite all the surveys, reports, and solid evidence for the benefits of physical education, school systems continue to allocate less to physical education—in favor of increasing academic courses and in response to overcrowding and budget cuts that are affecting schools nationwide.

Nonetheless, Holt/Hale believes that the trend toward obesity and its inherent problems are not a foregone conclusion. As she so aptly puts it, “It takes a village to raise a child and a child can change a nation.” Shirley Holt/Hale has dedicated her life to that promise.

Holt/Hale received her BA in elementary education from Berea College. She holds an M.Ed. from Eastern Kentucky University in Physical Education and a Ph.D. in early childhood education from Peabody-Vanderbilt University. Her mother, Gona Dorsey (Holt), graduated from Berea in 1936. Holt/Hale’s husband, Roger Hale, is a fourth grade elementary teacher.



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Campaign Initiative Spotlight: International Programs

Preparing Leaders for a New World

All you have to do is turn on your television news for five minutes, any day of the week, to find a story about global connections. Whether it's border conflicts in eastern Europe, environmental challenges that cross national borders in Asia, or stock market fluctuations in one nation that cause ripples in others, the citizens of all nations depend on each other as never before. This world demands leaders with knowledge and respect for "all peoples of the earth."

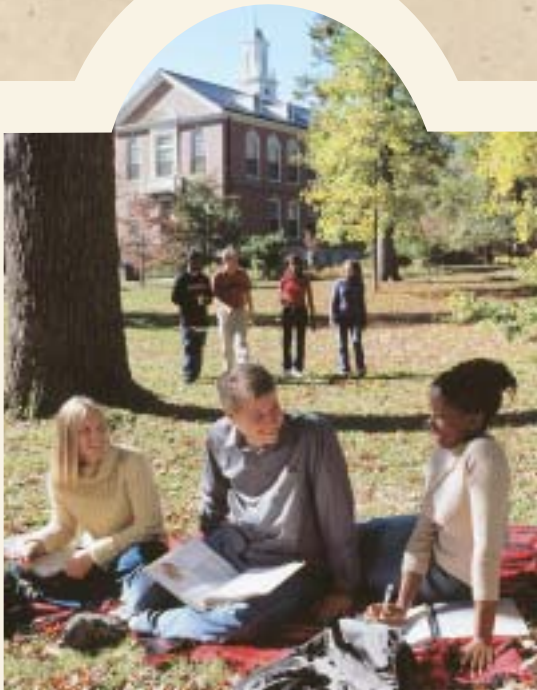


Berea's international programs work to create exactly that kind of leader. Last year, 202 Berea students studied in 29 countries. Currently, students from more than 80 countries

are studying on the Berea College campus. And programs on campus create an international experience for those who do not have the opportunity to travel.

Creating World Citizens

"Study abroad enriches students' academic experience by letting them see things first hand," says Suzanne Kifer, associate director of Berea's International Education Center and the College's study abroad adviser. "Their experiences expand their horizons so that



From our predecessors to us, to present and future students, Berea's commitments have been handed down from generation to generation for 148 years. An ideal and an obligation entrusted to future generations, Berea College is dedicated to all peoples of the earth, to excellence in education, to work, to service, and to the Appalachian region.

The *Extending Berea's Legacy* campaign seeks to raise \$150 million and is scheduled to conclude with the 150th anniversary of the 1855 founding of Berea College. With ideas that matter and values that endure, Berea's is a story and a movement that calls for action.

Namibian Student Wants to Take Nursing Degree Home to Help

Chances are that if you have visited Berea in the past year and taken a campus tour, international student Albertina Niilo, '07, from the southwest African nation of Namibia led the way.



The road from 'there to here' has truly been a long and determined one for Albertina. At age ten, she witnessed the imprisonment, beatings, and torture of her father, a diamond mine worker, who was falsely suspected of aiding Angolan freedom fighters crossing the border into Namibia to fight apartheid before the nation won its independence from South Africa in 1990.

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they graduate as world citizens.” More than 30 percent of Berea’s 2003 graduating class had studied abroad while at the College. At present, Berea College students

in Europe, Australia, Latin America, Africa, and Asia are experiencing new cultures and learning more about their own place in the global community.

Costs for studying abroad range from \$1,800 to \$3,500 for a short term up to \$6,000-\$14,000 for a full semester abroad. The College provides scholarships for half the total semester abroad costs, and most students receive scholarships for short term and summer programs. Students must rely on loans or other financial aid for the rest of the necessary funds. “It was worth all the energy, and yes, the money, to learn what I did in Italy,” says Robert McGraw, ’04, who spent fall 2003 studying art and photography in Florence. “It’s not just the subject, but learning to get along in a place that is so different from home, and realizing that with all the differences, there are also so many similarities.”

The College’s goal is to maintain a level of 40 to 50 students annually spending a semester abroad, with a significant number studying internationally during short term and summer. An \$8 million endowment is needed to adequately support the study abroad programs.

Albertina sat at her desk in fear while her mother, a teacher, was repeatedly interrogated in front of her students. These threats and intimidation ultimately led to a late-night trek to the Angolan border—not knowing whether border guards would let them through or shoot the refugee group of thirteen children and parents on the spot.

Five years spent in refugee camps in Angola and Zambia experiencing the kindness of Namibian refugee nurses combined with fourteen years of forced separation from her family strengthened Albertina’s resolve to earn a nursing degree. Her mother’s own determination to complete a teaching degree inspired Albertina, although her contributions to her younger sisters’ education delayed her dream. Albertina learned of Berea College while surfing the internet looking for a school that would understand and honor her

Creating New Perspectives

Providing education for international students introduces all students to new and different perspectives. At Berea, international students are chosen based on their financial need as well as excellent academic promise. “Each international student costs the College approximately \$6,000 more per year to educate than a Berea College student that is a legal U.S. resident,” explains Alina Strand, Berea’s international student adviser. “This is because students on F-1 non-immigrant visas



do not qualify for U.S. federal or state financial aid or federal work study funds like other Berea students.” Funding is needed to help cover the increasing cost to educate international students.

Close to 3,000 students applied for only 30 available spaces in the fall 2003 entering class. “I’m so thankful I was able to study at Berea,” says Debbie Ruiz, ’06, from Ecuador. “What I’ve learned here about working with people from all different backgrounds and cultures will be a great help when I return home to start my career.” Since many of Berea’s international students come from impoverished nations, airfare alone sometimes equals or surpasses the family’s yearly income. A \$2 million endowment will help Berea meet the specialized needs of our worthy international students.

family’s Christian commitment and provide her with an education that she could take back and use in a country that is now struggling in the fight against AIDS.

While at Berea College, Albertina keeps in touch with her entire family by telephone and email. Her first language is Oshiwambo, which she speaks with her mother and father so she won’t forget. Recently at the College Visitors Center, a couple approached the desk and spoke to Albertina in Afrikaans. For her, it was the first time that a white couple from South Africa had come into the Center. She marveled at the coincidence and greeted them as fellow citizens.

One full circle leads to another. After earning her nursing degree, Albertina looks forward to returning to her native village of Tsandi, Namibia, where her journey began.

Creating Global Awareness

Campus-Based International Programs focusing on a specific region and various world views bring international events to the campus and the community. The program strengthens ties between the academic departments, student clubs, and the community. Together with the International Center, these various groups regularly co-sponsor campus-wide activities germane to the international focus.

“Our campus-based programs encourage dialogue that promotes compassion and understanding and helps the whole community learn to live more harmoniously with many different people,” explains Alison Garfinkle, international education coordinator. In fall 2004, a year long program focusing on the Middle East will begin. In collaboration with the Campus Christian Center, Dr. Lily Feidy, a Palestinian human rights activist promoting global dialogue and democracy, will visit Berea for a week, giving the Robbins Peace Lecture, visiting classes, and doing small group programs. A Middle East Peace Quilt exhibit will feature lectures on art and social change by the project’s creator, Canadian Sima Elizabeth Shefrin. National and regional expert speakers, art exhibits, interfaith dialogues, and other activities highlighting the region will continue throughout the year.

Since many on campus don’t have the opportunity to travel abroad, on-campus programs are a pressing need.

Berea College seeks to raise \$2 million to support these important cross-cultural learning activities.

Changing Our World

Because of the international programs at Berea, our students are learning to be the leaders our increasingly interconnected world needs today. The international education goals of the *Extending Berea’s Legacy* campaign are intended to raise initial funding for international programs. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, we expect to meet our initial campaign goals, and we thank everyone who contributed.



But the overall need is still great as costs increase. Your support helps send more students abroad to experience globalization firsthand. It brings international students to Berea, so they can gain the skills to help their own nations develop. It supports faculty who create

innovative courses and learning opportunities for all Bereans. Giving to the international programs at Berea College shows your support for Berea’s time-honored belief that “God has made of one blood all peoples of the earth.”

Kentucky Student Finds a “Different Way to Be a Person”

“To make a contribution to the world, I need to participate with the people of the world.”



Growing up in the small Appalachian town of Sharkey, Ky., Jarrod Brown, '03, began to ‘travel’ the world in books and writing. Reading about Buddhism led him to become a vegetarian at age twelve. By the time he was a sophomore in high school he was well-versed in the fundamentals of Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism.

Steve Thompson, '92, an art teacher at his high school, invited Jarrod to attend a convocation at Berea College. “It was the ‘Mystic Arts of Tibet,’” says Jarrod. “That was my first exposure to Berea and I was very impressed. Here was a utopia in my own hills.” And it was the international focus that cemented his resolve to study at Berea College.

On a short term trip to Malaysia in early 2001, Jarrod explored an exchange program Berea has with

Universiti Sains Malaysia. Returning there in June, he spent a year in the program, living on the island of Palau Penang in university campus housing. While there, Jarrod immersed himself in the cultures he encountered and in the study of Shari’ah law.

As it happened, Jarrod was at the school when tragedy struck the United States on September 11, 2001.

“It was the first time I was made aware of my nationality. I learned that I couldn’t separate myself from my birthplace. It will always be a part of my identity,” says Jarrod. “During those difficult times, I would tell my classmates that I come from a very unique background... everyone does. I showed them pictures of my hometown which is nothing like the image that most people have of the U.S.”

Jarrod describes his time at the university and travels in Asia, as the “best and most influential experience I have had in my life.” It helped him clarify that he wanted to study philosophy and taught him that he can get along in a foreign country. “I can’t give up Sharkey,” Jarrod explains, with the fondness that small town life can often instill. But he quickly adds, “I came away from the experience abroad with a very different way to be a person.”

Recognizing Our Donors

Marion Gruver Loan Program Assists Berea College Student Parents



On January 29, Berea College President Larry D. Shinn announced the establishment of the new Marion Gruver Financial Assistance Program that will help student parents complete their education while simultaneously caring for their children.

The program provides funds for the living, educational, and other expenses that student parents have. This new low-interest loan, which is named in honor of Mrs. Marion Gruver, mother of Berea College trustee William Gruver, recognizes her lifelong dedication to education. "Marion Gruver's love, care, and concern for children prompted us to honor her by establishing this endowed program," says President Shinn. "All of us who know Marion Gruver benefit from her generosity of spirit, and this program is a fitting tribute to a very special woman."

All Berea College students must demonstrate academic ability and financial need, but student parents, while eligible for some government aid, have greater family needs than other students. Students with families at Berea may be recent high school graduates who have a newborn child or thirty-year-old parents with grade school children who are trying to finish their educations, but the common denominator is their extremely high need for paying their own expenses as well as costs related to rearing their children.

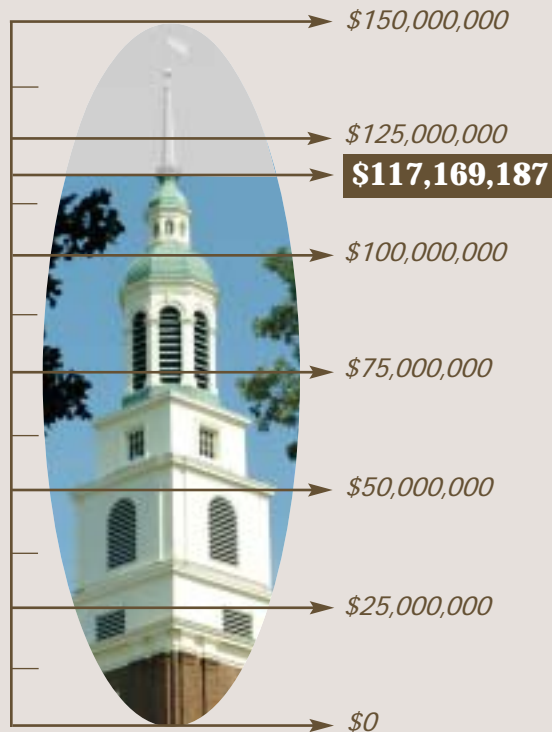
"This new program provides our students with several benefits," Shinn explains. "Rather than turning to various federal loan programs, our students with children can receive the funds they need now and repay them later at very favorable, below-market rates." In its first year, the Marion Gruver Program will assist six to eight Berea College student parents.

\$4.8 Million Estate is 2nd Largest Gift for Berea

In February, Berea received a \$4.8 million gift from the estate of J. Ernest Wilde, husband of Almena Gray Wilde. It is the second largest gift received in the history of the College. Equal gifts of \$50,000 from the Presser Foundation and Mrs. Gray Wilde provided the funds to construct the Presser Hall music building in 1931. Gray Auditorium in Presser Hall is named for Mrs. Gray Wilde's father, Philip Hayward Gray, a tenor singer and musician who was also a friend to Berea. He had brought her here several times as a child, where the music she heard inspired her gift to help build Presser, as well as to provide this new major gift from her estate.

Major Campaign Goals and Initiatives

	Goal	Committed/Received 3/31/04
Total Comprehensive Campaign		
Berea Fund	25,000,000	20,116,274
Other Outright Gifts	50,000,000	33,029,433
Bequests	75,000,000	60,892,623
Outstanding Commitments		3,130,857
Grand Total	150,000,000	117,169,187



*The *Extending Bera's Legacy* Campaign will fund current programs and projects, and also provide new funds to underwrite important new initiatives that will strategically place Berea to serve students in the 21st century. The \$150 million Campaign goal includes gifts to the annual Bera Fund, bequests, and other outright gifts.

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About Berea People

The Berea College Alumni Association enjoys hearing from Bereans all over the U.S. and the world. The "About Berea People" section of the *Berea College Magazine* reports news that has been sent to the Association by alums, as well as news we find in various local and regional media. Please let us know what's going on with you! You may use the form on p. 37, call 1.800.457.9846, or e-mail mae_suramek@berea.edu. Please include the class year, and name used while at Berea.

June 11-13, 2004

SUMMERREUNION

A reunion of all Academy, Foundation, and Knapp Hall students will be observed during Summer Reunion 2004. The reunion chairperson is Roy Walters. He can be reached at 1402 Independence Trail, Morgantown, N.C. 28655-5762.

1937

Arthur Hale's wife, Ione, died Oct. 14. Mr. Hale resides in Grand Junction, Colo.

1938



Wayne Lowman

Elizabeth Lamb Botteron visited Berea in June 2003. She lives in a retirement home in Portland, Ore.

Wayne Lowman and his wife, Agnes, observed their 60th wedding anniversary in 2003. He has been in cancer remission since 1998. They live in Forest City, N.C.

1939

65th SUMMERREUNION

The Class of 1939 will observe its 65th reunion during Summer Reunion 2004, scheduled for June 11-13. The reunion chairperson is Dr. Grant Begley. He can be reached at 2721 Harlanwood Dr., Ft. Worth, Texas 76109-1224 or via e-mail at docbeg@home.com.

1940



Clyde Bensey

Clyde Bensey resides in Harriman, Tenn.

Elizabeth Rivenburg Holcroft has been retired from elementary school teaching since 1978. She is living in the foothills of California's Sierra Nevadas with two daughters. She enjoys reading, traveling, and being involved in community activities.

1942

Dr. Ralph Hammond, Cx'42, donated 635 poems, 12 books he has authored, and his beloved collection of Ernest Hemingway memorabilia, among other items collected over his lifetime, to the Arab Public Library. His donation was featured in an article in the Oct. 25 issue of *The Arab Tribune*. He resides in Arab, Ala.



Vivian Frazier Leffler

Martin Hoffman has been on the staff of the Boyd County (Ky.) Library as a reader's advisor since his retirement in 1985.

Vivian Frazier Leffler, Cx'42, retired as executive secretary for the city manager of Midwest City, Okla. in 2001. She enjoys visiting family across the country, volunteering for the city of Midwest City, and ballroom dancing.

Navy V-12

V-12 REUNION

June 4-6, 2004

A Navy V-12/V-5 Reunion is scheduled for June 4-6, 2004. The Navy V-12/V5 Executive Committee President, Charley Willett, can be reached at 120 Hillcrest Dr., Bardstown, Ky. 40004-1800.

Dr. David O'Dea, V12'44, was selected to be in the 58th edition of *Who's Who in America*, released in November 2003. He is now retired from private practice and living in Florida. He has been involved in banking and has served as a visiting professor in several major universities.

Dr. David Stewart, V12'45, edited a book, *Kipling's America: Travel Letters, 1889-1895*, which was published by ELT Press of the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Copies can be ordered through www.uncg.edu/eng/elt.

1944

60th SUMMERREUNION

June 11-13, 2004

The Class of 1944 will observe its 60th reunion during Summer Reunion 2004, scheduled for June 11-13. The reunion chairpersons are Dr. Annabel Brake Clark and June Morton Perry. Dr. Clark can be reached at 675 S. University Blvd. Apt. 20, Denver, CO 80209-3326 or via e-mail at revsclark@earthlink.net. Mrs. Perry can be reached at RR 1 Box 477 B3, South Shore, KY 41175 or via e-mail at june.perry2@verizon.net.

Annabel Brake Clark, who retired from university and seminary teaching of drama and speech as well as serving churches as a minister, continues to minister and teach through the use of drama. In her church in Denver, she leads Armchair Theatre sessions several times a year. They have recently read *Visiting Mr. Green*, by Jeff Baron, and also read *The Island*. In March 2003 they joined people reading *Lysistrata* in 56 countries.

1945

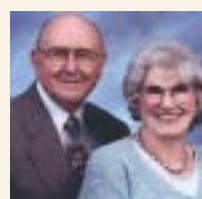
Zuria Farmer Austin and her husband, David, spend part of each year in Berea and part of it in Austin, Texas.



Zuria Farmer Austin

1946

Ormand Williams has published his WWII experiences in a 40-page book. He and his wife Daphne Miller Williams, Cx'47, observed their 56th



Ormand and Daphne Miller Williams

wedding anniversary. They reside in Weaverville, N.C.

1947

Dr. William Ledford moved to Greensboro, N.C. in November.

1949

55th SUMMERREUNION

June 11-13, 2004

The Class of 1949 will observe its 55th reunion during Summer Reunion 2004, scheduled for June 11-13. The reunion chairpersons are Roy and Janrose Sherman Wilson. They can be reached at 1733 Marydell Rd., London, Ky. 40741-8631.

Jessie Hibbitts Beasley counsels three days a week at Child Watch, a center for the treatment of abused and neglected children and families in Paducah, Ky.

Betty Isaac Smith lives a very active retired life in Frankfort, Ky.

1950

Dr. Grover Miller, who retired from North Carolina State University, still teaches part-time at Johnston Community College in Smithfield, N.C. He serves as a chaplain at the American Legion Post #132, an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a volunteer with the Library, and on the Board of Johnston Co. Industries.

1951

Dr. Gene Rice, a professor at Howard University School of Divinity for more than 45 years, was honored at a banquet in November with more than one hundred of his former pupils attending. He and his wife, Betty Smith Rice, Cx'53, live in Washington, DC.

1952



Eugene Dekich

Eugene Dekich is an insurance consultant and has been with Provident since 1960. He serves as the chapter coordinator for the Berea College Alumni Chapter in Birmingham, Ala.

Corban and Harriett Cline Goble observed their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception attended by family and friends in

Berea on Nov. 15. They were married at Danforth Chapel on Nov. 11, 1953. Attending the reception were their three children: Martha Goble-Burck, Jane Goble Clabaugh, '82, and Robert Goble, '85, and their six grandchildren. Mrs.



Corban and Harriett Cline Goble

Goble is a former professional Girl Scout executive. Mr. Goble is a former editor of *The Berea Citizen* and superintendent of the Berea College Press. He is now an emeritus faculty member of the

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School of Journalism and Broadcasting at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky.

Jim Hale, coordinator of the volunteer driver program for his regional American Cancer Society, was recognized in an article in the Oct. 28 issue of the Bowling Green, Ky. *Daily News*. He and other volunteers transport cancer patients to appointments in Louisville, Nashville, and Bowling Green. In 2001 he was named

the American Cancer Society Volunteer of the Year for the south central region of Kentucky. He and his wife, **Virginia Dorton Hale**, '53 live in Bowling Green.

1953

Col. Leland "Pappy" Martin was awarded a silver medal by the National Association of Watch and Clock

Collectors during their July 2003 National Convention in Charlotte, N.C. Martin's entry in the international inventors competition was a gear depth micrometer. With discrimination to one thousandth of an inch (the human hair is usually two to three thousandths of an inch), the tool allows gears to be meshed to their quietest and most productive relationship. It also provides a way to check the concentricity of gears, lateral runout of gears, and the runout of arbors and mandrels. He resides in Harlingen, Texas.



Doris Martin Michael

Doris Martin Michael published *Life Behind the Potted Plant* in 1992, and *Sprouts From the Potted Plant* in 2003, both by Gabbard Publications in Lenoir City, Tenn. She lives in Elkin, N.C.

1954

50th June 11-13, 2004
SUMMERREUNION

The Class of 1954 will observe its 50th reunion during Summer Reunion 2004, scheduled for June 11-13. The reunion chairperson is **Joyce Loy Welch**. She can be reached at 2712 Forest Ave., Ashland, Ky. 41101-3918.

Dr. Joe Morgan received the North Carolina Republican Party, Eleventh Congressional District's 2003 Golden Elephant Award for his dedication and diligence to the ideology, principles, and candidates of the Republican Party. He was a Presidential Elector in 2000 and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Houston, Texas in 1992.

Dr. Simon Perry, chairman of the political science department at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., is developing a new academic program that represents his life's work. Marshall's John Deaver Drinko Academy is raising \$1 million to endow a Dr. Simon D. Perry Academic Program on Constitutional Democracy. His courses focus on politics and history, constitutions, regime types and the leaders who defined America. These courses, including those in English, sociology, and history, will form the new senior/graduate level program. Perry is in his 48th year of teaching, and has taught an estimated 20,000+ students during that time.

1955

Lillian Ebermann is the director and head librarian at Menifee County (Ky.) Public Library. Oct. 12th marked the formal opening of the new \$1.7 million library. Among the dignitaries present were James Nelson, State Librarian, and John Will Stacy, State Representative, who obtained the funds for the project.

Rev. Delmas and Mabel Herren Hare, '56, are both retired. He is teaching an on-line course in world religion at Haywood Community College. She is enjoying retirement and reading. They live in Fletcher, N.C.

Billy Edd Wheeler, songwriter, performer, playwright, painter, and novelist, conducted a book signing at the Berea College Bookstore on Nov. 7, where he signed copies of his new book, *Star of Appalachia*, published by Fighting Dover Enterprises. To find out more about the music, art, and writing of Billy Edd, and to order this book and other writings and recordings, visit www.billyeddwheeler.com, or contact

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About Berea People

Teresa Tatham, 126 Oakland Drive, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

1956



Bill and Mary Hulbert Parker

Bill and Mary Hulbert Parker, '53, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 24, with a reception hosted by their children. The Parkers were married on Aug. 24, 1953 in Danforth Chapel by her brother, **Dayton Hulbert**, '42. They live in Jonesville, N.C.

Dr. Ben Sturgill, '56, received the Walter Reed Distinguished Achievement Award, which was announced in the University of Virginia's medical alumni news magazine. He and his wife, **Eleanore Burchell Sturgill**, '55, reside in Charlottesville, Va.

1957

Dr. Leo Gibson, retired physician, and his wife, Lisa Ann, reside in Picayune, Miss.

Alma Shrewsbury Lusk and her husband, Tollison, are both retired and living in Bud, W.Va. She taught second grade for 31 years.

1959

45th June 11-13, 2004
SUMMERREUNION

The Class of 1959 will observe its 45th reunion during Summer Reunion 2004, scheduled for June 11-13. The reunion chairpersons are **Raymond and Shelby Sawyer Morris**. They can be reached at 245 Parkview Dr., Cartersville, Ga. 30120-4053 or via e-mail at shelbyquilts@juno.com.

1960

Elva McCullough Fisher retired after 32 years of teaching elementary students in local school districts. She and her husband, Howard, continue to raise beef cattle on their farm in Washington, Penn.

Melva Upchurch Henninger is retired and plans to move near Lexington, Ky.

1961

Jack Blair and his wife, Thelma, are both retired and reside in Stanford, Ky.

Ransome Breeding, Cx'61, principal of Council Elementary, Middle School and High School in Council, Va., enjoys fishing, hunting, and gardening.

Truman Fields received a gold and a silver medal in the tennis competition at the 2003 Summer Bluegrass State Games, held in Lexington, Ky. He and his wife, **Joyce Barnes Fields**, live in Berea, Ky. In



Sam Croucher, '62, Bill Hall, '62, and Truman Fields.

October Mr. Fields enjoyed a day of golf with fellow alumni, **Sam Croucher**, '62, **Bill Hall**, '62, and **Rod Bussey**, '63.

Kathee Brown Staton retired from the Federal Aviation Administration and is residing in Davie, Fla. She is beginning a writing career.

1962

T. Randal Almarode retired from DuPont in 1999 and now enjoys traveling and spending time with his grandchildren.



Ron and Julia Erdman Atkinson

Ron and Julia Erdman Atkinson, '62, volunteer with the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, the Methodist Thrift Store, and Durango-Silverton Travel in Durango, Colo.

Dr. Valerie Bauhofer has been living in Athens, Greece for the past two years, directing a program for Empire State College of the State University of New York. She has enjoyed visits from Berea friends **Celia Hooper Miles** in 2002 and **Janet Noe Gilchrist** in 2003.

Don Calfee retired after 35 years in the hotel business. He is now teaching part-time at Sand Hills Community College in Pinehurst, N.C.

1964

40th June 11-13, 2004
SUMMERREUNION

The Class of 1964 will observe its 40th reunion during Summer Reunion 2004, scheduled for June 11-13. The reunion chairpersons are **Rachel Berry Henkle and Pat Powell Greathouse**. **Henkle** can be reached at 208 Kirk Dr., Nicholasville, KY 40356-1319 or via e-mail at rachelhenkle@alltel.net. **Greathouse** can be reached at 317 Jackson St., Berea, KY 40403-1719.

1965

Bill White received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Kentucky Retired Teachers' Association by the Mid-Cumberland Region. He and his wife, **Judy Garner White**, '67, reside in Somerset, Ky.

Stephen Wilson is enjoying a second career teaching ESL at Durham Technical Community College. **Anna Ludwig Wilson**, Cx'66, is a professional flutist and the artistic director of the Mallarme Chamber Players, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary season. The Players perform concerts primarily in North Carolina, but have included venues in California, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and Washington, DC.

1967

Michael Harvey is the executive director of the Conference of Baptist Ministers in Massachusetts. He, his wife, Paula, and their daughter, Stephanie, reside in Worcester, Mass.

Mary Caponite Hurley is a senior research associate with the Michigan Proteome Consortium, a branch of the Michigan Life Sciences Corridor. She works in Ann Arbor, Mich.

1968

Evelyn Walz Hensley, Cx'68, is a staff nurse with Mountain Heritage Hospice. She lives in Harrogate, Tenn.

1969

35th June 11-13, 2004
SUMMERREUNION

The Class of 1969 will observe its 35th reunion during Summer Reunion 2004, scheduled for June 11-13. The reunion chairpersons are **David and Betty Hyatt Olinger**. They can be reached at 307 Brown St., Berea, Ky. 40403-1112 or via e-mail at bhodyo@aol.com.

Dr. Donna Dean began a two-year fellowship as Senior Scholar in Residence with the National Academy of Engineering in Washington, D.C. where she will work with national academies, federal agencies, academic institutions, and the private sector on issues at the interface of engineering and the life and health sciences.

Married: Gerald Lovedahl and Martha Jane Hill on Aug. 2. He retired in 2002 after 25 years as a professor at Clemson University.

Dr. Betty Hyatt Olinger was named president of the Berea Kiwanis Club. She and her husband, **David Olinger**, reside in Berea, Ky.

Dr. Rebecca Ann Shepherd Shoemaker is a professor of history at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind. At their 2003 commencement she was honored with the Caleb Mills Distinguished Teaching Award.

1970

Jenny Lovedahl Johnson is the director of the Swain County Center for the Arts located in Bryson City, N.C.

1971

Mike Mullins, executive director of the Hindman Settlement School, received an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the University of Kentucky during UK's May 2003 commencement. He was nominated for the honor by Dr. Ron Pen, professor of music at UK. Dr. Pen has participated and served on the staff of the Hindman Settlement School's Appalachian Family Folk Week for almost 20 years. This honor was bestowed on Mullins for his 25 years of service to the Appalachian region through his work at the Settlement School. He and his wife **Frieda Smothers Mullins**, Cx'74, live in Hindman, Ky.

1972

Hoyt Childers is the Gulf and South Atlantic Bureau Chief for the *National Fisherman* magazine. He is based in Florida.

1974

30th June 11-13, 2004
SUMMERREUNION

The Class of 1974 will observe its 30th reunion during Summer Reunion 2004, scheduled for June 11-13. The reunion chairpersons are **Virgil and Jackie Grisby Burnside**. They can be reached at CPO 1706, Berea College, Berea, KY 40404 or via e-mail at Virgil_Burnside@berea.edu or Jackie_Burnside@berea.edu.

1975

Kimberly Bishop teaches Spanish at Buckeye Trail High School in Old Washington, Ohio.

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Robert Warming, men's head soccer coach at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., became the 20th coach in NCAA Division I history to collect 300 career victories. He is in his 26th year as a head coach, ranks 15th in Division I coaching victories, and is the all-time winningest coach in Creighton's men's soccer history.

1976

Paul Atkinson has started a freelance photography business, Rockledge Photography and Design in Lexington, Ky. **Chris Brooks-Atkinson**, '88, was promoted to manager of the Food Handler Education Department of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Health Department.

Bill Daugherty was featured in the Jan. 12 issue of the *Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader*, concerning the company, Daugherty Petroleum, for which he serves as CEO. Every well the company has drilled since 1999 has produced natural gas.

Lt. Col. Kennett Ray Ellis retired as chief of the 123rd Airlift Wing Headquarters Command Post with the Kentucky Air National Guard in Louisville, Ky. He had been a member of the Kentucky National Guard since 1977, with his last assignment requiring 24/7 Command Post operations to support the 123rd Airlift Wing's overseas deployments, which were supporting operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He elected to retire upon the return of Kentucky's deployed assets. He has also served as a certified air traffic controller with Standiford Air Traffic Control Tower in Louisville for 21 years. He has received numerous awards and decorations over the years including the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, and many others.



Lt. Col. Kennett Ray Ellis

1978

Lingga Laoh is director of Mediation Synergies Citoyennes, a non-profit organization in Brussels, Belgium.

Jeffrey Robinson has opened a law office in Selma, Ala. He had previously practiced law with two firms in Alabama and served as a professor at Tuskegee University.

James Tuan is president of Zymetrics, based in Golden Valley, Minn.

1979

25th November 19-21, 2004 HOMECOMING

The Class of 1979 will observe its 25th Reunion during Homecoming 2004, scheduled for Nov. 19-21.

1980

Dr. Karen McElmurray is the author of *Strange Birds in the Tree of Heaven*, about desire: desire for God, desire for love, desire for the past, and desire for redemption. She lives in Milledgeville, Ga.

Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross retired from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet on May 1 after nearly 30 years in the environmental field. He has accepted a position in Mission Development with the Episcopal



Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross

Diocese of Lexington, Ky. The previous year he had chaired the Ministry in the Mountains Task Force.

1981

Birth: A daughter, Ellen Qinghua, born Oct. 1, 2000, and brought home from Anhui Province, China in August, 2001. The parents are **Jo Cox** and **Charlie Harrington**. The family resides in Des Moines, Iowa.

Lisa Johnson Waters is a clinical nurse, Spanish interpreter, and case manager with the Knox County (Tenn.) Health Department Women's Health Services.

1982

Birth: A daughter, Annemarie Grace, born Dec. 27, to **David Hincks** and his wife, Amy. Mr. Hincks, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, is the commander of the 15th Contracting Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Sherrrie White Rice is a youth services assistant with the Brighton District Library in Brighton, Mich. **Christopher Rice**, '83, is a senior systems programmer for OAO Technology Solutions in Flint, Mich.

1983

Julia Burns Pearson was the 2003 recipient of the Larry H. Marshall Counselor's Counsel Award by the Post-Trial Division of the Kentucky Public Defender's Office. She transferred to the Appellate Branch of the Public Defender's Office in July 2003, but continues to represent two persons housed on Kentucky's Death Row. **Paul Pearson** is a disability determiner with the Social Security Administration and has completed 20 years of service with the U.S. Army/Army Reserve. They live in Frankfort, Ky.

Mike Snodgrass is a customer sales representative for Columbia House in Terre Haute, Ind. He was also a member of the Indiana Air National Guard from 1984-2002 as a computer graphics specialist and technician with the 181 Fighter Wing "Racers."

1984

20th November 19-21, 2004 HOMECOMING

The Class of 1984 will observe its 20th Reunion during Homecoming 2004, scheduled for Nov. 19-21.

Gary Chapman was named chairman of the Art and Art History Department at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He joined the department in 1990, and is a professor of painting and drawing. He's had more than 40 solo exhibitions at institutions such as The

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Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Georgia, and the University of Miami. He was selected to exhibit his work in the 2003 Biennale Internazionale del'Arte Contemporanea in Florence, Italy.

Dr. Richard Halcombe, Jr. is director of missions for the Metro Columbus Baptist Association. He and his wife, **Tina Bond Halcombe**, Cx'86, reside in Pataskala, Ohio.

1985

Billy Wayne Arrington was in concert during the youth revival at Church on the Rock in Berea, Ky. during August.

Emma Mullins Coccari is the banking center manager at Fifth Third Bank in Richmond, Ky.

David Cook and his wife, Robin, reside in Richmond, Ky.

Regina Abrams Jackson is managing partner in the law firm of English, Lucas, Priest, and Owsley, LLP in Bowling Green, Ky. **Charles Jackson**, '87, is in the Special Investigative Unit at State Farm Insurance.

1987

Thomas Rickett is a professor in rhetoric and composition at Purdue University. He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in W. Lafayette, Ind.

John and Julie Lowder, '88, are providing character education in local schools, offer home Bible studies, and are helping prepare the Galilee Bible Camp, near LaFollette, Tenn., for the 2004 summer camp. Mr. Lowder continues a prison ministry and a student-led Christian club called 1st Priority. They are also starting a discipleship training class called Student Missionary Internship to train and help in the ministry for the summer.

1988

Chris Brooks-Atkinson was promoted to manager of the Food Handler Education Department of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Health Department in Lexington, Ky. **Paul Atkinson**, '76, has started a freelance photography business, Rockledge Photography and Design.

Birth: A daughter, Ailee Catherine, born July 9, to **Matt and Cathy Pribonic Harris**, '94. The family lives in Lexington, Ky.

John Joseph Sanders, Cx'88, received his bachelor's degree in English and a master's in Public Administration from Kentucky State University. He is a former volunteer at Southern Ohio Medical Center.

1989

15th November 19-21, 2004 HOMECOMING

The Class of 1989 will observe its 15th Reunion during Homecoming 2004, scheduled for Nov. 19-21.

Rebecca Goforth-Collins, Cx'89, is an alcohol and tobacco tax specialist with the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau at the National Revenue Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Damena Metta is a registered nurse. She lives with her husband, Guenet, in Plano, Texas.

Pamela Winningham is a special education teacher in grades kindergarten through eight in Pickett County, Tenn.

About Berea People

1990

Birth: A daughter, Iris Kathryn Harshaw, born April 20 to **Valerie Salley** and her husband, David Harshaw. Mrs. Salley is an independent policy consultant working with several non-profit organizations in Louisville, Ky.

1991

Dr. Connie Elsey Alley is a family physician in Ripley, Ohio. **Lester Alley**, '92, is an office finance manager.

Birth: A son, Nathaniel Hans, on Oct. 19 to David and **Christina Daubenspeck Duttlinger**. Mrs. Duttlinger received her masters degree in physician assistant studies from the University of Kentucky and is a physician's assistant at Bluegrass Orthopedics in Lexington, Ky.

Birth: Mackenzie Frances Johnson-Campion, born July 2, 2003, was adopted by **Randy Johnson** and Paul Campion on October 15, 2003 in Louisville. She joins her eight year-old twin brothers, Tevin Randall Johnson-Campion and Tyler Anthony Johnson-Campion. Johnson received his MBA in 2003 and is the director of surgery at the VA Medical Center in Louisville.



The Johnson-Campion family

1992

Jennifer Rose Ramsay Escobar performed a live internet concert for BereaOnline on Dec. 22, featuring songs from her *Christmas at Home* CD.

Married: **Deirdre Hamilton Gage** to Michael Reedy in May. Alumni in the wedding included **Suzannah Hicks**, '93, **Shelley Roberts**, '93, and

Angela Anderson, '93. The couple lives in Richardson, Texas.

Births: Twin sons, Alexander Ian and Ethan Paul, born Sept. 11, 2002, to **Ian Wilcox** and his wife, Jennifer. The family lives in Knoxville, Tenn.



Ian Wilcox and sons

1993

Scott Osborn is assistant vice president of Republic Bank at Andover in Lexington, Ky. **Jennifer Kaylor Osborn**, '94, is store manager at Kaylor's Marine in Richmond, Ky.

1994

**10th November 19-21, 2004
HOMECOMING**

The Class of 1994 will observe its 10th Reunion during Homecoming 2004, scheduled for Nov. 19-21.

Christopher Field, Cx'94, is pursuing his second master's degree in library and information sciences, and living in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Birth: A daughter, Madelyne Emma, born May 20, 2003, to **Jay Freshwater** and his wife, Beth. They live in Naples, Fla.

Married: **Allison Gaylord** and Kevin Thomas on Sept. 20. Mrs. Gaylord-Thomas is employed by Host Communications, Inc. in Lexington, Ky.

1995

Darin Brooks is a co-founder of Brooks Reid Studio in Houston, Texas.

Jacquilla Stonewall-Gillette is a residential designer in Monticello, Ky.

Brenda Richmond received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Eastern Kentucky University in December. In 1997, she received a master's degree in Public Administration from EKU.

1996



Michael Green resides in Birmingham, Ala., and would love to hear from former classmates.

Leonard "Lenny" Poage is pursuing his master's in education at the University of Rio Grande and is teaching eighth grade English at Gallia Academy in Gallipolis, Ohio.

1997

Michael Green veneer marketer for Mead Westvaco paper company in Columbus, Ohio. **Myranda Vance-Fout** is a research and extension specialist for Ohio State University.

Marcia Goss is a fine arts teacher at Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville, Ky.

Denena Golden Powell is the billing manager for a physical therapy clinic in Richmond, Ky.

Married: **Charlotte Prather** and Scott Miller on Nov. 10, 2001. Mrs. Miller is a pre-school teacher with Breckinridge County (Ky.) Schools.

1998

Married: **Robin Beck** and Dan Smith on Nov. 2, 2002. She is a customer service representative at Huntington Bank in Toledo, Ohio.

Tracie Dearing is a primary geriatric case manager for Tri-County Mental Health in Hocking County, Ohio.

Married: **Ruth Roark Ehlerman**, Cx'98, to Gabriel Brown on Nov. 1. She is employed by the Hope Center in Lexington, Ky.

1999

**5th November 19-21, 2004
HOMECOMING**

The Class of 1999 will observe its 5th Reunion during Homecoming 2004, scheduled for Nov. 19-21.

Births: Twins, Davis and Dawson, born Nov. 22, to **Chris** and **Stephanie Hannah Lakes**, '03. Mr. Lakes is residential life collegium member for Blue Ridge Hall at Berea College.

Travis Lope had theatrical masks he created on display in November at the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce in Auburn, Ala. Mr. Lope is an actor and educator, a resident costumer at Merry-Go-Round Playhouse, and has worked professionally in regional theaters throughout the eastern United States.

2000

Rebecca Merricks Haynes received her master's degree in counseling psychology from Morehead State University on Nov. 14. She is employed at Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Services in Waverly, Ohio.

2001

Leslie Clifford received her master's degree in special education from Marshall University in July 2003. She is a resource teacher at McKell Intermediate School in South Shore, Ky.

Married: **Stephen Edington** and **Loretta Minton**, '03, on Sept. 27. Alumni in the wedding party included **John Davis**, **Miah Drummond**, **Stephanie Green**, and **Tricia Bagley**, '04. The couple lives in Louisville.

Sanjeewa Goonasekera is in graduate school and resides in Rochester, N.Y.

Mary Ruth Isaacs is pursuing her master's degree at the University of Kentucky and is a teacher at the Berea College Child Development Lab.

2002

Rick Branham is a sales executive for Renfro Valley Entertainment Center in Mt. Vernon, Ky. and has served as a volunteer firefighter for three years. **Julie Allen Branham**, '00, is the nurse director for the Wayne Stewart Adult Health Care Center in Mt. Vernon. She has volunteered for the fire department's ladies auxiliary for the past three years.

Amy H. Hille began working as a staff assistant for U.S. Congressman Ben Chandler (D-KY) on Capitol Hill in March. She is the first central Kentuckian hired in the congressman's office. Her job duties include arranging tours of Washington, D.C. points of interest and giving tours of the capitol to constituents, directing people and phones, keeping up with legislation and the Congressman's position on issues, and basic office administration duties.

Married: **Paula Miller** and **Joseph Riffe**, '05, on Aug. 23, at Owsley Fork Reservoir in Berea, Ky. Bridesmaids included **Jaime Butcher** and **April Golden**. Groomsmen included **Joseph Sebey**, '04, **Shammar McClendon**, '03, **Jonathan Armstrong**, '05, and **Justin Kindler**, '05.

Birth: A daughter, Audrey Marie, born Aug. 1, to John and Sara Malicote Waldron, Cx'02, of Berea.

2003



Leandra Young and Zachary Lutz

Married: **Tiffany Loftis** and **Rudge Arnold**, '01, on July 26, at Union Church in Berea, Ky.

Married: **Leandra Young** and **Zachary Lutz**, '04, on June 21. She is a substitute teacher at the Berea College Child Development Lab. He is a senior at Berea College.

2004

**1st November 19-21, 2004
HOMECOMING**

The Class of 2004 will observe its 1st Reunion during Homecoming 2004, scheduled for Nov. 19-21.

The "Passages" section of the *Berea College Magazine* honors Bereans who have passed away. If you know of a Berean who has died, please let the Alumni Association know by using the form on p. 37, calling 1.800.457.9846, or e-mailing mae_suramek@bereda.edu. Please include the person's class year or connection to Berea, and the date and place of death.

1920s

Eloise Ledford Beatty, '26, of Boulder, Colo., died Sept. 25. A teacher, she later served as a graduate counselor for the University of Colorado until her retirement in 1972. She was a member of the Chapter H and Chapter EY of P.E.O. International. She is survived by her daughter, sister, and brother.

Virginia Knapp Secrest, Cx'26, of Redwood City, Calif., is deceased.

1930s

Miriam Adams Britton, '30, of Ingram, Texas, is deceased.

Fred Francis, Cx'31, of Prestonsburg, Ky., died June 12. He was a retired lawyer.

Reba Johnson Seagle, '31, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died June 26, 2003.

Ruth Congleton Templin, A'28, '32, of Lexington, Ky., died Jan. 17. A retired teacher, she served 30 years in Kentucky public schools. She began her career in northern Kentucky, followed by many years in the Fayette County (Ky.) school system, teaching at Jefferson Davis Elementary until it closed in 1972, then finishing her career at Meadowthorpe Elementary. She was a member of Hunter Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her son Thomas.

Miriam Rigby Kilduff, '33, of Chicago, Ill., died Oct. 20.

Marjorie Clark Graham, '34, of Gainesville, Fla., died Nov. 8. She is survived by a brother, **Harold B. Clark, '37**, and a sister **Mary Jane Clark Oestmann, '39**.

Ora Wyatt Gunkler, '35, of Berea, Ky., died Nov. 16. A widow of long-time Berea College coach, teacher, and administrator Oscar Gunkler, she taught at Berea's Foundation School and at Knapp Hall elementary. She was instrumental in developing a freshman English curriculum and the writing laboratory at Berea. She was the recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award from the Berea Chamber of Commerce in 1963. She served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, and trustee of Union Church. Memorial contributions can be made to the Oscar H. Gunkler Memorial Physical Education Scholarship Fund at CPO 2216, Berea, Ky. 40404. She is survived by four children—**Robert A. Gunkler, '57**, **Dr. Carol Gunkler Johnson, Cx'63**, **Barbara Gunkler Stevenson, '66**, and **Jackie Gunkler Bingham, Cx'68**—11 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Warren Souder, '35, of Bridgewater, Va., died Oct. 10. He was a geologist for Texaco and Bechtel Corporation and a schoolteacher for a number of years, and was a member of Martin Luther Lutheran Church. He is survived by a daughter and a grandson.

Coy Turner, Cx'35, of Fairborn, Ohio, is deceased. He was retired from the General Motors Corporation.

W. Major Gardner, '36, of Roswell, Ga., died Nov. 8. He was a former judge and served as Kentucky Court of Appeals and Supreme Court commissioner. He was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church. He is survived by a daughter, a son, one brother, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Elaine Fisher Jones, Cx'36, of Worcester, Mass., died Jan. 14. She was a member of Unitarian Universalist Church, the Worcester Conservation Commission, and the Montachusett Girl Scout Council, where she was a scout leader and trainer.

Mary Pigman Walker, Cx'36, of Berea, Ky., died Nov. 18. She was a retired nurse, and is survived by one sister.

Milton Franklin, Cx'38, of Ashland, Ky., is deceased. He was retired from Rolling Armco Steel.

Marjorie Ingle Gallatin, '38, of Atlanta, Ga., is deceased. She had served as vice president of interiors at Island Studio.

Girden "Callie" Maggard Joseph, Cx'38, of Paintsville, Ky., died Nov. 14.

Doris Widener Mayfield, '38, of Adrian, Mich., died Sept. 18. She retired in 1980 as a manager for home loan services with Omaha Public Library. She is survived by a daughter, a son, and five grandchildren.

Janet Harper Conrad, Cx'39, of Ft. Seybert, W.Va., died Oct. 6. A former teacher at Franklin Elementary School, she also served as West Virginia University's extension agent in Pendleton County. There she created the "Golden Age" newsletter, which was distributed throughout West Virginia. She was a member of Fairview Bethel United Methodist Church, a 50-year plus member of the Extension Homemakers Club, West Virginia Farm Bureau, and Daughters of the American Revolution. She is survived by two sons, two granddaughters, one sister, and two brothers.

Mildred Wheeler Gilbert, '39, of Waddy, Ky., died Nov. 3, 1995.

Juanita Lewis Hall, A'39, of Lexington, Ky., died Nov. 12. A former executive secretary, she participated in the Donovan Program for continuing education at the University of Kentucky and was an active member of Central Christian Church. She is survived by two sisters, three children, and four grandchildren.

Charles Robert Smith, A'39, of Lexington, Ky., died Oct. 7. He was retired from IBM. A member of the Lexington Lions Club, he served in all the Club's offices, including President. He served as usher at his church, Centenary United Methodist. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, two daughters, a son, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

1940s

Mary West Feldmann, '40, of Erlanger, Ky., is deceased. She was a retired teacher.

Ruth McNiel, '40, of Abingdon, Va., died March 23.

Cdr. Glenn "Red" Wilson, '40, of Winchester, Ky., died Jan. 12. He was a naval aviator during World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War. Following his retirement from the military, he was a student loan administrator in Kentucky, and a naturalist with the Kentucky Wildlife and Fisheries Department. He is survived by three sons, seven grandchildren, a brother, and a sister.

Lucy Canada Baird, '42, of Clermont, Fla., died in 2002. She was a retired English teacher.

Huber Hamrick Daves, '42, of Chamblee, Ga., died Dec. 8. He was a civilian personnel specialist for the U.S. Air Force for 33 years before retiring in 1982. He coached Little League and Babe Ruth League baseball through the 60's and 70's. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, **Joan Stephens Daves, '48**, two sons, two daughters, four brothers, and three sisters.

Ambrose Easterly, '42, of Dowelltown, Tenn., died Dec. 16. He was a retired college librarian and WWII Marine Corps veteran. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, **Ruby Robinson Easterly, Cx'43**, four daughters, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Theda Patrick Madiel, Cx'42, of Riverside, Calif., died Sept. 23. She was a retired public health nurse. She is survived by her husband, George, two sons, a daughter, a brother, a sister, a grandchild, and a great-grandchild.

Emma Lou Loftis McMinn, Cx'42, of Brevard, N.C., died Jan. 16. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Glen Cannon Country Club. She is survived by two sons, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

Dr. Gene Bowling, '43, of Hyden, Ky., died Jan. 7. He practiced medicine in Hyden for more than 30 years, often making house calls long after other physicians had stopped. He also founded Bowling Cable TV. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia, two sons, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Florence Seay Robinson, '43, of Boone, N.C., died Jan. 6. She was a retired secretary from the law office of John Bingham, and a member of the Boone United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, **Jennings Robinson, '43**, a daughter, a son, and two grandsons.

Mildred Chambers Adiska, Cx'44, of Milan, Mich., died Oct. 7.

Ernestine Edwards Few, '44, of Asheville, N.C., died Sept. 8. She was a retired teacher and a member of Tunnel Road Presbyterian Church. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, a sister, two brothers, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Loree Sinclair Johnson, '44, of Louisburg, N.C., died Sept. 16. She is survived by a daughter, a sister, two brothers, and two grandchildren.

Elizabeth Douglass Levi, '44, of Miami, Fla., is deceased.

Judge Chester Mahood, Cx'44, of Knoxville, Tenn., died Sept. 7. One of Knox County's longest serving Circuit Court Judges, he was on the bench for 27 years. He served in World War II as an Air Corps weatherman in Nak Nak, Alaska, then was commissioned in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel with 20 years service. He was a member of the Knoxville Bar Association and the Tennessee Bar Association. After his retirement, he sat on the Tennessee Supreme Court Workers Compensation Panel and filled in for other judges when requested. He was active in North Hills Presbyterian Church and Kirk Hills Presbyterian Church, where he served as an Elder, and was a Scout Master with the Boy Scouts for many years. He is survived by his wife, **Margaret Jones Mahood, '44**, a son, three daughters, four grandsons, and three brothers.

Arthur K. Levy, Jr., V12'45, of Highland Park, Ill., died Nov. 8. The former co-owner of Artley Paving & Contracting Corp., an asphalt paving company, he was a leading advocate for the Illinois road-building industry. He also served as an estimator for Metromex Contractors of Chicago, a board member of the Illinois Road Builders Association, a labor negotiator with the Mid-America Regional Bargaining Association, and superintendent for roads and bridges. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lois, three daughters, a sister, and three grandchildren.

Helen Forloine Cole, '46, of Summersville, W.Va., died Oct. 10. She retired from the Cooperative Extension Service of West Virginia University after 34 years as a home demonstration agent in Nicholas County. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, the Retired Extension Agents Group, the National Association of Extension Home Economists-Honorary, and the Day Circle of the Memorial United Methodist Women. She volunteered with many organizations, spending 50 years serving the American Red Cross Nicholas County Chapter as a member of the board of directors, executive director and treasurer. She was a member of the Summersville Memorial United Methodist Church where she had taught Sunday school and youth classes since 1949. She is survived by a sister and a brother.

Rilda Cox Combs, Cx'46, of Brookville, Ohio, died Sept. 28.

Alice Simpson Hamilton, '48, of Lexington, Ky., died Dec. 20. She was a retired nurse.

Sarah Austin Solesbee, '49, of Belvedere, S.C., died Dec. 24. She taught fourth grade at Belvedere Elementary School from 1968 until 1992, when she retired. She was a member of Bel-Ridge Baptist Church. She is survived by four sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1950s

Jack Baker, '50, of Bloomington, Ind., died Feb. 2. He is survived by his wife, Jeune Baker.

Edna Hughes Leone, '50, of Newport News, Va., died Oct. 7. She was employed by the Boeing Co., working within the Minute Man Missile Defense Program in North Dakota and, until her retirement, at the Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Va. She was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the Data Processing Management Association of Information Technology Professionals, where she served as treasurer and member of the board of directors. She is survived by a daughter and two sisters, **Ouida Hughes Bass, '49**, and **Mary Margaret Hughes Harrelson, '53**.

Rev. Barnett Williams, '50, of Spartanburg, S.C., died July 19. He is survived by his wife, **Eula Bugarner Williams, '50**.

Helen Patrick Bold, Cx'51, of Dallas, Ga., died Aug. 22, 2002. She was retired from Piedmont Hospital's Research Laboratory.

Dr. George Fillmore, Cx'52, of Knoxville, Tenn., died Dec. 13. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, a sister, three sons, four daughters, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Charles Baber, '53, of Chicago, Ill., is deceased. He is survived by his wife, **Joan Ramey Baber, '51**.

Carlos Cruz Flores, '53, of Cheney, Wash., died Sept. 14. He was a retired Master Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force, and a member and elder of Highland Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, **Evelyn Colvard Flores, Cx'55**, a son, a daughter, four sisters, four brothers, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Beulah Inez Howard, Cx'54, of S. Lebanon, Ohio, is deceased.

Kenneth Hubbard, '54, of Vienna, Va., died Nov. 11. He was a retired systems analyst for the U. S. Government. A member of the International Town and Country Club in Fairfax, Va., he was also a Kentucky Colonel. He is survived by his wife, Frances, three children, six grandchildren, and three sisters.

Graham Rosenberger, '54, of Cahokia, Ill., died Sept. 19. He retired from the Defense Mapping Agency and Aeronautical Center after 33 years as a cartographer. He was a charter and active member of Bethel United Church of Christ in Cahokia, Ill. Over the years he served as president of the consistory, chairman of the building committee, Bible study leader, and Sunday school teacher. He chaired the CROP Walk of Belleville committees, chaired two United Church of Christ Illinois South Conference committees, sat on the National United Church of Christ Board of Homeland Ministries and sang in the choir. He volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, served as an adult literacy tutor, served as treasurer of the Kiwanis Club, was a Cahokia public school volunteer and was head of the Compassion Fund's painters crew. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, **Elna Cornette Rosenberger, Cx'54**, a son, three daughters, two brothers, two sisters, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

George W. Boles, Cx'55, of Miami, Fla., died Aug. 12. He was retired director of purchasing with Eastern Airlines, Inc. at Miami International Airport.

Winnie Faye Robert Burns, Cx'55, of Hartselle, Ala., died Dec. 17. She is survived by her husband, George, four children, and several grandchildren.

Mary Azalee Wilson, '55, of Hendersonville, N.C., died Dec. 26. She had taught French, Spanish, and English classes before her retirement in 1989. She is survived by a sister and two brothers.

Harold Solomon, '56, of Dayton, Ohio, died Dec. 17. A teacher and counselor, he served as an associate professor and chair of the humanities and communication arts departments at Sinclair Community College before retiring in 1992. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, **Patricia Oppenheimer Solomon, '56**, two brothers, and a sister.

Ruth York Franklin, '57, of Putnam, Conn., died Mar. 25, 2003. She was a retired teacher.

Jill Feagan Stephenson, '59, of Piedmont, S.C., died Sept. 5. She volunteered in her community, through the YWCA, VISTA, the Greenville Literacy Association, and the Arthritis Foundation. She was a long-time board member and volunteer for Senior Action, a not-for-profit agency helping seniors lead healthy, independent, and enriching lives. She is survived by two daughters, two grandchildren, five sisters, and two brothers.

1960s

Dr. Arthur Dayton, '60, of Lees Summit, Mo.,

died Nov. 7. He was a professor in the department of statistics at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan. from 1966 until 1985, serving as chairman of the department for 10 years. From 1985 until his retirement in 2001, he was a senior research scientist and associate director of animal health research for the Pfizer Pharmaceutical Company. He was a member of the American Statistical Association, the SAS Users Group International, and Sigma Xi. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, **LaVonnia Ballard Dayton, '58**, two daughters, one son, three sisters, four brothers, and two granddaughters.

Rebecca Dunkle Tomlinson, '60, of Lewisburg, W.Va., died Sept. 30. She was a teacher, licensed veterinary technician, and a 4-H Extension Agent. She was a 4-H pin wearer, 4-H All-Star, a member of the Franklin Chapter No. 138 Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Progressive Community Educational Outreach Service Club, a 4-H leader for 15 years, and a member of Chapter F.P.E.O. Sisterhood in Lewisburg. She is survived by three daughters, a son, and five grandchildren.

Carolyn Sue McGhee King, '62, of Nashville, Tenn., died December 7th, 2003. She had been fighting cancer for one and a half years. She worked at Favorite Recipes Press, a division of Southwestern Company/ Great American, Inc. She proofread cookbooks with great competence and served as the special projects division head, then head of the entire department. She had previously worked as a reporter for *The Nashville Banner*. She campaigned for no animal to suffer. Most animals she ran across that were hurt or homeless got taken in or found a place to live. For those that wish, the request is that donations be made to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, UT 84741-5001, www.bestfriends.org. She is survived by her son, Paul Erin King, mother Blanche McGhee Duncan, one brother, three aunts, and an uncle.

Howard Scoggin, '62, of Santa Cruz, Calif., died Aug. 27.

Rebecca Carr Cassity, '63, of Houston, Texas, died in March 2003. Her husband, **Paul Cassity, '63**, resides in Lafayette, La.

David Lamont "Monty" Saulmon, '64, of Morgantown, N.C., died in October. He was a retired teacher.

Dr. Robert Michael Weaver, '64, of Macon, Ga., died Dec. 1. He retired as a senior research scientist after 25 years of service at J.M. Huber Clay Corporation in the Macon and Wren, Georgia offices. He held two patents and was an author and co-author of 17 publications on clay minerals/surface chemistry. He was a member of the Clay Minerals Society, American Chemical Society and Soil Science Society of America. He was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Evans, Ga. He is survived by his wife, Susan, two daughters, and two sisters.

Ruby Carr, '67, of Elkhart, Ind., died Nov. 27. She was a corporate credit manager at Elkhart Supply Corporation.

Frank Frazier, '67, of Paint Lick, Ky., died Sept. 23. He was a retired manager from the Berea College Laundry and also worked for Meadow Gold Ice Cream. He was a member and adult Sunday school teacher at Faith Decision Baptist Church in Paint Lick. He is

survived by two sons, three grandchildren, and three sisters.

1970s

Jerry Johnson, '74, of Berea, Ky., died in October. He was former owner of Johnson Farm Supply in Berea.

Bill Sutton, '74, of Lancaster, Ky., died Oct. 5. He was a former employee of Stanford Wood Products and a member of Forks of Dix River Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Pat, a son, five daughters, a brother, and three grandchildren.

1980s

William "Bill" Mumaw, '80, of Strasburg, Va., died Oct. 19. He was a grounds superintendent at Shenandoah University, a member of the Professional Grounds Management Society in Baltimore, Md., and a member and spokesperson for the Lebanon-St. Stephen's Community Choir. He was a member of Emmanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church and attended St. Peter Lutheran Church. He is survived by his wife, Melissa, his mother, a son, and a sister.

Donald Whittemore, '87, of Lebanon, Ohio, died Dec. 3. He was a horticulturist, employee of the Hines Corporation and a member of Silver Creek Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, **Kim Browning Whittemore, Cx'89**, two daughters, his mother, and a sister.

1990s

Terence Brent Todd, '90, of Mount Vernon, Ky., died Jan. 18. He was a lecturer and demonstrator with the University of Kentucky's Chemistry Department. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, a licensed amateur radio operator, and a member of the Berea Church of God. He is survived by his wife, Lora

Lambert Todd, his parents, his maternal grandparents, many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Faculty/Staff

Effie Mullins Anglin, retired from the Fireside Weaving Department after 26 years of service, died Dec. 7. She is survived by five daughters, two sons, twenty-three grandchildren, fifty-two great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great grandchildren.

Harold Barnes, long time employee of Berea College Utilities, died February 20. He was married to Sylvia Thacker Barnes and was the father of alum **Cheryl Barnes-Jackson, '85**. He was the uncle of Berea Mayor **Steve Connelly, '74**, and the brother of **Helen Barnes Connelly, '48**, and **Aloma Barnes Earles, '49**.

Callie Biggerstaff Dean, former assistant registrar, died Nov. 8. She is survived by three children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Mabel Elder, retired associate professor of nursing, died Feb. 6, at age 82. She taught at Berea for 11 years, beginning in 1975. She was a native of Auburn, W.Va. and had received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Colorado. Before coming to Berea, Elder had taught nursing at Idaho State University and Central Missouri State University, and had earlier been a pediatric nurse in hospitals in Denver and Cincinnati.

Tom Lamb, retired from the facilities management department, died in December 2003.

Patty Shouse, who had worked at the College Bookstore and at printing services, died Nov. 11.

Laura Stephens, retired College Laundry employee, died Sept. 9.

Nancy Tipton, who served as a nurse in College Health Service for years, died Oct. 26. She is survived by three sons, **David Tipton, '95**, Tommy, and Johnny.

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The cruise will begin with two days in Moscow exploring Red Square, the Kremlin, and other historic sites. The cruise will then travel along the Moscow Canal, the Volga River to the ancient town of Yaroslavl, and along the Volga-Baltic waterway in the Russian North, with stops at many countryside towns and villages en route. Daily excursions in the countryside will include visits to local markets, monasteries, and a national park. The trip will end with a 3-day flourish of visits to museums, cathedrals, splendid palaces of the former czars, and a ballet or opera performance in St. Petersburg. The cost of the trip is approximately \$3500 and is all inclusive of airfare from Cincinnati, accommodations in twin cabins on the cruise ship, land accommodations, meals, excursions/admissions, and all taxes.

There will be an optional 2-day side trip to Helsinki after the cruise for an additional cost of approximately \$300 per person, which will include visits to the Finnish Parliament, the Presidential Palace, and Market Square.

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