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Note to our readers: The mission of Berea College is carried out through activities guided by Berea's Great Commitments. 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 **f** symbol.

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The earth is what we all have in common.

-Wendell Berry

In 1962, when I was nine years old, I traveled through Appalachia with my father. In his Pontiac we traversed crumbling mountain roads that plunged into river valleys. Practically wedged between two coal trucks we barreled down a steep grade with the smell of burning rubber in my nose and a look of fear in my eyes. As we rounded a corner, lo! the mountain we had passed two days before had disappeared inside the jaws of a metallic locust feasting on a decimated mountain. With each bite of the coal shovel 83 feet of the mountainside disappeared. That was my first experience with strip mining.

Years later it dawned on me that coal, fossil fuel, and wood were

energies that could be depleted, that mountain traditions could be lost, that ice caps could melt, and that the ways our culture had learned to live and took for granted were not sustainable. We could not endure if the mountains, valleys, and rivers where we lived could not endure.

This summer issue of the Berea College Magazine explores the dual themes of Appalachia and sustainability. Through the labor, learning, and service of Berea students, alumni, faculty, and staff we are taking steps toward a better understanding of and appreciation for the world in which we live.

Our cover story, "Bill Best: An Appalachian Heirloom" (p. 22) takes the reader on a journey from the farm valley up the mountain with a Berea alumnus and retired faculty member who is preserving Appalachian traditions through his sustainable mountain agriculture and heirloom seeds. In "A Year of Living and Working in a More Sustainable World" (p. 20) we chronicle a year of 'green' steps taken across campus to create more eco-friendly structures, and develop more sustainable living practices. "Into the Woods—Taking a Different Path to Learning" (p. 30) follows the trail of two extraordinary students, one who hiked and mapped the Sheltowee Trace in Kentucky and Tennessee, and the other who trekked the entire length of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine.

As always, the summer issue is chock full of snapshot portraits of our awardwinning graduates, students, and faculty members. Upcoming issues for the year include the arts, education, renovations, business and technology. If you know

someone who would make a good story, drop me a line. If you have fond memories of Pearsons, Middletown School, Knapp Hall, or even the old Heat Plant, I'd love to hear from you. Maybe we can include your thoughts in our upcoming issues.

Be Well and Be Green,

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"Neil Arnold, '85

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2006



Great Commitments Relay Concludes with Celebration

After traveling for six weeks, crossing six states, and covering 1,855 miles, Berea College's Great Commitments Relay team arrived safely back on campus on May 12. More than 80 Berea alumni, faculty, staff, students, trustees, and friends crossed the finish line on bikes and on foot. They were greeted by the College trustees, faculty, and staff, then were entertained by the Country Dancers and the Berea College Bluegrass Band.

Throughout the journey, approximately 400 people participated in the relay or took part in one of the many alumni chapter celebrations. Relay participants traveled through big cities and small communities in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. The route wound



(Left to right) Amy Harmon, '99; Tracy Burgess III, '98; Dorothy Alexander, '52; Doyle Mills and Rhenda Mills, '64; Mae Suramek, '95; and Tim Jordan, '76, hold the copy of the Great Commitments in the state Capitol Building in Frankfort.

through states in the region the College has been committed to serving since its founding in 1855. Along the way, they stopped at mayoral and gubernatorial offices, the birthplace of John G. Fee in Bracken County, and many other sites important to the College and nation's civil rights history.

In the final half-mile of the relay large numbers of Bereans participated as the throng crossed the finish line at the corner of Jackson and Short Streets. In one leg of the relay, two trustees—Bill Gruver and Mark Stitzer along with seven alumni and friends, biked over 100 miles through Eastern Kentucky in one day. Said Stitzer, "You know, it's easy to write a check but it's a little harder to put on a helmet and get on a bike and ride a hundred miles for the school!" He added, "We had a great time."

For a day-by-day account of the journey written by the relay team, log onto http://www.berea.edu/150/.

Berea Is a 'Best Value' College

The Princeton Review's 2007 edition of *America's Best Value Colleges* (Random House) ranked Berea College second on its list of "Top Ten Best Values for Private Colleges." The authors cited more than 30 factors to recommend their choices, including academics, students' grade-point average, and the size of financial aid packages awarded to students. Berea was the only school in Kentucky—public or private—that made the Review's Top Ten List. A complete listing is available on the Review's website, http://www.PrincetonReview.com.

Bereans Attend Bread for the World Workshop

Fifteen students and staff attended a regional workshop organized by Bread for the World (BFW) in Lexington, Kentucky. BFW is a national Christian interdenominational organization based in Washington, DC that works to end hunger in the U.S. and abroad through bipartisan legislative efforts. The February workshop educated participants about the 2006 campaign to address hunger and poverty: "One Spirit, One Will, Zero Poverty."

The day made a huge impact on its participants. Dallyda Tachi '09, whose family emigrated to Tennessee from Zaire when she was seven, said, "I was moved by how many people are trying to end poverty and hunger, and it touched me that people do care about the world."

Following the workshop, several student chaplains organized residence hall programs to share information and encourage student letters to their legislators in Washington.



Students and staff attended a February Bread for the World workshop.



EPG Students Dress for Success



EPG students model their "new career look" with their Dress for Success mentors.

Uncharacteristically chipper for an early Saturday morning, 12 Entrepreneurship for the Public Good (EPG) women loaded up a van and headed out to Cincinnati for an exciting shopping experience at Dress for Success and the 4th Street Boutique. Debbi Brock, co-director of the EPG program, coordinated the trip to provide the EPG fellows with professional suits for their upcoming internships.

Dress for Success is a national program that donates suits to women who are entering the work force. Clients receive their first suit prior to the job interview; and a second suit after being

hired. Sarah Coram, '06, a psychology major said, "Dress for Success does amazing work. It is a generous and life-long gift that they give to women by helping them to see themselves as respectable and beautiful."

Since its inception by Mary Ivers in 1999, Dress for Success has provided new suits to more than 3000 women. Returning clients may join the organization's professional women's group, which mentors women in dealing with the responsibilities, social etiquette, and human relations involved in navigating the world of business.

"The students looked beautiful," said Brock. "The support that Dress for Success provides is not simply a suit, a purse, and a string of pearls, but also a confidence they build in women to succeed."

-Esther White, '07

Student Researchers Going Strong

Chemistry and biology students continue to make contributions to academic research on campus. Professor Matt Saderholm reported that several chemistry majors presented papers on their summer research this year.

Attending the Memphis southeast regional meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS) in September were Emily Fletcher, '06, Say Lee The, '06, Melissa Bradley, '06, and Jessica Price, '09. Last November, Wendy Brotherton, '06, presented at the American Geological Society meeting in Salt Lake City. This spring Martin Groenewegen, '08, presented at the national ACS meeting in Atlanta.

Overheard on Campus

On the environmental footprint of humankind

"We are changing the world in ways that are quite remarkable.... Your actions today will affect what happens 50 years from now. You need to realize that this is your problem. The generations need to start talking to each other. The solution has to be initiated today."

— Andrew C. Revkin New York Times environmental reporter The Daily Planet: A.burnalist's Search for Sustainability from the Amazon to the Arctic March 2006

On the survival of the species

"Humans eat everything. That's what makes humans so successful."

-Dr. Paul Rozin professor of psychology at University of Pennsylvania Food is Frightening, Fun and Fundamental Feb 2006 On advanced college degrees for African American students

"You need to stand up and continue the movement."

—Dr. Mary Frances Howard-Hamilton Listening to the Voices of Our Sisters: Her Presence is Everywhere Feb 2006

On faith, hope, and love

"Love may be the greatest, but hope may be the hardest."

—Ken Sehested founder, Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America On the Far Side of Revenge: Just Peace March 2006

On leadership

"Entrepreneurship is what leads to change. That's what makes America better; that's what makes our lives better. You can create something of value that will pay off for you and for your community."

> — John Whitehead author of ALife in Leadership: From D-Day to Ground Zero April 2006

On the environmental impact of mountaintop removal

"This is not an issue to be civil or polite about."

-Bob Sloan

"If the land does not prosper, nothing can prosper for very long."

—Wendell Berry contributing authors to *Mssing Muntains* April 2006

Brushy Fork Holds Its Annual Institute September 13-15, 2006

Berea College invites participants to brush up on skills of civic engagement during the second annual Brushy Fork Institute to be held on campus from September 13-15. Leaders of nonprofits, agencies, and civic groups made the first Annual Institute a resounding success. This year the Institute will feature Appalachian community development success stories and again bring inspiring, nationally known speakers. Workshops include nonprofit



Sara Thilman of Flying High Design conducts a workshop on community building.

management, community economic development, fundraising, web site development, leadership, and more. Visit www.brushyfork.org for registration and more information, or call 859-985-3858.

CSO Grant Strengthens Carter G. Woodson Open House

Berea College was one of three grant recipients for program development funds from the Center for Student Opportunity (CSO) in Bethesda, Maryland. CSO has pledged to expand support for the Carter G. Woodson Open House, an annual event that welcomes prospective African American students to campus, by assisting with programming and travel expenses. The open house event increases the likelihood of matriculation among its invited students. While the grant is for the 2006-07 academic year, Berea has the opportunity to reapply for subsequent years. CSO seeks to promote college access and opportunity among first-generation and other historically underserved student populations. They awarded similar grants to Gonzaga University and Oberlin College.

Work + College = A Valued Education

A three-year study of six colleges in the Work Colleges Consortium (WCC) by the Lumina Foundation reveals that students place higher value on their education when their labor is tied to their academic environment. Because nationwide nearly 80 percent of students work during an academic year, according to Dennis Jacobs, director of the WCC, student work is of growing importance for all higher education policy makers and administrators.

At work colleges student workers more clearly articulate their institution's

values and mission. In addition to increased financial support, students at work colleges report such benefits as better career development, expanded educational options, and real world links to academic programs. In addition, students noted increased personal growth, increased self esteem, and a powerful sense of community.

The six work colleges included in the study were Berea College and Alice Lloyd College in Kentucky, Warren Wilson College in North Carolina, Blackburn College in Illinois, College of

Berea Hosts Writing for Reconciliation Summer Conference

Berea College hosted the "Writing for Reconciliation" summer conference sponsored by the College and the Assembly for Expanded Perspectives on Learning (AEPL), a division of National Council of Teachers of English. Teacher-writers from across the nation gathered to explore the role of writing to achieve reconciliation between individuals, institutions, and communities. Conference workshops focused on creativity as renewal, writing and healing, the spiritual side of writing and teaching, and the vocation of the teacher and writer, among other engaging topics.

The assembly holds a summer conference each year to focus on intensive dialogue and regeneration, said English professor Libby Jones who organized the event. "It is a time to step back a bit and probe deeply into issues that are essential to our teaching and writing lives."

Among the featured workshop leaders were bell hooks, author of 25 books and the College distinguished writer in residence, and poet Marilyn Kallet, from the



University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Professor Libby Jones introduces plenary speakers bell hooks and Marilyn Kallet.

the Ozarks in Missouri, and Sterling College in Vermont. The results of the study, Work, Learning, and Belonging at the Six U.S. Work Colleges may be viewed online at http://www. workcolleges.org/research.htm.

Partnam Manalai, '07, works in The Learning Center as a tutor. The biology major hopes to pursue a medical degree.



Tyler Castells, '08

Seven Students Garner Dingman Awards

Dingman Book Awards were handed out to seven students who exhibited excellence in synthesizing labor, learning, and service. Winners included Rachel Rosolina, '06, and the six members of the 10x10 sustainability campaign: Maya Benami, '08, Danielle Capillo, '06, Jason Eckley, '06, Aisulu Masylkanova, '06, Elizabeth Nolan, '07, and Danielle Spencer, '08.

Dr. Stephen Bolster, music faculty member, nominated Rosolina, citing her work as program manager for the One-on-One Tutoring program. He said, "Rachel combines her labor and service for the betterment of society. She has a passion to serve others and benefit humankind, and puts that passion into action."

Tammy Clemons, '99, sustainability coordinator, and Betty Hibler, associate director of the Center for Excellence in Learning Through Service, nominated the 10x10 team, commending the team for their efforts to promote clean and renewable energy use by the College.

Each student received a gift certificate to a bookstore of their choice. The Dingman Book Award honors Helen Dingman, former sociology professor at Berea College.

We Enjoy Hearing From You!

Mrs. Fern Hall Hayes offered the following identification of the 1912 vintage photograph of Berea students on the back cover of the Spring 2006 magazine. Seated on the left is Corbett B. Hall and standing beside him is Kelly Hall, his cousin, both of Viper, Kentucky.

We welcome correspondence from others who may identify students in our archival photos, or simply want to share their news and views.



Students Receive Awards, Scholarships, and Grants for Volunteer and Labor Service to Appalachia

Through her labor position with the Students for Appalachia program, Danielle Capillo, '06, became a leader in service to the region. For her efforts during her college career, the child and families studies major received the Stammer Appalachian Service Award. Danielle also played pivotal roles in the 10x10 student-led sustainability campaign, the HEAL environmental program, the local and organic foods initiative, as well as other community social and environmental justice issues. Danielle was a Compton Mentor Fellowship finalist.



Jessica Heatherly, '06, received the Jane Ann Kendrick Community Service Award, which is for strictly volunteer service to the community that has improved and enriched the lives of others. Heatherly, a child and education major from La Follette, Tennessee, has worked with the Berea Buddies program which is designed to build mentoring relationships between the College students and the youth of the

Jessica Heatherly

Berea area. The Berea Buddies program aims to serve children by offering them security, devotion, and stability all while helping them to grow as world citizens.

In all, 12 students received service awards, 2 juniors received scholarships, and 3 students were provided grant monies for a project to improve life in the Appalachian region of Kentucky during the 2006 Service Awards banquet this April.



Service award recipients posed with convocation speaker, Dr. Nadinne Cruz, who praised Berea as a college founded on hope.

Lindsay Bruner, '06

Jake Krack Fiddles His Way to **Red Foley Music Award**

Appalachian fiddle champion Jake Krack, '07, received the Red Foley Memorial Music Award from Berea College this spring. The Red Foley Award, established in 1970, recognizes talented students for their musical contributions to the social life of the campus and community.



Jake Krack

In addition to performing with the College bluegrass band and elsewhere, Krack completed an internship at the Smithsonian Folklife Archives in Washington, DC this year, participated in producing a traditional fiddle CD on the Smithsonian Folkways label, and attended the Alan Lomax symposium held at the Library of Congress for scholars and music archivists.

Last year he released two new CDs, Git-er Done, with the Whoopin-Hollar String Band, and The Great Compromise, with the Hog Hollar String Band. The Red Foley Award is given to assist worthy students in a professional music career and to promote folk, country, bluegrass, gospel, and popular music.

Elston Chosen as Compton Mentor Fellow

Marcus Elston, '06, was awarded a 2006 Compton Mentor Fellowship for his proposal "Griot Music Revolution: Shifting the Direction and Message of Popular Music." Elston's proposal detailed a year-long project to create an alternative concert for young African Americans that differs from that to which many may be accustomed.

"The most exciting aspect of winning the fellowship is the prestige that comes along with the award and joining the ranks of past Bereans who had the opportunity to receive this recognition," said Elston. "It makes one think of finally 'making your mother proud' because she was ecstatic when I told her."

The Compton Mentor Fellowship fosters human and ecological security by addressing contemporary threats to these rights. Since its inception in 1996 five Berea College students have received Compton Mentor Fellowships: Jacqueline Price Sequoia, '02, Jennie Koch, '03, Stella Lawson, '04, Jessica Clark, '05, and Tricia Feeney, '05.



Marcus Elston

Fagan and Turner Receive Udall Foundation Funds

The Morris K. Udall Foundation recently awarded two Berea College undergraduates scholarships for their commitment to careers related to the environment. Jessica E. Fagan, '07, a junior majoring in biology and chemistry, and Jessica L. Turner, '07, a junior independent major in sustainable building design, were the first two Berea students to be granted these scholarships. In the past Berea students have received honorable mentions from the foundation. Each year, the Morris K. Udall Foundation awards 80 scholarships of up to \$5,000 on the basis of merit to sophomoreand junior-level college students.





Jessica Turner

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Bingham and Fults Named Watson Fellows

Interests in art and the environment led two Berea graduates to cross the Pacific Ocean to pursue their passions through international and independent study for a year. Isaac Bingham, '05, an art major from Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and Jason Fults, '05, a biology major from Land O' Lakes, Florida, each received a \$25,000 Thomas J. Watson fellowship for 2006-07.

Isaac Bingham is using his award to study aspects of indigenous boat building under the guidance of native boat builders in Southeast Asia and South America. His interest in boat building stretches back to his childhood on Lake Champlain in Vermont. "The idea that I could one day build a boat was planted by my father," he said. After he returns from his project, he plans to continue the study of art, ceramics, and boat building through a master of fine arts program.

"I want to become an advocate and resource for indigenous boat building to help preserve and share this unique knowledge."

Bingham is a man of diverse interests and service. He volunteered for five non-consecutive months in rural Morocco as a carpenter, handyman, and English tutor, worked in the Berea College ceramic apprenticeship program, and studied reed boat building in Peru. "Life," he said, "is not just for plodding, but for plying."

At age nine Jason Fults first articulated his dream in an "I Can, I Will" contest. "I will save the world from death, disease, and war," he wrote. "I will discover, design, and make things that will help mankind." Now Fults will use his Watson award to engage in dialogue with scientists, thinkers, and activists in India, Malaysia, and China.

After high school Fults traveled across the U.S. and then joined the Job Corps which indirectly brought him to Berea College. "No experience had yet stretched me, had yet nourished me the way Berea has." His experience at the College led him to a position as student researcher at the Department of Energy's Global Change Education Program where he tracked the effects of global warming upon deciduous forests.

During a three-year hiatus from college this nontraditional student became a grassroots organizer with the Student Environmental Action Coalition. While not attending college, Fults stayed active in the collegiate world, traveling to campuses





Isaac Bingham

Jason Fults



Isaac Bingham observes the boat construction detail in Essaouira, Morocco.

nationwide to educate students about clean energy. This spring, following his midyear graduation, he was the primary organizer of Berea College's successful Campus Community Partnership for Sustainability conference.

Now he plans to educate people about the wideranging scope of science, especially as it pertains to environmental policy. "I think that the nine-year-old who set me off on this journey," Fults muses, "his optimism and naïveté abounding, might still recognize something of himself if we could somehow meet again. There is a wide, old world awaiting and many important questions still in need of asking."

The Watson Foundation is a charitable trust founded in 1961 by the widow of Thomas J. Watson, Sr. to honor her husband who founded IBM. In 1968, the Watson children established the fellowship program in recognition of their parents' interest in education and world affairs.

Rachel Rosolina: Reading and Writing Her Way to Social Justice

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for Excellence in

through Service

(CELTS). This

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Learning

By Linda C. Reynolds

At the annual academic awards banquet this spring, Rachel Rosolina, '06, received six major rercognitions for both academics and service. This stellar senior works two labor positions, volunteers for various causes, and promotes social justice reform, yet Rachel modestly says, "I have learned so much from people for whom I do service."

Rosolina earned the prestigious Seabury Award for academics and leadership, as well as the Phi Kappa Phi award for academics, the Louise Veltin Memorial service award, and a Dingman Book Award for combined, learning, labor, and service. The Hampton, Tennessee native garnered two scholarships for graduate study—the Emily Ann Smith scholarship for English majors and the Mary Macauley Smith scholarship in humanities.

"Receiving multiple awards at the Academic Awards banquet was, quite honestly, overwhelming," Rachel says. "I did not expect to receive so much for my academic work here. It was a great honor to be recognized so many times."

The decision to attend Berea College was a major turning point in Rachel's life. Initially she felt that the College was too far from home, but the warm welcome she received during a campus visit changed her mind. "I could sense the strong feeling of community, and I was impressed by Berea's commitment to diversity." Berea's positives, she says, "outweighed the hardship of a fourand-a-half hour trip away from home."

As a freshman Rachel enrolled in a "Service, Citizenship, and



Rachel Rosolina

in promoting social justice. She put that interest into action when Mendel-Reyes asked her to work for the College environmental group, HEAL, as a secondary labor position. By her sophomore year, she was tutoring K-12 students in Berea's One-on-One Tutoring program, eventually being promoted to program manager.

While in high school Rachel led tours at a historic site, volunteered at a day care center, and took part in Girl Scout events, but she says, "Berea redefined service for me. Now I see it as a 'two-way street'. I can learn; they can learn." She learned to take action, then step back to reflect on it, seeing what can be done differently. "The 'what can be done differently' pushed me to see how I, or others, can better serve."

Rachel channeled her love for reading and writing into her study of English, with a concentration in writing. An Appalachian Studies minor, she felt fortunate to work part-time on the *Appalachian Heritage* Magazine with editor George Brosi. There she gained experience in proofing, editing, and reading manuscripts for a literary magazine.



Rosolina confers with *Appalachian Heritage* editor George Brosi on page proofs.

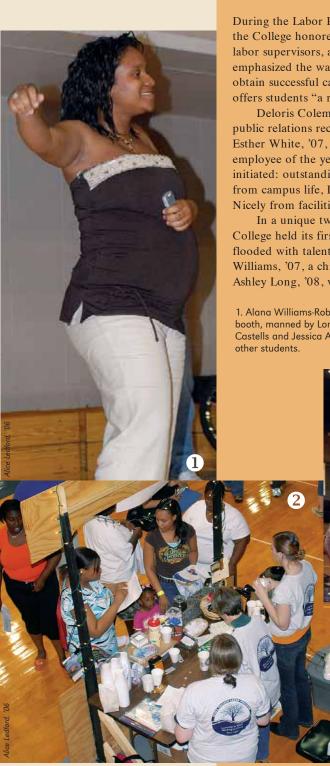
She credits professors Richard Sears and Eugene Startzman for recognizing her potential and challenging her as a writer. Her essay, "Separation," written in response to her first lobbying effort, won the Florence Prize for Essays. The article was inspired by her pairing with Patty F. Wallace, '52, to lobby representatives in the Kentucky legislature on tax reform. Rachel recalls one legislator who patronized the two, saying upon their departure, "Go hug those trees."

Wallace got the last laugh by politely replying, "We don't have any trees left to hug."

Wallace's response became the device Rachel used to 'remember' the social justice issues she writes about. "I try to draw people in and make them want to get involved by adding an element of humor."

In the fall she will pursue an MFA in nonfiction at West Virginia University.





Labor Program Honors Work Well Done

During the Labor Program annual awards banquet held at Boone Tavern, the College honored some of its most outstanding student workers, labor supervisors, and mentors. Guest speaker, Jason Miller,'98, emphasized the ways in which the labor program helps students to obtain successful careers after graduation. The labor program, he said, offers students "a real future with limitless opportunities."

Deloris Coleman of student crafts and Linda Reynolds, '93, of public relations received outstanding supervisor of the year awards, and Esther White, '07, received the Berea College outstanding student employee of the year award. This year a new labor award category was initiated: outstanding mentor of the year. Recipients were Dodie Karr from campus life, Lesia Holder from the labor program, and Carolyn Nicely from facilities management.

In a unique twist on the traditional Labor Day celebration, Berea College held its first "Berea Idol" competition. The competition was flooded with talent, but there could only be one winner—singer Alana Williams, '07, a child and family studies major. Lamont Hill, '07, and Ashley Long, '08, were finalists.

1. Alana Williams-Robinson, '07, Berea Idol winner 2. Campus Christian Center booth, manned by Loretta Reynolds and student chaplains. 3. Gladiators Tyler Castells and Jessica Atkinson square off. 4. Renee Sloan, '07, drums alongside other students.



Look! Up in the Sky! It's a Bird! It's a Plane! No, It's a Frisbee!

By Stephanie Henry, '08

The last weekend of April, Berea College's Ultimate Frisbee team realized a dream that had eluded them for nearly two years; they attended a regional tournament in Chicago.

> The team qualified for regionals after returning from a tournament at Ohio University with a record seven wins and one loss. Team manager Jake Krack, '07, said, "Playing at Ohio University was incredible. Unfortunately, we did not get a chance to test ourselves against the best

teams there because of the one loss we had."

Many people are unfamiliar with the relatively new sport called Ultimate Frisbee, with rules likened both to football and basketball. Like football, the game occurs on a rectangular field where two teams of seven players each may score by reaching the end zones. Players may not run with the disc. Like basketball, the player catching the Frisbee must come to a stop and try to throw it to another teammate. By passing from player to player, the offensive team works the disc upfield towards the goal. If the disc hits the ground, is intercepted, or is knocked down by the other team, then the defensive team takes possession, forcing a turnover.

Ultimate Frisbee is a non-contact sport. Any form of touch between players can be constituted as a foul. What makes the game unique is the "spirit of the game"—a code of conduct that places the responsibility for fair play on the players themselves. Unlike other sports, there are no referees.

Chad McPherson, '06, an Ultimate Frisbee team player, said, "My favorite thing is the fact that the sport is laid back. We are a group of people that get together to do something that we enjoy. We do all the preparation, play calling, and defensive strategies ourselves. We work as a unit because of this and can adapt to many situations. I love the sport simply because it is not run like other sports."

Although not yet affiliated with the College due to financial and sponsorship issues, the Ultimate Frisbee team will be back next year. According to Krack, they "hope to be an affiliated team because we have been working with SGA (student government) to achieve that." Graduating team members are Shane Garver, '06, Anthony Hobert, '06 (captain), and Chad McPherson, '06. Next year's team includes Dennis Dow, '07, Jake Krack, '07 (general manager), Jimmie Blevins, '07 (captain), Jumis Locmelis, '07 (cocaptain), Emilie Throop, '08, Megan Reid, '08, Jonathan Hunt, '08, Micah Smith, '08, Matthew Wickert, '08, William Weaver, '08, Shawn Walters, '08, Jonathan Zapf, '09, John Stoltz, '09, and Matthew Baunack, '09.



John Stoltz, Shawn Walters, and Jonathan Zapf play keep away with a member of the opposing team.

Megan Reid, '08, lets one fly.

Gordon McKinney Receives Service Award from Appalachian **Studies Association**



joined Berea's

faculty in 1995.

During its annual conference held in Dayton, Ohio this spring, Dr. Gordon McKinney, current Julian-Van Dusen Chair in American History and retired director of the Appalachian Center at Berea College, received honors from the Appalachian Studies Association (ASA) for a lifetime of service. The Cratis D. Williams/James S. Brown Service Award is the highest honor bestowed by the 600-member association and is given annually to an individual

who has made exemplary contributions to Appalachia.

As author of numerous articles on Appalachian history and issues, McKinney has made significant contributions to our understanding of Appalachia and the Civil War through his four published works. The most recent is Zeb Vance: North Carolina's Civil War Governor and Gilded Age Political Leader (2004). Over the years McKinney has been actively engaged in Appalachian preservation and history as an editor, speaker, and consultant. He received accolades, grants, and awards from numerous historical preservation institutions, such as the Appalachian College Association, Appalachian Regional Commission, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The ASA award honors Cratis Williams, linguist, storyteller, cultural activist, and eloquent defender of Appalachian culture born in 1911 in Lawrence County, Kentucky, and James S. Brown, the sociologist at the University of Kentucky who pioneered studies of Appalachian society, demography, and migration.

Four New Trustees Join Berea Board

Four trustees were recently elected to the Berea College Board. Architect Bill Richardson of Whitesburg, Kentucky, and financial executive, Shawn Johnson of Winchester, Massachusetts, were elected in February. In April, Charlotte Beason, '70, executive director of the Kentucky Board of Nursing in Louisville, Kentucky, and senior international trade and intellectual property attorney, Vicki Allums, '79, of Arlington, Virginia, joined the board.



Bill Richardson founded Richardson Associates Architects in Whitesburg, Kentucky, in 1976. The firm's projects have included master planning for college campuses and a variety of projects ranging from redevelopment to health care facilities and commercial buildings in Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia. In 1969, he founded Appalshop (the

Appalachian community film workshop), a multidisciplinary arts and education center. In addition to his master's in architecture from Yale University, Richardson earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from DePauw University.



Shawn Johnson is senior managing director of State Street Global Advisors (SSgA), chairman of the firm's investment committee, and director of institutional fiduciary services. Johnson was an intelligence officer with the U.S. Naval Reserve. He earned a bachelor's in aerospace and ocean engineering, a master's in electrical engineering

from Virginia Tech, and an MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.



Charlotte Beason, '70, graduated with a nursing degree from Berea College, a master's in psychiatric nursing from Boston University, and a doctorate in clinical psychology and public practice from Harvard University. In 1993, Beason worked with the White House Task Force on Health Care Reform. She has been a Berea College alumni advisory board member since 2003.



Vicki Elaine Allums, '79, serves as associate general counsel for the American Institute of Architects in Washington, DC. She was senior attorney for the U.S. Customs Service Office of Regulations and Rulings, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and National Public Radio. Allums received a juris doctorate from the University of Kentucky and a

master's in public affairs from Indiana University. From 1999-2005, she served on the Berea College alumni executive council and was its president from 2003-04.



Seventeen Bereans Retire from 443 Years of Service

President Shinn congratulated the five staff and twelve faculty members, who gave nearly four-and-a-half centuries of service to the College, saying that the College doors are never closed. "You're always welcome back at our campus." Retiring staff members include Bradley Montgomery (39 years as supervisor of the Heat Plant), Sharon Jones (23 years in facilities management), Carolyn Niceley (18 years in facilities management), Terry Fields (18 years overseeing the student crafts program), and Suzi Kifer (8 years as associate director of the International Center).

Retiring faculty members are Philip Spears (teaching economics, business, and general studies for 38 years), Laura Crawford, '62, (nursing faculty for 38 years), Dr. Smith Powell, '61, (former department chairman and physics faculty member for 36 years), Marlene Payne, '61, (child and family studies faculty for 36 years), Dr. Larry Blair, '66, (former dean of faculty and William J. Hutchins Alumni professor of chemistry and Nathaniel Southgate Shaler Memorial Chair in Chemistry, 35 years), Dr. Roswell Cox, '66, (35 years in child and family studies), Dr. Tom Boyd (former department chairman and professor of sociology, 29 years), Dr. Jim Yount (27 years in technology and industrial arts), Dr. Joan Weston (26 years in physical education and health), Dr. Sandra Pennington, (18 years as professor in the nursing department), Lowell Taylor (12 years in child and family studies), and Sondra Ferguson, (7 years on nursing faculty).

In parting, Laura Crawford summarized her Berea experiences at the College, by saying "The students have provided the incentive for me to continue my teaching career. During my years at Berea I was fortunate to work with many wonderful nursing and general education students who are now doing great things all over the world. It is exciting and very humbling to think that I may have had some influence in their personal and professional development."

Dr. Robert Boyce Publishes Architectural History of Berea College

Dr. Robert Boyce, '66, who holds the Brad and Christine Miller Mischler Chair in Art, recently published *Building a College: An Architectural History of Berea College* as part of the College's sesquicentennial celebration. The book began as a seed idea in 1982 from then President Willis Weatherford. After it emerged into its current shape, a part of it grew into an exhibit of Berea architecture hung in the Traylor Art Building in 1993.



Alice Ledford, '06

Building a College traces the records of the personalities, politics, and circumstances that left an indelible impact on the physical form of the town and College. Said Boyce, "It is still evident that a college's history is physically embodied in its buildings." Boyce has been the recipient of three National Endowment for the Arts summer seminars and has chaired the art department for the last ten years. To purchase copies of this book, please email janet_tronc@berea.edu.

Jane Stephenson Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Governor Ernie Fletcher and the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS) in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services bestowed the 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award for volunteerism to former Berea College first lady Jane Stephenson, of Lexington, Kentucky. The awards were presented at the

state Capitol in Frankfort in April. A panel

of judges with volunteer and community service backgrounds chose winners in 10 categories, with Stephenson receiving the top honor. In 1987 Stephenson founded the New Opportunity School for Women in Berea.



Gov. Ernie Fletcher presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to Jane Stephenson.

All Things Appalachian Appear in this 20-lb. Compendium

By David Hurt

At the recent Appalachian Studies Association (ASA) conference in Ohio, Appalachian scholars and editors rolled out the first edition of *The Encyclopedia of Appalachia*, published by the University of Tennessee Press in Knoxville. This important new reference work brings a full range of perspectives to bear on the Appalachian landscape, people, economy, culture, and institutions. The text spans 1,864 pages that covers 13 states from New York to Mississippi, and includes more than 2,000 entries on subjects as diverse as chestnut blight and jazz.

Among the encyclopedia's impressive array of experts, as one might expect, are a number of Berea faculty, staff, and others with ties to the College. Bereans have helped shape perceptions of Appalachia since William Goodell Frost and continue to contribute to the region in this important reference work.

The list of sponsors includes Jane B. Stephenson, wife of the late Berea president John Stephenson, as an advisory board member. Dr. Gordon McKinney, former director of the Appalachian Center and recipient of the Cratis D. Williams and James S. Brown Award, appears on the editorial board and contributes a number of entries, including an essay on Appalachian institutions. Dr. Loyal Jones, '54, founder of Berea's Appalachian Center, contributes entries and quotations on that most Appalachian of subjects—humor. He himself was the subject of one article by Harry Robie.

A number of Berea staff, faculty, alumni, and trustees contributed to the compendium, of which the following are only a sampling. George Brosi, editor of *Appalachian Heritage* magazine, contributes an insightful introduction on Appalachian images and icons. Deborah Thompson, on staff with the Appalachian Center, collaborates on a section devoted to family and

community. College sound archivist, Harry Rice, contributed an entry on traveling tent shows. Michael Best, '88, formerly of Berea's agriculture department co-edited the section on agriculture; his father, Bill Best, '59, contributed entries.

Co-editors of the encyclopedia Randy Abramson and Jean Haskell highlight the role of Berea College's seventh president, John Stephenson, as the inspiration and mentor for this ambitious project. In his speech "Appalachian Studies and the Third Millennium" given at Berea College in 1976, Stephenson alludes to a torrent of information that is the untidy, unfinished, and often contradictory story of a diverse and complex region. Overlooked by traditional historians, interpretations are now being challenged, fleshed out, and lit up by the contemporary scholars who contribute to this encyclopedia.

English historian Arnold Toynbee, in a 1947 abridgement of his epic *A Study of History*, stated that "mountain people today are no better than barbarians. They suffer from poverty, squalor, and ill health. They present the melancholy spectacle of a people who acquired civilization and then lost it." Frequently, the layman's view of Appalachia often revealed poverty, violence, and victimhood. The editors of this *Encyclopedia of Appalachia* have constructed a powerful rebuttal of Toynbee's view.



A set of test questions you would score well on if you had *The Encyclopedia of Appalachia* might include:

- 1. What West Virginia comedian became a nation's best-loved deputy sheriff? (Answer on p. 986)
- 2. Do most mountain whittlers prefer folding knives or straight blades? (Answer on p. 839)
- 3. What mysterious mixed-race people may have come from Portugal or Turkey to settle Eastern Kentucky? (*Answer* on p. 1269)
- 4. What Appalachian group only claimed kinship through the mother's family? (Answer on p. 158)
- 5. What famous photographer known for portraying Appalachians loaned her subjects clothes and 'props' for the shot? (Answer on p. 1451)
- 6. Why can't we go to Walmart to select from the more than 7,000 varieties of apples that were available at the beginning of the 21st century? (*Answer* on p. 422)

These questions only give a flavor of the fascinating information available in the encyclopedia. Those interested in ordering copies through the College Bookstore may email: bcbookstore@berea.edu.

B Appalachia

Berry Brings a Vision to Berea and Appalachia

By Taylor Ballinger, '07

An aspiring global citizen with his heart in Appalachia, Chad Berry, newly appointed director of Berea's Appalachian Center, has landed his dream job.

The northern Indiana native became fascinated with the region as a child after traveling with his grandparents to Tennessee, a place they had left in search of jobs and a better life for their family. Berry was astounded by the stark differences between life in Appalachia and life in urban Indiana. His fascination coalesced while pursuing his bachelor's degree in American studies at Notre Dame, and then at Western Kentucky University, gaining his master's in folk studies. Eventually, he told the story of millions of Southerners who left the South in his book, Southern Migrants, Northern Exiles.

The Appalachian scholar knew that the only college that could lure him away from his job as associate professor of history at Maryville College was Berea. From the beginning, Berry applauded Berea College's commitment to Appalachia as well as to equality for all people, regardless of race, creed, gender, or socioeconomic status. "It just makes me want to stand up and cheer," he exclaims.

His vision for Appalachia, like his choice of post-graduate studies, is broad and inclusive akin to the commitments the College has held for a century and a half. While studying for a



Chad Berry

tool that will encourage students to return home and help improve Appalachia.

"It's a tired cliché that we live in a global age, but boundaries are fading away," says Berry, current president of the Appalachian Studies Association. "Every country I've visited has an Appalachia—a place that's just a little different. I think that once students go to those places they will discover comparisons to make back home."

Encouraging students to travel abroad is only a part of Berry's plans. He hopes to reach out and engage a more diverse body of students in Appalachian studies. A common misconception that people have, he says, is that Appalachia is comprised solely of whites. But the region is increasingly diverse, especially in southern Appalachia, for example, where a booming economy has led to a dramatic increase in Latinos. "I could draw a circle around my home in Tennessee 20 miles out, and it would encompass incredible diversity," he explains, "socioeconomic diversity; racial, cultural, and ethnic diversity-all

doctorate in U.S. history at Indiana University, Berry minored in Southern African studies. He sees international travel as a pivotal learning

in that 20-mile diameter."

Berry believes diverse students must be included in the Center's understanding of Appalachia. Once diverse students feel welcome in the classroom, their understanding will change as well.

Making Berea's Appalachian Center the focal point of regional education would allow the College to project to the outside world a different portrait of Appalachia than the one they are used to receiving. "When National Public Radio does a story on coal mining accidents, I think the Center should be the place where they instinctively pick up the phone and get somebody [at the College] to help educate people around the country."

As the new director Berry hopes to lead a short-term class expedition to various parts of the Appalachian region. His version of "The Appalachian Trail" would offer students a chance to view all of Appalachia and its diversity. Students would see the different problems, challenges, and successes of each area of Appalachia. Educating students, Berry believes, is the key to improving the region.

Berry's passion for the region has already attracted strong College support. President Larry Shinn welcomes the new director by saying, "Berea College is fortunate to find a person with the knowledge, passion, and commitment of Chad Berry to lead its Appalachian Center."

VOTE DREAM A Five-Word

At the College's 134th commencement on May 21st, 228 graduating seniors received five important lessons from civil rights leader Rev. Benjamin Lawson Hooks. His five-word commencement address was a call to action: Vote. Dream. Try. Believe. Persevere.

Through these five words the retired executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) invoked the life stories of prominent civil rights leaders, such as Frederick Douglass and Martin Luther King, Jr., to illustrate the importance of each word. Quoting Douglass, Hooks said that vote-less people are hopeless people. He called the dream to which King gave his life "a dream worth fighting for." We should not fear failure, he cautioned, because it is worse to never try at all. Citing College founder John G. Fee, who envisioned a college based on equality,



Izabela Luckiewicz

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BELIEVE PERSEVERE **Commencement Address**

he said, "No matter what happens, don't give up." Of his own struggles against racism as a young lawyer (who later became the first African American appointed as a criminal court judge in Tennessee), Hooks said, "If you can take it, you can make it."

Hooks' grandmother, Julia Britton Hooks, was an 1874 Berea graduate and the first African American to teach white students at the College. In her honor, Rev. Hooks and his wife, Frances, established a scholarship fund for Berea students. Rev. Hooks also received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the College.

Commencement Awards

President Shinn presented annual awards to outstanding graduates and faculty. The Hilda Welch Wood Award for outstanding achievement by a female graduate went to Izabela Luckiewicz of Bialystok, Poland. Luckiewicz, a political science

major, completed degree requirements midyear. The T.J. Wood Award for outstanding achievement by a male graduate, went to Shane Garver of Burton, Ohio, who received his bachelor's degree in physical education.

Berea's highest faculty honor-the Seabury Award for Excellence in Teaching-was presented to Dr. Dawn Anderson, associate biology professor and chair of the department. Anderson joined the Berea faculty in 1992. Dr. Michael Panciera, department chair and associate professor of agriculture and natural resources, received the Paul C. Hager Award for Excellence in Advising. He joined Berea's faculty in 1998. Music professor John Courter received the Elizabeth Perry Miles Service Award for his 35 years of service and numerous contributions to the campus and community as an organist, carillonneur and composer, and for volunteer work with Madison County's public radio station, WEKU.



Rev. Dr. Daisy L. Machado

Baccalaureate Speaker

Earlier in the day, the Rev. Dr. Daisy L. Machado, dean of Lexington Theological Seminary and an ordained Disciples of Christ minister, spoke to the graduates and their families at the baccalaureate service in Phelps Stokes Chapel. Machado also invoked founder John Fee, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and those like-minded individuals ("a cloud of witnesses") who believed in human rights and a global vision. "Berea graduates go forth and do not be afraid," Machado said. "Before you a path has been laid. It is up to you to follow in the footsteps of giants."



Shane Garver



Dr. Dawn Anderson



Dr. Michael Panciera



Dr. John Courter

Sustainability

A Year of Living and Working

In May 2005, the community gathered in Berea College's Ecovillage to officially dedicate the Boyd and Gaynell Fowler Child Development Laboratory and to kick off the Year of the Ecovillage. With its ecological machine, solar panels, and other architectural, heating, cooling, and lighting designs, the Ecovillage serves as a model for the conservation of energy and water. As of last September, the Ecovillage had reduced both its water and energy consumption by nearly 50 percent.



Boyd and Gaynell Fowler Child Development Lab

Tammy Clemons, '99, a women's studies major who earned her master of theological studies degree from Harvard, became Berea's sustainability coordinator, a two-year position funded by the Jesse Ball duPont Fund. Since January, Clemons began efforts to coordinate community and campus-wide outreach programs to encourage sustainability-related activities. Through workshops and other educational programs, she has increased campus participation in the recycling of batteries, cell phones, and inkjet and toner printer cartridges. Clemons developed a campus



Sustainability Coordinator, Tammy Clemons, '99

wide directory of sustainability information and organized two successful 'green living' workshops for making offices and homes more sustainable.

After 18 months of construction, the College's new heat plant, which replaces the obsolete coal-fired plant, began operating in August. The new, highly efficient distribution system supplies buildings with heating and cooling



New Heat Plant

more accurately based on the buildings' needs. The new pipes lose significantly less heat during transmission than the old steam piping. The new heat plant building also serves as an educational tool. "Visitors will be able to tour the plant, learning how this plant operates through labels and signage on equipment to describe items," said project manager Randy Adams.

This winter, the Log House Craft Gallery replaced its lighting fixtures with more energy efficient models and installed 90 new windows to reduce energy costs.



Log House Craft Gallery

Also, a solar shed currently being built in the Ecovillage to house the community's gardening supplies was the site of four natural building workshops held this spring. Each wall of the shed was built to demonstrate various types of ecologically sound construction— the earthbag wall, the slipstraw wall, the cordwood wall, and the cob wall.

More than 350 people attended the first annual Campus-Community Partnerships for Sustainability

"The starting point for a better

in a More Sustainable World



Straw bale construction of the Ecovillage solar shed

Conference in April. Among the workshops by notable speakers during the conference were those by Pat Murphy, executive director of Community Service, Inc., on the perils of peak oil; economist Michael Shuman on the importance of localized economy; and poet Wendell Berry and other authors from the Missing Mountains tour of Kentucky's mountaintop removal sites. Hands-on workshops included photovoltaic system installation, biofuel production, and stream monitoring, as well as other workshops focused on green buildings and landscapes, alternative energy and transportation, and facilitating community partnerships in sustainability issues.



Sustainability conference attendees tour the College Greenhouse.

The Local Food Initiative (LFI) has continued to promote the use of food from local and regional farmers and food producers on campus. In July 2005, the LFI submitted a report to the College Administrative Committee recommending that the College increase its use of responsibly produced regional and local foods in all its dining facilities, including Food Service, Crossroads Café, and Boone Tavern. The College gardens and greenhouse have increased production of salad greens for Food Service, and plans are underway to begin using College-grown meat in the near future.



Harvesting greens for salads at Boone Tavern.

Earlier this spring Andrew Revkin, the prize-winning environmental reporter for the *New York Times*, delivered a convocation lecture at Berea. Revkin described his quartercentury quest for evidence that people can balance human enterprise with the planet's limits. Also, Berea College was one of three colleges, including Harvard and Williams College, featured in an ABC News report about sustainability at some of the nation's top schools. The report discusses a number of ways in



Tyler Castells, '08

Andrew Revkin—environmental reporter and musician

which these schools have made tremendous strides to become more sustainable.

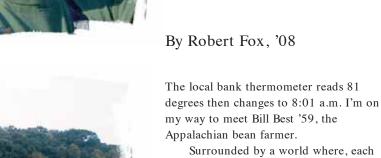
The 10x10 Campaign, a studentled initiative formed by Compton fellow Tricia Feeney, '05, in 2003 after attending a United Nations meeting in South Africa, continues to work towards reducing energy usage on campus. Last fall, the Administrative Committee endorsed the initiative's plan to install a one-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system on the roof of the Alumni Building. Its installation was completed this summer.

One member of the 10x10 Campaign, student Maya Benami, '08, began her work with the campaign as part of a class project. Now, she says she's gotten hooked. "Morally, how can I just sit still while mountains are being blown up, nuclear plants are spewing toxic particulates into our soils and atmosphere, and fossil fuels are being depleted at an exponential rate so that I can maintain my energy usage?" asks Benami. "I never knew how much of an effect these practices had on me until I came to Berea and saw how others do not live this way."

world is the belief that it is possible."

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day, everything seems to be moving faster along paved highways and encroaching buildings, I escape to the country. Driving in my small pick-up through a tunnel of leaves and green speckles, I emerge into a new world. Life slows down, changes color from tar asphalt-black to lush bottle-green.

Bill Best:

As the tunnel opens, I see morning dew on fresh cut grass. Turning into Bill's property, I park on a long gravel driveway. I walk around until I find an older man, smiling, talking to some younger people. They look like students.

He looks at me and waves. He has white hair and a back that is slightly bent; he is 70. After countless years teaching physical education at Berea College, Bill Best, has returned to the life he was born into, a life of mountain farming.

"Since I was two years old my grandfather was showing me how to tell a young cockle burr from a young sweet potato plant." Bill shares with me, "My mother got me involved in the heirloom beans, and it just so happens that in the last few years the heirlooms have gotten very popular." Today, one of the beans Bill grows is named after his mother, Margaret Best.

Passing on the heirloom tradition for several consecutive generations, Bill's aunt received a bean from her mother and then passed the bean on to Bill.

"The Bertie Best bean is my aunt's bean and we know that it is at least onehundred and forty years old."

Appalachian

Bill now teaches his grandson, Brian Best, the farming tradition.

As he talks, Bill looks upward to a blue sky through which white clouds dance. He smiles as he tells stories about his family history, how honored he feels to be in the Best family.

Bill attributes his love of farming to his mother. With a bit of intuitive intelligence, she predicted that a genetic downfall in beans would result in "a poorer quality of food." She knew, he says, that genetic alterations would happen, that beans would lose their taste and texture.

Industrialized agriculture has taken hold of the market and mass-produced beans are shipped across the country from places like California and Florida. At the end of the lines, stores fling their doors wide open, ready to sell beans at a cheaper cost. But this cheaper cost comes with a larger price tag for local farmers, like Bill, who produce better quality beans. With industrialized agriculture comes a chance for the consumer to eat a tougher bean of reduced nutritional value that one might think tastes more like a sliver of cardboard than a vegetable from the earth.

In addition to farming his land, Bill's commitment to creating a sustainable life as a farmer requires a dedication to all parts of the land. From the flatbeds of his property where he grows beans, tomatoes, and blueberries, to the green

Bill Best's farm at the foot of Robe Mountain



Bill tamps the dirt over the beans he has planted

in the greenhouse.

Heirloom

"My mother got me involved in the heirloom beans...." Today, one of the beans Bill grows is named after his mother, Margaret Best.

mountain behind his house, Bill makes use of every inch of his property.

To maximize his farming potential, he harvests trees from his mountain, ones that have fallen in stormy weather. Today, he tells me about these trees. Instead of pointing, Bill decides to take me up his mountain.

Bill walks out of his greenhouse; his grandson stands nearby. Bill turns, saying, "Brian, if you can, while they're doing what they're doing in the field, if you could hook the setter to the tractor?"

Brian nods, smiles, and then waves.

Having made arrangements to continue the daily chores, Bill is ready to





Bill shows David Hurt the stone chimney of his house, which he laid from stones gathered on his property.



Brian Best helps his grandfather, Bill, at a local farmer's market.

show off the forest that rests behind his house. Getting into the miniature tractor, Bill and I will ascend the mountain behind his house. With the turn of an ignition key, a little engine growls to life; Bill's mechanical orange steed pulls out of the driveway and creeps toward an opening in the wood-line. The path seems rough, but Bill and his grandson have recently been clearing it. Although removing brush for driving room, they don't usually remove any of the old growth trees unless they fall down in stormy weather.

As the tiny tractor makes its way up Robe Mountain, I feel buffered from the industrialized world. Eluding the reality of most city dwellers, where screaming drivers trapped in their cars are on their way to work in large factories, I feel myself enter an Appalachian sanctuary, the forest of Squire Boone. Large, old growth trees surround us.

"These are the ones that are essentially virgin, that for various reasons have never been cut down, except to fall down by storms or something like that." Bill Best believes in letting Mother Nature take care of her old and her young. "If you have a really big tree downed by a storm then it will sort of clear-cut maybe half an acre; and you'll have young growth come up between."

Creeping toward the mountaintop, Bill stops the tractor, and we walk in the woods. He shares his knowledge. Telling me more about genetics in an hour than I have heard in my entire life, he talks about his tomatoes back down on the farm, how he needs to genetically protect them. I imagine I am with Gregor Mendel. He continues his lesson with talk about the Irish Potato famine, explaining that genetic variation protects plant growth from fungi and diseases. "All of the potatoes in Ireland were clones of two potatoes." Because there were only two variations of potato, they were very susceptible to fungus and thus died.

The woods fall silent, and we appreciate the moment in nature.

As we drive down the mountain, Bill tells me that he started a project called the Sustainable Mountain Agricultural Center (SMAC) because he was motivated to work on sustaining the environment. The genetic testing done by major colleges and universities, he says, usually "caters to the big companies that give them the money to do the research. Of course the research that they do serves the needs of big companies and not the needs of the public at large. Well, I thought that somebody needed to serve the needs of the public at large, so I nominated myself. It was what I had already been doing most of my life; I just expanded it into SMAC."

Leaving the mountain behind us, Bill drives toward two wooden buildings about 30 feet wide with roofs covered in plastic. Designed and fabricated by the late Dr. Carl Kilbourne, '43, a founding member of SMAC, these solar wood kilns are used for drying timber. When trees fall, Bill saws curly maple, walnut, and white oak into lumber, dries and cures it in the kiln, then sells it to woodcrafters, furniture makers, and others.

As I am about to leave, Bill smiles (as friendly as the moment I met him), and asks, "Do you have everything you need?"

I smile and thank him. Before I run off, he asks me to recognize the other founding members of the SMAC: former Berea College industrial arts professor Dr. Carl Kilbourne, '43, plant geneticist Dr. Elmer Gray, '56, and Dr. Charles Haywood, '49. Bill says that I shouldn't forget Dr. Michael Best, '88, who teaches at Tennessee Tech. Michael is his son.

As I say goodbye to Bill, he is already walking toward his blueberry bushes. His wife Irmgard, '71, and grandson Brian pick berries, preparing to go to the local farmers' market and sell their produce.

I feel almost depressed, knowing I have to return to the city, to real life. At least Bill was generous enough to give me a couple of tomatoes. As I drive, I think about how I will slice them, watch their red juice and small seeds slide onto my white plate, and I think how I am grateful that heirloom seeds and knowledge like Bill's are passed down hand to hand from generation to generation. Bill started a project called the Sustainable Mountain Agricultural Center (SMAC) because he was motivated to work on sustaining the environment.



Boone Tavern's Chef A.J. Caudill Cooks up Kentucky Cuisine

The menu at the Blue Ridge Assembly Family Lodge in Black Mountain, North Carolina, looked fit for a king, even though the local newspaper advertised the event as an 'introduction to fresh Southeast cooking.' The three-course dinner, including a chef demonstration, consisted of an orange Marmalade salad with fresh greens grown on the Berea College educational farm; spoonbread; Southern filet mignon atop crispy blue cheese grits, with a mushroom strudel, asparagus spears, and a burgundy sage sauce; and for dessert, Bourbon Race Day Tart.

Yum!

One of the region's finest young rising chefs, A.J. Caudill of Berea College's historic Boone Tavern, traveled to Black Mountain to demonstrate his culinary craft as part of the College's Great Commitments Relay tour through Appalachia, a key event during Berea's Sesquicentennial celebration. If such epicurean delights as those by Chef A.J. seem appealing, one only has to visit Boone Tavern in Berea, long considered a gem of traditional Kentucky cuisine. And it would be natural for the diner to wonder where the Tavern's chef learned to cook upscale regional cuisine like that.

"My career has been based upon the guidance and direction of several culinary professionals—and one wonderful woman," Chef A.J. says. "Above all others, without my mamaw, Evalyn Sheets, I would not have been exposed to the possibility of a career as a chef at all, nor would I have known about cooking shows, which we watched together regularly." He fondly recalls watching Graham Kerr (The Galloping Gourmet)



On tour in North Carolina, Chef A.J. works with his student assistant, Bradley Wood, '09.

Photos by O'Neil Arnold, '85

BOONE TAVERN'S CHEF A.J. CAUDILL COOKS UP KENTUCKY CUISINE



Tyler Castells, '08

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with his grandmother who explained what Kerr was doing, and why. At the end of each show, Chef A.J. remembers, Kerr would sit down with a glass of wine, test the food that he had prepared, and critique it for his audience.

"It was wonderful to have her at my side. She knew something about me before I knew it myself," says Chef A.J. "I don't think I really understood the magnitude of those times with her until well into my career."

Chef A.J. is a bona fide Southerner from Georgetown, Kentucky, who has carried his grandmother's love and knowledge of food into his own life's mission to provide sustenance fit for heads of state and their families, or for guests of Boone Tavern—visitors to the commonwealth, or families who may have come to see their family's first college graduate cross the stage at Berea's commencement.

While a blur of chefs populate modern 'food television,' Chef A.J. prefers to let his food do the advertising and the talking. His menus offer Southeastern fare with familiar ingredients that Chef A.J. prepares in fresh ways, as well as Boone Tavern classics like Spoonbread, Chicken Flakes in a Bird's Nest, and Pork Chops the Tricky Way (which appeared in Richard Hougen's 1951 recipe books). He enjoys taking a contemporary approach to traditional food ideas. For example, taking common Southern ingredients like grits and putting a twist on them.

Inside A.J.'s Boone Tavern kitchen one finds Berea College students and professional restaurant staff positioned behind stainless steel counters or stationed at open-flame stoves, working together to serve up award-winning cuisine. One's senses come alive with savory delight as sage pork is blackening, or Vidalia onion chutney finishes off one of the top-selling entrees.

In the morning one might find Angel Qualls, '09, rolling mushroom strudels for the day, while in the afternoon Jeremy Keen, '09, might be in the heat of things, pulling roasted lamb racks from the oven. On another day Keen, alongside other workers, might be preparing Tavern house salads or plating up banquet desserts like chess pie, or lemon cheesecake. Qualls might be typing A.J.'s latest creation, like roasted garlic dressing, and posting it in the Tavern recipe book.

Qualls is sure she was meant to be in the Boone Tavern kitchen. In her Milton, West Virginia high school she studied in a four-year culinary arts and business management program. "My foods teacher in high school suggested Berea College to me because of Boone Tavern," she says. "I hope to work with A.J. my entire student career, and after graduation, do for future students what my high school teacher did for me."



Angel Qualls, '09, assists Chef A.J. Caudill in the Boone Tavern kitchen.



Ryan Detweiler stirs up one of Chef A.J.'s creations.

A.J. commends Keen and Qualls for their dedication, drive, and abilities. "I see such management potential in both of them," he says. He remembers how much support he received from his mentors both in and outside of the kitchen.

Before coming to Boone Tavern, Chef A.J. worked for Chef Jonathan Lundy, now owner of Jonathan's Restaurant at Gratz Park Inn in Lexington. "Although we no longer work together, we still have a great relationship," said A.J. He credits Kevin Tipton, owner of Sam's Restaurant in Georgetown, as the most important professional in his lifea mentor who believed so much in his protégé that he accompanied him to his job interview with Jonathan Lundy. He credits chef Todd Goepper, director of food service at Asbury College, with instilling in him the important skills of both management and volume cooking. "His positive, faith-centered direction was what I needed to learn in order to inspire the best from people working for me," says Chef A.J.

At home, A.J. and his wife, April, parent up-and-coming chefs Haleigh, Emily, and newborn Kennedy. "Cooking at home is very different than cooking for an establishment that can serve multiple made-to-order meals to guests," says Chef A.J. "I think it's safe to say that when I am home and in the kitchen with my wife and daughters, I get great pleasure from cooking, teaching, and answering child-sized questions like my mamaw must have done for me." Chef A.J. is widely known for his marmalade dressing. "It's the most frequently requested recipe from our guests." He happily shares the recipe that has appeared in many magazines and newspapers. He answers, at a minimum, five requests per week for at-home versions of his recipes. "We keep a ready stock of the Marmalade dressing recipes," he said smiling. "I can count on that request."

Orange Marmalade Dressing (Boone Tavern House Salad Dressing) Ingredients:

- 1 c Orange Marmalade
- 2 tbsp white onions-coarsely chopped
- 1 c Canola Oil (not olive oil)
- 6 tbsp Apple Cider Vinegar (4% acidity)

Procedure:

- 1. Puree onion, then add vinegar and pulse for 10 seconds more.
- 2. Add marmalade and turn on again.
- 3. Lastly, add oil at a medium pace.
- 4. Label, date, store in fridge for weeks and even in a squeeze bottle for ease. *Yields 1 Pint*

Roasted Pimento Cheese

Ingredients:

- 1/3 tsp cayenne pepper
- ½ c mayo
- ¹/₃ tsp Kosher salt

3 tbsp roasted pimentos or canned roasted red peppers Procedure:

- 1. Small dice peppers, rinse, and drain well, pressing through strainer to remove moisture. Reserve.
- 2. Mix mayo, Kosher salt and cayenne in bowl.
- 3. Add shredded cheese and peppers and mix well.
- 4. Best if sets overnight. Yields 1 pint
- **Crispy Blue Cheese Grits**

Ingredients:

- 1-½ c or (10 oz) Quick-style grits
- 4-½ c water
- 1-¼ c Blue Cheese, crumbled
- 2 tbsp butter or margarine
- 2 tbsp horseradish, prepared
- 1-½ tsp Kosher salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- Procedure:
 - 1. Bring water to strong simmer on medium heat.
 - 2. Add all remaining ingredients, turn heat down to medium low, whisk often, and cook 15 minutes until very thick and smooth, being careful not to scorch the bottom.
 - 3. Pour out onto a ¼ sheet pan, smooth out until level and chill uncovered.
 - 4. Remove and cut into desired shape and sizes, then dust in cornmeal, and return to cooler for 30 minutes (if possible).
 Remove from cooler, dust again in meal, and fry until crispy at 325 °. (Best served with beef.) *Yields 10-12 portions*

By Jay Buckner Appalachia

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igh atop scenic vistas like Clingman's Dome (6,643 feet), located on the state ine between North Carolina and Tennessee and the highest point along the Appalachian Trail, and below rocky crags in Kentucky's Clifty Wilderness, a 13,000-acre wonderland of arches, rock shelters, and imposing cliffs, Megan Connors, '07, and Jim McWhorter, '07, each discovered plentiful learning opportunities.

Jim took 520,000 steps across the Sheltowee Trace that runs through Tennessee and Kentucky. It took him 18 days to cover 260 miles. Megan walked A spine a ginute a ginut 4,349,200 steps along the Appalachian

everyday exposed to the elements and facing an exhausting day of hiking became my standard of living, but my success on the trail transformed my perception of what I like to call my 'real' life."

Last summer Jim, a technology and industrial arts major, left Pickett State Park in Jamestown, Tennessee to hike the Sheltowee Trace, a back country trail that begins there-crossing streams and traversing the ridge of the Appalachian Mountains. Sometimes crossing highways, he dipped into deep forest until he reached the trail's northern terminus near Morehead, Kentucky. ("Sheltowee" means Big Turtle, the name that the Shawnee gave Daniel Boone.)

Jim engaged in an independent studies program called Using Technology

his camera and a global positioning system (GPS), he photographed the terrain and recorded coordinates wherever

on the environment.

on the Jackson-Owsley county line.

to Document the Sheltowee Trace that

helped him to map accurately the entire

trail and document the human impact in

the Daniel Boone National Forest. Using

he noticed considerable human impact

"The Sheltowee is a complex patchwork of seen and unseen trails, gravel roads, and paved highways that just begged for better documentation," says Jim. "There were times that the trail just disappeared, and I had to trust my technology more than my memory." Averaging 14.5 miles of backpacking each day, Jim took more than 700

hiked the Sheltowee Trace and was astounded by both its beauty and toxic sludge. This site was found



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photographs, finding opportunities to capture everything from artistic close-ups of eye-catching forest vegetation and water trickling over ledges to stark wide shots of a sludgy toxic dump.

He took this forest hike because he felt he had gained so much from nature that, through his use of technology, he wanted to give something back to the rest of the world. He wanted to bring attention to the environmental hazards, as well as the beauty. Jim ends his online journal with a quote from Walden by Henry David Thoreau: I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.

While still in high school, Megan began her outdoor forays in earnest. Her occasional hikes eventually grew into a passion for long-distance backpacking. Amazingly, her first long-distance trek when she was a Berea sophomore was the Appalachian Trail. Hiking the entire trail is an astonishing accomplishment, considering that since the year 2000 fewer than 20 percent of hikers who set out to go the distance actually finish it.

In March 2005, Megan began her trek northward, a journey that would last an incredible 124 days, beginning at its southern terminus at the base of Springer Mountain in Georgia. As she began to hike, she knew that it would not end until she had crossed through 14 states—Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

"I was really nervous when I started," she recalls. "I was so scared to walk away from my parents down at Springer, but I also knew I was ready for it. I was just terrified of not making it to Maine."

At times the mountain seemed an insurmountable challenge—a place of extremes. Megan endured bitter cold, knee deep snow drifts, chilling rains,



A view off the Moonbow Trail near Cumberland Falls.



Logging roads become ATV sites and rusted-out cars appear along the Sheltowee Trace in Laurel County.



A leaking oil pump on the Sheltowee Trace was recorded at GPS coordinates $\ -83.7011484$ and $\ +37.7234965.$



Megan overlooks the river valley that runs beside the Trail.





Megan stops along the trail in New Hampshire.

Rough-going



Celebration is in order after reaching the trails end at Katahdin (Maine) which reaches an altitude of 5,267 feet.

howling winds, lightning storms, suffocating humidity, black flies, thirsty mosquitoes, and poison ivy, in addition to physical maladies like a respiratory infection and food poisoning —to name a few.

Averaging 19 miles per day, Megan's life became a blur of green and brown, but the trail sculpted her mind and body. "The trail is hard. It is relentless. The strength I developed felt absent while I was hiking," says Megan. "I cured my pain with breathtaking scenery and felt I needed to sacrifice more to be worthy of what I was seeing. . . The physical aspects of the trail were trying, but the mental strain was exhausting. The mental fatigue almost got me multiple times."

While walking the trail she also completed two independent studies classes—a general studies course in expressive writing and a course in physical education. For the first class, Megan kept an in-depth written journal and photographic record from which she would later share her experiences upon her return to Berea. During her independent studies work in physical education, she used her journal as a means to contemplate and record the physical demands of the human body while hiking long distance.

Megan's physical education professor, Melody Srsic, says "Many who set out on this task do not complete it. Megan serves as an example of good planning, following one's dream, determination, and physical and mental endurance."

On July 4, 2005, Megan completed her journey, arriving at the summit of Mount Katahdin in Maine. From its height she could look back upon her long journey; she needed no fireworks.

"When I finished, I felt bigger than life," she says. "Tears of joy and sorrow rolled down my face. It was all over. Now, I didn't need to worry about surviving the Appalachian Trail. I needed to worry about surviving *without* it."

Alumni Connections

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



Berea is Coming to You! Berea College Alumni Chapters are all over the country—one is probably meeting near you!

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1.866.804.0591, or e-mail chris_schill@berea.edu.

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Berea Foundation

Class Reunion Registration

Come back to campus October 6th and 7th for a time of remembering and fun with friends, former teachers, and alumni from Foundation School.

October 6-7, 2006 Guaranteed to be a good ol' time!

Date:				
Name (as you want it to appear or	Class Year:			
Spouse/Guest:			Class Year:	
Address:				
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E-mail:	Hotel Name (<i>if known</i>):			

EVENTS

Friday, October 6

11:00 a.m. Golf Tournament at Berea Country Club

\$15.00 per person (pay at the tournament)

6:00 p.m. Renfro Valley Barn Dance Show starts at 7:00 p.m. Meet at the ticket office at 6:00 p.m. to pick up tickets. \$22.00 per ticket (get this discount price if registered by September 1, 2006)

8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Old School Dance in Woods-Penniman on campus ______# attending (no cost)

Saturday, October 7

Noon Reunion Luncheon (*catered by Dining Services*) located in Baird Lounge, Alumni Building ______# attending (*cost included in registration fee*)

3:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social hosted by President Shinn & Nancy Shinn on the lawn in front of the President's home

attending (no cost)

5:00 p.m. Foundation Classes Mingling Meet the classmates from Foundation School in your era. Located in the lobby area of Boone Tavern

6:30 p.m. Foundation Reunion Banquet in Boone Tavern, main dining room (*dress casual*) Menu: Choose one entrée, cost per person \$25.00 (*Make payment of meal at the door*)

_____ Pork Chops Done the Tricky Way _____ Chicken Hakes in a Bird's Nest _____ Vegetarian dish Following the Banquet, Aspecial Slides & Lies (mostly lies) presentation by Randall Storm, '59, located in Baird Lounge, Alumni Building.

TICKET COST

Registration fee includes cost of luncheons and registration supplies

_____ \$15 registration fee per person

____ \$22 per ticket for Renfro Valley Show

____ Total Ticket Cost

Please total your cost and mail checks to Reunion Chairs: (no cash please)

Eddie, '57 and Hosea Lee Sparks Pullins, '58, 117 Lakeshore, Richmond, KY 40475 Tel: (859) 623-4483

Deadline for registration is September 15.

2006

Berea College HOMECOMING 2006 November 10-12



Welcome Back, Special Reunion Classes of 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 & 2006!

"Where Friendships are Formed Fast and True"

Date: Name (as	Name (as you want it to appear on your name tag):				Class Year:
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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, 11/10

Alumni Awards Reception, *6:00 p.m.* Meet this year's award recipients at a special reception in the Oak Room at Boone Tavern Inn.

Saturday, 11/11

Homecoming Parade, 11:00 a.m. (cancelled if raining)
Taste of Berea Fair on the Quad, Directly following the parade. Come out and support your favorite student club or organization! Current Berea students will offer up tasty lunchtime dishes while also raising funds for their clubs/ organizations.

International Alumni Dinner, *5:00 p.m.* Sponsored by the Cosmopolitan Club and International Center.

Sunday, 11/12

Alumni Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. in Union Church with special performances by the Alumni Chapel and Concert Choir, directed by Dr. Stephen Bolster.

Number of Tickets Needed

____ Alumni Awards Reception (No charge, ticket required)

Basketball Games (1 ticket admits you to both men's and women's games)

_____ Adults \$7.00 each

_____ Children 5 and under \$3.00 each

I'm coming but do not need tickets. (We'll have a name tag and schedule of events ready for you)

For a pre-printed name tag & registration packet, early reservations must be made by **OCTOBER 30, 2006**. Registration packets will not be mailed, but may be picked up at the Alumni Building beginning November 10th. Tickets can also be purchased at the registration desk during Homecoming. Tickets purchased after October 30th are non-refundable. Registration forms must be postmarked by October 30th and sent to: **Berea College Alumni Relations, CPO 2203, Berea, KY 40404**, or FAX to 859.985.3178, or call 1.866.804.0591.

Distinguished Alumnus Award: Dr. Paul Peercy, '61 Outstanding Young Alumnus Awards: Major David L. Peeler, Jr., '88; Hasan Davis, '92

- **Cheer on the Mountaineers!** 5:30 p.m. Show your Berea spirit and watch the women's AND men's basketball teams take on Milligan College.
- **Student/Alumni Homecoming Dessert & Coffee Reception** Join fellow alumni and current students after the game for casual conversation, coffee, and sweets in Baird Lounge.
- **Alumni Homecoming Dance** Relive college days and dance to tunes of the 70s, 80s, and 90s in the Alumni Building.

Black Music Ensemble Homecoming Concert, 3:00 p.m. Directed by Kimberly Wilson, '97, Union Church.

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For a complete Homecoming schedule check back with us on our website: www.berea.edu/alumni or give us a call at 1.866.804.0591.



Distinguished and Loyal Alumni

During Summer Reunion, four honorees were recognized for their service and achievements.

Distinguished Alumnus award winner, **Dr. Harry Stambaugh, '50**, who received his medical degree from the University of Louisville, recently retired from the U.S. Armed Forces Military Entrance Processing Command, Medical Division. He founded the Children's Hospital Burn Center, Kentucky's first burn center. Dr. Stambaugh is a professor of surgery emeritus at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

After graduating from Berea, Distinguished Aumnus Dr. H.H. Cheng award winner, **Dr. HH Cheng**, **'56**, received his doctorate



William White, Dr. Harry Stambaugh, and Dr. H.H. Cheng

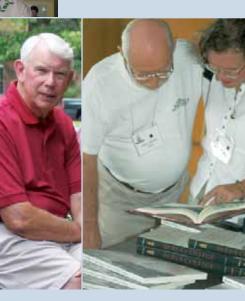
in agriculture from the University of Illinois. He has served at Washington State University as associate dean of the graduate school, interim chair of the agronomy and soils department, and chair of the interdisciplinary program in environmental science and regional planning. Gurrently, Cheng is chair of the board of the Institute for Development and Education in Agriculture and Life Sciences (IDEALS).

Aunni Loyalty award winner, **William White**, **'65**, received a master's from the University of Kentucky, and Rank I educational specialist certification in supervision and administration from Eastern Kentucky University. After working as a vocational agriculture teacher, he retired as a school principal in 1997. He has worked closely with the College to identify prospective students, speaks on behalf of the Berea College programs, and helps graduates find employment in the Somerset area.



Dr. Jim Turpin

Guest speaker at the Navy V5/V12 reunion, **Dr. Jim Turpin, '46**, earned his medical degree from Emory University, a doctor of humane letters degree from George Williams College, a degree in pharmacy and science from Pennsylvania College, and a master's in public health from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. In 1961, he founded Project Concern, an organization establishing hospitals and medical clinics in 19 countries worldwide. Dr. Turpin practiced his medical expertise at St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina, and retired in February.







Berea College Summer Reunion 2006



Eyes lit up with joy as old friends recognized each other's faces and excited chatter filled the campus. Berea College welcomed nearly 500 alumni, family, and friends for the Summer Reunion 2006. Sudent-led tours, luncheons, exhibits, lectures, and concerts kept all busy, but with plenty of time for hugs, laughter, and savoring an ice cream bar or two.

Many participated in the sweetheart breakfast and renewed wedding vows. AService of Remembrance and Recognition honored the lives of those who made an impact on the lives of the alumni. Local artist Afredo Escobar unveiled his 20-foot long mural depicting the College's 150year history.

A the awards banquet, surgeon Dr. Harry D. Stambaugh, '50, and agronomist Dr. H.H. Cheng, '56, received the Berea College Distinguished Alumnus Awards. William Edward White, '65, retired principal, received the Alumni Award.

Other events included a memorial slide show honoring former chemistry professor, Dr. Thomas Beebe. Authors, Dr. Robert Boyce, '66, N Frank Daniels, former campus minister Lee Morris, and Thomas Parrish, signed books at the College Bookstore. In closing, a fireworks display entertained alumni as "Berea, Berea Beloved" played throughout the event.

Aweek prior to the summer reunion, the Berea College Navy V5/V12 Uhit enjoyed their 2006 reunion by touring the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington and Berea College exhibits. Dr. Jim Turpin, physician, was honored at their reunion banquet.

photos by John Adkins, '10; Kit Cottrell, '08; Crystal Ford, '07; Rob Fox, '08; Celeste Francis, '07; and Alice Ledford, '06.









Academy, Foundation, Knapp Hall









SUMMER REUNION

Berea College Summer Reunion 2006













Great Commitments Society

(Note: names of alumni pictured are available online at the alumni page at www.berea.edu. Copies may be ordered from the Alumni Association office.)

About Berea People

1932

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Earl B. Hager, Cx '32, was honored February 14, 2006 by the West Virginia Legislature as the oldest living former member. He is still actively involved in community, civic, and political affairs. He serves on several boards including the West Virginia State College System. The book he wrote and published, *1 Mude a Difference: Educator and Legislator*, has been on West Virginia Public Radio. Earl turned 97 on April 10, 2006, and lives in Logan County, W.

1945

Virgie M McIntyre was nominated and chosen by the Award Committee for inclusion in the publication of the 60 diamond edition of *Who's Who in America*. Virgie resides in Columbus, NC.

1948

Ginton O. Gay worked 20 years in the public service sectors. He now works part-time in private practice and teaches hypnosis in the Huntsville, ALarea. Ginton is active in the National Association of Social Workers and enjoys clogging, gardening, and hiking.

1949

Robert Auerbach and **Wanda Irwin Auerbach**, '50, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary by a renewal of vows ceremony in Danforth Chapel during Berea's 2005 summer reunion. They were jointly awarded a two-year grant from the National Institute of Health to write a scholarly monograph entitled "Endothelial Cell Heterogeneity: Earliest Findings to Present-Day Understanding." They live in Middleton, WI.

1954

Doris Helmboldt Cope and Dwight Cope celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 5, 2005, with 120 friends and relatives at their home in Watauga, TN

Philip M. Hampton, of Waterford, M, has been listed in *Who's Who in America* for the past 25 years. He was also listed in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Nations as tribal elder.

Betty Warthen actively plays tennis and competes in the Southern Singles Tennis Association. She lives in Spartanburg, SC.

1955

Joe William Derting and **Janet Miller Derting**, Cx '58, of Abingdon, VA, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Danforth Chapel at Berea College on December 17, 1955.

1956

Daniel Spangler retired from the University of Horida geology department. Dorothy Spangler retired after 39 years of service with the Social Security Administration. They reside in Gainesville, FL

1957

Wallace "Wally" Truesdell, retired news editor of the Leader-Herald in Goversville, NY, was named to the

Keep in Touch

The Berea College Aumni Association enjoys hearing from Bereans from all over the U.S. and the world. The "About Berea People" section of Berea College Magazine reports verifiable news that has been sent to the Association by the alumni. BCM reports the news you wish to share with your alumni friends and associates. "About Berea People" reports changes in careers, addresses, weddings, retirements, births, and other items of importance to our alumni. Please include your class year and name used while attending Berea. Notes may be edited for style and length. For more information on how to submit class notes and photographs call 1.866.804.0591, email mae suramek@berea.edu, or log on to www.berea.edu/alumni.

Goversville planning board by Mayor Tim Hughes.

1958

G. Keith Parker recently published a new book with McFarland Press entitled *Seven Cherokee Myths: Creation, Fire, the Primordial Parents, the Nature of Evil, the Family, Universal Suffering and Communal Obligation*. He lives in Brevard, NC.

1959

Dr. Rachel Keen received an Outstanding Achievement in Research and Creative Activity award at the fall convocation of faculty at the University of Massachusetts. This fall she will be inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

1961

Robert "Bob" Ling has been a world traveler since his retirement in 1999, logging over 100,000 air miles every year. In January and February 2006 he visited New Zealand, Sydney, and Cozumel, Mexico.

1963

Richard Pollard, a systems engineer, retired from BAE Systems Engineering North American Division in Slver Spring, MD. Shari Frikson Pollard, an assistant hospital administrator, retired from Sibley Hospital in Washington, DC. The Pollards have two daughters and eight grandchildren. They reside in Laurel, MD.

1969

Joyce Spears Beets recently toured "old Europe" on a Danube River cruise with stops in Ansterdam, Prague, Venna, and Budapest.

Barry N. Wood, English teacher at Peters Township High School in McMurray, PA received the Teacher of Excellence Award in April 2006. He thanked his Berea College teacher, Louise "Mama" Scrivner, '38, whom he says "literally changed my life."

1970

Charles D. Growe, director of the procurement and contracts division for the Department of Energy, Oak Ridge, TNoffice, retired after 30 years of federal service.

1973

Karen McDaniel, in an article published on the website www.kentucky.com, argues that too many students know more trivia about the Kentucky Derby and not enough about significant topical issues, such as African Americans from Kentucky.

Cathy Brewster Newberry, Cx '73, and Ernie Newberry Jr. of Grawfordville, H. celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary July 24th. Cathy graduated from Horida State University in 1990 and works for the state health department. Ernie works for the federal government's defense department.

Annette Yearout resides in Goodlettsville, TN

1975

Mary Margaret Caproni Brooks received her master's of education from National Louis University in Chicago. She is in her 25th year of working with the Department of Defense Center at Fort Lewis, WA where she was promoted to director of Madigan Child Development.

Rose Weaver is employed by Wackenhut Services as diversity coordinator and works with community outreach programs in Oak Ridge, Knoxville, and East Tennessee. She received the Children's Hero Avard in the Arts for Volunteer Service, the Meritorious Recognition of Service Avard from Alpha Kappa Alpha, and was the Omega Psi Phi Citizen of the year in 1991.

1977

Donnie Coleman just graduated from Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA with a master's degree in education. He is an engineer at Bectro-tec Corp in Blacksburg, VA Donnie and Diane, his wife, live in Dublin, VA on a small farm.

Paula Mackevett York completed her master's degree in education psychology at the University of Tennessee. She serves as a board member for Chapter of American Association on Mental Retardation. Paula has worked in the field of developmental disabilities for 26 years.

1979

Gerald Evans and Jelena Guenella Evans reside in Riverview, FL

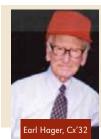
1981

Beverly Clay Crabtree has been appointed vice president for Institutional Advancement at the University of Rio Grande in Ohio. Beverly has been with the institution for 22 years. Beverly and William, her husband, reside in Jackson, OH.

Neylan Gurel resides in Durham, NC

1984

Dawn Smith Armistead relocated to Mddlebrook, VA She graduated from Fastern Mennonite University in 2004 with a bachelor's in nursing.





Doris Helmboldt, '54 and Dwight Cope



ip M Hampton, '54

Betty Warthen, '54





Donnie Coleman, '

1986

Birth: Ason, William John Cook, to Steve Cook and Leigh Cook on January 31, 2006. The Cook family resides in Apharetta, GA

Birth: Ason, Adan Finn, to Gene Zaparanick-Brown and Michelle Zaparanick-Brown on August 27, 2005.

1987

Kathrene Carter Berger is in graduate school at the University of South Carolina, working on her doctorate of nursing practice degree.

Jonny Gayheart, recently of Leeco, KY, has been a travel nurse for the past several years. She travels the East Coast working in emergency departments. She visits Kentucky frequently and keeps in close contact with numerous Berea alumni.

1989

Chris Spears is the associate general counsel of Caterpillar in Illinois. Chris, Tracy, his wife, and their three boys are presently living in Singapore where Chris has been general counsel for the Asia Pacific for two years.

1990

Willie Hill III is the executive director of Greater Gncinnati Microenterprise Initiative.

Birth: Ason, Bo Morgan Hunter, to J. Wallace "Wally" Hunter and Starla Hunter on January 9, 2006. Wally is the live production manager for Perdue Farms Inc., Perry, GAComplex. Wally, Starla and their three children, reside in Macon, GA

1991

Laura Black, of Franklin, TN, is the director of research analysis at Health Leaders-InterStudy and has a seat on the senior management team.

Birth: Adaughter, Laurel Grace, to Rebecca Seipelt and Dr. Michael Thompson on June 3, 2005.

Maurice "Mb" Waugh has worked for Honda of Alabama since 2001 as a production manager. He also helps coordinate team practices for nine and ten-year-old football and baseball players. Maurice, April, his wife, and their three children reside in Aabaster, AL

1992

Jennifer Rose Ramsay Escobar released her tenth solo recording, Songs of my Childhood, in January 2006. Jennifer and Alfredo Escobar reside in Berea with their two daughters.

Birth: Adaughter, Parker Elizabeth Justice, to Troy Price and Della Justice, '93, on January 19, 2006. They reside in Pikeville, KY.

Paul Law is the director of medical informatics at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, MD. He is the principal investigator for a national autism registry and database which was funded by 2.3 million dollars from the Autism Speaks organization.

Joseph W Spires and Cathleen A. Ferrell Spires, '93, have two children and reside in Maryland. After six years in Washington, D.C. working with the IRS office of Chief Counsel's national office, Joseph accepted a trial attorney position with the same organization in Baltimore, MD.

1993

Mathilda McCommon is working as a theatre professional in Philadelphia, PA She is a former board member of Louisville Repertory Company and was a production member at the 2005 Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland.

Send Us Your Memories

Pearson Hall, Boone Tavern,

Emery or Middletown School

Renovations and upgrades on these buildings will begin soon. We'd love to include your memories in an article. Email: normandi_ellis@berea.edu

Andrew McRady and Julie Dobson McRady reside in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where they visited with Berea College alumni who were passing through with a tour group

Birth: Adaughter, Sophia Grace Welch, to Dixie Bowens Welch, and Bill Welch on October 8, 2005. The family resides in Vienna, VA

1995

Sean Hennessey recently founded Scenic Artisans, a faux finishing and sculptural fabrication company. He and Rania, his wife, reside in Washington, DC

Married: Erika Hensley and Scott Foster at Danforth Chapel on July 2, 2005. The couple resides in Durham, NC.

Philip Williams works as a substitute teacher in the Columbus public school system while he continues to pursue his bachelor's of middle childhood education. He lives in Ohio.

1996

Angela Caine graduated with academic honors from the University of Louisville where she received her master's of science in social work. She works in Indiana as a therapist for the children and families department at Life Spring Mental Health Services and as a part-time social worker at Wellstone Regional Hospital.

Dwayne Adam Mabry and Clara Henry-Mabry, '97, currently reside in Bristol, VA, with their daughter. Dwayne is the pastor of First Baptist Church of Chilhowie in Chilhowie, VA

1997

Bryant Fair, Cx '97, is currently working for the University of Alabama at Birmingham as an associate prevention specialist in the Adolescent Substance Abuse Program.

Abby Heidebrecht is a donor relations coordinator with the National Ovarian Cancer Association in Toronto.

Birth: Ason, Romin Alen McKinney, to Steven McKinney, Cx '97, on December 1, 2005. Romin joins his brother, Steven Anthony.

1998

Matthew Perkins is a physics teacher at Oak Ridge High School in Tennessee. Christina Perkins is a minister to children, youth, and families in various churches.

1999

Birth: Ason, Casey Nathaniel Hubbard, to Rebecca Hubbard and Trevor Hubbard, on September 10, 2005 at Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, W.

William Reid Skinner is a literature teacher at Dalton Middle School in Dalton, GA He lives near Blue Ridge, GA

2000

Amy **Clifford** was named the nurse practitioner for the Cardiovascular Specialty Clinic that will open in May at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, KY Matthew Paul Farmer works for the University of

Kentucky as a residence life professional. He is working on his doctorate in higher education.

Mark Sanders is working on his master's degree in professional counseling at Liberty University. He resides in Forest, Wand works as a multisystemic therapist with Central Virginia Community Services Board.

2001

Jacqueline Muhammad, of Birmingham, AL, is currently working on her master's in public administration. She has lost 187 lbs and is the same old Jacqueline but reports that she feels better.

2002

Aileen Twiggs is an in-school-suspension teacher at North Middle School in Lenoir Gty, TN After returning from a year in Korea teaching English, she won a highly prized makeover from Real Style Knoxville.

2003

Birth: Adaughter, Natalie Rose Burch, to Ryan Burch and Rhiannon Burch on August 24, 2005.

Paul Clawson is working on his master's degree in comparative East Asian politics and administration at Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan. He will graduate in August 2006.

Stephanie Cole is working as a social services case manager for the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services.

Birth: Adaughter, Natalie Alexandria Hess, to Kimberly Hess and Christopher Hess on December 20, 2005. The Hess family resides in Lebanon, VA

Kathleen "Katy" Jones Sulfridge and Luke Sulfridge reside in Vincent, OH. Luke is a regional field director for the American Cancer Society and Katy works with the children's department in the Washington County Public Library.

2004

Alice Driver is currently working on her master's degree at the University of Valladolid in Spain.

Baron Wolf currently lives in Lexington working as a research analyst at Eastern Kentucky University.

2005

Married: Zach Gray to Jody Brouillet on November 26, 2005. Jody works in the Christian music industry for Provident-Integrity Distribution.

Patricia Feeney resides in Eastern Kentucky and works with communities whose drinking water is contaminated due to coal mining. Amember of the Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, she recently provided first-hand testimony to the UNCommission on Sustainable Development, reporting on the dangers of mountaintop removal mining, valley fills, and coal sludge impoundments.











and Zach Gray



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Passages

The "Passages" section of the Berea College Magazine honors Bereans who have passed away. If you know of a Berean who has died, please let the Alumni Association know by calling 1.866.804.0591, or emailing mae_suramek@berea.edu. Please include the person's class year or connection to Berea, and the date and place of death.

1920s

Orland C. Duke, '22, of Medina, OH died on May , 2002.

Eleanor Knight Henderson, '25, of Hendersonville, NCdied on February 5, 2006. She taught elementary school in Madison County, KY for 40 years. She is survived by a daughter, Becky Cooke, '62, now residing in Lake Lure, NC

1930s

Ebert Johns, '35, of Louisville, KY died on March 25, 2005. He worked for more than 30 years as a Boy Scout executive. He is survived by his son, Elbert Johns, Jr.

Frank Philip Lamb, '37, of Speedwell, TN died on February 20, 2006. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII. He worked for over 40 years as a meteorologist at the National Weather Service. He is survived by his wife Eizabeth Hardin Lamb, '42.

Ruth Hansen Yoakum, '38, of Tucson, AZ died on March 22, 2006. She was a second grade teacher for 38 years in both Wisconsin and Arizona.

1940s

Emmette O. Milton, '40, of Knoxville, TN died on July 25, 2005.

Edith Kay Sutton, '40, of Oak Ridge, TN died on March 12, 2006. She worked for 36 years with the Social Security Administration.

Winifred E. Crocket, '41, of Richmond, VAdied on December 12, 2005.

Bertha Pilson Coates, '43, of Stuart, VAdied on January 30, 2006. She taught home economics at Bassett High School for many years.

Carl G. Kilbourne, '43, of Berea, KY died on March 30, 2005. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran, retired Berea College professor of industrial technology, and recipient of the Berea College Award of Special Merit in 1988. He is survived by Averill Botsford Kilbourne, his wife, and three daughters, Daryl Pope, Cx '70, Dana Rousey, Cx' 72, and Jan Kilbourne, '75.

Paul E. Provost, '46, of Watertown, MAdied on June 28, 2004.

June Hux Shelton Harris,'47, of Indianapolis, IN died on February 25, 2006. She was a nurse in Terra Haute. Lena Faye Kegley Morrell, '47, of Sacramento,

CAdied on January 31, 2006. Jack Guy Braswell, '49, of Penland, NC died on July 25, 2001.

William Frederick Cochran, '49, of St. Albans, Wdied on February 9, 2006. He served in World War II as a U.S. Marine Corps sergeant, and received a purple heart. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jean Powers Cochran, Cx '50.

Daisy Lisenbee White, '49, of Monticello, KY died on January 21, 2006. She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca L Martin, '74.

1950s

William D. Baker, '50, of Liverpool, NYhas died. Helen Brumit McFall, '50, of Clintwood, VAdied on March 11, 2006. She was a school teacher and secretary. She is survived by her husband Victor McFall, Cx '50.

Constantine F. Malmberg, husband of Carolyn Breedlove Malmberg, '52, died September 22, 2005. They had been married 51 years.

Herman A. Subblett, '52, of Medina, OH died on March 8, 2006. He formed Cyclonics Inc. in Medina where he worked for 28 years. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Avonelle.

Sally Tappan Brown, '56, of Newark, DE died on February 7, 2006. She worked as a physical therapist for 13 years. She was an active member of St. Thomas More Oratory for more than 40 years.

Rev. Joy D. Gasta died October 2, 2005 in Nashville, TN She earned a master's from the University of Chicago, taught literature, and in 1994 earned a master of divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School. In 1995 she was ordained by the Unitarian Universalist church, serving congregations in Norway and West Paris, ME. She is survived by two daughters and a large extended family.

1960s

Bob Hager, '60, of Hager Hill, KY died on March 14, 2006. He is survived by his wife Bonnie Auxier Hager, '55. Douglas White, '64, of Shelby, NC died on March

7,2006. Kermit Henry Brewer, '65, of Corryton, OH died on January 31, 2006. He was a veteran of the Korean War in U.S. Army Special Services. He is survived by his wife,

Ruthie Eddie Cooper Grubbs, '65, of Winston-Salem, NC died on February 4, 2006. She was a public health nurse for 35 years. She is survived by her husband of 28 years, Jerry Grubbs.

Shirley Frank Schuster, '66, of Highland, IN died on November 23, 2004. She taught school in Grown Point, IN for 32 years.

Faculty/Staff/Trustee Barry Bingham Jr., former

Berea College trustee, died April 2, 2006 in Genview, KY. Bingham was editor and publisher of The Courier-Journal and Louisville Times from 1971-86, leading them to three Pulitzer Prizes in 1976, 1978 and 1980. He was known for an uncompromising insistence on ethics



in journalism. Like his father, Barry Bingham Sr., and his grandfather, Robert Worth Bingham, who originally bought the newspapers, Barry Jr. strived to run them as a public trust that stressed public service over profits. A1983 Media Research Institute survey of publishers, editors and journalism professors placed The Courier-Journal among the nation's top 15 daily newspapers. In 1973 he received the Weatherford Award from Berea College for his newspaper's thorough, persistent and influential reporting on Appalachia. Barry Bingham, Jr. was a College trustee from 1978-2002 and honorary trustee from 2002 until his death. His father was on Berea's board from 1938-76 and his grandfather Judge Robert Worth Bingham, Ambassador to England, served on Berea's board.

Louise Ingram Cairell, former employee with the Log House Gallery and central shipping employee, died March 28, 2006 in Berea, KY She is survived by her husband Jack Cairell and five children.

Claude Hisle, a carpenter and former Berea College employee for 13 years in facilities management, died in April 2006. He lived in Richmond, KY.

Carl L Marsh, a Berea College forester for 10 years died in Berea, KY April 30, 2006. He was a member of the American Chestnut Society, the Kentucky Conservation Commission, the National Woodland Owners Association, Kentucky Woodland Owners Association, and the Madison County Historical Society. Survivors include his wife, Harriet Freeman Marsh of Berea; and three children, Daniel Marsh of Great Falls, Montana, Mary Patterson Marsh of Seattle, Washington, and Robert Marsh of Mbrehead, Kentucky,

Lawrence Avie Reynolds, husband of Genevieve Reynolds, office manager of the Appalachian Center, and father of Heather Adams, '94, in Berea's IS&S department and Billy Reynolds, '86, died March 19, 2006. The family resides in Mount Vernon, KY

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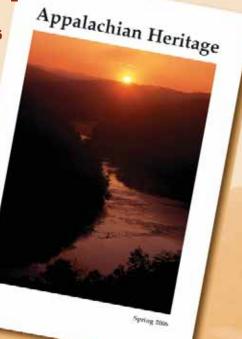
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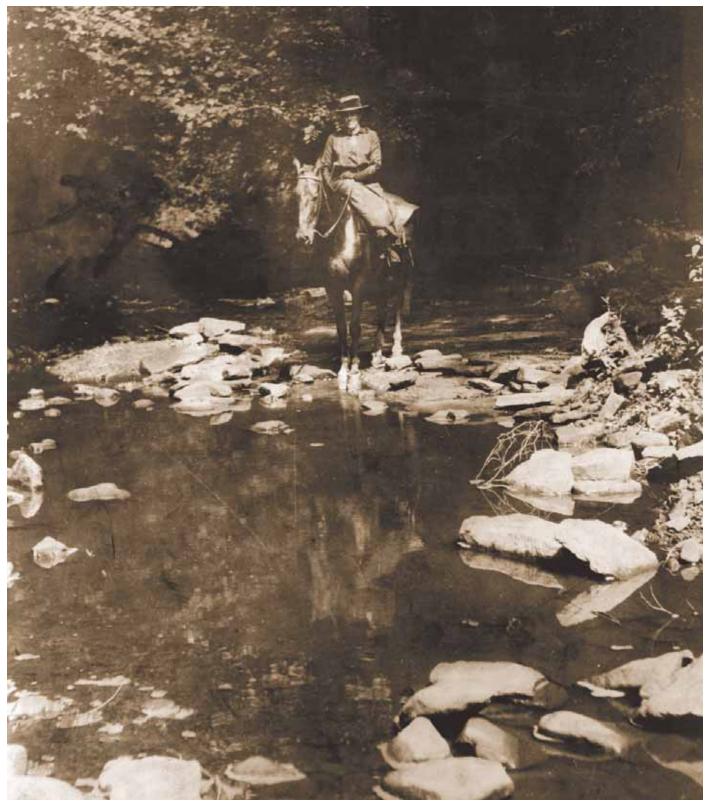
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