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Whenever I speak about Tusculum College these days, I talk about change, transformation, transition. Those words define what is going on at this historic institution at the start of the 21st century. Another word – growth – explains why. I’m speaking both of growth in enrollment and also in student and community expectations of what educational resources we as a college must deliver in a world that runs on information.

These expectations are a big part of the impetus behind our Campaign for the Library. This new $10 million capital effort will allow us to nearly triple the size of the historic Tate Library, a facility that dates back to 1910. Much of that building is very little changed from what it was nearly a century ago. It is essential that we bring our library up to date. Thanks to the support of Tusculum’s friends, we’re already on the way to seeing that happen.

Success in such an effort requires excellent leadership. I’m pleased that Tusculum College has assembled truly the ideal team of leaders for the library campaign. Co-chairing the capital campaign committee are Tom Garland, Scott Niswonger ‘87, and Stan Welty ‘51, three men who define commitment to Tusculum College in everything they do. Working closely with them is John Mays, who has returned on a temporary basis to Tusculum College to direct the Campaign for the Library. Alongside John is Vice President for Administration Mark Stokes, who has agreed to oversee Tusculum College’s development operations in an interim capacity.

This is truly a winning combination, a team that will inspire and empower Tusculum College’s many friends to see the campaign through to the finish. Scott Niswonger has already laid the foundation for campaign success through a generous $2.5 million challenge that will generate a dollar for every three dollars given to the campaign. In other words, every dollar given by you and me to this campaign is significantly enhanced in value. We owe Scott much gratitude for this inspiring commitment. It is up to all of us to meet the challenge he has laid before us.

In this edition of Tusculum magazine, there is much information about this new library project, those leading the effort, and what the end result will be for Tusculum’s community and particularly its students – whether those students are traditional-aged, on-campus students, or working adult students who may never set foot on the Greeneville campus until graduation day. The improved and expanded library – a 21st century library with the advantages of modern technology – will be an accessible resource for them all.

It’s indeed an exciting era in which to be part of Tusculum College!

-Dolph Henry
Preliminary design plans for a major renovation and expansion of the Tate Library at Tusculum College were unveiled and approved by the College’s Board of Trustees on Feb. 16.

The board approved the basic architectural design for the $7.5 million project and authorized its executive committee to deal with any design changes that might be needed as the project moves ahead.

The renovation and expansion will nearly triple the size of the current library facility, the front section of which dates to 1910. When complete, the library will encompass 34,467 square feet. Currently, the Tate Library encompasses 12,000 square feet.

“This project is one of the most important forward advances Tusculum College has taken in recent years,” President Dolphus Henry said. “This is an information age, so it is essential for Tusculum College to provide its students all the information and research resources they need. Plans for expanding our library resources have been discussed for years now, and we’re pleased to be moving forward with them.”

Plans call for the expansion area to join the current library structure on its southeastern end, covering the area now taken up by the library stacks and extending toward the grassy “bowl” area that is surrounded by Welty-Craig Hall, Tate Library, Tredway Hall, and the President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library (the “Old College” building).

The current library stacks, which are not original to the library, will be demolished as the construction moves along.

The project is to be funded through a $10 million fund-raising campaign called The Campaign for the Library.

The first $7.5 million raised in the Campaign for the Library will be used to fund the actual construction and furnishing of the library. The remaining $2.5 million is to go to endowment to support the library collection.

Distinctive features of the new design include a series of architectural arches, typical of the kind featured on many Tusculum buildings, at one lower end of the new portion of the structure. Most distinctive, however, will be the large glassed window area on the new building and a clock tower near the new front entrance of the added section.

The “running track” balcony in the current main
library room, a reminder of the years that room served as the college gymnasium, will be retained.

That elevated track, a portion of which is shown in the cover photograph of this magazine, is believed to be the only architectural feature of its kind in an operating American library.

Mark Stokes, vice president for administration, noted that in addition to increased reference, circulation and periodical space, the renovated and expanded library will include a conference room. The new area will be three levels tall and include an elevator. There will be restrooms on all three floors.

Additional computer terminals will be installed. Six classrooms, five study rooms, and eight faculty offices will also be added.

Groundbreaking ceremonies have not yet been scheduled but are expected to occur within a few months. Tusculum College anticipates having the building under construction by early autumn.

The lead architect on the project is John Fisher of Fisher + Associates of Greeneville.

The cornerstone of what is now Tate Library was laid on the afternoon of Thursday, May 19, 1910, a graduation day at Tusculum College (see the article Senior, Senior, 1910 starting on Page 8). Initially the building was often called Carnegie Hall and served as a multi-use building. By the late 1920s, the building was being called simply the Carnegie Library.

On Oct. 11, 1991, the library was rededicated in honor of Albert Columbus Tate, valedictorian of the 1894 Centennial class at Tusculum, and father of Edna Tate Smith of Tallahassee, Fla. At that time Mrs. Smith was a trustee of the college. Now deceased, she is remembered as one of Tusculum’s several Benefactors, as Tusculum denotes those whose life or estate contributions to the College total one million dollars or more in value.

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LEADING THE WAY

Tusculum College officially kicked off its new $10 million Campaign for the Library on April 27 at the annual President’s Dinner, announcing three noted co-chairmen for the effort.

Chairing the campaign are former Tennessee senator Thomas Garland, now chairman of the Tusculum College Institute for Public Leadership and Policy; business leader and philanthropist Scott M. Niswonger ’87, the leading Benefactor in Tusculum’s history; and Tusculum College Board of Trustees Chairman Stanley R. Welty, a 1951 alumnus, Benefactor, and a leading advocate for Tusculum.

Mr. Niswonger spoke briefly at the dinner, calling the coming improved library a “21st century resource” for the community and College and making a significant challenge pledge (see the story on Page 6). Mr. Niswonger expressed confidence that friends of Tusculum College will rise to the challenge and provide the needed funds. “We cannot make a better investment,” he said.

President Dolphus Henry called the library “the center of our academic programs ... and the symbolic center of our Tusculum College campus.”
Declaring there “could not be a better investment than Tusculum College,” Scott M. Niswonger, Tusculum College alumnus, trustee and Benefactor, issued a $2.5 million challenge to kick off the official start of the $10 million Campaign for the Library capital drive at the 2002 President’s Dinner on April 27.

Mr. Niswonger announced that he will give a dollar for every three dollars donated to the campaign by other friends of Tusculum College. Thus, if $7.5 million is raised, his pledge would generate another $2.5 million, completing the campaign goal.

Mr. Niswonger’s announcement came after he and his fellow co-chairmen of the capital campaign effort, Stan Welty and Tom Garland, were introduced by Tusculum College President Dr. Dolph Henry. The announcement generated a standing ovation.

Responding, President Henry thanked Mr. Niswonger for his commitment, noting that it would serve as an inspiration for other friends of the College to step forward and meet the challenge.

Mr. Niswonger, who graduated from Tusculum College in 1987 through its Professional Studies program for working adults, has a strong history of support of the College. The Niswonger Commons building at the heart of the campus in Greeneville is named in his honor.

Mr. Niswonger serves in several capacities on the Board of Trustees. He is a member of the Trusteeship Committee, the Executive Committee, the Building and Grounds Committee, and the Subcommittee on the Presidency.

Mr. Niswonger’s success in business has enabled him to undertake many philanthropic endeavors, putting into practice a philosophy he calls “Learn, earn, and return.” The phrase refers to his belief that the proper pattern for a successful life is to first gain the knowledge and skills needed for success, to apply those skills and knowledge to actually attain success, and to return fruits of that success to the community in a way that allows others to perpetuate the same pattern.

At Tusculum his contributions have included major funding for the commons building and funding the development of the sports complex, which has greatly bolstered Tusculum’s athletics program.

He chaired the Tusculum 2000 Capital Campaign and was the 1998 recipient of the College’s Distinguished Service Award.

He has also contributed significantly to the Greeneville community, backing ongoing renovations in the historic downtown area and artistic and humanitarian efforts. He participates in numerous boards and organizations and is a founding director of Junior Achievement in Greene County.

Mays, Stokes reunited in Campaign for the Library

Tusculum College’s new $10 million Campaign for the Library has reunited John Mays and Mark Stokes, who worked together at Tusculum during the 1990s and before that at Catawba College.

Mr. Mays, who in a decade as senior vice president for external relations at Tusculum College directed two capital campaigns that raised more than $34 million, quietly returned to the College in April and has since been working on the campus about four days a week as library campaign director.

“I believe we could not find an individual more perfectly suited than John in temperament, knowledge, and experience to oversee this vital capital campaign,” President Henry said. “I could not be more pleased that he has agreed to work with us. I also wish to thank Nancy Mays for her cooperative and supportive spirit as her husband temporarily interrupts his retirement to hit the road for Tusculum College once again.”

Over a 32-year period, Mr. Mays served as the senior development officer at four private colleges: Arkansas (now Lyon) College, Oglethorpe University, Catawba College and Tusculum. When Catawba Provost Dr. Robert E. Knott left that college to become Tusculum College’s president in 1989, Mr. Mays joined him at Tusculum.

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The capital campaign now under way was approved by the college’s board of trustees at its October 2001 meeting and launched under the direction of Frank Wheeler, vice president for institutional advancement. Mr. Wheeler left the college in April after being offered the position of director of development at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, a Presbyterian-affiliated preparatory school in Rabun Gap, Ga.

Pending a permanent replacement for Mr. Wheeler, oversight of Tusculum’s day-to-day development efforts is now in the hands of Mark Stokes, vice president for administration. This new assignment has the team of Stokes and Mays working together as they have done all the way back to the 1980s.

“We congratulate Frank on the excellent opportunity that presented itself to him and his family, and we appreciate all he has done for Tusculum College,” Dr. Henry said. “After Frank’s departure, however, I saw a need to entrust the management of our development efforts to someone else with experience in that field. Mark Stokes was the obvious choice. I personally thank him for his gracious willingness to take on additional interim duties at a time when his regular duties are quite demanding.”

Vice President Stokes is happy to have the opportunity to again work with Mr. Mays. “I’m enjoying working closely with both John Mays and President Henry to maintain the great momentum the College is experiencing,” he said.

Vice President Stokes, whose duties at Tusculum already included church relations, technology, facilities management, museums, food service, and new construction, also came to Tusculum in 1989 from Catawba. He holds degrees from Warren Wilson College and Western Carolina University. He is active in the community, is president-elect of the Greeneville Kiwanis Club, and is an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Greeneville. His wife, Jeanne, directs Tusculum’s TRIO programs.

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Mark Twain had been laid to rest less than a month before. Model T automobiles had been rumbling down American roadways for a little more than a year. Women’s suffrage was the controversy of the day, and the Titanic’s ill-fated voyage was still two years into the future in a century new and as yet undefined.

It was May 19, 1910, a Thursday afternoon. A big crowd gathered at what was then called Washington and Tusculum College and applauded as a cornerstone was laid in place atop an ample foundation on the campus. The cornerstone was for the Carnegie Library, coming along too late to benefit the Class of 1910, but holding promise for future generations at what was already an old institution of learning.

College commencements were massive regional affairs of culture in 1910 East Tennessee, drawing astonishingly large crowds from many miles around. In the commencement scrapbook she compiled and preserved all her life, Carrie Lovette of the Class of 1910 gives a glimpse of the enormity of the occasion: “Exercises were held on college campus ‘neath beautiful old oaks, having sheltered our Alma Mater for a century. Crowd in attendance about five thousand.”

The Thursday morning graduation ceremony was the capstone of five exhausting days of commencement-related activities. The baccalaureate sermon had been delivered the prior Sunday morning by Tusculum College President Charles Oliver Gray. Another sermon by the Rev. Dayton Dobbs, presented before the campus’s gathered Christian organizations, had followed that evening. Monday night featured recitals from Tusculum’s music department, and Tuesday a “Domestic Science Exhibit” in Virginia Hall, followed by an evening “Entertainment” from the college’s literary societies. President Gray hosted a public reception in the presidential residence that same night. On Wednesday, upcoming graduates led classes for the day, their final official academic acts as undergraduates, and the alumni association met that evening under the direction of its president, E.J. Baxter of the Washington County town of Jonesborough, just down the road from Tusculum. The meeting featured a guest speaker and was followed by a banquet in Virginia Hall.

It had been a busy week, and for that matter a busy four years, for Carrie and her seventeen classmates. The commencement invitation for the Class of 1910 reveals that the group consisted of a dozen young men and six young women. For their day and location they were a surprisingly diverse conglomeration. Three of the male students came from New Mexico, graduates of a school there operated by the Presbyterian
Church and headed by an 1894 Tusculum graduate named John Chalmers Ross. Student Toichi Ichikawa came from Japan, having learned about Tusculum College through a reference in an almanac. One student was from New York City. Others, such as Carrie, were from the immediate area.

It is unlikely that the graduates of the Class of 1910 paid much heed to the laying of the library cornerstone. With the stressful commencement week behind and diplomas finally in hand, it was time to unwind, to celebrate, to rejoice ... but also to realize that long-dreaded partings were suddenly at hand. The Class of 1910 was about to leave the gentle confines of Tusculum College and go out into the broad world.

This awareness had been growing among the classmates for some time and was at times reflected in the verses carefully inscribed into Carrie’s commencement scrapbook. “The world, oh classmates, may not prove to be the same it seemed in college days,” wrote Belle Gertrude Moore of Whitesburg, Tenn. “Life may be harder than we think ... but let us not despair. After all, life is pretty much what we make it.”

Other entries were less philosophical. The “class yell” scribbled into the scrapbook was merely an inspired piece of strutting upperclassman doggerel. Its author unnamed, it went as follows: “Rickety russ, Rickety russ, what in this world is the matter with us? Take a look and see the stuff! We are it and that’s no bluff. Vivo Vivo, pig in pen, Senior, Senior, 1910.”

On that commencement day in 1910, Carrie was a young woman of twenty-one. When she entered Tusculum, she had been only seventeen.

Her schooling prior to Tusculum had taken place in public school in Greeneville. She’d made the journey to that school each day with her older brother, Charlie, either walking or riding on horseback. In a written reminiscence of Carrie, classmate Grace Haynes, who made Tusculum history as the author of The Daddy Haynes Story, wrote that Carrie “wore, I am told, her hair in pigtails, and always, a white pinafore. In cold weather the pinafore was worn over her linsey-woolsey dress.”

Tusculum was a world apart from the public school of Carrie’s experience. At college the young scholar faced daunting academic challenges: political and social science, constitutional government, sociology, international law, mental and moral science, logic, history of philosophy and of education, and courses in ethics, theism, and pedagogy. She would study Latin under Thomas S. Rankin, scouring the texts of Virgil, Ovid, Livy, and Horace. She would be taught mathematics, solid geometry, plane and spherical geometry, trigonometry, and surveying. Ahead lay classes in German, French, and Spanish. In the sciences she would study biology, botany, and geology. For three terms she would take courses in physical geography.

Then there would be the history of civilization, courses in English prose and American classics, and explorations of the English poets: Wordsworth, Bryan, Shelley, Keats, Tennyson, Browning. She would be immersed in the works of Shakespeare. There would be studies in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments.

Tusculum held up to Carrie Lovette the promise of a rigorous but well-rounded education. There were no promises of easy grades, and one of Carrie’s Tusculum experiences in particular showed that professors sought to instill moral fortitude along with factual knowledge.

Professor Haynes, who would go on to be a legendary figure in Tusculum College lore, once surprised Carrie’s plane geometry class with an unannounced test. Handing out the test papers, he left the room and stood in the hall, providing
any students who were willing to cheat an easy opportunity to do so.

Carrie Lovette would not cheat. But she could not come up with any answers on her own. After gazing forlornly at the paper for a few moments, she signed it, took it to the professor’s desk, and left it there. Too embarrassed to face Professor Haynes in the hallway, she exited through a window.

In the words of Grace Haynes, “Little did she realize that Professor Haynes was seeing what his students would do when left alone ... Professor Haynes admired Carrie for her diligence and honesty, and seeing her at the next class hour, called her over to his desk. He said to her that there was nothing in the test to cause panic and he would not count the zero on this paper when making out her grade for the next month’s report. Carrie showed her appreciation by working harder and getting a clearer understanding of the work in Plane Geometry. And for his kindness she learned to love Professor Haynes.”

She learned to love her classmates as well. Clippings and notes in her scrapbook show that they became a close group, with their own inside jokes and pointed insights into their mutual personalities, likes and dislikes, habits, and relationships.

Jests and jabs were apparently a common source of entertainment, if Carrie’s preserved handwritten copy of an apparently spontaneous news journal called The Tusculum Journal is an indication.

“The Tusculum Journal ... a special edition for tonight,” reads the penciled text. “Entered as second class matter Dec. 15, 1908. Subscription price nothing. You will wonder why our subscription price is so low, but it is for the reason if we made it any higher than nothing we would get nothing so why not get nothing anyway.”

The “Journal” – which reads like something probably contrived for an evening’s entertainment by bored young women in a dorm room – contains such stories as the following: “A Most Mysterious Case ... One fly found dead in Effie White’s room on the third floor of Virginia Hall ... the cause of the death is unknown but it is thought probably that it heard the name of C----- P----- so much that it just gave up the ghost.”

The Journal included a barb aimed at the 1908 upperclassmen: “Apply to the senior class for pure and unadulterated knowledge. They seem to have a supply on hand.”

After assorted other news of the campus, some real and some clearly tongue-in-cheek, the “Journal” ends with the following: “Professor Rankin has a supply of pennants and sofa pillows in college colors. Come and see them. Low prices.”

Carrie also retained an undated newspaper clipping bearing an anonymously written poem by some Tusculum wag who waxed profound upon the cafeteria’s offerings. Titled Psalm of Tusculum Life, with Apologies to Longfellow, the poem opens as follows:

Tell me not with mournful lips
Tusculum boarders do not pay
For the students live on biscuits,
Hash and rice from day to day.
Rice is real and hash is earnest,
And to fill you is their goal,
Much they are and oft returneth,
In a dish and in a bowl ... 

The poem proceeds through several more stanzas to its final lines, which wrest a moral out of all the culinary trials:

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.
Tusculum pride ran deep in the Class of 1910, and in Carrie Lovette's case, lingered throughout her life. Her scrapbook contains clippings and notes related to Tusculum that date from long past her own graduation.

Even as the nation was reeling from the attack upon Pearl Harbor in 1941, Carrie took time to clip out a Ripley's Believe it or Not installment from the Dec. 9, 1941, edition of The Greeneville Sun. The item featured a drawing of her beloved Dr. Haynes, shown nearby a sketch of a chihuahua with two complete sets of teeth and a Massachusetts basketball star so tall he could "reach up and drop the ball in the baskets." Accompanying the sketch was the following text: "Dr. Landon C. Haynes, BA, MA, LL.D., has been a teacher at Tusculum College for 65 successive years."

It did not take long past commencement for life's harsher realities to begin taking their toll on the Class of 1910, as one poignant clipping carefully preserved in Carrie's scrapbook reveals.

"The many friends of Prof. and Mrs. T.S. Rankin and family, of Tusculum, sympathize with them in this hour of their sore affliction owing to the death of their daughter, Miss Marguerite, which occurred Thursday of last week as a result of an attack of appendicitis. For many weeks the life of Miss Marguerite hung in the balance. Her many friends hoped that her heroic fight would baffle the dread monster, but such was not to be the outcome, and from the home into which this beautiful life had brought so much joy and sunshine and hope the spirit took its flight, thereby proving again that neither the charm and vigor of youth, the love and devotion of parents and friends nor the skill of the physician and the nurse can stay the approach of death."

At the age of eighteen, Marguerite Rankin was dead, mere weeks after she had stood upon the commencement stage and delivered the salutatorian’s address before her graduating class, her speech entitled "A Plea for the Classics." She had been a remarkable young woman, her obituary reveals. "A bright, studious child, she entered the public school at an early age, and upon completing the work required entered college at the age of eleven. For her work in college she was rewarded with three diplomas – in Domestic Science, in music, and the A.B. degree in the classical courses. Ranking second in a class of eighteen members, she won the honor of being salutatorian for commencement day. The college showed its estimate of her worth and ability by electing her a member of the Faculty, in the position of Librarian and teacher of English,” the obituary says.

What happened to Carrie Lovette herself after graduation? According to Grace Haynes’ recollection, Carrie took a job in home demonstration in Loudon County, Tenn., then Tulsa, Okla., and finally back in East Tennessee in Sullivan County. At one point she worked as a professor of domestic science at Stonewall Jackson College in Abingdon, Va. She spent "the bleak winter of 1918" on North Main Street in Greeneville, taking care of her brother, Charlie, and his wife and four children, all of whom had caught flu in an epidemic.

After World War I, Carrie met William B. Gillespie in Abingdon. She married him in a ceremony in the home of Charlie, her brother. Carrie settled in Abingdon with her husband, enjoying the Barter Theatre, sometimes gaining admission through bartering jelly and produce. Carrie visited with her old friend Professor Haynes upon his 90th birthday, and wrote to him: "What an enviable life has been yours, that of influencing for the good a never-ending stream of youth. And I am very proud that I have been one of that number."

After her husband’s death she returned to Greeneville for a winter, and in the spring left for Abingdon. She grew ill shortly after, and died in April 1969, Grace Haynes records.

Along with other college papers, a list including her name and those of her 1910 classmates is reportedly preserved today inside the cornerstone of the Tate Library, a standing legacy to the days she and seventeen others stood as new graduates with a world stretching out before them, waiting to be conquered.

–Cameron Judd
A man whose life has exemplified the Civic Arts in action was presented Tusculum College’s Distinguished Service Award for the year 2002 on April 27 at the annual President’s Dinner.

Thomas J. Garland was described by Tusculum College President Dolphus E. Henry, in presenting the award, as “a man of multiple capabilities, broad interests, and natural leadership skills.”

The President’s Dinner, which annually honors the College’s major donors, was held in the Chalmers Conference Center of the Niswonger Commons Building. The Distinguished Service Award is given each year at the dinner to someone who has a long history of outstanding and multi-faceted support of Tusculum College.

The framed certificate bearing the text of the award, as well as the College’s official gold seal, was presented to Garland at the close of the dinner.

Presenting the honor, Dr. Henry read the text of the award, which is as follows:

“As a leader in civic life, commerce, government, and education, Thomas J. Garland demonstrates an excellence in citizenship that exemplifies the Civic Arts in action. Like Tusculum’s founders before him, he is a man of multiple capabilities, broad interests, and natural leadership skills.

“Tusculum College benefits in innumerable ways from its associations with Tom Garland. He is founder and Chairman of the Tusculum Institute for Public Leadership and Policy, a former Chairman of the College’s Board of Trustees, and for one year served the College as interim President. During the 1990s he chaired the College’s successful $10 million Bicentennial Campaign. In 2002 he became one of three Co-chairmen of the $10 million Campaign for the Library and has accepted the College’s invitation to again join the Board of Trustees.

“For a quarter century, he served either as a Senator from Greene County or as CEO of the Tennessee State University and Community College System. A popular senator, he was repeatedly re-elected, and during most of his time in the Senate was one of the three top leaders of that body. Concurrently with his Senate years he also worked in the private sector, organizing and operating his own businesses, and serving as an executive with two national banks and as one of the founders of a state-chartered bank. His service on bank and corporate boards has been frequently sought.

“After his Senate days, he stepped away from private business for five years to oversee the State University and Community College System as Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents, a system of forty-six campuses which became the nation’s seventh-largest such system.

“On local and state levels, he has been a leader of dozens of legislative and governmental study groups, has served on numerous nonprofit boards, and chaired the blue ribbon task force that led to the formation of the Greene County Partnership.

“Tom Garland continues his role in leadership at Tusculum College and in his community. On many occasions he has quietly worked behind the scenes for the good of the College and community, refusing any public attention of his deeds.

“In recognition of all that he means to Tusculum College, the 2002 Distinguished Service Award is presented to Thomas J. Garland on behalf of a grateful Tusculum College community on the occasion of the President’s Dinner, April 27, 2002.”
Reaching a century of life is in itself worth celebrating, but when Tusculum College alumnus Sarah Justice turned 100 on Feb. 1, a surprise reception held in her honor celebrated not only how long she has lived her life, but how well.

The reception was held while Sarah was at a meeting of Northeast Tennessee Foster Grandparents Program Advisory Council, of which she is a member. While she and her fellow council members conferred in a meeting room at the Greene Valley Developmental Center’s John M. Jones Building, others set up tables and refreshments in the front lobby. As the meeting broke, Sarah left the elevator to find a roomful of people waiting to honor her.

“I have had a wonderful life,” she said to those gathered around her. “God has blessed me abundantly. To make it to 100 is a privilege I thank my Father for. I am consoled with the fact that they were filled years, and I have not done anything I am ashamed of. I have done some stupid things, but you have to do some stupid things to know the difference.”

Sarah’s earliest years were spent in Northeast Tennessee’s Carter County. Her father, a carpenter, had no formal education and her mother attended school for only a few months. “My parents decided they needed to live where their six youngsters could be educated. My father then bought a lot in Tusculum and that was our beginning in Greene County,” Sarah recalls.

Recollecting her days at Tusculum College, Sarah says, “There have never been such hard-working faculty members who had thorough knowledge about the subjects and were dedicated to sharing that knowledge in the college setting.”

Upon her graduation, Sarah wanted to be a missionary and even went to work for a time on a Navaho reservation. But she would find her true destiny somewhat later, in a different kind of service.

After returning to Tennessee, Sarah taught high school economics for two years and then took a position in the Tusculum College bookstore. There, she heard about federal relief programs being instituted to help stricken Americans make it through the Great Depression. She inquired about a job at the Tennessee Department of Public Welfare and was hired as a relief worker. She enrolled in Vanderbilt University and earned a master’s degree in social work.

While with the Department of Public Welfare, now known as the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Sarah helped to establish the Division of Training and Staff Development and served as its first director. She trained 300 social workers, wrote manuals, and set up satellite offices for training throughout the state. She is credited by her peers with having managed the largest graduate social work education program in the Southeast. One of her former associates calls her “the best supervisor I ever had.”

From her career, Sarah learned the secret of working with people: “Everyone has a kind spot somewhere. If you are interested in that person, you will find it.”

Throughout her life, Sarah says, she has always sought guidance from God and has been greatly blessed as a result. “I have always looked for guidance beyond myself, and it has paid off.”

An active member of Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church, she serves as an elder and for years was a Sunday School teacher and choir member.

After retiring, Sarah continued serving her fellow man through volunteer organizations, and at 100 continues to be an active member of boards and advisory councils. Sarah is believed to be the second-oldest living Tusculum alumnus. Fellow alumnus Luke McAmis of Kingsport, Tenn., a retired judge, turned 100 in December of 2001.
“Can anyone tell me what is growing on this branch?”
Sarah McGar’s question brings the short line of fifth graders to a halt on the narrow trail as the youngsters crowd together to examine the broken branch she holds. Offering a few guesses, the students from East Tennessee’s Cosby Elementary School learn the growth is the tree fungus, lichen.
The students resume their hike on the trail bordered closely by small bushes, trees, and innumerable long, slender green stalks of the Horse Tail plant. As they travel deeper into the wooded area near the Nolichucky River, the students stop to record what they have learned in a drawing, poem, or creative thematic writing.

The trek of these students from Cosby, Tenn., into the woods on a late November day that felt more like April was among the numerous hands-on lessons in environmental science led by Tusculum College then-senior Sarah McGar. Sarah served as an intern at the Cedar Creek Learning Center, located in a rural area of Tusculum College’s home county of Greene.

From August through December, Sarah, an environmental science major who went on to graduate in May 2002, spent most of her time at the Learning Center, an innovative educational facility located in a former school building in the Cedar Creek area of southern Greene County. The Learning Center provides students hands-on exposure to environmental science in a natural setting. Instruction at the Learning Center, which is sponsored by the Upper East Tennessee Educational Cooperative, follows State of Tennessee curriculum.

Sarah, a Modesta, Calif., native, taught school groups who came to the center, and also shared in cleaning responsibilities as well as serving breakfast and dinner to the visiting students and teachers.

Working at the center was enjoyable for Sarah, and an opportunity to further perfect skills that she developed as a Tusculum College student. “Over time, I have gained the ability to speak to a large group of people and feel comfortable,” she says. “One of the best things in working with the students is being able to make what excites me, like water testing, excite them.”

Doug Ratledge, director of the Cedar Creek Learning Center, describes Sarah as “industrious, enthusiastic, and dedicated to the task. We have been very happy to work with her.”
Sarah spent the first few weeks in August training for her teaching responsibilities before the first groups of students from schools across Northeast Tennessee area began arriving at the Learning Center. The sessions they attend last from two to five days.

The Learning Center offers school groups the opportunity to explore a local cave, canoe on Davy Crockett Lake on the Nolichucky River, test water in the river, and hike through nearby wooded and mountainous areas. Within the broad framework of lessons about forest, stream and cave ecosystems, flexibility is allowed. Teachers are free to request emphasis on specific topics.

Sarah notes that this flexibility presents a challenge for members of the Learning Center staff, who must adapt quickly to varying requests from many school teachers.

The Learning Center leaves it up to the teachers to suggest the focus given a particular subject, according to Sarah.

“One teacher wanted an emphasis on leaf classification, so I spent the night before they came reviewing leaf classification,” she recalls.

“I tried to ask on the first day if there is an area of particular interest for the group,” Sarah says. “There are some things that I needed to cover, but I also asked if there are specific areas of interest. If a group was interested in bats (for example), we would spend extra time on that topic.”

Science provided an avenue for Sarah to delve into other subject matter with the students. As they did calculations in water testing, she emphasized mathematics. History came up as she talked about a dam located near the site where water testing takes place, and creative writing skills came into play as students were asked to put what they had learned on paper.

Sarah considered majoring in education before choosing environmental science. Both classroom and field appeal to her.

“Teaching at the center was the best of both worlds,” she says. “I got to work with students while remaining in the environmental science field.”

Environmental Monitoring was Sarah's favorite course at Tusculum College. In that class, students divide into teams with assignments to test storm water at local streams and on campus.

A section of Holly Creek flowing near Tusculum Boulevard in Greeneville was the focus of testing for the group that included Sarah.

However, since the effects of storm water on the creek was being tested, Sarah and the two other students in her group found themselves traveling to the stream at all hours of the day because the sample had to be taken within the first 15 minutes of rainfall.

“Environmental Science at Tusculum is so hands-on,” she says. “The block system works well with the classroom projects. When something happens in the environmental science field, we are in the position to go and not worry about missing something in another course.”

Sarah's name was a familiar one on all three of Tusculum's academic honors lists throughout her college career. She was an active student with broad interests and responsibilities. In addition to responsibilities in residence halls, she served as a Pioneer Host and was Tusculum College's representative on the Board of Advisors for the Keep Greene Clean organization.

-- Eugenia Estes
WE MAY NEVER KNOW WHETHER FREED SLAVE JOHN GLOUCESTER EVER PONDERED HIS OWN HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE when he became the first African-American student at Greeneville College, or later when he was ordained as the United States’ first African-American Presbyterian clergyman.

Whether he realized it or not, Gloucester did make history, more than once. Recognition of the man has been scant, however, his name little known in the modern-day Tusculum College community.

Placement in February of a new State of Tennessee historical marker on the Tusculum College campus promises to partially rectify that situation. Gloucester’s name and story-in-brief is now visible to anyone passing the front of the Tusculum campus or walking the grounds in the vicinity of the stone arch.

John Gloucester, who was born along with the nation in 1776, lived a life that foreshadowed progressive pathways the nation would travel in years long after he was gone.

Gloucester’s link to Tusculum College comes through its predecessor institution, Greeneville College, which merged with Tusculum Academy to form the institution that eventually evolved into modern Tusculum College.

Greeneville College took in Gloucester as a student through the influence of one of its first trustees, Gideon Blackburn. A Presbyterian minister, Blackburn had purchased Gloucester as a slave for the purpose of setting him free. During his days of enslavement, Gloucester was known simply as Jack. He took on the John Gloucester name in 1807, the same year he received his freedom.

Two years later, Gloucester was named a Presbyterian missionary. Dr. Benjamin Rush of Philadelphia befriended him and helped bring about the freeing from slavery of Gloucester’s wife and children.

Gloucester went on to become a noted Presbyterian minister in Philadelphia, where his name lingers in Presbyterian circles. Four Gloucester sons also went on to become ministers.

The new historical marker commemorating Gloucester was dedicated on the Tusculum campus, near the stone arch, in a brief ceremony on a clear, windy Saturday afternoon, Feb 16. Making comments at the event were Tusculum President Dolph Henry and Mark Hicks, of Johnson City, Tenn., who is a member of the Tennessee Historical Commission, the state body that oversees the state’s historical marker program. Representatives of the Town of Tusculum joined with Tusculum College representatives, including several members of the Board of Trustees, and watched as President Henry removed the cloth covering the marker.

The marker is the third placed on the Tusculum College campus. Earlier markers present information about the Doak House and the Doak family, and about the institutional history of Tusculum College.

—Cameron Judd
"PARDON me ... was that Abe Lincoln I just saw walking across the campus?"

It was a question someone at Tusculum College doubtlessly asked on the afternoon of Feb. 27. On that day, Dennis Boggs, of Nashville, Tenn., who portrays Abraham Lincoln in educational programs, paid a visit to the Andrew Johnson Museum and Library at Tusculum after having appeared at Greene County’s Mosheim Elementary School earlier in the day as part of that school’s History Day activities, coordinated in part by the Tusculum College Museum Studies program.

Boggs’ visit to the museum was timely. The museum had recently become host to two simultaneous exhibits focusing on Lincoln: “The Lincoln Legacy in Tennessee,” and “The Shadow of Lincoln.” The exhibits continued through May 4.

The “Legacy” exhibit was developed by the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn., and the Tennessee Humanities Council. The “Shadow” exhibit featured Lincoln-related items that are part of Tusculum College’s own collection.

“Hosting a traveling exhibit gives us a chance to display some items that have not been seen by the public or have not been on display for several years,” said George Collins, director of museum programs and studies.

From the Tusculum collection were political cartoons, a poster showing the all African-American Reconstruction government of the state of Louisiana, the handwritten original eulogy given by George Bancroft when Lincoln’s funeral train passed through New York and the copies made from an original life mask of Lincoln and a cast of his hand, items that were presented to Johnson after he became U.S. president as a result of Lincoln’s assassination.

Because of Boggs’ remarkable similarity to the 16th president, his visit brought a surreal moment or two, particularly when he posed in full Lincoln regalia with the life mask of Lincoln, and the cast of his hand, that are part of the “Shadow” collection. Of all the items on display, the life mask and hand cast were the most closely examined by visitors.
What do “muscular Christianity,” the Greek philosophers, the Puritans, and modern-day football in the South have in common?

For one thing, they were all topics explored during another successful “Theologian-in-Residence” series at Tusculum College, sponsored by the college and the Holston Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

“God and Athletics in the Modern World,” the theme for the 12th annual series, attracted pastors, coaches, sports enthusiasts and scholars to hear four lectures: two by Dr. William Baker and two by Dr. Robert J. “Jack” Higgs. Both men have both authored several relevant books.

Although sports were shunned by the early American Puritans, attitudes among the religious community changed in the 1800s, said Baker, a history professor at the University of Maine. Baker was also a Tusculum College professor in the 1960s.

The American religious community began to view athletics as acceptable to God because it contributed to good health, he said. “Good health became equated with obedience, and bad health a sign of disobedience and sin. The bond of health with sin and salvation was there in the 19th century.”

“Sports and religion can live well together, but there will always be tensions,” said Dr. Higgs, emeritus professor of English at East Tennessee State University. “As with business or any other phase of life, religion serves as a check of sports.”

The roots of America’s ideals of sports can be found in ancient Greece, a civilization that portrayed the athlete as strong and wise, Higgs said.

From these basic premises, Higgs and Baker, in their individual lectures, explored the growing influence of athletics on the culture through such groups as the YMCA, the relationship between the symbolism of Christianity as military valor and success in sports, and how religion, sport, and humor contribute to human wholeness.

M.L. King Day speaker focuses commentary on Dr. King's guidelines for personal excellence

When the Rev. Dr. C.H. Charlton was growing up in Radford, Va., two very different men were his heroes: singer Elvis Presley, and civil rights leader the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Charlton briefly followed in Presley’s footsteps during his high school days when he worked as a rock-and-roll singer. In later years, however, he followed more closely the pathway of Dr. King as a minister and community leader.

Today he is a city commissioner in Johnson City, Tenn., and for 24 years has pastored the Friendship Baptist Church in that city. Dr. Charlton was the featured speaker at Tusculum College’s celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

His presentation before an audience gathered in the auditorium of the Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Building touched on Dr. King’s famous social legacy but also discussed how the personal achievement principles Dr. King espoused can still be positively applied today in individual lives.

The speaker described Dr. King as a man who sought to build an America in which all could “stand tall,” regardless of race or background, and who was “for everybody” in this nation, not just African-Americans.

Despite the sometimes-brutal opposition he encountered all along the way, Dr. King kept faith in certain key principles, among them the belief that “no lie can live forever,” Dr. Charlton said. Dr. King was also devoted to non-violence, urg-
ing Americans to “never stoop so low as to let someone make you hate.”

At a time when a race war in America was a realistic possibility, Dr. King was a “blessing to America,” a man who “stood between two factions and said, ‘Peace,’” Dr. Charlton said.

The speaker urged his listeners to apply to their own lives the principles that guided Dr. King. “Strive for excellence,” Dr. Charlton said. “The nation doesn’t become great because of people who strive to see what they can get away with.” He also counseled the audience to “say what you are supposed to say,” and to say it well, succinctly, and in terms that all can understand. Being a long-time sufferer of asthma has taught him that “breath is too precious to be wasted,” Dr. Charlton observed.

Every individual should try to be a “craftsman of life,” he said. To achieve this requires mastering high moral standards, acting from the right motives, and persevering to the end. Those who persevere stand a “greater chance of winning” in life, he said, and even when they fail, need not feel badly in that they know they have “given all they have,” and no more can be asked of them than that.

He also counseled “resiliency” - the ability to have “some give and take in your life” - and self-assurance, the belief that one can achieve what one sets out to do.

“Don’t listen to the ‘dream busters,’” he said. “Don’t listen to those who tell you that you must be ‘realistic.’ Realism is not giving up. There are those who will say, ‘Oh, that field (of work) is overcrowded.’ But the field is never overcrowded with competent people. If you do something well, someone is going to want you to do it for them.”

Lastly, Dr. Charlton noted, all should heed Dr. King’s conviction that “nothing can stop you but you.”

Dr. Charlton graduated from East Tennessee State University with a bachelor of science degree in philosophy and a master’s of education degree in literacy studies. He holds a doctoral degree in theology from Emmaus Bible Institute and Seminary, a Ph.D. in clinical Christian counseling from Cornerstone University and a doctorate of divinity from the Tennessee School of Religion in Memphis.

He was the first African-American Board of Education member in his native Radford, and the first African-American mayor in Southwest Virginia.

During his speech, Dr. Charlton noted that he had not realized before coming to Tusculum that the college’s president, Dr. Dolphus E. Henry, is also a native of his own hometown. Dr. Charlton said he is acquainted with Dr. Henry’s father, who still lives in Radford.

Tusculum’s Campus Life Office hosted the celebration, which also featured repeated showings in the Niswonger Commons building at Tusculum of Dr. King’s most memorable speeches.

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**TEA AT THE DOAK HOUSE**

Members of the Samuel Doak Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution from Morristown, Tenn., were recently given an opportunity to meet the Samuel Doak family firsthand – or come as close to it as can be done these days. The DAR members were among those who enjoyed “Tea & Treats” in February at the Doak House Museum on the Tusculum College campus.

Mrs. Samuel Witherspoon Doak, portrayed by Anna Jane Taylor, discussed housekeeping tips from an 1850s copy of *Godey’s Lady’s Book*. Taylor, an interpreter at the museum, met her guests, about 20 each day, in character to discuss the happenings of the day in 1852 Greene County. Visitors also enjoyed some 19th century violin music from home-schooled students before going to the dining room to enjoy each other’s company and the tasty 19th century treats, served by Mrs. Doak’s granddaughter, portrayed by Tusculum student Heather Sellers.
(Tentative Schedule)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**
- Registration
- Hospitality Room
- Golden Pioneer Reception and Brunch
- Homecoming 2002 Golf Tournament
- Student Art Sale and Exhibit
- Tusculum Choir Reunion
- Alumni Reunion Dinner and Show – General Morgan Inn

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**
- Registration
- Hospitality Room
- Sports Hall of Fame Breakfast
- 5K Race and Walk
- FUNVILLE 2002
- Student Art Sale and Exhibit
- Choir Reunion
- Memorial Service
- Alumni Association Meeting
- Pre-Game Luncheon
- All-Alumni Picture
- Football Game
- Alumni athletic reunion games
- Casual Dining, Dancing and Entertainment – Link Hills Country Club

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THEY CAME OUT TO SEE THE WIZARD – IN DROVES.

Tickets for Theatre-at-Tusculum’s production of *The Wizard of Oz* in November were so in demand that something happened unparalleled in the history of Theatre-at-Tusculum.

“Unfortunately, we had to turn people away,” says Marilyn duBrisk, artist-in-residence at Tusculum. “It was a first for Theatre-at-Tusculum.”

The record-breaking crowds for the performances of *Wizard* were followed by successful performances of *Sganerelle, or the Imaginary Cuckold* by Theatre-at-Tusculum this winter, and the A.C.T. (Actors Coming Together) annual performance, which brings local high school students to Tusculum as performers. This year A.C.T. took on the challenge of staging a classical production of Shakespeare’s famous romantic tragedy, *Romeo & Juliet*.

All in all, it is proving to be a rather dramatic year for the performing arts at Tusculum.

Community involvement is a key reason, duBrisk says. “*The Wizard of Oz* was a community project. Half of the cast and crew were Tusculum students, but the other half were people from the community.”

*Romeo and Juliet* also typified that community involvement. Those supporting the high school actors were a familiar mixture of Tusculum students and staff, as well as volunteers from the community.

Eighteen schools were represented in *The Wizard of Oz*, and students from five high schools participated in *Romeo and Juliet*.

The performances provide an opportunity for students and community members to share in the satisfaction of making a production a success, and also bring a “wonderful mixture of ages together,” duBrisk says. For example, the *Wizard* cast included 5-year-old children up to adults with several years of theatrical experience.

“It is an educational experience for all those involved as they learn to work together,” duBrisk

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Colorizing the drab and dusty image of museums

TuSculum College’s Artist-in-Residence Marilyn duBrisk, conjurer of theatrical magic for many years, is also one of those responsible for what has become a tradition of learning in the home county of Tusculum College: “Growing Up in Greene.”

For about a dozen years, “Growing Up in Greene” has allowed third graders from all Greeneville and Greene County schools to visit Greeneville’s Nathanael Greene Museum and learn about various facets of local history. The annual program is coordinated by duBrisk and Carla Bewley, president of the museum’s board of directors.

The purpose “is to give children a positive museum experience to inspire them to come back and bring their families,” says duBrisk,
notes.
duBrisk has learned to be precise in scheduling and carrying out practices and rehearsals. “We try not to have rehearsals where people are waiting for a long time to go on stage,” she says. “People know when they come to rehearsal they will be going right to work on stage.”

Acts, Arts, Academia, another Arts Outreach program, has enjoyed a successful year sponsoring performances and lectures. Each program, ranging from Mexican folk dancing to talks on historical subjects, has been well-attended.

The program’s partnership with the Greeneville Community Concerts has also been helpful, she adds. “We have been able to dovetail some of the Acts, Arts, Academia performances into special school programs through the Arts United program,” says duBrisk. This program works to bring artists to Tusculum to benefit the entire community through such activities as special programs for youngsters.

duBrisk sees much more to come. “We have been so successful with those (programs) that we are looking to be able to offer even more for students next year.”

Stay tuned!

– Eugenia Estes

“Unfortunately, we had to turn people away,” says Marilyn duBrisk, artist-in-residence at Tusculum, regarding the recent ‘Oz’ production. “It was a first for Theatre-at-Tusculum.”

who initiated the program along with Nancy Parvin, a founding member of the museum’s board. “It puts children in control as they can bring their families to the museum and tell them what they have learned.”

duBrisk describes her own first experience in a museum as “horrible. It felt like we spent an hour in each room, and I was very bored.”

By contrast, “Growing Up in Greene” is a fast-moving program in which participants spend about ten minutes in six separate galleries.

With the aid of actors portraying historical figures, students taking part in the most recent program learned from Andrew Johnson about how he was educated without ever darkening the door of a school. Davy Crockett thrilled them with a story of the adventures that result from getting lost in the forest during a hunting expedition, and Samuel Doak’s wife described the conditions in East Tennessee at the time the Doaks settled there.

The Civil War, the past native inhabitants of Greene County, and the appearance of downtown Greeneville at the turn of the century were topics of displays in other galleries.

Prior to their visit, students were asked to draw a picture, compose a poem, or write an essay about a specific topic. Top entries were chosen for recognition. “The combination of literary and artistic skills with the museum experience seems a very natural marriage between history and the arts,” duBrisk notes.

During a recent Christmas-time event, the third graders were asked to either write or draw about the holiday. To provide ideas for the students, third grade teachers were sent excerpts from a chapter about “Christmas in Olde Greene” from a book being written by Tusculum College alumnus and active Greeneville citizen Betsey Bowman.

The holiday topic apparently inspired the children and their submissions were very diverse, the subjects ranging “from a mouse to a cat knocking over a Christmas tree,” duBrisk says. “The children were able to write about personal experiences rather than something historical.”

– Eugenia Estes
WORK IS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE on the four new residence halls being built in Greeneville and the major Professional Studies headquarters under construction in Knoxville.

Aided by favorable weather, crews from Burleson Construction, Inc., the general contractor for the residence halls project, and Burleson's subcontractors, have made considerable progress over the past eight months on the apartment-styled residence halls, scheduled to be open for occupancy for the fall 2002 semester. That project has been a month ahead of schedule almost from the beginning.

The new buildings are already drawing attention to Tusculum College. In recent months progress on the construction has received publicity both in the local newspaper for the Tusculum College area, The Greeneville Sun. There has also been coverage by WJHL Television, the CBS affiliate in Johnson City, Tenn.

During the past six months, the new Knoxville Center has taken shape inside Centerpoint Park, located at the intersection of Lovell Road and Pellissippi Parkway.

Work by crews from Merit Construction Co., the general contractor, and subcontractors has moved about two weeks ahead of schedule on the building, which will go into use this fall.

The construction process is being overseen by Lawler-Wood Group LLC. When completed, the new center will be approximately 30,000 square feet in size, almost double the amount of space in the current Knoxville facility occupied by Professional Studies, which serves working adults through four degree programs.

The new Knoxville center will feature 12 classrooms, a technology work room, a library/learning resource room, and computer laboratory facilities. Each classroom is being designed to incorporate state-of-the-art technology.
They understand the concept of roots in Caretta, West Virginia. It is a relatively isolated community where people tend to stay in place. And over the years the coal mining industry, the area’s chief employer, has made that possible. But the mining industry faces harder times these days, jobs are consequently more difficult to find, and Caretta’s young people face questions that don’t always have obvious answers.

Two Tusculum College Service-Learning Immersion classes set out this academic year to visit some of Caretta’s young people and offer some practical help around the community as well as some information about options for their futures. Specifically they discussed the option of college, including Tusculum College.

The visiting Tusculum students were surprised by the size of Caretta. “It was a real shock for me,” says Zachary Hoffmeyer, one of the students who visited Caretta in November. “There was one store and the whole community was along about a 200-yard strip. But it was a great experience for me. It made me realize that I do not need to stereotype people. The people we met were nice, and not like I had expected them to be.”

The Tusculum students discovered that many Caretta-area young people, and some older ones, didn’t fully realize how many life options they have, if only they are made aware of them.

“Many of the people there don’t think there is anything for them outside of Caretta, West Virginia,” says Hoffmeyer.

Nothing, at least, but military service. McDowell County, where Caretta is located, has the highest percentage of enlisted men among all counties in the entire nation. “Students are taken out of their classrooms about once a week and told about the military,” Hoffmeyer says. “It is rare that a college is invited in to talk to the students.”

Other factors also come into play in how Caretta-area young people view their options. Jennifer Wilcox, another Tusculum student in the November visiting team, talked to one high school student about going to college and found the teenager intimidated by the idea of leaving the Caretta area. The Tusculum students were asked to emphasize that “it might be scary to leave, but they could go to college and then come back,” Jennifer says.

Another November team member, Chuck Mason, hopes that such encouragement from Tusculum did some good. “I hoped to make a difference in someone’s future life, and hopefully encouraged someone to go on to college,” he says. “I hope my speech to the students will make a difference in one of their lives.”

The second Immersion course trip to Caretta differed from the first slightly in that it included a Biblical study component. The Rev. Dr. Steve Weisz, campus minister and associate professor of religious studies, led students in discussions about the ethical and Biblical implications of serving others. Also
instructing the class was Robin Fife, interim director of the Service-Learning Center, and Joyce Doughty, community service coordinator for the center.

Tusculum worked in coordination with a grassroots organization called Big Creek People in Action, a group whose mission is to help establish a sustainable community through education and the development of small businesses that can fill the void left by declines in the coal mining industry.

Fife was impressed by effects of the isolation of the Caretta community, which struck her as more notable even than similar circumstances she has encountered on a Navaho Reservation in Arizona, in a homeless shelter in Washington, D.C., and in Central America. All of those locales have been past destinations for Service-Learning students.

The three students taking part in the second Caretta excursion were three juniors: David “DJ” Starlings, from Fort Valley, Ga.; Allan Commons, from Chattanooga, and Kendall Dixon, from Rome, Ga.

While there, the three young men helped continue the prior team’s prep work toward what will become a community library, and also visited schools and talked to eighth and tenth graders. As had the earlier team, they encouraged the youngsters to consider college as an option and told them about the availability of scholarships and other financial aid.

The Tusculum students stayed at the Caretta Community Center, formerly a school. After the school was closed, Big Creek People in Action purchased the building, reopening it as a Community Center. In the early 1980s, a day care center opened in the Community Center, the first state-licensed day care center in McDowell County.

Upon their return from Caretta, the three members of the second team were asked to lead a Tusculum College weekly chapel service and share their thoughts and impressions, and also to read a scripture that they saw as relevant to what they had experienced.

D.J. Starling picked Psalm 70, a scripture he interpreted from the perspective of a young person of Caretta apprehensively facing the future: “Hasten, O God, to save me; O Lord, come quickly to help me ... you are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.”

During the chapel presentation, all three team members made one point repeatedly: the growing bond between Caretta and Tusculum must not be allowed to break. It most instead grow stronger and more active.

And it has. Since that chapel presentation, the roads between Tusculum and Caretta have been traveled another time. In March, several Caretta high school students and their parents came to campus to visit, tour, learn more about the college, and see the Tusculum-based production of “Romeo and Juliet.”

What lies ahead for the coal industry? For Caretta? For young people of that community who are unsure what path of life to choose?

These are answers that will come with time. It is the hope of many that the growing bond between Tusculum College and the Caretta community will make those answers a little easier to find than they would otherwise be.

– Eugenia Estes and Cameron Judd
Men's basketball team makes best-yet SAC showing

A first-time appearance in the semi-finals of the South Atlantic Conference Tournament capped a season of success for the Tusculum Pioneers Men’s Basketball team.

In its break-through 2001-02 season, the men’s basketball team experienced its first winning campaign in two years and finished tied for fourth in the conference, its best-ever showing since joining the SAC in 1999.

The team evolved into the toughest defense squad in the nation in its division, winning seven of the last 10 games and advancing to the SAC Tournament semi-final for the first time in school history.

The architect of this transformation was head coach Griff Mills, who wrapped up his first season in Greeneville with a 15-13 marker. Mills instilled a defensive pride in his young troops, while preaching a patient offensive attack.

All-Conference guard Pat Compton was the consistent “go-to player” for Coach Mills, averaging 10.9 points per contest. He was also Tusculum’s top rebounder, pulling down 5.2 boards per outing, including 5.8 rebounds in his last six games. Compton led Tusculum in scoring in 13 games, including 19 points against No. 18 Carson-Newman College in the SAC Tournament semi-finals.

For his efforts, Compton was named to the SAC All-Tournament team, becoming the first TC cager to earn that honor.

Another top performer for Tusculum was Jonathon Shepherd, who finished second on the team in offensive production, averaging 9.6 points per game. “The Aussie Assassin” averaged almost 11 points in his last six outings. Shepherd led the team in steals with 1.78 per night and was Tusculum’s best free throw shooter at 94.3 percent.

Junior guard Ben Carpenter hit a memorable 10-foot leaning jumper in the final minutes of TC’s opening game of the SAC Tournament, giving Tusculum the lead for good over the Lenior-Rhyne Bears. Carpenter averaged 7.6 points per game and led the team in three-pointers per game and 3-point percentage.

Sophomore forward Kiroh Peterkin emerged as one of TC’s top weapons late in the season. In his last six games, Peterkin averaged 10 points and 6 rebounds per game. During that stretch, Peterkin shot 17-for-32 from the field for 53.1 percent. Kiroh was also hot beyond the arc, shooting 83 percent in his last four games.

Britton Boedecker was Tusculum’s dominant player in the middle. Boedecker finished fourth in scoring, averaging 6.4 points per game, but led the team in blocked shots with 44 on the year, the second-most-ever in a Tusculum single-season. Boedecker shot 42.2 percent from 3-point territory while dishing out two assists per game.

Rookie guard Brad Hawks performed well in his freshman campaign. He gained the starting nod from Coach Mills in the last dozen games as Tusculum went 8-4 with Hawks in the starting five. He averaged 4.5 points per game as a starter and shot 58 percent from the floor during that stretch. He was also fourth in the conference in blocked shots with 39.

Also stepping up his production late in the season was junior forward Alberto Tejera. After his return to the starting line-up, Tusculum went 7-3. The Bayamon, Puerto Rico native shot 62 percent (18-29) from the floor in his last seven games, averaging eight points per game. Tejera led the team in assists averaging 2.5 per game.

— Dom Donnelly

Amaker named to All-American Second Team

Tusculum College return specialist Donald Amaker made the record book this year as the fourth All-American in Tusculum College football history.

Amaker, a sophomore from Bluefield, W.Va., was named to the Football Gazette’s NCAA Division II All-American Second Team. He is the fourth All-American in school history with this honor. He joins teammate Paul Czerniak (2000) and former Tusculum greats Eric Claridy (1994) and Matt Shults (1994).
Mixed emotions mark soccer season for men

The 2001 season for the Tusculum College men’s soccer team was one of mixed emotions and fluctuating performances.

The Pioneers finished the season with a 9-7-1 record.

The season included two battles against nationally ranked teams. Lander University, ranked fifteenth in the nation, had to rally from two goals down to win in overtime over the Pioneers. Tusculum also respectfully battled Clayton State, ranked at eighth, to a tie, rebounding from a 2-1 loss to regionally ranked Lees-Mcrae College.

In back-to-back victories over Morehouse and Lenoir-Rhyne, Tusculum notched significant comebacks of their own. Two goals in the last nine minutes contributed to a 5-4 overtime victory against Lenoir-Rhyne. The Pioneers scored three unanswered goals in the second half to beat Morehouse College 4-3.

However, the Pioneers then fell into a slump, getting outscored 9-1 in three straight conference losses. The team finished the regular season conference in fourth position, after earning a home tie date against Catawba College.

Postings a record breaking season in 2001, Amaker led the Pioneers in punt and kickoff returns. He also led the South Atlantic Conference in kickoff return average (26.2 yards per return) and was third in punt returns (12.7 ypr).

Amaker established single-season and career records in punt returns. Against #25 Carson-Newman College, he returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown, the longest in school history. He also returned a punt 60 yards for a score against Lenoir-Rhyne College. For his efforts, he was named to the All-Region and All-Conference First teams and was named SAC Special Teams Player of the Week once.

He played a huge role in Tusculum’s 8-2 campaign, the best in school history. The Pioneers broke or tied 51 team and individual records, while tying for second place in the conference and finished the year ranked 21st in the nation.

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Henderson makes history

Tara Henderson highlighted her year by becoming the first Tusculum College women’s soccer player to earn All-America honors.

The midfielder was named to the NSCAA/Adidas NCAA Division II All-America Second Team. The announcement came on the heels of Henderson’s sophomore campaign in which she totaled three goals and seven assists. Henderson and her fellow Pioneers finished their 2001 season with a 16-2-3 record, winning both the South Atlantic Conference regular season and tournament championships for a second straight season.

Tusculum duo runs to nationals

Running together was their strategy all season – so why should it have changed as Tusculum College’s Sue Lewis and Amanda Musick both competed in the 2001 NCAA Division II National Championship in Slippery Rock, Pa. last November? For the Pioneer duo, it marked the first time in school history that TC student-athletes have competed in a NCAA national championship event.

The trip to nationals capped a stellar season for the two Pioneer runners. Musick and Lewis finished second and third respectively at the NCAA Southeast Regional meet in Greensboro, N.C. The finish earned them the at-large berths needed to advance to the 6,000-meter course on the campus of Slippery Rock University. Lewis finished 108th and Musick placed 124th in the 183-runner field.

The year saw much success. The Tusculum women finished third at last fall’s South Atlantic Conference championships, the best performance by a Pioneer harrier team since joining the league in 1999. Musick finished second with a time of 19:56 in the 5K race, while Lewis placed fourth with a personal best of 20:04 on the Pioneers home course, located on the campus of the Greene Valley Development Center.

For the entire season they ran close together and always near the top of the field. The pair finished in the top four in all seven races. They combined to win four races, while running at record times throughout the season.

During the past academic year, Lewis was a junior Elementary Education major from Cincinnati, Ohio. Musick was a Lebanon, Va. freshman majoring in Biology/Pre-Medicine.
Tusculum College has partnered with the on-line career resource MonsterTRAK in a system that will give Tusculum alumni some distinct job-search advantages.

Through the arrangement, MonsterTRAK offers a password-protected database accessible only by students and alumni of partnered schools, allowing employers to target their recruitment efforts at those institutions. The service is provided at no charge to students and alumni.

Rhonda Allen McCurdy, director of Career Counseling at Tusculum College, said her office is “excited to get the word out about Tusculum providing access to the remarkable free services MonsterTRAK has to offer our students and alumni. All they have to do is register.”

The service benefits both traditional students in the Residential College and working adult students in the Graduate and Professional Studies program of Tusculum College.

A link to the MonsterTRAK web site has been placed on the Tusculum College web site, off the Career Counseling page. Once registered, students and alumni have access to MonsterTRAK services free of charge. The link to the Career Counseling page is in the lower left-hand area of the Tusculum College “front page” at www.tusculum.edu.

In addition to job listing and the resume database, other features of the Tusculum College/MonsterTRAK system include MonsterTRAK Message Boards, where students can post questions to college counselors and employers; the Career Contact Network, which allows students to find mentors in a diverse number of career fields; and the Job Search Guide, which includes tips on subjects such as how to write a resume to how to negotiate a salary.

The Office of Career Counseling at Tusculum College offers a range of services, resources and programs to educate students and alumni in all aspects of the career development process for the purpose of enhancing their professional preparation and employability.

Monster.com, headquartered in Maynard, Mass., bills itself as the leading global careers website, recording over 30.2 million unique visits during the month of October 2001 according to independent research conducted by I/PRO. Monster.com connects companies with career-minded individuals, offering technology and services that give them more control over the recruiting process.

Monster.com was the official online career management services sponsor of the recent 2002 Olympic Winter Games as well as the 2002 and 2004 U.S. Olympic Teams.
Harrison Lamons: a legacy of service

Tusculum College lost a great friend in January with the death of F. Harrison Lamons, a long-time supporter of the school and an active leader for many years on the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Lamons died Jan. 16 after a period of declining health. A month later his memory was honored by his fellow trustees at their regular winter meeting, during which a resolution expressing appreciation for his contributions to the College was passed.

The resolution read, in part, that Mr. Lamons “had a profound impact on Tusculum College as a supporter, Trustee, and beloved friend of the College,” and that “his life, work, and interests exemplified the values and virtues that the College seeks to perpetuate.”

After Mr. Lamons joined the Board in 1988, he quickly took on important leadership roles. He served as vice chairman of the 1990-1991 Greene County Major Gifts Campaign and as a member of the Major Gifts Committee during the 1991-1992 campaign. Additionally, Lamons was a member of the steering committees overseeing two Tusculum College capital campaigns.

In addition to his board vice chairmanship and leadership of the External Relations committee, he was a member of the board’s Executive Committee, Trusteeship Committee, and the Subcommittee on the Presidency. Past board positions he held included the chairmanship of the Church Relations Subcommittee and service as secretary to the board.

In the year 2000, Mr. Lamons received the Tusculum Distinguished Service Award at the annual President’s Dinner.

Of Mr. Lamon’s death, Stanley R. Welty, Jr., chairman of the Tusculum Board of Trustees, said “His passing is a great loss to all of us. Harrison served the Board of Trustees of Tusculum College with the highest distinction for fourteen years ... we valued and enjoyed his wit, insight, vision, and soft-spoken thought. I personally had a great respect for Harrison and considered him a close friend. We give thanks for the opportunity to know Harrison and for all he did for Tusculum College.”

Dr. Dolphus Henry, president of Tusculum College, also expressed his appreciation for Mr. Lamons’ life. “Harrison was a faithful and responsible member of our Board of Trustees and supporter of Tusculum College, but also a personal friend to many of us. His impact on this college has been great, and we’re going to miss him very much.”

Mr. Lamons’ work on behalf of Tusculum College grew out of his devotion to his community at large. He was widely known through the Greene County community for his support of the performing arts, particularly Greeneville’s Little Theatre organization, with which he was involved since its founding.

An active member of Greeneville First Presbyterian Church, Mr. Lamons was a member of the church’s Session and served on numerous church committees, including the education, building, and finance committees.

Mr. Lamons was also a highly regarded businessman. He was one of the founders in 1973 of LMR Plastics in Greeneville. He also was founder of the Lamons Sales Company in Greeneville. He was a member of the Greene County Bank Board of Directors for many years and was a past chairman of that board.

Mr. Lamons was a veteran of the United States Air Force, in which he served in the early 1950s after his graduation from Vanderbilt University in Nashville. As a lieutenant, he was stationed mostly in San Antonio, Texas, where he served as a general’s aide.

He and his wife, Connie, were married in 1954. They raised three children together, all of them now adults.
Frances Rogers ’34 of Mullins, S.C., writes that she is 88 years old and enjoying “old age!”

Bob Bogue ’36 of Bellaire, Mich., sends greetings to his octogenarian classmates.

Philip A. Wright ’42, of Wallingford, Conn., visited campus with his grandson, Philip Wright III, over the summer and was most pleased with the progress being made on campus. He also enjoyed visiting friends and the Smoky Mountains.

William C. Gifford ’46 of Reedley, Calif., is living at a Mennonite senior complex. He continues to preach as a Sunday supply pastor.

Harriet Hastings Mooradian ’46 of Nassau, N.Y., enjoys her family, gardening, and computers. She also produces a 12-page newsletter nine times a year for her local day lily society. She can be contacted via email at hmooradian@aol.com.

Agnes Mayes Hartsell ’47 of Maryville, Tenn., writes that son Michael Hartsell, a Greeneville, Tenn., family practice physician, became president of the Tennessee Medical Association in November 2001.


Joe Stallard ’56 of Norton, Va., retired January 1, 2002, following 12 years of service as city treasurer for Norton.

Frank Gentsch ’61 and wife Sally ’62 of Woodway, Texas, attended Homecoming 2001 and write, “we had a wonderful time. It was great to be back on campus and see so many old and dear friends. My, how things have changed in 40 years!”

Rod MacLeod ’62 and his wife Cindy, of Sarasota, Fla., are the proud grandparents of Alexander MacLeod Gieson, born July 19, 2000, in Dahran, Saudia Arabia. Alex and his parents, Tracey MacLeod Gieson and Rich Gieson now live in Jacksonville, Fla. Rod and Cindy are expecting their second grandchild in April 2002.

Patricia Force Trudeau ’62 of Whitney, N.Y., writes that she enjoys visits with her grandchildren and continues to be a volunteer coordinator of Family Literacy Program at Whitney Young Health Center. The center received a grant from “Reach Out and Read,” joining over 1,100 sites throughout the country. Patricia encourages everyone to volunteer to read.

Bob Pollock ’65 of Bridgewater, N.J., is working for the State Commissioner of Education as part of a special task force to assist urban education and inner-city children. AdvantaPress has released Bob’s new book “Teacher Interviews: How to Get Them and How to Get Hired.” For more information, see the profile on page 36.

Sue Wade Davis ’66 of Salisbury, N.C., has opened Visual Joy Kaleidoscope Studios. She creates a full range of dry cell kaleidoscopes, including colorful anodized, etched brass, copper, and silver. When this note was received, Sue was also awaiting a new assignment as First Union and Wachovia merge to become Wachovia, the fourth largest United States bank. She is experienced in Data Warehousing and data usage.

Carol L. Rogers ’66 of Washington, D.C., has been reappointed editor of “Science Communication,” an interdisciplinary social science journal published by Sage Publications, Inc. She became editor of the journal in 1998 and will continue in this capacity through June 2004. Carol is a lecturer at the University of Maryland’s Philip Merrill College of Journalism.

Ken Bowman ’70 of Apollo, Pa., celebrated 25 years with Alcoa Foundation this year. His first association with Alcoa began when the Alcoa Foundation supported his graduate research on molten salt electrolytic processes. He hired into the Physical Chemistry Division in 1976, transferred to the Ingot Casting Division in 1980, and then to Chemical Systems in ARL in 1984. Throughout the years, Ken has worked on breakthrough technology and has been rewarded with numerous awards and patents. He currently works as Senior Technical Specialist for the Materials Development Group of Alcoa Rigid Packaging BU. Ken serves on numerous boards, including the Tusculum College Board of Trustees, and has written and edited articles on aluminum and chromic acid for the World Book Encyclopedia. Ken’s wife, Jo Ellen, has been supportive in his many endeavors and continues to be so.

Michelle Golinski Mokrzecki ’70 of Hadley, Mass., shared with Tusculum College the news that her brother (Retired) Colonel Ronald F. Golinski,
was a victim of the September 11, 2001, tragedy at the Pentagon. At the time Tusculum College received the news, he was listed among the missing. Mokrzecki said Golinski devoted much of his life to the United States Army; he died for his country and is a hero, sadly missed by his entire family. He is survived by his wife, six daughters, and several grandchildren. Shown here is a picture of Golinski taken from the Tusculum College 1961 “Tusculana.”

Dwight ’71 and Jacqueline Pfennig ’69 of Leonardo, N.J., have a son, Brian, who was married February 16, 2002. Dwight is superintendent of Morris School District in New Jersey. Jacqueline teaches science in a middle school in Middletown, N.J., and is co-president of New Jersey Association for Middle Level Education.

Annie-Laurie Wheat ’71 has moved to Rock Hill, S.C., where she is chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance at Winthrop University. The department has approximately 150 majors and supports a rich and diverse production program.

Albert Braun ’72 shared that he is looking forward to being at Tusculum College Homecoming 2002 (September 20-21) for his 30-year reunion.

John Eiskamp ’75 of Greeneville, Tenn., works as head coach with both the boys and girls soccer teams at Greeneville High School. He would love to hear from soccer alumni and friends at jeiskamp@mail.state.tn.us.

Linda Horak-Scarpa ’76 of Clifton, N.J., has been a kindergarten teacher for 23 years. She has earned a master’s degree in early childhood education from New Jersey City University.

Saadia L. Williams ’78 of Knoxville, Tenn., is a member of the 2002 Class of The East Tennessee Regional Leadership Association.

Carolyn Gregg ’88 of Greeneville, Tenn., has retired from the Greenville School System and joined Tusculum College as assistant professor of research.

Lou Ann Ladd ’89 of Chattanooga, Tenn., is a database administrator for Tennessee Valley Authority. She completed a master’s degree in computer science from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tenn.

‘90s

Lisa Stabler ’90 of Clarkesville, Ga., recently joined the staff of the Entomology Department at the University of Georgia, Athens. She is working in the Household and Structural Entomology Lab as a research technician, specifically with termites.

Vrondelia Chandler ’98 of Knoxville, Tenn., has become program director for Project Grad, a national non-profit initiative working collaboratively for sustainable systemic change in inner city education. She does so following 23 years in higher education administration with Pellissippi State Technical Community College and many community-building activities.

Andee Thompson Edwards ’86 and husband Walt, of Keysville, Va., announce the birth of a son, Wyatt Anderson Wayne Edwards, born August 31, 2001. They also have a daughter, Sarah, who is two.


Mike ’94 and Amy Welch Yeazel ’93 of Chatsworth, Ga., announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Jacqueline, born December 12, 2001, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Ginger Morgan Clark ’95 and husband Bill of Greeneville, Tenn., announce the birth of a son, Andrew Wilson Clark, born at 6:43 p.m. November 21, 2001, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. Grandparents are Ronnie and Cecile Clark of Greeneville and Jerry and Barbara Morgan of Mosheim, Tenn.

Clamp ’98 passed away Aug. 4, 2001. He was Rye Fink ’34 of Kingsport, Tenn., and the Greene County and Tennessee United Methodist Church System and was a member of Union Temple United Methodist Church. Mrs. Bowman was a member of Bethesda (Harrison) Presbyterian, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Tennessee Organist Society, and had been a member of the American Guild of Organists and a member of GFWC Andrew Johnson Club.

Oscar M. Dugger ’35 of Tusculum, Tenn., passed away March 5, 2002 at Life Care (East) Center of America. Mr. Dugger was a retired cattle broker, having bought and shipped cattle to feed lots in Ohio to be shipped to the markets and to farmers. The family said he loved his work and had a number of friends in Ohio and in Greene County and surrounding counties in Tennessee.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Greeneville and the Daok Ruritan Club. His family noted that he had maintained his interest in world affairs throughout his life. They said he enjoyed sports, nature, gardening and regularly sold produce to local restaurants and markets.

Dr. Bradley B. “Bing” Barnes ’36 of Pensacola, Fla., passed away February 1, 2002, following a brief illness. Prior to retiring to Florida in 1977, Dr. Barnes practiced dentistry in Greeneville, Tenn.

Margaret Mary Lyons Noble ’37 of Hartford, Conn., passed away January 7, 2002. She served with the Armed Forces during World War II as a member of the Woman’s Army Corps, WACS, attached to Station Hospital, 7th Service Command, Camp Crowder, Miss. She was retired from the Medical Records Department of The Institute of Living following 35 years of employment. Noble was a communicant of St. Augustine Church, Barry Square, Hartford.

Mary Lee Harrison Bowman ’38 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away November 7, 2001. She was a retired teacher, having taught in the Davidson County School System. She was a member of Bethesda (Harrison) United Methodist Church and attended Asbury United Methodist Church. Mrs. Bowman was a member of Eastside Garden Club and Tennessee Retired Teachers Association.

‘40s

Dorothy Hardin Mayo ’40 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away February 1, 2002.

Her father was a descendant of Col. Joseph Hardin, an officer in the Revolutionary War and one of the founding elders of what is now called First Presbyterian Church of Greeneville. She was graduated from Tusculum College with a major in organ and received a Master of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Mrs. Mayo was the director of music at what was then the First Methodist Church in Greeneville. She was a member of Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Tennessee Organist Society, and had been a member of the American Guild of Organists and a member of GFWC Andrew Johnson Club.

She was married to the Rev. Dr. C. Douglas Mayo, a now-retired United Methodist minister. She taught in the Greeneville City School System, and also served as principal of the school at the Holston Methodist Orphanage (now the Holston United Methodist Home for Children).


Active in extracurricular activities while attending Tusculum, Mr. Moore ultimately served as an officer of his senior class.

Upon his graduation from Tusculum, Mr. Moore worked for Continental Insurance Company and then for Henry Davis Nadig’s Public Relations Council, both in New York City. He then joined Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products in New Brunswick for a 38-year career that included 11 different jobs in total, all of them spent in personnel. He retired as manager of Employee Services in 1990.

Mr. Moore served on the Board of Directors of the Middlesex County TB & Health League, as a member of the Personnel Committee for the YWCA’s Hammond House, and as a member of the Woman’s Army Corps, WACS, attached to Station Hospital, 7th Service Command, Camp Crowder, Miss. She was retired from the Medical Records Department of The Institute of Living following 35 years of employment. Noble was a communicant of St. Augustine Church, Barry Square, Hartford.

Memorials

‘20s

Lena Eleanor Rankin Doty ’27 of Tucker, Ga., passed away January 9, 2002.

She was a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent for the Greeneville City School System in Tennessee for a number of years. Following her retirement from Greeneville Schools, she was an accreditation consultant for the Southern Association of Schools throughout the Southeast.

She had been an active member of First Christian Church of Greeneville, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Greeneville/Greene County Retired Teachers Association, and the GFWC/TFWC Andrew Johnson Club.

‘30s


Deborah Marshall Strong ’32 of Gate City, Va., passed away November 20, 2001, at Wellmont Hospice House in Bristol, Tenn. She taught for several years in the Greene County School System and was a member of Union Temple United Methodist Church and the Greene County and Tennessee Retired Teachers Association.

Rye Fink ’34 of Kingsport, Tenn., passed away August 4, 2001. He was retired from Eastman Kodak following 47 years of service.
of the board of the Raritan Credit Union. He was active in the United Way of Central Jersey as a member of its Board of Trustees and its Boundaries Committee, and as fund-raising chairman of its Industrial North Division. He also spoke and lectured on the principles of management to professional and community organizations on national and state levels.

He was active an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church for 40 years, serving as elder and in various other leadership positions as well as serving as a humorous essayist for the church’s monthly newsletter. Mr. Moore also had served as a deacon and elder at New Brunswick Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his son, Colin C. Moore ’82, of Woodstown, N.J.

‘50s


Katherine Augusta Jennings MacQueen, ’52, of Columbia, SC, passed away March 5, 2002 at the Carolina Health & Rehab Center in Columbia after a long illness.

Born in Banner Elk, she was the daughter of the late Robert Edward and Ruth Hoye Jennings. Mrs. MacQueen was a graduate of Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, NC, and Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tenn.

She married Thomas Ross MacQueen ’53 and traveled extensively with him and their family during his Air Force career. She was a loving and devoted homemaker, who also worked as a substitute teacher and librarian.

After her husband’s retirement from the military, she returned to Banner Elk with her family where they resided until she and her husband moved to Columbia, SC in 1990.

She was a member of the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Thomas R. MacQueen ’53; one son, Thomas R. McQueen II of Dayton, Ohio; two daughters, Mariruth A. Cook ’83 of Vernon, NJ, and Katherine A. MacQueen II of Columbia, SC; one son-in-law, William F. Cook ’84 of Vernon, NJ; one sister, Mary Evelyn Hughes of Minneapolis, NC.

Carroll Whaley ’52 of Pigeon Forge, Tenn., passed away December 22, 2001, at Fort Sanders Hospital in Knoxville.


Albert A. Higgins ’59 of the Union Chapel community, Afton, Tenn., died December 3, 2001, at his home after a battle with scleroderma and cancer of the bone. He was a truck driver prior to having to retire due to arthritis and was a U.S. Navy four-year veteran of the Korean War.

Robert Winton Ramsay ’59 passed away February 15, 2002, at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md. He is survived by his wife, Laura Neas Ramsay ’58 of Virginia Beach, Va., and Southern Shores, N.C., four daughters, and six grandchildren.

‘60s

Billy E. Keith ’60 of Tusculum, Tenn., passed away November 25, 2001. He was retired from Hurd Lock & Manufacturing Co. and was a member of the Doak Ruritan Club, and the American Association of Retired Persons. He had also served in the U.S. Army.

Edward C. Spurling ’64 of Greeneville, Tenn., died December 2, 2001, after an extended illness. Mr. Spurling served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps for two years, receiving an honorable discharge.

Nancy Gross Havely ’65 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away January 12, 2002, at her home. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, GFWC/TFWC Greeneville Junior Woman’s Club, the Little Theatre of Greeneville Inc., and Link Hills Country Club.


‘80s

Edgar L. Dyer Sr. ’86 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away February 24, 2002. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Andrew Johnson Post #1990 in Greeneville.

Tusculum College also recently learned of these deaths:


Ada Harmon ’25 of the Bewley’s Chapel community in Greene County, Tenn., passed away April 11, 2001.

Maude Crookshanks ’31 of Johnson City, Tenn., passed away February 24, 2001.


A former Tusculum College student is the author of a new book designed to help education graduates and already-active teachers increase their chances for professional success and advancement.

Robert W. Pollock’s 304-page work, *Teacher Interviews: How to Get Them and How to Get Hired!* (Advanta Press, $18.95), became available April 15 and is in stock in the Tusculum College Bookstore as well as through many national book outlets, including on-line sources such as AdvantaPress.com and AtlasBooks.com.

Pollock, who holds a doctoral degree in education, aims his book at “any teacher who is seeking a teaching post. It could be a college graduate who is just entering the field or an experienced teacher who is looking for another position.” The book addresses itself to helping teacher candidates package themselves and successfully market the skills they have to offer, and also provides valuable information for administrators and other education professionals, Pollock says.

Pollock's book “takes a teacher from the decision to become a teacher, through the application process and into the preparation phase of an interview,” the author says. “Once the interview is obtained the book discusses specific ways to approach an elementary school, middle school and high school interview. In each chapter, there are numerous potential questions an interviewer might ask along with a complete approach on how to construct a quality answer.”

Pollock warns of potential interview pitfalls, provides strategy tips, and gives suggestions on how to handle the tough questions.

Pollock began his college career at Tusculum College in 1961, attending for two years before transferring to the University of Tennessee, where he completed a B. S. in Science Education. Enlisted in Naval Flight School after graduation, he served “a little less than four years in the Navy with a few trips to Viet Nam, and left the military to pursue a masters degree at Indiana University,” he says.

His subsequent career included more than a decade of science teaching in New Jersey, and work as an assistant principal and principal for another 20 years.

Being persuaded that “No school is ever better than its teachers,” Pollock began a study of how to hire the best teachers and then improve them through staff development and in-service training, a background that ultimately led to his new book.

Pollock says he writes what he “feels passionately about,” and attributes the inspiration to become a writer of books to his late wife, Debbie, who died from cancer in 1998. He and Debbie had two children, both now teenagers living at home with Pollock.

Pollock, retired in 1999 from school administration, now writes full-time, speaks, and conducts seminars. “I love to come back to Tennessee and I’m a real Vol fan,” he says. “Of course I follow my Pioneers as well. When I get together with my old classmates, we always talk about the death-match basketball games with Carson Newman we had during my Tusculum days. They were great times. Did you know that the Craig Hall football team was undefeated in the two years I was there? ... Those days were so great, I cannot tell you how wonderful it is to have them in my treasure chest of memories. Any of my old classmates that want to reach me can write e-mail to rpoll1095@aol.com. By the way, new friends from the Tusculum family are always welcome as well.”


An autumn tradition returns

Make plans to follow the Pioneers on the gridiron

2002 Tusculum College Football Schedule
(Tentative, Home games in all capitals)

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