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Nominations for Alumni Awards

Homecoming is just a few short months away, and we need your help! We need nominations for the Alumni Association Awards presented during Homecoming. The alumni awards provide an opportunity to recognize those deserving individuals who have made significant contributions to both Tusculum College and the community, and we would like to know who you consider worthy of receiving these honors.

Award nominations can be made by filling out and returning the form included on the back inside cover of this magazine or by submitting the same information on a separate sheet of paper. The nomination(s) should be mailed to: Tusculum College Director of Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 5040, Greeneville, TN 37743. Nominations can also be submitted by e-mail to: alumni@tusculum.edu. The deadline is August 12. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Nominations are considered by the Alumni Executive Board, which decides the recipients of all the awards, except the Sports Hall of Fame nominees, who are approved by the Sports Hall of Fame Committee.

Please consider the following criteria when making your nomination(s):

**Pioneer Award**
The Pioneer Award was established by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association in 1962 and is presented each year to an outstanding alumnus or alumna, in recognition of outstanding or meritorious achievement in his or her chosen field; for distinguished service to church, community, country and humanity; and for continuing and loyal service to Tusculum College.

**Frontier Award**
The Frontier Award was established by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association in 1995 and is presented each year to an outstanding alumnus or alumna in recognition of outstanding or meritorious advancement in his or her career. Consideration will be given to former students who have been graduated from the College at least five years, but no more than fifteen years. Consideration for this award should include continuing and loyal service to Tusculum College.

**National Living Faculty Award**
The National Living Faculty Award was established by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association in 1996 and is presented each year to an outstanding member of the Tusculum College Faculty. The purpose of the Living Faculty Award is to bestow recognition on those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the College’s academic program(s). Persons shall not be eligible for consideration until they have maintained an academic relationship with the College for at least five years. To be considered for recognition, faculty members should have excelled during their service to Tusculum College by demonstrating a commitment to the students of the College and the academic program(s).

**National Alumni Recognition Award**
The National Alumni Recognition Award was established by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association in 1996 and is presented each year to an outstanding member of the Tusculum College Community. The purpose of the National Alumni Recognition Award is to bestow recognition on those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the College. Persons shall not be

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Robert Bailey cited for distinguished service

Hailed as a man whose life has blessed the lives of those around him, long-time Greene County attorney and 1948 Tusculum College graduate Dr. Robert H. Bailey was named the recipient of the 2005 Tusculum College Distinguished Service Award on May 20.

Tusculum College President Dr. Dolphus E. Henry presented the award to Dr. Bailey, who declared afterward that he was completely surprised by the honor. He expressed deep gratitude for the honor both at the dinner itself and in correspondence with Tusculum College afterward.

Before giving the award, Dr. Henry presented a summary of Dr. Bailey’s life, activities and history of support to Tusculum College.

“The individual we will honor tonight with the Distinguished Service Award for 2005 ... has long been a valued friend and alumnus of Tusculum College, and is one of those rare individuals about whom it can honestly be said, ‘It is always a pleasure to see him,’” said Dr. Henry.

After graduating from Greeneville High School, the honoree enrolled at Tusculum College as a “day student,” as commuters were called at that time. At Tusculum College, Dr. Bailey was active in the Pioneer Players, the Outing Club, the yearbook staff, the Glee Club, the Student Christian Association, and the Polity Club, among other things.

After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army in the early 1950s, then went back to school to earn a law degree at the University of Tennessee in 1955. He was president of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity at UT. He opened a law practice in Baileyton in 1960.

Dr. Bailey has been active in the Rotary Club and the Ruritan Club, Dr. Henry said. As a Ruritan, he is a past Tennessee District Governor and was once a National Director. In 1967 he was President of Ruritan International, said Dr. Henry.

Dr. Bailey has also been active in Masonic life, having been the Illustrious Potentate of Kerbela Shrine Temple in Knoxville in 1976 and at one time a Master of the Greeneville Lodge. He has also been active politically and was a delegate to the 1977 Constitutional Convention, Dr. Henry recounted.

Dr. Henry referred to Dr. Bailey as “a Christian man who faithfully serves God through his church, Greeneville First Church of God.” He is a choir member and Sunday School teacher. Dr. Bailey also has worked in church mission camps in Haiti and recently returned from mission work in Ecuador. “Closer to home,” said Dr. Henry, “he serves on the Board of the Locust Springs Christian Retreat Center at Baileyton, and those who know him well say he has a special place in his heart for that project.”

Dr. Bailey is a former member of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees, which he served as a treasurer for two years and a chairman for two more years. His service to Tusculum College led the College to present to him an honorary Doctorate of Law degree in 1984.

Dr. Bailey has been involved in establishing and supporting several endowed scholarship funds at the College. The President’s Dinner is held each year as a way to thank major donors to the College.
In May, I had the privilege of serving as host of the 2005 President’s Dinner. There, I had the opportunity to review developments at Tusculum College over the past year or so. I will share here a digest of some of the thoughts I presented that evening.

Many changes to Tusculum College over the last 12 months have been significant and externally visible, such as new facilities and sizable increases in both students and full-time faculty. Other changes, such as new expectations for student learning and citizenship, may be less evident to the casual observer but are just as transforming.

In 2004-2005 Tusculum College fully utilized what it knew about the learning and skill development of its students and began to ratchet up its expectations to match those of our more demanding professors. We have been pleased to confirm that students in several of our academic majors, history, political science, psychology and English, when compared to students in similar programs across the country, are solidly in the upper half and even upper third group in results of the Major Field Achievement Tests. Our undergraduates as a group recently scored significantly above the national average for college-level reading, writing and math. Higher expectations have not been limited to the intellectual side of Tusculum College. We have raised our citizenship and conduct expectations of our students over the last 12 months.

More robust intellectual expectations are supported by the infusion of electronic resources to enhance student use of our library. Tusculum College is now the single largest user of electronic resources among the 35 institutions of the Appalachian College Association. In addition, the College has placed more than 500 computers throughout its instructional sites for student use and access to the main library. The upcoming completion of our new library also reflects the value that we place on intellectual inquiry and student development.

The Campaign for the Library has just crested $8.7 million in gifts and pledges. We are certainly grateful to all who have recognized the importance of this new library to both the College and our surrounding community by contributing to our capital campaign.

In February, a comprehensive five-year Strategic Plan was approved by our Board of Trustees as well as a college-wide Honors Program and new Commons Curriculum or core. The latter is a modification of the Civic Arts focus while providing flexibility for students and faculty in the scheduling of courses with multiple options for satisfying general requirements.

This past fall, Tusculum experienced the largest traditional undergraduate enrollment in memory with over 950 students. Classroom and residence hall space were taxed as we began the year. Not only did we fully utilize our portable classrooms, but our neighbor Tusculum Baptist Church graciously extended to us its facilities.

Traditional students were more involved in campus activities last year than in recent memory. The Residential College Student Government Association developed a legislative branch that better represents and engages the traditional student. The early impact of this change has been greater student involvement in intramurals, religious activities and other activities.

The College has attracted more traditional freshman applications for this upcoming fall than at any other time in its past. At the same time, the College has raised the threshold for admission to correspond to our higher expectations of students once they are enrolled. Our athletic teams are scaling back the number of open slots in order to devote more resources and time to those student-athletes who are intentionally recruited by the individual programs.

The programs for our working-adult students have also experienced record enrollments that approach 1,500 students compared to fewer than 1,200 last year. New degree programs and concentrations have contributed to that growth.

Much more could be said about the past year’s progress in areas such as student athletics and contributions from Tusculum College to the body of knowledge, art, music and literature. Clearly Tusculum College life is at a particularly vibrant phase as we see years of focused planning and improvement beginning to bear fruit. It has been an important year, and progress will continue.
A Greene County boy wrote some TC history on April 28 when he became the apparent youngest donor in the 211-year life of Tusculum College. Twelve-year-old Ben Dixon, who lives in the Afton area.

**EARLY IMPACT**

The way Ben Dixon has it figured, if you love history as much as he does, why not make a little of your own?
of Greene County and attends Chuckey Elementary School, is a young fellow who has a strong affection for Tusculum College. He comes by it naturally. His father and mother, Chris and Kim Dixon, graduated from Tusculum College in 1988 and 1985, respectively, and met at the College. Ben’s maternal grandfather, Greeneville’s Jack Kilday, is a Tusculum College graduate. Maternal grandmother Nancy Kilday attended classes at Tusculum College and works with the College today as a coordinator of admissions activities.

Ben also cares about Tusculum College because he loves both history and sports, and Tusculum College has plenty of both. He enjoys attending various Pioneer sporting events, coming to the campus to watch the Greeneville Astros play, and talking to “Pa Jack,” as Ben calls his maternal grandfather, about the history of sports at Tennessee’s oldest college.

He talks to his grandmother Nancy, too, and out of that grows a story. One of the things that “Nanaw” Kilday mentioned to her grandson was the fact that Tusculum College’s 1910 library building, now greatly expanded through renovation and addition, was at the beginning a multi-use building, one of its uses being a gymnasium. The oval balcony encircling the main room of the old library originally served as a running track.

That story, which combined elements of Ben’s two favorite subjects, sports and history, intrigued the young fellow. But a worry began to grow when Ben learned of the major renovation and expansion of the library that was busily going on in 2004.

Ben worried that, in the process of renovating the older part of the library, Tusculum College might do something unwise and remove the running track/balcony. “I thought maybe we should keep all this and the new part,” he says.

So Ben, typical boy though he is in most ways, did something many boys would never have thought of doing. With no one asking, he dipped into money he had saved and invested $100 of it in something worthwhile: the Campaign for the Library, the ongoing fund-raising drive that finances the library project.

Ben wanted the money to go specifically toward preservation of the running track. And when he visited Tusculum College in April to present his check to President Dr. Dolphus E. Henry, he did it at a symbolically appropriate place: inside the original library building, on the running track he wanted to see preserved. “Pa Jack” Kilday was inspired by his grandson’s gift and matched the $100 with $400 of his own. And thanks to those gifts, along with the generosity of other friends of Tusculum College, Ben’s worries about the future of the unusual running track/balcony can now be put to rest. Tusculum College indeed is keeping the track in place, and in fact has reinforced it and given it a “face-lift” to improve its appearance and better preserve it.

What was first a running track, then a walkway where books were shelved, now becomes a location for the display of art. The big central area of the historic 1910 building is turning into a study and research area, surrounded by the reference collection offices and library service areas.

As impressive as the renovated building is, Ben enjoys best a mental picture of his own, an imagined scene from the days when the library was still a gym.

“I can imagine the grand opening … bleachers all along the sides, goalposts, ball players, everything,” Ben says, looking out from the running track across the old building while workmen saw and grind away below him.

Ben’s parents declare they are not surprised by Ben’s generosity. His father says that Ben enjoys heading off in his own directions every now and then. His mother notes that, when Ben finds a cause he believes in, he likes to support it.

“Because he’s such a history fanatic, he’s just amazed with the stories that his Pa Jack tells him. And he sees the progress being made here, and that there is a lot of the past still being preserved along with the progress, and by coming forward, that has made this little fellow very, very happy. And us too,” says Kim.

For Ben, the bottom line is simple. “I just thought maybe I should help out.”
The following reminiscence and look forward was written by Library Director Myron "Jack" Smith at the request of Tusculum magazine. Because some material had to be cut due to length, the full version of the story is being posted on the Tusculum College Website, www.tusculum.edu.

The day I was asked to write this piece, I had just returned from my ump-teenth visit to the construction site of the soon-to-be-reborn College library. Each time I have visited the renovation, I have come away more enthused than ever about what this new building means to the Tusculum community, not only from its increased physical size, but programmatically. Despite the conviviality of our temporary Niswonger Commons home, the new building has daily beckoned to my colleagues and myself. We welcome the opportunity to begin anew from this handsome repository. Like almost everyone who has been a part of this institution since it first affiliated with SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) in 1927, the dream of a new library has been a constant.

During my visits to the construction site in the last year or so, I have often mentally attempted to refine the programatic functionality of the top two floors of the new and rebuilt library wings where the collections and staff are being located. I have taken the opportunity to go over at every time of day and on at least one different day of the week ever since ground was broken. I was in the area of the new reference desk below the running track in the rebuilt reading room (which we will call the Information Commons) toward nightfall on one recent occasion. Yes, even at that time before blackness there were shadows and a number of strange sounds beyond those occasioned by the builders. At that point, I had something of a sense of déjà vu. If I had more deeply fantasized during the moment, it might have been possible to imagine reviewing the story of our library’s growth with some of my 21 predecessors, none of whom, save the last, I ever knew. How would our renewed and immense building and its anticipated operations be an improvement from their time or, indeed, from ours 10 to 15 years back?

As most readers know, the facility our new building subsumes was originally constructed as a multi-purpose edifice in 1910 with money sent down from Pittsburgh by Andrew Carnegie. It had a gym, basketball court, the famed running track, a tin ceiling (now nicely preserved), two rooms for the library books on the upstairs front side where the faculty...
lounge and study rooms are going, offices, meeting rooms—and hitching posts. Elma Lillian Rankin was our librarian at the time and her book stacks held the Coffin Collection of early college books (some of which were delivered years before in saddlebags on horses coming over the mountains) and a few thousand works dating from the 1870s. In 1919, her book budget, made up entirely from special gift funds with no college appropriations, totaled $500; when she left in 1921, her usable collection totaled about 7,000 volumes and a handful of journals and newspapers.

Edith A. McCallum was librarian from 1922 to 1936 and it was during her years that SACS first became a factor in Tusculum College planning. A year after that accreditation body was joined, the Pioneer gymnasium was opened to allow the size of library space to grow within the Carnegie complex. Working with Presidents Charles Oliver Gray and Charles A. Anderson, McCallum saw her collection reach 12,000 book and 75 periodical titles by 1932. By the end of that decade, the collection stood at about 16,000 volumes and more than 150 magazine subscriptions.

Margory H. Drake, MA/MSLS, was the first librarian with a master's degree employed by the institution; she served from 1936 to 1943 and was followed by an MALS, Theresa Gillett, from 1944 to 1946. With the exception of a two-year appointment for Herbert F. Ingle in 1962-1963, these two were the only MLS/ MALS librarians employed by TC for nearly two decades. Mr. Ingle was the first librarian appointed to the ranks of the College faculty; all MLS/MALS librarians employed since have received such appointments.

Other MLS library directors serving the institution have included Dorothy Denman, 1965-1967, Michael Keresztesi, 1968-1969, and myself. In all of these years, library resources grew modestly and much of that was gift dependent. Even as late as 1997, only 9 percent of our total collection comprised titles published after 1980. Electronics—in the form of two phonographs and some 200 albums—came in the 1940s and by the middle 1960s, the various other functions entertained within the building, including the last academic faculty offices, had departed. Still, by 1961, sufficient books and periodicals were on hand as to require that the institution construct a concrete stack addition jutting out from the west side of the library building.

My immediate predecessor, Mrs. Cleo Treadway, joined the faculty in 1970 and remained for two extremely productive decades. She set an achievement standard that, in so far as I can tell, exceeded that of most of her many forerunners, and which has served as a challenge to me. Working with extremely limited funding and staff, she was able to see the library collection reclassified from Dewey to Library of Congress and to institute a strong, though not universal, program of bibliographic instruction. With help from community volunteers, the Margaret Johnson Patterson Bartlett Collection of Andrew Johnson materials was accommodated and organized; these materials, together with the Coffin Collection and College archives, were transferred to the Andrew Johnson Presidential Library and Museum when it opened in 1993.

In the 1980s when the campus was still wed to a mainframe computer, Treadway had the foresight to bring in the library’s first 286 PCs and eventually to set up a three-machine network with two CD-ROM products. Additionally, it was she, working with Carolyn Parker (who is still on staff), who introduced TC’s first automated library system. BIBBASE, as that DOS-based program was known, permitted books and other materials to be cataloged in the machine-readable MARC format necessary for
the conversion of the paper card catalog into an on-line electronic catalog. The conversion was completed by 1999. BIBBASE remained in service with us until 2003.

The progress outlined above was secondary to the dedicated services provided to students and faculty over the years since the 1920s.

As we occupy the new library facility, it would be possible to suggest to those who filled my shoes before and to you that great changes are afoot. Many thousands of square feet larger than its predecessor, the tastefully outfitted new building for the first time permits its users (be they staff or patrons) to experience a sense of space. Space to feel and anticipate the grandeur of learning, to gaze out upon the campus to the mountains beyond—or, in some instances, enough space simply not to bump into things as was so often the case in the tiny, cramped library quarters of the last century. There is space to grow the print book collection in an orderly fashion in two major contiguous locations, the third floor circulating stacks and the main floor Information Commons (old reading room) area. Shelving on the third floor also well accommodates our Special Collections, children’s literature, oversize books, and the Hobbie Collection. A full-blown technical services office on the west side of the Information Commons will permit materials to arrive from the loading dock below and to be efficiently prepared for their appropriate public locations. No longer will we have to tuck print titles in every nook and cranny either as they await cataloging or once they go to the stacks. Offices for library faculty are grouped together on the east side of the Information Commons, allowing their occupants easy conference and permitting the smooth provision and coordination of administration, distance learning, and all technical and public service responsibilities.

There is space for quiet study in under-window carrels, in small rooms, or in clusters of comfy seating. Increased space will permit all of our current print journals and newspapers to be fully displayed and useable. Study tables and 24 public access PCs, twice as many as we had in old Tate or Pioneer Library, will stand on the new carpeting of the Information Commons. Please rest assured that, about an inch below that cover, the 1910 basketball floor remains. The huge wooden staircase in the northeast corner of the Information Commons continues as a gateway to the refurbished running track, which will showcase an art gallery. A grand main staircase flows up and down off the spacious lobby, over which a massive circulation desk presides, while security gates encourage civility. Perhaps conveying the greatest sense of space for all who knew the pre-2002 library are two modern restrooms on the main floor (there are also new restrooms on the first and third floors). They replace the unmourned dimly-lighted 4x4 exit washrooms of old.

Space is also important in the reborn library from a pedagogical point of view. For the first time, the library has a dedicated Information Literacy instruction room (located to the west of the main floor periodical reading room adjacent to the great south window). Here students, faculty, and librarians using state-of-the-art electronics can engage in team research and library learning to a degree simply not possible in old Tate or in Pioneer Library. The individual study rooms and a faculty lounge on the third floor are also being technologically equipped, while users will be able to employ their laptops from locations throughout the facility. On the main floor, the Information Commons offer reference service to users from its new regularly-manned Reference Desk while personnel at the Circulation Desk, using a module of our new automated system, will smoothly assist all patrons in checking out materials with their bar-coded borrowers cards. They will also help visitors by obtaining required reserves or videos, with photocopying, and answering all general information queries. Tours will be available and the sense of space visitors experience will be equaled only by a sense of light, from the various sized windows, from direct and indirect fixtures, and from massive chandeliers.

The new library is bigger, quite handsome, and better equipped than any academic facility Tusculum College has ever had. It houses additional materials, employs state-of-the-art electronics, and permits a greater number of services than was ever possible before. The building allows the institution to explore more and newer avenues of academic enterprise and library pedagogy than could be contemplated in years past, offering all who enter the opportunity to be cloaked in a lifelong garment of skilled and motivated learning. Tusculum College becomes a stronger institution as the reborn library opens to the public.
The recent inaugural issue of The Tusculum Review, Tusculum College’s new literary journal, moves the name of Tusculum College into the realm of literature on a professional level.

The 194-page perfect-bound book-format journal features a diverse collection of short fiction, poetry and creative non-fiction by noted and in some cases prize-winning writers. The collection, selection, and editing of the material required months of work by Tusculum College students, faculty and staff.

Included in The Tusculum Review is winning work from the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Award for College Writers competition - an excerpt from the novel, “The Late (Great) Zechariah Olumbayo,” by Harvard University student Elinathan Ohiomoba as well as a finalist entry in the same contest, an excerpt from the novel, “Luminous Days,” by Mitchell Jackson.

That award was established by novelist Marita Golden to honor excellence in fiction writing by students of African descent enrolled full time as undergraduate or graduate college students in the United States.

The Tusculum Review also features “Unnamed, Early Spring” by Lexa Hillyer, the winner of the inaugural Poetry Prize, and “The Guilt Artist” by Garrett Rowland, winner of the inaugural Fiction Prize.

Articles were collected in the summer and fall of 2004, and a combination of faculty, staff and students worked numerous hours to read through, select and edit the works.

Editor Mary Boyes is an assistant professor of English at Tusculum College. Student staff members include Managing Editor Nathan Jones, Assistant Managing Editor Landree Brotherton, Fiction Editor Kirsten Manick, poetry editor Samn Kidd, Assistant Poetry Editor Becca Friddle, Non-fiction Editor Courtney Holmes, Art Editor Wanda Rahm, and Graphic Designer Christopher Shrader, who completed the layout and design of the journal.

Additional student staff members include Ann Campbell and Melinda Robinson, poetry; Joy Harris and Rob Wyatt, fiction; Andrew Merchant, nonfiction, and proofreaders and copy editors John Cage, Yvonne Daniel, Anup Kaphle, Amanda Kyker, Antoinette Matheson, and Melissa Smith.

The Board of Advisory and Contributing Editors included Tusculum professors Katie Doman, Lou Haney, English Department staff member Aurora Pope, and former professors Elizabeth Gordon, Joy Ross and Tom Silva.

The journal is available for $12 at Greeneville-area bookstores and for $5 at the Tusculum College Bookstore on campus.

Submissions for the next journal are being accepted through Nov. 15. Submitters should send a hard copy with name, address, phone number and e-mail address on the submission and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Mary Boyes, Editor, The Tusculum Review, Tusculum College Department of English, Greeneville, TN 37743.
Dr. Don Sexton: 40 years before the chalkboard

Dr. Donal Sexton will admit right up front that his professional life didn’t fall out along the lines he anticipated when he first became a professor. He’s equally quick to say, though, that he’s not unhappy about how it all turned out.

At the close of the 2004-2005 academic year at Tusculum College, Dr. Sexton officially became a retiree. He closed out a 40-year career as a Tusculum College history professor. And even now he’s not truly finished, because he plans to come back next year, and probably beyond, on an adjunct basis. But behind him is the “red tape” involved in being a full-time faculty member. That paper shuffling and committee work he says, is something he does not mind leaving behind.

When Dr. Donal Sexton first came to Tusculum College in the 1960s, he was not yet “Dr.” Sexton. He was instead a young history scholar who had just finished the master’s program at Michigan State University.

He learned of Tusculum College through an inquiry from Dr. Douglas Trout, then-president of the College. Dr. Trout was trying to gather a strong history faculty, and Donal Sexton seemed a good prospect.

Tusculum College seemed like a good prospect to Don Sexton as well, and his visit and interview went well. He was offered a teaching post, and accepted. His plan was to gain some experience, continue his own postgraduate education, and then move on to teaching positions at other colleges or universities.

Some parts of that went as anticipated. He gained teaching experience in abundance, and recalls Tusculum College history classes in that day as being rigorous for both students and professors. He and such professional colleagues as Robert “Bob” Gaines, also a history teacher, used the stamina of their youth and their devotion to their subject to help them through a tough teaching load.

The two professors became friends. Dr. Sexton remembers many games of pool with his friend and colleague at the student union building on summer evenings when school was not in session.

Dr. Gaines also experienced the prankster side of his fellow history teacher. When teaching about the Civil War, Dr. Gaines often drew detailed maps of battlegrounds and theatres of war on the chalkboard in advance of class. He would finish them, lay down his chalk, exit the classroom and leave his masterpieces unguarded until class time.

Therein lay his mistake. Don Sexton would sneak into the classroom, take up the chalk, and go to
work. And when Gaines returned to the classroom and began teaching, he’d find that his Civil War maps inexplicably included site names from Vietnam or other such unexpected locales.

In the 1970s, the two professors enrolled in the Ph.D. program at the University of Tennessee, and as Dr. Sexton puts it, “ran the roads between here and Knoxville before the Interstate was the Interstate.” Dr. Sexton received his Ph.D. in 1976.

Dr. Sexton perceives differences both positive and negative between Tusculum College students of the 1960s and more recent years. “Students then were less indulged than they are today. Students today strike me as much more dependent on me as a teacher than they used to be,” he says.

Dr. Sexton recalls a time during his early days at the College when an area barber refused to cut the hair of a black student. Tusculum College students as a group decided to boycott the barbershop. In those days a boycott was a radical step, but today’s students see resistance to discrimination as standard practice, indicating one difference in the times that Dr. Sexton sees as positive.

Today’s students are “more socially aware of each other now than when I first came here,” Dr. Sexton says. “I think they accept the notion that equality is a value they should have.”

One of the factors affecting Tusculum College students in Don Sexton's earliest teaching days was the war in Vietnam. To “flunk out” of college was, for a young man, to face the possibility of wartime military draft.

Tusculum College faculty members were mindful of this. “I don’t think any of us wanted to be the teacher who failed a student who then had to go on to Vietnam and maybe be killed,” Dr. Sexton says.

Today Dr. Sexton is grateful that none of his students, to his knowledge, died in Vietnam. But he knew several who served there and were harshly impacted by their experiences.

Looking back over his 40 years at Tusculum College, Dr. Sexton sees a few pivotal moments. One was the start of the Douglas Trout presidency. Trout sought to transform Tusculum College into a stronger institution with a better potential for growth and student retention.

Similarly, the beginning of the Robert Knott administration after a period of financial, administrative and academic stress at the College was also a watershed moment in the College’s history, Dr. Sexton believes.

The feeling Dr. Sexton had at the time was that Tusculum College needed an opportunity to “reinvent itself,” he says. A healthy psychology began to prevail among the Tusculum College faculty as the new administration brought in ideas such as the block system of classes and the Civic Arts emphasis.

“At that time, faculty support of the block system was enthusiastic,” he recalls. “There was a sense that nothing could stop us, that we could do anything.”

One adjustment the block system forced upon history teachers at Tusculum was making them be more evaluative of what was truly important in the history being taught, he says. Because of the amount of ground that had to be covered within a block, it wouldn’t do to merely blanket the students with more data than could be absorbed. The teacher had to decide what really mattered, and concentrate on teaching that, Dr. Sexton says.

He has a vision of the Tusculum College he would like to see if he could time-travel another 40 years into the future. “I’d like to see it be a stable undergraduate program with a non-traditional adult program. I’d like to see a stable student body. I’d like to see a student body more intellectually engaged than it is right now. And I’d like to see the College with a $50 million or $70 million endowment. And I’d like to see a faculty where the students and faculty are still in contact with each other and the faculty is concerned with the welfare of the students.”

Though Dr. Sexton admits he would love to see more students major in history, his greater concern is
that students in all majors receive a solid “ground-level education” primarily, and emphasize their choice of major secondarily. “It’s that ground-level education that I think is valuable,” he says.

He does not anticipate seeing Tusculum College becoming what one past president called, with tongue in cheek, a “Harvard by the Nolichuckey.” He believes the College will for many years deal with many “first-generation college students,” i.e., students who are the first in their families to attend college.

Such students “present particular needs that have to be addressed,” he says. “And they deserve an education. A democratic society requires an educated electorate. So they are worth educating.”

Dr. Sexton himself came from a family that he describes as professional rather than academic. But his father, a C.P.A., and mother valued higher education and were determined their two sons would have it. College education “was in the cards from the get-go” for the Sexton Brothers, Dr. Sexton says.

As Dr. Sexton finished out the 2004-2005 academic year, his friends and colleagues at Tusculum College began to realize his departure from the full-time faculty was at hand. Various recognitions and honors were given to the popular professor.

One was a simple recognition of his long employment at the College, presented at the annual Honors Convocation held near the end of the academic year. In making the presentation, Tusculum College President Dr. Dolphus E. Henry said, "Those who know Dr. Sexton can name several traits easily identifiable with the man: his love of history, devotion to scholarship, faithfulness to his beloved Tusculum College, his devotion to his family. But one trait most of all will, I think, mark Don Sexton’s legacy at this college: He truly cares about his students."

At the same convocation, Dr. Sexton was presented the Kay W. Leonard Outstanding Service to Students Award, given by the Greene County Partnership in memory of the late Kay Leonard, a former chair of the Greeneville City Board of Education.

As he gave that award, Partnership Chairman Tom Johnson said, "As the Janet Anderson Lunstedt Professor of History at Tusculum College, today’s honoree has played a particularly noteworthy and distinguished role in the history program at Tusculum College. Though he is now entering retirement, Tusculum College will continue to benefit from his teaching in an adjunct capacity, and his continued community presence as a special friend of Tusculum College."

Dr. Sexton was also honored, along with Professor of Education Dr. Carol Hartman, a fellow 2005 retiree, in a year-end reception hosted by fellow faculty members. Dozens of well-wishers came to the Chalmers Conference Center to congratulate the retirees.

Dr. Sexton was recognized again when the Tusculum College Board of Trustees issued a resolution in honor of his excellence and long history of service to the College. That resolution was framed and presented to Dr. Sexton at the annual President’s Dinner in May. The Board also voted to grant him emeritus status as a professor.

Dr. Sexton has earned other recognitions in his career. In 1983 he was presented the Moncado Prize Award by the American Military Institute due to an article he had written entitled "Phantoms of the North: British Deceptions in Scandanavia, 1941-1944." The article was published in the magazine Military Affairs. Deception and espionage in World War II continue to interest Dr. Sexton, who is completing a scholarly book on the subject in anticipation of publication by a university press.

Dr. Sexton also received the McClure Fellowship in International Relations from the University of Tennessee in 1973. And at Tusculum College, he held the Janet Anderson Lunstedt Memorial Endowed Professorship of Humanities, which was established in 1991 through the estate of Carl A. Lunstedt ’38, of Manchester, N.H., as a tribute to his wife.

What will Dr. Sexton do in retirement? He plans to continue writing, enjoy his adjunct teaching, work around his house (he’s already tackled a bookshelf project), travel, and enjoy his family. He and his wife, Peg, have two adult children who remain close to their parents.
It’s final. When the curtain closed on the May 8 “Kiss Me, Kate” show, it also closed the era of A.C.T. – Actors Coming Together.

Since the spring of 1992, Greeneville/Tusculum-area theatergoers have looked forward to the annual production of A.C.T. Each spring, students from the five local high schools, some home-school students and a few out-of-town students have collaborated on a production filled with show-stopping numbers, glitzy costumes, professional-level sets and young actors honed and polished by the trio of Marilyn duBrisk, director; Angie Clendenon, musical director; and Carolyn Gregg, accompanist, as well as innumerable volunteers, accumulated and appreciated over the years.

A.C.T. has been under the auspices of Tusculum College’s Arts Outreach Program, reigned over by the nearly six-foot-tall, blonde, British-accented duBrisk, artist-in-residence at the College.

Clendenon called the finale “bittersweet.” Looking at the positive side, she said, “when one door closes, another opens.”

That’s what duBrisk is hoping also.

A.C.T. was started because of lack of drama programs for local high schoolers. Now, however, with teachers in place, new possibilities are opening for the students inside the schools.

She says that her position is to support these activities and possibilities. “I would never compete with the school programs. We like to dovetail our efforts.”

Gregg, who retired from the city schools after 31 years at Tusculum View and is now chairman of the Education Department at Tusculum College, is sorry that, with the move of drama back into the individual schools, “it won’t be a collaborative effort” as it was under A.C.T.

Clendenon, who is the music teacher at Greeneville’s EastView Elementary School, sees that lack of collaboration as one of the negatives also, because the students will miss forming “friendships they wouldn’t have if they didn’t have this (A.C.T.) experience.”

Just because A.C.T. will not do another show, that does not mean that the trio of duBrisk, Clendenon and Gregg won’t work together again. They’re already planning “Oliver!” for this fall as a production of Theatre at Tusculum, the community arm of Arts Outreach.

It’s taken 20 years for the group to grow from the original three to include Delina Hensley, who is assistant director of Arts Outreach; Frank Mengel, technical director and set designer; Ann Birdwell, costume director; Jennifer Hollowell, box office manager; and innumerable volunteers who are well-known, talented artists in their special fields and have contributed year after year.

If duBrisk claims a talent of her own, she will acknowledge, “I’m awfully good at finding really talented people to help me. I feel so blessed with all the talent I have to help me.”

Clendenon calls it magic. “Marilyn has a magical way to get the community involved.”

Clendenon’s and Gregg’s involvement for the long hours over the years is attributed by duBrisk to the two teachers’ love for the students.

When the show stopped for the final time, and the cast of 45 exited the Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Center on that last Sunday, they joined hundreds of others of “Marilyn’s kids.”

“We have handled literally hundreds of kids. It’s nice,” duBrisk says. “We have so many good memories. But life goes on.”

The story above is a revised version of an article by Velma Southerland of the editorial staff of The Greeneville Sun, used by permission.
**Student groups host benefits for overseas, local causes**

Two student groups sponsored benefits in April to provide assistance and relief to orphans overseas and to the hungry at home.

On April 7, the International and Multi-Cultural Society hosted a dinner to benefit children orphaned by the genocide in Rwanda.

April 7 was the 11th anniversary of the beginning of the genocide, in which more than 937,009 people were killed and was the result of tensions between the countries' two main ethnic groups, the Hutu and the Tutsi. Speaking were Gabriela Mora '05, who organized the dinner, and guest speaker Marvin Ogle, who with his wife, Anice, served in the country as missionaries prior to the genocide and in a refugee camp after the genocide.

Proceeds from the dinner, which totaled about $1,400, will go to assist children whose parents were killed during the genocide or orphaned by the AIDS epidemic, which was exacerbated by rapes committed during the genocide.

On April 19, the Bonner Leaders Program sponsored an Oxfam Hunger Banquet. Other sponsors were Center for Civic Advancement, members of a Service-Learning class, and Sodexho.

The 92 people attending the banquet either made monetary donations or brought donations of canned foot items. Eighty percent of the donations went to local community assistance organizations and 20 percent to efforts of Oxfam International.

Individuals at the banquet were divided into three groups reflecting the economic levels of the world's population and the challenge hunger holds for a large percentage of that population. A small group received a full meal, a larger group received beans and rice, and the largest group had only a small amount of rice.

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**Professor releases album of ‘not-so-traditional’ Appalachian music**

Tusculum College professor Katie Doman’s stories in song have been heard on stage, at special events, and in the classroom at Tennessee’s oldest college.

Now, Doman’s warm, expressive voice and lyrical poetry of love, life, joy, and sorrow has been captured on “Beautiful Day,” her debut album.

“As anyone who hears Katie quickly realizes, her impressive voice is at home with a wide range of music. On this album, she moves easily from Carter Family material to uptempo bluegrass, from a funky modern acoustic sound to lyrical contemporary country/folk songs,” writes noted bluegrass musician Jack Tottle in the liner notes. Tottle is director of East Tennessee State University’s Bluegrass, Old Time, and Country Music Program.

“But, Katie possesses an even rarer gift,” Tottle continues. “She composes wonderful new songs — a veritable wealth of musical jewels that sparkle with the reflected light of life’s joys and sorrows. Those presented here are typical of her lovingly crafted and poignant musical poetry.”

Nine of the 12 songs on the album were written by Doman, assistant professor of English at Tusculum. She is accompanied on “Beautiful Day” by the ETSU Bluegrass Band, a group of which she was a member as a student at the university in Johnson City.

While earning her master’s degree in English, Doman had enrolled in the university’s Bluegrass, Old Time, and Country Music Program and was quickly invited to join the program’s premiere performing group, the ETSU Bluegrass Band.

The cover art features original work by Doman’s neighbor Paul deMarrais and the album was designed by her brother-in-law Troy Doman.

The album is available on the Now and Then Records label of the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services at ETSU, of which the Bluegrass, Old Time and Country Music Program is also a part. The album is available online from Doman at www.katiedoman.com or from the Center at http://cass.etsu.edu.
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly Moderator visits campus to interact with students on behalf of church

Rick Ufford-Chase, moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), met with students during a February 15 visit to the Tusculum College campus.

The visit was part of Ufford-Chase’s tour of colleges affiliated with the denomination, and the first visit of a moderator to the TC campus in recent history.

The purpose of the tour was to meet with young people and let them know that the church is interested in them and the link between the church and its affiliated colleges is active, he said. Tusculum is the oldest coeducational institution affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) is elected each year at the beginning of the meeting of the denomination’s annual General Assembly. The moderator presides over the meeting and then serves as the chief spokesperson and goodwill ambassador of the denomination until the next General Assembly. The moderator is unpaid.

At Tusculum, Ufford-Chase discussed social justice and its role in Christian belief with students in a “Jerusalem” class taught by adjunct professor Ken Verran. The course examines the teachings of Jesus in the social culture of their time and interprets and applies them to modern culture.

In the Old Testament, Ufford-Chase said, God instructed the children of Israel to release indentured servants every seventh year and to give land back to its original owner after each 49 years.

“God knew that there were people who would take advantage of others and He established in the law a way to even things back out again,” Ufford-Chase said.

This same idea of providing for everyone’s needs in a community is reflected throughout the New Testament, the moderator said.

“It is found in the Lord’s Prayer,” he said. “Give us our daily bread.’ Jesus is referring back to the manna God fed the Israelites in the Old Testament. . . . ‘Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.’”

Jesus refers to the poor and the peacemakers in the Sermon on the Mount, and Paul encouraged churches to share with other churches in need, Ufford-Chase added.

He described multi-cultural worship in his home church in Tucson, Ariz., which has white, African-American, Hispanic, and Native American members, and the church's ministries to those on society's margins.

For the past 15 years, Ufford-Chase has been working in a similar ministry on the U.S.-Mexican border. He is founder and co-director of Borderlinks, a bi-national organization that provides experiential education on issues such as trade and globalization and the concerns of migrants on the border.

In this ministry, Ufford-Chase is sponsored as a mission co-worker in the Worldwide Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). His goal in his ministry, he says, is to create an organization that can bridge the worlds of the poor and marginalized in Mexico and of the church in the land of privilege in the United States, trying its best to be faithful to Christian ideals.

Ufford-Chase also serves as co-moderator of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, is a founder of the Samaritans (who give emergency assistance to migrants in southern Arizona), and is a reservist with Christian Peacemaker Teams as a nonviolent peacemaker.
Atlanta journalist shares insights on religion and popular culture during Theologian-in-Residence lecture series in February

A southern journalist with extensive experience in reporting on religion explored the ways religious life and American popular culture interface during the 2005 Theologian-in-Residence lecture series in February.

Gayle White, a 32-year veteran of the newspaper business, shared her expertise and experiences during the annual series, co-sponsored by the Holston Presbytery. White’s entire career has been spent at The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, where she has covered courts, city hall, education, general assignment news and features before writing on the religion beat for 15 years.

In the first session, White focused on religion in the news. Secular media should cover religion, she said, for the same reason it covers politics, science and sports: religion is “part of human life” and contributes “to the order of society. Often, religion provides the ‘why’ in the equation of a story. Faith motivates people, groups and, at times, nations.”

Today religion news tends to be covered as an aspect intrinsic to general news, and less as an isolated news category standing alone, White said. For example, she said, religion news might include “an article on Christian retailing for the business section; parish nurses for the health page; prayer at football games for sports; the increasing variety of kosher products for food, and Islamic head coverings for fashion.”

The mixture of politics and religion from the formation of the nation to the 2004 presidential election was discussed by White during the second session.

Working on special assignment covering the 2004 presidential election for the Journal-Constitution, White said she had written about such subjects as candidates discussion of religious beliefs, voter registration efforts in churches, war protest based in religious belief, use of Bible scriptures in speeches at the Democrat National Convention, and moral issues as a basis for voting.

“The experts seemed surprised that moral issues drew votes for Bush,” White said. However, moral issues in the election may have been the lightning rod rather than the lightning, she added, explaining that many conservative Christians feel under attack in the current cultural war.

White asked, “Where does the country go from here?” She noted that recent books have cautioned that too much political activity by a church may cause it to lose its prophetic power, while others have encouraged religion to be a part of the political process in helping to provide a basis for a vision for the future of the nation.

“Religion in Popular Culture” was discussed in the third lecture. Christianity has a long history of “co-opting secular forms and objects for Christian messages,” White said. “Since the earliest days of the church, the followers of Jesus have been trying to figure out the appropriate way of interacting with the larger world. And the so-called secular culture has been trying to figure out what to do with Christianity.”

“Christians can fight culture, remove themselves from it, intermingle with it until their faith loses its distinctiveness, operate in secular culture and Christianity simultaneously but separately, or try to transform the culture,” White said, noting those among the entertainment field trying to transform culture through active involvement in the secular world.

“Religion and Money” was White’s topic for the concluding lecture, in which she noted that most of the world’s major religions have something to say about money and most teach that wealth should be used to help others.

Passages in the Bible, such as Psalm 112 and the description of the ideal woman in Proverbs, indicate that people can be both good and wealthy, White said.

“The bottom line seems to be that it’s not the money, it’s our attitude toward it that determines whether it is, in Martha Stewart’s words, a ‘good thing,’” she said.
Honor King’s ideals, speaker urges

“This is not about an hour or a day, this is about a lifestyle,” Brenda White Wright told a group of Tusculum students, staff, faculty, and community members during a program on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Wright, president and chief executive officer of The Wright Approach and former president and CEO of Girls Incorporated of Kingsport, was the keynote for the program that also featured student reflections, poetry, and a dance performance focusing on Dr. King’s life and his dream of an American society with true equality.

“This is about a life and a lifestyle, not about a day or about a program,” Wright said, telling the audience, “If you want to honor him (Dr. King), it has to be every day.”

What are you doing every day?” she asked. “This is not about guilt and condemnation. There is no fear in love. If we have love in our hearts, as it says in the Scriptures, ‘with God all things are possible.’”

Honoring the ideals for which Dr. King fought and died begins with self-respect and respecting others, she said. “If you are proud of who you are, you won’t have any reason to put down anyone else.”

The program marked a week full of activities for students to commemorate Dr. King’s life, which were organized by Fred McCall, then-coordinator of multicultural programs at Tusculum. These included a "drum circle," a slide show about black history, and movies about Dr. King and his message.

Museum professional shares experiences working at Civil Rights Movement sites

“The Civil Rights Movement is as American as the Boston Tea Party,” Tara White told a group of students, faculty and community members during a Black History Month program in February.

“It is important in a democratic and free society that we understand that protest and disension has its place,” said White during the program, sponsored by Tusculum’s Department of Museum Program and Studies and Arts Outreach. White is assistant site director at the Alabama State Capitol and site director for the developing Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station Museum.

The bus station museum will commemorate the site of a riot in 1961 as Freedom Riders were attacked by an angry white mob. The Freedom Riders were testing a Supreme Court ruling that said that bus transportation had to be integrated. The state capitol was the destination of a voting rights march.

“It is important for us to understand democracy using situations where democracy was denied, to understand liberty using situations where liberty was denied, and to understand justice using examples of injustice so that we learn to value the freedoms of our American society and the foundations of our nation,” she said.

A native of Montgomery, White recalled that her goal was to go to college with no intentions of returning to her hometown to pursue her career. But, her career path led her back to her hometown to help tell the story of Montgomery, which she discovered is “not just a Civil Rights Movement story, not just an African-American story, it is an American story that needed to told.”

As a professional, it is her obligation to truthfully tell both sides of the stories to help build a true public collective memory, White said.

“It is important on our part as historic preservationists and professionals to tell the stories and preserve the power of place for the good of the public,” she said. “We are here to confirm the pain and promote healing on both sides, but the community has to be involved.”
Lillian Taylor, who has worked for years to educate the public about the dangers of nuclear testing and weapons, was presented the 2005 “Greene County Women of Courage” award Feb. 28.

“Lillian is a tremendous resource for our college and this community, therefore, she is eminently qualified to receive this award today,” said the Rev. Steve Weisz, campus chaplain and associate professor of religious studies, in his tribute to Taylor. The Women of Courage Award is presented annually to a woman from Greene County who has made a significant contribution to the community.

“I am still a little overwhelmed,” a smiling Taylor said as she accepted the honor. “From the bottom of my heart I thank you very much.”

Taylor was presented the award by Tusculum President Dr. Dolphus E. Henry in front of an audience of her family and friends, and students from a Tusculum sociology class. The award presentation was a project for the class, taught by Dr. Bonnie Winfield, assistant professor of sociology. Students also met with Taylor and learned first-hand about her story.

That story was told during the ceremony by Dr. Weisz, who recounted Taylor’s early life, her marriage to Kirman Taylor, and the Taylors’ professional lives in Ohio, where Kirman was a chemical engineer and Lillian was an elementary school teacher. The Taylors came to Greene County when they retired in 1980, where they immediately became and continue to be active in the community.

“Ironically, it was Kirman’s knowledge of nuclear fuels and the dangers of nuclear testing and nuclear weapons that led Lillian to become concerned about these issues,” Dr. Weisz said.

Taylor became affiliated with Peace Links, a group working to inform the public of the dangers of nuclear testing and weapons and to seek their elimination. She attended a protest in Washington, D.C. organized by the group and became acquainted with the president of the organization.

Taylor also learned of another group, Physicians Concerned About Nuclear War, who worked to raise awareness and change the fact that nothing, in their view, had been done to prepare the U.S. for a nuclear attack.

Taylor visited area pastors to find out what stand their churches took on nuclear war and weapons, and “became a prophetic voice in a wilderness that knew little about peacemaking,” Dr. Weisz said. She also hosted meetings in her home about these issues.

A frequent lecturer, Taylor was courageous “because there were civic leaders who did not want her message heard, who did not want to upset the status quo,” he said.

Taylor also visited Russia, meeting with women and going to grade schools to discuss the issues of nuclear weapons and war, Dr. Weisz said, and the Taylors taught a course, “War and Peace,” at the College with Dr. Weisz and Tusculum history professor Dr. Donal Sexton.

“In the short time that I have come to know Lillian, other words that are ingredients of courage come to mind,” said George Collins, director of Tusculum’s Museum Program and Studies. “Lillian has standards, values, and ethics.” Taylor is president of the Andrew Johnson Memorial Association, comprised of volunteers who assist and promote the two Tusculum College museums.
Dr. Denise Wood named as newest vice president

Dr. Denise Wood, who has led the Graduate and Professional Studies (GPS) degree programs for working adults since 2002, has been named vice president for extended education.

Her responsibilities in the vice presidential position are similar to those she held as a dean, but now she reports directly to President Dr. Dolphus E. Henry.

Dr. Wood’s responsibilities at the vice presidential level involve oversight of the education programs for working adults, including enrollment, marketing, delivery of instruction and support services, and facilities oversight at all off-site locations. She is also responsible for oversight of the Professional Development Institute, which “extends noncredit educational services into the professional community,” Dr. Henry said.

Dr. Wood’s association with Tusculum College began in 1991, when she taught research design and statistical analysis as a part-time instructor. In 1998, she joined Tusculum College full-time as director of research and assessment and then associate dean of academic programs for the Southeast region, becoming dean of GPS in 2002. She holds the academic rank of professor of research.

She has been a member of the President’s Cabinet of key administrative leaders since 2003. She chairs the Graduate and Professional Studies Council and is currently vice president of the Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools. She will be president of that group in the 2005-2006 academic year.

Dr. Wood has taught at several other institutions and has been a department chair, an assistant dean, and an associate dean.

She enjoyed an outstanding career in track and field while teaching in public schools and coaching at the University of Tennessee. She represented the U.S. internationally as a member of 25 national teams and captain of six, and has coached Olympians and national champions.

McMahan joins Tusculum as new dean of students

David Michael McMahan, J.D., joined Tusculum as dean of students in March.

McMahan brings more than a decade of experience in student affairs work to Tusculum. Prior to coming to the College, he was associate dean of students at Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio, a position he has held since July of 2001.

McMahan oversees resident student activities and affairs, campus safety and security, and health services at Tusculum College. He replaces former Dean of Students Dr. Scott Mashburn, who left Tusculum in 2004 to accept a post at Tennessee Wesleyan University.

McMahan reports to Vice President for Enrollment Management George Wolf.

McMahan holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology from the University of Houston, and a doctor of jurisprudence degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law, where he was graduated with honors in the top 18th percentile of his class.

Joining McMahan in his move to East Tennessee is his wife of 15 years, Selda Vasquez-McMahan, a graduate of Austin College in Texas. Vasquez-McMahan worked as project manager for the Graduate Studies Department at Muskingum College.

Prior to his work at Muskingum, McMahan was associate director for residential life at the University of Houston, and before that, interim associate director of residential life and housing. Also at the University of Houston, he was area coordinator for three student residential facilities. He has also been judicial affairs coordinator and residence halls director for Austin College, and held various other student residential life posts in Texas.

He has worked as a legal intern for the city of Tulsa legal department and for a federal judge in Oklahoma, and as a summer associate with a law firm in Tulsa.
Alumni, staff and faculty members honored

During the 2004-2005 academic year, several individuals associated with Tusculum College as faculty/staff members or alumni were honored in various ways in and by their communities.

The photographs on this page show some of those awarded individuals. Tusculum College salutes and thanks these members of its collegiate family for their community citizenship and achievement, which reflect positively upon the College as a whole.

Dr. James Fields and Dr. Jerry Ward were among several regional persons honored this spring with Outstanding Character and Civic Responsibility Awards from the First Tennessee Human Resource Agency (FTHRA). Dr. Fields is a faculty member, and Dr. Ward is recently retired from the Tusculum College faculty. The two were among 18 such award recipients from six East Tennessee counties covered by the FTHRA. Above, Greene County Mayor Roger Jones, at left, is shown with Dr. Fields, center, and Dr. Ward at the ceremony on the Tusculum College campus.

TC Artist-in-Residence Marilyn duBrisk received a surprise honor from the Greeneville City School System during the penultimate performance of the "Kiss Me, Kate!" production of Actors Coming Together through the Tusculum College Arts Outreach program. For more about duBrisk and her work, see page 11.

Dr. Donal R. Sexton was honored by the Tusculum College Board of Trustees with a special resolution presented at the President's Dinner on May 20. The trustees also granted emeritus status to Dr. Sexton, who taught for 40 years at Tusculum College and will continue to teach on an adjunct basis. The award was presented at the dinner by Board Chairman Thomas Garland, at left above. Dr. Sexton is profiled elsewhere in this magazine.

Dr. Sam Miller, '35, of Abingdon, Va., was honored in May as a "Health Care Hero" by Virginia's official state theatre, the Barter Theatre, and the Business Journal, which covers business news in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. Dr. Miller, born in Greeneville, Tenn., in 1914, has been a strong supporter of Tusculum College, the Barter Theatre, and other causes throughout his life. Tusculum College provided a letter of support for Dr. Miller's nomination for the award, which was presented to him at Barter Theatre II in downtown Abingdon. Dr. Miller, a cum laude graduate of the College, is a published poet devoted to the creative and performing arts. In the photo here he holds the heavy crystal vase denoting his "Health Care Hero" award.
Student excellence in academics and outstanding service by faculty and staff were recognized during the annual Honors Convocation on April 28.

The President’s Award was presented to Rhiannon Hartman ’05, a mass media major from Greeneville, Tenn., and the Bruce G. Batts Award was presented to Olumayokun Soremekun ’05, a mathematics major from Nigeria. The two awards are the top honors presented to students.

Academic Honors

Senior Honor Key Awards:
Athletic Training – Katy Chauvin ’05
Business Administration – Dylan Mason ’05
English – Julie Maples, Melissa Purvis ’05
Management Accounting – Amber Blankenship ’05
Mass Media – Rhiannon Hartman ’05
Mathematics – Olumayokun Soremekun ’05
Medical Pre-Professional – Ashley Michelle Jones ’05
Museum Studies – Wanda Rahm, Nathan Jones
Political Science – Rebecca Muncy ’05
Psychology – Tracy England ’05
Visual Arts – Chris Shrader ’05, Wanda Rahm

Honor Students (maintaining a 4.0 GPA):
Sarah Alston, Tori Buck, Rachel Combs, Wesley Dulaney, Denise Fliesser, Tiffany Hogan ’05,
Julie Maples, Julie Matthews, Reid Mobley, Taylor Olson, Douglas Owens, Kathryn Whartenby ’05

Chi Academic Excellence Award: Reid Mobley

Dr. Shirley Beck Award: April Griffin ’05

Dr. Earl Hausle Award: Kathy Stair

Curtis and Billie Owens Literary Prize: Anup Kaphle

E.H. Sargent Award in Science: Wesley Dulaney,
Jobria McCracken

Doug Ratledge Environmental Science Scholarship:
La Shea Black

Warren Lynn Drain Award: Michael Calano ’05

Theatre Arts Award: Samantha Kidd

TAHPERD Award: Denise Fliesser

NASPE Award: Mary Shepherd ’05

Pinnacle Award: Zachary R. Ensor

Praxis Award: Kimberly Crum ’05, Candice GeFellers ’04, Crystal Hampton, Tiffany Hogan ’05,
Charles Livesay ’04, Diana Martin ’05

Outstanding Education Students: Larry Proffitt ’04, Rachel Black

Admissions Ambassador Award: Kerri Cline

Division and Departmental Scholarships:
Athletic Training — Amanda Tripp
Biology and Allied Health – Valerie Mullins

Business Administration – Leanne Lietzke, Taylor Olson
English – Kim Mullins, Jacki Ewing
Environmental Science – Gavin Mauldin
History – Adam Hall
Mathematics – Brody Wells
Psychology – Ryan Lewis, Misty Tallent

Alpha Chi Seniors: Rhiannon Hartman ’05, Ashley Jones ’05, Rebecca Muncy ’05, Mary Shepherd ’05,
Olumayokun Soremekun ’05, Kathryn Whartenby ’05

Service Awards

Service-Learning Award: Gabriela Mora ’05

Service Learning Leadership and Bonner Leaders Award: Olumayokun Soremekun ’05

Walter T. Dette, Jr. Memorial Athletic Spirit Award: Josh French

Faculty, Staff Awards

Kay W. Leonard Outstanding Service to Students Award: Dr. Don Sexton

Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award: Dr. Michelle Freeman

Staff Award: Mary “Momma” Hall

Recognition of Longevity:
40 years of service – Dr. Don Sexton
20 years of service – Wess duBrisk
15 years of service – Tony Castainca ’81, Melinda Dukes, Jennifer Hollowell, Ginger Kelley, Jeff Lokey, Jeanne Stokes, Mark Stokes
10 years of service – Joan Carter ’99 ’04, Jill Jones ’93 ’04, Kirpal Mahal

Recognition of volunteers for the Doak House Museum and President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library:
Leanette Coyne, Dr. Bob Davis, Emily Doak, Sam Doak ’49, Joe Anne Lintz, Jean Peek, Joy Seher ’43, Jo Ann Snyder, Shirley Snyder, Lillian Taylor, Linda Tipton, Jean Weaver
Four generous alumni recently continued their support of Tusculum College with gifts made through their estates. Including the College in their estate plans enabled these alumni to make significant gifts to strengthen their areas of interest, which provided benefits to the entire student body.

Marian Painter McGlory, Class of 1941, helped Tusculum College meet two matching challenges to claim a total of $25,000 in scholarship funds from The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation of Princeton, New Jersey, and The Clint Foundation of Atlantic Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Painter, who passed away in March 2004, participated in the theater program as a student, in addition to being a member of the women’s golf team. She later served on the College staff for 10 years as the alumni secretary and acting director of admissions.

Following her tenure at Tusculum, Mrs. Painter was an administrator in the investment department of State Mutual Life Assurance Co. for 25 years, before retiring in 1982. She and her husband, the late Bob McGlory, met at a Tusculum College alumni event. They lived in Massachusetts for 42 years before moving to Riverview, Florida.

James Edgar Hurley, Class of 1950, moved Tusculum College a step closer to the $10 million goal of the Campaign for the Library with the percentage of his estate he designated for the renovation and expansion of the library.

Mr. Hurley, who passed away in April 2004, earned his doctorate from Vanderbilt University after graduating from Tusculum. He served in the Navy from 1953 to 1955, where he worked at the National Naval Medical School in Bethesda, Maryland.

He later served for more than 35 years as a science professor at Oklahoma Baptist University. Upon retiring in 1999, he became active with Habitat for Humanity in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and helped found the Silverbacks, a discussion group for retired OBU faculty.

Frankie Elizabeth Simpson, Class of 1932, established an endowed scholarship in her name that will be designated for students from Greeneville or Greene County who major in math at Tusculum.

Miss Simpson, who passed away in June 2004, completed some graduate work at the University of Tennessee before beginning her teaching career at Ward Belmont School for Girls in Nashville. When the Belmont School was sold, Miss Simpson returned to Greeneville and taught at Fairview and St. James. The majority of her career in education was then spent at Greeneville High School, where she taught Latin, English and geometry for nearly 40 years.

Following her retirement, she remained active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Andrew Johnson Club, the Greene County Heritage Trust, the Andrew Johnson Memorial Association, and the Retired Teachers Association.

Ms. Veola J. Dore, Class of 1957, will help Tusculum College meet its most immediate needs with the estate gift she designated for unrestricted use.

Ms. Dore, who passed away in January 2005, lived in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. As a student, she was active in the Tusculum College choir and the theatre program. She also was a charter member of the Tusculum College Heritage Club.

The Heritage Club was established in 1993 to recognize the generosity of alumni and friends who have included Tusculum College in their estate plans. These commitments range from simple bequests to income-producing gifts, such as charitable gift annuities.

Planned gifts made during your life or through your estate will benefit Tusculum College students for generations to come. If you would like more information about the Heritage Club or about including the College in your estate plan, please contact me, Karen Sells, Director of Development, at (423) 636-7303.
Several generous alumni and friends have recently made gifts to Tusculum College to establish new scholarship and program funds in memory of loved ones. The College is pleased to offer this opportunity, which in turn provides much-needed assistance to our growing student body.

More than 90 percent of our students receive some form of merit- or need-based aid that was, in many cases, the deciding factor in the students’ ability to enroll. The following funds have been established during the 2004-05 fiscal year:

The Buford and Louise Carter Chamberlain Endowed Work-Study Scholarship Fund was established in December 2004 by Louise Carter Chamberlain in memory of her husband to provide an annual work-study scholarship. Preference will be given to able and deserving students from Greene County who have financial need. The work-study position will benefit the Tusculum College Library.

Louise, better known to friends as “Chuck,” and Buford were both members of the Class of 1944, and celebrated 52 years of marriage before he passed away during 1996. They have one daughter, Kathryn, who teaches at a high school in San Diego.

Following graduation from Tusculum College, Louise went on to earn her master’s degree in education from East Tennessee State University, and served for years as a respected educator and principal in the Greeneville School System. Buford joined the Air Force and, upon graduation from flight school in Montgomery, Alabama, served as a pilot with the 68th Troop Carrier Squadron in the Western Pacific Theater during World War II. He returned to Greeneville after the war and worked in the business community until his retirement.

Because the recipients of this work-study scholarship will benefit the library, Louise’s gift was counted toward the $10 million goal of the Campaign for the Library. “Buford had a work-study position in the library when we were enrolled at Tusculum,” she said. “His mother was a widow, and he would not have been able to attend college without that income. I’m glad to now be able to help another student in the same way.”

In addition to providing financial support, work-study positions offer valuable on-the-job experience and the opportunity to explore several areas of interest while still in college. Student workers must maintain satisfactory academic progress in order to be employed on campus.

The James K. Edens II Memorial Annual Scholarship Fund was established in December 2004 by Jeannie P. Edens in memory of her husband, James K. Edens II, Class of 1961. Jim was a faithful attendee of the annual Homecoming event and served as a member of the Tusculum College Alumni Executive Board.

He put up a gallant struggle with multiple myeloma, a bone-marrow cancer, for six years before his death October 10, 2004. “Jim was outspokenly a follower of Jesus Christ and gave Him credit for his unexpected longevity,” said Jeannie, who lives in Abbeville, South Carolina.

Jim was the nephew of Marion C. Edens, Class of 1932, who served Tusculum College in a variety of roles, from athletic director to director of admissions and alumni affairs, and as a coach of both the football and basketball teams. Jim shared his uncle’s dedication to the College and served as head resident of Ramsey Hall and was an active participant in student government and the theatre program. He was asked to give the 1961 graduation address even though he was not the valedictorian.

He also worked to support his family while earning his degree, an accomplishment Jeannie wanted to recognize through the establishment of this scholarship. Preference for the James K. Edens II Memorial Annual Scholarship will be given to students having financial need, with a priority going to those who are also married and working. Recipients must maintain a minimum 2.5 grade-point average.

“Jim did it all,” Jeannie said. “He earned his college degree in three-and-a-half years with a little family. He is my beloved hero and a lot of other people’s, too.”
The Andrew Kmetz Memorial Fund was established in January 2005 by members of his family shortly after he passed away. The family is currently considering the designation for the use of gifts made to this fund.

A member of the Class of 1935, Andrew was a star on both the football and basketball teams. He is often remembered for scoring the game-winning field goal during a 1934 game against Carson-Newman. He was inducted into the Tusculum College Sports Hall of Fame during the first year it was founded. Andrew was also one of the alumni who established named endowments during 1998 to enable Tusculum College to claim a $500,000 matching challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation for the construction and maintenance of a new campus sports arena.

After graduation, Andrew returned to New Jersey and went on to earn his master’s degree from Montclair State. Following a 35-year career as a public school teacher, principal and coach, he retired and moved to Englewood, Florida, with his wife of 65 years, Ida. They are the parents of two daughters.

The Patsy Kreeger Menkens Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in November 2004 by the Rev. Dr. R. Carl Menkens in memory of his wife. Patsy fought a valiant battle against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, for a record 14 years before passing away in April. A native of Greeneville, she met Carl at Tusculum College, which recruited him from New Jersey. Carl still remembers the time he and Patsy were spotted holding hands by the College president, and Patsy was restricted to campus for a week and could attend classes only.

Both members of the Class of 1958, they were married after graduation. Carl later attended seminary in Pittsburgh and enjoyed a long career in ministry, while Patsy worked as an executive secretary. Following their retirement, the Menkens moved to Largo, Florida. They are the parents of two daughters and one son.

The Patsy Kreeger Menkens Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide an annual scholarship with preference, in priority order, for students who: provide musical accompaniment for religious inspiration, such as during the weekly worship service; are involved in the worship services in other meaningful ways, such as scripture reading.

“Patsy loved music and was an accomplished organist and pianist,” Carl said when he was on campus for the Homecoming 2004 celebration. “Helping students who also have an interest in music is a fitting way for her memory to be honored.”

Establishing a Scholarship or Restricted Fund

Alumni and friends have the choice to establish either an annual scholarship or an endowed scholarship. One hundred percent of the funds available from an annual scholarship are distributed each year. However, in order for the scholarship to continue to be awarded, annual gifts from the donor must be made. The minimum amount to establish and sustain an annual scholarship is $1,000 per year.

An endowed scholarship is established with a gift of $10,000 that will serve as the principal and remain fully intact. After one year, approximately 5 percent of the earnings from the endowment will begin to be distributed annually to students, and the scholarship will exist in perpetuity. Donors have up to five years to reach the $10,000 level, but no scholarships can be awarded until the fund is fully endowed and has one year of earnings. The number of recipients will be determined by the amount of endowment funds available for distribution.

Restricted funds established to support a specific academic or sports program can also be established with an endowment or a commitment for annual gifts. The distribution of earnings are the same as those applying to scholarship funds.

Gifts in support of these new funds can be made online through the College web site at www.tusculum.edu or can be mailed to the Tusculum College Office of Institutional Advancement, P.O. Box 5040, Greeneville, Tennessee 37743. For questions or more information, call Karen Sells, Director of Development, at (423) 636-7303.
The Tusculum College Campus Master Plan was finalized in print form in May 2002. Since that time, the College has worked to make improvements to the Tusculum College campus that are illustrated in the Plan. At the request of members of the Alumni Executive Board, we are pleased to provide an update for alumni and friends of the College on the progress that has been made. The Campus Master Plan, which is a 10-to-15-year guide for the expansion and growth of the campus, provides a road map for our vision.

With the generous support of donors, we began construction on the renovation and expansion of the Tusculum College Library in the fall of 2003. Construction is complete, and we are moving the library resources from their temporary location in Pioneer Gym to the new and renovated library the week of June 13. The facility is magnificent with its clock tower, brick that matches the old Tate Library, and the wood panel shelving and wainscoting. In addition, the former running track balcony has been refurbished and will serve as an art gallery.

Construction will also be completed in June for the Pioneer Park Baseball Stadium. The stadium is home to the nationally-ranked Tusculum College Pioneer baseball team and also serves during the summer months as the home of the Greeneville Astros.

Pressing needs on the Campus Master Plan are the construction of a new Science and Math Center and additional residence hall facilities. We are also working to expand to the 160-acre campus with the additional purchase of contiguous properties. Our Plan is an ambitious one, but under the leadership of Dr. Dolphus E. Henry and our Board of Trustees, we have seen tremendous growth not only in our facilities, but also in our enrollment and full-time faculty. It is incumbent upon our alumni and friends to continue to support Tusculum College with their financial resources. As you must know, your gifts enable the College to provide support for our current students through endowed scholarships, strong academic programs and advanced facilities.

Please plan to continue your generous support of Tusculum College as you review the Campus Master Plan on the opposite page. If you have questions, please feel to call 423-636-7303. We also encourage you to visit our website at www.tusculum.edu to keep abreast of all the wonderful changes that are constantly occurring on the campus of Tusculum College.
Structures pictured in brighter red are ones planned but not yet constructed. Structures shown in lighter red already exist.
The World is a Classroom

For one student, a Tusculum College journey to Rome evokes a new awareness of the holy

In the first block of fall semester 2004, Dr. James Reid and his History 303 Europe class traveled to Italy and The Czech Republic to study The Renaissance and Reformation. The goal of the study journey was to merge information received in class with the actual experience of visiting such places as Rome, Florence, Lucca and Prague. Lasting 12 days and ended in Prague, the experience gave the students a more in-depth view of the world around them and of how history affects everyone. Students were required to self-reflect in journals. The following article by student Jacki Ewing, one of the travelers, is based on an excerpt from her journal.

Traveling via train through the countryside of Italy, my head slowly falls back against the neck-rest, and I am lulled for the moment by the gentle rocking of the train car. Heavy-lidded eyes glance out the window. Lavender, cyprus, and poppies dot the countryside. With my journal in hand, I struggle to find the words to describe the impression this land has made upon me. Beautiful and robust yet soothing to the senses, Italy is a place like no other.

Just outside of Rome and heading for Florence, the conversation has died down and the constant, gentle jostling of the train has nudged me into a reflective mood. I begin to wonder how this class trip abroad to study the Renaissance and Reformation will affect me. I watch as fields and hills pass by, and try to take it all in with each breath so that it is permanently impressed in my memory and my soul. Frustrated because I cannot think of a witty, engrossing opening, I decide to start my journal simply at the beginning. I will start
with Rome and Vatican City.

I had no idea that Catholicism would affect me the way it did. St. Peter’s Basilica is to blame for that. At night, it is a magical place. I remember standing near the fountain and looking in awe at the Apostles, who peered down at us as if guarding the holy place. The history of their time, the beauty of the sculptures and the tragedies they have silently witnessed over centuries was almost overwhelming. Partly because I have a strong understanding of the importance of history and the lessons we are able to learn from the past, but also because personally, I am on a quest to find where I fit spiritually in this world. This trip is becoming more than a college class. It has begun a rebirth within myself.

Day two started for me when I laid eyes upon the Ecstasy of St. Teresa. St. Teresa profoundly affected me in one way – her incredibly fierce faith! Her vision of a cherub piercing her heart repeatedly, and the ecstasy amidst the pain she felt clung to her for weeks. After hearing this, I kept staring at her sculpted face looking for some sign, a hint as to how I, too, could feel that way. She remained silent, caught up in her permanent state of bliss created by the incredible hand that carved her. Gown draping, body flowing, the sculpture almost floats. I floated hesitantly out of the church.

After the Spanish Steps, lunch, and a quick change into appropriate clothes, we were back at St. Peter’s. How grandiose – these massive sculptures and paintings! The Pieta, and St. Peter himself – they carry so much importance. The artistry, their religious significance- both qualities make these pieces priceless, and I don’t mean in the monetary sense. After taking in as much as I could in one viewing, I noticed people lining up to touch St. Peter’s feet. One woman in particular came in, went directly to his feet, stood for a moment praying, all the while gently caressing his feet. Finishing her prayer, she turned and left. Again, the issue of incredible faith! Obviously she was burdened with a trouble that she knew only St. Peter could resolve, but to be so privileged in that magnificent cathedral is her church! She could come here daily if she wanted; she could attend services weekly and listen as the Pope spoke outside. To me, this special place full of treasures was a once in a lifetime, maybe twice, experience.
envied her for living history. As I walked around, I was compelled to pray at St. Peter’s feet. Perhaps he could help me on my spiritual quest. However, the line was long and the basilica was closing down. So I said a prayer from afar, hoping it would land at his feet and not fall on deaf ears.

Day three was a busy one. The Vatican Museum was first on the list. I was really looking forward to seeing the inside. Just the word “Vatican” has held some sort of prestige, mystery and formality to me since I was a young girl. I was thrilled to be with Clem and Bev Allison, and stuck to them like glue, gleaning every bit of artistic knowledge from them as I could. I coupled all they gave me with the history and background Dr. Reid gave, and the mix was truly helpful.

It was there in the Vatican Museum that I came to appreciate the masters Michelangelo and Raphael. For example, in the Room of Heliodoris, for the first time Raphael represented a scene at night. This had not been done before. The way the Minora was lit, and the dark shadows on the outside caused a person to wonder what was there. The poses are graceful and controlled, almost effortless. The political theme of the painting was evident: steal from the church or the Pope; God will kill you. A hard-core message.

In his School of Athens, made during High Renaissance, Raphael expresses the ideals of the Renaissance; majesty, control, confidence – all done in one point perspective. Dr. Allison taught us that as Michelangelo worked on the Sistine Chapel, Raphael was working on the School of Athens. Raphael was able to view Michelangelo’s work and was influenced greatly. This is evident in his use of Plato and Aristotle. The mystical Plato is pointing up, while Aristotle (of the earth) points down.

While our group walked around in awe, Clem Allison took the time to explain the different type of Frescos. Buon is the technique when paint is in the plaster. Secco is when paint is on plaster. The Last Supper is an example of a secco fresco. The two techniques are excruciatingly laborious. I can see why it took years to complete.

Many twists and turns through many rooms brought us to The Sistine Chapel. And honestly, I was disappointed. I expected to find a sanctuary with masterpieces. What I found was a large room full of noisy, restless people. One would think that in the presence of the greatest works of art in all of history, and in the most precious of all chapels, one would behave accordingly. After staring up until I was dizzy, I started to watch people. I really just wanted to find someone who seemed to be there for the right reason, although I wasn’t sure what that reason should be. My eyes came upon a very handsome man, perhaps in his 30s. He was taller than most, so that is why I focused on him – he was easy to watch. He entered the room and went straight to the altar, performed the cross with his hand, then kneeled to pray. I was not expecting this from him. He was young, modern, and by himself. Not what I would consider a typical “prayer.” He stayed in prayer for several moments, then got up and stared into the face of Jesus on the cross. Slowly, he moved toward the back of the room, never averting his eyes, and gave one last look at Jesus before exiting.

I am not sure why this outward display of faith or any of the others I mention have affected me. Perhaps it is because I long for that – not so much the faith, for that is within my grasp, but a depository in which I can pour my faith into. With nine days remaining in the trip, and as I begin to fall asleep to the quiet whirring of the train, I say two silent prayers: one for answers, followed by another of gratitude.
Laura Lipe is a student who has made a positive impact on the Tusculum College community. This hard-working honors student is active on campus, serves as a resident assistant and even helps the College recruit new students through her work with the Admissions Office.

But Laura says she probably would not have been able to reach her potential without her experiences on campus as a high school participant in Tusculum’s Upward Bound program, one of the three TRIO programs at the College.

“Without Upward Bound, I think there are a lot of things that I never would have managed to do by myself,” she says, adding that her counselor Debbie Bible helped her research colleges, fill out financial aid forms, and apply for scholarships.

Upward Bound also prepared Lipe for college in other ways, and she describes it as “integral to my growth as a person. In the TRIO Programs, I’ve had the opportunity to visit places that I had never been and never thought that I would see,” such as plays, Broadway productions, colleges, and museums in cities like Nashville, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Toronto, Charleston, New York City, and Chicago.

Lipe says she is confident that she would be “socially inept, scared to death of the world, and completely undeveloped as a person if the TRIO Programs did not exist and had not helped me in my exploration of the unknown.”

TRIO experiences such as Laura’s will be a thing of the past if President George W. Bush’s education appropriation proposal is approved in its current form by Congress in September. The proposal calls for the discontinuation of the Upward Bound and Talent Search programs, with the funding for those programs shifting to the No Child Left Behind program.

Upward Bound and Talent Search promote college attendance among participants from lower economic backgrounds through a variety of programs and extracurricular academic opportunities. Upward Bound serves high school students and Talent Search serves high school and middle school students.

“I wish President Bush could ask the students in our programs how their lives have been affected,” said Jeanne Stokes, who directs TRIO programs at Tusculum College. “We try to give our students a level playing field. We try to give them the same opportunities that other students with more financial resources and parents with advanced degrees have. They deserve to be able to go to the same schools as the students with more financial resources.”

Currently, the Upward Bound program at Tusculum is serving 130 students from Northeast Tennessee. Talent Search is serving 1,450 students.

Some participants who go on to college are now working in education, such as Tusculum College Webmaster Travis Crabtree. “It was during Upward Bound that I came to believe that I could actually do many of the things that until then, I’d just hoped I could do,” he says.

Attending college was going to be a significant financial burden for Travis and his family, he says, and at times he questioned whether it was worth the struggle. Upward Bound “showed me that college was not only worth the struggle but also how rewarding the struggle could be,” Travis says.

“I guess you could say that through Upward Bound I fell in love with learning for learning’s sake. And much of that is attributable to one great man, Bruce Batts. His classes were challenging, thought-provoking and fun. I looked forward to them more than any other class I’d ever taken, and it wasn’t because I did well in them. It was that feeling of stumbling onto something you’d never even considered and wanting to know more. For every answer, I had three more questions. And Bruce never tired of that. He encouraged it. He took a kid who wasn’t even sure he wanted to go to college and showed him the beauty of philosophy and literature.”

This type of experience is being shared with government officials through a letter-writing campaign. TRIO advocates are asking anyone with an interest in the program to write his or her Congressman.
What do a high-wheeled tricycle, Professor "Daddy" Haynes’s telescope, a set of New Testament playing cards, a melodeon, a Town Ball, and an early amperage meter have in common? They are all currently on display as part of two exhibits at the President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library on campus.

One exhibit, “Time for Play,” provides a look into the toys and games of the 19th century and will be on display through July. “Glimpses of Tusculum College,” in another display area, features items spanning the College’s 211-year history, including some of the oldest books in the school’s original library, early scientific equipment, a 1855 map of the United States, and numerous photographs.

A broadening attitude regarding children’s play in the 19th century is reflected in the display. Toys that taught children practical skills or religious or moral lessons reflect the prevalent belief at the beginning of the 19th century that while children were to be allowed to have some time for amusement, they were to be industrious and learning with little idle time. With the arrival of more immigrants and the medical community’s encouragement of physical play for healthy development, ideals of play as amusement and part of healthy development began to be more prevalent by the mid-1800s.

Learning is the focus of some of the items in the exhibit, including a puzzle map of the United States, a New Testament Game using playing cards, child-sized tools, a wooden Noah’s Ark with animals, and reproduction samplers used to teach young girls not only embroidery but also numbers and letters.

Outdoor play is represented in the display by a high-wheeled tricycle, a hopscotch board, a marble ring, a kite, and a reproduction Town Ball, the predecessor to baseball.

The toy display has been made possible with the support of Berea College, East Tennessee Historical Society, Mrs. Mary Belle Jenkins, and the Tennessee State Museum.

The Tusculum College Archives contain almost 7,000 books, more than 900 linear feet of documents, and over 200 artifacts that tell the story of Tennessee’s oldest college. “Glimpses of Tusculum College” provides a peek into these extensive archives and will be on display through the end of the year.

On display for the first time to the public are several items of scientific equipment used by Tusculum students in their classes, such as a steam sanitizer, an early amperage meter, and equipment used to train students following World War II to use radio equipment, including tubes.

Also on display for the first time is a telescope that is believed to have been owned by Dr. Landon “Daddy” Haynes, a beloved professor who taught a number of different subjects, including astronomy, during his 65 years at Tusculum.

The exhibit also includes a melodeon used for chapel services in McCormick Hall, pennants of the debating societies on campus, and some of the earliest books from the College’s library.

Also included in the exhibit are a number of photos of the campus and student life, ranging from the 1870s through the 1960s.
For the Weesners, love that began at Tusculum College has lasted a lifetime

Murrell and Joan Weesner ’50 ’51 have been sweethearts for 57 years and have worked side by side for children in the Lakeway Area. All it took was a helping hand across a creek.

Now, some 57 years later, the story of Murrell and Joan Weesner continues to unfold.

They met as students at Tusculum College in Greeneville during a welcome picnic event held for Freshmen Week. He was a sophomore and a Morristown native and she was a freshman from Pennsylvania. They were introduced by Joan’s roommate, another Morristown native.

As the picnic began to wind down, Murrell took Joan’s hand in his to assist her across a creek on the way back to the campus.

It was the beginning of a love affair to last.

They soon became a couple. One memory they share is a required religion class – he took all the notes while she knitted socks and sweaters for him.

“I tested out of freshman English classes. Best thing I did besides marrying Joan,” Murrell says.

Dating all through college, they became engaged the night before Joan’s graduation from Tusculum. They spent time apart, however, as he attended graduate school at Duke University then became the city editor at the now-defunct Morristown Sun newspaper, and she returned to Pennsylvania to begin teaching.

“I became city editor only because I knew how to proofread,” Murrell says with a laugh.

But being apart was short-lived – the couple married in 1952.

They converted the Weesner family horse barn on North Henry Street into a house, all the while starting to expand the family to include four daughters.

His newspaper career, which included time at the old Knoxville Journal, came to an end when he was offered a teaching position at Morristown High School.

He taught English, history, general business and accounting, and served as sponsor for several student organizations, including the Beta Club, the Hurricane student newspaper and the Student Council.

“When I started teaching the accounting class, there was only one adding machine for the entire
class,” he remembers.

Beyond classes, he was the school treasurer of the activity and athletic funds.

During his tenure as assistant principal he was also the assistant athletic director.

Juggling so many activities was never a problem for Murrell.

“I did whatever needed to be done. It was just the way things were then,” he says.

When the Morristown City and Hamblen County school systems merged, Murrell became the pupil-personnel and athletic facilities coordinator for the school district.

Joan was never one to sit around the house either.

She began teaching 6th graders during her second year in Morristown. She taught at the old Roberts School before moving on to Carriger School.

“I was there for the early first days of the ‘middle school’ concept,” Joan says.

While teaching, Joan became the coach for the high school tennis team—all boys because there was no girls’ team in those days. She was also the coordinator for the recreation department’s tennis program.

“She won several city championships, too,” Murrell says.

Moving on to raise her family and remain active in the community, Joan was a founding member of the Centenary United Methodist Church kindergarten program.

“There was no such thing as kindergarten around here at that time. It wasn’t required, but we knew it could be so beneficial to the children,” she says.

The Centenary program led to the Morristown City Kindergarten program. The Centenary program was held upstairs in the church and the city program was held downstairs before they melded.

“We had 100 kids, 25 from each quadrant of town,” she says.

Joan kept the education bug going in her life by launching the Clinch-Powell Educational Cooperative pre-school program.

“We had it in the old Carriger building and had children bused in from Morristown and Jefferson County,” she says.

With her background in education and children’s programs, she was urged to lead workshops for foster and adoptive parents.

The husband-and-wife team has been active in several civic organizations through the years. The list is long and varied with most of the affiliations done as a couple rather than individuals. Currently, they are involved with plans for Morristown’s Sesquicentennial celebration.

Spending so much time as educators and children’s advocates had a positive effect on their daughters. All four pursued careers in education. (Editor’s note: Three of the four Weesner daughters also attended and graduated from Tusculum College. They are Becky Weesner Moles ’79, Mary Ellen Weesner Horner ’82 and Winn Ann Weesner Seals ’90).

“We’re proud of them. We’ll drop anything to spend time with them and the grandchildren,” Murrell says. They have five grandchildren.

After all these years, the couple remains active and together, remarkable in this age of throwaway relationships.

“We’ve had a ball,” she says.

“It’s been a matter of cooperation and accommodation,” he says with a wry grin.

The profile above was written by Jean Henderson of the Morristown (Tenn.) Citizen-Tribune as a Saint Valentine’s Day feature. It is reprinted by permission.
The cutting edge of medical technology is the daily work environment of Brent Bell ’84 whose life path has led him to the top of his field in treating a rare type of lung cancer.

Bell is a physician assistant in the Division of Radiation Oncology, Sections of Head and Neck and Thoracic at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, which has been ranked for the last three consecutive years as the top cancer center in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

He was one of the first six physician assistants at the cancer center, which is part of the world’s largest medical center, a complex of 46 individual hospitals. Physician assistants practice medicine under the supervision of a physician. They diagnose, treat, and prescribe medication and perform tasks previously only delegated to physicians. These medical professionals are nationally re-certified every six years.

Bell’s expertise and notoriety has come of late as a result of his extensive research with patients who inhale asbestos leading to a condition causing cancer known as Mesothelioma. This rare but deadly cancer strikes most people in their late 50s and early 60s after lying dormant 15-25 years prior to activation. The outcomes and prognosis for these patients have been dismal at best. “We now offer hope and a fair to good functional quality of life for patients with mesothelioma,” he says.

His division, the Division of Radiation Oncology, Thoracic Section, is leading the world in new radiation techniques and protocols. It has 14 active protocol/clinical trials and has the only 4D PET/CT scanner in the United States, which allows visualization in real time resulting in better targeting of radiation to treat lung tumors. The hospital will also open a Proton Center in 2006. Protons will spare more normal tissue during radiation, reducing both acute and late radiation side effects.

Earlier in the year, Bell was interviewed for an international “CNN Presents” program carried in 11 world markets by the cable news network.  In that interview, Bell spoke candidly about his mother’s diagnosis of cancer in the early 1980s when he was an undergraduate psychology student at Tusculum. Few of his former classmates know to this day that he moved out of the dorms during his senior year to commute daily to Johnson City to care for his ailing mother and see his brother off to school. Despite his challenges, Bell graduated second in his class and with honors.

“I think the lessons in life I learned in those pivotal early years at Tusculum are the strengths and resources I fall back upon to treat patients today,” Bell said. “I deeply understand their fear and anxiety, having personally faced it with my mother.”

Today, Bell’s mother is a 24-year survivor, still living with the carcinoid tumor, greatly in part both to Bell and M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. “I view my mother’s current treatment as an adventure in life rather than a challenge,” he says. “It has sometimes been difficult maintaining patient duties while balancing my mother’s care, but both have had good outcomes. It has certainly been well worth it.”

Bell’s claim to fame within the medical community came as a result of years of mesothelioma research, the details of which were published in 2004 in the Journal of Cancer.

Bell, along with Craig Stevens, M.D., Ph.D., and Thomas Guerrero, M.D., Ph.D., published their research on postoperative Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy (IMRT) following extrapleural pneumonectomy for mesothelioma.

In layman’s terms, this means very special-
ized radiation after complete lung removal on the side with cancer involvement.

"Brent is a leading world expert in the area of mesothelioma and lung cancer," said Dr. Thomas Guerrero. "He has the most experience in managing the sickest of the sick mesothelioma patients during and after their radiation therapy than anyone else in the institution (M.D. Anderson Cancer Center) or the world for that matter."

Bell’s expertise did not come easily. He was put through the same dosimetry course and training that Resident Physicians go through, plus simulation training and the study of anatomy, radiology and radiation principles. He earned his physician assistant postgraduate degree in 1993 through the Cook County Hospital advanced degree program in Chicago.

The M. D. Anderson Cancer Center has the nation’s first Physician Assistant Residency Program, and Bell has been appointed to the Selection and Didactic Committee, which interviews approximately 30 physician assistant residents from around the country for two resident positions each year. He was presented the Outstanding Staff Educator Recognition Award in April by the Cancer Center.

Bell says his greatest challenge does not come from diagnosis and treatment, but rather in having to tell a patient bad news. "The worst is telling a patient who has been in remission that his or her tumor has recurred or spread," he says.

On the happier side of his work, Bell’s greatest achievement is the 98 percent local control he now reports at M. D. Anderson - 56 mesothelioma patients have now been treated with IMRT radiation following surgery and five of these patients are approaching or have exceeded two years without evidence of disease.

This is remarkable considering that most mesothelioma patients are deceased six months following diagnosis. "The distant metastases rate (DM) is still a problem," Bell says. "Cancer can still reoccur in the remaining lung or spread to the liver. We have introduced a new protocol utilizing Alimta and cisplatin chemotherapy first, followed by surgery and then radiation. Our goal is to reduce the distant spread now that we have such promising local control."

Bell has earned the respect and esteem of the medical professionals at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, having been nominated by his peers as Physician Assistant of the year in 2004.

He earned his doctorate in Nutrition in 1999 from Clayton College in Birmingham, Ala., and went on to be widely published. He most recently presented at The World Lung Cancer Congress Meeting in Kauai, Hawaii.

He is dedicated to saving lives and will leave a legacy in medicine that has changed treatment patterns and set a new standard for a difficult cancer as well as providing an outstanding example of achievement and service to others.

"It is far better to give than to receive," Bell says. "That motto often takes extra hours, but also it often pays off. Keep saying yes when others say no and you will be remembered either as a visionary or a nut."

Brent would love to hear from his former classmates and other alumni. His email address is bcbell@mdanderson.org.
Jim Boone is the new men’s basketball coach at Tusculum College. Boone takes over the Pioneer program following the resignation of Duggar Baucom, who stepped down to accept the head coaching position at the Virginia Military Institute.

Boone brings over a quarter of a century of collegiate coaching experience, including the last 19 years as a head coach. He has recorded 321 victories, including 228 wins at the NCAA Division II level. His 228-71 record at the California University of Pennsylvania gave Boone a .763 winning percentage, which at the time was the second best success rate of active Division II coaches.

In his 10 seasons at California, Boone led the Vulcans to seven postseason appearances. California advanced to six NCAA Tournaments, posting an impressive 12-4 record, including a pair of NCAA Final Four appearances.

His 1992 team went 31-2 and was the No. 1 ranked team in the final NCAA II poll. That squad captured the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championship and moved onto the first of two NCAA Final Fours.

Boone, a native of Winfield, W.Va., spent the last five seasons as the head coach at NCAA Division I Eastern Michigan University where he compiled a 48-96 mark, including 12-18 last year. His squads continued to make progress each year during his tenure, including the Eagles 14-14 mark in 2002-03 and eight-win improvement from the season before.

Prior to working at EMU, he served four years as the head coach at Robert Morris University. He built the Colonials into a winner following seasons of 4-23 and 8-19, as he guided Robert Morris to a 15-12 mark in 1998-99 and 18-12 in 1999-00. That 2000
Men's tennis takes 2nd SAC championship in four years

The Tusculum College men's tennis team finished the 2004-05 season ranked No. 40 according to the final NCAA Division II Rankings, administered by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

The Pioneers (13-7) enjoyed a successful season winning the program's second South Atlantic Conference Championship in four years. Tusculum also advanced to the NCAA Tournament for a fourth consecutive year while recording its fourth straight winning campaign.

TC also finished the year listed No. 8 in the ITA/NCAA II Southeast Region rankings.

The senior trio of Roberto Robles, Jesse Puckerin and Miguel Lares accounted for the best four-year run in the program's history. During their collegiate careers, the Pioneers posted a 58-25 overall record, including an impressive 22-2 mark in SAC matches.

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Jim Boone

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squad advanced to the NEC Championship Game and came up one step shy of advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

During his career, his teams have recorded 17 or more wins on 12 occasions, including six conference championships, four tournament titles, seven post season appearances.

From 1990-96, his California teams recorded over 20 victories for six consecutive years tallying an impressive 150-33 mark during that span. His 94-24 league record in the PSAC is still the best of any coach in that conference's history.

He has been named PSAC Coach of the Year on three occasions (1988, 1992, 1996) and NCAA Region Coach of the Year twice (1992, 1996).

Boone inherits a Pioneer team that went 18-11 last season and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. Tusculum, the 2005 South Atlantic Conference Tournament Champions, lost 91-88 in overtime at third-ranked Bowie State University in the quarterfinal of the NCAA South Atlantic Regional.

Boone played collegiate basketball at West Virginia State College, where he was a four-year letterman. He earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from WVSC in 1981 and followed that with a MBA from the University of Kentucky in 1982 with a concentration in marketing.

He began his coaching career at his alma mater where he served as the head assistant coach from 1982-85. Boone spent one season as the head assistant coach at Charleston Southern University as the Buccaneers won the 1986 Big South Conference Championship.

Missy Tiber

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guided the Abbey to an 18-10 showing and advanced to the CVAC Tournament semifinals.

“I am very grateful to Ed (Hoffmeyer) and the search committee for this opportunity,” said Tiber. “This is a natural step in my coaching career and the administration and the community have been very supportive so far. The facilities and the conference enticed my interest in this position and I’m looking forward to the challenge ahead.”

Prior to coming to Belmont Abbey, she served six years at her alma mater as the assistant women's basketball coach at West Liberty State College. During her tenure at West Liberty, the Hilltoppers won three West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) championships, four WVIAC Tournament titles and earned four NCAA Division II Tournament berths.

“Missy is a winner in all facets of her life,” added Hoffmeyer. “Our players, faculty, staff and the Tusculum community will enjoy being around such an enthusiastic person. I look for our program to make rapid improvement.”

During her collegiate playing career at West Liberty, Tiber scored 926 points in her three seasons with the Hilltoppers. During her senior season, she averaged 17 points per game while earning All-WVIAC honors and was selected to the WVIAC All-Tournament squad.

Tiber, a native of Bellaire, Ohio, earned her bachelor of science degree in communications from West Liberty in 1994. This past year, she also served as Belmont Abbey’s senior woman administrator.
Phil Roberts was named head coach of the Tusculum College cross country program early in 2005. Roberts replaced Dr. Jim Fields, who stepped down after coaching the Pioneers for the past five seasons to devote his full time to teaching at the College.

Roberts, a 1986 graduate of Western Carolina University, has coached at both the high school and collegiate levels. He joins the Pioneer staff after coaching last season at Greeneville High School. He guided the Greene Devils to a fourth place finish in the IMAC. His GHS harriers won the Tusculum Invitational High School meet while two of his runners, Ben Wills and Lauren Anderson, garnered All-IMAC recognition.

Roberts served as the assistant cross country and track coach at his alma mater from 1986-91. During his coaching tenure at WCU, the Catamounts boasted several All-Southern Conference honorees including All-Americans Tony McKinney and Richard Rowe.

“Jim Fields did a great job of putting our cross country program on solid footing,” said Director of Athletics Ed Hoffmeyer. “In a new coach, we’re looking to build upon that foundation and take both the men and women to a new level.”

“Phil brings a personal love of running,” added Hoffmeyer. “He has the ability to instill that same love in those he is working with. His knowledge of the sport, his ability to communicate that knowledge to his team and his desire to make Tusculum’s program successful should serve him well.”

During his collegiate running career, Roberts was a three-time All-Southern Conference cross country runner (1983, 1984, 1985) while also lettering in indoor and outdoor track. In 1985, he was the Southern Conference Steeplechase Champion and also claimed the SoCon title in the indoor 1500 meters in 1986. He is still the holder of eight school records at WCU. His 8K time of 24:17 at the Citadel Invitational in 1985 is still the best in Catamount history. He also holds the second best 10K time at WCU running the 1983 Appalachian State Invitational in 31:11.

“I’m honored to be granted this opportunity and I hope to build a championship program,” said Roberts. “I’m not looking to just field a team, but for us to have a competitive team. Once you have the talent in place, running is 90 percent mental.”

Roberts’ indoor records include the 3,000 meters (8:19.59), two miles (8:59.00), three miles (13:50.80) and the 2000 meter steeple. He is also the holder of three outdoor records including the 5,000 meters (14:30.24), 10,000 meters (30:10.04) and the distance medley (10:12.80).

The Charlotte, N.C. native continues to be an avid runner himself. He recently competed in his 1,000th race and has run over 127,000 miles in his lifetime.

Roberts is married to the former Kris Staskunas of Milwaukee, Wis. and they are the parents of three sons (Josiah, 11, Simeon, 9, Michah, 7) and one daughter (Ketura, 5).

Phil Roberts heading cross country coaching staff

Women’s soccer earns championship

During the 2004-2005 season, Tusculum College women’s soccer claimed its fourth South Atlantic Conference Championship. The Pioneers clinched the title with a 4-0 win over Lenoir-Rhyne College to earn its fourth league crown in the last five years.

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tennis

Robles, a Bogota, Colombia, native earned All-South Atlantic Conference honors four times and in 2002 was the SAC Freshman of the Year and SAC Tournament Most Valuable Player. Robles went 40-27 in singles during his TC career and 54-24 in doubles.

Puckerin was also a four-time All-SAC honoree and leaves Tusculum owning one of the best winning percentages in school history. While at TC, the Burlington, Ontario, Canada product posted a 56-9 singles record for an .862 winning percentage. That singles tally including a SAC record of 20-3. He also went 53-29 in doubles play.

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The Tusculum College Pioneers became the first baseball team in South Atlantic Conference (SAC) history to lose its opener then win six straight games to win its first-ever SAC Tournament title.

En route, the Pioneers swept arch-rival Carson-Newman College not once, but twice.

The Pioneers used a nine-run explosion in the fourth inning to set the tone for the entire contest as the second-seeded Pioneers forced another championship game with the third-seeded Eagles, downing Carson-Newman 15-9.

The Eagles out-hit the Pioneers 20-18 in the game but left 11 runners on base. Kenny Reed of Knoxville and Adam Beacham of Atlanta each smacked three-run homers to power the Pioneers to the win.

Jeff Bryant of Knoxville went deep into the game for the Pioneers on the mound, pitching seven and two-thirds innings, striking out three batters.

The first run in the fourth inning came when Adam Hicks of Bristol, Tenn., hit a sacrifice fly to center field to score Reed. That run snapped the 26-inning scoreless run the Eagles had built during the tournament in games against Lenoir-Rhyne, Newberry and Catawba. The first run in the fourth inning came when Adam Hicks hit a sacrifice fly.

Matt Riggs of Dayton, Tenn., hit a two-run single to right and Tim Brown of Flint, Mich., followed that with a two-run triple. The final blow would come when Reed smacked a three-run homer to right field. Eight of the nine runs TC scored in the fourth came with two outs.

The Eagles trailed 10-2 going into the eighth inning but pushed six runs across the plate. Carson-Newman had four consecutive RBI singles and Derrick Calkin of Maryville, Tenn., cut the score to 10-8 with a two-run double.

But any hopes of an Eagle comeback were dashed as the Pioneers scored five runs in the top of the fifth. Greg Stotser of Columbus, Ga., hit a two-run single and Beacham blasted a three-run homer to left field.

Following up the first win, Tusculum used timely hitting and solid pitching to capture its first-ever Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Champion-
Men's basketball captures SAC tourney title

Tusculum College captured its first Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament title in men's basketball with a 79-73 victory over Lenoir-Rhyne College held at the Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory, North Carolina.

The win sent the No. 4 seeded Pioneers (18-10) to the NCAA Division II South Atlantic Regional Tournament for the first time ever by earning the league’s automatic bid. The No.2 seeded Bears end their season at 17-12.

In the first half, the Pioneers broke open a closely contested game with an 8-0 run to pull ahead 21-10 at the 11:48 mark on a three-pointer by junior guard Donald Sexton, of Oneida, Tenn. Sexton scored six of the eight points during the run. Tusculum extended their lead to its largest margin of the opening half at 17 points to 43-26 on a three-pointer by Sexton at the 3:46 mark before the Bears closed the half with a pair of treys by senior guard Tony Connelly, of Charlottetown, N.C., and sophomore guard Eric Mauldin, of Albemarle, N.C., to cut the lead to 45-32 at the half.

Both teams shot the ball well in the first half as the Pioneers were 48.5 percent from the field including nine-of-16 from beyond the arc while the Bears were 46.2 percent from the field on six-of-13 from three-point range. Tusculum College held a 12-2 advantage in fast break points and a 13-3 edge on points off turnovers in the first half. Sexton led the Pioneers with 20 first half points on five-of-six from three-point land while sophomore guard Stephen Hinds, of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Connelly led Lenoir-Rhyne with eight points apiece.

The second half saw the Pioneer lead expand to 17 points at 60-43 on a lay-up by two-time All-SAC forward Brad Hawks, Galax, Va., at the 11:55 mark before the Bears began their comeback. Lenoir-Rhyne outscored the Pioneers 14-2 over the next three minutes to cut the lead to 62-57 with 8:57 left in the game. L-R’s senior forward Roman Davis, of Greensboro, N.C., keyed the comeback with six points apiece.

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Men's basketball captures SAC tourney title (Begins on preceding page)

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Tusculum College’s George Hanger went 2-for-4 in the second game with C-N while driving in three runs batted in, while Tim Brown, Greg Stotser, Adam Hicks and Adam Beacham each posted multi-hit outings.

Pioneer Chap Morris (3-0) came up with one of the biggest pitching performances of his career as he tossed 7.1 innings, scattered nine hits, allowed four runs (two earned), walked one and struck out one.

In the first inning, two-time All-Conference performer Skip Talarek of the Pioneers reached on a two-out single and scored on Hanger’s 13th double of the season. The Pioneers led 1-0. Tusculum College added another run in the bottom of the fourth as Kenny Reed led off with a double and crossed the plate himself on Stotser’s RBI single.

Carson-Newman fought back with three runs in the top of the fifth frame. Tusculum got the three runs back in its half of the fifth.

TC added two more runs in the sixth inning. But the Eagles trimmed the deficit at 7-4. The Pioneers added two more runs in the eighth.

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The South Atlantic Conference Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll has been announced and Tusculum College leads the way with a league-record 117 student-athletes recognized. The conference had a record 679 student-athletes honored for their achievements in the classroom.

This marks the seventh consecutive time and eighth in the last 11 reporting periods that Tusculum has led the conference in honorees. Wingate University was second with 105 honorees, while Newberry College also reached triple digits with 100, followed by Mars Hill College (90), Carson-Newman College (68), Presbyterian College (68), Catawba College (66) and Lenoir-Rhyne College (65).

The SAC Commissioner's Honor Roll recognizes those student-athletes who carry at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average and have completed the season in the following sports: football, women's volleyball, men's soccer, women's soccer, men and women's cross country, men and women's basketball, baseball, softball, men and women's tennis and men and women's golf.

The Pioneers also claimed two SAC Team Grade Point Average Championships. The sports of volleyball and women's basketball boasted the highest team grade point average in their respective sports. The volleyball team tallied a 3.604 team GPA, including nine honorees to the honor roll, including four who posted a 3.8 or better. The women's basketball squad had a 3.345 grade point average and 10 SAC Honor Roll representatives.

Of Tusculum's 14 sponsored sports, eight were in the top three of the conference in team GPA. TC men's basketball (2.809), baseball (2.932), women's tennis (3.525) and softball (3.403) teams were second in their respective sports. Of Tusculum's honorees, 18 have earned All-Conference, All-Region or All-American recognition during their careers.

For a list of all Tusculum College Pioneers on the SAC Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll, visit www.tusculum.edu/athletics
Three distinguished professionals have joined the Tusculum College Board of Trustees. Dr. Gene Hall ’73, Dr. Donald Henard, and Dr. Angelo Volpe were approved as trustees during a meeting of the board on May 21. The three new members will begin serving on the Board of Trustees in October.

Dr. Hall and Dr. Volpe have extensive experience in higher education. Dr. Henard, an orthopedic surgeon, also has ties to the College, as his father, the late Dr. Hal Henard, was a 1930 graduate of TC.

Dr. Gene Hall ’73
Hall is a professor of chemistry and chemical biology at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Dr. Hall has taught at Rutgers since 1979, spending nine years of that time as a visiting scientist in the Nuclear Physics Laboratory. He has been a research member of the Laboratory for Surface Modification at Rutgers since 1979, and for the past 15 years has been an affiliated member of the Environmental and Occupational Health Science Institute, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Rutgers. He has also served in several faculty leadership positions at the university.

Dr. Hall earned his doctorate in radioanalytical chemistry at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He is a grant reviewer for the National Science Foundation Chemical Instrumentation program and reviews manuscripts for several peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Hall has also organized several conferences and national and international meetings, and lectured often at scientific societies, universities and colleges, and at international and national scientific conferences.

Dr. Donald Henard
Dr. Henard followed his father, a highly popular Greeneville physician, into the medical field. He attended the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, earning his M.D. in 1966 and his master of science in orthopedic surgery in 1971. Dr. Henard spent 26 years in private practice in Memphis and served from 1999-2001 as an orthopedic consultant for the Church Health Center of Memphis. He is currently a consultant for Laughlin Memorial Hospital in Greeneville.

Dr. Henard has also taught orthopedic surgery courses at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis and the University of Iowa College of Medicine. He has many professional publications to his credit and serves in several community and professional organizations. He has also served as the state chairman of the Orthopedic Research and Education Foundation, as chairman of the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit, Saint Francis Hospital; and co-chairman of the Grievance Committee of the Memphis and Shelby County Medical Society. He has been appointed to the medical staffs of a variety of noted Tennessee hospitals, and holds numerous society memberships in the medical field.

Dr. Angelo Volpe
Dr. Angelo Volpe, a native of New York City, is president emeritus of Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, where he was also active as a professor of chemistry. In the 1980s, Dr. Volpe served four years as vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and professor of chemistry at East Carolina University. Prior to serving in that position, he was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at East Carolina as well as chair and professor of chemistry. Dr. Volpe also taught chemistry at the Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey during the 1960s and 1970s, and served for a year as acting head of the Chemistry Department there.

Dr. Volpe, who received his doctorate from the University of Maryland, was a research chemist in the U.S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory in the 1960s. He is a member of numerous professional organizations and has received many honors and awards, including ratings of “Outstanding” in evaluations of performance at Tennessee Tech and East Carolina, honorary degrees and recognition for his support of civic activity, agriculture, and education. Dr. Volpe is the author or co-author of 27 publications and has given many oral presentations at professional conferences.

The Board of Trustees, whose members include alumni, businessmen, professionals, clergy, and others with an interest in Tusculum, formally meets three times a year. As part of their responsibilities, Board members serve on committees that focus on the College’s various Departments and activities.
Welcome to the TC alumni fold, Class of 2005!

Congratulations Class of 2005! Whether you completed your degree as part of the traditional program or through the Graduate and Professional Studies program, you did it! Tusculum College has provided you the opportunity to broaden your knowledge, understand civic-mindedness, and forge some of the strongest ties of friendship you will experience in your lifetime. No matter what path in life you take, I trust you will always keep Tusculum College close to your heart. What you have accomplished during your time here has paved a path to success. Walk that path joyously, carefully, unselfishly and without fear. Again, congratulations on a momentous accomplishment in your life!

To those of you who participated in the 2005 Senior Gift Challenge, thank you! You are already providing financial support by making contributions to the 2005 Senior Gift, which will purchase a piece of furniture for our new library. We are proud that you recognize the importance of this project and the benefits it will provide to the students who follow you. If you did not participate and wish to do so, please contact our office at 423-636-7303 or email alumni@tusculum.edu. Remember, “2005 was a great year to graduate and $20.05 is a small amount to give back.”

Homecoming 2005 is soon approaching, scheduled for September 23 and 24. Friday’s tentative schedule includes a golf tournament, afternoon tea at the President’s home and an all-alumni dinner at The General Morgan Inn & Conference Center while Saturday will begin with the Sports Hall of Fame/All-Alumni Breakfast, Homecoming parade, football game and end with a dinner and dance at Link Hills Country Club that evening. These are only a few of the weekend’s activities. The Homecoming brochures, which will be mailed this summer, will have a complete list of events.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend what promises to be a great weekend.

In addition to Homecoming, another alumni event I would like to highlight is our annual Graduation Salute which is held prior to our May and December commencements. These events create an efficient and fun way for students to finalize graduation plans, including purchasing invitations, picking up caps and gowns, and checking with various offices on campus for unfinished business.

Thank you to those alumni who participated in our spring phonathon. Your gifts are vital to the life of the College. Many of you made a pledge in support of the Tusculum College educational experience. How wonderful for our current students to know firsthand the act of giving. For those of you who have not yet made a gift but would like to, there is still an opportunity to help this fiscal year, which ends on June 30. Remember, we now have online giving at www.tusculum.edu.

Four alumni receptions, which we refer to as the Tusculum College Caravans, were conducted during the month of March 2005. We hosted the Second Annual Greeneville Caravan on Thursday, March 3 at the General Morgan Inn; the Second Annual Knoxville Caravan was held on Thursday, March 17 at Club LeConte in Knoxville; our first Philadelphia Caravan was conducted on Monday, March 21 at the Philadelphia West Marriott and our Washington DC Caravan was conducted on Tuesday, March 21 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. It was great to become reacquainted with many of you again. Plans are made to take the caravan to Florida in November 2005. The caravans allow us an opportunity to update you on the most recent events and phenomenal growth of the College, but most importantly, we always look forward to visiting with you.

Please keep in mind that the Office of Alumni Relations is here to serve you. If you have questions or need further information, please contact me at 1-800-729-0256, extension 7303 or by email at alumni@tusculum.edu. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming alumni events, including the TC Caravan when it makes its arrival in your neighborhood.
Dorothy “Dot” (Crane) and Robert Fabian ’38 ’39 of Concord, N.H., write that they are “living pleasantly in a retirement home, independently so far.” They have nine grandchildren, and son Paul lives in Houston, Texas, son David, a doctor, in North Platte, Neb., and daughter, Sarah Lester, in New Hampshire. They would love to hear from any of their former classmates. Their address is 149 East Side Dr. #374, Concord, NH 03301.

Val Moncada ’41 of Asheville, N.C., is serving this year as master of his local Masonic Lodge, Mount Hermon Lodge #118, F&AM, in Asheville.

Bonnie Hickman Doroshow ’44 of Hendersonville, N.C., announces the birth of her granddaughter, Sarah Michelle, born April 19, 2004. Bonnie would love to hear from her ’44 and ’45 classmates.

Harriet Hastings Mooradian ’46 of Nassau, N.Y. writes, “I garden on 12 acres of country property and edit a newsletter nine times a year for the Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society.”

George Stager ’50 of Fort Collins, Col., has published his second book, “Alamo Phoenix”, a historical novel that gives a “life” to Joe, a slave, the only “man” to survive the Alamo and follows him into the southwest area of Santa Fe & Taos. The book can be found on 1stBooks.com. His other book is “The Resolution,” a ghost, murder and love story.

A. Willard Cobb ’51 of St, Louis, Mo., has retired from teaching voice and early music at the St. Louis Conservatory of Music, but is still active in performance. He is a member of the Collegium Vocale of St. Louis: a group performing music of the Baroque period. Willard is also soloist at a Christian Science Church.

Betty Heck Fendley ’51 of Auburn, Al, retired two years ago from Auburn University as Associate Dean.

John Shanks ’54 of Lenoir, N.C., has retired as comptroller of Singer Furniture Company in Lenoir.

Tom and Karol (Schneckenberg) Light ’62 ’58 have moved back to Blountville, Tenn., after living in Florida for 10 years. They would like to hear from their fellow alums. They can be reached at tkksl@webtv.net.

John and Kathryn Kirchmyer Horvath ’63 ’63 of Stockbridge, Ga., celebrated two daughters earning doctorates in May. Laura earned hers in Bio-Mechanics from University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and Elizabeth earned hers in Veterinary Medicine in Athens, Georgia. All five of their children and their spouses were together to celebrate the events, making a special Mother’s Day weekend for the family.

Allen and Carolyn (Dyer) Rothe ’63 ’66 of Mohawk, Tenn., retired from teaching last May with plans to visit family in Florida, Alabama, Texas, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania and “spoil their grandchildren.” They also enjoyed a cruise to the Bahamas in November and a trip to Italy this spring.

Lois Raymond Siemer ’64 of Chambersburg, Pa., and her husband Chuck continue to enjoy retirement. Lois writes that Chuck planted a garden last year and they enjoyed the bounty of his labor. While Lois has had to put her plans to resume her “Juliette on Tour” program on hold, she has joined a local Armed Forces Support Group. The Siemers’ daughter, Margaret, is a chaplain in the U.S. Navy and was promoted to lieutenant in November. Lois’ father, Dr. Lewis Raymond ’60, has struggled with health problems in the past year.

Shirley Ward Gregg ’64 of Greeneville, Tenn., was presented the Greene County Partnership’s “Outstanding Service to Students” award during the Greene County School System’s 2005 personnel reception. In the presentation of the award, Gregg was described as teaching “with as much energy and enthusiasm today as she did when she began her career 39 and a half years ago. Even though she has had a serious medical adversity of her own, she puts the welfare of her students before her own. Shirley Gregg gives the occupation of teacher true meaning and total respect.” Gregg taught for one year in Maryland before moving back to Greene County. She has taught all but one year of her career in Greene County at Mosheim Elementary School. She has been named building-level “teacher of the year” at Mosheim several times over the years and has also been selected “Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year.” In 2004, Gregg was named Tennessee Elementary Service Teacher of the Year and was nominated for Distinguished Classroom Teacher of the Year.

Kermit Updegrove ’65 of Bel Air, Md., has retired after 36 years of teaching high school biology. He was the graduation speaker for the C. Milton Wright High School Commencement.

David and Beverly (Brooks) Jurkiewicz ’66 ’68 of Hamden, Conn., write that David has retired from teaching after 36 years and is enjoying playing golf. Beverly is still teaching fourth grade in Chesire, Conn. They have one son, Michael, who is married and living in Connecticut, and another son, Gregg, who is getting married in August and living in Boston.

Robert A. Lapsley ’66 and his wife, Diane, have returned to Savannah,
Ga., after two years in Florida. The couple had previously lived in Savannah for 31 years.

’70s

Les and Kay Heggan ’70 ’72 of Littlestown, Pa., write that they will be retiring in June and moving to the Gettysburg, Pa., area. They invite their friends and fellow alums to visit them. Les was inducted into the South Jersey Hall of Soccer Hall of Fame on May 1. He won Coach of the Year again in 2004. Les won the honor for the first time in 1992. He will be coaching his nephews who play for Littlestown and Gettysburg soccer teams during retirement.

Lester E. Brew III ’71 of Port Byron, N.Y., sends his congratulations to the College on the Campaign for the Library, and reports that he himself was involved in an effort to establish a public library in the village of Port Byron. He served as a charter trustee, treasurer and capital campaign member. The effort raised $200,000 and construction has been completed. “Now we have a state of the art facility,” Lester writes. “A good feeling, leadership training through community service — I learned these principles at Tusculum-through Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity.”

Karen Caggiano Dresdale ’71 of Delray Beach, Fla., moved to that state in August from New York, and is teaching language arts in Pompano Beach. Karen writes that she and her husband, Hal, are enjoying the warm weather and don’t miss the snow.

Martin J. Flynn ’74 of Covington, Ga., was appointed president of Vantage Products, Inc. in Covington in October of 2003. Vantage Products is a subsidiary of Rowan Technologies of Rancocas, N.J. Martin has worked for the company since 1979.

Anita Baird Ware ’75 of Stuart, Fla., and her husband, Paul, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last August with their daughters Julie and Jennifer. Anita has been a flight attendant with United for 27 years and Paul is a captain with American. They are enjoying living in Florida and love the sunshine! “I have fond memories of my time at Tusculum,” she writes, “and would love to hear from old friends. P.S. does anyone know where Toni Ackerly is?”

Thomas F. Byrd ’77 of Albuquerque, N.M., M.D., associate professor of medicine and assistant dean for research at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, was recently awarded the DeSouza Award by the American Lung Association. This three-year, $300,000 award will fund his studies examining the pathogenesis of mycobacterial infection in the lungs of cystic fibrosis patients.

Gregory P. Varga ’78 of Middlebush, N.J., writes that he suffered a heart attack in October 2004, has had surgery to open blockages, and is on medication. Gregory has been selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among America’s Teachers, Ninth Edition." His wife, Fran, is working on her teacher certification in early/elementary education and special education after being downsized from AT&T. Gregory is a driver's education instructor at Edison Job Corps Academy and is seeking a position in a regular high school. The family has also learned that son Damian has Asberger's Syndrome and daughter Alexis has Co-Progressing Disorder.

’80s

Virginia R. Fisher ’80 of Orange, N.J., graduated with honors in May 2004 with a master’s degree in Early Childhood Education (Advanced Curriculum and Teaching) from Kean University in Union, N.J. She is an early childhood teacher at Valley Settlement House Child Care Center in Orange. Elaine Almon Kotler ’80 of Morrow, Ga., writes “as a result of my involvement in the Atlanta theatre community as a volunteer, writer and director for the past five years, I have been asked to join Atlanta Planit, an Atlanta Arts access Web site as a theatre reviewer.” Kotler continues to teach social studies in Covington, Ga. Her book, “I CAN FINALLY FEEL MY TOES: A Survivor’s Story,” will be published in October.

Michael G. Murray ’80 of Salisbury, Md., is in his 25th year in the Delaware Education System. He is currently principal of Howard T. Ennis and Richard Allen Schools in Georgetown, Del.

Charles M. Williams ’80 of Cincinnati, Ohio, has worked as a postal clerk at the Cincinnati Bulk Mail Center for the past 21 years.

Lt. Col. Jim Hawkins ’81 has been serving since August as the chief engineer for the Air Forces Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Program at the Air Force Space and Missile Center in Los Angeles. The EELV family of launch vehicles are the primary way U.S. satellites are placed in orbit. Hawkins, his wife Gail, and their two daughters, Ariel and Megan are living in San Pedro, Calif., along with their two cats Tinker Belle and Ms. Maine.

Nell Rae Stanton Grimm ’85 graduated from Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., with a Master of Divinity degree on May 9, 2005.

Lisa Levdahl ’86 is a career missionary in a remote part of northern Argentina. She will be back in the United States for a sabbatical in 2006 and is looking forward to her 20th reunion.

Dr. Linda Stroud ’89 of Greeneville, Tenn., has been named has been named “2005 Middle Level State Principal of the Year” by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Dr. Stroud, principal at Greeneville Middle School, was described by the association as “one of our nation’s most outstanding principals.” The honor also allows Stroud to attend the National Principals’ Institute next
November in Washington, D.C. Dr. Stroud is in her sixth year as principal of GMS, and under her leadership, the school was named a winner of a 2004 national "21st Century Schools of Distinction" award in the category of technology excellence.

\'90s

Ellen D. Holland '90 of Rocky Mount, Va., has been promoted to director of stewardship at Ferrum College.

Patsy Hathorn '93 of Jackson, Miss., has been director of clinical resource management at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center since 2002. Hathorn entered Tusculum's Memphis program in 1986 and would like to hear from her classmates from the first class in Memphis. Her e-mail address is phathorn@jam.rr.com.

Martha Moore Beamer '95 of Greeneville, Tenn., has a new addition to her family - a granddaughter, Gracie Lee Moore, born December 27, 2004, to her son, Jonathan, and his wife, Lori.

Charmaine Cahill '96 of Waipahu, Hawaii, has been living in Hawaii for two years teaching special education and has been named the head of the special education department where she works. She would love to hear from former classmates. E-mail her at NffromHl1each-er@aol.com.

Amy Bible Hawk '97 of Greeneville, Tenn., has taken over the reins of the South Greene High School girls’ basketball program. Hawk, a standout player for the high school during her prep days when she was a member of two state championship teams, is also the school’s head volleyball coach. She had served as an assistant coach for five years. Hawk, who had a stellar basketball career at Tusculum, served as a coach at Chuckey Elementary School before moving to the high school ranks. Amy is married to Daniel Hawk '99.

Summer Kay '98 of Reno, Nev., recently earned a master’s degree in education from the University of Phoenix - Reno, Nevada Campus. She teaches third grade in the Reno area.

Adrienne R. Moncier Hensley '99 of Greeneville, Tenn., has accepted a position as a cost accountant with Plus Mark Inc. in Greeneville.

Frank Jones '99 and Alex Chesnut purchased Edgemont Market in Greeneville, Tenn., in March 2005. Edgement is a local convenience store, which sells gasoline, groceries, and other convenience items. Frank invites all Tusculum alumni, faculty and staff to stop by.

Tyler Shelton '99 of Newport, Tenn., has been named the head football coach and assistant athletic director at Cosby High School. He teaches wellness and physical education at the high school and is the head track coach. He and his wife, Stephanie, married in June 2002.

\'00s

Stephanie M. Blake '02 of Germantown, Md., completed her master’s degree in psychology in December 2004 from America University.

Sierra Harlacher '02 of South Royalton, Vt., was graduated cum laude from Vermont Law School on May 21 with a Juris Doctor degree. She will begin a one year clerkship with the Probate and Family Court of Massachusetts in September.

Michael Stratton '02 of Bartow, Fla., will graduate from Sherman Chiropractic College in June 2005 and plans to marry in November 2005.

Christopher Deon Davis '95 and Christina Cireddu Edwards were married on January 29, 2005, in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Chris is employed by First Tennessee Human Resource Agency. They are living in Greeneville, Tenn.

Crystal Ragan '97 and Todd Lynn were married June 12, 2004. The Lynns are living in Harrisonburg, Va. Crystal is the director of Residence Life & Student Activities at Bridgewater College. Todd teaches and coaches at a local high school.

Teal McVey '98 '99 and Jeff Simpson were married on March 11, 2005, in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. They are living in Bean Station, Tenn., and Teal is currently serving as president of the Morristown Alumni Chapter.

Rebecca Inscore Williams '00 and James A. Murphy were married on April 2, 2005, in Greeneville, Tenn. Becky is employed as human resources specialist by DTR and he is employed by MECO Corp.

Kelly L. Gipson Donoghue '00 of Summerville, S.C., was married April 17, 2005, to Michael Donoghue, a Summerville Police Department captain.

Nicholas Hirschy '02 and Crystal Cogdell '04 were married on December 11, 2004. They are living in Greeneville, Tenn.

Donna G. Rambo '03 and Marcus Light were married on April 8, 2005. Donna is a kindergarten teacher for Cocke County Schools. The Lights are living in Greeneville.

Alicia Lynne Hensley '04 and Nicholas Matthew Steiert were married October 24, 2004, in Dade City, Fla. The Steierts are living in San Antonio, Fla.

Michael Jablonski '04 and Lana Slagle were married November 20,
2004, at Romeo United Methodist Church in Greeneville, Tenn., with Lana’s 5-year-old son, Jacob, as best man. He is employed by Parker Hannifin. The Jablonskis are living in Greeneville and expecting a baby in November 2005.

Kristi Strange ’04 and Calvin Christopher were married October 23, 2004, at Shiloh Presbyterian Church in Greeneville, Tenn. Kristi is employed by dentist Dr. David Dykes. The Christophers are living in Greeneville.

Jamie Webb ’05 and Michael Gosnell were married on October 9, 2004. The Gosnells are residing in Greeneville, Tenn., announce the birth of a daughter, Alexandria Faith, on April 27, 2005. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Jennifer Puckett Douthat ’95 and her husband Daniel Douthat of Greeneville, Tenn., announce the birth of their daughter, Kaleigh Breann Douthat. She was born on September 16, 2004, weighing 5 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Tony and Jennifer Pallotta Gaby ’95 ’97 of Greeneville, Tenn., announce the birth of their first child, a daughter Piper Elizabeth. She was born on November 2, 2004, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

Flint and Christy Carter ’98 ’98 announce the birth of a daughter, Cora Lindy, born May 4, 2005, weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. Cora has an older brother Flint, age 3. The Carters reside in Greeneville.

Amanda (Hill) and Jason Vance ’98 ’98 of Madisonville, Tenn., announce the birth of a son, William Jason, on April 14, 2004. William has an older sister, Emily Grace, age 2. Jason is the principal at Loudon Elementary School and Amanda is a consulting teacher in Monroe County.

Tyson Baynes ’99 who was stationed at the time at Ft. Campbell, Ky., announces the birth of a son, Noah James, on November 6, 2004. His mother is Virginia Baynes from Amiens, France.

Mark and Melissa Enloe McClain ’00 ’01 of Hampton, Tenn., announce the birth of a daughter, Madison Jordan, on September 23, 2004. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Chris and Donna Martin Jackson ’02 ’09 of Yulee, Fla., announce the birth of twin daughters, Christina and Elizabeth, on August 13, 2004.

Joshua and Holly Arwood Quillen ’03 ’03 of Greeneville, Tenn., announce the birth of a son, Brady Jackson Eugene Quillen, on January 21, 2005.
His survivors include daughter and son-in-law Betty (Waddell) and Gerald Sams ’56 ’55, daughter Linda Waddell Erwin ’63, all of Arden, N.C., and a sister-in-law Sarah S. Speer ’32 of Tusculum, Tenn.

Andrew Kmetz ’35 of Venice, Fla., passed away January 9, 2005. Mr. Kmetz was a charter member of the Tusculum College Sports Hall of Fame, having excelled in both basketball and football. He was also a member of the Garfield (N.J.) High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Kmetz was a career educator, having served as a teacher, principal, and coach. At his retirement, he was principal of a junior high school in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. After his retirement, he moved to Florida, where he lived for two decades. Mr. Kmetz was also past president of the Yarmouth Campground Association in Cape Cod, Mass., and was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Englewood, Fla.

Herman Rudolph Nussbaum ’37 of Louisville, Ky., passed away September 20, 2004. Mr. Nussbaum was the former owner of Karl Nussbaum and Sons, new and used industrial machinery and equipment and a former member of Richmond Boat Club, Louisville Yacht Club, River Road Country Club, American Legion and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

Dr. Leon Levin ’38 of Ewing Township, N.J., passed away November 25, 2004, after a long illness. Born in Trenton, N.J., After graduating from Tusculum, Dr. Levin continued his education at Temple University Dental School and Jersey City Medical College. He practiced dentistry in Trenton for 34 years before his retirement 30 years ago. During his retirement, Dr. Levin served as a consultant for GHI Insurance Company. A World War II veteran, he served in the U.S. Army medical corps and was stationed in North Africa and Europe. Dr. Levin was a member of Har Sinai Temple, Greenacres Country Club and American Legion Post 93.

Donna Murton Spaulding ’38 of Irvington, Va., passed away December 16, 2002. Mrs. Spaulding was a retired college librarian.

George Willis Doughty ’39 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away November 15, 2004. A popular and widely known retired automobile dealer, Mr. Doughty was a former member of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees and served as its secretary in the 1970s. While at Tusculum as a student, Mr. Doughty played football on scholarship. A veteran, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Mr. Doughty was serving aboard the USS Bismarck Sea when the ship was sunk in a Kamikaze attack by the Japanese during the battle of Iwo Jima in 1945. He was in the ocean for several hours before being rescued. Returning home after his military service, Mr. Doughty was a businessman in Johnson City for nearly 30 years, owning and operating Courtesy Motor Co. and also working in the tobacco market for The Austin Company. He later returned to Greeneville, where he owned and operated Towne Gate Motors for several years.

Mr. Doughty was very active in the civic affairs, serving as president of the Johnson City Country Club, as a member of the Hurstleigh Club, and as a campaign chairman for the Johnson City Community Chest campaign in the 1950s. He was president of the Tennessee Automotive Association in 1970-71 and received an award for his 17 years of service to the Watauga Mental Health Center. He also served on the board of Greene Valley Developmental Center and Link Hills Country Club, where he enjoyed playing golf and for years excelled at it. He was a very active member of St. James Episcopal Church in Greeneville. Mr. Doughty was a member of the Kiwanis Club in Johnson City and Greeneville for more than 50 years. He was named “Kiwanian of the Year” in 1984 and received the Kiwanian International George E. Hixon Fellow Award in 2001. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Doughty ’04, community service coordinator for the Center for Civic Advancement at Tusculum.

Alfred Miller ’39 of Myrtle Beach, S.C., passed away March 8, 2005.

Ned T. Sherer ’39 of Maryville, Tenn. passed away November 24, 2003. Mr. Sherer was for many years the manager of Profitt’s Housewares Department. As a life long-learner, he then made the decision to change careers and become a classroom teacher. He eventually became the principal of an elementary school. Mr. Sherer was a 32nd Degree Mason and was active in the Jaycees. He was a veteran of World War II, having served as a staff sergeant air crew member on a B-24 Liberator bomber in the China-Burma-India Campaign as a photographer-gunner. Mr. Sherer received the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Distinguished Flying Cross among other awards.

Blanche Bates Sueltz ’39 of Homer, N.Y., passed away May 7, 2003. Mrs. Sueltz was retired from Cortland State University.

’40s

Mildred Ripley Barker ’40 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away on May 31, 2005. Mrs. Barker worked for the First National Bank in Greeneville and taught at the Greeneville School of Commerce before moving with her family in 1959 to West Palm Beach, Fla. After retiring from the Palm Beach Post-Times, she returned with her family to Greeneville.

Ruby Irene Lamb ’41 of Knoxville, Tenn., passed away January 17, 2005. Ms. Lamb taught school briefly in Greene County after graduating from Tusculum and was a former government employee in Oak Ridge. She was retired from the Baptist Sunday
School Board in Nashville, was a member of Arlington Baptist Church, and had previously been a long-time member of Eastland Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School, was church secretary, and was a choir member.

Frederick James Swift ’41 of Winston-Salem, N.C., formerly of Shelby, N.C., passed away February 10, 2005. A native of Highland, N.Y., Mr. Swift was retired from the North Carolina Employment Security Commission after 29 years of service. He served during with the Army Air Corps during World War II. An active member of College Park Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, Mr. Swift was a deacon, president of the Baptist Men and active in the Prison Ministry. While living in Shelby, he was a member of First Baptist Church there, serving as a Sunday School teacher for 40 years and a deacon. Mr. Swift had made numerous mission trips with his wife to Central and South America.

Catherine “Kitty” Rowe ’42 of Bronxville, N.Y., passed away November 3, 2004, after a short illness. Ms. Rowe, a talented singer, enjoyed a long career in music education in which her selfless dedication and good humor endeared her to countless students and peers. She taught voice for 14 years at Douglass College of Rutgers University in New Jersey before joining the voice faculty of Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville in 1969. She was known for having perfect pitch, her specialty was American music, and she was an advocate of the contemporary and avant-garde. Ms. Rowe enjoyed performing all forms of music, including oratorio, chamber music, popular American music, jazz, and the mountain songs of her native Tennessee. An accomplished pianist, she was often in demand as an accompanist. Ms. Rowe had a number of recordings to her credit and toured extensively in the U.S. and abroad as soloist and chamber musician. After her retirement in 1992, she continued to teach sightsinging classes and private voice lessons. A member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Tuckahoe, N.Y., Ms. Rowe served on the church’s Music and Worship committee. She was also involved in the Asbury Summer Theater as music director and accompanist.

Dr. Howard Spencer “Mutt” Kelley ’43 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away December 11, 2004. A long-time optometrist in Greeneville, Dr. Kelley had fought cancer during the preceding year while continuing his practice, retiring only in early November after 53 years in his profession. A World War II veteran, he served in the U.S. Army for three years, during which time he took part in several major battles including the invasion of Italy at Anzio. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Good Conduct medals for his service. After returning from the service, Dr. Kelley entered Southern College of Optometry in Memphis and after graduation opened a practice in Greeneville. This past year, he had been honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Northeast Tennessee Optometric Society in recognition of his dedication to his profession. Dr. Kelley was a charter member and director of Greeneville Federal Bank, was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, and was a member of several community, professional, and veteran organizations. His survivors include daughter Cindy Kelley ’99.

Marie McAmis Roberson ’44 of Knoxville, Tenn., passed away February 20, 2005. She was a retired tax examiner with the Internal Revenue Service.

Faith Williamson Lytle ’45 of San Antonio, Texas, passed away April 29, 2005, after surviving over 20 years with breast cancer. A native of New Jersey, Mrs. Lytle continued her education at Princeton Seminary after graduating from Tusculum College. There she met her future husband, Bill, also a student. After marrying in 1947, the couple served as national missionaries in the Reserve and Corona, N.M., ranching communities for 15 years, and they spent another 11 years in rural mission church work in Arkansas. The couple then moved to San Antonio, where Bill pastored a church and Faith's belief in the "theology of the hammer" led her in 1976 to launch San Antonio’s Habitat for Humanity. The San Antonio organization was the first affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, the home-building ministry that provides new homes for low-income families. Her experiences in the organization were chronicled in her book "We Would Be Building," published in 2001 by Habitat for Humanity International.

Elmira Smith Alison ’46 of Pike Road, Ala., passed away November 26, 2004. Survivors include her sister, Margaret Arnold ’44 of Church Hill, Tenn.


Carolyn Roden Bunge ’47 of Las Vegas, Nev., passed away April 7, 2003. Mrs. Bunge was a retired Los Angeles, Calif., school teacher.


Harold John “Jack” Flavin ’48 of Springfield, Mass., passed away March 19, 2004. A native of Springfield, Mr. Flavin joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the U.S.S. Laffey in the Pacific during World War II. Following his war service, he enrolled in Tusculum as a student. In addition to his bachelor of arts degree from Tusculum, Mr. Flavin earned a masters degree in foreign studies from the University of Maryland, while also attending the University of Zurich in Switzerland, and a masters degree in library science from Drexel University in Philadelphia. He was retired from the reference department of Springfield City Library, where he had worked for 20 years. Mr. Flavin also wrote poetry with some of his works published in national and academic journals such as Atlantic.
Maynard Harrison Turner ’48 of Bowling Green, Ky., passed away December 15, 2004. Mr. Turner was retired from the U.S. Department of Labor as a wage and hour investigator after 30 years of service. He was a member of Community Church of God and had assisted in the building of several churches. A veteran, he served for four years in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Ruth Merrill Hallstead ’50 of Canandaigua, N.Y., has passed away. The College has received no other details about her passing.


Walter Samuel Alexander ’51 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away February 20, 2005. Mr. Alexander was retired from Philips Consumer Electronics Company, the former Magnavox Company. He had played professional baseball with various teams in the Carolinas and the Knoxville Smokies in his earlier years, and after his retirement from professional baseball, he played with the Magnavox team that won 15 consecutive state titles and played in the national championship seven of those years. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. Mr. Alexander was a member of veterans’ organizations and the Moose Lodge. A member of Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church, he served on the Shiloh Cemetery Association Board. His survivors include brother Bill Alexander ’55.

Robert Pile, Jr. ’51 of Narbeth, Pa., has passed away. The College has received no other details about his passing.

The Reverend John E. Powers ’51 of Micaville, N.C., passed away February 19, 2005. A native of Cedarville, Ohio, the Rev. Powers moved to Greeneville, Tenn., in 1947 with his wife and their two children. While in Greeneville, he served as pastor of Zion, Cedar Creek, and Meadow Creek Presbyterian churches. Following the death of his wife, he moved to Micaville, where he continued to preach until 2001.

James A. “Big Jim” Calkin, Sr. ’53 of Maryville, Tenn., passed away April 10, 2005. A standout baseball and basketball player in high school, he played baseball for Newport in the Appalachian League, where he was offered professional contracts with the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Giants. After attending Tusculum for two years, Mr. Calkin joined the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and served as a staff sergeant for four years. After his military service, Mr. Calkin became a successful executive in the insurance industry in Knoxville, Tenn., and Atlanta. He also became president of the NBA Atlanta Hawks, helping produce play-off contenders and signing Pete Maravich to his first pro contract. Mr. Calkin was also instrumental in bringing “Christy, the Musical” to East Tennessee. He coached many championship youth baseball teams in Atlanta, Indianapolis, and Maryville.


Veola Dore ’57 of New Wilmington, Pa., passed away January 30, 2005.

Sandra Meade Lewis ’57 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away March 22, 2005. A retired bookkeeper, Ms. Lewis was a member of First Baptist Church, where she was the Women On Mission director for a number of years and taught in Sunday School. After attending Tusculum, she moved to Baltimore where she and her husband lived for 15 years before returning to Greeneville. An avid bird watcher, Ms. Lewis was a member of the National Audubon Society, the Greeneville-Greene County Humane Society. She was also an interpreter for the deaf.

Albert C. “Al” Smith ’57 of Summerfield, Fla., passed away November 8, 2004. Mr. Smith, who was a native of Greeneville, Tenn., was a retired master chief with the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of the Korean War and Vietnam War. He was a charter member of North Lake Presbyterian Church in Lady Lake, Fla., where he was an elder and sang in the choir. Mr. Smith, who enjoyed golfing and woodworking, was also a member of several community fraternal organizations.

James William "Jim" Eagle ’61 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away May 17, 2005. Mr. Eagle was retired from Philips Consumer Electronics Co., and was serving as a Greene County Commissioner at the time of his death. He was first elected to the county governing body in 1994, and was instrumental in the development of the Greene County Animal Control Facility, and was the first chairman of the Commission’s Animal Control Committee. Mr. Eagle was a 45-year member of Asbury United Methodist Church, where he was a member of the PEP Club, a teacher of the Cokesbury Class, and a former teacher of the Disciples Class. He was also a member of Doak Ruritan Club and a former Zone Governor for
Ruritan. Mr. Eagle was also a former vice president of the Greeneville Jaycees and former president of the Young Republican Club. His survivors include his wife, Johnnie Franklin Eagle ’62.

Marlene Scime ’61 of Haskell, N.J., passed away December 27, 2002.

Floyd Sellers ’61 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away January 24, 2005. Mr. Sellers was a key leader in vocational/technical education in Greeneville for many years before his retirement in the mid-1990s. A native of Townsend, Mr. Sellers served in the Adjunct General’s Corps in the U.S. Army following high school. After his discharge in 1957, he moved to Greeneville to work full time in data processing at The Magnavox Co. while also attending Tusculum as a full-time student. After more than a decade in business and industry, he decided to enter the field of education and earned graduate degrees from the University of Tennessee. His three decades of service in education was primarily in secondary education. He taught distributive education, served as principal and director of vocational programs at Chuckey-Doak High School, and served 15 years as director of the Greeneville-Greene County Center for Technology. Serving for years as a board member of the Greene County Partnership, Mr. Sellers was highly influential in bringing state and federal funding to Greeneville for specific industrial training programs, and helped design training programs for the potential workforce of specific industries. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, June Williams Sellers ’58.

Dr. W. Scott Steggall ’62 of Rochester, N.Y., passed away January 9, 2005, after a long struggle with Parkinson’s disease.

Donald James Stansfield Jr. ’63 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away December 16, 2004. Mr. Stansfield was an assistant vice president with the former Austin Tobacco Company, where he was employed for 30 years. Active in the community, he was a member of various civic, school-related and professional organizations, including service as president of the Greeneville Exchange Club. Mr. Stansfield was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Greeneville, where he was president of the PEP club of the church and taught several Sunday school classes. His survivors include his wife of 41 years, Phyllis Brooks Stansfield ’62, brother-in-law Charles S. Brooks ’63, and sister-in-law Sara Cullison ’53.

Mildred Freshour Hawk ’64 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away February 6, 2005. Mrs. Hawk was a retired school teacher, having taught in Greene County for 33 years. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Cocke County as well as community and professional organizations. Her survivors include sister-in-law Vava Lee Ottinger Hawk ’34.

Tom Satten ’67 of Passaic, N.J., has passed away. The College has received no other details about his passing.

Sharon Crum Parren ’74, of Bloomingdale, N.J., passed away October 19, 2004, after an extended battle with end stage renal failure and diabetes. She had worked at Cybershift in Parsippany, N.J., in payroll and the accounts payable department. Her survivors include her husband, Paul Parren ’72.

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Donald James Stansfield Jr. ’63 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away December 16, 2004. Mr. Stansfield was an assistant vice president with the former Austin Tobacco Company, where he was employed for 30 years. Active in the community, he was a member of various civic, school-related and professional organizations, including service as president of the Greeneville Exchange Club. Mr. Stansfield was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Greeneville, where he was president of the PEP club of the church and taught several Sunday school classes. His survivors include his wife of 41 years, Phyllis Brooks Stansfield ’62, brother-in-law Charles S. Brooks ’63, and sister-in-law Sara Cullison ’53.

Mildred Freshour Hawk ’64 of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away February 6, 2005. Mrs. Hawk was a retired school teacher, having taught in Greene County for 33 years. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Cocke County as well as community and professional organizations. Her survivors include sister-in-law Vava Lee Ottinger Hawk ’34.

Tom Satten ’67 of Passaic, N.J., has passed away. The College has received no other details about his passing.

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Lawrence Hartman ’00 of Russellville, Tenn., passed away on May 20, 2003.

Travis Lee Rader ’03, of Greeneville, Tenn., passed away May 1, 2005, in Hopkinsville, Ky., due to injuries received in an accidental fall. Mr. Rader was a journeyman ironworker with Robinson Construction Co. A 1999 graduate of South Greene High School, he had been a member of the Tusculum football team.

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Lloyd L. Verran of Greeneville, Tenn., who worked as a public safety officer at the College, passed away May 2, 2005. Mr. Verran was a retired mail carrier with the U.S. Postal Service. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church as well as several veterans and professional organizations. His survivors include brother and sister-in-law Dr. Kenneth Verran and Louise Verran ’52 ’87.
A member of Tusculum College’s history faculty has published a scholarly book, “Defining the Peace,” that explores the impact of World War II service upon the political and social views of Georgia veterans from a variety of backgrounds.

The subtitle of the book by Dr. Jennifer Brooks, associate professor of history at Tusculum College, is “World War II Veterans, Race, and the Remaking of Southern Political Tradition.” It is published by The University of North Carolina Press in Chapel Hill and became available in December 2004.

The 256-page illustrated book is available in a hardback and paperback.

“When Georgia’s servicemen left for the combat theaters of World War II, few anticipated how profound an impact this experience would have on their lives. By the war’s end, however, many of Georgia’s veterans felt sure they knew exactly what their military service had meant,” Dr. Brooks wrote in the book’s introduction.

For many Georgia veterans, Dr. Brooks’ research found, the war experience created an awareness of both what they were obliged to give their society and what their society was obliged to give them. An illustration of the latter effect cited in the book is the case of black veteran Doyle Combs, who was maimed during the war.

“The extreme personal sacrifice made by Doyle Combs, a black veteran, fueled a deep determination to seize the political rights that he had just fought for in a Jim Crow army to defend,” Brooks wrote. She quoted Combs: “I went in combat, and I lost a portion of my body for this country when I didn’t have no right to fight whatsoever cause I didn’t have no rights in the United States of America, as a black man.’ Thus, ‘I was going to vote regardless [of] what it take.’ (sic) Putting his life on the line—literally—to defend the American way of life earned Combs the right to at least some measure of political freedom when he returned,” wrote Brooks.

For white veteran John Sammons Bell, survival of terrible war experiences created in him a strong sense of “civic and political obligation,” Brooks wrote. “After making it through the horrific invasion of Guadalcanal in 1942, Bell and his buddies made a pledge as the next deadly phase of island-hopping operations against the Japanese loomed: ‘everyone of those four soldiers said when we get back home,’ Bell explained, ‘we are going to do our best to make America a better America,’” wrote Brooks.

When none of Bell’s comrades made it home alive, Bell’s sense of civic obligation heightened. He explained at a Georgia political rally in 1946 that he felt it “a bounden duty to carry on their fight for good government …” and to “continue in peace to fight for the things we fought for in war.”

Wartime military service “heightened veterans’ sense of themselves — of who they were and where they fit into postwar political life,” Brooks wrote. “… (T)he war tended to strengthen the historic connection between male identity and political rights. Thus, both black and white veterans believed that they had earned the right to participate in determining the state’s future.

“That veterans of both races registered the war’s impact in such similar fashion made for a particularly volatile postwar climate. The Jim Crow South wove political, racial, and gender identities tightly together, making the question of expanded civic participation a highly racialized one,” she wrote.

Brooks contends, “the war produced a politics of change fraught with contradiction. If black veterans wanted racial equality, progressive white veterans prioritized majority rule over desegregation. If white union veterans wanted an organized voice on the shop floor with the political influence to match it, white pro-modernization veterans believed that the importance of recruiting new industry to the state precluded unionization.”

Dr. Brooks’ 2004-2005 colleagues in the Tusculum College History Department, Dr. John Ellisor and Dr. Donal Sexton, are also working on scholarly books for the university press market.
eligible for consideration until they have maintained an academic relationship with the College for at least five years. To be considered for recognition, Tusculum College community members should have excelled during their service to Tusculum College by demonstrating a commitment to the students of the College and the academic program(s).

Sports Hall of Fame
Nominations are open to Tusculum College alumni, former coaches, managers, sports editors, team trainers and other individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Tusculum College sports program. Persons shall not be eligible for consideration until five years after they have completed their college-playing career, or, in the case of a non-athlete, maintained their athletic relationship with the College for at least five years. To be considered for induction to the Sports Hall of Fame, athletes should have excelled in their Tusculum College sport, attaining individual honors and recognition while a student. Merely belonging to a season-winning team is not achievement worthy of induction into the Sports Hall of Fame. From time to time, certain individuals shall be nominated for posthumous induction and, in that event, the five-year limitation shall not serve as a bar to their induction in any term following their death.

Sports Benefactor Award
The Sports Benefactor Award was established by the Executive committee of the Alumni Association in 1995 and is presented each year to an outstanding friend of the College in recognition of outstanding support of the Tusculum College athletic program. Consideration for this award should be based on the person’s contributions to the athletic program and loyalty to Tusculum College athletics.

2005 Alumni Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee __________________________________________________________

Class Year (if applicable) ___________________________________________________

Name of Award ____________________________________________________________

Reason why Nominee should be considered for this Award
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Name of Person Submitting Nomination (Please Print)_________________________

Submitter's e-mail address _________________________________________________

Class Year (If Applicable) ___________________ Date Submitted __________________