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Making Vision 20/20 a reality . . .

The Ronald H. and Verna June Meen
Center for Science and Math



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Throughout her 218-year history, Tusculum College has educated men and women from all walks of life preparing them to be good citizens and productive members of society with a goal to 'pay it forward.' Virtually all of these men and women completed a common core of courses that included English and literature, math and science, among others. This core built a very strong foundation that has served as the wind beneath the wings of her graduates throughout time.

Two Dreams – One Remarkable Vision.

For decades, a dream, shared by students, alumni and friends, faculty, staff, administrators and members of the Board of Trustees, seemed out of reach. That dream has been for a state-of-the-art science building to equip the faculty with the tools to provide a transformative learning experience for the men and women, who live, learn, play, work and grow at Tusculum College, in the areas of math, science and technology.

Simultaneously, a dream held by a woman who you will learn is a true 'Pioneer'; graduating in three years in accounting from Indiana University during a time when very few women even attended college. A single woman who left home, family and friends traversing hundreds of miles to become an accountant at Eastman Chemical in Kingsport; and who, before marrying the love of her life, bought property and built a house where she still lives today. This is a woman whose education, persistence and hard work has allowed her to 'pay it forward' to help other aspiring students by honoring her deceased husband who had a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Toronto.

Dreams do come true.

Tusculum College is extremely proud, but also humbled, to announce the generous gift of Mrs. Verna June Meen to support the construction of a new science and math educational facility on the Greeneville campus. The \$3.875 million gift is given in memorial to her late husband, Dr. Ronald H. Meen. The facility will be christened the Ronald H. and Verna June Meen Center for Science and Math.

The initial gift provides Tusculum College great momentum, but we have a long way to go before our dreams become a reality. It will take each one of us 'paying it forward' to fulfill this dream and bring the Ronald H. and Verna June Meen Center for Science and Math to fruition. And yes, there are many other naming opportunities within the facility. Each room, whether it is a lab, classroom, office, reception area, distance learning laboratory, common space, patio, etc., will provide additional opportunities for individuals, families or organizations to support science and math education for this region and beyond. This is a way to be recognized in perpetuity or a way to acknowledge someone, perhaps a science or math teacher, who made a difference in your life.

This publication is intended to provide insight on the importance of science in creating and sustaining the American economy, unlocking career paths for our students and meeting the needs of our community, our region and our world by educating citizens who will make a difference as they serve their professions and their communities.

Recently, students have participated in science-oriented global studies opportunities, found exciting internship opportunities, and our graduates, whether science was their major or part of their common curriculum, have found great personal and professional success. In the following pages you will see science at Tusculum College, and I urge you to consider the possibilities as Tusculum College invites you to join us on this journey into a third century of changing lives and impacting the world through education, civic engagement and service.



Dr. Nancy B. Moody

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Nancy B. Moody". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Nancy B. Moody
President

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New science and mathematics facility to honor Dr. Ronald H. and Ms. Verna June Meen

A significant announcement was made this summer regarding plans for a new science and math facility on the Tusculum College campus. A gift agreement was signed by Mrs. Ronald H. (Verna June) Meen and Tusculum College President Nancy B. Moody in May. The gift will be recognized with the naming of the new science and math facility at the Greeneville campus as the “Ronald H. and Verna June Meen Center for Science and Math.”

The agreement represents a total gift of \$3.875 million and will kick off efforts to raise the remaining amount to fund the project, according to Heather Patchett, vice president of Institutional Advancement.

Mrs. Meen chose to make this gift in memory of her late husband, Dr. Ronald H. Meen, who had a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Toronto and was an organic chemist for Eastman Chemical in Kingsport.

A “pioneer” from the start, Mrs. Meen was born in Indiana with a strong sense of how education could change a person’s life. At a time when few women attended college, Mrs. Meen set her sights on an accounting degree at Indiana University.

With \$80 and a merit scholarship, she set out to finance her education. Mrs. Meen worked her way through school, earning top marks. She worked hard, eventually graduating in two and two-thirds years.

“There was no one to pay for it, so of course I paid for it myself,” she said. “I worked during the day and studied at night. The only night I went out was on Saturday,” she said.

During this time, her mother moved to the area, and she moved off-campus to take care of her as well.

Following graduation, Mrs. Meen was highly recruited, receiving three job offers before even earning her degree. Of the offers, she was most interested in one from Eastman Chemical Company, which she knew to be a good company. She accepted and found herself transplanted, along with her ailing mother, to East Tennessee.

“I knew nothing about the area. I had to look Kingsport up on a map,” she said.



The gift agreement was signed in May. At the signing were, from left above, Linda Kirkland of First Tennessee Trust Services at First Tennessee Bank; Verna June Meen; Dr. Nancy B. Moody, president of Tusculum College, and attorney Joel Conkin of the Wilson Worley law firm. At left is a photo of the late Ronald H. Meen, who is honored through the gift.

Still a pioneer, not many women were working in professional fields in that day and she recalls vividly a male co-worker who early on asked her to fetch his coffee.

“I have the same job as you do and I will put my qualifications against yours any time,” she told him. “Get your own coffee.” From that point on, she had earned his respect.

She also purchased land, designed the house she would

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Elemental Development

Chemistry to return as a major this fall

Tusculum College will be reintroducing chemistry as a major this fall.

The change will expand the current chemistry minor into a major. Students will retain the ability to minor in chemistry if they choose. The program will be offered conditional to the approval of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

According to Dan Barnett, associate professor of chemistry, “The expansion of our chemistry program will provide opportunities for Tusculum’s chemistry students to more deeply explore their interests while at the same time preparing them for their respective fields in either the workplace or graduate school.”

It is estimated that the new major should expand the science program by 10 to 15 students.

Recent gifts from alumni helped provide the funds necessary to purchase equipment and other tools useful in expanding the program, including high performance liquid chromatography, infrared spectrometer, atomic absorption spectrometer, gas chromatography and a visible spectrometer. Barnett explained that these new instruments will allow the program to adequately equip chemistry majors for a career in industry or graduate studies.

“I would like to thank Dr. Ken Bowman ’70, Dr. Larry Brotherton ’70, Dr. Walter Johnson ’71, Dr. Ed Kormondy ’50 H’97 and other alumni and friends of the College for providing the support and funds for this major to be reinstated,” said Barnett.

*By Melissa Mauceri ’14,
journalism major from Pigeon Forge, Tenn.*

Meen

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live in to the present day and paid for its construction. Despite its unusualness at the time, she was independent and a woman of her own means.

Mrs. Meen met Dr. Ron Meen early in her years at Eastman. He courted her for years, but she turned down his proposals, as she did not want to burden him with the responsibility of caring for her mother.

However, shortly after the passing of her mother, Dr. Meen presented her a ring and asked her again. Not long after she agreed, they were married.

“I always knew the answer would eventually be yes. It just had to be the right time. Ron was a wonderful man,” she said. “He always wanted to do what I wanted to do. He spoiled me, really.”

The two shared a life together that included summer trips to Canada, reading on the back deck and taking boat rides on Muskoka Lake. She also took care of his mother in her later years, staying with her in Canada, and then having her flown to Tennessee where she could care for her in her home. Their marriage lasted until his death in 2008.

“I wanted to do this for Ron, as a way to honor him, to remember him,” she said of her gift to Tusculum College that will spur the construction of the new science and math academic facility on the Greeneville campus.

Dr. Meen worked for Eastman Chemical Company for many years and held numerous patents for chemical compounds developed during the course of his work for the company. He published many scholarly articles and enjoyed riding his bike, reading, fishing and visiting his second home in Canada.

“We are so grateful that we can provide this opportunity for Mrs. Meen to recognize her husband and for her to be recognized herself,” said Dr. Moody. “She is an amazing person in her own right, and the gift she has given will impact the lives of thousands of students for many, many years to come.”

Dr. Moody also extended appreciation to Linda Kirkland and Terri McGuire of First Tennessee Trust Services at First Tennessee Bank and Joel Conkin of Wilson Worley law firm in Kingsport for their assistance in this effort.

*By Suzanne Richey,
Director of College Communications*



Education and propagating endangered species the mission of alumni at family-operated zoo

Every two hours during the day David Bright '92 bottle feeds a baby scops owl. Around-the-clock feedings are nothing unusual for David, zoo administrator of Brights Zoo. As part of his duties, he is responsible for the daily care of the animals, the breeding of the animals, preparing and maintaining the habitats inside their enclosures, building the enclosures and leading guided tours.

"I never in a million years thought we would grow this big," David says of the zoo. "We always wanted to do something with exotic animals, but I never expected it to be this big."

His wife, Melinda '93, knew that the zoo had the potential to grow. "In the Tri-Cities area, there is a need for family-oriented attractions," she said. "Although it is not just a five- or six-dollar ticket, people want to come back after they see the zoo." Melinda has much interaction with the public as the operator of the gift shop, coordinator for birthday parties and other special events at the zoo and as the person who books school groups for field trips.

The animals and the guided tours that provide in-depth information about the various species are what bring people to the zoo, tucked away in Limestone about 20 minutes from the Tusculum campus and owned by David's parents, Tony and Connie Bright. What sets it apart is the number of endangered and exotic species found there.

For example, Brights Zoo is one of only four zoos in the world that has African scops owls. There are nine adult scops owls at Brights Zoo, and it was quickly discovered

that when one would lay an egg, the others would break it. Earlier this spring, an egg was saved from this fate and incubated. Feeding the young owl by hand will help the keepers learn how to care for baby owls in the future, David said.

The rare and endangered species are also what led the zoo to be open to the public about four years ago. "The Zoo Association pushed us to open to the public," David said.

"They said, 'you have some animals that are not found in other zoos and people need to be able to see them.'"

With that encouragement, the zoo prepared to open to the public, and a friend, who is a teacher, was invited to bring her class to tour.

That tour was a success and the zoo hosted 40 school groups that year, all from word of mouth among teachers and schools. School groups and small, private groups have kept coming to the zoo for the guided tours that not only allow people to learn about the animals but also about conservation and the need to preserve habitat.

"We talk to them about the importance of conservation and that without it, some of these animals will not be found in the wild when they get to be my age," David said.

Education is one part of the mission for the zoo and the other is the propagation of endangered species through breeding.

The Brights import many of their animals from their native countries, which makes the babies born at the zoo sought after by other zoos. The animals from Brights Zoo



David Bright tells a group about this South American tapir during a guided tour at the zoo.



Among the animals at the Brights Zoo are, clockwise from top left, giraffes, eastern bongos, Chilean flamingos, Bactrian camels, common squirrel monkeys and southern white face owls.

introduce new bloodlines at the other facilities, which may have been breeding among their own animals or with other zoos, David explained.

The zoo has been successful with its breeding of antelopes, including the eastern bongo, which is David's favorite animal at the zoo. There are an estimated 500 in the wild and 500 in captivity of this species native to a remote, mountainous area of Kenya, he said. Currently, the zoo has two herds of the antelopes, which have been classified as a "critically endangered" species.

People can see the eastern bongos and other animals in the spring, summer and fall. The zoo is closed to the public in the winter, but the pace does not slow for the Brights as construction projects become the focus. This past winter, they concreted more paths through the zoo and planted about 5,000 trees in the nursery adjacent to the zoo. The nursery helps provide trees for the animal enclosures.

How do you find yourself operating your own zoo? Unlike the story chronicled in last year's hit movie, "We Bought a Zoo," Brights Zoo began with an interest in exotic animals, their preservation and an anniversary gift. David explains that his mother always said she would like to have a zebra and 20 years ago, his father gave her two zebras for their anniversary.

At the time, David and Melinda were raising quarter horses, and this was their first contact with individuals who handle exotic animals.

With their interest in endangered species, the family began bringing in a few species at a time in a gradual, planned process.

The sharing nature of professionals who care for exotic

animals has been helpful in preparing proper habitats for their animals. "I was surprised to find people are very sharing of information," David said. "If they discover a better way to do something, they want to let others know."

Much research is done before an animal can be brought to the zoo. This includes what can be found from writings by experts on those animals and from visits to other zoos or refuges that keep the animal to see enclosures and talk to the keepers about the animal's care. Other professionals have come to the zoo to share their expertise and give advice about preparing habitats and enclosures.

The Brights do their own construction of the enclosures and other areas where the animals live. Generally, the animals have more space than prescribed, which has been beneficial in the care of animals that need ample grazing areas such as the antelope, deer, camels and zebras.

Over the years, the zoo has doubled its size in acreage and has grown to employ five full-time zookeepers. Numerous volunteers also help during the summer to feed animals and clean enclosures.

Giraffes are the largest animal at the zoo. It also features camels, zebras, red kangaroos, African crested porcupines, and several small monkey species. The zoo features a variety of bird species including ostriches, peacocks, storks, eagles, owls, flamingos, parrots and toucans. You can learn more about the zoo at its website: www.brightszoo.com. A trip to the zoo is also part of the Homecoming 2012 schedule.

*by Eugenia Estes '04,
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Wetlands

Project to provide educational opportunities and protect natural environment on campus

In the active learning environment provided by the faculty at Tusculum College, a new project on the horizon seeks to provide science students with an outdoor classroom and experiment center, while tending to the environment that supports campus life.

According to Dan Barnett, associate professor of chemistry, the proposed Wetlands Project will provide an invaluable resource to the environment, as well as support educational experiences for the science program.

The first phase of the project will be completed this summer and ready for classroom use before students return for the fall semester, according to Paul Hayden, executive director of the Middle Nolichucky Watershed Alliance and the representative from the Soil Conservation District working with the College on the project.

In addition, Barnett said, “The new wetlands will be a community resource that will include a walking trail and in which the College can work with the Greeneville City and Greene County school systems to provide an environment for research ranging from elementary education to college senior projects.”

Wetlands act much like an ecosystem’s kidneys by removing various pollutants from water. With funding received through a grant from the 319 Clean Streams Project, Tusculum College will be expanding its current wetlands ecosystem. The current wetlands, located behind the campus facilities department, cleans some storm water that drains off of Gilland Street, but is too small to clear pollution from water coming from large storms.

In order to create the new wetlands, current invasive plants will be replaced with vegetation native to the surrounding area that will resist erosion of the area’s topsoil. The project will also require a re-grading of the

College Creek bank to reduce soil erosion and to improve access to the stream itself.

The first phase comprises three-eighths of an acre adjacent to the parking lot known as “The Pit” and Shiloh Road.

The second phase will take up approximately half-an-acre of land in the same location as the current wetlands. It will incorporate the current wetlands section with an additional one or two sections, creating a wetlands system more capable of handling the water runoff from Gilland Street and College Creek.

Immediate benefits of the wetlands system include improvement in water quality, reduced downstream flooding

and an outdoor classroom for science students. Barnett explained, “Students will be actively involved in the wetlands through identification of native and non-native plant species, monitoring of aquatic biology, evaluating water chemistry and monitoring hydrology.”

As a classroom tool, the wetlands will allow students to study water purification and biological diversity. It can act as a natural habitat for students to study without the need for off-campus transport, as well as an opportunity to reestablish the College’s Biology/Environmental Science Club.



The existing wetland area on campus is being used as an outdoor classroom by the Science Department.

*By Ryan Barker '15,
creative writing and history major from Laurens, S.C.*

Immersed in an ecosystem . . .

Costa Rica the classroom for environmental science course

One of the advantages of Tusculum's one course at a time calendar is the flexibility to take related field trips and in the case of some science classes, learn about the subject through immersion whether in the United States or abroad.

Such was the case for an environmental science class during the spring 2012 semester. Six Tusculum students explored rain forests and coastal ecosystems in Costa Rica during 16 days of the 18-day "Field Biology II" course.

The trip took the students all across the nation as they visited a volcano, mountainous regions, a wet tropical forest, a dry tropical forest and the coast. The students learned first-hand about the viability of ecotourism for a local economy while being immersed in one of the richest ecosystems in the world. The students stayed in eco-friendly hotels and visited nature reserves, a reforestation project and an animal rehabilitation organization.

One of their bases for exploration was the Celeste Mountain Lodge, which is operated by a French national and constructed in a modern style with primarily recycled materials. "It was one of the most beautiful places that we stayed," said Drew Baker, a junior from Athens, Tenn.

The lodge had a garden area that stretched to the bordering nature reserve. "When we were in the garden, we saw more native birds there than any other place on our trip," said Charles Shrewsbury '12 from Staunton, Va.

While there, they hiked to the Rio Celeste, a nearby river, and to some natural hot springs. Hiking through the rain forest, the students experienced a rain shower unlike one they had experienced before. Jabari Bunch '12 of Stone Mountain, Ga., explained that when it started to rain, the tree canopy overhead was so thick that they stayed relatively dry. "Everything seemed to glow there," Bunch

said of the rain forest. "Everything was so colorful."

On the Tárcoles River, the students found a multitude of crocodiles. "We were riding in a flat-bottom boat," said Morgan Baese '12 of Chattanooga, Tenn. "The water was murky and every once in a while, you would see these two eyes peering at you beside the boat."

The primary purpose of the boat ride was to see the hundreds of birds that live alongside the river. At one point, "the guide asked everyone to be quiet and we could hear

the most beautiful song," said Ariel Hawkins, "It was from a clay robin, which is not the most colorful or beautiful bird. In Costa Rica, it is the symbol of the common man, that he has a beautiful song inside." Hawkins is a senior from Greeneville, Tenn.

The students also visited the coastal region. Swimming into tidal pools off the beach, the students saw an abundance of sea life and also encountered spider monkeys on land.

Their next few days were spent visiting Cloudbridge

Nature Reserve that is focused on the reforestation of land that had been stripped by farming practices. The reforestation has been a success and the reserve is now channeling its efforts into education about the importance of the forests and how to preserve them.

Another destination was La Fortuna, a small town at the base of the Arenal Volcano. The students made a challenging trek up the rocky side of the volcano.

Five of the students are majoring in the sciences while Baker is a creative writing major. Baker's primary reason to make the trip was to gain more experience in travel writing. He said his trip helped him learn the importance of keeping an open mind while traveling.

by Eugenia Estes '04,
Associate Director of College Communications



Tusculum students Drew Baker, from left, Charles Shrewsbury, Morgan Baese, Jabari Bunch, Ariel Hawkins and Sandy Salmons visit Poas Volcano during their trip to Costa Rica.

Larry Brotherton, Ken Bowman



Friendship forged in chemistry class endures

A small town boy excels in his two-room school in northern Greene County and spends his time working the family farm and hunting and fishing. He comes to Tusculum College in the late 1960s to study science as a means to acquire a steady job and a solid income to support his family. What he found was an entrance to a world he had only read about.

A young man from northern Virginia heads south to his father's Alma Mater to focus on chemistry and a future career path. He finds in his rural surroundings nestled in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains a place where the stories of his father's and grandfather's childhoods live and breathe.

Both these men excelled academically. They went on to graduate school and successful careers in their field. Two men, one who had never traveled far from his rural East Tennessee home and another who spent summers in Europe, found a home at Tusculum College, and in each other, found a life-long friendship of mutual love, respect and admiration.

"Larry (Brotherton '70) and I were in the same Chemistry 101 class, but we didn't meet each other until about the third week of school," retold Dr. Kenneth A. Bowman '70. "That's when Dr. Dan Moury returned our first exam. We all held our breath as he announced that he would be calling out our names as he returned our tests, announcing the score beginning with the highest score and concluding with the lowest score. Mr. Brotherton and Mr. Bowman were the first two names called."

He added, "I remember making eye contact with Larry as

we both wanted to know the face that went with the name we just heard. Our life-long, deep friendship began that day when we shook hands after class."

Dr. Bowman and Dr. Brotherton have remained friends throughout the years that followed their time at Tusculum, attending graduate school at the University of Tennessee, sharing the joys and hardships of life and following each other's careers as they put their science-based educations into practice.

Recalling the early years, Dr. Brotherton remembers vividly the fast friendship that formed, based as much on their differences as their similarities. "That time was very much a growth curve in my life" said Dr. Brotherton. "A new world opened up to me, and I wouldn't trade that for anything. The science was relatively easy, but the other things, art and music appreciation, the liberal arts classes, opened my



Tusculum events provide a chance for the two friends and their wives to get together, such as last year's homecoming golf tournament. From left are Larry and Carmen Brotherton and Jo Ellen and Ken Bowman.

mind in a different way."

He also recalls the fascination he had with the travel experiences Dr. Bowman shared with him, as his family was living outside the United States during most of his time at Tusculum. "I was completely fascinated and would have him describe the things he had seen in detail, and I wasn't there, but I was through Ken."

Dr. Bowman remembers that he was equally fascinated. "I had heard so many stories about how my father (Ray L. Bowman '42) had grown up and Larry was living that life."

"Larry said to me one Friday afternoon, 'I'll pick you up at 7 a.m. tomorrow morning, and we'll go squirrel hunting.'

I had never hunted before, was not totally comfortable with the idea and quickly formed three excuses which were immediately remedied by Larry's quick wit. I killed three squirrels that morning." He added that hunting became a passion for him, one that he shares with his friend.

They both also reminisced about their relationship with Walter Johnson '71 who became their mentor and friend. Johnson's career path was also in chemistry and he recognized the talent in these two young men and encouraged and supported them during their time at Tusculum. To this day, they still keep in touch with Johnson personally and through the College.

After leaving Tusculum, both went on to earn their doctoral degrees in chemistry and both agree their friendship was set in cement.

"We were living in self-imposed poverty," said Brotherton. "We were working all hours, studying the rest, spending our little free time with each other's families. We came through a lot together."

Dr. Brotherton had married his high school sweetheart, Carmen Keller, and had begun his family. "Ken learned a lot about good cooking during those days," Dr. Brotherton said. Dr. Bowman is quick to add that he and his wife, Jo Ellen, always love meal times at Carmen's table.

Dr. Brotherton went on to the Carolinas and founded Ortec, Inc., a custom chemical manufacturing company. He also now owns Ortec Racing, LLC and Laughlin Racing Products, both NASCAR-related businesses. Additionally, he was an organizer of Community South Bank.

Dr. Bowman is a research chemist at Alcoa Aluminum in Pennsylvania and holds nearly 20 patents. He was also once engaged by the editors of the World Book Encyclopedia to provide the material for the entry for 'aluminum.'

Both men also serve on the College's Board of Trustees, and Dr. Bowman has served as its chair since October 2005.

After being asked to serve on the Board of his Alma



At the President's Dinner in May were, from left, Dr. Brotherton, Verna June Meen, Dr. Bowman and Dr. Scott M. Niswonger '87 H'06.

Mater, Dr. Brotherton began discussing with other members of the Board Dr. Bowman's love of the College and his success in his field. He believed that Dr. Bowman could also be a tremendous asset to the Board of Trustees.

"Once again, he drug me way beyond my comfort zone. I adjusted, learned a lot, experienced a lot, found myself in very demanding situations, and today feel very excited about having the opportunity to serve our Alma Mater," said Dr. Bowman.

The two men are also recipients of the Tusculum College Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor bestowed by the College.

"We both love the College and believe it is our shift to get in there and do some lifting," said Dr. Brotherton. "I really did and do believe we can make a difference."

Bowman added, "Tusculum College gave me the foundations in chemistry that paved the way for my career with Alcoa. More importantly, Tusculum was an awakening period for me, my experiences on campus, in the classroom, in the dorms, in student government all contributed to my personal development and self confidence."

Tusculum College provided these men with an education both in and outside of the classroom, but they are most grateful for the gift of the friendship that developed when two young men shook hands after chemistry class in 1966.

*By Suzanne Richey,
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Unique museum program teaches science of preservation

Taking care of 218 years worth of historical artifacts is the active learning experience that students in the Tusculum College museum studies program engage in on a continuing basis. Tusculum is among only a handful of colleges and universities that offers museum studies as an undergraduate major, allowing students to look at history through a scientific approach as they work with the preservation of historic artifacts.

Museum studies students work in one or both of the two operating museums on campus, the Doak House Museum and the President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library.

Dr. Peter M. Noll, assistant professor of public history and museum studies, explained that the museum studies program and museums in general have two sides, a public side which involves the gallery and display of historic objects and an internal side that consists of the actual preservation of objects for future use.

According to Noll, an object is most at risk for damage during transport from storage to display and vice-versa. He noted that risk is still there once inside the display, but is relatively low since the object is not being handled.

“Museums are a bit of a paradox in themselves,” said Noll. “By displaying objects so the public can learn about history, we actually risk having the objects damaged from ultraviolet light or just from being around the public.”

Noll also went on to explain that having a basic understanding of how materials interact and respond to

each other and their environment is essential in preservation because as objects age they become more and more susceptible to damage and deterioration. This knowledge and information is part of the overall knowledge set that is taught to students in the museum studies program.

“Certain chemicals in cleaners may interact with the materials you’re using in a way that actually damages the object you’re trying to display,” said Noll. “This has become particularly difficult in the last 50 years with the introduction of types of plastics where you have materials meshed together to make a composite object that actually conflict with each other and cause their own deterioration.”

In response to the advancements in science and technology, museums are able to better preserve historic artifacts and transmit information about them to the public.

Museums, like the rest of the world, are continuing to evolve and one specific response has been an increase in the number of online collections and museums. This approach is to scan documents or objects and have them uploaded online into a database or website. However, Noll pointed out, digitizing items is still an expensive process and requires prioritization of objects, but it allows the opportunity for information to be available permanently and to a larger audience.

*By Ryan M. Barker '15,
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Old Oak Tree to be added to landmark and historic register



The Old Oak, the large, white-oak tree that sits on the Tusculum College campus next to Old College is on its way to being added to the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council’s Tennessee Landmark and Historic Tree Register.

The tree itself is somewhere between 250 and 300 years old, and has remained a feature in the area since before the Reverend Samuel Witherspoon Doak founded the College. As a result, the oldest building on campus, Old College, was built in the Old Oak’s shade and the tree has witnessed major events in American history, not to mention countless Tusculum students who have spent time beneath the tree’s branches.

According to Dollie Boyd, director of the Museums of Tusculum, a representative from the forestry council visited in April and called it a “splendid” example of the White Oak variety, and he also said it was very healthy. “It is great to hear that the tree is healthy and that the best thing we can do to insure its health is to leave it be,” she said. “He recommended no interventions of any kind, saying that if it is left alone it could live to be 400 years old.”



A nursing career?

A desire to serve others a must for students in new program

As a registered nurse, I have worked with hundreds of people in all types of settings from hospitals to patient homes to colleges. One question I have been asked and a question I have asked students is, why did you choose to be a nurse?

One common response I hear is that there are jobs available in the nursing field. Several individuals enter nursing because of changes or instability in employment. Many experienced caring for a loved one who was very sick or observed other family members providing the needed care, while others were influenced by their life experiences such as overcoming a personal serious illness or injury and admired and respected the nurses that took care of them. Some state they had wanted to be a nurse since they were young children, and there are those who experience a calling to be a nurse.

Several of my past nursing students were individuals who experienced the effects of a serious illness in their family. One student had a child who was very sick, and she, along with her family, spent many nights in a large pediatric hospital. The staff she remembered best were the nurses. She shared several stories about how they helped her child, and she described how she admired what they did to help her family.

Being a successful nurse requires having a love for people and a desire to serve others. Nursing is physically and mentally hard work. Nurses work with individuals and their families at some of the happiest and worst moments in their lives. Nurses experience moments of miracles, such as seeing a baby born or watching someone walk for the first time after a debilitating injury. Nurses experience moments of grief such as assisting individuals to recover from the loss of a loved one or from learning they have terminal disease. Nurses are passionate about what they do for others.

During my career, I have experienced several of these moments. I remember being assigned to care for a woman who wanted to have children. She had already experienced four lost pregnancies and was in the hospital due to another



Dr. Lois Ewen

early labor. She was frightened and anxious that she would lose this child. Her anxieties caused her blood pressure to increase, which threatened her pregnancy. While I provided care to her, we talked about her fears and how much this child meant to her. I stayed with her, listening to her and answering questions.

Taking care of her was not a chore, but it was emotionally difficult. I was able to help her during a time when she needed someone to listen to her. During my shift, I did little things for her, such as give her ice chips, place a moist cloth on her forehead, fluff her pillows, call her family and pray with her. These little things seem insignificant, but for her, it was what she needed to remain calm and decrease her blood pressure. She did not lose her baby.

Nursing is more than administering medications, taking a person's blood pressure or performing tasks. Nurses teach patients about their disease, medications and treatments. Nurses offer encouragement as patients learn to give themselves injections, respiratory treatments or relearn how to feed themselves. Nurses answer numerous questions and assist individuals and their families to adapt to challenging life changes. Nurses work to maintain human dignity while providing compassionate nursing care.

Why a career in nursing? It is an extremely rewarding career that offers a world of possibilities where you can make a significant impact and know your life was well spent serving others. I cannot think of any career as rewarding than my career as a nurse.

*By Dr. Lois Ewen,
Dean of the School of Nursing*

BlueCross BlueShield awards grant for new program

Tusculum College is moving forward with the installation of a simulation laboratory for the Nursing program as the result of a recent awarding of a \$263,996 grant from BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, through the Tennessee Health Foundation. The grant will be used to acquire two simulators and video recording equipment. In addition, the funds will be used to train 16 College and community-partner staff in using the lab.

Hendricksen, Thomas and Winfree honored with Distinguished Service Award

Dr. David Hendricksen, Ruth Gibson Thomas and James D. Winfree were presented Distinguished Service Awards during the annual Tusculum College President's Dinner on May 18.

Tusculum President Dr. Nancy B. Moody and Dr. Kenneth A. Bowman, chair of the Board of Trustees and 1970 alumnus of the College, presented the awards.

The Distinguished Service Award is given to an individual or individuals who have a long history of outstanding and multi-faceted support of Tusculum College. The award is presented at the President's Dinner, which honors the College's major donors.

Dr. Hendricksen and Thomas were able to attend the dinner, but Winfree's award was presented via telephone as he had another prior commitment (a celebration of his upcoming nuptials).

Currently an adjunct professor of music at Tusculum, Dr. Hendricksen has served as assistant vice president for the residential college and as associate professor of music. In 1992, he was presented with the Outstanding Teaching and Leadership Award by his faculty colleagues.

Dr. Hendricksen founded the Tusculum College Community Chorus in 1996 as a choral outlet for adults in the area. In 2006 Hendricksen was named Theologian-in-Residence at Tusculum College, delivering a series of four extended lectures on the relationships among theology, worship, liturgy and music. He serves as Director of Music Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Greeneville.

Ruth Gibson Thomas, associate professor emeritus of music, joined the College's music department in the mid-1960s with her husband, Arnold, who passed away in 2008. The two decades that the couple served the College were marked by the success of the well-respected choral program that significantly touched the lives of students.

As a team, the Thomases directed the Tusculum College Singers, creating three choirs from a small group of singers: the mixed chorus, men's chorus and women's chorus. She accompanied the men's and mixed choruses on piano and directed the women's chorus. According to former students, she was always calm and cheerful – a trait which was needed during last-minute rehearsals before choir tours.

Jim Winfree, an adjunct faculty member at Tusculum, has been the St. James Episcopal Church choirmaster and organist for more than 25 years. He taught music in public schools for 24 years and private school for five years.



Dr. Kenneth Bowman '70, chair of the Tusculum Board of Trustees, left, and Dr. Nancy B. Moody, right, Tusculum's president, presented Distinguished Service Awards to Dr. David Hendricksen, second from left, and Ruth Thomas, second from right, during the 2012 President's Dinner.



Dr. Moody congratulates Jim Winfree, left, for his selection as a Distinguished Service Award recipient.

He has become a familiar face at Tusculum College, working with the Community Chorus, playing organ at signature events, including Commencement and presidential inaugurations and playing for Tusculum's chapel and religious life programs.

His influence on the musicianship of Greeneville citizens runs the spectrum from his work as band instructor, choral director, church musician and keyboard instructor and through his work with theater and choral productions.

Barnes & Noble chairman presented honorary degree during spring commencement ceremony May 12



Tusculum College bestowed its latest honorary degree to a man who exemplifies the College's ideals with his pioneering excellence in business and his service to his fellow man.

A Doctorate of Humane Letters was presented to Dr. Leonard Riggio, chairman of Barnes & Noble, Inc., during commencement ceremonies in May.

He was the honored guest at a luncheon following the ceremony with Dr. Nancy B. Moody, president of Tusculum; Board of Trustee members, students, faculty and staff.

Beginning with a single college bookstore in 1965, Riggio built one of the largest enterprises in the history of American retail. He is widely known as a visionary in the bookselling industry and as a brilliant marketer and entrepreneur.

With more than 1,300 retail and Barnes & Noble College bookstores nationwide, the company Riggio founded now employs more than 45,000 booksellers. This robust physical footprint has served the company well in its transformation from the world's largest bookseller to a leading technology and digital content powerhouse.

Additionally, Riggio is also the founder of GameStop, an S&P 500 Company, which operates 7,000 stores worldwide. He is the principal owner of MBS Textbook Exchange, the nation's largest textbook wholesaler as well as a logistics and technology provider. In all, the enterprises in which he is involved employ almost 100,000 people.



At the luncheon following commencement were, from, left, Dr. Jennette Volpe, Dr. Angelo Volpe (who assisted with the robing ceremony), Leonard Riggio and his wife, Louise.

Riggio devotes himself as well to many philanthropic initiatives, having served on nearly two dozen not-for-profit boards. Since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Riggio has been building homes for families who lost their homes in New Orleans. This year, he and his wife gifted 101 homes to displaced families through a not-for-profit organization he created known as Project Home Again.

He also served as chairman of the Dia Art Foundation for eight years, where he led and funded the effort to build one of the world's most highly respected and revered contemporary art museums.

Devoting much of his time to public education, Riggio served on the board of the New York City Fund for Public Schools and led the nation's first-ever private endowment for a public high school, Brooklyn Technical High School, from which he graduated in 1958.

The Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Frederick Douglass Medallion are among his numerous awards. In 2002, he received the Americanism Award from the Anti-Defamation League, its highest honor.

He has been inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs at Babson College and the Texas A&M Retail Hall of Fame. He lectures regularly on college campuses, has delivered several commencement addresses and has been the keynote speaker to numerous educational and business groups across the country.



Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody, right, presents Riggio the honorary degree during the commencement ceremony while Dr. Volpe, left, looks on.

Stanton joins Board of Trustees

Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. is the newest member of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees.

“Dr. Stanton has had a long-term impact on higher education throughout his decorated career and has much insight and experience to add to the excellent diversity of members we currently have serving on the Board,” said Chair of the Board Kenneth A. Bowman ’70.

The well-known educator, physician and administrator and former president of East Tennessee State University (ETSU) was approved by the Board of Trustees for membership at its May meeting.

“I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Paul Stanton in the past and have followed the tremendous work that he did first as Dean of the Quillen College of Medicine and then as president of ETSU,” said Dr. Nancy B. Moody, Tusculum’s president. “I have great respect for Dr. Stanton and welcome the opportunity to work with him again. Tusculum College will benefit greatly from his knowledge, work within the local and broader community, his sphere of influence and impact.”

“I consider it a true honor and am humbled by the opportunity to serve on the Tusculum College Board of Trustees,” said Dr. Stanton. “To be able to serve on the Board of the oldest college in Tennessee and one of the most venerated and oldest colleges in the country that excels in the liberal arts and the production of some of the greatest All-American citizens is something I will never forget. I will look forward to being a part of the next generations of this success story.”

Dr. Stanton came to Tennessee when he was named the director of the Division of Peripheral Vascular Surgery for the Veterans Administration Medical Center and ETSU’s College of Medicine in 1985 and also served as a professor of surgery. He was named chair of the Department of Surgery in the College of Medicine and later named dean of the College of Medicine. In 1996, the Tennessee Board of Regents selected Stanton to be the new president of ETSU, a position he held until his retirement in January of this year.

Under Dr. Stanton’s leadership, ETSU experienced an all-time high in enrollment of more than 15,600 students, received well over \$200 million in private giving and established numerous programs and buildings such as the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy, the General Shale Natural History museum and many other scholarship and endowment programs.

Stanton has been named one of the most powerful people in the Volunteer State by Business Tennessee magazine.



Dr. Paul E. Stanton, Jr.

NEWS AND NOTES

Four faculty members promoted

Four faculty members were approved for promotion by the Board of Trustees during its May meeting. Dr. DiAnn Casteel and Dr. Cynthia Solomon were promoted to full professorships. Dr. Debra McGinn and Dr. Katherine Stone were promoted to associate professors.

Dr. Casteel, who was promoted to professor of education, has taught both at the graduate and undergraduate level since 1996. She has served as chair of the Master of Arts in Education curriculum and instruction program and is currently chair of the Master of Arts in Teaching program. Dr. Casteel holds multiple Tennessee State Department of Education Certifications.

Dr. Solomon, who was promoted to professor of education, serves as department chair for the human resource development concentration in the graduate education program. Dr. Solomon has a career spanning more than 27 years teaching in higher education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. She joined Tusculum College in 2002. She has also authored five publications for her professional community in the last five years.

Dr. Debra McGinn was promoted to associate professor of biology. She is chair of the Biology Department. She practiced pathology in community hospitals for 12 years and served as lab director at Johnson City Specialty Hospital for nine years prior to coming to Tusculum.

Dr. Stone was promoted to associate professor of geology, mathematics and physics. She has been with Tusculum College since 2006. Dr. Stone maintains professional memberships in the Geological Society of America, the Meteoritical Society, the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Physics Society. She is a member of the Nuclear Fuel Services Community Advisory Group and involved in the Middle Nolichucky Watershed Alliance.



Dr. DiAnn Casteel



Dr. Cindy Solomon



Dr. Debra McGinn



Dr. Kathy Stone

Community partnerships bring opportunities to business students

Students in the Tusculum College School of Business are utilizing the surrounding community as a classroom through a variety of programs that allow collaborative, mutually-beneficial partnerships to develop.

Opportunities have ranged from working with the Greene County Partnership to expand student career options to conducting a surplus vehicle assessment for the local county government.

“Students in the Business Club and in our business program have been engaged not only on campus, but are making a difference in the community,” said Dr. Michelle Freeman, associate professor of business administration.

Students in the accounting program recently undertook a project to provide data and analysis for the Greene County Commission on ways for the county to dispose of surplus vehicles. The study was requested by Commissioner David Crum who visited the cost accounting class earlier in the year.

Students conducted a cost analysis to see if the county could generate more revenue or decrease costs by looking at alternative markets.

As part of the project, the students, Beth Anne Collins, a junior from Greeneville, Kirstie Gust, a recent graduate from Rutledge and Trey Whitfield, a senior from Greeneville, made a presentation with their recommendations before the full Greene County Commission. The group presented five alternatives, two of which showed strategies to yield higher return on the sale of vehicles.

In another project, the Tusculum College Business Club signed a partnership agreement with the Greene County Partnership, committing to work together to provide resources and support for Tusculum College Business Club’s initiatives. The Greene County Partnership is composed of the county’s economic development organization, Chamber of Commerce, tourism program, Partners In Education and Keep Greene Beautiful

organization.

“The Greene County Partnership will support the Tusculum College Business Club in a variety of ways, establishing a positive relationship among students and faculty,” said Tom Ferguson, president of the Greene County Partnership. High on the priority list was getting the resumes of soon-to-be-graduates in front of local employers.

“We want to encourage our local employers to take a look at some of the bright and talented students in our own back yard before they take advantage of opportunities somewhere else,” added Ferguson, who is also a member of

the Tusculum College Board of Trustees.

The club will continue to offer its entrepreneurial program, “Help Me Help You,” for small business owners, and, according to student David Talley, a junior from Bristol, Va., the Business Club will also offer other services through their Center for Economic Development and Entrepreneurship to support local business and those who have completed the “Help Me Help You”



Business Club students David Talley, left, and Kirstie Gust speak to the Greene County Partnership Board of Directors during its meeting in late May.

program.

“We want to continue to expand on the support we can provide to help businesses grow and be successful after leaving the initial phase of the program,” said Talley.

The partnership will also work to foster deeper relationships with companies in the community through the Greene County Partnership, opening doors for job shadowing, internships and other meaningful opportunities for students that can also provide benefit to the participating company or organization.

“We have a very bright, talented and community-minded group of students in our program that has for too long been a ‘best-kept’ secret in the community. We don’t want it to be a secret any longer,” said Freeman.

*By Suzanne S. Richey
Director of College Communications*

ACTS, ARTS, ACADEMIA

2012-13 Performance and Lecture Series

- August 27 – Mike Rayburn, AHB
- September 27 - Barbara Bates Smith, BAT
- November 9 -11 and 15 - 18 – Theatre-at-Tusculum’s production of “Seussical the Musical”, AHB
- December 6 – Tusculum College Band Christmas Concert, AHB
- December 10 – Tusculum College Community Chorus Christmas Concert, AHB
- January 18 - 20 – Central Ballet Theatre “Snow White”, AHB
- January 24 – “Project Brainwash” with Jennifer Pozner, BAT
- February 22 - 24, March 1 - 3 – Theatre-at-Tusculum’s production of “A... My Name Will Always Be Alice”, BAT
- February 26 – Tusculum College Band Winter Concert, AHB
- March 21 – “Sacred Music Sacred Dance”, AHB
- April 19 - 21, 26 -28 – Experimental Theatre - 10 Minute Plays, directed by English professor Wayne Thomas, BAT
- May 2 – Tusculum College Band Spring Concert, AHB
- May 6 - Tusculum College Community Chorus Spring Concert, AHB



AHB - Annie Hogan Byrd Auditorium; BAT - Behan Arena Theatre

For times and admission prices, visit the Arts Outreach page on the Tusculum College website at <http://arts.tusculum.edu>.

Pioneers cap memorable baseball season

Tusculum College's magical run through the NCAA Division II Baseball Tournament came to an end on the final day of the Southeast Regional with a 6-1 loss to eventual region champion Catawba College in Mount Olive, N.C., the site of this year's regional.

The Pioneers (48-10) opened the NCAA regional with a pair of victories against 21st ranked Catawba and sixth-ranked Francis Marion University. Tusculum would have a rematch against Francis Marion again in its next game, but the Pioneers committed six fielding errors in a 6-3 loss to the Patriots.

With Tusculum, Catawba and Francis Marion being the three remaining teams on Sunday with one loss each in the six-team, double-elimination bracket, Tusculum would face Catawba with the winner of that game advancing to the championship game with Francis Marion.

The Pioneers have much to be proud of this season. Tusculum captured both the South Atlantic Conference regular season and tournament championships, while advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the sixth time in program history.

Craig Goodman '12 of Clearwater, Fla.,

was named the South Atlantic Conference and Southeast Region Pitcher of the Year and was a consensus All-American, while Tusculum skipper Doug Jones was tabbed the SAC Coach of the Year. Jones recorded his 500th career win earlier this season and his 513 career victories are the most in school history.

Pitcher Taylor Rakes '12 of Norcross, Ga., was also named the winner of the prestigious 2012 SAC President's Award and the SAC Scholar Athlete for Baseball. Rakes and senior Cody Coffman of Cape Coral, Fla., were also named to the Capital One Academic All-America® First Team. Coffman, Aaron Guinn of Norris, Cade Stallings of Knoxville and Alexi Colon of Vineland, N.J., also garnered All-America distinctions.

Tusculum's victory tally (48) is the second most in school and conference history, while the Pioneers were ranked as high as second in the nation, before ending the season listed ninth in NCAA Division II (the program's highest ranking at the end of a season).

Athletic articles by Dom Donnelly,
Assistant Director of Athletics for Media Relations



Members of the Pioneer baseball team celebrate their South Atlantic Conference Tournament Championship.

Women's Golf records best season in school history

The Tusculum College women's golf team ended the 2011-12 season listed 19th in the final Golfstat NCAA Division II head-to-head standings. Tusculum enjoyed an outstanding season as the Pioneers finished in the top five in nine of its 11 events, including two tournament victories and the program's first-ever NCAA Division II Tournament appearance.

Tusculum finished sixth at the NCAA South Regional as the Pioneers were the top South Atlantic Conference team and were just eight strokes away from advancing to the NCAA National Championship. Tusculum skipper Bob Dibble was named the South Atlantic Conference (SAC) Coach of the Year for the fourth time in his career (second as women's coach).

Rookie Emee Herbert, the 2012 SAC Freshman of the Year, finished in the top 20 in 10 of her 11 events, including eight top-10 performances and four in the top five. The All-SAC First Team selection finished runner-up at the Anderson Invitational and the Myrtle Beach Intercollegiate. She also finished third at the Flagler Fall Slam and the conference championship.

At the NCAA Division II South Regional, the Johns Creek, Ga., native finished in sole possession of ninth place with 74-78-72=224 (+8) as she finished one shot out of a playoff for the final individual spot to advance to the NCAA National Championship. Herbert's 54-hole score of 224 is the lowest in school history and the third-best by a SAC golfer. In May, Hebert went 5-0 in her match play events, including a 3 and 1 victory over Rika Park of the University of Miami, to win the 2012 Women's Southern Amateur in Charlotte, N.C. As of June 1, Herbert was ranked the 47th amateur player in



Emee Hebert

the world according to Golfweek Magazine.

Junior Jillian Corum of Knoxville, Tenn., garnered All-SAC First Team recognition as her 77.6 stroke average was third in the league this season and the second lowest in school history. She accounted for nine top 20 performances, including six in the top 10. One of those top finishes was her medalist victory at the Agnes McAmis Memorial where she carded a 36-hole school record 141, while claiming her Tusculum record fourth individual title.

Corum finished eighth at the SAC Championship to claim All-Tournament honors for a second straight year. She finished 14th at the NCAA II South Regional with the second lowest 54-hole score in school history at 229 to lower her career stroke average to 80.38, which is the best in school history. She was recognized earlier this summer for her academic achievement and was named to the Capital One Academic All-America Third Team, becoming the first player in school history to earn this prestigious honor.

Men's Golf wins two tournaments

The Tusculum men's golf team recorded a solid season in 2011-12 as the Pioneers recorded five top-five finishes, including wins at the Anderson Invitational and the Tusculum Invitational.

The Pioneers were led by junior Nick York of Kingsport, Tenn., who carded a 74.37 scoring average and finished 10th at the South Atlantic Conference Championship, earning him a spot on the SAC All-Tournament Team for a third consecutive year. York recorded six top finishes and captured medalist honors at the Anderson Invitational.

Men's Tennis posts winning season

Tusculum compiled a final record of 12-10 overall and claimed fourth place in the South Atlantic Conference with a 5-4 mark while advancing to the semifinal of the league tournament.

Freshman Lukas Winkelmann of Boeblingen, Germany, finished with a 12-5 record in singles play and was named SAC Freshman of the Year in addition to a spot on the All-Conference Second Team.

Junior Luis Zamora of Santiago, Chile, was the recipient of the SAC Scholar-Athlete Award and was named Capitol One Academic All-American.

Katrina Williams named women's basketball coach

Katrina Williams has been named the women's basketball coach at Tusculum College. Williams was introduced to the Pioneer Nation by Tusculum College Director of Athletics Frankie DeBusk at a press conference in early June.

Williams replaces former Pioneer head coach Adell Harris, who took the head coaching position at NCAA Division I UNC Wilmington, following her three seasons at Tusculum.

"As the search for a new women's basketball coach began, I asked every candidate if they felt they could keep the strong tradition going that we have at Tusculum with our women's program. Katrina Williams surfaced as the candidate that continued to impress me with her passion and desire to win, both on and off the court," said DeBusk. "She comes very highly recommended by several peers in our profession, and we all believe she is a coach on the rise and can come to Tusculum and continue our winning tradition."

Williams inherits a Tusculum program that went 17-11 last season, while making the program's fifth straight NCAA Division II Tournament appearance.

"I am very grateful to Coach DeBusk for trusting in me to lead Tusculum women's basketball program. It is both a privilege and honor to be in a leadership role at a place such as Tusculum," Williams said. "I realize that there are big shoes to fill, and I am honored that Coach DeBusk is allowing me to continue to build upon the foundation that is in place and to lead this program to new heights."

Williams brings seven years collegiate coaching experience with her, including three seasons as a head coach. Last season she served as an assistant coach for the Radford University Highlanders, who posted a 16-15 record and made a postseason run to its conference tournament semifinal.



Katrina Williams, right, was introduced as Tusculum's new women's basketball coach at a press conference on June 5 by Frankie DeBusk, the College's Director of Athletics.

Prior to Radford, she served three seasons as the head coach at Averett University, where she elevated the Cougar program to new heights, including a school-record 17-9 overall mark in 2009-10. The Cougars set a new program record for conference wins in each of Williams' three years at the helm.

While at the Danville, Va., school, Williams mentored three All-Conference players as well as four Academic All-Conference honorees.

Before accepting the position at Averett, Williams was an assistant coach at Ferrum College. She helped lead the team to a school-best 21-7 record in 2006-07. Additionally, she played a major role in the recruiting process that landed 11 freshmen at the school, including the 2007 USA South Conference Rookie of the Year.

A 2004 graduate of Roanoke College, Williams earned a bachelor's degree in sociology. The Roanoke, Va., native was a three-year starter on the Maroons basketball team after playing one season at Virginia Tech. Williams was named Old Dominion Athletic Conference Player of the Year in 2003 while earning honorable mention All-America honors.

Softball ties program record for most NCAA Division II victories

The Tusculum softball team finished 32-25 overall and 9-9 in South Atlantic Conference play this spring. Tusculum's 32 wins are tied for the most since the program joined Division II in 1999.

Tusculum hosted the SAC Tournament for the first time at the newly renovated Red Edmonds Field. The Pioneers won a pair of games to finish fourth in the SAC Tournament Championship.

Pitcher Elizabeth Johnson '12 of Greenville, Wisc., and freshman utility player Kaytlin Stroinski of Howell, Mich., garnered All-Conference First Team honors, while sophomore outfielder Katie Brennan of Manassas, Va., was selected to the Capital One Academic All-District® Team. Johnson, who led the nation in victories at one point during the season, finished the year with 27 wins.



Elizabeth Johnson

Women's Tennis records 11th straight winning season

The Tusculum Women's Tennis team went 17-4 overall and finished third in the South Atlantic Conference with a 7-2 league mark. The Pioneers also advanced to the SAC Tournament semifinal as Tusculum recorded the program's 11th consecutive winning season.

Freshman Holly Verner of Delmar, Calif., was named to the All-Conference First Team in singles and was joined on the All-SAC Second Team doubles team by senior Katelyn Doss of Bristol, Va. Verner finished the season with a 15-4 singles record, and combined with Doss for a 12-6 mark in doubles play.

Freshman Kate Hutchinson of Calhoun, Ga., had a stellar rookie season for the Pioneers, posting a 16-1 record in singles action.

Support the Pioneers this fall!

Join the Pioneer Club and support our student athletes. As a member, attend tailgates and other hospitality events before games and matches. Contact Valisa Griffin in the Office of Institutional Advancement at 1.800.729.0256 or vgriffin@tusculum.edu.

Pioneer Football Fall 2012 Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sept. 1	Urbana	Urbana, Ohio	noon
Sept. 8	West Georgia	Carrollton, Ga.	2 p.m.
Sept. 15	North Greenville	Pioneer Field	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	Catawba	Salisbury, N.C.	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	Brevard (Homecoming)	Pioneer Field	2 p.m.
Oct. 6	UNC Pembroke	Pioneer Field	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Lenoir-Rhyne	Hickory, N.C.	2 p.m.
Oct. 20	Newberry	Pioneer Field	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Mars Hill	Mars Hill, N.C.	1 p.m.
Nov. 3	Carson-Newman (Senior Day)	Pioneer Field	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Wingate	Wingate, N.C.	1:30 p.m.

DON'T MISS

Homecoming 2012

September 27 - 30

Thursday, September 27, 2012

Chili Cook-Off: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Come enjoy and taste the chili recipes prepared by various departments and offices on campus and vote for the best tasting and the best showmanship. The Chili Cook-off will be held in the Pioneer Perk, located in Niswonger Commons.

Alumni Dinner: 6 – 8 p.m.

Join fellow alumni at The Whistle Stop of Afton restaurant for a Dutch treat dinner. Brown bag your favorite drink. The restaurant is located at 435 Afton Road, Afton, TN 37616, only minutes from the College. Reservations are required.

1960's Alumni Party: 6 p.m.

At the home of Ann "Butch" Van Buskirk '61. For address and directions, please contact the Alumni Office at 423.636.7303.

Friday, September 28, 2012

Brights Zoo with lunch: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Located in Limestone, it is home to many rare species (See article on page 6). Limited transportation will be provided. To learn more, visit www.brightszoo.com. Reservations required, \$25 per person.

President Andrew Johnson Museum Exhibit: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Come for a special showing of Tusculum College "home movies". The movies will range from a recently discovered and transferred 1935 film of campus views to football games, dedications and campus events from the 2000s. Yearbooks and



student newspapers from the 1960s will be available for perusal. "Scholars then Soldiers: Tusculum College and the American Civil War" exhibit will be on display.

Lunch with Students: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Terrace of the Thomas J. Garland Library
Enjoy a picnic lunch outside with the opportunity to meet current students. Reservations required, \$10 per person.

Homecoming Golf Tournament: 12 p.m. Registration, 1:30 p.m. Shotgun start

Enjoy some friendly competition on the Link Hills Golf Course. Scramble format will be used with handicap system applied for a net division and a gross division. First place will be awarded for each



division. Outing will include a lunch and goody bags. Alumni, spouses, faculty, staff, and friends are invited to participate. Reservations required, \$50 per person.

Alumni Awards Dinner: 6:30 – 10 p.m.

Top off the day with dinner at General Morgan Inn, and celebrate the newest alumni award honorees. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. Reservations required, \$40 per person.

Volleyball Match: 7 p.m.

Cheer on the Pioneer Volleyball team as it takes on Newberry College in the Pioneer Arena.

Saturday, September 29, 2012

Memorial Service: 9:15 a.m.

Join family members and other friends in the lobby of the Thomas J. Garland Library as we remember alumni who have passed away since Homecoming 2011.

Alumni Association Meeting: 10 a.m.

Learn the latest about the alumni association and hear an update on the College in the lobby of the Thomas J. Garland Library.

Homecoming Parade: 11:30 a.m.

Watch the 9th Annual Homecoming Parade along the route between the Charles Oliver Gray Complex and Pioneer Park. The Golden Pioneers will serve as the Grand Marshals. Want to participate? Call 423-636-7303.

Football Tailgate Party: Noon

Enjoy a Tusculum College Pioneer Tailgate Party at Pioneer Park (the baseball stadium). Reservations required, \$15 per person. **Class photos will be taken**, \$8 per photo.

Volleyball Match: Noon

Watch the Pioneers as they take on Anderson University in the Pioneer Arena.

Football Game: 2 p.m.

Cheer on the Pioneers as they take on Brevard College at Pioneer Field. At halftime, enjoy the presentation of the Homecoming Court.

Make a note

Registration and Hospitality Suite

Lobby of Pioneer Arena in Niswonger Commons

- 2 – 5 p.m. Thursday, September 27
- 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Friday, September 28
- 8 – 10 a.m. Saturday, September 29

Tusculum College Bookstore

Niswonger Commons

- 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Thursday, September 27
- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday, September 28
- 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, September 29

Campus Tours (by request)

Lobby of Pioneer Arena

- 3 – 5 p.m. Thursday, September 27
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Friday, September 28

President Andrew Johnson

Museum and Library

- 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Thursday, September 27
- 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday, September 28

Hotels in Greeneville

Comfort Inn

1790 East Andrew Johnson Hwy. (33745)
(423) 639-4185

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935 East Andrew Johnson Hwy. (37745)
(423) 639-2156

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(423) 638-7511

Soccer Tailgate Party: 5 p.m.

Before you head over to the Men's Soccer Game, enjoy a Tusculum College Pioneer Tailgate Party at Pioneer Park (the baseball stadium). Reservations required, \$15 per person.

Men's Soccer Game: 7 p.m.

Cheer on the Pioneers as they take on Bethel University at Pioneer Field.

Alumni Dinner and Party: 7 p.m. – Midnight

Dinner: 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Join us for a casual dinner on the terrace at the General Morgan Inn, featuring grilled fare and an ice cream sundae bar. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. Reservations required, \$25 per person.

Party: 8 p.m. – Midnight

Come join fellow classmates for a casual party on the terrace at the General Morgan Inn. The band Johnson City Hit Men will be returning this year for an encore to last year's performance. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. Reservations required, cover charge is \$5 per person.

Sunday, September 30, 2011

Alumni Farewell Breakfast: 9 a.m.

Enjoy breakfast on the terrace of the Thomas J. Garland Library as Homecoming nears an end. Reservations are required, \$10 per person.

Homecoming Chapel Service: 9:45 a.m.

Join us for a worship service in the lobby of the Thomas J. Garland Library.

Register online at www.tusculum.edu or complete this registration form, enclose a check made payable to Tusculum College or indicate credit card below and mail in the envelope provided inside this magazine.

Please indicate number participating or amount enclosed (cost is per person):

- Whistle Stop (Dutch Treat) _____
- Bright Zoo (\$25) _____
(lunch included)
- Lunch with Students (\$10) _____
- Golf Tournament (\$50) _____
- Alumni Award Dinner (\$40) _____
- Tailgate Party (\$15) _____
- Class Photos (\$8 per photo) _____
(to be taken at Tailgate)
- Soccer Tailgate (\$15) _____
- Saturday Alumni Dinner (\$25) _____
Party Only (\$5) _____
- Alumni Farewell Breakfast (\$10) _____
- TOTAL _____

Please note: No refunds will be given after September 14. Beginning September 15, a \$25 late fee will be charged for registration.

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Or enclose a check made payable to the College with the form in the envelope provided.

Class

Notes

'50s

Paul Cordova '50 of Morehead City, NC, did not seek re-election to the Morehead City Town Council last fall. He served as a councilman for 36 years. "I really enjoyed the honor," he writes. "Both of us (wife, Edna Griess Cordova '49) are still kicking."

'60s

Reuben Battle '68 wants to hear from his classmates. Contact him at sanreb09@att.net.

The Rev. Richard A. Kroll '68 of Charles Town, WV, is retiring after 42 years of service to the United Methodist Church. Rev. Kroll received his Master of Divinity from Duke University in 1972. He served congregations in Maryland and in Martinsburg, WV, before beginning his term as lead pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Charles Town in 2003. He is looking forward to doing projects around his home, vacationing and traveling with his wife, Mary Lois, and volunteering at Harpers Ferry National Park.

'70s

Glenn Bowman '72 of Saline, MI, has retired from a 30-year career as a quality engineer and environmental engineer. He worked in the chemical, electrical, defense and automotive industries. He is busy with activities in amateur radio, restoring antique clocks and making home repairs. He is also secretary for National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc. Chapter 67.

'90s

Susan D. Crum '91 of Greeneville, TN, has achieved one of her dreams with the publishing of her first book, "Only to Susan." The book includes several of Crum's life experiences. "I have a deep desire to inspire others to persevere through challenges, both big and small," she said. "I have always thought if I could share some of my trials that have sustained me, even if I inspired one other person, the trials of my life would then be worth it." Crum, who is associate vice president for Institutional Advancement at Tusculum, is writing her second book.

Patrick Fraley '98 has been named principal at Greeneville High School. He

Mrs. Susan Ellen L. Meyer '69, a seventh grade teacher at Auburn Middle School in Fauquier County, VA, recently published a book along with 18 of her students in what she described as "the most teachable" moment she had experienced in 40 years of teaching, with every student engaged and invested in the project. Susan's experience, her book and her students have received a good deal of attention for the project. One of the students, Sydney Davies, who was in a hospital awaiting a bone marrow transplant, was the inspiration for the project. The book focuses on courage, motivation and patriotism. The students spent a nine-week block focused on economics and civics to create the book, with each student and Susan responsible for two pages in which they wrote about experiences that helped them grow. "There is no other book like this. It is unique to these special young people, my students, who designed a first-class, hands-on, hearts-on project that by choice required them to be engaged and active participants in an exceptional educational experience," said Susan. She has been a teacher in the Fauquier County School District since 1994 and was the 1998 Virginia Social Studies Teacher of the Year. A selection of her work from the book follows:

My Family

By Susan Ellen L. Meyer '69

My Family has taught me to love,
That donuts are good once in a while,
To always remember that I am to blessed to be stressed,
That my goal is to live each day with gratitude, energy, enthusiasm and empathy,
Look at the sky at least once a day and realize what a magnificent world we live in,
Dream more when you are awake, then when you are asleep,
Life is a school, we are on this earth to learn through the challenges
and the opportunities.
Smile and Laugh more, hug someone you appreciate,
try and make at least five people smile a day,
Value everyone you meet, you have met them for a reason, extent kindness
for no reason,
Learning is lifelong; learn something new every day!

was previously the principal of Cherokee High School in Hawkins County. That school, under Fraley's leadership, experienced tremendous gains academically.

'00s

Maria Berryhill '00 of Washington Court House, OH, graduated from Ohio Dominican University on May 12 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology.

Jonathan Feathers '01 of Fisherville, VA, graduated with a doctor of ministry degree with an emphasis in workplace leadership and business ethics from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in May. He and his wife, Melanie, also celebrated the first birthday of their daughter, Dorothy, in May.

Andrew J. Merriman '02 has been named the assistant administrator for Aiken County in South Carolina and will start his new position soon, according to the Aiken Standard newspaper. He was serving as city manager for Bluefield, WV. His government experience also includes a three-year stint as assistant town manager and planning director for Fort Mill, SC.

Brad Hawks '05 of Galax, VA, was named 2011-12 Southwest District Coach of the Year. His boy's basketball team at Carroll High School made the region semi-finals for the first time in 20 years.

Rebecca Muncy '05 has been named the new women's basketball coach at Lenoir City High School. She will also teach world geography.

Mark Persaud '08 of Maryville, TN, has begun the physical therapy program at South College. He continues to work with the Emergency Medical Service in Knoxville.

Megan Hart '09 of Loudon, TN, is working as a physician's assistant at Methodist Hospital in Oak Ridge.

Brooke Haymaker '10 of Kettering, OH, has been accepted into the medical program at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, WV.

Nuptials

Dan Perolio '91 married Kym Riggs on November 12, 2011, at the picturesque Holy

Trinity Episcopal Church in West Palm Beach, FL. The couple moved to High Point, NC, in January. Dan is branch operations coordinator and area business manager for the Greensboro, NC, region for Dow Electronics.

Births

Lydia Bach Berry '93 of Olathe, KS, and her husband, Sam, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Raleigh Grace Berry, on February 16, 2012.

Memorials

'30s

Robert William Fabian '39 of Concord, NH, passed away on March 25, 2012. He met his wife while at Tusculum. After college, both Mr. Fabian and Dottie moved back to their respective homes in New Jersey and were married Christmas Day in 1943. Mr. Fabian worked at Eastern Aircraft in Trenton until 1946. Mr. Fabian earned a master's degree in chemistry and worked as a research chemist for Arthur D. Little, Inc., in Cambridge, MA. Moving to Pennsylvania, Mr. Fabian worked for the Naval Air Development Center in Pennsylvania and then was marketing manager for AMCHEM. He turned his love of building into working with a friend constructing houses. Retiring in the late 1970s, Mr. Fabian constructed their retirement home in Wolfeboro, NH, next door to the house where Dottie was born. He was an active member of the Masons.

'40s

Virginia Hubbs Kinlaw '41 of Knoxville passed away on Friday, March 25, 2011.

Frances Sizemore Neas '41 of Advance, NC, passed away June 1, 2012. Mrs. Neas was a retired teacher.

Claudia Belle Harrison Webb '43 of Reidsville, NC, passed away September 25, 2011. After graduating from Tusculum, Mrs. Webb traveled across the mountains into North Carolina to teach. She had a passion for teaching and served for more than 35 years. She also loved working with flowers.

Dr. Joanne Lovell Linn '46 of Nashville, TN, passed away January 27, 2012. Dr. Linn was professor emerita of anesthesiology at Vanderbilt University, where she practiced and taught for more than 35 years. She

was an active member and officer of many professional organizations including the American Medical Women's Association, of which she served as national president in 1979.

'50s

Ronald Keiser, Sr. '50 of Port Saint Joe, FL, passed away December 10, 2011. He was retired from Bristol-Myers Squibb. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Junious Grant Rayfield '50 of Kingsport, TN, passed away November 25, 2011. He was retired from the Kingsport Power Company. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Rayfield was a member of the Charles Dewitt Byrd Post 3382 and the Disabled American Veterans.

Frank Edmund Livingston '51 of Lancaster, PA, passed away February 25, 2012. Due to the draft, he finished college in three-and-a-half years and spent two years in the U.S. Army as a statistician. Upon leaving the military, Mr. Livingston worked at DuPont for two years and then joined Isocyanate Products, Inc. He worked there for 43 years in many positions – chemist, technical director and research and development, and held three patents. In 1984, when the company was purchased by PMC, Mr. Livingston became president for U.S. and Canada. In 1995, he retired but remained a consultant.

The Rev. E. H. Denman Jr. '52 of Smithville, TN, passed away in June 2011. He had served as minister of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Smithville.

Joan Bird Lewis '54 of Waterloo, IL, passed away May 18, 2012. Mrs. Lewis was a retired librarian from the Trenton Public School District in Trenton, NJ. She was a member of Hope Christian Church. Her survivors and Tusculum alumni include her husband **Bob Lewis '56** and her brothers **James Bird '53** and **Robert Bird '50**.

Cora Ann "Corey" Kirkman '55 of Napa, CA, passed away October 30, 2011, after a long battle with cancer. While at Tusculum, she met the love of her life, **Roger Kirkman '57**, who passed away in 2005. A retired program assistant with the Veterans Home of California, she volunteered much time to the Republican Party and St. John's Lutheran Church.

The Hon. Joseph L. Thomson '56 of Mountainville, NY, passed away January 30, 2012. Mr. Thomson was a retired representative for in-house counsel with Allstate Insurance. He served 49 years as Town of Cornwall Justice. He was a member of St. Thomas of Canterbury Church and the New York State Magistrates Association.

Clarence Henry Hughes '50 of Greeneville, TN, passed away March 28, 2012. Mr. Hughes joined the U.S. Navy immediately after high school and served in both World War II and the Korean War. After spending many years in industry as an engineer, he began teaching at Tri-Cities Technical Institute, serving as an instructor in engineering and industrial science. Mr. Hughes retired from teaching after 20 years of service. He was an active member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Noah C. Wagner '51 of Greeneville, TN, passed away April 12, 2012. Mr. Wagner was retired from the National Security Agency, where he worked for many years as a linguistic cryptologist. He was a member of McLean Presbyterian Church in McLean, VA, and of the Greeneville Moose Lodge No. 692. An active alumnus, Mr. Wagner served on the Alumni Executive Board for many years. He worked with Dr. Donal Sexton, professor emeritus of history, to collect oral histories from alumni about their time at Tusculum. He and his wife, the late **Scottie Dobson Wagner '52** attended many College events.

John E. Shanks '54 of Lenoir, NC, passed away April 13, 2012. After earning his degree from Tusculum, Mr. Shanks was commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps and honorably discharged as captain in the reserves. He held various accounting positions throughout his career and last served as the cost accounting manager at Singer Furniture. Mr. Shanks was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir, where he served as deacon and elder. He had attained the rank of Eagle Scout, was inducted into the Order of the Arrow and served as a scoutmaster. Mr. Shanks was an active volunteer for Caldwell County Habitat for Humanity and served as a board member and treasurer. He was one of the original members of the "Grumpy Old Men" who met regularly to work on building Habitat homes. Survivors include his sisters and brothers-in-law and Tusculum alumni **Meldrum (Shanks) and Earle Shotwell '47 '45** and **Jane (Shanks) and Bill Piloni '59 '60**.

'60s

Fred Aug '60 of Pompton Lakes, NJ, passed away May 25, 2011. Mr. Aug served in the Air Force and Army during the Korean War. He also played minor league baseball with the Chicago Cubs organization. Mr. Aug was a teacher and head basketball coach for more than 30 years. He served as a leader in the New Jersey Education Association.

Ross 'Buddy' Kreeger '60 of Greeneville, TN, passed away April 9, 2012. He was retired from Philips Consumer Electronics Co. and was a member of Reformation Lutheran Church. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a 50-year Master Mason, a 50-year member of York Rite Masons, a member of Jericho Shrine Temple and Greeneville Lodge No. 3, F&AM.

Bill R. Fellers '64 of Knoxville, TN, passed away May 20, 2012. Mr. Fellers worked at the Oak Ridge Diffusion Plant (K-25) before joining the Oak Ridge School System, teaching high school math. He retired after 34 years of teaching. Mr. Fellers was an active member of West Park Baptist Church. He served on the board of directors of the Oak Ridge Schools Federal Credit Union, serving as president from 1983 to 2001. Mr. Fellers had a passion for woodworking and made beautiful pieces for his home and for others. He loved playing cards and board games with friends, ballroom dancing with his wife and taking cruises with his family.

'80s

Janet L. Zirkle '86 of Grayson, GA, formerly of New Market, TN, passed away August 20, 2009. Ms. Zirkle was associate director of payroll services for the Gwinnett County Board of Education.

'90s

Eulas "Ike" Gibson '92 of Sneedville, TN, passed away April 26, 2012. Mr. Gibson was retired from the Department of Human Services. He was awarded the Governor's Volunteer Star Award in 2009, the National Community Service Award and Hancock County Man of the Year in 2008 for his volunteer leadership of The Shepherds Corner ministry. Mr. Gibson served as a deacon for 35 years at Elm Springs Baptist Church. He also served as song leader, men's Sunday school teacher and church treasurer. His and his brothers formed a gospel group that traveled and sang for 10 years. Although he was not one to take credit for his accomplishments, he was proud of his degree, which he earned at the age of 49.

John Mays, long-time administrator and friend to the College, passes away

John E. Mays, 77, formerly of Greeneville, passed away in Blairsville, Ga., on Saturday, July 7, with family and loved ones by his side.

Mays served as senior vice president for external relations at Tusculum College from 1989 to 1999 and was a well-known figure in the Greeneville and Tusculum communities.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial gifts to Mountain Presbyterian Church in Blairsville, Tusculum College's Clements-Mays Endowed Scholarship Fund or other charity of the donor's choice. The Clements-Mays Endowed Scholarship was established in 1991 through the Bicentennial Campaign by Mays and his wife, Nancy, in honor of her mother, Marjorie Martin Clements of Greeneville and in memory of her father, W. Wiley Clements, and his parents, James Ernest and Gladys Elder Mays.

The scholarship is offered to able and deserving students in the fields of business and education in recognition of the careers of the Clements and Mays.

In his decade as senior vice president for external relations at Tusculum College, Mays directed two capital campaigns that raised more than \$34 million, and later returned as a consultant to direct the \$10 million campaign for the renovated Thomas J. Garland Library.

In addition, during Mays' years at Tusculum, the endowment of the College rose from \$2 million to almost \$11 million. At his retirement, Tusculum College named the offices on the second floor of McCormick Hall the Mays Office Suite.



John Mays

Mays met his wife Nancy at Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College) from which both of them graduated. He later served four years of active duty with the United States Naval Air Reserves as an Airborne CIC Officer.

In addition to Tusculum College, he also served as the senior development officer at Arkansas (now Lyon) College, Oglethorpe University and Catawba College.

In recognition of his distinguished career in higher education, Mays was awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Arkansas College and the Trustee Award by Catawba College.

Mays was an Elder in the Mountain Presbyterian Church and served as campaign director of the church's expansion campaign in 2001. He was a founding member of the Community Council of the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center.

Class of 1962 celebrates 'golden' milestone

Fifteen members of the Class of 1962 returned to campus to celebrate the milestone of the 50th anniversary of their graduation with a series of special events.

The newest "Golden Pioneers" to have celebrated their 50th anniversary were part of the commencement procession on May 5.

The special events began with a reception on Friday at the President's House for the Golden Pioneers, their spouses and some friends from other classes. The evening ended with even more camaraderie at dinner at the Farmer's Daughter, a popular family restaurant near campus.

Brief rain showers did not dampen anyone's enthusiasm on Saturday morning as activities began with breakfast at the Pioneer Perk where the Golden Pioneers were fitted with their gold caps and gowns. During the ceremony, each alumnus was recognized and the group received much applause from the audience. After the ceremony, the class members enjoyed lunch in the Perk. While the official activities ended there, many members of the class and friends gathered for dinner later at a Greeneville restaurant.

The members of the Class of 1962 were also given a challenge during the weekend by classmates Lynn Battle and his wife Jane (Rausch). The Battles have pledged to match, up to \$5,000, the donations made by their classmates toward a class gift. The class gift will be used to furnish the patio outside of the Chalmers Conference Center. The class gift from the members of the Class of 1961 was also for furnishings for the newly resurfaced area that offers a beautiful view of the mountains.



Dr. Moody presented the Golden Pioneers their medallions at the reception at the President's House. Front row, from left, are Jane Rausch Battle, Phyllis Brooks Stansfield, Peggy Hayes Ottinger and Linda Clowers Nielson; second row from left, Lynn Battle, Gary Meier, Bob Riser and Jack Fowler; and back row from left, Joe Howard, Hal Pruitt, Al Taynai, Ed Ramm, Ron Von Essen and Bob Nielsen.



Looking at a scrapbook from their time at Tusculum are from left, Muriel Hunter Meier '65, Joe Howard '62, Gary Meier '62, Peggy Hayes Ottinger '62 and Brenda Howard.



In their gold cap and gowns are Class of 1962 members, from left, Ed Ramm, Jack Fowler, Bob Riser, Ron Van Essen, Bob Nielson, Linda Clowers Nielson, Joe Howard, Peggy Hayes Ottinger, Tom Light, Gary Meier, Al Taynai, Jane Rausch Battle, Lynn Battle and Hal Pruitt.

Old Oak Festival returns

After a 20-year hiatus, the Old Oak Festival returned to the Tusculum College campus and brought students, alumni and community members out to see the artisans and crafters, visit the quilt show, see student art and digital media presentations and enjoy the literary readings and musical performances.

Student work was featured in the art exhibit, art auction, readings by the Curtis and Billie Owens Literary Prize winners and the “Big Box” interactive media experience. Theatre-at-Tusculum enjoyed a strong opening weekend for its production of “The Diary of Anne Frank” in the Behan Arena Theatre, featuring both Tusculum students and alumni. Students and staff were also featured among the musical performances, including the College’s marching and jazz bands. The Old Oak logo, below, was recreated by Kristen Keefer '12 for promotional materials.



W.T. Hines, above, a cooper, teaches two youngsters how to play with a wooden toy. Student Justin Reed, below left, reads one of his poems during a literary reading. Dozens of quilts were on display in the Pioneer Arena lobby.



The Digital Media students' presentation “The Big Box” at left, featured some scenes from past Old Oak Festivals. Student artwork was featured in the art auction on Saturday, at left.

Performances were held on the Rankin Porch and in the Library Bowl. Performers included, from top left, Student Zach Wampler; Mike Joy, women's soccer coach; The Foundations with Stephen Thompson '02 (at right); students Ben Sneyd and Joe Baker; librarian Charles Tunstall and his wife Susan, and student band Shiloh Road.



Members of the Tusculum College Band joined the Kevin Wilder Group for its final two songs.

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