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*From
Nettie Fowler
McCormick*



*to
Dr. Nancy B.
Moody*

The Women of Tusculum College

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The past fiscal year was extraordinary. One year ago, we had no idea that we would be constructing and opening new residence halls for fall 2013. We purchased two tracts of property and refinanced our existing debt through the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development. This funding also provided resources to construct two apartment-style residence halls and a science and math center, as well as to refurbish Tredway Hall. We received outstanding news coverage on those projects and on receipt of a major gift for \$3.875 million, one of the largest single donor gifts in the history of Tusculum College. We also received a gift annuity valued at \$1.1 million. New programs were initiated in criminal justice, nursing and in business with the MBA program. The Bachelor of Science in chemistry was also reinstated.



Dr. Nancy B. Moody

Our students and alumni are seeing tremendous success. The 2013 graduating class was phenomenal in terms of their involvement and leadership on campus, and many of them are succeeding in top graduate programs. Financially we are solid and are proud of our two new benefactors, Ms. Verna June Meen and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Still '61. We have now had three fiscal years with positive year ends and met all of our fundraising goals for the year, including increased faculty and staff giving from 40% to 63%.

This edition of the magazine focuses on the amazing women who have had and continue to impact Tusculum College. I am thrilled to join others to encourage our new generation of young women to succeed. From being the first Presbyterian College (U.S.A.) institution to admit women to Nettie Fowler McCormick's immeasurable contribution to the success of our current students and young alumni, women continue to impact what Tusculum College is today.

Students are now enjoying the new residence halls, and we are moving toward construction of the Ronald H. and Verna June Meen Center for Science and Math. There is much more to be done and you are needed now more than ever. It is with your participation that we will continue to improve, grow and meet our strategic challenges. With your engagement we will continue to move forward – **together.**

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Nancy B. Moody
President



Students walk to one of the new residence halls that were ready for occupancy as the fall academic semester began.

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Did you know?

- **Tusculum College** was the first college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to admit women.
- **The first woman** to attend Tusculum College was Julia Doak, who graduated in 1879, and became a professor at the Peabody Normal School in Nashville.
- **Virginia Hall** was the first female residence hall on campus.

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Nancy ‘Nettie’ Fowler McCormick and Dr. Ola Figg H’56 ‘paid it forward’

Many women have passed through the doors and hallways of Tusculum College. Whether as students, professors, staff or donors, many of these women did their part to benefit the College and support its growth. Two of these women, Nancy “Nettie” Fowler McCormick and Dr. Ola Figg H’56, provided great effort and time in making Tusculum College a better and more efficient learning community. Both of these women made their mark in Tusculum College history and impacted thousands for generations to come.

Nettie Fowler married Cyrus Hall McCormick on Jan. 25, 1858. Cyrus was the creator of the first practical grain reaper in 1831. He established the McCormick Harvester Company, which eventually became International Harvester. After the death of Cyrus in May 1884, Nettie, a faithful Presbyterian, was left with a large fortune and decided that this was to be used for the Lord. Nettie once said, “Usefulness is the great thing in life...to do something for others leaves a sweeter odor than a life of pleasure.”

Nettie McCormick became involved with Tusculum when four Tusculum alumni, George W. Baxter (1881), John R. Gass (1881), Alexander Coile (1879) and Samuel A. Coile (1879), enrolled in McCormick Theological Seminary, which was located in Chicago and funded by the McCormick family. In the fall of 1884, Nettie met with the four eager men and was touched by their genuine concern for Tusculum College. The men told her that Tusculum was “sound” but “needy,” and that the students would bring food from their farms and prepare it in cabins. She was also drawn to Tusculum College because she supported Christian education and education for women. Tusculum had started admitting women in 1878. Tusculum was the first institution affiliated with the Presbyterian Church to do so.

Her first gift to the College in 1884 was the construction of McCormick Hall and her relationship with Tusculum lasted until her death in 1923. During Nettie McCormick’s life, she provided funds that contributed to the construction of four other campus



Nettie Fowler McCormick

buildings, Craig, Virginia, Rankin and Haynes halls. She also supported faculty salaries and purchased the land and provided funds for the construction of the President’s House. Nettie supported many students financially and sent students to Chicago for schooling, including some young women she sent there to study music.

In 1902 McCormick helped establish the Department of Domestic Science at Tusculum College. This department provided women instruction in cookery, marketing, serving, household economics, machine and hand sewing, basketry and embroidery. Later courses were added including home nursing and methods of teaching home economics.

Nettie McCormick spread her wealth through her belief in Christian education and benefited innumerable people throughout her life.

Dr. Ola Logan Figg H’56 was a modern language professor at Tusculum College from 1926 until 1956. Figg was described as “a conscientious teacher who willingly gave extra time to her students and was noted

“to remember”



Dr. Ola Figg

for articulate pronunciation,” by student Charlie Justice ’33, who took two years of Spanish under Dr. Figg.

Dr. Figg obtained her bachelor’s degree from the University of Kentucky in 1919 and her master’s degree from Columbia University in 1926. In May of 1956 Tusculum College granted Dr. Figg an honorary doctorate of humane letters. During her time at Tusculum Dr. Figg taught Spanish and German. In 1932 she was Head of the Department of Language. She also served as the chairman of the Public Relations Committee.

Known as the little lady who resided in the Old College apartment, what is today the President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library, Dr. Figg enjoyed great respect at Tusculum College. Dr. Figg was never married. She shared her apartment with her aging mother.

In her last year at the College, she experienced medical problems. However, she did not let her health stop her from teaching. When she became too sick to return to the classroom, she began teaching students from her apartment.

Dr. Figg taught approximately 15 hours a week while at Tusculum College. She made \$2,400 a year, which is equivalent to \$31,000 in today’s dollars. After 30 years with the College, Dr. Figg left a bequest of \$8,000. She left her gift as a challenge fund. Alumni of the College, which included admiring former students of Dr. Figg’s, donated a total of \$12,000. This money was used to equip the basement of the library in 1960. This was a fitting memorial to Dr. Figg who had taught Spanish and German in the building throughout her career.

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Contributions of Florence Gray remembered with portrait in Library

The portrait of Florence Irene Rollins Gray, wife of former Tusculum College President Charles Oliver Gray and grandmother of current Board of Trustees Member Charlotte O. Gray, now hangs on the upper level of the Thomas J. Garland Library as a memorial to her contributions to the College.

The portrait, donated by Charlotte Gray, had been part of the personal family collection. It is one of seven painted by George Henry Taggart for Tusculum College, the remaining six are currently in the College’s Presidential Portrait gallery in the Garland Library.

In 1919, on behalf of Tusculum College, then President Charles Oliver Gray commissioned Taggart, a nationally-known portrait artist, to paint portraits of the College’s first five presidents to celebrate Tusculum’s 125th anniversary. A portrait of Dr. Gray was also

commissioned by his brother Alfred. While on campus, Taggart was a guest of President and Mrs. Gray. As a special thank you to his hosts, Taggart painted a surprise portrait of Mrs. Gray.

Almost 90 years later, Charlotte Gray provided financial support to have the original



paintings restored.

This portrait of Florence Gray was unveiled in a ceremony on May 16.

“We are so appreciative of adding this portrait to our collection,” said Dr. Nancy B. Moody, president of Tusculum College. “We are blessed in our long association with the Gray family, and particularly with the continuing involvement of Charlotte. She has been a valuable asset to the College, a dedicated and enthusiastic supporter and a friend to me and many here at the College.”

During her time as the “mother” of Tusculum College, Florence Gray was an active hostess and very popular and engaged with the students. She opened her home to faculty and student meetings and often personally served as hostess at these events.

She was known for hosting students who could

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Tusculum's first female president takes personal approach to leadership

The career pathway through higher education, possibly more than any other, is distinctly attached to an individual's aspirations of furthering their education. The top administrator spot at a college or university requires a dedication to higher education and the business acumen of any skilled CEO. It also requires something special, something that separates good administrators from those whose influence shapes an institution. In 2009 Tusculum College hired its first-ever female president, and she has in her first four years already made her mark.

Dr. Nancy B. Moody has always understood the value of an education, as well as the effort it takes to succeed. Although neither of her parents graduated from high school, she watched her mother return to get her GED in her 60s. She worked with her mother on her homework and studying, and she saw the joy and pride when her mother successfully completed the program.

While strongly influenced by gender roles at the time, "the choices that I was given were teaching or nursing, and medical school seemed out of reach even though several doctors recommended it," Dr. Moody said. She admitted that being a first-generation college student played a significant role in her decision in choosing a major. She pointed out that her family at the time was unable to advise her in what colleges to choose from or what majors to pick, something that affects every first-generation student.

After earning her associate's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and starting to practice nursing, she worked with a group of diploma-educated nurses who encouraged her to stay in school and complete her bachelor's degree, also at Eastern Kentucky. "I always knew I wanted my doctorate. I could never have thought of being a president without it."

Dr. Moody noted the value of having a support system both through networking and in her family, and those systems were more influential than adhering to gender roles when it came to her career choices. She received her master's degree in nursing from Texas Woman's University at the Houston campus where she has just received the Texas Woman's University Chancellor's Excellence Award. Her children were four and six when she began work on her Doctorate of Science in Nursing from the University of Alabama School of Nursing at Birmingham.

"I drove 350 miles one-way to get my doctorate in nursing," she said, adding that at the time women were expected primarily to be child raisers and even today, "comments continue to be made that if there is a female and a male applicant, that the male applicant will have a longer career life because a vast number of women drop out of their chosen careers after childbearing.



Dr. Nancy B. Moody

"to pioneer"

“I never thought about an end to my education,” she said. That same drive makes her one of only a few nurses who hold a doctoral degree. According to the National Institute of Medicine, while 13 percent of all nurses hold a graduate degree, less than one percent has a doctoral degree.

“I had the advantage of the influence of two sets of grandparents, and parents with strong work ethics and longevity and stability in their marital life.”

Her husband Tom, and children Mykel and Adam, are proud of what she has accomplished. “She feels bad when there is a missed opportunity,” said Tom. “She doesn’t want any opportunity to pass her by.”

Mykel added, “She treats everyone as an equal and really cares about people. She has always been passionate about higher education and uses her experience as a first-generation college student to give back to her community.”

Because of this trait, through the years as teacher and administrator, she has built personal relationships with students, and takes great pride in seeing them go on to do great things. Vinton Copeland ’12 was particularly appreciative of her mentorship.

“A great leader knows and appreciates the people she serves. She truly is a person of love and personal character,” said Copeland. “She wants to know everyone’s story to make it part of her story. She is kind-hearted and compassionate, not afraid to shed tears of joy. When many people think of leaders they look at their title, but she is not so much focused on that, but making a difference in the lives of people. Simply put, her heart is in the right place.”

Since arriving at Tusculum as the College’s first female president, Dr. Moody has continued her process of establishing a support network and taking well-explored, calculated risks. Such decisions have led to the creation of several thriving degree programs such as a Master in Business Administration and undergraduate degrees in nursing, chemistry, criminal justice and a psychology program in the Graduate and Professional Studies program. Dr. Moody has focused on establishing Tusculum as a healthy and growing institution through focusing on fiscal responsibility and strategic construction and renovation projects on campus.

Change and calculated risks were major drivers in Dr. Moody’s career, “I have never considered myself a risk-taker, but I discovered that taking calculated risks presents



It is not uncommon to see Dr. Moody talking to students on campus. She takes a personal interest in students and celebrates their successes.

many opportunities,” she said. More so, Dr. Moody pointed out the advantages of embracing change and weighing both pros and cons of a decision before rushing into it.

Through a strict adherence to doing her homework before making a decision, taking only calculated risks and following her instincts, Dr. Moody took advantage of opportunities such as external funding in both of her advanced degrees. “Had I not been a calculated risk taker, I would never have sought to be a private college president,” she said. In addition, she pointed out that the poorest decisions she made were when she failed to follow her inner voice.

“She is a strong leader, collaborator and negotiator,” said Steve Gehret, vice president and chief financial officer. “Dr. Moody is very good at recognizing when a situation calls for negotiation. She never accepts the first proposal and doesn’t accept no for an answer.”

Her grandmother, Nan Wyrick Burch, was where she first saw these skill sets in use. “My grandmother didn’t drive, but she would put on her black duster and a hat and head out. She didn’t go to shop. She went to negotiate.”

She describes herself as both competitive and collaborative, to which others agree are keys to her success. “She builds relationships and alliances that have long-range benefits to the College and the community,” said Gehret. She is involved with many external groups and has raised the institution’s profile, he added. “This institution has benefited immeasurably from her having access to other influential collaborators through relationships she has built.”

He added, “She’s hands on and she gets involved. She knows what is happening on this campus. The decisions she makes are informed, and she has an expectation of quality that is contagious.”

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duBrisk helps young people find 'a voice of their own' in theatre

Marilyn duBrisk makes an immediate impression and then a lasting one. She has come to embody theater at Tusculum and in the community, touching so many lives during her 30 years of sharing her love and passion through Tusculum's theater programs and Arts Outreach.

"I love Marilyn. She always has a fun story to tell, and I feel like she just has an infinite knowledge of the arts. She's wise, fun and caring. There's never a dull moment when you work with her. She brought shows to life on the stage in ways I never imagined. I have been fortunate to know her and work with her," said 2013 graduate Joshua Davis.

Another student was not shy about sharing his affection for duBrisk. "Working with Marilyn is its own experience. You don't realize you're acting until she makes you stop. She has such a way with moving her actors around it's almost like it's all a fluid motion," said Andrew Herzig, a criminal justice major from Harrogate.

duBrisk is the current Artist-in-Residence and director of the Arts Outreach program at Tusculum College. She has a vast background in drama and dance that spans four continents. She has prepared choreography for Levi Strauss in Bangkok, Thailand, a weekly television show in Portugal and directed for a number of theaters. She has held faculty positions at six universities in the United States and abroad.

The Tennessee Arts Commission has supported duBrisk's Arts Outreach work since her arrival at Tusculum College. In 1999 duBrisk received the Governor's Award in the Arts for her efforts in arts education. She received the National Alumni Recognition Award in 2003 from the Tusculum Alumni Association, and in 2004 she received the Tennessee Arts Academy Lifetime Achievement Award from the Nashville Arts Academy. duBrisk also holds the Harriet Reeves Chair of Fine Arts at the College.

Born in Scotland, duBrisk grew up in Central East Africa. She attended college in London, England. From there she went to Germany to teach and choreograph. She has lived in nine countries and has taught in the United States, Germany, Thailand, Greece, Britain, Portugal, along with other places. She arrived at Tusculum from Greece in 1984 when her husband, Wess, retired from the United States Air Force and came to the College to teach. duBrisk received her first grant in 1985.

Under duBrisk's guidance, the arts program has grown over the years. "When I first joined Tusculum College my work was primarily outreach. Tusculum had a theater major that was cut due to low student numbers, and I was asked by Dr. Robert Knott, the president of the College, to take over the artistic development of performance theater for the College community," she said. "The program has grown through the years, and now we strive to have a balance between student involvement and community participation. Frank Mengel as director and Barbara Holt as costume director help juggle multiple programs."



Marilyn duBrisk

"to inspire"



More than 100 people were part of the cast and backstage crew, above, of “Seussical, The Musical” last fall, a typical size for a fall Theatre-at-Tusculum program. And that does not count all the volunteers who helped make costumes, apply make-up, build sets and provide other behind-the-scenes assistance.

“To be successful a college has to continually renew itself to keep up with student needs and global expectations. It’s exciting that Tusculum College is doing that so successfully,” duBrisk said. “Tusculum has never been backward in being innovative and facing challenges with courage, and that is certainly true today as Tusculum continues to grow. It’s exciting to be a part of it.”

It is clear that Marilyn has great love and devotion for the College and its students. When asked if she had any special students that stand out to her, duBrisk said “Hundreds! It’s always rewarding to hear from past students and hear their successes and struggles. Wess and I keep in touch with many alums.”

As far as the future of the arts at Tusculum goes, duBrisk said she would love to see the theater major reinstated. “I hope also that Tusculum will be able to keep the partnership that they have with the theater between community actors, both junior and senior and our Tusculum students. It’s been an exciting partnership with benefits for all involved.”

Brian Ricker ’10 is still very involved with the theatre program at Tusculum. Ricker shared what he thinks duBrisk means to the theater program at Tusculum.

“The simplest of answers would be she has meant everything to the theatre program at Tusculum College. In my opinion there wouldn’t be much of a theatre program at all without Mrs. duBrisk,” he said. “Since beginning her work at Tusculum, Marilyn has cultivated one of the premiere college/community theatre programs in the East Tennessee region. Not only has she inspired generations of young actors and actresses, but has aided in the development of a true appreciation for the arts in our community.

“Through the years, and I won’t say how many for fear of being throttled when she reads this, Marilyn has taught and

directed thousands of young people. But her greatest gifts are not merely her flawless stage productions that amaze audiences with their Broadway-quality professionalism, or her tireless work promoting the arts through an umbrella of programs as Director of Arts Outreach. Her greatest gift is the confidence, self-esteem and self-worth she inspires in her students and the children of our community.

“She has given generations of young people a voice of their own. She has given such confidence to the quietest of church mice, that they may speak with the roaring voice of a lion. I, myself, am a beneficiary of this invaluable gift with first-hand knowledge of its importance. She is truly a creative virtuoso who, with her highly able-bodied team can create true magic on stage, but also inspires that magic in the lives of her students and community.”

When asked if she had any women from Tusculum College that she saw as an inspiration, duBrisk said “Lots, a whole list of trustees and ladies of the community. I think Tusculum has strong ties to women as her history reflects. I think it’s very appropriate that we now have Dr. Nancy Moody as our president.”

duBrisk says that she does not have a favorite when it comes to her productions put on at Tusculum College. “You love them all for different reasons. And you get so close to your cast, we’re like a family. So it’s bittersweet when the show is over.”

Hopefully the show will not be over for duBrisk any time soon. Her students and fans hope she will be with Tusculum College for years to come and keep putting her special touch on the arts program at Tusculum.

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GOT RESEARCH?

Dr. Melanie Narkawicz has guided scores of students on journeys of discovery

Who did you have for research? For many alumni of the Graduate and Professional Studies (GPS) program the answer is likely to be Dr. Melanie Narkawicz.

Dr. Narkawicz has either taught or read the research papers of more than 2,000 Tusculum students since she joined the College in 1994. She has taught students in the undergraduate business degree programs, as well as the graduate education and organizational management programs.

Amy Townsend Harrison '95 '98 recalled that Dr. Narkawicz was "very efficient" as a professor and she was "very helpful and very willing" to assist students in their assignments. "I consider it a very gratifying experience to have had Dr. Narkawicz as a professor," she said.

Joining the College as an adjunct faculty member, she taught marketing during her first year until College academic leaders discovered her background in research. That subject and related academic courses have been what she has taught in the succeeding years. In 1995, she became a core associate faculty member, part of a group of adjuncts who were hired for GPS classes for which a full-time professor was not available.

Hired as a full-time professor in 1998, she was initially appointed director of research for the GPS program in the Northeast region and later served as associate dean of academics for the Northeast GPS program from late 1998 until 2002 when she returned to full-time teaching.

Student success is the highest reward in teaching, she said. As an administrator, her actions had an effect on students, but it was not the impact that a teacher has in the classroom. "What we teach students in the classroom makes the most difference in their lives," she said. "I believe in what Tusculum is doing and the impact that its programs have on lives."

What attracted Dr. Narkawicz to Tusculum was



Dr. Melanie Narkawicz has taught or reviewed the research papers of more than 2,000 Tusculum students.

the GPS program's requirement of research on both the undergraduate and graduate levels. "It is one of the most beneficial subjects for students," she said. "It teaches students all kinds of different skills." She believes that the research projects required of the undergraduate students were at the level of the master's theses required of students pursuing a graduate degree from much larger and widely acclaimed universities.

Dr. Narkawicz became familiar with research programs as a research fellow at East Tennessee State University while she was pursuing her doctorate in education administration and supervision (post secondary/private sector research). While working as an administrator at Northeast State Technical Community College, a group of administrators approached her about joining them in entering the doctoral program at ETSU. She applied for a fellowship and received it to do research for the College of Education.

Dr. Hal Knight, who is now dean of the university's College of Education, was teaching a graduate course on statistics. He was unable to teach after the first two weeks of the semester and asked Dr. Narkawicz to teach the rest of the semester.

"to educate"

Although she felt some hesitancy about her abilities to do it, she began teaching the students how to use SPSS statistics software and how to analyze data. Dr. Knight attended the first few classes and told her that she was a very able instructor.

There were 15 doctoral students in that first class, and all of them have served as either principals or administrators in local school systems and colleges. One member of that class was Dr. Lisa Johnson, who is now assistant vice president for academic affairs and professor of education at Tusculum.

“During the class meeting, the students all came up and thanked me for helping them,” she said. “As an administrator, I did not get that kind of positive feedback. It was mindboggling to me.”

The next year, Dr. Knight asked her to teach all the research methods and statistics courses in the program, and she taught those classes for the next three years. During the last year of her fellowship, she was the director of the research lab, helping faculty and doctoral students with data analysis.

As she was finishing her doctoral work, Dr. Narkawicz saw an ad in the Greeneville newspaper for a marketing professor at Tusculum and applied for the position. College marketing had been the subject of her dissertation.

In her years at Tusculum, Dr. Narkawicz has seen several changes in the program. Technology has brought about some of those changes, including the addition of online courses to her teaching responsibilities.

Online instruction has been challenging, she said, and she has discovered that access can be an issue for some students. She recalled one student who did not have Internet availability at her home in Kentucky and would drive twice a week to the Morristown Center, an hour-and-a-half drive to be able to use the lab and complete her course assignments.

The students in her courses have had various reasons for pursuing a degree, from those entering college for the first time to changing careers or getting a new position to those seeking a graduate degree with a specific goal in mind. In the first graduate level organizational management class she taught, Dr. Narkawicz recalled that she taught a medical doctor who wanted to learn how to better manage his office.

It has been rewarding for Dr. Narkawicz to learn what former students have done with their education. Former students have gone on to earn their doctorates and some are now teaching in their own college classrooms. She recalled one student, Dr. Shivangi S. Jog '96 '98, earned her bachelor's degree in the residential program and then enrolled in the GPS program to earn her graduate degree in management. She continued her education, earning a medical degree, and is now a practicing physician in Australia.

Dr. Narkawicz has also witnessed the transformations

that an education can bring. A neighbor who worked for a local industry used to scoff at the need for a college education. However, he was laid off by his employer and entered the bachelor's program in organizational management as he sought out the next step in his career. At his graduation, Dr. Narkawicz said she asked him if he had learned anything in the program. His reply, she said, was that he had learned more than he imagined he could and had realized there was much he did not know. His degree also allowed him to obtain a management job.

While she teaches students about each step of a research project, Dr. Narkawicz has also had the opportunity to learn about a variety of subjects in reading her students' papers. Students have written on a variety of subjects, she said, from how to make a pizza delivery business successful to the benefits of pet therapy. “I have been able to learn a little bit about a lot of topics,” she said.

The daughter of an English professor and a math professor in a family filled with educators, a teacher was not what Dr. Narkawicz intended for her career. As an ROTC graduate at Florida Southern College, she entered the U.S. Army. During her service, she decided to try skydiving. Her sister came to watch her first jump and met her skydiving instructor. The two started dating and are now married.

Her former instructor and new brother-in-law began working for Underwriters Laboratory, where she also began working following her military service. She met Tony Narkawicz, a friend of her brother-in-law and an Underwriters Laboratory employee, and the two began dating. They then married.

The couple came to Tennessee to work at a Coleman facility, after being hired by a former co-worker. Dr. Narkawicz worked there for a while and later began her work at Northeast State. Tony, continued to work for private industry, securing patents for materials, until he was laid off with the closing of one of the companies. In that closing, he was provided funds to continue his education and started work towards his master's degree.

As the time neared for her husband to write his thesis, he did not have a subject. At the same time, the GPS program had conducted an alumni survey and needed someone to analyze the data. Dr. Narkawicz suggested her husband. He analyzed the data as part of his thesis. After presenting his findings, administrators were impressed with his work, and he was later hired as director of institutional research.

He worked in the position until his retirement in 2010 and continues to work part-time in the department. The Narkawicz's son, Anthony, attended Tusculum College instead of his last two years of high school, serving as a tutor during that time. He later earned his doctorate in mathematics at Duke University.

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Necessary finds common bonds with co-workers and fellow alumni

The Tusculum Experience means different things to different alumni. Residential and commuter (day) students have different experiences, as do students from 1960 and 1980. For the adult student taking classes at night and on weekends, the Tusculum Experience is yet something different.

For alumna Cindy Necessary, her Tusculum College experience has given her unique memories and a sense of accomplishment that she shares with her friends and co-workers at the Brock Group in Kingsport, Tenn.

Cindy, a Graduate and Professional Studies student who earned her bachelor's degree from Tusculum in 2001 and her Master of Arts in Education in 2004, has remained active with the institution.

"Our alumni are the key products of Tusculum College, leaving their mark on society. Cindy Necessary has left and continues to leave her mark with her passion, dedication and enthusiasm for our Alma Mater," said Susan D. Crum-Teague '91, associate vice president of Institutional Advancement for the College.

Cindy has been very involved as a charter member of our Kingsport President's Advisory Council, as well as on the planning committee for the GPS 25th anniversary, roundtable discussions with alumni in Kingsport and Move-In Day on the main campus, to name a few.

Cindy shares her experience with eight of her colleagues who have all completed degrees through the GPS program. She and the others have a different

relationship based on this shared experience.

Her co-workers, Sally France '03, Karen Sheets '06, Gary Evans '06, Theresa Orndorff '87, Marion Bailey '91, Rich Rheinbolt '98 and Dan Matherly '06 all share the experience of earning their degrees at Tusculum College through the GPS program.

"Finishing my degree was a personal goal for me," said Necessary, adding that it was a personal sense of accomplishment that left the good feeling she has toward the institution.

She shares this with the others who have their own personal examples of success through the program.

"Seeing someone finish often energizes others to go back," Necessary said. And at Tusculum, the program really is tailored to working adults.

"We were all friends before," said Sheets. "But, we've gotten even closer."

For Sheets, working with a learning team with co-worker Matherly changed their relationship forever. "A deep trust developed as we worked through the program."

She added that this friendship and support at work also kept her going when things got difficult.

"It's surprising, but you do miss it when you're done," said Rheinbolt.

The group often socializes as well as works together and Tusculum is an occasional topic. Rheinbolt is even



Among the Tusculum alumni at the Brock Group are Sally France and Cindy Necessary (front left to right) and Gary Evans, Karen Sheets, Marion Bailey and Theresa Orndorff (back row left to right).

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“to share”

Hancock gains career insight through internship

Forensic science has captured the interest of the nation with the proliferation of television shows like CSI and Dexter. And, with Dr. William Bass, one of the country's most well-known forensic anthropologist and best-selling author of forensic thrillers just down the road in Knoxville, it is a career path that has seen an upturn in interest at the collegiate level. Everyone wants to be the next "Ducky."

However, the real world, as Addie Hancock, a senior pre-med student from Rogersville, found out this summer, is both less glamorous and much more interesting. Hancock was accepted for a volunteer internship during summer break with East Tennessee State University's William L. Jenkins Forensic Center.

"The experience was mind-blowing," said Hancock who shadowed the forensic specialists at the lab, and had the opportunity to observe multiple autopsies, handle organs and assist with non-surgical tasks. "To be able to use the knowledge I have gained at Tusculum and use that knowledge in a hands-on way changed my perspective overall of what I am capable of doing."

More than 250 autopsies a year are conducted at the William L. Jenkins Forensic Center. The center serves the upper eight counties of Northeast Tennessee by providing forensic services for county coroners, medical examiners, law enforcement personnel, district attorneys general, public defenders and private attorneys serving in this region.

"These types of experiences are extremely important," said Dr. Debra McGinn, associate professor of biology, who supervised Hancock's internship experience. She added that this experience will be a positive factor in her application process to medical schools.

"Medical schools are looking to see if you have delved into the field enough to know it's for you. I would think it is going to help her a lot."

During her internship Hancock shadowed extensively the forensic pathologist and other staff at the center and had the opportunity to observe autopsies and perform non-surgical tasks.

"It's one thing to see information in a book, but another to hold a heart in your hand," said Hancock. "It was such a great environment to work." Hancock



Addie Hancock job shadowed forensic specialists this past summer as part of her volunteer internship.

had never observed an autopsy in person and struggled initially when her first observation was an infant. While the staff gave her the option to opt out, Hancock chose to do the observation.

"It let me know if I can get through that I can get through anything. It was hard, but a good experience," Hancock said, adding that she learned how to set her mind to the scientific task and let the emotional aspect drop away, although the compassion was still there.

The center has extended her the opportunity to continue with them through the fall semester.

She has kept an experience journal during her internship and plans to use it to formulate her personal interest statement for her graduate school application. Along with her internship, she is a top-notch student, a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society and a regular member of the Dean's List. She is also part of the Pioneer Band Program and has served as drum major for the marching band since 2012.

Hancock encourages other students to take the extra effort to develop a career-based internship experience.

"I am incredibly fortunate to have the chance to work there. I encourage others to find and do the same. There is no limit to what you can do."

*Suzanne Richey
director of college communications*

"to learn"

Jaynes brightens days of everyone from students to trustees

If you've ever been slipped your special vegetarian sandwich, been given an extra bag of popcorn or had a sausage biscuit when the menu was yogurt while attending a Tusculum event, you have most likely made the acquaintance of Mrs. Roxanna Jaynes. You also likely got a flash of her vivacious smile and a bear hug.

"Roxie" has been a familiar face at Tusculum College since her arrival on campus in 2001, when she joined the staff of Sodexo as a card swiper and greeter in the cafeteria. Sodexo provides food service operations for all campus functions and events.

Roxie has become one of the most well-known and most-hugged people on campus as her job places her in contact with everyone involved with Tusculum College, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, Board members and special guests to the College.

Students she has tended to, long gone from campus and now alumni making their way in the world, stay in touch with Mrs. Roxie. She gets phone calls, texts and the occasional wedding announcement. Her relationships are strong, lasting, and she has shed many a tear on commencement days.

Roxie is the lady who takes care of everything and everyone at luncheons, celebrations, sports gatherings, meetings and just about anywhere on campus where food is served.

She began at Tusculum College working in the cafeteria where she quickly came to know the residential students by name. Even today, when her work is mostly with special events through her role as catering director, she has developed personal relationships with the students.

"She's a special lady," said Bo Cordell '13. "No matter how bad your day is, she makes it better." Cordell said knowing Roxie was like having a mom on campus, someone who wants to make things better for you. "She is always so supportive and positive, and she will always give you a hug and encourage you."

As much as she is loved by students, she is also



Roxie Jaynes, left, talks with Dr. Tom Stein, vice president for enrollment management, at a break of a meeting this summer.

beloved by members of the Board of Trustees, such as Jane and Bill Pilloni '59 '60, both former trustees who consider her part of their Tusculum family.

"The thing that really fascinated me about Roxanna is how she takes such good care of the students," said Jane Pilloni. "She teaches them a lot and shows them that she cares." She added, "If anybody ever needed anything, she would try to provide it. That's the thing I admire about her."

She is known for her special care of each and every person she serves. "I've come to know what they want and what they like, and I try to take care of them the way I'd like to be taken care of," she said. "I go anywhere they need me to go," said Roxanna. "I work with everything and with everybody."

Mark Stokes, director of religious life, church and community relations who has been with the College in varying capacities since 1989, has known Roxie since her arrival at Tusculum. "Roxanna Jaynes is undoubtedly one of the most caring, positive people

"to encourage"

I have had the privilege to come to know at Tusculum College. Her smile and hugs make mine and many other folk's day.

"She will often ask how Mr. Mark is doing today and give me that big smile and hug. How can one not have a great day when you have that positive feedback after a visit with Roxie? She loves people and makes it her heart-felt duty to see that all are served well."

Roxie has taken care of her Tusculum family for years and when the time came for Roxie to need caring for, the Tusculum community responded in full force.

Last fall, Roxie took a medical leave to take treatment and recuperate from a personal battle with cancer. The Tusculum College community, from co-workers to students to the chair of the Board of Trustees took her cares to their hearts and offered prayer, support, love, compassion and hugs – lots of hugs.

"Everybody was so good to me," said Roxie. She asked not to mention names due to the sheer number of people who reached out and the likelihood that she might leave someone out. During this difficult time the cards, visits and prayers never stopped. So many of the Tusculum community supported her in every way they could, including two board members' spouses who sat with her in the hospital in Knoxville.

As she recovered, the contact was a blessing. "I would sit on the porch and watch the cars go by and wonder if I would ever do that again, and the Good Lord said, 'yes.' It was such a blessing to come back," she said.

She remembers a special day, Cordell made a point to find her in the cafeteria. "He hugged me and told me, 'We (the football team) have all been praying.' It just made me feel so special."

Stokes shared a funny personal story: "Several years ago Roxie and I were at a Tusculum football game tailgate event, and each of us had our cell phones on vibrate. We received calls at the exact same time and the phones began to vibrate in our pockets. Roxie immediately began to laugh and said, 'Mr. Mark, I feel your vibes.' We have had a lot of fun telling that story over the years. Roxie is the consummate server with a smile. She even remembers special dates in the lives of her colleagues and friends and sends out a text or a face book message. Roxanna cares – she has a heart of gold."

He added, "She was so missed on campus during her recent illness. There seemed to be a void that only she could fill. That is not to say that other folk with Sodexo did not do well, they did an exceptional job. They just weren't Roxie."

Now she is back to the care giver role she performs so



Commencement day is a bittersweet day for Roxie as she celebrates students' accomplishments with the realization that they will not be on campus the next semester.

well. She is clucking over students and grown-ups alike to get enough to eat.

"I think about how lucky I am. A lot of people don't make it back. It's so good to be back."

*Suzanne Richey
director of college communications*

Necessary

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considering a master's degree program in his future.

"I've learned so much about managing multiple priorities while getting my degree at Tusculum," he added.

Necessary is also always on the alert for new alumni. "It's the common bond when you meet someone who has been through the program," she said.

She also continues to give back to her alma mater with her time and resources, and she has become one of the recognizable faces of the GPS alumni program.

Crum-Teague added about Necessary, "She inspires other alumni to remain connected and to become involved with Tusculum, keeping the College's best interest at heart within her circle of influence as opportunities for partnerships evolve for the College. Cindy is a great ambassador and her many contributions do not go unnoticed."

*Suzanne Richey
director of college communications*



The Paul E. Hayden Educational Wetland at the base of the hill behind Niswonger Commons was dedicated in May in honor of the late Mr. Hayden's commitment and dedication to seeing the project to its fruition.

Moody

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In February, Dr. Moody was presented became the inaugural recipient of the Founders' Award. The award, named in memory of Rev. Samuel Doak, Rev. Samuel Witherspoon Doak and Rev. Hezekiah Balch, was crafted by the Tusculum College Board of Trustees to recognize those who through tenacity, commitment, ingenuity and drive have moved Tusculum College forward in serving its students, its community and the world at large. In addition, the Tusculum College Board of Trustees voted to extend Dr. Moody's contract for an additional six years.

Dr. Kenneth Bowman, a 1970 alumnus of the College and Chair of the Board of Trustees said, "Nancy is as much a pioneer in her time as Balch and the Doaks were in theirs. Her many strengths and accomplishments were written when the Board surprised her with being named the first recipient of the Founders Award."

Dr. Bowman added, "But fundamentally for me, Nancy cares about people and she uses every tool at her disposal to help people succeed. Whether the Tusculum Magazine theme is great leaders, great presidents, great people or

simply caring people of Tusculum, it will have a piece that features President Nancy Moody."

The campus is thriving as the construction on campus is evidence to, and the institution is on solid financial footing. The external relationships with the community, the region and the higher education community are strong, and when words are spoken about Tusculum College, they are done so with energy and positivity.

Dr. Moody has every intention of using the momentum to work toward other goals in the Strategic Plan. She recognizes the challenges and the opportunities and is ready for the work. Tusculum College is extremely fortunate to have faculty, staff, administration, Board of Trustees and members of the broader community to work together in support of the mission and goals of the College.

Dr. Moody acknowledges the many shoulders she has stood on to achieve her goals and notes the importance of relationships. "It is all about teamwork. Tusculum College is successful thanks to a cadre of men and women working together toward common goals," she said.

*Ryan Barker
Senior history and creative writing major
from Laurens, S.C.*

Gray

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not return home on holidays at her table at Easter and Thanksgiving dinners and served as confidant and counselor to many students over the years.

Dr. Charles Oliver Gray, Sr. was one of the most significant president's in the history of this institution. He served as president from 1908 until 1931. During his term, he worked to boost academic standards, achieved accreditation. He multiplied the endowment 20 times in 24 years, added six major buildings, doubled the number of faculty and tripled the student population.

After he left the presidency, he continued to raise funds for the institution for another five years and was on a fundraising trip when he died in 1936.

Dr. Gray was the father of Charles Oliver Gray, Jr., a 1917 graduate of Tusculum College who wrote the college's "Alma Mater" and who received an honorary doctorate from the College in 1928, as well as Walter Rollins Gray who received his degree from Tusculum in 1920 and taught briefly at the College. Dr. Gray was also the father of Edward R. Gray, who taught at Tusculum in the early 1920s and who served as a member of the Tusculum College Board of Trustees. Edward graduated from Tusculum College in 1916 and received an honorary doctorate in 1937. He was also the father of Charlotte O. Gray, who has been a Trustee since 2000. Charlotte worked as Probation Director for the Albany County Probation Department and was the first female department head appointed to the position in the history of the City and County of Albany, N.Y. She retired in 1998.

Don Raber awarded honorary doctorate

Businessman, Trustee and friend of the College, Don Raber received an honorary doctorate of humane letters at the May 2013 commencement ceremony. Through his service on the Tusculum College Board of Trustees, Dr. Raber has brought to the board many strengths, chief among them a lifetime of experience in banking, investment and finance. He has served effectively as chair of the Business Committee, as a member of the Executive Committee, the Audit, Finance, Investment and Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Institutional Advancement Committee and as Foundation Investment Advisor. He is a recipient of the Tusculum College Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor bestowed by the College.

His devotion to education is rooted in his days in the U.S. Navy. As he served aboard the *USS Aldebaran* (AF-10) in 1962 during the Cuban blockade, and a year later on the *USS Preserver* (ARS-8), he noticed that junior officers were college-educated. After his military service, he enrolled at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He later earned an MBA from Marshall University and completed specialized programs at Northwestern University and the University of Tennessee.

He started his financial career as a management trainee for the Jamaica Savings Bank and joined an options trading firm on Wall Street. From there he launched a distinguished career in finance and banking, culminating with the founding of Aldebaran Financial in 1991. He has also taught at several colleges and universities and has established scholarships at Tusculum College and other institutions.

According to President Nancy B. Moody, "Don has lived a life that adheres to the tenants of the Tusculum College mission. He has strived for success in his personal life, while never forgetting his sense of community."

Participating in the degree conferral was Dr. Raber's son, Peter W. Raber, vice president of operations and chief compliance officer for Aldebaran Financial. Also in attendance was his wife, Sue, Peter's wife Katie, and his grandson Henry and other family friends.



Dr. Don Raber, left, received his honorary doctorate during the May commencement ceremony from Tusculum College President Nancy B. Moody, at right.

Tusculum named one of top schools in Tennessee for return on investment

Tusculum College is in the top 20 Tennessee schools for top return on investment as ranked by *AffordableCollegesOnline.org*. The organization rated 185 higher education institutions in the state.

AC Online identified the Tennessee colleges and universities with the greatest lifetime return on investment. Graduates from these schools enjoy the largest earnings gap between non-degree holders over 30 years, and earn more on average than graduates from other Tennessee schools.

Criteria included for consideration for listing on the High ROI College list include being a fully-accredited, four-year, public or private institution and have a ROI rating on the 2013 College Value Report by PayScale.

"There are so many considerations when choosing

a college home," said Dr. Tom Stein, vice president of enrollment management at Tusculum College. "Considering value is a critical component. When you choose Tusculum College, it is an investment you make in the rest of your life."

AC Online compiled a list of schools meeting these criteria by using data sets from the National Center for Education Statistics, the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, the Carnegie Classification and *PayScale.com*'s College Value Report.

"We aim to educate so that potential students are aware of their options for obtaining a degree and, most importantly, for paying for one," said Dan Schuessler, AC Online founder.

Deans appointed for Schools of Education and Business

Tusculum College has named new deans for the School of Education and the School of Business. A 1977 graduate of Tusculum College, Dr. Paul Fox was named the first dean of the School of Education and Dr. Michael E. Dillon, Jr., as the first dean of the School of Business.

Dr. Fox has served as interim director of the School of Education since 2011. Fox has 25 years of administrative experience in education, including serving as school improvement specialist and supervisor for the Greene County School System.

He has served as president of the Greeneville-Greene County Retired Teachers Association and has taught at Union College in Kentucky and at East Tennessee State University. He has taught in the Tusculum Graduate and Professional Studies program as an adjunct professor. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Tusculum College and holds a master's degree in reading and an Ed.D in educational administration, both from ETSU.

Dr. Dillon comes to Tusculum from Lincoln Memorial University, where he has served as assistant dean, director of the Master of Business Administration program, department chair and associate professor of business. Dr. Dillon also taught finance classes at the University of Cincinnati for six years. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Kenyon College, his MBA from Xavier University and a doctorate in finance from the University of Cincinnati.

Prior to his career in academics, Dr. Dillon's private sector experience involved sales, sales management and purchasing management. He also owned a consulting firm that assisted physicians with their financial issues.



Dr. Paul Fox



Dr. Michael Dillon

Tusculum opens new site at the Kingsport Center for Higher Education

Tusculum College students in the Tri-Cities are settling into a new home for their classes, the Kingsport Center for Higher Education (KCHE).

The College transitioned its Tri-Cities site from Gray to KCHE this summer, and classes started in the Kingsport Center in early August for students in the college's Graduate and Professional Studies program for working adults. The center offers not only classroom space for students, but comfortable places to study and do homework. Tusculum has an office at the center, which is open daily.

Tusculum will offer courses in undergraduate and graduate degree programs of the GPS program at KCHE. To be offered are bachelor's programs in business, education and psychology. Two master's programs are also to be offered – one designed for those wanting to teach in the academic area of their bachelor's degree who need the necessary education requirements for certification and another designed for licensed teachers.

The Kingsport Higher Education Commission gave approval to Tusculum to become a part of its downtown Kingsport Academic Village in May.

Tony Galloway is Tusculum's site coordinator at KCHE and representatives from enrollment management and Student Support Services will be working at the Center to provide services to current and prospective students. Galloway can be reached at tgalloway@tusculum.edu or by calling 423-354-5246 or 888-488-7285. Information about class starts at the Center can be found at www.tusculum.edu/adult.

Tusculum joins Northeast State Community College, the University of Tennessee, King College, Lincoln Memorial University and Milligan College in offering academic programs at the Kingsport Higher Education Center.



The Kingsport Center for Higher Education is now the class site in the Tri-Cities for the Graduate and Professional Studies program

Tusculum College student wins medals at Special Olympic World Winter Games

Tusculum College is home to a decorated Olympic athlete.

Sophomore student Paul Johnston, Jr. of Smyrna, Del., returned from 16 days of competition in South Korea at the Special Olympic World Winter Games last winter with a silver medal from the All-Star Unified competition and three fourth place finishes in advanced alpine skiing events. Johnston competed as part of Team USA.

The Games included 3,300 athletes from 112 countries competing in one of the largest sports events held in the Republic of Korea, host of the 2018 Winter Olympics.

Johnston was the U.S. champion in three skiing events, which qualified him for application for the U.S. team. He was selected and competed in the Super G, the Slalom and the Giant Slalom events. This was his first international competition.

He has already competed in this year's USA event and once again took home three gold medals. As a result, he is hoping to be part of Team USA when the winter games are held in Austria in 2017.

"I liked everything about the experience, but the best part was that there were so many people from all over the world, and no matter what separated the countries,



Paul Johnston, Jr., foreground, won a silver medal and three fourth place finishes in advanced alpine skiing events at the Special Olympics.

everyone comes together at the events through the Special Olympics," said Johnston.

This is Johnston's fifth year competing in the Special Olympics skiing events, he has also competed in soccer, basketball, track and field and bowling. He has been a Special Olympian since third grade.

Johnston is a young man of many talents. He entertained at the Old Oak Festival last April as a roving musician with his antique accordion.



Theatre-at-Tusculum presents

 **Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol**
Nov. 15-17, 21-24

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)
Feb. 21-23, Feb. 28, March 1-2 

 **Twelve Angry Men**
April 25-27, May 2-4

Patrick Eramo '55 returns to his 'second home'

In 1950, Patrick Eramo '55 stepped on a train at Penn Station in New York City bound for a town in Tennessee to enroll in a college he had only seen in brochures his guidance counselor shared with him.

It was not easy leaving a safe and secure home where he had known childhood happiness. His family had reared him with the principles of integrity and service to others. He headed to Tusculum College knowing very little about what he would find, but hoping to get an education and the "Tusculum Experience" as his guidance counselor had described it.

"There was such a group of wonderful people here," said Eramo, recalling what he found when he arrived at the small campus in Tusculum. "At Tusculum integrity was practiced and we had the Honor System. It was like home. It became a second home."

Eramo and his wife, Sally, have recently returned to Tusculum to live out their retirement years. They have also become members of the Heritage Club, a recognition given to alumni and friends who have included the College in their estate plans, as they intend to leave their estate to Tusculum College to create an endowed fund to provide work study funds to international students.

Eramo said he wants to give back to the College that was his home and family. He also wants to help international students have the opportunity for the Tusculum experience. Roberto Garcia, a roommate from Cardenas, Cuba, opened his eyes to the struggles international students face. Years of living in South and Central America have moved Eramo to share what he had at Tusculum with those who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

He also credits his family, particularly his mother, who never turned away someone in need and often fed the unemployed after the Great Depression, which caused so many to lose their livelihoods. Through the Patrick J. Eramo - Ferrante '55 and Sally L. Orum - Duvall Endowed Work Study Fund, international students for years to come will have the opportunity to obtain financial assistance through a work study program.

"When you work for something, you know its value and you appreciate it. My roommate worked in the

dining hall and it teaches responsibility," said Eramo. "I want to give something to help others help themselves."

He remembers fondly the years spent on campus with friends such as Frank Santore '53, Ken Wander '52, Frank Brogden '50, Joe Vogt '53, Joe Stanley '52 and Stan Welty '51. He also remembers faculty members, many of whom impacted his life for years to come.

Eramo's relationship with Tusculum College has remained strong throughout the years, and he and Sally are happy to be back in the community. While he enjoyed his years living in Ecuador, Uruguay and Panama, Eramo said he felt it was time to come home as their ages advanced.

"Tusculum was a second home, and later in life I am realizing more and more that it is the home we have left at the end of our years."

He added he is much impressed with what he has found at Tusculum on his return.

"I am very happy with the progress of the College and very pleased with the leadership of Dr. Nancy B. Moody and all she has done for the College and its students."

Patrick and Sally live nearby now and are part of the Tusculum community once again. They have built new relationships and renewed old ones.

There is no place like home.

*Suzanne S. Richey
director of college communications*



Patrick Eramo in his senior photo.



Active on campus, Patrick, at left on front row, was president of the Outing Club his senior year.

Looking through the Arch

Dobson's Store was an integral part of the Tusculum experience for decades

Dobson's Store was for many years an institution on its own in the Tusculum College community, and its memories remain today as part of that community in relation to Tusculum College. Though Dobson's store is no longer a grocery, the building remains in front of the arch where it has stood since 1892.

Until recent decades, the store was the closest, and often only, place for students to buy snacks, clothes washing supplies and generally anything needed to survive in a moderately isolated college campus. The student store only had Tusculum jackets, notebooks, textbooks and the like. For clothes or other big items, it meant a trip to Greeneville by car or on the hourly Justice Bus Line.

I essentially grew up on the Tusculum campus, and I have vivid memories of tall, thin George Dobson, the elder, from the mid to late 1940s as he stood in his store behind the counter that held the large rotisserie of charge slips. (Regular customers could get credit by just asking and paying up on payday.)

His wife Myrtle "Myrt" was usually by his side complete with her always proper hair-do, tinged with a bit of purple. George's father founded the store in 1887 on what used to be U.S. Highway 11-E, the main north-south route through northeast Tennessee, and the community flocked there for groceries, gasoline, conversation and even fireworks (from the back room) on occasion.

ESSO gasoline was dispensed early on from a tall hand-cranked pump, which had a glass measuring tube calibrated in gallons. Up until about 1960, you not only got gasoline, but also a check of your windshield and oil. Jimmy Walker or Slim Martin were often out front or in the store to take care of related duties, like carrying out your groceries for you or delivering them to your kitchen.

I spent many hours of my youth sitting atop the

Tusculum arch. It was a quick climb for a nimble boy. The arch was a great vantage point to watch and listen to those cars and trucks on the way to their distant destinations and imagine where they were going.

Students passing under could be overheard carrying on their conversations, sometimes with a New York or New Jersey accent. There were three or four of us kids near the

same age who had attachments to the college. We also would sit on the bench in front of the store and listen to cars rounding the Clark Rhea curve down the hill at Frank Creek and try to make claims as to what make and vintage the cars would be before they made it to the store.

We might be able to afford a five-cent, six-ounce glass bottle of Coca-Cola and a five-cent bag of Planters peanuts to pour into the bottle, after we had taken a swig or two to make space. The cola would fizz and spew from the bottle top if we were not quick.

In the early-1950s, the size of the store was enlarged considerably by adding an addition of 10-15 feet all the way down the right side next to what used to be Pop Johnson's soda and short order shop. The idea was probably to better compete with the newly established Greeneville super markets

and their new-fangled ways of marketing. But Dobson's continued to offer the over-sized Rolodex of credit accounts and delivery of groceries to your doorstep.

I can still hear "Myrt" answering the phone with her patent "All...Rite!" and then commencing to take down the orders of a customer who needed a delivery. Everyone called her "Myrt," except when talking directly to her or in her presence when she was "Mrs. Dobson."

Often those orders included some specific cuts of meat which Harold the butcher's son would carve out from the huge sides of beef or other meats that were usually on



Alumni Reminisces

by James 'Jim' Southerland '64

hand. He was known for a fair measure of fine meats and knew what every customer wanted on a regular basis. George always said that it was better to give a little more than the measure than to give less.

Harold was in World War II and was a member of Post 1990 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which at one time claimed to be the largest post in the nation. He married



Myrtle Dobson

Margaret after the war. Margaret also clerked in the store, and they had two sons, Sammy and Freddy.

The boys were a few years younger than me, but being next-door neighbors were always not far away, especially Sammy, the elder brother. Sammy had toy dozers and other construction toys, and we had a spot under the trees where we built lots of roads. When they were old enough, they spent a lot of time assisting in the store and took more responsible roles as they became older.

Today, the structure of Dobson's Store remains, but it is occupied by a restaurant. A gift shop now operates in the building next door. A popular drive-up coffee and ice cream stand occupies the former ESSO office. The store building and the remains of the Dobson property were purchased at auction in 2010 by Greeneville businessman and philanthropist Scott Niswonger '87 H'06, who has been a major college benefactor.

The Harold and Margaret Dobson and the "Pop" Johnson

homes that once sat behind the store were in bad repair and have since been torn down.

Yet the aura of the past and the connection with Tusculum College remains. The George and Myrtle Dobson home (in the triangle formerly where Sam Doak Drive connects with Highway 107) is used for student housing.

Long live the Dobson's Store! Thanks to the institution and the Dobson family who have long been a valued part of Tusculum College and the Tusculum community.



Harold Dobson

James "Jim" Southerland is a 1964 graduate of Tusculum College and lived on or just off the campus with his mother and father, Helen and Arthur Southerland, who worked at Tusculum for almost 35 years. Currently he enjoys semi-retirement with his wife, Joan, and does occasional short-term consulting in Cary, N.C., with frequent visits to Tusculum to visit with his mother.



This photo of Dobson's Store is from the 1907-1917 time period. Note the President's House and the Rankin House to the right.

Rakes, Sarmiento deliver a Tusculum sweep for conference Presidents Award

Tusculum College's Taylor Rakes '12 and Ashley Sarmiento are this year's recipients of the South Atlantic Conference Presidents Award, following a vote of the league's Faculty Athletic Representatives at the annual SAC Business Meeting in Asheville, N.C. This marks only the third time in the 24-year history of the award that one league school has swept both male and female honors.

The SAC Presidents Award is the most prestigious honor the conference awards to its student-athletes. It exemplifies the finest combined qualities of excellence in athletics, academics and community leadership. During the year, the league recognizes 14 Scholar Athletes, representing each of the conference-sponsored sports. The top male and female SAC Scholar Athletes from each represented member school are then nominated for the Presidents Award.

The Pioneer duo becomes the seventh and eighth Tusculum student-athletes in school history to earn this award, respectively. Rakes garners the honor for a second straight year, while Sarmiento earns the SAC Presidents Award for the first time. Both students-athletes are two-time Capital One Academic All-America® selections.

Rakes, a graduate student from Norcross, Ga., earned his bachelor's degree in May 2012 in business and economics, where he posted a 3.87 cumulative grade point average. He was named the SAC Baseball Scholar Athlete of the Year for a second straight season, while also earning a spot on the All-SAC second team for a consecutive year.

Rakes emerged as the pitching ace of the weekend rotation for the Pioneers in 2013 as he posted a 7-2 record in his 15 appearances, including 13 starts. His 2.82 ERA was the seventh lowest in the league, where he pitched in 89.1 innings, allowing 23 walks and a team-best 84 strikeouts. His 2013 strikeout tally was the third-best in Pioneer history, while finishing third in the league and 44th in the nation.

He was active in leadership and community service in the Tusculum College and Greeneville community, including the Pioneer Student Athlete



Taylor Rakes '12



Ashley Sarmiento

Advisory Council, American Cancer Society and the St. Baldrick's "Baseball" program to aid childhood cancer research. He has volunteered as a guest speaker in Tusculum athletic training classes to share his experiences with his "Tommy John" surgery and, along with his father, provided free lawn care services for stationed armed forces personnel.

Sarmiento, a member of the volleyball team, joins former basketball standout Julie Maples '05 as the only Tusculum female recipients of the SAC Presidents Award.

The Dayton, Ohio, junior setter boasts a 3.93 cumulative GPA while majoring in mathematics and math education (K-12). She was named the 2012 SAC Volleyball Scholar Athlete of the Year, becoming the third Pioneer in program history to earn this honor.

On the volleyball court, Sarmiento finished first in the league and 80th in the nation in assists per set, dishing out 9.36 helpers per set last season. The two-time All-Region and All-Conference selection finished 2012 with 1,086 assists as she has recorded over 1,000 in each of her Tusculum campaigns. She was named the SAC Freshman of the Year and the AVCA Southeast Region Freshman of the Year, while also garnering All-Conference and All-Region accolades.

Sarmiento is very active in the community. She is serving her second term as president of the Pioneer Student Athlete Advisory Council and also volunteers with campus and community organizations.

Pioneer Athletics

Sports Hall of Fame to induct three this fall

The 2013 Tusculum College Sports Hall of Fame class has been announced and three new members will be inducted this fall during the Sports Hall of Fame Weekend on Oct. 25-26 on the Greeneville campus.

The inductee class includes 2008 South Atlantic Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Year Carlos Garcia '08; All-Region women's soccer goalkeeper Jennie Murphy '04 '06; and All-Region cross country runner Sue Lewis Pieczonka '03.

Carlos Garcia (2008)

From 2004-08, the Caracas, Venezuela, native accounted for a stellar 64-13 career singles record at Tusculum, including a perfect 25-0 record in conference play. In doubles competition, he also went 61-20 overall and 20-5 in SAC action.

He was most impressive in his final two campaigns with a 36-3 singles record (13-0 in SAC). During that string, he posted a 22-match winning streak in singles competition.

Garcia was a four-time All-Conference performer, including first team honors in 2006 and 2008. He was a four-time SAC Men's Tennis Player of the Week honoree. He was named both the SAC Player of the Year and the SAC Tournament Most Valuable Player during his senior year. Garcia was also honored as the Tusculum Male Athlete of the Year during his final collegiate campaign.

Garcia currently resides in his native Caracas, where he is the business intelligence coordinator for Bumeran.com

Jennie Murphy (2004)

Jennie Murphy is arguably the greatest goalkeeper in the history of Tusculum women's soccer. She is Tusculum's all-time leader in career saves (292), shutouts (20 – 4th in SAC history) and minutes played (5,721). Her 1.02 career goals against average is the fifth lowest in school history (eighth in SAC history) as she posted a 53-16-2



Jennie Murphy '04 '06

record in her 72 career matches played. In her junior campaign, Murphy went 14-2-1 in goal, allowing just nine goals in her 1,406 minutes played for a school-record 0.58 GAA.

She was named to the NSCAA All-Region first team in 2000, the All-SAC first team in 2001 and was twice selected to the SAC All-Tournament team (2000, 2001).

Following her playing career, she served her Alma Mater as an assistant coach for two seasons. She is currently teaching math at Morristown West High School where she is the girls' soccer coach.

Sue Lewis Pieczonka (2003)

Sue Lewis Pieczonka has proven to be one of the best women's cross country runners in Tusculum history.

From 2000-03, the Cincinnati, Ohio, native garnered All-South Atlantic Conference first team accolades three times (2000, 2001, 2002) and owns three of the top 5,000-meter times ever by a Pioneer runner.

In her 28 career meets, she finished in the top-20 a remarkable 22 times, including 19 occasions in the top-10 and 15 top-five performances. Pieczonka's best season came during her sophomore season as she and teammate Amanda Musick Hale '05, became the first two Tusculum cross country runners to earn berths to the NCAA Division II National Championship.

Pieczonka is currently a language arts teacher at Batesville Community Schools in Indiana. She is married to Carl Pieczonka '03, who lettered on the Tusculum football team from 2000-01. They are the proud parents of a son, Carson, and they reside in West Harrison, Ind.



Sue Lewis Pieczonka '03



Carlos Garcia '08

Tusculum becomes first member school with seven SAC Scholar Athletes in one year

Tusculum student-athletes have been getting the job done in competition, but they have also been excelling in the classroom and in the community.

A remarkable seven Pioneers were named the South Atlantic Conference Scholar Athlete of the Year for their respective sports during the 2012-13 academic year. The seven honorees are the most by one conference member in the 24-year history of the SAC Scholar Athlete Award.

2012-13 SAC Scholar Athletes from Tusculum this year, include: Jenny Grant

(women's cross country), Andy Goellner (men's soccer), Ashley Sarmiento (volleyball), Taylor Rakes (baseball), Lukas Winkelmann (men's tennis), Jill Corum (women's golf) and David Talley (men's golf).

The SAC Scholar Athlete of the Year Award recognizes academic achievement, athletic accomplishment, campus leadership and community service. The award is selected by the faculty athletic representatives of the league's member institutions.

Since 1999 when Tusculum became eligible for SAC awards and championships, 46 Pioneers have earned SAC Scholar Athlete distinction, the most by any conference member during that span.

Tusculum uses strong spring finish to end as runner-up for conference Echols Athletic Excellence Award

Following a strong showing in the spring, Tusculum College finished runner-up for the 2012-13 South Atlantic Conference Echols Athletic Excellence Award. The Echols Athletic Excellence Award annually recognizes the member athletic department with the highest point total based on cumulative final standings in each of the conference's sports. Regular-season finish is used in the sports of men's and women's soccer, volleyball, football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's tennis, baseball and softball while SAC Championship results are used for men's and women's cross country, and men's and women's golf.

Tusculum, which entered the spring in eighth place in the award standings, recorded 51.5 points in its six spring sports, to finish with a yearly total of 89.5 points, the most accumulated by the Tusculum athletic department since joining the league in 1999.

The College enjoyed the best combined spring campaign of the league's 10 member institutions as the Pioneers claimed their first-ever SAC softball championship and earned a share of the program's fourth SAC men's tennis championship. Tusculum also finished second in women's tennis and women's golf, while the baseball team finished third and the men's golf team placed fifth at the SAC championship.



Named SAC Scholar Athletes of the Year were, from left, Andy Goellner '13, Jenny Grant '13, David Talley '13, Ashley Sarmiento, Lukas Winkelmann, Jill Corum '13 and Taylor Rakes '12.

Pioneer Athletics

Softball captures first SAC softball championship

The Tusculum softball put together a phenomenal run in March and April to claim the 2013 South Atlantic Conference championship.

SAC Coach of the Year Julie Huebner, in her first season at the helm of the program, rallied her troops from a 6-14 start to the season to winning 25 of their final 30 contests as Tusculum won its ninth overall conference title and first one in 20 years.

Katie Brennan's two-out single in the bottom of the seventh capped a two-run rally in Tusculum's dramatic 4-3 victory over Anderson in the final conference game of the season at Red Edmonds Field.

Kaytlin Stroinski earned All-Region and All-Conference recognition, while Lindsey Umberger and Miranda Beeler were also named to the All-SAC team.

Junior pitcher Kelly King earned a spot on the SAC All-Tournament team. On Feb. 14, 2013, against Limestone, King pitched the fifth recorded no-hitter in program history.



Members of the softball team celebrate their conference championship.

Men's Tennis wins fourth conference championship, Lukas Winkelmann sweeps league honors

The Tusculum men's tennis team ended the 2012-13 season ranked 50th in the nation while also claiming the South Atlantic Conference championship. The Pioneers posted a 15-5 overall record, including 8-1 in conference play to claim the program's fourth league title in school history.

Sophomore Lukas Winkelmann led the charge for the Pioneers as the Boeblingen, Germany, product went 17-2 in singles competition, including a perfect 9-0 in league matches to claim SAC Player of the Year honors. For his efforts, he ended the year listed as the 20th-ranked singles player in the NCAA Southeast Region.



The men's tennis team and Coach Tommy Arnett celebrate the successful 2012-13 season.

Winkelmann also shined in the classroom where he boasts a 3.93 cumulative GPA as a pre-medicine major. He was named the SAC Men's Tennis Scholar Athlete of the Year and was selected to the Capital One Academic All-America® first team, becoming the first sophomore to earn Academic All-America® first team recognition.

Pioneer men's tennis has finished with a winning campaign in 11 of the last 12 seasons, led by head coach Tommy Arnett, who was named the SAC Men's Tennis Coach of the Year for a fourth time in his career.

Class

Notes

'60s

Douglas P. MacKechnie '66 of St. Albans, VT, has written to thank Tusculum "for allowing me to be a student. My time on campus really gave to me the realization that I had what it took to better myself in life." At his retirement, he was a nursing home administrator for a 381-bed facility.

Dr. Ronald May '68 of Plymouth, IN, plans to retire as president of Ancilla College in June 2014. Dr. May has served as president of Ancilla since 2006. He has served as a faculty member at Indiana University, dean of Tusculum College, dean and vice president of Waycross College, vice president and dean of Eastern Shore Community College and president of Louisburg College. Dr. May is a former board member and president of the Tusculum College Alumni Association. He and his wife Joan have three sons.

'80s

Kyle Cavanaugh '80 of Durham, NC, vice president for administration at Duke University, has been appointed a TIAA-CREF Institute Fellow.

Karma Woerner Minkewicz '80 of Austintown, OH, has retired after teaching for 31 years and now finds herself busier than ever. Her daughter Robyn will be a high school senior in the fall and her younger daughter Kathryn will be a freshman.

Stuart Hirstein '87 is the new head of the University School of Jackson in Jackson, TN. Hirstein was serving as associate headmaster at Island Pacific Academy in Kapolei, HI. Hirstein served in the U.S. Army in both Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He has also worked at the Bank of Hawaii and Lehman Brothers in New York City. He and his wife, Mimi, have four children.

'90s

James T. "J.T." Vogt '90 of Maryville, TN, is excited and looking forward to spending more time at Tusculum, visiting his daughter, Samantha, who has entered Tusculum as a student this fall and is a

member of the cross country team. J.T. was also recently appointed as an adjunct professor of entomology at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Dr. Candace Bellamy '91 of Austin, TX, has recorded her debut, full-length album, "In My Lane."

Willie Anderson '94 of Greeneville, TN, has retired from First Tennessee Bank. Anderson had served as vice president/financial center manager of a First Tennessee branch in Greeneville for more than a decade. He has served in leadership roles and various capacities with a number of community organizations including as director of the Greeneville Light and Power System Board and leader of the community's 2007 United Way Campaign.

Lisa Mantooth '95 of Cleveland, TN, is the director of partner relations for the United Way of Bradley County.

Bronwyn Rector '96 of Franklin, TN, is serving as assistant principal at Longview Elementary School in Spring Hill.

Brandon Locks '97 of Apollo Beach, FL, has been hired as baseball coach at East Bay High School in Tampa, FL, and will

teach English. Locks has been coaching 19 years, the past nine seasons as an assistant at Hillsborough Community College.

Jason Vance '98 of Madisonville, TN, is director of schools of the Loudon County School System. His wife, **Amanda Hill Vance '98**, is director of special education for Monroe County Schools.

The Rev. Jonas Hayes '99 recently received Best Short Documentary honors at the 2013 Madrid International Film Festival as executive producer of the film, "Delta: 180: Changing Lives in the Mississippi Delta." "Delta 180" tells the story of the Delta 180 after-school program for youth operating in Greenville, MS. Rev. Hayes, a Presbyterian pastor currently living in Overland Park, KS, was a co-founder of the Delta 180 program during his tenure at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville. The film may be viewed on the www.delta180inc.org.

'00s

Calvin Decker '00 of Morristown, TN, has been named principal at North Greene High School. Decker has taught at Bulls Gap Elementary School and Cherokee and Morristown East high schools. He served as

Four alumni named "Teachers of the Year" in Hamblen County School System

Four Tusculum College alumni were selected as their school-level "Teacher of the Year" in the Hamblen County School System.

Michelle Green '07 of Morristown, TN, was selected for the honor for Hillcrest Elementary School. She is a fourth grade language arts teacher and serves as her school's lead mentor teacher. Michelle co-founded and is administrative director of Children of Hope, a non-profit outreach to local children and youth in need.

Shannon Mayes '00 of Whitesburg, TN, was named Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School's "Teacher of the Year." She is a kindergarten teacher and serves as her school's grade level chairperson for kindergarten and a mentor teacher. Shannon also serves on her school's improvement and leadership committees. She volunteers with McTeacher Night, Daily Bread, Angel Tree, Toys for Tots,

Christmas Shoe Box and the American Cancer Society.

Amy Mitchell '06 of Morristown, TN, was chosen for the honor at Manley Elementary School. She teaches fifth grade and was a state finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. Amy is an instructional leader for teachers throughout the state as a TNCORE math coach.

Crystal Vaughn '04 '07 of Morristown, TN, was chosen as "Teacher of the Year" at West Elementary School. She is a fourth grade teacher and the school's science fair coordinator and scholar bowl coach. She assists with coaching the girls' basketball team and has been cheerleading sponsor. She teaches her school's inclusion writing class. Crystal is the Tennessee Education Association's legislative contact team member for the school system.

assistant principal at East High School and was principal last year of the Miller Boyd Alternative School in Hamblen County. He and his wife, Teresa, have two children, Lindsey and Leah.

Elaine Ely '00 of Sevierville, TN, has been promoted to senior vice president/bank operations at Mountain National Bank. She also serves as an instructor of the American Bankers Association's Principles of Banking courses at Walters State Community College. She is serving as chairwoman of the Leadership Sevier Board of Directors.

Wendy Carpenter '01 of Mosheim, TN, is principal at Mosheim Elementary and Middle School. She and her husband, James, have two children, Madison and Ethan.

Josh Wandell '01 of Elizabethton, TN, is fighting Lou Gehrig's Disease and a special 3K run/walk was scheduled September 14 in his hometown. You can send best wishes to Wandell on the facebook site, "Race for Wandell."

Richelle Gregory '02 '09 of Maryville, TN, has been named global talent manager and will be leading key development programs for the Global Primary Products division of Alcoa. She has worked in human resources for the company since 1997.

Lynn Miller '03 '06 has been named the financial center manager of the First Tennessee Bank Main Street branch in Greeneville. Miller is a 13-year employee of First Tennessee Bank and has served as manager at two other branches. He and his wife, Erica, are parents of a daughter, Kinison.

Caleb Slover '03 of Greeneville, TN, is serving as coach of the Cocke County High School football team. Slover served for several years as an assistant coach for the Pioneer football team.

Steven Tunnell '03 of Greeneville, TN, has been named principal at West Greene High School. He has served as assistant principal for the past two years at the school, from which he is a graduate. He and his wife **Heather '04** have a son, Grant.

Joe Laspada '04 of Brigdeton, NJ, is one of the teachers at Broad Street School whose quick actions are credited with saving the life of a fifth-grader who collapsed during gym class. The little girl, who was found to

Class of 2013 graduates continuing their education

A number of the members of the Class of 2013 will be continuing their education in a variety of programs. They include:

- John-Thomas Carrino and Amber Dykes, who have been accepted into the Physician's Assistant program at Lincoln Memorial University (LMU), Harrogate
- Vinton Copeland, who was accepted into the Master of Divinity program at Mercer University, Atlanta, GA
- Christopher Luke Harris, who was accepted into a Radiation Therapy program at Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA
- Billie Jennings, who has been accepted into the Master in Fine Arts program at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Alisha Jones and William Kemper, who have been accepted to the DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine program at LMU, Harrogate
- Justin Reed, who has been accepted into the Master of Fine Arts in creative writing program at Washington University in St. Louis, MO
- Ben Sneyd, who has been accepted into the Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing at the University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR
- Alex Wiedemann, who has been accepted to the graduate mathematics program at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

be suffering from a heart ailment, made a full recovery and returned to school.

Brad Hawks '05 of Galax, VA, has been named the 2012-2013 Southwest District Basketball Coach of the Year as well as the Region 4 Division 4 Coach of the Year as the head coach at Carroll County High School.

Hope Malone '05 of Bluff City, TN, has been appointed one of 15 Reward Schools ambassadors for the State of Tennessee. Through the Reward Schools Ambassador Program, Malone, a fifth grade science and social studies teacher at Avoca Elementary School, will spend the next school year helping Northeast Tennessee schools that scored poorly on state achievement tests.

Gregory Daniel Merrill '05 of Chattanooga, TN, writes that Tusculum was "some of the best years of my education. I miss working in the security office, and being a residential advisor for my junior and senior years. Best things that came out of going to Tusculum were my wife, education, and friendships. Thank you Tusculum. Shout out to Katherine Hall RAs Ross Lewis and Ken Francis, miss you guys."

Beth Bryant Catron '07 has been named the volleyball coach at Chuckey-Doak High School. She will be teaching algebra and English. She was a teacher and coach at North Greene High School.

Jeremiah Peterson '09 of Boston, MA, is working at Pricewaterhouse Coopers. He

is also enrolled in the Yale School of Management MBA program.

Brandon Rohr '10 has been named head boy's basketball coach at West Greene High School. A business teacher at the high school, Rohr served as an assistant coach last year.

Josh Bennett '11 '13 has been named the girl's basketball coach at West Greene High School. He played on the Pioneers men's basketball team and served last year as an assistant coach.

Kirstie Gust '12 has completed her master's program in accounting at Indiana University. She began work in August as a financial management associate at KPMG in Chicago.

Josh Davis '13 of Sharps Chapel, TN, is a teacher at Meadow View Middle School in the Hamblen County School System.

Samuel "Trey" Ricker III '13 of Greeneville, TN, has been appointed assistant vice president at Heritage Community Bank.

Nuptials

Adam Hall '06 of Franklin, TN, was married June 15, 2011, to Laura Litzenberg.

Jessica L. Britton '12 and Matthew R. Harris were married December 28, 2012. She is the daughter of **Lyn Britton '12**. After a honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple is living in Greeneville, TN. Jessica is a first grade teacher at Chuckey Elementary School.



Mark Persaud '08 and Rachel Barnard '09 of Maryville, TN, were married June 1, 2013, in Maryland at a service that was attended by a number of Tusculum alumni. Front row, from left, are Sonya Ramsey '08, Mark Persaud '08, Rachel Barnard Persaud '09 and Abby Swanger '08. Back row, from left, are Cody Greene '08, Glenn Vicary '10, Ronnie Harris '08, Nick Law '08, Erin Law '09 and Megan Hart '09.

Births

Cynthia L. Dewitt '01 of Asheville, NC, is celebrating the birth of her second daughter, Rosalie Grace Dewitt-Stephens, on January 3, 2013.

Thomas and Barbie (Ricker) Ishii '03 '04 of Hermitage, TN, are celebrating the birth of a daughter on January 16, 2013. They also have a 9-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter.

Justin Jeffers '04 of Chuckey, TN, and his wife, Jennifer, celebrated the birth of a daughter, Addison Mae, on May 21, 2013.

Ryan Munson '04 of Ogdon, UT, and his wife, Courtney, are welcoming their second child, Jack Ryan, born on June 13, 2013. He was 7 lbs. and 12 oz. and 21 inches long.

Kari (Karns) and Timothy Perin '05 '06 of Port Clinton, OH, celebrated the birth of their second child, Luke James Perin, on Easter Sunday, March 21, 2013. He was 7 lbs. and 1 oz. and 20 inches long. Baby Luke has strawberry blonde hair and blue eyes.

Tracy England Treece '05 and her husband Joshua, of Middlesboro, KY welcomed their first son, Ryan Andrew Treece, on September 29, 2011.

Memorials

'40s

Rita Sams King '42 of Greeneville, TN, passed away February 3, 2013. Mrs. King was a retired educator, teaching in the Greene County and Greeneville school systems for 40 years. Her survivors include brother and Tusculum alumnus **Robert Drain '49**.

Eugene Quentin Sams '42 of Afton, TN, passed away on April 20, 2013. Mr. Sams retired from Philips Consumer Electronics. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. His survivors include Tusculum alumni grandson **Erik Sams '08** and brother-in-law **Robert Drain '49**.

Joy Dauerty Seher '43 of Greeneville, TN, passed away on June 29, 2013. She served as secretary of the President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library Association.

Anna Quillen '46 of Portland, OR, passed away May 22, 2013. She was a retired secretary, having worked at the Episcopal Church Center in New York.

Clifton Earle Shotwell '47 of Fern Park, FL, passed away June 19, 2013. Mr. Shotwell had served as a professor of mathematics at the University of the South and at Tusculum College. He was also a systems engineer at IBM for many years.

His survivors include brother-in-law and sister-in-law and Tusculum alumni **Bill and Jane (Shanks) Piloni '60 '59**. His wife of almost 67 years, **Jeannette Meldrum Shanks Shotwell '45**, passed away last year. The two had met as Tusculum students.

'50s

Henry Geiger, Jr. '50 of Rogersville, TN, passed away May 20, 2013. Mr. Geiger was the president of C.H. Geiger and Sons Co. and was a farmer. A veteran, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Edna Curtis Purvis '50 of Kingsport, TN, passed away April 27, 2013. Mrs. Purvis was a career librarian and teacher in Kingsport and Sullivan County schools. Her survivors include Tusculum alumni, son **Calvin B. Purvis '94**, sister **LaWanda Baskette '48**, brother-in-law **Silas W. Purvis '44** and sister-in-law **Mary B. Purvis '53**.

Nancy Cox-Mitchell '52 of Greeneville, TN, passed away on March 8, 2013. Mrs. Cox-Mitchell was a retired educator and an accomplished musician who served Sunday school classes at her church. Her survivors include son-in-law and Tusculum alumnus **Tim Harrison '82**.

Jane Edna Dalzell Krieger '53 of St. Johns, FL, passed away on December 3, 2012. Mrs. Krieger was a retired human services manager for the Wackenhut Corporation, where she worked for 25 years.

Dr. Roger B. Solomon '53 of Atlanta, GA, passed away April 12, 2013. An inquisitive mind and strong belief in lifelong learning led Dr. Solomon to earn seven degrees from institutions including Emory University, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University, East Tennessee State University, Walden University and Columbia University. He was licensed and/or certified in clinical psychology, teaching-education and engineering (radio). His teaching career spanned several colleges and universities throughout the South, with his final teaching assignment at Emory University. He was the author of several books and numerous articles for professional journals. His survivors include Tusculum alumna and niece **Mary Jo Solomon Slagle '60**.

Clifford C. Anthes Jr. '57 of El Paso, TX, passed away July 11, 2012. Mr. Anthes was

a veteran, having served a tour of duty in Korea. Anthes entered the mortgage banking field in El Paso. He then went into homebuilding and excelled in the first-time homebuyer market and land development.

James De Baun '57 of Conway, SC, passed away June 1, 2013. Mr. De Baun was a retired counselor, who has served at the Fishkill Correctional Facility. Mr. De Baun served in the U.S. Army for several years.

Nayland Denis Clark '58 of Greeneville, TN, passed away on July 16, 2013. He and his wife **Elaine Russell Clark '60** had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 29. Mr. Clark was retired from Philips Consumer Electronics and was active in the community, particularly the Kiwanis Club.

Lloyd E. "Butch" Schrack '58 of Niagara Falls, NY, passed away on May 30, 2013. Mr. Schrack was vice president of Schrack Oil Company for 20 years and served as an employment specialist at Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara for 23 years. He was a member of the New York State Army National Guard.

Ben Thompson '58 of Afton, TN, passed away June 21, 2013, following a battle with cancer. Mr. Thompson was a lifelong farmer and was retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, working as County Executive Director of the Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service before being appointed State Executive Director. His survivors include son and Tusculum alumnus **Bandy Thompson '05** and sister and Tusculum alumna **Judy Thompson Philips '61**.

'60s

Howard Doscher '60 of East Hanover, NJ, passed away on July 4, 2013. Mr. Doscher was retired after 30 years of service as a vice president with Chubb Corporation before becoming an insurance consultant. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Richard J. Sloane '63 of Marlton, NJ, passed away July 25, 2009. Mr. Sloane was a teacher for the Mt. Laurel school system. His survivors include his wife and Tusculum alumna **Virginia L. Hartle Sloane '64**.

Sven E. Danielson '64 of Castine, Maine, passed away January 17, 2013, where he had lived for more than 10 years. Mr. Dan-

Tusculum community mourns passing of Life Trustee Frank Brogden '50

The Tusculum College community lost a true friend with the passing of Frank M. Brogden '50 of Kingsport, Tenn., on September 6, 2013.

Mr. Brogden was serving his Alma Mater as a Life Trustee at the time of his passing. During his time on the Board of Trustees, he had served for a period as vice-chair.

A veteran, he served in the U.S. Navy in 1945-1946. After graduation, he served a brief time as director of admissions for Tusculum. He then began work for Holston Defense Corporation and later with Tennessee Eastman Company. He spent 38 years in public relations at Eastman and at retirement in 1990, was an assistant vice president and director of communications and public affairs.

Mr. Brogden was active in Kingsport community life. He served as president of the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce, and was elected a Life Member of the Chamber. For 20 years, he was the Santa on the Chamber/CSX Railroad Santa Train and Parade and was chairman of the 1986 Fun Fest.

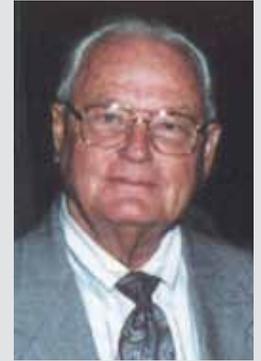
Mr. Brogden was a former president

and a current member of the Kingsport Kiwanis Club. He was a member of the American Legion, and also a member of the City of Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen for eight years.

He was a director for the Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency.

Mr. Brogden chaired the former State Health Facilities Commission, was a member of the Tennessee Student Assistance Agency and a member of the State Water Quality Control Board. He was an active member of First Broad Street United Methodist Church during his 57 years as a member.

His survivors include his wife and Tusculum alumna Rolien Brown Brogden '51 and was preceded in death by his son Reid Brogden '82.



Frank Brogden '50

ielson worked most of his career in the restoration of historic structures, for which he received national recognition.

Carl Cranston Davenport, Jr. '64 of Greeneville, TN, passed away August 31, 2013, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He and his wife, **Barbara (Banks) Davenport '64** were owners of Tri State Auto Glass and enjoyed their farm on Shiloh Road near the College.

'80s

Bill Cook '87 of Johnson City, TN, passed away March 7, 2013. Mr. Cook served his Alma Mater as an adjunct faculty member. He was a behavioral health assessment counselor with Mountain States Health Alliance.

'90s

Danise Ranae Nelson '90 of Greeneville, TN, passed away April 28, 2013. Ms. Nel-

son was a teacher at Mosheim Elementary Middle School.

Judy Aileen Lawson Netherland '99 of Bristol, TN, passed away on January 15, 2013. Mrs. Netherland was a retired educator, having taught in Sullivan County for 24 years. She worked in the library and taught English at Virginia Highlands Community College until the time of her passing.

'00s

Cindy Louise Frazier Mabry '02 of Morristown, TN, passed away June 18, 2013. She had taught seventh grade science at Jefferson Middle School for 18 years.

Friends

Constance D. Lamons of Greeneville, TN, passed away on Sept. 8, 2013. She was the widow of Harrison Lamons, who served on the Tusculum College Board of Trustees.

Class of 1963 celebrates golden anniversary

Members of the Class of 1963 celebrated their 50th anniversary with special activities surrounding the Saturday, May 11, spring commencement ceremony at the College.

Eighteen members of the Class of 1963 were part of the Commencement processional and were special guests at a reception at the President's House on the evening prior to commencement.

The members of the class, their spouses and friends from earlier classes got reacquainted with each other and reminisced during the reception at the President's House hosted by Tusculum President Nancy B. Moody and her husband, Tom. They also enjoyed a video put together by class member Joe Romano that featured footage he had from their time at Tusculum.

During the reception, each Class of 1963 member was presented with a commemorative medallion by Dr. Moody, who also gave the alumni an update of the latest developments on campus.

The day of commencement began with a breakfast at the Pioneer Perk, where the class members were



Members of the Class of 1963, spouses and other Golden Pioneers gathered for the reception at the President's House.

fitted with a golden cap and gown for participation in the processional.

As spouses and guests of the class members were taken to reserved seating in the Pioneer Arena for the ceremony, the class members prepared to take their place in the front of the Commencement Processional. They then led the students graduating into the arena.

The Golden Pioneers were recognized during the ceremony by Dr.

Moody. The class members decided to combine their class gift with the class gift from the graduating seniors. Joe Romano and Jenny Grant, a graduating senior, presented Dr. Moody with a check for the combined gift of \$11,125 during the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, the Golden Pioneers were reunited with their spouses and guests for a luncheon in the Pioneer Perk.



The Golden Pioneers take a moment to pose for a group shot prior to lining up to lead the graduation procession.

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