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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Event allows students to say *'thank you'*

November is a time when thoughts turn to giving thanks; and it is no different on the Tusculum College campus.

A week before Thanksgiving more than 100 students participated in the "Thanks-for-Giving" party. The event, hosted by the Office of Institutional Advancement with assistance from the Office of Financial Aid, recognizes annual and endowed scholarship recipients and gives those recipients an opportunity to write thank-you notes to donors who have contributed to those scholarships.

Each of the students were presented certificates and had their photo made with Interim President Dr. Russell Nichols for a press release sent to their hometown newspapers.

The students' parents were also invited to the event, and many came to celebrate their child's recognition. There were also grandparents, close friends, and even fiancés, who attended.

Donors to the scholarships were invited to the event as well, and some area individuals who were able to come enjoyed meeting their scholarship recipients.

Watch for the spring-summer edition of the Tusculum magazine to learn more about this event!



Tusculum student Hunter Taylor, center, was able to meet one of the donors to his scholarships. Hunter and Ann Beeson Gouge '40, right, spent time talking and learning about each other and posing for photos, including this one with Interim President Dr. Russell Nichols.



More than 340 earn degrees at winter commencement

The ranks of Tusculum College alumni swelled by 347 following winter commencement ceremonies on December 13. Chosen to speak by the faculty to represent their fellow graduates were Robin Aiken Proffitt '08, Mark Strange '08, and Brody Wells '08. The ceremonies ended with the "gauntlet" in which the graduates are applauded by the faculty.



Honors students at Tusculum College who reside in the "Honors House" located near Doak Elementary School across the highway from the main Tusculum campus were pleased recently by the donation of several furnishings for their house given by the father of one of their members. Randy Cox delivered the items personally from Huntsville, AL, and visited with his daughter, Anney, one of the Honors House residents. He happened to make the delivery on McCormick Service Day, accounting for the matching tee-shirts worn by several in the photo above. While he was on campus he was greeted and thanked by Tusculum College Interim President Dr. Russell Nichols as well as Associate Professor of English Dr. Nancy Thomas, who oversees the honors program at Tusculum College. Shown above are, from left, Dr. Russell Nichols, Nancy Thomas, student Anney Cox (seated), Randy Cox (whose donation included the table and chairs in this photo taken on the front porch of the Honors House), and student Nick Butler (seated). Students standing in the background are Will Chilcutt, the resident assistant in the Honors House, and Kenneth Hill and Michelle Hoover. Tangible gifts such as the furniture and accessories donated by Randy Cox are one of many ways friends and alumni of Tusculum College can provide much-appreciated support.

College partners with local banks to host community economic forum

More than 500 people turned out for the Economic Forum held at Tusculum College on November 24.

The College, in conjunction with the Greene County Partnership and a consortium of local banks, hosted the event as an informational session for the community. Experts from the Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions and the FDIC, along with Tusculum



Regional Manager Gary Beasley of the FDIC Division of Insurance and Research shares economic data during the forum.

College's own faculty experts, presented current economic information and answered questions about the state of financial markets.

While acknowledging the weak economy, both experts and the panel encouraged participants by stating that the regional economy is actually in better shape than that of the nation. And while the national and global economies continue to cause uncertainty and unease, all agreed that the local financial institutions are stable.

The Economic Forum, titled "Get the Answers to Your Most Important Questions," was open to the public in addition to Tusculum students, staff and faculty. Panelists and special guests included Commissioner Greg Gonzales, Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions; Regional Manager Gary Beasley, FDIC Division of Insurance and Research and Tusculum College staff and faculty experts, Dr. Antonio Bos, professor of Business Administration; Dr. George Darko, associate professor of Economics, and Dr. Stella Schramm, professor of Management.

"In these difficult economic times with so much conflicting information, it is encouraging to see the financial community show the leadership to provide a clearer picture of the causes of the problems and the options before us," said Tusculum College Interim President Dr. Russell Nichols. "By hosting the event and lending the expertise of our faculty and staff, Tusculum is proud to be a partner with the financial community leaders in this important occasion."



A growing annual tradition at Tusculum College is a breakfast hosted and served by leading administrators of the College as a gesture of thanks to staff and faculty members for generous support of Tusculum College's Faculty/Staff Campaign. Shown above at this year's breakfast on September 4 are four members of the President's Cabinet who participated as cooks and servers: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Steve Gehret, Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement Susan Vance '91, Provost Kim Estep, and Vice President for Enrollment Management Jacquelyn Elliott. Other Cabinet members, along with Interim President Dr. Russell Nichols, also took part.

Save the Date!

Tusculum College Homecoming 2009

"Tradition Never Graduates"

October 30 and 31

'Sit Lux' event begins new tradition

More than 140 Tusculum students, staff, faculty and friends participated in the first annual Tusculum college Sit Lux Celebration on December 1, sharing in activities such as tree trimming and ornament making.

This new event was planned by the Student Activities Board and Student Affairs as an all-in-one event for students, faculty, staff, alumni, families, friends and the community .

It will be held annually to commemorate both Tusculum College's history and the holiday season.

The event culminated with the lighting of the Grand Tree in front of the Annie Hogan Byrd Fine Arts Building, which had 43,00 lights.



Erick Lee decorates the Christmas tree inside the Niswonger Commons during the celebration.



Exciting Pioneer fall sports season ends with records broken, playoff success, and honors for student-athletes and coaches

What a fall season it has been for the Tusculum Pioneers! All of the College's fall sports programs posted winning records with the football and men's soccer teams enjoying their best seasons in school history.

The men's soccer team, under the direction of second-year head Brett Teach, established seven team and individual marks en route to a 20-3-1 record and a second straight South Atlantic Conference (SAC) championship. The Pioneers also won the Food Lion SAC Tournament championship and advanced to the NCAA Division II Tournament where the Pioneers won the Southeast Region title and advanced to the national quarterfinal.

Senior forward Bruno Conceição had a banner season in which he was named the Daktronics Region Player of the Year and SAC Player of the Year. He earned First Team All-American honors, one of five Pioneers this year to garner All-America recognition. The others were Lance Moore, Anteneh Lemma, Scott Lucky, and Sven Meyer.

Teach was named SAC Coach of the Year for a second consecutive season and was named the 2008 National Soccer Coaches' Association of America Southeast Region Coach of the Year, becoming the first coach in program history to earn NSCAA Region Coach of the Year honors.

The Tusculum football team won four of its last five games to tie a school record for wins in a season as the Pioneers captured the program's second SAC championship in the last five years. Tusculum clinched the league title with a thrilling 45-44 win over arch-rival Carson-Newman in the regular season finale.

With the win, the Pioneers earned their first-ever NCAA Division II Playoff berth. Tusculum was the No. 4 seed in the Super Region Two bracket of the national playoffs hosting Albany State. The Pioneers rallied from behind to post a 34-22



Corey Russell targets his receiver during the Pioneers' playoff win against Albany State.

win over the Rams to advance to the round of 16, where the team would be eliminated by regional top-seed Delta State.

Leading the Pioneers this year was SAC and Region Offensive Player of the Year Corey Russell. Russell, a senior quarterback from Speedwell, TN, was a national finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy, which recognizes the Division II Player of the Year. Russell smashed the school and SAC record books, while establishing a pair of NCAA single-season marks.

Jarrell NeSmith and Russell were named to the 2008 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-America Football Team in December. NeSmith, a tight end from Russellville, AL, was named to the First Team, while Russell earned Second Team recognition. NeSmith earned All-SAC First Team and Daktronics Super Region Two First Team honors, finishing second on the team and in the league with 67 receptions. His catch tally is the third-best in school history. He totaled 635 receiving yards, while making seven touchdown receptions.

The Pioneers set 44 team and individual records, while a dozen players earned conference and region honors. Tusculum head coach Frankie DeBusk garnered conference and region coach-of-the-year honors.

On the volleyball court, first-year head coach Michael Robinson guided the Pioneers to their third straight 20-win season. Leading the way on the court was sophomore Katie Luebke as she earned a spot on the All-SAC First Team.

The Tusculum women's soccer team recorded the program's 11th consecutive winning season. Senior forward Danielle Tanner, was named the SAC and Region Player of the Year. She also earned a spot on the Daktronics All-America team.

The Tusculum cross country teams also enjoyed individual success. Sophomore Simon Holzapfel finished runner-up at the SAC Championship, earning him a spot on the All-SAC First Team, becoming the first Tusculum male runner to earn that honor. He finished ninth at the NCAA Southeast Region Championship to earn All-Region recognition. On the women's side, senior Alicja Dembna earned All-SAC Second Honors for a second straight year.

Several Tusculum student-athletes were recognized for their academic success and community service. Women's Soccer player Nicole Ferris and football player Jarrell NeSmith were named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Teams for their respective sports. Ferris and NeSmith were also tabbed SAC Scholar Athletes, marking the second year in a row for each to earn that prestigious honor.



Bruno Conceição was featured by Sports Illustrated in its "Faces in the Crowd" section of the December 6 issue, above.

Theatre-at-Tusculum's 'Wizard of Oz' packs the house

Thousands of people took Theatre-at-Tusculum's invitation to follow Dorothy's adventures along the Yellow Brick Road in its fall production of "The Wizard of Oz."

The familiar story of Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion and their quest to have their wishes fulfilled by the great Wizard of Oz was performed to packed houses by a cast of more than 100 under the direction of Marilyn duBrisk, director of Arts Outreach.

Several of the seven performances during the first two weeks of November were to capacity crowds inside the Annie Hogan Byrd Auditorium. The play's popularity and ticket demand led Arts Outreach to stop taking reservations for seating during the second weekend of the performance.

The cast included a number of members of the Tusculum College community. Alumni in the cast included Angela (Alt) Bride '95. Current Tusculum students in the cast included Will Chilcutt, Heather Dalton, Brent Miracle, and Brian Ricker. And the Cowardly Lion was portrayed by Wess duBrisk, who retired a few years ago from the College after teaching mass media for a number of years.



The Tin Man (Seth Holt), the Scarecrow (Chris Greene) and Dorothy (Emily Bryant) meet the Cowardly Lion (Wess duBrisk), top left. Dorothy meets the Scarecrow, top right. At right, Dorothy gets spruced up by ladies in the Emerald City. Tusculum student Heather Dalton is behind Dorothy to the right. Tusculum student Brian Ricker portrayed the captain of the Winkies, the henchman of the Wicked Witch of the West.



SPECIAL SECTION:

Pioneers in an International Community



THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL STUDIES: TUSCULUM COLLEGE'S ROLE IN A GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

DR. GEIR BERGVIN
DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR GLOBAL STUDIES

Markets have, over the past decade, become fragmented in nature and global in scope. Future Tusculum College graduates will be required to have an understanding of and exposure to different cultures. The opportunity for the College is to provide students from the Schools of Business, Education and Arts and Sciences with a better foundation and a greater chance to succeed in the global marketplace.

A typical student on the Residential College campus is a first-generation college student and resides within a 100-mile circle of Tusculum's main campus. The majority of Tusculum students have never been abroad.

According to the Interim President Dr. Russell Nichols, one of Tusculum's highest academic priorities is the advancement of opportunities for our students to have one or more international experiences before graduating. He envisions that all Tusculum students and faculty, in five years, will be assured of that opportunity, regardless of their financial ability. That goal has been embraced by faculty, students, and Trustees.

Under this charge, Tusculum College has begun benchmarking the study-abroad programs of U.S. colleges and universities that have been recognized for providing a large portion of their student population with international experiences. These efforts are to assess the extent of their international activities and see what could be adapted to the College in order to commence the process of internationalizing our curricula.

Tusculum faculty members were consulted about past and present international opportunities made available to both students and faculty. This information and the history of the Study Abroad program are posted to the Tusculum Web Page, and on the page following this column.

The Center for Global Studies was formed in spring 2008 and is located in the Piloni Office on the ground floor of the Thomas J. Garland Library. The mission is to "enhance the capacity of individuals and organizations to address local and global challenges through building relationships with communities, institutions of higher learning and organizations globally."

So what is the plan forward? From a strategic perspective, it is important that Tusculum College simultaneously focus its efforts on providing international experiences for both its faculty and students. Proposals are currently being developed for administrators and faculty to attend the International Study Program in Salzburg, Austria, and for faculty to travel to



Geir Bergvin

Belize. A membership in the Council of International Educational Exchange (CIEE) is also in progress, providing benefits to both Tusculum faculty and students.

The Center for Global Studies is developing criteria to help faculty and the administration to decide on international institutions of higher education with which to partner based on areas of academic interest and travel experiences.

In order to create awareness of and interest in studying abroad, the Center hosts “The World this Wednesday,” where students, faculty and administrators make 15 to 20 minute presentations about their international travel experiences. The Center is also developing the charter for an International Studies Club, where students can gather to discuss topics of mutual interest and invite business leaders to speak on international business issues.

Finally, the Center’s vision is “to become an international experience resource center for Tusculum faculty and students, as well as the local business community.” The latter will be accomplished through the development of international travel programs for local companies helping business leaders identify, network and partner with international organizations. Since international business includes the study and understanding of culture, it is the hope that the efforts of the Center for Global Studies will foster a language program here at Tusculum. These efforts will in total help better prepare Tusculum students for the 21st century, while improving the business base in Greene and the surrounding counties.

Program Updates!

Just as our Special Edition magazine was headed to press, Tusculum College and the Center for Global Studies announced several new developments with its international programs.

Provost Dr. Kim Estep was notified by the Salzburg Global Seminar that a Fellowship proposal she had authored has been accepted, and as a result, Dr. Estep; Dr. Geir Bergvin, director of the Center for Global Studies, and Dr. Joel Van Amberg, assistant professor of history, will participate in an international curriculum development program that will send the three to visit Salzburg, Austria this January. The program will allow the trio to begin working on networks and faculty exchanges in order to help Tusculum faculty to integrate international experiences into their curricula. The trip takes place mid-January and the group intends to share their experiences with the Tusculum faculty upon their return.

In addition, Dr. Van Amberg has received a grant from the Appalachian College Association which will allow him to spend six weeks in Augsburg, Germany, to complete final research for the publication of his dissertation, which is focused on popular movements in early 16th century Augsburg.

Complete stories regarding these exciting announcements and the naming of the new Advisory Council for the Center for Global Studies, are available online at www2.tusculum.edu/studyabroad.

Study Abroad At Tusculum College: A Brief History of a Broadening Program

The Tusculum Study Abroad program was initiated in the early 1990s by Associate Professor of Psychology Dr. Adrian Sherman, who started conducting regular student trips to Costa Rica to study cross-cultural psychology. He was soon made the Dean of the Study Abroad program and traveled to Europe in an attempt to develop agreements with selected European institutions. Tusculum's Study Abroad program remained, despite these efforts, not highly successful.

Interest in the program began to increase through a partnership formed with Universidad Latina in Costa Rica, whose students started traveling to Tusculum to study English as a second language.

The program was soon expanded to include the Business Education Initiative (BEI) which had just been started by U.S. Presbyterians and Catholics who wanted to become involved in the Northern Ireland peace process.

The Study Abroad program continued its expansion through the London Program (see further information in next article). This opportunity became a reality in early 2000 and was made available through the Association of Appalachian Colleges (ACA) which had received a grant from the Berger Foundation for the purpose of providing educational development opportunities for poor and disadvantaged students in Appalachia. Fourteen of the ACA schools subsequently developed the Private College Consortium for International Studies, thus forming a partnership with the International Enrichment program through the Missouri consortium of universities. This program also offers opportunities for full-time faculty to teach abroad.

The Belize program became part of the Tusculum study abroad program in 2002. This is a Service-Learning program made available through a BIBLE Studies Grant from the Presbyterian Church USA. Program participants have, through a cooperative relationship with Peacework, been able to take part in the tutoring of local students and help homeless families to build bridges across toxic waters.

Under the direction of Dr. Geir Bergvin, the program is again in the process of expanding as a result of a vision brought to Tusculum by its Interim President, Dr. Russell Nichols, who recognized the need for and value of providing international exposure for Tusculum students as the College looks to prepare its student population for the 21st Century.



Trips to Costa Rica in the 1990s helped launch the Study Abroad program.

THE 'LONDON PROGRAM': BUILDING A BRIDGE OF LEARNING BETWEEN THE CONTINENTS



London's famous Tower Bridge is the subject of this photo by Tusculum Professor of Political Science Dr. Jim Reid.

Students and professors are “crossing the Spond” for cultural enrichment and educational opportunities through the “London Program.”

An international teaching-and-learning opportunity that has involved Tusculum College students and faculty members for years is the London Program at the Imperial College of the University of London, usually called simply, the London Program.

This program is offered through a partnership between International Enrichment (IE) and the Private College Consortium for International Study (PCCIS), a partnership of 14 colleges in the Appalachian College Association (ACA). Tusculum College is an ACA member school.

The Private College Consortium for International Studies (PCCIS) was developed by IE and the participating institutions for the benefit of their respective students. All PCCIS institutions are fully accredited. The participating institutions design their own academic programs abroad using their own curriculums, standards and styles.

All courses have been structured so that academic credits earned by students are part of regular authorized course offerings. This allows students to

make normal progress towards their undergraduate degrees while utilizing foreign resources and cross-cultural experiences. Courses are taught by a combination of British and American academics.

Applicants must have a junior or senior status with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students who have at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and have successfully reached junior or senior standing on their home campus may also apply to take one of Imperial College's courses.

The duration of the London term is one semester and can be done during spring, summer or fall.

Participating students in the London Program are lodged in flats within easy distance of London's Imperial College, whose facilities are used for classes. The cultural immersion experienced by the students is novel to many of them because many London Program participants have never been out of the United States previously.

Tusculum College Professor of Mathematics Dr. John Pauling, who has also been involved in the London Program as a teacher, said that the lodging circumstances make it natural for students to learn

cooperative living because the rooms are typically small, as many London flats tend to be.

Dr. Pauling describes the program as a rich cultural opportunity for students. One of his few regrets about his own participation as a teacher is that he often overlooked opportunities to take photographs.

"I just forgot I had my camera with me sometimes," he says.

Professor of Political Science Dr. Jim Reid returned to active teaching on the Tusculum campus this academic year after having been away teaching London Program students, which this year did not include Tusculum College students.

While in London, Dr. Reid also completed a scholarly work about Sen. Barack Obama and the American political process.

Dr. Reid also spent some of his time exposing his London students to the life, arts, and culture of their host city, leading excursions to cultural and historical sites.

Dr. Reid has been particularly active as a Tusculum College faculty member who provides students a chance to learn internationally, whether through the London Program or otherwise. In the first block of the fall 2004 semester, he took his History 303 Europe class on a learning tour of Italy and the Czech Republic, where they studied the Renaissance and Reformation in the geographic settings where those sweeping historical epochs had particularly great impact.



The London Program exposes participants to classic landmarks such as "Big Ben," above, and newer ones such as the London Eye, shown in the lower left photo overlooking the Thames River, with Dr. Jim Reid of Tusculum College in the foreground. The London Program also allows teachers to expose students to locations where important British figures lived and worked, such as writer George Orwell, whose home is shown in the photo below.



Journeys of Service and Discovery

Student Jeremiah Peterson puts his training to work in first-hand analysis of Belize economy

Belize. The tropical Central American country is known to many Americans as a tourist destination. But, for several Tusculum College students, the country is a place to learn about serving others and applying “book” knowledge, talent and skills for the greater good. One such student is Jeremiah Peterson.

Jeremiah has had the opportunity to travel to the country three times as a student.

His first trip to Belize came in March 2007 as a member of a Service-Learning Immersion class that worked with a school in Pomona in the southern part of the country. It was the first trip abroad for Peterson, who is from the small town of Unicoi, TN, just a few miles down the highway from Tusculum.

“My initial emotion before arrival was mostly anxiety - I didn’t know what to expect in any way,” he says. “While the preparation helped us be more culturally sensitive and ready for our time in Belize, it was still a complete rush when we arrived! I think I smiled and laughed the entire first day; it was an incredible experience.”

In the fall of 2007, Jeremiah took on the challenge of being Student Coordinator for the Belize program as his placement for the year as a Bonner Leader, a student service organization in which participants commit to volunteering at least 100 hours a semester in the community. In this role, Jeremiah traveled to Belize to investigate possibilities to develop stronger, more extensive partnerships. His role as Student Coordinator, Jeremiah says, allowed him “to take on a much larger role not only in the hands-on service, but also the planning and developing of the program. Making it my Bonner placement gave me the motivation, and really, the time and ability to make it my own.”

“While the first class was an amazing experience, I feel that my role in helping develop the program was even more rewarding and valuable to me,” he says. “I made some great connections with the organization that we traveled with, Peacework, as well as contacts within the country. Helping develop the program really allowed me to understand the big objective that this kind of program should strive for, and how those objectives can be achieved.”

Last spring, Jeremiah again traveled as part of a Service-Learning Immersion class to the village of San Jose in the northern section of Belize to work with a school. The students also researched an issue while in Belize, and for Jeremiah, a business administration major with dual concentrations in economics and accounting and minors in international business and management, it was the economy of the area.

Upon his return to Tusculum, Jeremiah began putting what he had learned through his research into a report that he had been requested to complete. He describes the document as a “basic assessment of local conditions in San Jose and Orange Walk communities that didn’t exist before.” The report, he adds is “not a deep ‘numbers’ project. It was stressed that a basic understanding of relevant characteristics was the first step, and that was what I strived to do.”

Looking back at his travels, Jeremiah says the “most profound element of my experience is finding that there is a common thread of humanity that all humans share. While my life is incredibly different than many of the Belizeans I worked with, we were still able to connect on a human level, maybe even better than we connect with people in our own culture. It’s so easy to get caught up in our own culture and in every day life that we lose that connection with people.

“When you travel internationally, you meet people for the first time and you have no ‘social expectations’ and it allows you to really get to know the people in a way you may never know people you see every day in your own culture. Also, through an international experience, you are able to see that we, as the so-called privileged Americans, have more to gain from understanding other lifestyles and cultures than they have to gain from us.”



The spring 2007 Service Learning Immersion course trip to Belize was the first trip abroad for Jeremiah Peterson, second from left in the center, in this photo with St. Matthews School students.



Jeremiah tutors some of the students in San Jose Government School during his third trip to Belize.

a peace-builder from northern ireland finds an audience at tusculum college

A “new day” seemingly has come to long-embattled Northern Ireland, a noted columnist/author from that region said in a guest lecture at Tusculum College on September 25.

“We have crossed the Rubicon, and I don’t believe we’ll go back,” said Roy Garland, best known for his weekly columns in *The Irish News*. Though a Unionist (in Northern Ireland, one who favors continued political unity with Britain), Garland has come to believe that “to be a Unionist does not mean you are against anybody,” he said. “It simply means that you believe you are better off with England than without.” Garland spoke as part of Arts Outreach’s annual Performance and Lecture series.

Old characterizations of Unionists as Protestants and their Nationalist opponents as Catholics no longer are as consistently true as they once were, Garland noted, religious affiliations sometimes mixing within both groups.

As a figure now associated with efforts to cultivate peace and harmony within Northern Ireland, Garland has worked with Catholics and Protestants alike, he said.

His willingness to talk to “enemies outside the gates” has brought him trouble at times. He showed a slide image of a hand-lettered sign publicly hung in 1995 near his home, declaring that “Roy Garland is a traitor to the people of Drumbeg and Ulster.” That was the same year Garland began writing for *The Irish News*, a Nationalist publication, though Garland wrote as a Unionist.

Written in at the base of the sign was a statement: “We will never speak to the IRA/Sein Fein,” something Garland had at times done.

Garland’s status as an advocate for harmony was not one he has held all his life. He declared himself a man who has been forced to “rethink everything” he has believed, and who sometimes found, to his surprise, that individuals on the opposite sides of Northern Ireland issues also were going through similar rethinking processes.

Through dialogue with seeming opponents he came around to his current, far less polarized views, he said. “People meeting together and talking together in their humanity can change things. If you want to change things, one thing you have to do is identify with the people you want to change and try to lead them.”

Garland grew up in an evangelical Christian home in County Antrim, his father being a part-time pastor in the Church of God denomination. For many of his younger years, Garland was little interested in politics, he said, being focused on the spiritual and evangelistic aspects of Christianity.

Garland’s political awareness and development came gradually, reflective of a growing political awareness and



Northern Ireland’s Roy Garland, facing camera, chats with Tusculum College’s Director of Museum Programs and Studies, George Collins (shoulder toward camera) and a Northeast Tennessee relative, Dan Garland, (mostly obscured) outside the Doak House Museum on the Tusculum campus. Roy Garland had just arrived for a speech to be given that night when this photo was taken.

factionalism heightening throughout all of Ireland.

Garland’s views were shaped at the same time as the ascension of figures such as Ian Paisley, a clergyman who in the mid-1960s held a service of thanksgiving commemorating the Larne Gun Running of 1914, when loyalists in Ulster imported guns and ammunition from Germany in order to prepare for armed resistance against Home Rule.

Paisley’s commemoration of the Gun Running seemed a “subtle justification of violence,” Garland said.

In 1970, when Garland attended the Ulster Unionist Conference, he was on the verge of major changes in his approach to Northern Ireland issues. In the middle of 1971, Garland, fueled with doubts about his prior commitments, resigned Unionist groups, including the Orange Order. “I became committed to peace-building from 1971,” he said.

Garland again became active in the Ulster Unionist Party in the early 1990s and “actively pursued peace and mutual understanding in many contexts,” he said. He became a founding member and joint chairman of the cross-border/cross-community Guild of Uriel, promoting dialogue, mutual understanding and accommodation on all sides, including with dissidents.

Garland is a founding member of the Union Group, a unionist organization promoting an inclusive agenda and seeking healing, reconciliation and growth within Northern Ireland and between North and South and between Ireland and Britain. He has engaged with people at all levels in Northern Ireland and in British and Irish society. He is also active in the Corrymeela Community, a group founded in 1965 to promote reconciliation and peace-building through the healing of social, religious and political divisions in Northern Ireland.

In 2001 Garland published his biography of former loyalist leader Gusty Spence, and has contributed articles to various publications and books. Garland is quoted on the Web site of the British Broadcasting Company as saying that, during the course of his life, he has “re-thought everything. I actually came back to the Unionist party with a different perspective on things, and I believe Unionism is possible without being sectarian.” •

Through coincidence, Northern Ireland storyteller Billy Teare, shown here playing his harmonica, was entertaining visiting elementary school students at the Doak House Museum at Tusculum College the morning that Garland arrived at the College. Teare was Storyteller-in-Residence at the International Storytelling Center at the time he visited the College, a visit made possible with the help of the Storytelling Center.



An adventure in learning in the land of Ghana

Two from Tusculum cross an ocean to touch young minds

In a plain, sparsely furnished classroom in the African land of Ghana, village of Atorkor in the Keta District, Tusculum College Associate Professor of Education Dr. DiAnn Casteel received an unexpected, smile-provoking reminder of her East Tennessee heritage in June and July.

Dr. Casteel, along with friend Christine Keys and Tusculum student Rachel Burchnell, was involved in an educational mission project through Village Volunteers, a non-profit organization that works in partnership with African rural village and capacity-building programs to support the development of sustainable solutions for community survival, education, and growth.

Part of her efforts involved teaching some basic English words to her pupils; and as a review, Dr. Casteel had written several common English words on the blackboard so they could be read aloud by the group.

When they reached the word "and," Dr. Casteel heard the students say something like *aye-un-duh*.

"I knew I was hearing my own East Tennessee dialect coming back to me," she told a Tusculum audience in



This is one of the classrooms visited this summer by a educational mission group that included a Tusculum professor and student.

September as she recounted her summer venture during an evening presentation in the Chalmers Conference Center of the College.

Dr. Casteel and her fellow mission travelers found the experience to be life-changing, she said. Their friends back home were able to learn the details of their experiences through a Web log created by Christine Keys.

The content of that "blog," adapted slightly for use in this magazine, follows.

Rachel Burchnell, DiAnn Casteel, and I had a fantastic experience during our assignment with Village Volunteers this summer. For three weeks, the three of us worked in the Basic School in Atorkor during the week and toured on the weekends. This experience was most rewarding due to the superb organization of our In-Country Coordinator in Accra, Gunadiish Nyavie, our Atorkor coordinator Seth Kordorwu, and the school Headmistress, Mr. Beulah Mensah-Tetteh.

It is obvious that the Atorkor Development Foundation (ADF) is quite active in pursuing the best avenues for the community and the schools of their village. We were greeted with individuals who were interested in our welfare and appreciative of our efforts to share our ideas.

Next, the Headmistress and the staff and students were so welcoming and eager for us to teach a group of Grade 1 students Basic English vocabulary and for us to conduct a Teacher Workshop. Although we usually worked from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00, the students and teachers worked hard to learn new methods. The test we conducted for the students and the workshop survey indicated we were successful. The smiles on the faces and the farewell hugs were all the reward we needed to let us know that our



Dr. Casteel one-on-one with a Ghanaian pupil.

Campus celebrates 'International Week' in November

The international flags in the Niswonger Commons Living Room at Tusculum College were revitalized with new flags representing the College's entire international student population in a ceremony on November 21.

The new flags include those that represent current students and alumni, and the ceremony was held as a cap to the celebration of International Education Week.

Tusculum College currently has 39 international students representing 18 countries and many more countries are represented through former students and alumni. Currently enrolled students come from Canada, England, Jamaica, Brazil, Argentina, Guatemala, Venezuela, Australia, Croatia, Honduras, Ireland, Mexico, Poland, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan and the Ukraine. The seven new flags added to the display were paid for by the College's International and Multicultural Society, who raised the money for the additions.

"It gives me pride to see my flag in the Niswonger Commons, said student Rory McCook of Jamaica. "I'm proud to be recognized and to be able to leave a permanent mark as an international student."

James Smith '08 spoke during the ceremony about how



A number of nations were represented in the audience of the flag ceremony, above. Front row, from left, Boazin Katina, The Republic of Congo; Adrianna Vizcarrando, Venezuela; Estefania Chavez, Honduras; Taylor MacDonald, Canada; Danielle Tanner, Canada; and Alecja Dembna, Poland. Second row, from left, Kat Spears, U.S. and Student Government Association President; James Smith '08, Jamaica; Chanaine Hunter, Jamaica; Cassandra Melnike, Canada; Nick Rich, England; Matthew McKeever, Ireland; Simon Holzapfel, Germany; and Rory McCook, Jamaica. Third row from left, Henrique Alves Rodriguez, Brazil; Blair Cowley, England; Dean Hopewell, England; Ousainov Njie '08, Gambia; and Interim President Dr. Russell Nichols, U.S.

seeing the flag display as he walked into the Commons helped him feel more a part of the campus community.

International Education Week was held the week of Nov. 17, and included events such as International Students Day, "Make Your Own Sushi" workshops and lessons in international dance.

Ghana

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the welcoming ceremony and when the ADF presented us with a dress fashioned from Batik. We hope our contact with them continues in the future.

Our excursions were identified by region as Central, Ashanti, and Eastern. All were interesting and included a variety of sites. We especially enjoyed our visit to Volta Lake, the Cocoa farm, and the waterfalls in the Eastern Region. Also, in the Central Region, we had fun swaying on the six canopy bridges in the Kakum National forest and listening to the informative guide who identified the trees and plants and their various uses. The tour of Elmina, the slave castle, was also excellent. The tour of the Cape Coast castle was much the same, but the tour guide and tourists seemed somewhat hostile. We chose to souvenir shop rather than finish this tour. The visit to the coast for the volunteers to swim or relax was also a treat. Of the three, Ashanti was the most disappointing.

Sharing our experiences with other Village Volunteers on the excursions was fun and helpful. Our village assignment could not have been better. We felt very lucky to have been placed in Atorkor. Overall, I must say the welcoming and accommodating spirit of the villagers as well as the guides made our visit to Ghana a memorable experience. I especially want to sing praises to Gunadiish who made every effort to ensure our safety and to accommodate our needs and requests. I highly recommend Village Volunteers to those who would like to volunteer their services and visit Ghana.



Ghana children often play at carrying containers on their heads in imitation of the adults around them, according to Dr. Casteel.

TUSCULUM ATHLETES ENJOY OPPORTUNITIES TO PURSUE SPORT AROUND THE WORLD

Over the past year, several members of the Tusculum College athletic community have enjoyed the opportunity of competing and traveling abroad. Tusculum student-athletes have been given the opportunity to travel to several countries including Canada, France, Italy, Germany, Holland and Belgium.

Men's Basketball

Prior to the start of the 2007-08 season, the Tusculum men's basketball team spent three days in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, where the Pioneers played three exhibition games and toured sites of historical and cultural interest. The Pioneers posted a 2-1 record during their Canadian games.

"This was a tremendous experience for our team," said Tusculum Head Coach Jim Boone. "It was a great opportunity to experience a different country, language, environment, and for our team to bond for the three days we were there. Not only was this a chance to see our players in live game situations, but it was an outstanding educational opportunity for our student-athletes."

Women's Basketball

Tusculum College Women's Basketball Head Coach Missy Tiber and other members of the Pioneer squad traveled to Italy this past summer to take part in the American International Sports Tour. Joining Coach Tiber on the trip were Assistant Coach Adrienne Harlow, former Tusculum guard Brooke Underwood, '08, and current players Stephany Neptune and Jasmine Gunn.

The trip was a successful one, both on and off the hardwood. Coach Tiber's team, AIST South,

consisted of Underwood, Neptune, Gunn and six other college players representing Chaminade University, Washington & Jefferson College, Chadron State College, Eastern Mennonite University, Grinnell College, Newbury College and the University of the District of Columbia.

AIST South posted a perfect 5-0 record en route to winning the "Dream Team Tournament." Gunn particularly shined as she poured in 35 points in an 82-68 win over Starlight Valmadrera in the championship game. For her efforts, Gunn was named the Tournament

Most Valuable Player.

The coaches and players enjoyed the sights of Italy,



Assistant Women's Basketball Coach Adrienne Harlow and team member Jasmine Gunn pose for a photo in Italy.



The Anne Frank house in Holland, visited by the Pioneer women's soccer team.

touring Rome, Milan, Como, Florence, San Marino City and Vatican City, including a tour of the Sistine Chapel.

“This was such a wonderful trip for all of us,” said Tiber. “These are life experiences that our students will cherish forever.”

Women’s Soccer

Before the start of the 2008 fall campaign, the Tusculum women’s soccer team spent a week in Europe, touring Germany, Holland and Belgium. While there, the Pioneers played three exhibition matches, while getting in some preseason training in preparation for the upcoming soccer campaign.

The Pioneers departed from Greeneville on August 10 for Atlanta, GA, for their flight to Paris, France. From Paris, the team reloaded and flew to Dusseldorf, Germany. From there, the team members traveled to Valkenburg, Holland, which served as their hotel headquarters during the trip.

The team mixed in business and pleasure on the trip. The squad trained during the day to prepare for the exhibition matches and the upcoming season. Team members went to nearby Germany to watch a professional soccer match, which was an eye opener for some of the squad members to see over 15,000 people at such an event. The team toured a 600-year old cathedral in Cologne and took a cruise down the Rhine River.

The Pioneers later traveled to Holland and Belgium during the week. While in Amsterdam, the team toured the historic Anne Frank House and visited the U.S. World War II Memorial in Holland.

When the team arrived in Belgium, the Pioneers learned their timing could not have been better. In downtown Brussels, the team arrived during the three-day festival of the Feast of the Assumption. In Market Square was the breath-taking floral carpet, which is displayed only during a three-day period every two years. People from all over the world come to Brussels for this event and the Pioneers were lucky to witness this spectacular display.

Lebanon, Ohio senior Nicole Ferris provided a daily player blog from Europe which was posted on the Tusculum Athletic web site www.tusculumpioneers.com.

“The trip was an amazing experience that many of us would probably never have had the opportunity to do if it wasn’t for being at Tusculum,” said Ferris. •



Jillian Cunha and Chelsey Flenniken on the Rhine in Germany.



The floral carpet of the Feast of the Assumption in Brussels, Belgium.



Senior Nicole Ferris posing in her new wooden shoe in Holland.

Class

Notes

'30s

Ruth Kite Turner '37 of Rogersville, TN, writes that she is glad to see the progress of Tusculum College and thanks God for blessing her Alma Mater. She recalls her education began in a one-room school, and that she later taught in that same school for a class that contained all eight grades. She remembers that the school had a ball team that played another small one-room school. Ruth celebrated her 93rd birthday on Oct. 6.

'40s

Morelle Swift Sweet '46 of Basking Ridge, NJ, has been teaching senior fitness for the past 12 years. She teaches two hours a day, five days a week, which she says is great for both her and her students.

'50s

Dr. Edward J. Kormondy '50 H'97 of Los Angeles, CA, received an honorary Juris Doctor degree from the University of West Los Angeles School of Law in June 2008.

'60s

James Southerland '64 retired in April 2008 from a 12-year association with the North Carolina Division of Air Quality as an environmental engineer. He previously retired in 1996 from the U.S. Public Health Service as a commissioned officer. He also served as an environmental engineer for the federal Public Health Service, detailed to the Environmental Protection Agency. He and his wife, Joan, are living in Cary, NC.

Alice Monar '66 of Salisbury, MD, received the Mid-Delmarva Family YMCA Part-Time Employee of the Year Award for 2007. The YMCA is located in Salisbury.

Harold A. Rainey '66 has moved to Hebron, NE, to serve as a temporary supply pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Hebron. This is the third congregation he has served in the Homestead Presbytery.

Dennis A. Wolford '68 of Lafayette, TN, received the prestigious 15th Annual Rural Hospital Leadership Award. Dennis has been Administrator of Macon County General Hospital for 24 years and was named Rural Health Worker of the Year by the Rural Health Association in 1997. He has been

board certified in health care administration since 1988 as a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executive, is president of the Upper Cumberland Middle Tennessee Rural Health Network and has served as a board member of other medical organizations. Active in the community, Dennis has been a member of Rotary Club, the Macon County Chamber of Commerce, and has served as president of the Senior Citizen Center Board and chairman of the Macon County Health Council. During the award presentation, he was also recognized for his leadership following the tornado that struck Macon County last February.

'80s

Karen Miller Diskin '88 has lived in Concord, NC, since 1993 with her family - husband Mike and children, Matthew, 13, and Meagan, 14. She has taught fourth grade for the past four years and taught third grade prior to that. Karen would like to hear from her classmates. Her address is 1432 Lockhart Place, Concord, NC 28027, or you can send her an e-mail at karebear@carolina.rr.com.

'90s

Keith Holcomb '99 of Rogersville, TN, has been named Agent Manager of Direct General Corporation's Newport, TN, office. Keith has been with the insurance company for three years and has a wealth of experience in finance, real estate, and insurance. He and his wife, Robin, have four children.

'00s

Angela Daniel '00 of Chattanooga, TN, has been named the Principal/Coordinator of Middle College High School at Chattanooga State. Her career in education includes serving as assistant principal at Orchard Knob Middle School and East Lake Academy. She was a curriculum specialist at Franklin Middle, Dalewood Middle, Chattanooga Middle, 21st Century and East Lake. Angela taught sixth grade social studies and language arts at Ooltewah Middle School and began her career with the Hamilton County Department of Education at East Ridge High School as an exceptional educational department assistant. Last year, she received her certification as an educational specialist with an emphasis on leadership and administration from Tennessee Technological University. Angela is involved in numerous professional organizations and community activities. She is a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian in Chattanooga.

Holly Bryant '03 of Lenoir City, TN, has been named Recreation Manager by the

Tellico Village Property Owners Association. As recreation manager of the planned community of nearly 7,000 residents, Holly is responsible for the daily operations of three distinct fitness complexes, each containing exercise, swimming and tennis facilities.

Travis Howerton '04, of Knoxville, TN, an information-technology specialist at the NNSA (National Nuclear Security Administration) office in Oak Ridge, has been designated as a "Rising Star" by Federal Computer Week magazine. Travis was featured in the magazine's August 18 issue and will attend an awards ceremony this fall in Washington, D.C. He is being recognized for designing, developing and implementing the Pegasus Information Management System, which has been selected as the NNSA corporate information system, increasing integration between NNSA sites and decreasing reliance on paper. Before joining the Department of Energy in 2005, Travis worked as a software engineer for Parallax Corporation.

Ryan Munson '04 of Ogden, UT, graduated in May from Stevens-Henager College in Utah with his Master's of Business Administration degree.

Leah Walker '04 of Bulls Gap, TN, has joined the Tusculum College Department of Museum Program and Studies as Museum Educator. Her duties include responsibility for the development and offering of museum education programs with primary emphasis on school-based activities. A Museum Studies major at Tusculum, Leah received a master's degree in storytelling from East Tennessee State University in 2007. During her master's program, she was a grant-funded teaching artist for third and fourth grades at University School on the ETSU campus and worked in conjunction with the Minnesota Children's Theater Company. After earning her master's degree, Leah worked at the Death Valley National Park in California as an interpreter, program developer and collections assistant.

Carrie Miller '06 is a student at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. She and **Joshua Ealy '07** were engaged in March and plan to marry in May 2010. Joshua has been named assistant basketball coach at Appalachian State University. He served as a graduate assistant for the team during the 2007-08 season.

Holly Bible '07 of Afton, TN, is a second grade teacher at Doak Elementary School. She had worked as Museum Educator for the College's Department of Museum Program and Studies prior to taking the teaching position.

Nuptials

Melissa "Missi" Hart '98 of New Albany, OH, was married on September 8, 2007, to Mitesh Kothari.

Kari Karns '05 and Tim Perin '06 were married on August 9, 2008 at Rosa Lee Manor in the bride's hometown of Pilot Mountain, NC. The wedding party consisted of several Tusculum alumni and former Tusculum students, including: **Carrie Miller '06, Maria Nevarez '06, Sasha Catron '06, Andrew Arp '06, Jesse MacDonald-Puckerin '06, Joshua Vandeventer '05, and Joshua Compton.**

Maria Nevarez '06 and Jesse MacDonald-Puckerin '06 were married on Mary 10, 2008, in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Births

Kimberly Carter Boswell '95 and her husband, Billy, celebrated the birth of twins — a boy, Graham Clark weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. and a girl, Gretchen Caroline weighing 6 lbs — on June 3, 2008. They join big brother Gibson, age 4.

Tim and Kristen (New) Dalton '02 '02 have a new addition to their family, Tyler Graham, who was born March 13, 2008.

Randy and Brook (Miller) Loggins '06 '03 of Chuckey, TN, celebrated the birth of their daughter Kamara Grace on August 18, 2008. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Randy is Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Director at Tusculum and Brook is teaching in the Greene County School System.

MEMORIALS

'40s

Frankie Lea Jaynes Byrd '40 of Afton, TN, passed away August 21, 2008. Mrs. Byrd was a retired teacher and taught Sunday School for many more years. At the time

of her death, she was the oldest member of Herman United Methodist Church.

Mary Shuey Hartman '40 of Chesire, CT, passed away February 28, 2008. Mrs. Hartman was a retired teacher and Girl Scout executive.

Helen Beal Holmes '43 of Dunbarton, NH, passed away in January 2008. Mrs. Holmes was a retired teacher.

Jean Morse Herrick '45, of Johnson City, NY, passed away on December 12, 2007.

'50s

Elnora Mae Smith '51 of Newport, TN, passed away March 11, 2008.

Joe A. Tilson '51 of Morristown, TN, passed away May 27, 2008. He was a retired U.S. Magistrate Judge, serving on the bench in Greeneville, TN, from 1985 to 1995. Judge Tilson also served as Chancellor in 1963-64, and as an assistant attorney general. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served during the Korean War. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Morristown. His survivors include his wife of 54 years and Tusculum alumna, **Leona Souder Tilson '53.**

John S. Waddle, Sr. '55 of Greeneville, TN, passed away October 6, 2008. Mr. Waddle was a longtime educator and coach in the Greene County School System. He retired after 30 years of service as a teacher, coach, and principal at various schools. In addition to education, Mr. Waddle loved farming. Mr. Waddle was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy. He attended The Crossing, where he taught the adult class and was known as a pillar of the church. His survivors include Tusculum alumni: daughter **Sarah Waddle Gray '05**, sister **Marjorie Kruckeberg '53**, brothers **Harold J. Waddle '50** and **Richard Waddle '57**, and brothers-in-law **Elbert Creamer '42**, and **Glenn Renner '48.**

Tessie Mays McCorkle '57 of Greeneville, TN, passed away April 23, 2008. Mrs. McCorkle was a retired school teacher, having taught in the Greene County School System for 43 years.

Pauline "Polly" Crowe Musick '57 of Greeneville, TN, passed away June 20, 2008. A native of Elizabethton, TN, she moved with her husband, Jess to Greeneville in 1954. Mrs. Musick taught English literature and grammar at Baileyton High School in 1957 and at Greeneville High School from 1958 to her retirement.

Eva Kilday McAmis '58 of Afton, TN, passed away February 9, 2008. A career educator in the Greene County School System, she taught at Roaring Springs School, was a teacher and principal at Newmansville Elementary School and served as materials supervisor in the school system's Central Office. Mrs. McAmis was very active in the former Roaring Springs Home Demonstration Club, the Delta Kappa Gamma Teacher Sorority and the Retired Teachers Association. As a member of Doty's Chapel United Methodist Church, she worked in every aspect of the church as long as her health permitted.

Ralph Howard Scott '59 of Greeneville, TN, passed away September 8, 2008. Mr. Scott worked at Magnavox Company for several years. A veteran, he served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. Mr. Scott was an avid bowler and had won trophies in a number of events. He was a member of Hardin's Chapel United Methodist Church.

'60s

Martha J. Cox Hartman '60 of Greeneville, TN, passed away October 2, 2008. Her survivors include brother **John Cox '57.**

Clarence A. Beedie '65 of Heltonville, IN, passed away February 1, 2008. Mr. Beedie was a farmer and cattleman. He worked for General Motors for 38 years as a machine repairman. He was a lifelong member of Dive Christian Church and U.A.W. Local #440. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served on the *U.S.S. Oriskany* during the Vietnam War. He received the National Defense Medal and Vietnam Service Medal. At Tusculum, he played basketball.

David H. Paul '67 of Limestone, TN, passed away January 21, 2006. A native of New Jersey, Mr. Paul was a retired teacher, having taught at Daniel Boone High School. He was also a hunter education instructor, and was a longtime advocate as well as great friend to the sport. He devoted a great part of his life not only to his own enjoyment of the sport but also to the teaching, promoting and enjoyment of handgun and shotgun shooting and safety. His survivors include brother and Tusculum alumnus, **Russell Paul '69.**

'70s

Mamie Irene Hall Beals '74 of Afton, TN, passed away August 31, 2008. Mrs. Beals was a retired developmental technician at Greene Valley Developmental Center. She was a charter member of the former Fair-

view Homemaker's Club and was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

'80s

Martha S. Harrison '88 of Athens, TN, passed away on May 4, 2008. Ms. Harrison had worked at Riceville Elementary School.

'90s

Murry Wayne Holditch '93 of Greeneville, TN, passed away unexpectedly on August 22, 2008. Holditch was one of the three co-founders of Five Rivers Electronics Innovations, LLC, and was chief financial officer of Electronic Innovations at the time of his death. A Texas native, Holditch began working for Philips Consumer Electronics Co., which brought him to Tennessee. After obtaining his master's degree from Tusculum, Holditch and partners Tom Hopson and Charlie White founded Five Rivers Electronics, which manufactured televisions in facilities formerly operated by Philips.

Faculty/Staff

Former faculty and staff member Woodrow "Woody" Gentry of Chuckey, TN, passed away on July 18, 2008. Gentry was a member of Bradburn Hill United Methodist and attended as long as his health permitted.

Tusculum community saddened by loss of alumnus and former trustee Thomas G. Hull

Retired U.S. District Judge Thomas Gray Hull '51 of Greeneville, TN, a long-time friend and supporter of his alma mater, passed away July 29, 2008, after several months of sharply declining health.

Judge Hull had served on the Board of Trustees and was awarded the Tusculum College Distinguished Service Award in 2006.

"Our entire Tusculum College community is deeply saddened by the loss of Judge Hull, a distinguished alumnus, emeritus trustee, community ambassador, and true friend," said Interim President Dr. Russell Nichols at the time of Hull's passing. "Judge Hull's service to his Alma Mater was exemplary, including about a decade on the Board of Trustees beginning in 1979. Included among his many honors were the Distinguished Service Award, presented on the eve of his 80th birthday, and the designation of 'The Hull Classroom' in the new Thomas J. Garland Library. We are proud that his son, Brandon, currently serves on the board to perpetuate the good work of Judge Hull for Tusculum College."

A native of Greeneville, Hull joined the U.S. Army at the rank of corporal after graduating high school. He earned several military decorations and honors in the Asian theater. After his service ended, he entered college through the G.I. Bill, attending Tusculum and then the University of Tennessee, where he earned a law degree in 1951.

Hull returned to Greeneville to begin his career in law and had a private law practice until 1972 when he began serving as a Circuit Judge for Tennessee's 20th Judicial Circuit, which included Greene, Hamblen and Hawkins counties. At then Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander's request, he resigned from his judgeship to take the position as legal counsel to the governor.

He was appointed as a federal judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee in 1983, serving through 2002 in active service. He served as the chief judge for the district from 1984 through 1991. In 2002, he assumed senior status, a type of semi-retirement, and retired fully in 2006.

Judge Hull was instrumental in the establishment of a U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Greeneville in 1993. He played a major role in the multi-year effort that resulted in the construction of the new James H. Quillen United States District Courthouse in downtown Greeneville that replaced the long-overcrowded courthouse that had been constructed in 1905.

Judge Hull served as a representative in the Tennessee Legislature in 1955-56, representing Greene County and was Chief Clerk for the Tennessee House of Representatives



Photo courtesy of The Greeneville Sun
The Honorable Judge Thomas G. Hull '51
in 1969-70.

Committed to the betterment of the local community, he actively supported not only his Alma Mater, but also service organizations such as Holston United Methodist Home for Children, and played a major role in leading economic development activities, often working behind the scenes. He served on many boards and organizations including the Tusculum College Board of Trustees, the Tennessee Judicial Conference, the Greene County Economic Development Board, the Heart Association, the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, and the Tennessee and Greeneville Bar associations. He was a life-long member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Judge Hull was also active in business and banking as well as in Republican Party political activities in Tennessee. As a young Greeneville attorney and entrepreneur, Hull helped establish the Greeneville Federal Savings and Loan Association. Now Greeneville Federal Bank, the financial institution purchased the former federal courthouse building in downtown Greeneville and extensively restored and renovated it for use as a modern bank. In addition to his role in founding that bank, he also played an instrumental role in the creation of what is now Andrew Johnson Bank.

Judge Hull was also a partner for many years in the Brandon-Hull Oil Company and a partner in the purchase and development of real estate until the death of his partner, Buel Brooks, in 1998. In recognition of his business-related and other achievements, he was inducted into the Tri-Cities Business Hall of Fame in 2001.

Memories of Homecoming 2008: 'Living the Legacy'



Homecoming 2008 (October 24-25) was filled with opportunities for alumni to revisit campus, renew old friendships and have plenty of fun! Among those enjoying a hay ride at the Myers Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze (owned by Vera Ann Myers '87) were Arlene "Tippy" Dell' Aquila Corliss '58 and her husband, Robert, top left. Mark Persaud and Megan Hart were crowned as Homecoming King and Queen, at left. Enjoying the tailgate before the football game were Rolien Brown Brogden '51, Joan Macky McKnight '52, Joan Becker Starnes '52, Jean Oakes Olcott '52, Frank Brogden '50, Murrell Weesner '50, and Ruth Massey Frederick '48, and Bob Lake '48, from left above.



The oldest alumni attending Homecoming was W. A. "Dub" Maloney '38, at left. Several members of the Golden Pioneer Class of 1958 followed bagpiper Jon Shell to lead the Homecoming Parade, above. Holding the banner, from left, are Arlene "Tippy" Dell' Aquila Corliss, Donald Eckelhofer, Billye Hutton Horne, Peter Allen, Rudy Menkens, Lloyd Schrack and Kathleen Creek Schwartz. Standing behind them are Bill Carroll and his wife, Barbara. Alumni enjoy dancing after the Alumni Reunion Dinner, below left. Ed Oneto '61, below right, samples chili at the campuswide Chili Cook-off, a new event during Homecoming.





Women's Soccer team members Heather Craft, Katie Catterall, Holli Cadenhead, Jessica Lee, Lucy Binning, Rachelle Luster, Ashley Bradford visit a square in Brussels during their trip to Europe in August, just one of the international educational opportunities for Tusculum students. Learn more inside!

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