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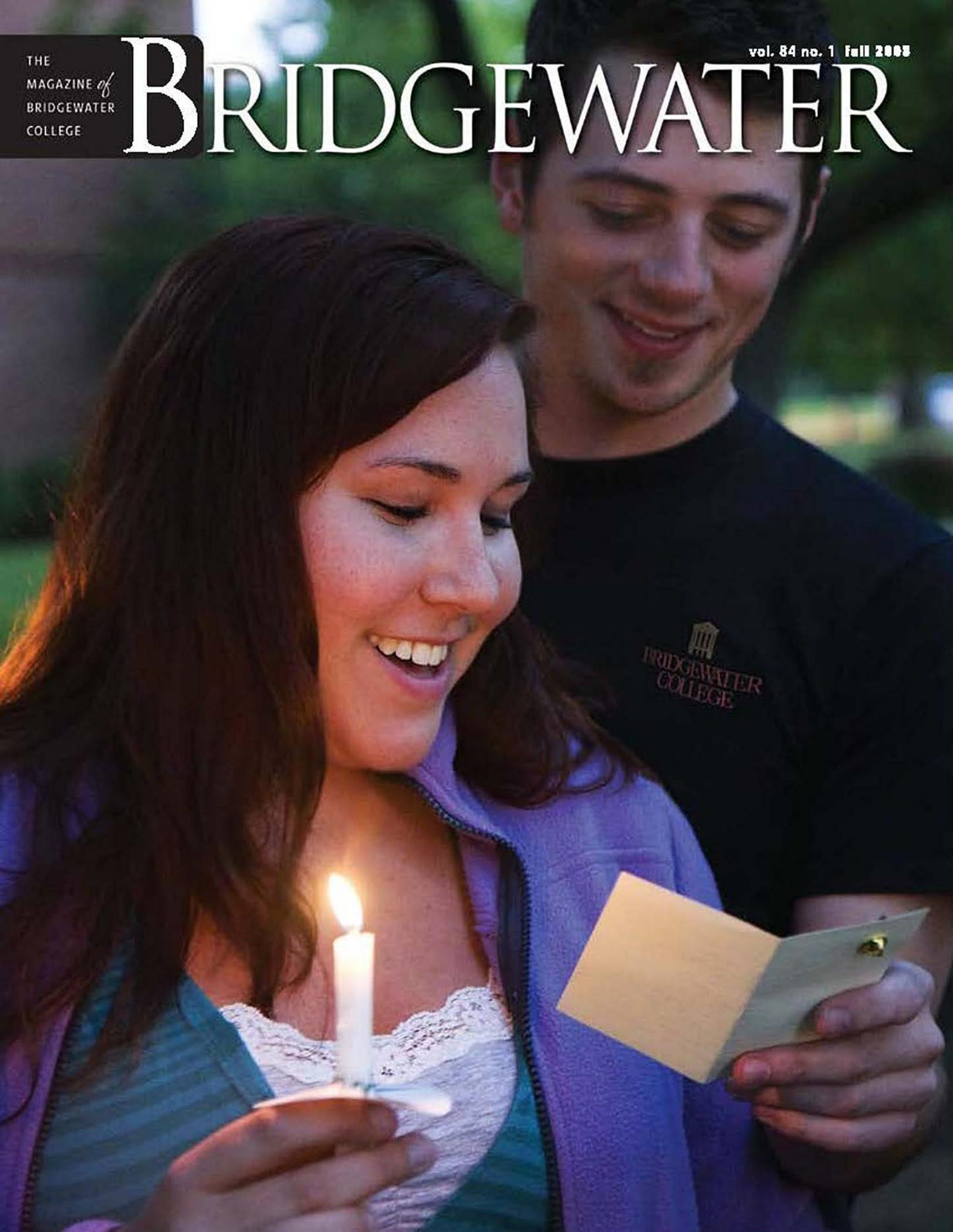
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ON THE COVER: Shanon Vess and Dan Reed, class of 2008, participate in the first Oracles at the Oak ceremony held at Bridgewater College in 72 years. (Photo by Tommy Thompson)

ABOVE: The first Oracle at the Oak Ceremony, June 4, 1934. (Courtesy of Special Collections, Alexander Mack Memorial Library)



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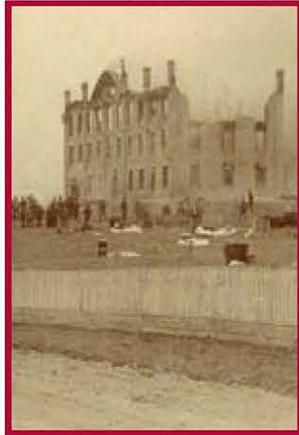
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Agee Ascends to U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals

Virginia Supreme Court Justice G. Steven Agee – BC class of 1974 and a member of the board of trustees – was sworn in July 2 as one of 11 judges on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Agee was sworn in by Fourth Circuit Court Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III in the courtroom of the Federal Court Building in Charlottesville, Va.

Wilkinson, who was one of Agee’s law school professors, attended law school with Bridgewater College President Phillip C. Stone, ’65. Also at the ceremony was one of Agee’s Bridgewater College professors, W. Steve Watson, the Lawrence S. and Carmen C. Miller associate professor of philosophy and religion.

In June 2007, Senators John Warner (R-VA) and Jim Webb (D-VA) forwarded a recommendation letter to President George W. Bush that included the names of five prominent members of the Virginia State Bar – among them the name of Agee – to fill a seat on the court vacated by J. Michael Luttig.

Agee’s nomination was confirmed in the U.S. Senate by a vote of 96-0.

“Justice Agee’s qualifications to serve on the Fourth Circuit are as impressive as any circuit-court nominee for whom I have voted in my 30 years in the Senate,” Warner said. “In addition to his remarkable legal career, Justice Agee has been actively engaged in public service through the military, elected office, the state bench and other civic and volunteer causes.”

After the vote, Webb said, “I am pleased by the confirmation of Justice Steven Agee, a jurist who has served Virginia honorably with superior intellect and judicial temperament. His expeditious and unanimous confirmation should serve as a model of how to present and confirm judicial nominations in the future.”

At the swearing-in ceremony July 2, Stone and former Virginia

Gov. Gerald L. Baliles provided brief comments before the ceremony.

“The federal court is a very special place,” said Stone, “and I know that Steve Agee will be a great addition to it. He will call it as he sees it.”

Stone added that Bridgewater is one of just a few colleges with two appellate federal judges as alumni – Agee and the Hon. Pasco M. Bowman II, class of 1955, who is a senior federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Agee thanked President Bush for nominating him, acknowledged his gratitude to his wife, Nancy, and son, Zachary, ’09, and said he was “thrilled to have this opportunity.”

Agee is the third Virginian to occupy a seat on the Fourth Circuit bench, which is headquartered in Richmond and has appellate federal jurisdiction for Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and West Virginia.

Agee, a native of Roanoke, is a 1977 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and a 1978 graduate of the New York University School of Law. He has served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates (1982-1994), as a judge on the Court of Appeals of Virginia (2001-2003) and as a justice on the Supreme Court of Virginia since 2003. He also served in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve from 1986-1997. ◀ ☪

Virginia Supreme Court Justice G. Steven Agee, '74 (center), accompanied by his wife, Nancy, and son, Zachary, '09, is sworn in July 2 to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Photo: Charles Culbertson



LEFT: The Hon. G. Steven Agee
RIGHT: Former Gov. Gerald Baliles (foreground) and Bridgewater College President Phillip C. Stone sit in the courtroom of the Federal Court Building in Charlottesville, Va., and observe as Agee takes the oath.

Photos by Charles Culbertson

BC WELCOMES NIGERIAN VISITORS

President Phillip C. Stone chats with three members of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria – the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria – during their visit to the campus in July. Pictured with Stone, from left to right, are Sarah Musa Mambula, lecturer at Theological College of Northern Nigeria; Prof. Rev. Musa Mambala, the college's provost and Prof. D. M. Gwany, member of the education faculty at the college.

The Mambulas and Gwany attended the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Richmond, Va., from July 12-16, as part of the 300th anniversary celebration of the Brethren movement. Hosted by the Shenandoah District of the Church of the Brethren, they stayed in Wampler Towers on the Bridgewater College campus and took most meals at the Bridgewater Reliefment Community.

Their stay included visiting area attractions, such as the Valley Brethren Mennonite Heritage Center. Various local CoB congregations also hosted them for meals and worship services.

Photo by Charles Gubertson



BC Enhances Emergency Notification System

The April 16, 2007, shooting incident at Virginia Tech brought national attention to campus crisis plans and emergency notification systems. Bridgewater College, which already had such plans in place when the Virginia Tech murders took place, was one of many colleges and universities throughout the nation to examine and upgrade their ability to notify students, staff and faculty in the event of an emergency.

Toward that end, BC representatives attended a conference sponsored by Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine in which entities such as colleges, universities, cities and police departments shared information on how crises are handled.

"The meeting validated for me that we are doing a lot of things well at Bridgewater, in terms of what we already had in place before the Virginia Tech incident," said Karen Wigginton, vice president for college relations. "It also helped us understand that we are probably ahead of a lot of other schools. We already had emergency planning in place, but the meeting did make us think about what more we could do to improve our plan."

Doing more included entering into an agreement with OTAir LLC, a national leader that specializes in mobile marketing technology. Bridgewater will use OTAir's University Alert System (UAS), which allows authorized school officials to notify – via cell-phone text messaging – students, staff, faculty,

local authorities and others about any emergency situation in which instant communication is critical.

"OTAir's system provided an excellent addition to Bridgewater's already strong crisis plan," said Aaron Klein, '96, manager of telecommunications and special projects at BC. "By implementing an emergency notification plan that includes more active methods of contacting the campus community, we are able to maximize the safety of our students, faculty and staff."

Klein said that while the small size of the Bridgewater campus can help facilitate communication in an emergency situation, text messaging adds a more proactive method of notification in a crisis. He noted that the text message and e-mail alerts provided through UAS will serve as a primary method of contact; however, students, faculty and staff will still be able to obtain information on the school's Web site and weather/emergency hotline. Additionally, Klein said, timely announcements will be broadcast on local radio and television stations.

Another element in Bridgewater's plan includes the installation of an audible warning system. BC Chief of Police Nick Picerno said the 2,000-watt system, which was mounted on top of Blue Ridge Hall in August, can be readily heard campus-wide, both indoors and out, in the case of an emergency. What will make it work, he said, is the education of faculty, staff and students as to its purpose and uses.

"We're always looking at how better to do what we do through technology, policy and personnel," Picerno said. "We never approach what we do here as stagnant or static. It's always planned for the future. We just don't accept the status quo – we plan to make our campus community safer every year." ◀



BC Named One of Best in Southeast by Princeton Review

Bridgewater College is one of the best colleges and universities in the Southeast, according to The Princeton Review.

The New York City-based education services company selected Bridgewater as one of 139 institutions it recommends in its “Best in the Southeast” section on its web site feature, 2009 Best Colleges: Region by Region.

In the profile on Bridgewater at www.PrincetonReview.com, the College is described as one concerned with “personally developing students in every aspect of life and making each individual physically, academically, socially and mentally fit for the real world.”

Robert Franek, vice president of publishing at The Princeton Review, commended Bridgewater and all the schools named as ‘regional best’ colleges.

“We selected them based on the institutional data we collected from several hundred schools in each region, our visits to schools over the years, and the opinions of independent and high-school-based college advisers whose recommendations we

invite,” he said.

Franek said The Princeton Review also takes into account what each school’s students report about their campus experiences. Students at Bridgewater, for example, were surveyed on a range of issues from accessibility of professors to quality of campus food.

Some student comments quoted in the profile on Bridgewater include, “You know you’re getting your money’s worth,” and “I’ve never been turned away from a professor’s office; they always make time for their students and advisees.”

The 139 colleges The Princeton Review chose for its “Best in the Southeast” designations are located in 12 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

The Princeton Review (www.PrincetonReview.com) is a New York-based company known for its test preparation courses, books, and college admission and other education services. It is not affiliated with Princeton University, and it is not a magazine. ◀ CC



BC Hires New Vice President for Institutional Advancement



Photo by Charles Gilbertson

Beverly Smith Butterfield of New Market, Va., has accepted the position of vice president for institutional advancement at Bridgewater College, effective Oct. 1.

Butterfield, a 1979 graduate of Bridgewater College, has held a faculty position with the Virginia Tech Extension Service since 1979. Most recently, she served as the director of the northwest district for Virginia Tech Extension. Responsible for personnel and budgeting for 14 counties, 48

faculty and 33 classified and county-funded employees, Butterfield worked with county governments to leverage \$1.5 million in salaries and operations support. Prior to that she was director of Virginia Tech’s northern district.

Butterfield, whose achievements include receiving Bridgewater College’s Young Alumni Award in 1992, the Fauquier Business Woman of the Year Award and the Glen Mitchell Consumer Education Award, attended James Madison University in 1980 and earned her master’s degree from Virginia Tech in 1996.

She is married to Wayne Butterfield and has two children: **Kate**, ’05, and **Evan**. ◀ CC

Morrison Named BC Financial Aid Director



Photo by Charles Gilbertson

Scott Morrison is Bridgewater College’s new director of financial aid. He succeeds **J. Vern Fairchild Jr.**, ’68, who retired in June after 39 years of service to the College.

Morrison, who earned his MBA from DeVry University’s Keller Graduate School of Management, came to Bridgewater from Vienna, Va., where he was divisional director of student finance for Career Education

Corp., a global provider of educational services.

He has also worked as director of financial aid processing at Strayer University, associate director of financial aid at Virginia Commonwealth University and dean of student finance at DeVry University in Southern California.

“We’re very fortunate to have a professional of Scott Morrison’s caliber heading up Bridgewater College’s financial aid department,” said BC President **Phillip C. Stone**. “He brings to bear a wealth of financial aid experience, and we look forward to working with him in this crucial area.” ◀ CC

BC Honors Three With Garber Awards

Bridgewater College presented three Merlin E. and Dorothy Faw Garber Awards for Christian Service during the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference held in July in Richmond, Va.

Receiving the awards at the College's alumni luncheon were **Daniel Rudy**, '08; **Claire Gilbert Ulrich**, '78; and **Dale V. Ulrich**, BC provost and professor physics, *emeritus*.

The Garber Award, established in 1998, recognizes life-long Christian service and exemplary commitment to Christian values. The late **Merlin Garber**, a Church of the Brethren pastor, was a 1936 Bridgewater alumnus. His wife, the late **Dorothy Faw Garber**, was a member of the class of 1933.

Previous winners are **Merlin E. Garber**, '36; **Myron S. Miller**, '47, of Richmond, Va; **James Bryant**, '59, of Bridgewater, Va.; **Janet Estep Whetzel**, '61, of Dayton, Va.; **Jonathan L. Brush**, '99, of Weyers Cave, Va; and **Christopher W. Zepp**, '00, of Bridgewater. ◀ MKH



Paul Petcher Enters Washington County Hall of Fame

Dr. **Paul Walter Petcher**, '43, has been inducted into the Washington County (Alabama) Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame, which was founded in 2002, honors residents of Washington County who have "served or represented the county in an exemplary manner or made a significant contribution to the county."

Petcher, a life trustee at Bridgewater College, is an advocate of local historical preservation and education. Upon his induction into the Hall of Fame, Petcher said:

"I didn't get to Washington County by accident. We have lived in a number of states and when we got to Washington County, my wife and kids said, 'This is where we'll be,' and the rest is history."

Petcher attended the University of Alabama Medical School in Tuscaloosa and received his M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, in 1948. After serving an internship in Birmingham, he had a two-year surgical residency in Mobile, Ala., and was chief resident of the Mobile General Hospital from 1950-51.

From Mobile he went to Nigeria where he was medical

officer in charge of the Ruth Royer Kulp Memorial Hospital and the Garkida Leprosarium from 1951-54. After a short stint back in the United States, Petcher returned to Nigeria where he was medical officer in charge of the Lassa Hospital from 1956-60. While in Nigeria, he supervised the treatment of about 1,000 patients with leprosy and was often the only doctor serving an area with 250,000 people.

Petcher performed about 500 major operations a year and supervised the delivery of about 250 babies a year.

Returning to the U.S. in 1960, and settling in Chatom, Ala., Petcher practiced medicine until his retirement in 1993. Active in the Medical Association of Washington County and in the Alabama State Medical Association, Petcher has also been involved in many community activities. He was chairman of the Mobile Area Blood Program for one year and was also chairman of the Washington County Pension and Security Board for many years.

Petcher is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren and has held elected positions in local and regional churches.

Bridgewater College has awarded him with its Alumnus of the Year and Distinguished Service awards. He and his wife, Emma Belle, live in Millry, Ala. ◀ CC

Bridgewater College Receives VFIC Support Grant

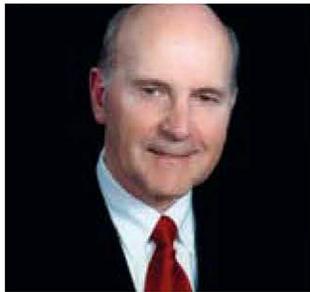
Bridgewater College is the recipient of a \$189,139 support grant from the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges. The 2008 year-end distribution grant will benefit the College's operating budget, student scholarships, undergraduate research and other projects and programs on campus.

Since 1952, Bridgewater College has received more than \$7 million from VFIC to support its programs, making the VFIC one of the largest sources of charitable support in the College's history.

"We're honored to have received this very generous support from VFIC," said President **Phillip C. Stone**. "The grant will help ensure that Bridgewater's personalized educational experiences remain an affordable choice for the young men and women who prefer to attend a private college in Virginia."

The mission of VFIC is to support Virginia's leading private colleges and universities by obtaining financial support, increasing the institutions' visibility and furthering the development of innovative and collaborative initiatives among the colleges. ◀ CC

BBT Honors Nolen for 25 Years of Service



Wilfred E. Nolen Photo courtesy of BBT

Retiring Brethren Benefit Trust President **Wilfred E. Nolen**, '63, was honored for his 25 years of service with the Brethren Pension Plan at a special reception this summer in Richmond, Va.

"Under Wil's leadership, the Pension Plan has provided secure retirement investing for pastors, and for congregational, district and national church employees," noted the second quarter, 2008, edition of *Benefit News*. "In 1988, the Pension Plan was placed under the Breth-

ren Benefit Trust umbrella. Two years later, Wil spearheaded the creation of the Brethren Foundation, which now manages more than \$135 million in assets for more than 400 individuals, congregations and organizations."

Nolen was instrumental in BBT assuming administration of the Church of the Brethren Credit Union in 2004, which "has seen its assets grow by 20 percent under BBT's management," according to *Benefit News*.

"Wil," the article continued, "has also worked to strengthen the Church Workers' Assistance Plan, which provides assistance to qualified current and former church workers."

Nolen, who is a BC trustee, and his wife, Joyce, reside in Elgin, Ill. ◀ CC



Master Police Officer Gregory Deeds, '89, receives the Distinguished Citizenship Award from the Harrisonburg (Va.) Elks Lodge 450, in recognition of his career. Presenting the award is Donald W. Klotz, one of Deeds' former Harrisonburg Police Department colleagues and the Elks' Exalted Ruler. Photo by Allen Litten

Good Deeds, Indeed: Elks Honor BC Alumnus for Police Work

For 20 years, Master Police Officer **Gregory Deeds** has patrolled the streets of Harrisonburg, Va., in cruisers and on bicycles and motorcycles, working to ensure public safety and order. This 1989 graduate of Bridgewater College has been cited for it, as well, receiving many recognitions over the years. These include the Governor's Transportation Safety Award for law enforcement in 2005, presented to him by then Gov. Mark Warner for initiatives to promote and encourage transportation safety during 2004.

Deeds has also written successful grants that have elicited thousands of dollars for equipment and officer overtime to perform traffic safety activities. Hundreds of child safety seats and bicycle helmets have been distributed to the public thanks to his efforts.

This summer, Deeds, 41, was presented with the Distinguished Citizenship Award from the Harrisonburg Elks Lodge 450, in recognition of his career. Presenting the award was Don Klotz, one of Deeds' former police department colleagues and a past president of the Harrisonburg Elks Lodge.

"His heart is there," Klotz told a (Harrisonburg) *Daily News-Record* reporter in May. "He's one of those guys who's been giving 100 percent for that city and that police department."

Deeds, a native of Harrisonburg, put it all into perspective when he told the *Smart, Safe & Sober* newsletter, "I really look forward to going to work every day. Let's face it; not too many people can say they ride a Harley-Davidson motorcycle for a living." ◀ CC

Scholarships Fund Students' Service Work

Six Bridgewater College students received 2008 Summer Christian Experience Scholarships for service work in three Virginia and Maryland church-related camps. Each student was awarded \$2,800 from the College as well as \$20 for each week of their 10-week program.

Freshman **David Mendes** and senior **Nathan Rittenhouse** served Brethren Woods in Keezletown, Va.; sophomore **Kari Bay** and junior **Audrey Hollenberg** served Shepherd's Spring

in Sharpsburg, Md.; and juniors **Bradley Garst** and **Meghan Kimec** served Camp Bethel in Fincastle, Va.

The Summer Christian Experience Scholarship program enables students to gain valuable experience and training in Christian ministry while providing useful service to church-related camps. The program is funded by the Bridgewater College endowment fund and was created to memorialize several outstanding church leaders. ◀ CC

Old Items Are New Arrivals in Special Collections

They turn up in antique stores, online auctions and local estate sales. Sometimes they're part of personal collections. You never know when or where some Bridgewater- or Shenandoah Valley-related item will suddenly appear after years of languishing in the shadows of time. But if and when it does, there's a good chance that **Dale Harter**, archivist for the Alexander Mack Memorial Library and curator for the Reuel B. Pritchett Museum, will be there to give it a home.

"Individually, these items sometimes aren't of great intrinsic value," Harter said. "But when you place them in groupings – such as collections of documents or artifacts – or put them together to help represent the history of a given area, they can have significant historical or financial worth."

Recently, Harter has added to the museum and special collections a grouping of items from the estate of the late **M. Dudley Rexrode**, '29. These include his gold Bridgewater College class ring, photographs, diplomas from Daleville and BC, personal papers, old copies of the *Philomathean* – even a large felt pennant from the now defunct Massanutten Caverns.

A unique Chinese pewter tea set with jade handles was donated by **D. Eugene Wampler**, '59, and **E. Joseph Wampler**, '58, and reposes in the museum. The set was originally presented to their parents, **Ernest Wampler**, '18, and Elizabeth Baker Wampler, by Chinese citizens in appreciation of their missionary work.

The museum also now contains an array of wood, ivory, inlaid and metalwork artifacts from India donated by **Louise Miller Sayre**, '59, who collected them during her years as a missionary and nurse to that country.

New acquisitions not having a Bridgewater College connection, but reflecting local and/or Shenandoah Valley history, include:

- A rare, circa 1910 postcard of the old covered bridge in Bridgewater, which – at 280 feet in length – was the longest single wooden span in the world.
- A measuring glass from the turn-of-the-century general store of Herman Wise.
- The framed, 1915 wedding certificate of Claude Hilbert of Bridgewater and Sallie Baker of North River.
- A 45-rpm record featuring the Friendly Four Quartet, recorded at WSVN studios in Harrisonburg, Va.
- A rare 45-rpm recording of "History Repeats Itself," in which Buddy Starcher of Harrisonburg compared the similarities between the deaths of Presidents Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy. The song went to number two on the national country music charts.

Harter noted that, as a rule, documents go to special collections and artifacts to the museum. ◀ CC



Recently acquired postcard, circa 1910, of the covered bridge in Bridgewater, which was the longest single wooden span in the world.

Photo courtesy of Special Collections, Alexander Mack Memorial Library

BC Shows Well in RecycleMania 2008

Bridgewater College finished in 10th place in "Targeted Materials – Corrugated Cardboard" during RecycleMania 2008, a 10-week challenge to determine which schools could reduce, reuse and recycle the most campus waste.

More than 400 colleges and universities around the U.S. competed, collecting some 58 million pounds of recyclables and organics. Bridgewater

collected 24,442 pounds of corrugated cardboard.

RecycleMania was launched in 2001 as a friendly challenge between Ohio University and Miami University to increase recycling on their campuses. Since then, the contest has expanded to colleges and universities in 46 states and the District of Columbia. ◀ MKH

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AGE	RATE
60.....	5.5%
65.....	5.7%
70.....	6.1%
75.....	6.7%
80.....	7.6%
85.....	8.9%
90 <i>or over</i>	10.5%

Two-Life Annuity

AGE	RATE
60 & 60	5.2%
65 & 65	5.4%
70 & 70	5.6%
75 & 75	6.0%
80 & 80	6.6%
85 & 85	7.4%
90 & 90	8.7%

every student 
one commitment
Campaign for Bridgewater College



Sophomore **Tricia Ziegler**, '11, was one of 24 Bridgewater College students who participated in this summer's Flory Fellows Forum, sponsored by the College's Zane D. Showker Leadership Institute. In keeping with this year's theme – "Service and the Academic Citizen" – the students spent a day at Bridgewater Retirement Community visiting with and helping residents. Pictured with Ziegler is BRC resident Elsie Cassell.
Photo by Charles Culbertson

Every Student, One Commitment Campaign

One year ago, Bridgewater College officially launched the public phase of the *Every Student, One Commitment Campaign for Bridgewater College*, a campaign to raise \$40 million for endowed scholarships, academic enhancement, facilities improvements, laboratories, equipment and information technology, and the Bridgewater Fund.

According to figures released by the BC Office of Institutional Advancement, the campaign – as of July 31, 2008 – has raised \$31.2 million, which is 78 percent of the \$40 million goal.

The overwhelming majority of the goal – \$34 million – is earmarked for endowments, which provide permanent support and financial strength to the areas they target, and are a dependable source of revenue that enable the College to serve its students. Endowed scholarships will receive \$11 million, while \$10 million is earmarked for academic enhancement. Improvements to facilities will receive \$10 million, and \$3 million has been slated for laboratories, equipment and information technology.

"It's important for donors to the campaign to know that Bridgewater College students are the ultimate beneficiaries," said BC President **Phillip C. Stone**. "Our endowment enables students to attend BC who would otherwise not be able to do so, and allows us to respond proactively to the needs of new generations and the demands of an ever-changing society."

Stone noted that the College gives aid to students totaling nearly \$14 million per year, but that only \$2 million of that sum is supplied by endowed scholarships. The College, he noted, wants to do more, but needs to increase its endowment in order to do so.

The Office of Institutional Advancement will work with donors to craft a gift that both benefits BC students and meets the donors' objectives. (Please see below for information about how to contribute to the campaign.)

"This is a wonderful opportunity to make a lasting contribution to something truly good," said **Nathan H. Miller**, '65, campaign chairman. "It is really that simple. The young adults we educate at Bridgewater College leave here with values, integrity and a strong work ethic, as well as important skills for succeeding in whatever life they choose. We can never measure the lasting contributions they make in their communities or their professions, but we know they make a difference." ◀ CC

TO MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION

To make a contribution to the *Every Student, One Commitment Campaign for Bridgewater College*, or for further information, visit online: campaign.bridgewater.edu. Call the Bridgewater College Office of Institutional Advancement at 540-828-5448. Or, write: Office of Institutional Advancement, College Box 33, Bridgewater College, 402 E. College St., Bridgewater, Va. 22812.

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Ph.D., Tufts University

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Meet the Trustees by Karen Doss Bowman, '91



Jerry Morris

JERRY F. MORRIS

When Jerry Morris moved to Virginia in 1967, leaving behind his hometown of Fort Worth, Texas, he never imagined that his job as a salesman for a box company would awaken within him an entrepreneurial spirit.

In 1971, Morris sensed a market opportunity for a new box manufacturing company after a nearby competitor shut down its plant. He and a business partner established Packaging Services Inc., a company that ultimately expanded to six different corporations in four states. After 30 years, he says, three of the six plants were sold, while the company maintained two plants in Pennsylvania and one in Williamsport, Md. While Morris no longer has day-

to-day responsibilities with the company, he remains a partner in the business.

That's not to say Morris has retired from entrepreneurial pursuits. Now he's one of the owners of Interchange Group, a company that offers land development, warehousing and logistics services to other businesses throughout the East Coast and internationally. The company owns more than one million square feet of warehouse space, according to its Web site. Establishing and growing one's own business, Morris says, is incredibly rewarding.

"Being able to satisfy one's own dream and knowing that I've created a lot of jobs for people" are among the rewards, he says. "There's a lot of satisfaction in having an idea and then developing the idea and letting it grow and mature."

Morris, who has been a member of Bridgewater's board of trustees since 1996, also has served on the board of directors for Rockingham Memorial Hospital and Valley Health Plan. He is a past president of the Harrisonburg Rotary Club. He also is an active member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg, Va., having served on numerous committees for the congregation.

An alumnus of Texas Christian University, Morris feels a close kinship with Bridgewater College because of its small size. This fall, he further strengthened his connections with the College when one of his grandsons enrolled as a freshman. He and Becky, his wife of 44 years who also is a Texas native, have two adult children and five grandchildren.

VIOLET SIRON COX, '59

As a teenager in McDowell, Va., Violet "Vi" Siron Cox, '59, couldn't have imagined the adventure her life's journey would become. One of six children in a farming family, Cox didn't dare dream of attending a four-year college after graduating from high school; it seemed financially impossible. But through the encouragement and assistance of the Highland County school district's superintendent, for whom she had worked during her summer breaks,

Cox was enrolled at Bridgewater just weeks before the 1955-56 academic year began. She would help pay for her education with a four-year work scholarship in the College's publicity office with Prof. C.E. "Tiny" May.

"I'm so thankful because Bridgewater changed my life," says Cox, who earned a master's degree from Madison College (now James Madison University) in 1971. "It just opened up my way of life."

More than 50 years after she began her education at Bridgewater, Cox and her husband, **Ron**, '59, have become world travelers. Since 1999, a cruise ship has been their preferred mode of travel, and the couple has sailed to all seven continents and embarked on two "World Cruises."

The couple's excursions began soon after their graduation from Bridgewater. Ron's job as a programmer with IBM required relocation to several different places, including Bermuda in 1960, where he worked on NASA's Mercury Space Program for 18 months. Vi, who taught high-school business courses, resigned from teaching after the couple's first son, Barry, was born in 1962. Their son, Brad, followed in 1964. The family moved to Harrisonburg, Va., in 1967, where they lived for 17 years. During these years, Vi was active in the community, serving as an advisory board member for the American Federal Savings and Loan. She also was an instructor at Blue Ridge Community College and was an office manager for the law firm of Wharton Aldhizer & Weaver.



Violet Siron Cox

After Ron took early retirement from IBM in 1987, the couple relocated to Kiawah Island, S.C. They built their own home, with Ron acting as general contractor and both doing finish work on the house. For the next four years, they shared a full-time position with Computer Development Management Systems (CMDS) of Harrisonburg (now Jenzabar), marketing the company's computer software for higher education administrative systems. In 1992, they resigned and began making wood items to exhibit and sell at juried arts and craft festivals, with Ron as the woodworker and Vi applying finish to the items. In 2003, they purchased the Bridgewater house built in 1929 by Ron's grandfather, and both have been involved in completely remodeling and upgrading the home. They have lived in the house since December 2007 and continue with the renovations.

A member of Bridgewater's board of trustees since 1978, Vi chaired Bridgewater's Centennial Executive Committee, leading the planning of events celebrated in 1980. She also has been a member of the board's Long-Range Planning Committee and is a past president of the BC Alumni Association. She has served on the Standing Committee and two study committees for the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference. The Coxes are now members of Bridgewater Church of the Brethren.

The Cox's sons and their spouses are Bridgewater graduates: **Barry**, '85, married the former **Karen Chestnut**, '85; and **Brad**, '86, married the former **Sue Shaffer**, '86. They have four grandchildren, who often accompany them on U.S. road trips each summer. Vi and Ron, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in September, recently established the Ronald V. and Violet Siron Cox Scholarship Fund at Bridgewater to support future generations of students.

"Bridgewater College made a big difference in my life," she says. "I wanted to do the same for students in the future."

Return
of the

Crackles

by Charles Culbertson





Photos by Tommy Thompson

On June 3, 1936, a bolt of electricity shot out of an angry sky over the town of Bridgewater and plummeted earthward, its fiery, irregular tentacles piercing into the heart of the Bridgewater College campus. In a single flash, the lives of an ancient landmark and a new, but significant, ceremony, were ended.

“The Old Sentinel,” a massive oak tree in front of Rebecca Hall, was the centerpiece of a graduation ritual known as the Oracles at the Oak. Its destruction by lightning just one day before the ceremony’s third birthday effectively consigned the ritual to oblivion – which is where it remained until the graduating class of 2008 plucked it out of obscurity and breathed new life into it.

Roots

In April of 1934, BC President Paul H. Bowman pondered “The Old Sentinel” and its powerful,

“Tears began to fall down the cheeks of the seniors who realized the implication of this event...” – Sharon Sweet, '08 class president

OPPOSITE PAGE: Photograph of the first Oracles at the Oak ceremony, held at “The Old Sentinel” in front of Rebecca Hall on June 4, 1934.

Photo courtesy of Special Collections, Alexander Mack Memorial Library



Original “Oracles” Script

By John Wayland, Class of 1899

First Oracle: The oak has long life.

Second Oracle: The oak has great strength.

Third Oracle: The oak is beautiful.

Fourth Oracle: The oak is useful.

The Historian: This particular oak has all the outstanding qualities of oaks in general – long life, strength, beauty and usefulness. It was a large tree when our college was born. It has firmly withstood wind and drought and cold. It enhances the landscape and gladdens our hearts. It shelters us and inspires us.

The Poet:

It knows no fear of the thunders loud,
Nor of ghostly midnight forms;
It smiles in the sun, it waits 'neath the cloud,
It sings in the winter storms.
With green it tells of the summer night,
With gold the autumn cheers;
With roots thrust deep, with top spread high,
'Tis pledge of a thousand years.

The Prophet: Each year this oak builds a living circle around its own heart. Each year our Alma Mater, in us, builds a living circle around her heart. For her and for the oak we prophesy – for both we bespeak all the years and all the glory of the Poet’s vision.

First Oracle: Joining hands around the oak, sheltered by its widespread branches, inspired by its outstanding qualities, we pledge to Alma Mater, so far as we have power to enlarge her gifts – her life, her strength, her beauty, her usefulness.

The class concludes the service by singing “Bridgewater Fair.”

Photo courtesy of Special Collections, Alexander Mack Memorial Library



Paul H. Bowman

spreading limbs, and wondered how he could use it to strengthen the ties of new graduates to the College. An idea came to him, and he quickly wrote a letter to John Wayland, an 1899 BC alumnus and noted Shenandoah Valley historian and writer.

“It has occurred to me that perhaps we could develop something to be known as the ‘covenant of the oak,’ and that probably it could be used in connection with our commencement exercises,” wrote Bowman.

“It is my thought that... the senior class may become members of the BC Alumni Association in some pledge of loyalty made in the shadow of this old oak tree.”

Bowman, whose idea had been enthusiastically received by the BC Alumni Association, asked Wayland to devise the procedure for such a ceremony and come up with an oath that the students could recite. Wayland received the request on April 3 and, by April 16, had completed the task.

The first Oracles at the Oak ceremony took place immediately following the College’s 54th commencement on June 4, 1934. The 36 graduates paraded from Cole Hall to “The Old Sentinel” where they gathered in front of it. Recent rains had rendered the ground sopping, preventing the class from encircling the tree as Wayland had envisioned.

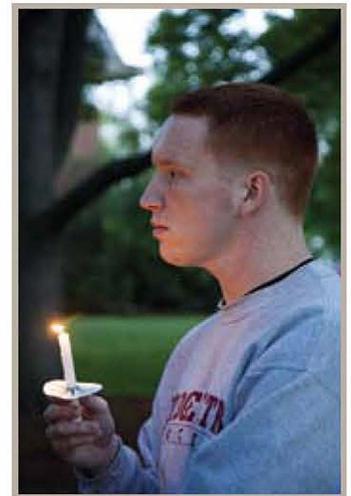
Wayland’s script called for students to fill seven roles: four Oracles, Historian, Poet and Prophet (or Prophetess). Filling the roles of first through fourth Oracles in that initial ceremony were class president Maurice F. Row, vice president Robert L. Sherfy, secretary Leona Zigler and treasurer Paul H. Bowman Jr. The Historian was Virginia May Via, the Poet was David L. Glick and the Prophet was Guy K. Stump. After each participant recited lines from Wayland’s litany, the entire class joined hands and sang “Bridgewater Fair.”

The philosophical heart of the ceremony lay in the words of the Prophet:

“Each year this oak builds a living circle around its own heart. Each year our Alma Mater, in us, builds a living circle around her heart.”

Revival

Despite valiant efforts to save “The Old Sentinel” after its 1936 encounter with lightning, the tree was irreparably damaged, and had to be cut down later that year. Gone with it was the ceremony designed to establish eternal bonds with the College’s newest graduates.





Fast forward to the fall of 2007, when the BC Office of Alumni Relations was working with the class of 2008 on the Bridgewater Ball and other projects. Alumni Relations Director Wendell Esbenshade mentioned to class president Sharon Sweet and vice president Kirby Green that he had come across references to the Oracles at the Oak ceremony in *Bridgewater College: The First Hundred Years, 1880-1980*, by Francis Fry Wayland, and asked if it was something the new class might be willing to resurrect.

“My thinking was that this could be a great way to close the chapter of being a student and open the next chapter of being alumni of Bridgewater College,” Esbenshade said. “It would be a symbolic way of wrapping up being a student.”

Sweet and Green were intrigued, and presented the idea to fellow seniors. Many were confused as to the purpose of the ceremony, but many others were curious and interested.

“To my surprise, a large majority of the seniors showed interest,” Sweet said. “At the next meeting, we decided as a group to be the first class to restart this ceremonial end to our life as students and beginning of our new status as Bridgewater College alumni.”

Sweet also noted that she believed that students were interested in re-establishing the Oracles ceremony because “it was a rare opportunity to continue a historical event that existed in Bridgewater College’s past.”

Along those same lines, Green noted that it was just the kind of thing the class of 2008 would decide to bring back to life.

“Our class has always been the trendsetters, so to speak,” Green said. “We wanted to revamp a great tradition, and I think we did that. Our turnout was very successful and it was a lot of fun. It was a way for our class to put its fingerprint on Bridgewater College history.”

Some adjustments were made, though. For one, since “The Old Sentinel” was long gone and no new tree had been planted on the spot, the class of 2008 chose an oak tree on the northwest side of the Kline Campus Center as the focal point for the Oracles ritual. Also, the ceremony was

“It was a way for our class to put its fingerprint on Bridgewater College history.” – Kirby Green, '08 class vice president



planned for the night before commencement rather than following it, and the original Wayland liturgy was abandoned in favor of something a little less structured, but no less significant.

On the evening of May 10, 2008, as many as 40 graduating students joined President Phillip C. Stone, Esbenshade and Rebecca Hylton, assistant director of alumni relations, for an event that hadn't been seen on the campus in 72 years. As students arrived at the oak outside the KCC, they were each handed a candle and a note card on which was printed the lyrics to "Bridgewater Fair." An Eagle lapel pin – to be worn at commencement

by those attending the Oracles ceremony – was attached to it.

The ceremony began with comments by Stone, who congratulated the class for its work in reviving the Oracles, and Esbenshade, who stressed the importance of maintaining strong ties to Bridgewater College. Next, Sweet recounted the history of the ceremony, and Green focused on its symbolic meaning. As Green spoke, class members lighted their individual candles and senior Shanon Vess sang "Never Alone," by Jim Brickman.

"The words of the song touched our hearts and tears began to fall down the cheeks of the seniors who realized the implication of this event and of the graduation ceremony that would be taking place the next day," Sweet said. "It was an honor to be a part of this event as well to stand beside my fellow Bridgewater students and future alumni."

The Oracles at the Oak ceremony concluded as had the first ones, with the singing of "Bridgewater Fair," and with a new and powerful sense of kinship for the new graduates of Bridgewater College.

Recurrence?

"This was an amazing opportunity to re-start an event that had been gone for such a long time," said Sweet. "The Office of Alumni Relations was a huge help, and if it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have even been aware of this ceremony. It is my hope that future senior class presidents and vice presidents will continue this tradition and make any changes or additions they feel are needed."

Green agreed, and said she thinks it will be "a shame" if the Oracles ceremony isn't continued.

"There isn't much time in a college career when you can just all be together and listen and enjoy without having to defend an opinion or write a paper, or get Convo credit for it," she said. "This ceremony is such a great way to have the class come together one last time and unite as students – because the next day, they are alumni!"

Editor's note: A series of letters from Dr. Paul H. Bowman to John Wayland regarding the establishment of the Oracles ceremony, and Wayland's responses, are preserved by Special Collections in the Alexander Mack Memorial Library.

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The Belmont Kids

*Four farms, 16 kids — and Bridgewater College.
Must have been something in the water...*

by Karen Doss Bowman, '91

It's a college recruitment success story that any admissions counselor would relish: four neighboring farms with 16 kids, all of them enrolled at Bridgewater College for at least one year during four decades, between 1920 and 1957. Most would meet their future mates at the College, and since then, numerous descendants have joined the ranks of Bridgewater alumni.

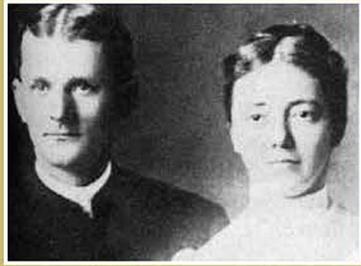
How did so many kids from one small geographic area end up in the classrooms of Bridgewater College? It's a complicated, if humble, legacy, that began about 1917 when George Yagel, a Brethren pastor from Indiana, moved his family to the farming

community of Belmont, Va., in Spotsylvania County, where he helped start the Belmont Church of the Brethren. By 1920, three families of extended relatives from the Broadway, Va., area joined Yagel's mission project at Belmont, all purchasing farms adjacent to his property.

One of them was the family of ordained minister Isaac N. Zigler — a 1906 (B.E.) and 1908 (B.S.L.) graduate of Bridgewater — and his wife, the former Mattie Roller, Bridgewater class of 1908. Isaac and Mattie originally wanted to become foreign missionaries, but family matters interfered, and they ended up moving to Belmont where Isaac became

▲ Some surviving members of the Belmont Kids reunited in July at the Bridgewater Retirement Community. Pictured, from left to right, are: Jacob Zigler, '39; Marion Mason, '53; Miriam Mason Hall, '45; Joe Mason, '45; Marie Mason Flory, '45; Ivan Mason, '51; Ino Mason Shank, '48; John Mason, '57; and Hiram Zigler, '39.

Photo by Charles Culbertson



Isaac and Mattie Zigler

an elder in the Brethren congregation. Today, their children vividly remember the move to Belmont, and what life was like in those long-ago days.

“There were, and still are, not any stoplights in Belmont,” says Hiram Zigler, ’39, with a chuckle.

Hiram points out that his father hadn’t been hired by the church, but went to Belmont simply because he felt a calling, and served as a “free minister” as was the custom in those days.

“There were numerous Brethren churches in Eastern Virginia, from the Blue Ridge to the Chesapeake,” recalls Hiram, a former official for the Virginia Farm Bureau. “My father preached in them, and he never got a nickel for preaching a sermon.”

Hiram’s brother, Jacob, also class of 1939, noted that “it was a good life” on the farm.

“We never had much money, but we always had good food,” says Jacob, who

became a teacher after graduating from Bridgewater. “We raised whatever we needed, and meals were very simple but nourishing.”

“Our first year of college, we saw buses come and take a bunch of our men off to war. Sweethearts had to separate, and oh, the tears. It was really sad.”

– Marie Mason Flory, ’45

Belmont’s magnetic quality continued to exert its unique pull. Two of Isaac Zigler’s younger sisters – Mary (class of 1915) and Esther – had married brothers Russell and Luther Mason, and in 1920 moved to the Belmont “mission field” where they jointly settled on an adjacent farm. To boot, the parents of the Mason brothers also bought a neighboring Belmont farm.

According to her children, Mary Zigler Mason also had dreams of becoming a foreign missionary, but soon after graduating from BC in 1915, she fell in love with Russell and they wed the next year. Ina Mason Shank, ’48, said that while her mother’s dreams of being a foreign missionary were put aside, she devoted herself to compassionate service to the poor families in the Belmont community, nursing sick babies, teaching Sunday School and giving food to needy families. Ina’s sister, Miriam, concurred.

“Mother had a missionary spirit,” said Miriam Mason Holl, ’45. “Anywhere she was, she was reaching out to people, and living in the Belmont community was her opportunity to do that.”

Miriam’s twin, Marie Mason Flory, ’45, would fulfill her mother’s dream when she and her husband, Wendell, would serve together as Church of the Brethren missionaries



THE BELMONT FAMILY TREE

The Children of George Yagel

Cameron Yagel, class of 1923

Ivan Yagel, class of 1931

Florence Yagel, class of 1929

The Children of Isaac and Mattie Roller Zigler

Hiram Zigler, class of 1939

Jacob Zigler, class of 1939

Barbara Zigler Glick, attended B.C., graduated from Medical College of Virginia

The Children of Russell and Mary Zigler Mason

Floyd Mason, attended B.C., graduated from Roanoke College (deceased)

Miriam Mason Holl, class of 1945

Marie Mason Flory, class of 1945

Ina Mason Shank, class of 1948

Olin Mason, attended B.C., graduated from Manchester College (deceased)

Ivan Mason, class of 1951

The Children of Luther and Esther Zigler Mason

Margaret Mason Norton, class of 1943

Joseph Mason, class of 1945

(Esther died following the birth of Joseph.)

The Children of Luther and Edith Snead Mason

Marion Mason, class of 1953

John Mason, class of 1957

in China and India.

Russell Mason made a living primarily through farming, while his brother, Luther, was a school teacher and principal who also shared pastoral duties with Isaac Zigler and Cameron Yagel (Bridgewater class of 1923), who was the son of George Yagel. As the late 1920s ushered in the era of the Great Depression, Luther's son, Joseph (class of 1945), recalls that his father and uncle struggled to keep their farm afloat.

The Mason-Zigler survivors recall that the primary source of power on the farm came from old-fashioned, horse-drawn farm equipment. All of the children were responsible for

helping out on the farm, taking care of the animals and harvesting the crops. Sometimes, after a hard day's work in the hot summer sun, the boys would go skinny-dipping in the creeks on the farm.

Thanks to the Depression, financial aid for college was hard to come by in the 1920s and 1930s. Because money was tight, most of the Mason and Zigler kids had to work for about two years after they graduated from high school. That gave them time to save a little cash for tuition and books, as well as to find resources for borrowing money if necessary. The wait period also gave them a chance to mature so that they would be prepared to take



FAR LEFT: Twins Miriam (Holl) and Marie (Flory).

CENTER: The Belmont farm of Russell and Mary Mason.

LEFT, TOP: Russell and Mary Zigler Mason.

LEFT, BOTTOM: Floyd Mason with his grandmothers Zigler (left) and Mason.

Photos courtesy of Marie Mason Flory, '45





Marie (Flory) and Ivan Mason with two farm horses at their Belmont farm in 1939.

Four Belmont kids chow down on watermelon in the backyard of the farmstead. From left to right: Barbara (Glick), Jacob, Hiram and the late Floyd Mason.

Ina Mason (Shank) and a passel of puppies in a 1939 photograph.



their education seriously.

By the time their six children were finishing high school, Russell and Mary Mason became concerned about how to pay for their education. Fortunately, Bridgewater president Dr. Paul H. Bowman offered Russell a job managing the College farm, which was located where the McKinney Center for Science and Mathematics now stands. So the family moved to Bridgewater in 1941, and the Mason kids' tuition was covered while their dad worked the farm that provided the milk, eggs and vegetables for the College.

"When I first moved there," says Joseph, who lived with his Uncle Russell's family while he attended BC, "we delivered raw milk to the kitchen. A year or two later, the state started requiring that the milk had to be pasteurized, so we sold it to the local creamery."

The Mason sisters attended Bridgewater during the World War II years. It was an unusual atmosphere on campus, with mostly women attending classes because the only men excused from military service were those preparing to become ministers or those with disabilities. A poignant memory for Marie was seeing many of the young men on campus go off to serve in World War II.

"Our first year of college, we saw buses

come and take a bunch of our men off to war," Marie says. "Sweethearts had to separate, and oh, the tears. It was really sad."

These days, seven of the surviving Belmont kids are enjoying their retirement years in Bridgewater, with all but one living in the Bridgewater Retirement Community. Students today wouldn't recognize the Bridgewater College of the Yagels, Masons and Ziglers, but they might giggle at some of their predecessors' memories: tuition in the 1930s and 1940s was somewhere around \$800 per year; female students were required to take chaperones on dates; and the College's athletics program included a tumbling team, of which Jacob Zigler was captain.

Still, the Belmont kids love Bridgewater College today as much as their Bridgewater College of years past. They are excited about the opportunities current students have that just weren't possible when they were young adults.

"One of the things I've learned – and I'm not exactly a spring chicken anymore – is that change is inevitable," says Hiram Zigler. "Time marches on, and part of progress is growth. It's inevitable."

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Where Are They Now?

by Charles Culbertson

Remember that professor who made you work like a rented mule? Or the one whose teaching propelled you into a rewarding career? Or the one who inspired you to achieve something you might otherwise never have considered, let alone attempted?

Whatever became of that professor and what is he or she up to, now?

Responding to a *Bridgewater* readership survey, a number of alumni said they'd like to know precisely those things, so we've instituted a new series – "Where Are They Now?" – in which we will periodically focus on two former faculty members and report on what life is like for them away from the manicured vistas and bustling classrooms of Bridgewater College.

But don't expect in-depth explorations of personal behavioral modalities or philosophical paradigms. Heck, we don't even know what those things are. Instead, we asked the really important questions, such as "Do you miss grading mountains of papers?" and "If you were a twee, what kind of twee would you be?"

Here's what we found out about two Bridgewater College icons.

Carlyle Whitelow

Associate Professor *Emeritus* of Physical Education

If there's a man who is more beloved by his friends, colleagues, former students and acquaintances than Carlyle Whitelow, no one has been able to discover who he is.

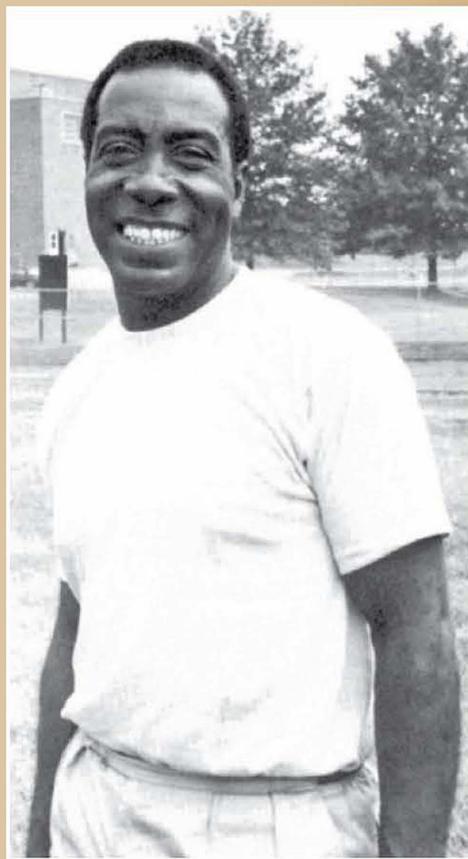
"He's a very generous spirit, one who is always interested in people and how they connect with one another," said Debra

Sheffer, '80, a former Whitelow student. "You just can't be around him and be glum."

Indeed. Whitelow, a 1959 graduate of Bridgewater who came to work at the College in 1969 as a physical education activity teacher, is still exerting the unique blend of good will, good humor and humanitarianism that made him one of BC's best-loved faculty members of all time.

Retired since 1997, Whitelow gives as fully of himself today as he did during his tenure at Bridgewater College. Born, reared and now living in Bridgewater, Whitelow is an elegant and well-spoken man whose Christian faith has guided him into a number of benevolent pursuits. He uses some of his many gifts – including an easy charm, bright smile and positive outlook on life – in Industrial Commercialized Ministry.

"It's where you go into the workplace, at the invitation of the business, and minister to people there," Whitelow explains. "I was placed at the Bridgewater Retirement Community, and I go there every Thursday for four hours. I float around, speak and say hello, and, if people want, have prayer and



Carlyle Whitelow in 1983.

conversation. The main thing is to be there for them.”

Whitelow says his “number one reward” is, simply, “seeing the people and bringing delight to them – being someone they can depend on.”

The Whitelow personal outreach program also extends into nursing homes and hospitals, which he regularly visits with his messages of caring and kindness.

Whitelow also is treasurer for John Wesley United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg, serves on the Salvation Army board and – putting his muscle where his civic pride is – mows the lawn at the North River Library. But if you want to catch up with Whitelow, you may have to move faster than a lawnmower. Once a jogger whose knees no longer cooperate all the time, Whitelow is now an avid bicyclist.

One of the things that takes up a great deal of Whitelow’s retirement time is practicing a craft that, in the age of computers and e-mail, has gone out of style – letter writing. Each week he hand-writes dozens of cards and

letters to friends, acquaintances, people he’s just met – almost anyone who touches his life in one way or another.

“I like to thank people for what they’ve done for me,” he says. “It cheers them up, and does my heart so very good. It was how I was brought up, to do that.”

The Whitelow family has close ties to Bridgewater College. Carlyle’s father, Faith, was a chef in the College’s food services department, and his mother, Muriel, worked by his side. Whitelow and his brother, Al, class of 1960, would rush home from school each day so that they could go to campus, where they spent many hours in the athletic department

helping as batboys, chasing foul balls and setting up track hurdles.

Whitelow, famous at Bridgewater as a tennis, football and basketball coach, was, in his student days here, the first black athlete in Virginia to participate in intercollegiate athletics at a school that was not a predominantly black college. For his participation in football, basketball and track, he was inducted into the BC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001.

Whitelow, his parents and brother (who passed away in 1991) were awarded the Outstanding Service Award in 1995, and the family’s legacy will continue to touch future generations of Bridgewater students through the Whitelow Family Scholarship. The West-Whitelow Award for Humanitarian Service was established in 2002 to recognize exceptional humanitarian service as demonstrated by Naomi Miller West, class of 1929, and Whitelow, who received the first awards in 2003.

“I really haven’t left Bridgewater College,” says Whitelow. “The College and the people there continue to play an important part in my life, and I am very thankful for that.”

Robert McFadden

Anna B. Mow Professor *Emeritus* of Religion

Somewhere among Bob McFadden’s belongings is a T-shirt that reads, “Captain Convo.”

No, there isn’t a cape, or tights, or red boots to go with it, and McFadden hasn’t spent any time in a telephone booth, lately. But he’s a superhero, anyway, to untold scores of Bridgewater College students who attended the more than 2,000 convocations he organized over a 35-year period, and who credit McFadden with helping educate them far beyond his religion classes.

And then there were the classes themselves. McFadden, who is BC’s first Anna B. Mow Professor of Religion, is the professor who “made me actually read the Bible for the first time instead of just mouthing clichés,” noted one former student. He is the teacher who “actually sat down with me and showed



Photo by Charles Gilbertson

“I really haven’t left Bridgewater College. The College and the people there continue to play an important part in my life, and I am very thankful for that.” – Carlyle Whitelow

"I look forward to a 'second retirement' this year. I plan to focus on family history rather than teaching. My goal is to do some biographical sketches of my father, a gifted pastor in the Church of the Brethren."

– Robert McFadden

letter-writer. McFadden also enjoys assembling Stave Puzzles and hiking in the Shenandoah

me how a research paper was supposed to be done," said another.

"What I remember most about Bob was his infectious enthusiasm for whatever subject he was teaching – even logic!" said Bridgewater College chaplain Robbie Miller, '79. "I guess you could say I enjoyed taking Bob's classes because he so clearly enjoyed teaching them."

Retiring from Bridgewater in 1998, McFadden found it a little hard to get teaching out of his system. Arming himself with such topics as "The Old Testament," "Biblical Archaeology," "Dead Sea Scrolls," "Islam and the West" and "Searching for the Historical Jesus," to name a few, McFadden became a favorite fixture for six years (2000-2006) at the Lifelong Learning Institute at James Madison University. He also taught general church history in the summers of 2004 and 2007 in the Shenandoah District Christian Growth Institute as part of an educational program for ordination in the ministry of the Brethren.

As if all that weren't enough, McFadden has taught biblical themes in the Altruistic Class of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, advised and mentored two Training-in-Ministry (TRIM) students in the Shenandoah District Church of the Brethren, and has served as district coordinator for the TRIM program.

Retired? Someone forgot to tell Bob McFadden. He has also given of his time, talent and energy to the executive committee and board of the Bridgewater Home Auxiliary. He served as co-president of the Auxiliary with Glenna Wampler in 2006 and 2008, and has involved himself in Auxiliary-related service and fund-raising projects.

Lest anyone think that Captain Convo is working himself to death in his retirement, we need to point out that McFadden has taken a number of trips to Yellowstone National Park, the Tetons and Virginia Beach. He is an avid reader, collector of early American stamps and

National Park with Glenna Wampler.

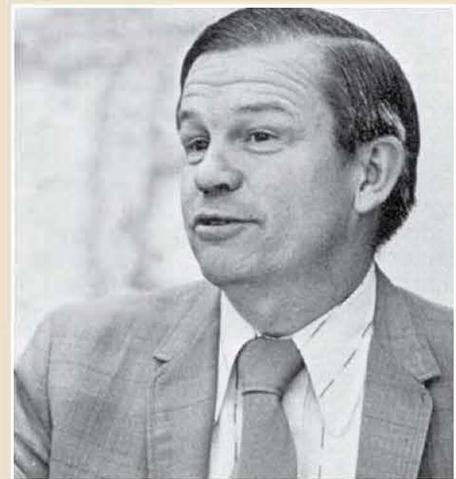
"I look forward to a 'second retirement' this year," he said. "I plan to focus on family history rather than teaching. My goal is to do some biographical sketches of my father, a gifted pastor in the Church of the Brethren. He died in 1965 at age 60 from cancer, and I have all his notes, journals, letters and other papers."

What? Not focusing on teaching? Well, that could be bad news for some of his past and future students – among them Ellen Layman, '65.

"Although Dr. McFadden was just beginning his teaching career when I took his courses in the early 1960s, he already was a better professor than I was a student," said Layman, director of special projects at Bridgewater College. "Now that I find myself wishing I were more Biblically literate, I realize I had the opportunity to learn more than I did – or at the very least I should have retained more of what I did learn! When I have time in retirement, I hope he'll still be teaching some courses – and I'll commit myself to being a better student the next time."

McFadden, who moved into a duplex at the Bridgewater Retirement Community in 2001, said he has had his share of medical troubles since 1998, but that they've all been dealt with and that his regimen of eating well, moderate exercise and walking helps keep him fit.

Just as a superhero should be.



Robert McFadden in 1975.

Getting the Picture

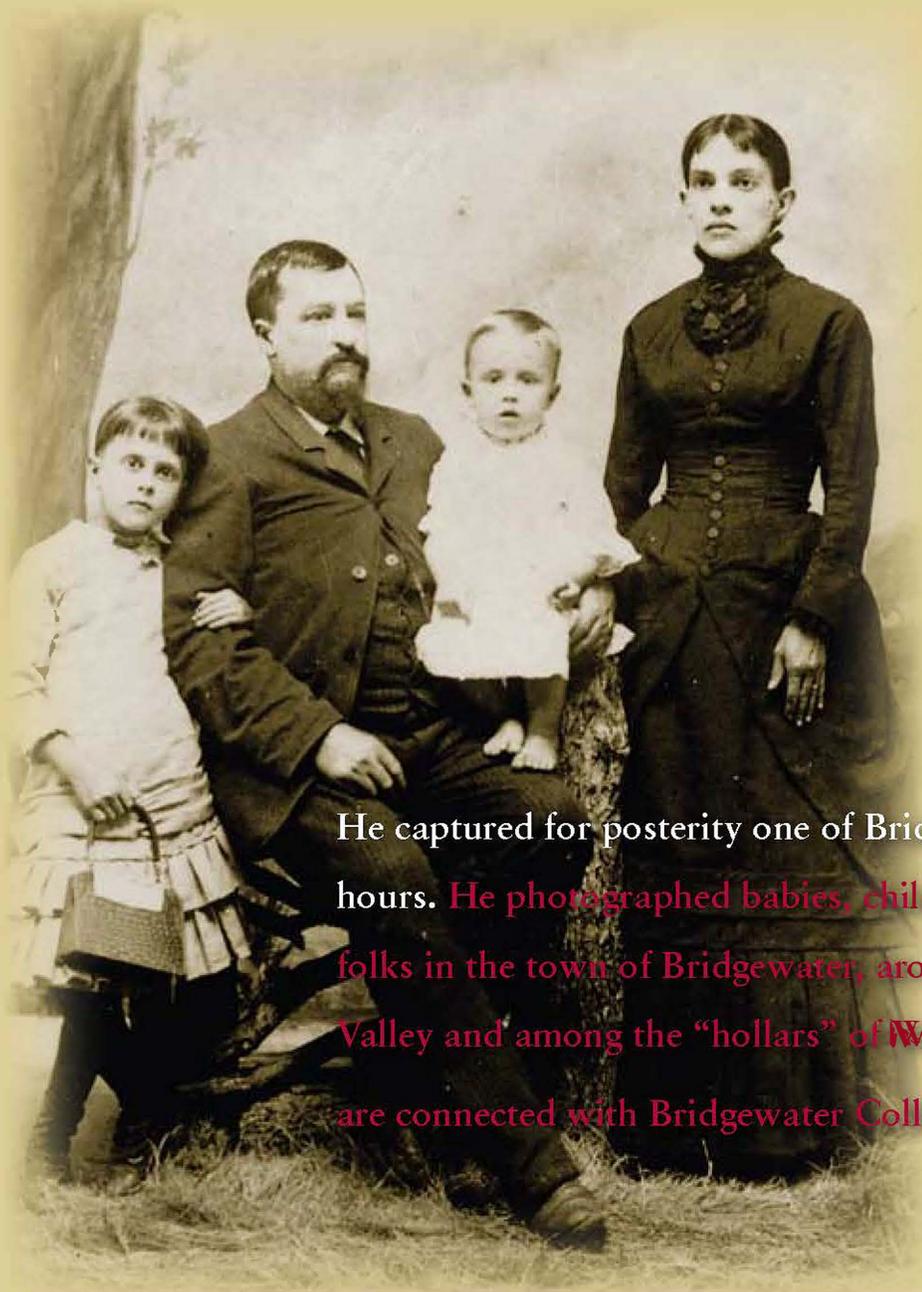
by Dale Harter

Photo courtesy of Special Collections, Alexander Mack Memorial Library



J. M. Hill,

BRIDGEWATER,
VIRGINIA.



He captured for posterity one of Bridgewater College's darkest hours. He photographed babies, children, gents, ladies and other folks in the town of Bridgewater, around the central Shenandoah Valley and among the "hollars" of West Virginia. His descendants are connected with Bridgewater College to this day.

Photo courtesy of Belva and Dee Hill

Now the Alexander Mack Memorial Library is perpetuating J. M. Hill's legacy by collecting and preserving his photographs.

During the past year, the library has purchased photographs taken by the Confederate veteran-turned photographer, most of which are of unidentified people. Earlier this year, Miriam Heatwole, of Swoope, Va., donated 43 photographs collected by her late husband and well known historian, John Heatwole. Harrisonburg, Va., historian, and jeweler Nancy Garber donated a Hill photograph as this article was being written.

The images, which are housed in Special Collections, will eventually be scanned and placed on a special page on the library's Web site. Visitors to the page will be able to learn about Hill's life and career, and, hopefully, reveal the identities of the people he photographed.



Dee and Belva Hill.

Joseph Merriken Hill was born Feb. 7, 1837, in Rockbridge Co., Va., near Panther's Gap. The son of a farmer, Hill mounted up in May 1861 and rode with the 8th Virginia Cavalry until he was captured on Aug. 7, 1864, by Union forces at Moorefield, Va. (now West Virginia). He was sent to Camp Chase, a prison for captured Confederates in Ohio, where he was forced to care for soldiers suffering from smallpox. After being exchanged in late March of 1865, Hill returned to Augusta County, Va., where he had lived before the war.

On Dec. 23, 1868, in Nelson County, Va., Hill married Sarah Elizabeth Hill. The couple moved to Augusta County, where they raised three children: Joseph Cecil, Charles and Daisy. A fourth child, Martie, died at age three of whooping cough.

Although it is not known how or when Hill became a photographer, he was plying his trade in Augusta County by 1880. His reputation preceded his arrival in Bridgewater, where he moved his business in 1884. In February of 1884, the *Bridgewater Journal* began reporting on his impending move to the town.

"Prof. J. M. Hill, the artist, has come at last," the *Journal* finally announced in its April 25 issue. "He is prepared to take pictures without regard to age, sex, color, or 'previous condition.' Mr. Hill has the latest improved apparatus for taking pictures by the instantaneous process. In a short time he will, perhaps, erect an art gallery and have it fitted up in the best and most attractive manner."

After establishing his Bridgewater gallery, Hill continued to practice his craft as late as 1903, perhaps later. He also established shops in Middlebrook, in Augusta County, and in Monterey, in Highland County. In the

latter location, he joined forces with a member of the Furry family of photographers, who also were based in Bridgewater. He worked with other area photographers as well, including William P. Rhodes and S. A. Ruebush.

Most of Hill's work focused on portraits, but he did take photographs of local scenery, including a shot of the old covered, wooden bridge that spanned the North River on the south side of Bridgewater (see this issue's *Across the Mall* section regarding new acquisitions by Special Collections). On Dec. 31, 1889, Hill captured an image of the Bridgewater College campus after a fire swept through the main building on campus. The photograph shows students and faculty gazing at the building's smoldering remains, the surrounding lawn littered with scattered, salvaged objects.

Although Hill died nearly 100 years ago, on June 27, 1911, his connection to the town and Bridgewater College lives on. A grandson, the late Charles Edward Hill, made his home in Bridgewater and dabbled in photography while working at Gitchell's Studio, in Harrisonburg. His wife, Belva Miller Hill, worked for the College for 25 years before retiring in 1992. Their son, Charles Anthony Hill, graduated from Bridgewater in 1976 and later directed the Kline Campus Center. One of their two daughters, Rebecca Hill Shifflett, graduated in 1981. The smiling face of their other daughter, Deidra Kay "Dee" Hill, has graced the housekeeping department since 1985.

If you have J. M. Hill photographs that you would like to donate to the library, or at least lend for scanning, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Dale Harter, the College archivist, at 540-828-5457, or dharter@bridgewater.edu.

Dale Harter is Bridgewater College archivist and curator of the Reuel B. Pritchett Museum.

All the World's A Mission Field

A recent BC grad wants to combine migratory instincts with a medical mission.

by Brooke Bates

Photos courtesy of Dano Heatwole



Arctic Circle

Dalton Highway ALASKA Latitude 66° 33'



*“My parents said, ‘Why don’t you just become a nurse?’ I didn’t really have a reason not to.”
– Dano Heatwole, ‘08*

Somewhere between cradling bear cubs, sneaking out of the house to fish and climbing trees at Bridgewater College, Dano Heatwole decided what he wanted to be.
A nurse, of course.

This missionary-minded world traveler cares more about helping others than accumulating hours outdoors or miles around the globe. He hopes to combine service and travel, taking his nursing degree overseas to make memories while he makes a difference.

Growing up global

Heatwole’s father was raised in Jamaica and Costa Rica by missionary parents. He brought Jamaica’s national dish – ackee and saltfish – back to the States, where the lychee-like fruit sautéed with dried cod became the family’s traditional Thanksgiving meal.

The Heatwole home was a constantly shifting scene. After Dano was born in Texas, the family moved to Virginia, Delaware, Oklahoma, back to Delaware and finally back to Virginia when he was in the 10th grade. They moved around within each state, too, making their current Bridgewater residence his 21st or 22nd.

“My girlfriend has lived in two houses her whole life,” he says. “But I’ve enjoyed moving. I can go to Oklahoma and know people, or Jamaica. I have a broad network of connections.”

Heatwole, 22, was first exposed to international travel around age 7, when, he says, “my parents put me on a plane by myself and I lived in Jamaica for the summer with my grandparents.”

By that time, he was already an avid outdoorsman, but it wasn’t until high school that he got serious about it. His biology teacher, David Mumaw, who retired from Eastern Mennonite High School in Harrisonburg, Va., in 2001, took him to watch the Forestry Service remove bear cubs from their dens. Heatwole got to hold one of the cubs, an experience he retells wide-eyed.

After that, Heatwole was outside as much as possible. “I had a rule in high school: No homework until I fished for two hours,” he says. “I snuck out of the house carrying an axe so my parents would think I was going down to split wood.”

Around the world

Heatwole says he took a year off after graduating from EMHS. But his “year off” just packed in more travels, service and school. He briefly attended Rosedale Bible College, a junior college in Ohio, trekked across Europe with friends and helped bring clean water to Central American churches.

After that year, Heatwole received two tempting offers – from Bridgewater College, a full-ride scholarship; and from two friends, a 15-month tour of 45 countries.

“I knew I probably wouldn’t have another chance at a full scholarship,” he says, so he enrolled at BC.

While there, he sang in the Concert Choir, played ultimate Frisbee, served as chairman of the Honor Council and a member of Student Senate; the Philomathes Society, BC’s scholastic honor society; and Alpha Chi, a national scholastic honor society.

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– Dano Heatwole, ‘08*

He participated in three Collegiate Challenge Alternative Spring Break trips through Habitat for Humanity, building houses in North Carolina, South Carolina and Missouri. He also traveled to New Orleans with Mennonite Disaster Relief to clean up after Hurricane Katrina.

Then, as part of Eastern Mennonite Seminary's LEAP (Learning, Exploring and Participating) Program, he traveled to South Africa as a participant and Indonesia as a group leader.

He couldn't sit still at BC, either. He spent his junior year studying in New Zealand, where he got used to "people streaking and couches burning in the middle of the street." But because he'd scheduled his classes from Tuesday to Thursday, he had four-day weekends to explore Australia.

'Flexible as a wet noodle'

Most Bridgewater students knew the outdoor-living Heatwole for walking around campus barefoot, climbing trees and chasing squirrels, he says.

"I think he was the only one to graduate not wearing pants," says Casey Fabling, 22, one of Heatwole's friends who also received his BC diploma recently. "He was just wearing shorts underneath his gown."

With double majors in biology and environmental science, and a minor in philosophy and religion, he had geared his education toward a job that would allow him to be outside.

But last summer during a family vacation to Alaska, he mentioned getting a CPR certification, which would look good on applications to lead cross-cultural service trips.

"My parents said, 'Why don't you just become a nurse?' I didn't really have a reason not to," he says.

So last September, Heatwole began focusing his biology classes on anatomy and physiology rather than the environment. To gain medical experience, he also started working part-time at White Birch Community nursing home and volunteering on the Bridgewater Rescue Squad as an EMT and ambulance driver.

Next fall, he'll attend a two-year program at the University of Virginia to earn his master's degree in nursing, which he plans to use as a medical missionary. Nursing won't be "like being outside kayaking," he says, but it's still a way to "support a family, travel and be involved in mission work somehow," he says.

That "somehow" could mean staying in the States, helping uninsured and under-insured patients.

"People want to go overseas because Nicaraguan hammocks seem more exotic," he says. But he'd enjoy West Virginia's Appalachian Mountains just the same.

Fabling says Heatwole "wants to make sure everything he does has a reason. He's becoming a nurse to change people's lives. He doesn't just accept the world he lives in, but makes it better."

That explains why Heatwole's international experience hasn't just been about traveling. "A lot of trips I've taken have tied back into the church," he says. "I want to be involved in the international church, a network of people that believe in Jesus Christ the same way I do."

Flexibility and open-mindedness are constant challenges during Heatwole's travels.

"Someone told me, 'You need to be as flexible as a wet noodle,'" he remembers. "I'm not just going to give others something; there are a ton of cool things I can learn from them."

"You can make a coherent worldview from home," he says, "but it's more cohesive and complete if you have things to add."

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Bill Leatherman

Photo by Tommy Thompson

Winningest Bridgewater B-Ball Coach Bill Leatherman Retires

Head men's basketball coach **Bill Leatherman** – who has the most wins of any men's basketball coach in Bridgewater College's history – announced his retirement after 42 years as a basketball coach, 23 of them at the helm of the Bridgewater program.

Leatherman was hired as the head coach at Bridgewater College in 1985.

"I'm 67 and eligible for full Social Security," Leatherman quipped. "I couldn't have had it any better than the 23 years I was here. It was a difficult decision to make, but once you do it at my age, you're done. In 42 years of coaching, we've never had a Thanksgiving or Christmas vacation that your mind wasn't cluttered with basketball, and I'm looking forward to that time."

In just his second season, Leatherman led the Eagles to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) regular season title with a 17-9 record. A year later, Bridgewater won the 1987-88 ODAC championship and earned a berth to the NCAA Division III tournament – the College's first-ever appearance in postseason play. That team finished with a 24-5 record, the best record during the Leatherman years.

Bridgewater made two more trips to the NCAA tournament. The 1995-96 team earned an at-large bid and finished with an 18-10 record. The next season, the Eagles finished with a 21-8 record and advanced to the Round of 16 in the NCAA tournament.

Leatherman was named the ODAC Coach of the Year four times – 1987, 1989, 1996 and 2005. He was named the South Region Coach of the Year in 1987, 1988, 1996 and 2005. Following the 2005-06 season, Leatherman received the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Guardians Award for Advocacy. The honor is one of the top awards a coach can receive from the NABC.

"My favorite thing was watching the guys get better," he said.

Leatherman started his coaching career in 1966 at Staunton River High School and began his college coaching career in 1979

as an assistant coach on Lou Campanelli's staff at James Madison University. In his six seasons at JMU, the Dukes competed in three consecutive NCAA tournaments, notching first-round wins over national powers Georgetown, Ohio State and West Virginia.

Leatherman finishes his career with 335 wins and 262 losses at Bridgewater. He earned his 300th career win during the 2004-05 season when the Eagles defeated rival Eastern Mennonite.

"This can be a happy time or a sad time," said **Curt Kendall**, BC's athletic director. "He won't have to worry about all that paperwork, but we are losing a veteran coach. He will be missed, not only as a colleague, but as a friend." ◀ CC

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Melvin A. Queen III, '08, was named the ODAC Male Track & Field Athlete of the Year in voting by the conference coaches. Queen, from Chesapeake, Va., won twice outdoors at the ODAC Championships, including a fourth straight title in the 100-meter dash (11 seconds). He also placed second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.94 seconds.

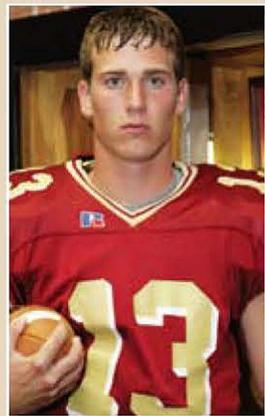
Queen then teamed with sophomore **Brandon Copeland**, freshman **Tyler Beiler** and sophomore **Tony Konate** in the 4x100-meter relay, claiming top marks with a time of 41.73 seconds. That time set an ODAC Championships record by .01 seconds.

At the ODAC indoor championships, Queen won the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.48 seconds. In Wisconsin, at the NCAA Division III National Outdoor Track & Field Championship Meet, Queen competed in a pair of events, placing sixth overall in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.8 seconds.

Sophomore **Nathan Turner** was named the South/Southeast Region Outdoor Track & Field Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Turner won the javelin, shot-put and hammer at the ODAC Championships and qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships in the shot-put with the second-best throw in the nation. Turner earned All-American honors in the shot with a second-place finish at the national meet.



Melvin A. Queen III



Jeff Highfill

The 2008 Harry G. "Doc" Jopson Scholar-Athlete Award was presented to **Jeff Highfill**, '08, by the ODAC board of directors.

Highfill, of Roanoke, stood out in the classroom as well as on the football field. He boasted a 3.85 grade-point average while majoring in mathematics and minoring in business. A member of the Bridgewater College and National Deans' list since 2004, Highfill is the recipient of a 2008 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. He was twice named a CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American, earning college division first team honors in 2006 and second team accolades in 2007.

Highfill also was honored as the Bridgewater College Male Geisert Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2008.

Two former starters for the National Football League will share their talents with Bridgewater College for the 2008 football season.

Bridgewater College has been selected to host an intern for the NFLPA/NCAA Internship Program for the 2008 football season. That intern will be **Larry Moore**, who attended Brigham Young University and then played nine years in the NFL as an offensive lineman. Moore will help coach the offensive line and tight ends.



Nathan Turner

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS, *continued*

Ben Taylor will work as the Eagles linebacker coach. Taylor, who starred at Virginia Tech and was drafted in the fourth round of the NFL draft in 2002, played for the Cleveland Browns (2002-2005) and Green Bay Packers (2006).

"We are excited that our program was chosen," said coach Mike Clark. "I know well over 50 schools at the Division II and Division III level applied for these grants, and I think our selection speaks well of our reputation.

"This fall," he continued, "it will be important that a young team is well-coached. We will not have a big margin for error. Unfortunately, Larry Moore and Ben Taylor, who bring 14 years of NFL experience to our program, can't play for us. I hope our players can benefit from their knowledge and experience."

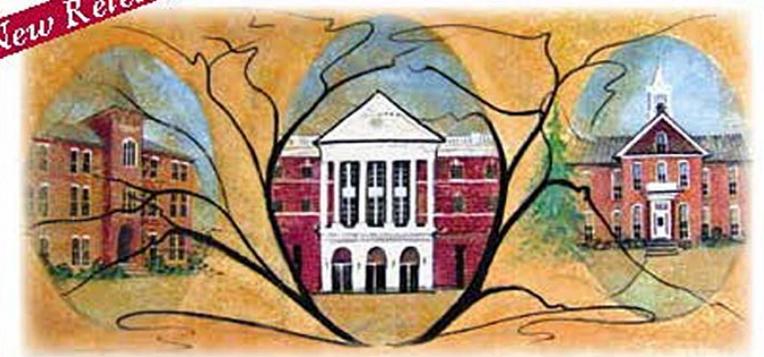
Bridgewater College football wide receiver Brandon Copeland, '08, was signed to the Arena Football League's Philadelphia Soul this summer. The AFL is the top arena football league in the country.

Copeland, also an All-American track performer, finished his collegiate career with 127 receptions for 1,924 yards and 21 touchdowns. He ranks No. 2 all-time at Bridgewater in all three receiving categories. He was named All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference as a junior and senior.

In May, Copeland was invited to and participated in a NFL rookie minicamp with the Cleveland Browns. He was named an honorable mention camper by ClevelandBrowns.com for "catching everything thrown his way."

When asked about the opportunity, Copeland said "There's no rest for the weary. I only sleep on December the 32nd." He explained by saying "I have to stay on my goals at all times; you never know when your chance will come."

New Release!



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"Bridgewater in Autumn"

Prints will be available Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 3 - 5, at the Hall of Fame Banquet and football game (near the main entrance to the football stadium). Prints may also be purchased online at www.BridgewaterAlumni.com beginning Oct. 3.

Standard Print: \$125*

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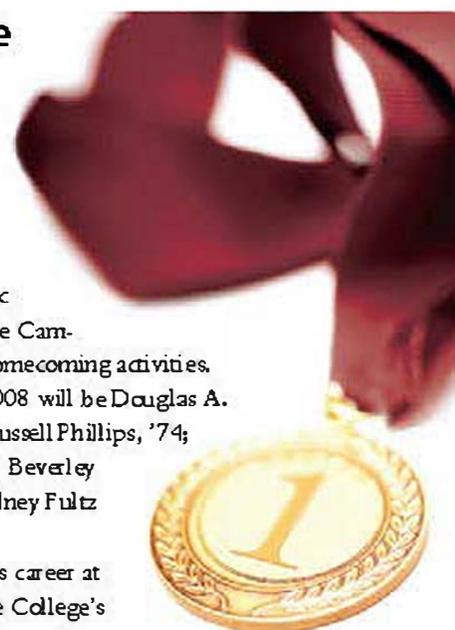
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Five to Receive Hall of Fame Induction

On Oct. 3, five Bridgewater College alumni will be inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame, in the Kline Campus Center, as part of Homecoming activities.

The inductees for 2008 will be Douglas A. Coleman, '73; Charles Russell Phillips, '74; Ray Lynn Heatwole, '67; Beverly A. Marum, '68; and Sydney Fultz John, '97.

Coleman finished his career at Bridgewater as one of the College's top track and cross country performers, while Phillips distinguished himself in football, track and cross country. Heatwole was a standout player in basketball, football and baseball, and Marum was an outstanding athlete in basketball, field hockey and tennis. John was a two-sport standout, playing on the lacrosse and volleyball teams. ◀ CC



1937

In May, **MARGARET "PEG" FLORY WAMPLER RAINBOLT** of Bridgewater, Va., was honored by the Bridgewater Retirement Community as Humanitarian of the Year.

1947

On June 21, **DR. HOMER M. KLINE JR.**, of Fredericksburg, Va., won the city's first annual Top Senior Model. The models were judged on style, poise, personality and creativity.

1951

As a member of the Mountain Empire Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, **W. FREDERICK HIMELWRIGHT** of Kingsport, Tenn., participated in award ceremonies at two local high schools. The chapter recognizes outstanding young cadets for academics and civic responsibility.

1954

THE REV. SAMUEL GOULDTHORPE JR., of Dahlgren, Va., celebrated his 50th anniversary of being ordained into the priesthood with a luncheon on June 29, at the parish where he serves.

1956

DORIS ELLER HEISEL and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 28 at the Modesto (Calif.) Church of the Brethren. Living in a retirement community in Modesto, Doris enjoys learning to know all the residents and staff.

1958

DR. FRED W. SWARTZ and his wife Nancy are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2008. They retired in 2003 and moved to Bridgewater Village in Bridgewater, Va. Fred is beginning his second five-year term as Church of the Brethren Annual Conference secretary. The couple has four grandchildren and volunteers with the Bridgewater Retirement Community.

1959

DR. MARJORIE LOUISE HARE COPPOCK is the author of *Wrestling With Angels: The Sexual Revolution Confronts the Church*, published by ACW Press. She has completed 185 book signings around the U.S. In March 2008, she started a blog-www.confrontingthis.blogspot.com-and welcomes others to consider social issues.

1963

RON SQUIRE STEFFEY of Williamsburg, Va., retired in 2007 from teaching in the public school system. He has received many honors over his teaching career including Most Outstanding Teacher presented by the VFW. He has written over 70 newspaper essays as well as articles for Virginia and national magazines. He is completing his first novel, *The Serpentine Bond*, about seven students at a large southern university.

1967

CHRISTOPHER LYDLE is president-elect of the Digital Imaging Marketing Association, an international group committed to exploring emerging technologies, marketing and business innovations throughout the global imaging industry. He and his wife, **THELMA ESORTHY LYDLE**, also '67, own Chris' Camera Center in Aiken, S.C. The couple lives in Atlanta and Aiken.

1971

LORRAINE "LORI" BITTINGER LINEWEAVER of Bridgewater, Va., writes that she and her husband, Dave, are enjoying their newest roles as grandparents. They are making frequent trips to Boston to visit their granddaughter.

1977

BONITA HATFIELD ADAMS of Largo, Fla., is an elementary school teacher. She has been married for 18 years and has two daughters.

In April, **BEVERLY BAKER ROACH** of Staunton, Va., was named the

Augusta County Teacher of the Year. She teaches third grade at Churchville Elementary School.

1979

MICHAEL L. BOWMAN and Lisa Marie Lough were married May 10. Michael earned a master of science degree from the University of Virginia. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

1981

JOHN DWYER of Harrisonburg, Va., has been named executive director for Sunnyside, a continuing-care facility in Harrisonburg, Va. He earned a master of business administration degree from James Madison University and has over 20 years experience in the senior housing and care industry.

1983

LISA HOLLINGER BEDENBAUGH married childhood friend David Clemens in June 2007, and together they have six children. She is proprietor of the Lynden Gallery (the former Elizabethtown, Pa. Fire Hall built in 1882), and lives above the gallery. Her home was featured in the March 2008 issue of *Central PA* magazine, a PBS publication. She is pursuing a master's degree in interior architecture at Drexel University in Philadelphia. She served as project manager in 2005-06 for the Lancaster Arts Hotel, an adaptive-re-use project in Lancaster, Pa., and continues as gallery director for the hotel. The family attends Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren.

After 21 years of living in Fredericksburg, Va., **SHARON LAMBERT O'CONNELL** and **SEAN O'CONNELL, '85**, have moved with their family to Alexandria, Va. Sharon is academic director at Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington, D.C. She will oversee the academic teachers and guide the academic curriculum. Sean is a partner in the accounting firm PBGH and works primarily in the new Fairfax, Va., office.

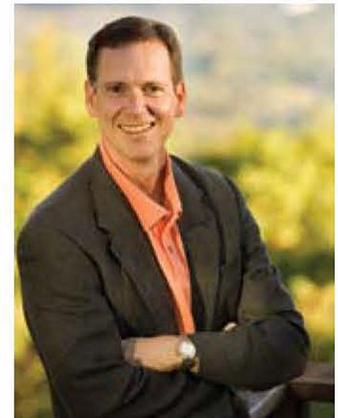
KENNETH and **CHERYL BLAND SNYDER** have moved to Prince George, Va. Kenneth is a logistics management specialist at Fort Lee and a retired Army MSG. Cheryl is currently on leave from DECA. The Snyders have two children, Brandyn and Christa.

In May, **PAULA ZIEGLER ULRICH** of Richmond, Ind., earned a master of divinity degree from Bethany Theological Seminary.

DR. BARRY WRAY has been elected president of the Southeastern Region of INFOMRS (the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences). He is an associate professor of management science at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington.

1984

DR. MARTIN H. KARES is head of the music department at Evangelischer Oberkirchenrat in Karlsruhe, Germany. He is a full-time consultant regarding pipe organs and steeple bells and has been employed by the Synod of Protestant Churches in Baden since 1990. He also is president of the Organ-Consultant Association of Germany. He and his wife have two sons. He welcomes visits from all BC alumni.



Sean O'Connell, '85

1985

SEAN O'CONNELL (see Sharon Lambert O'Connell, '83).

DANA STRICKLER of Crozet, Va., has been promoted from teaching assistant to kindergarten teacher at Agnor-Hurt Elementary School in the Albemarle County school system.

1987

TRACEY HOUGH BEACH (see the Rev. Bryan A. Beach Sr., '88).



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"I decided to come to BC because the faculty in the foreign language department was so incredibly kind and helpful. Moreover, the department was smaller than most of the other schools I looked at so I knew I was going to get great individualized attention. I like being able to walk to class and wave to so many people that I know...BC is a great community." - Jenna Costabile, '09

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1988

THE REV. BRYAN A. BEACH SR., is senior associate pastor at Swift Creek Baptist Church as of September 2007. Bryan and his wife, **TRACEY HOUGH BEACH**, '87, live in Chesterfield, Va., with their three children, Allen, Brooke and Benjamin Andrew "Drew."



J. Mark Griffin, '88, and Andree Christina Simons on.

J. MARK GRIFFIN and Andree Christina Simons were married May 31. Mark is senior associate director of admissions at Bridgewater College. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

1989

GREG ECROYD of Moseley, Va., is pursuing a doctor in education degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is an assistant principal at Falling Creek Middle in Chesterfield County, Va.

1990

DR. KATHLEEN ROBERTS TOOTHMAN earned a doctor of education degree from Western Carolina University in May. Her dissertation was "Developmental Literacy Programs in North Carolina Community Colleges: Instructional Methods and Student Learning Styles." A sixth-grade language arts and science teacher, she lives in Glen Alpine, N.C. with her husband, B.J. and daughter.

1991

In November 2007, **BOBBY POPOWICZ**, of Woodford, Va., was elected to a four-year term as the Port Royal District representative on the Caroline County Board of Supervisors. He also founded **BZ&B Consulting**, a management consulting firm that provides services to companies in both the Richmond and northern Virginia metro areas.

1992

PORTER R. GRAVIS III graduated summa cum laude with a master of divinity degree from Evangelical Theological Seminary. Since October 2006, he has served as lead pastor at Bridgeway Church of the Nazarene in Beaufort, N.C. He lives in Newport, N.C., with his wife, Angela, and four sons, Randel, James, Shane and Eli.

1993

On April 27, **VALERIE HELBERT**, of Harrisonburg, Va., received a master's degree in conflict transformation from Eastern Mennonite University. She directs the university's Summer Peacebuilding Institute and serves as the international student coordinator for graduate students enrolled at the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding.

JULIE HANOVER ROYER works for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Security Police. She lives with her husband, Mark, and their three children, Chase, Kylee and Cole, in the Brunswick/St. Simons Island region of southern Georgia.

1994

AMANDA L. ERMESON MARTIN (see Richard "Rick" W. Martin, '95).

KARL VERELL of Alexandria, Va., received a master of business administration degree from the University of Phoenix. He is director of client services for Prudential Financial in Washington, D.C.

1995

In May, **RICHARD "RICK" W. MARTIN** earned a master of divinity degree

from Eastern University's Palmer Theological Seminary in Wynnewood, Pa. In June, he became pastor of finance at Branch Creek Community Church in Harleysville, Pa. He lives in Collegeville, Pa., with his wife, **AMANDA L. ERICKSON MARTIN, '94**, and their two sons, Eric and Drew.

JERRY PINER and Heather have a son, William "Will" Wesley, born Dec. 3, 2006. The family lives in Fishersville, Va.

MELVIN E. WILLIAMS of Roanoke, Va., recently formed a partnership with Terry N. Grimes as the law practice of Grimes & Williams P.C. The firm specializes in complex litigation, particularly employment and civil rights cases in the federal courts and carries on a general civil and criminal litigation practice.

1996

SANDRA INGRAM SPEAKMAN and Steven have a daughter, Mary Grace, born March 21 and adopted on June 12. The family lives in Auburn, Ala.

1997

BRIAN HUME and Aneta have a daughter, Simone Beth'el, born Nov. 26, 2007. Already a world traveler, Simone has been to Poland to visit her mother's family for seven weeks. The family lives in Fredericksburg, Va.

SYDNEY FULTZ JOHN and Brandon have a daughter, Mazie Elizabeth, born June 9. The family lives in St. Charles, Ill.

THE REV. ALEXANDER D. MACPHAIL and Karin have a daughter, Margaret Alice "Maggie," born June 27. The family, which also includes a son, lives in Woodstock, Va.

1998

SHELTON K. DODD JR. and Angela have a son, Jackson Keith, born Dec. 12, 2007. The family lives in Roseland, Va.

BRANDON DORSEY and Kristin have a daughter, Megan Faith, born in May 2008. Brandon is a professional land surveyor with Dorsey Surveying PLC and owner of Timber Ridge Storage LLC in Lexington, Va.

RENEE FALLS and Brad Mowery were married Jan. 19. Renee is a team assistant for the Lane Thrush - Point of Difference Team at RE/Max Realty Agency. The couple lives in Shippensburg, Pa.

In March, **THOMAS GRYDER** of Manassas, Va., was named head football coach at Gar-Field High School. Previously he was offensive coordinator at Woodbridge High School.

BRIAN and **AMY BECHTLE LAIL, '99**, have a son, Matthew Scott, born March 10. The family lives in Centreville, Va.

BRIAN and **AMY DREIBELBIS MESSLER** have a daughter, Cayden Faith, born May 19. The family lives in Emmitsburg, Md.

RANDY and **STEPHANIE THOMPSON ROBBINS, '99**, have a daughter, Camdyn Layne, born Jan. 25. The family, which also includes a son, Hunter Grayson, lives in Mechanicsville, Va.

1999

DR. HEIDI BURKHOLDER BRUNK and Joe have a son, Bryce Joseph, born Oct. 8, 2007. The family lives in Radford, Va.

AMBER BETH CROPPER and **ROBERT O. HAM III, '05**, were married Feb. 16. Amber is a program manager for the Central Shenandoah Valley Office on Youth serving Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County. Robert is a Virginia conservation police officer for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The couple lives in Bridgewater, Va.

MEGAN SNYDER KINCHELOE of Churchville, Va., has been promoted to assistant vice president and branch manager of Planters Bank & Trust Co. in Waynesboro, Va. She previously worked in the mortgage division.

AMY BECHTLE LAIL (see Brian Lail, '98).

STEPHANIE THOMPSON ROBBINS (see Randy Robbins, '98).

PATRICK WELLER and **HEATHER KELLEY WELLER, '03**, have a son, Jackson Patrick, born March 24. Patrick is assistant men's basketball coach at Bridgewater College. The family lives in Staunton, Va.

2000

In May, **KAREN HOLLINGER CROUSHORN** received a master's degree in counseling from George Mason University and was cited as the Outstanding Graduate in the program.

JENNIFER HOGSHEAD and Trey Lawhorn have a daughter, Katherine Taylor, born May 16. Jennifer is a guidance counselor and junior varsity volleyball coach at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton, Va.

NATHAN CARL MAYO and Kristin Souder were married May 24. Nathan is a sales representative in Charlotte, N.C. The couple lives in Huntersville, N.C.

JUSTIN LEE NOLEN and **JESSICA FAITH LEETH, '02**, were married June 16, 2007. After graduating from BC, Justin earned a bachelor of science degree in physicians assistance from Jefferson College of Health Sciences. He is a physician's assistant at Hess Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine. Jessica is pursuing a master of administration degree at Shenandoah University and is a special education

teacher with Augusta County Schools. The couple lives in Grottoes, Va.

CHRISTOPHER and **AMANDA BECKWITH ZEPP, '01**, have a son, Tristan Benjamin, born March 18. Chris is associate pastor of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The family, which also includes a daughter, lives in Bridgewater, Va.



David Musil Jr., '01, and Cathleen Sweeney.

2001

JULIA LIND BAIR and **ROSS BAIR, '02**, have twins, Elizabeth Morgan and Nathaniel Lind, born May 27, 2002. Julia teaches second grade in the Rockingham County Public Schools, and Ross teaches biology and environmental science at Harrisonburg High School. The family lives in Broadway, Va.

ELIN DODD MANIFOR and Michael have a daughter, Lindsey Blair, born Feb. 18. The family lives in Oceanside, Calif.

SUSAN ASHBY MILLER of Gainesville, Va., is a chemist in the inorganics and metals labs Fairfax Water, where water quality analysis is performed for the largest water utility in Virginia. In 2007, she received a Fairfax Water Merit Award for work in student outreach. During the summer of 2008, she gave presentations on her work to students at two conferences, the Virginia American Water Works Association (AWWA) Good Laboratory Practice Technical Conference and annual meeting of Water JAM 2008.

DAVID MUSIL JR. and Cathleen Sweeney were married June 14. David has been the assistant sports infor-

HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Honorary Alumni Award was established to recognize special friends of Bridgewater College and the BC Alumni Association. An honorary alumnus/a is nominated by the College President, and referred to the Alumni Association Board of Directors' Executive Committee for review and recommendation to the Board of Directors for action.

1997..... Mary Grace Martin *
2001..... Carolyn C. Driver *
2001..... Mary Spitzer Etter *

2001..... Ralph L. Shively
2005..... Bonnie Lou Wampler
2008..... Daniel S. Geiser

* deceased

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mation director at Mount St. Mary's University since October 2002. The couple lives in Westminster, Md.

SUZANNA SHANKS PAXTON

and Eric have their first child, a son, Hayden Jacob, born March 8. The family lives in Millboro, Va.

JASON THREEWITTS has been promoted to oil lab supervisor for Carter Machinery at the home office in Salem, Va.

AMANDA BECKWITH ZEPP (see Christopher Zepp, '00).

2002

ROSS BAIR (see Julia Lind Bair, '01).

BRETT CHILDERS and Kristen Evans were married on May 10. Brett is a physical education teacher at South Pointe High School in Rock Hill, S.C. He also is head coach for girls' basketball and girls' golf. In May 2007, he earned a master's degree in physical education at Winthrop University. The couple lives in York, S.C.

JESSICA FAITH LEETH (see Justin Lee Nolen, '00).

JENNIFER DAWN MOORMAN and Ryan Branum were married June 7. Jennifer earned a master in business administration degree from James Madison University in December 2007. After working six years at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, she is a biosafety specialist at the University of Virginia. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

2003

DR. TROY W. AKERS and **NANCY A. VARNEY AKERS, '04**, have a daughter, Mollie Elizabeth, born Dec. 6, 2007. Troy earned a doctor of osteopathic medicine, with honors, from the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He also was promoted to captain in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon, Ga. The family lives in Grovetown, Ga.

MATT BARNHART has been hired as assistant recruiting coordinator with the University of Virginia football staff. In May, he earned a master of science degree from McDaniel College. He

lives with his wife, Lauren, in Charlottesville, Va., along with Gracie, their golden retriever.

CORTNEY ALENE CRAWFORD

and Everette Elwood Breden were married May 17. Cortney is a staff accountant at RR Donnelley-South in Harrisonburg, Va. The couple lives in Weyers Cave, Va.

DENISE WALLACE HEAVENER and Jeffrey have a son, Aidan Michael, born April 30. The family lives in Middletown, Del.

CLINTON TRAVIS SHUEY and Samantha Rae Simmons were married Oct. 21, 2007. Clinton is a lab technician at Merck. The couple lives in Grottoes, Va.

HEATHER KELLEY WELLER (see Patrick Weller, '99).

DONALD WILLIAMS JR. and Janell have a daughter, Lydia Marie, born March 15. The family lives in Weyers Cave, Va.

REBEKAH WOLFROM of West Chester, Pa., is a clinical exercise specialist for Chester County Hospital. Certified to read electrocardiograms (EKGs), she began working in cardiology in January 2008.

CLASS OF 2003 REUNITES SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Our five-year reunion launches Homecoming Weekend with a class picnic, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., on the campus mall. Post-football game dinner, sponsored by the class fund (FREE to you), will be 5-8 p.m. at Francesco's on Main Street in Bridgewater. Significant others and little ones welcome. (Dinner RSVP to meganohuffman@gmail.com).

2004

NANCY A. VARNEY AKERS (see Dr. Troy W. Akers, '03).

JEREMY BRADSHAW of Virginia Beach, Va., earned a master of engineering degree in electrical engineering from Old Dominion University. He is employed with the Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

SHAY MCNEIL is a child and youth services worker for the U.S. Army at the military base in Bamberg, Germany.

BRADLEY RODRIQUEZ and **MELISSA THOMAS, '05**, were married June 17, 2006. In May, Melissa earned a master's degree in occupational therapy from James Madison University. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

ERIC WILLIAMS and **COLLEEN KARN** were married June 21, 2003. They have a daughter, Cadence Elizabeth, born Aug. 3, 2007. The family lives in Winchester, Va.

2005

SARAH COFFEY is completing two field placements as part of obtaining a master's degree in occupational therapy at James Madison University. This summer she was at Avante in Waynesboro, Va., a skilled nursing facility and then on the psych floor at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, Va.

ROBERT O. HAM III (see Amber Beth Cropper, '99).

HEATHER HAWKINS of Brightwood, Va., earned a master of business administration degree from Liberty University on May 10.

LESLEY LONG of Grottoes, Va., was promoted to annual giving associate at Mary Baldwin College, where she works with the philanthropic aspect of the newly formed Class Leadership Program. Previously, she was development operations coordinator.

MELISSA THOMAS RODRIGUEZ (see Bradley Rodriguez, '04).

JONATHAN SMALL of Hummelstown, Pa., is an adolescent support program specialist at the Milton Hershey School. As part of Teach for America, a non-profit organization that places committed, passionate and well-educated individuals in teaching positions in low-income schools, he spent the past two years, teaching fifth grade at West Oak Lane Charter School in inner city Philadelphia.

DOUGLAS VEAL and Tasha Hornbacker were married June 21. Douglas

received a master of divinity degree from Bethany Theological Seminary on May 3. They live in Richmond, Ind.

2006

KRISTIN NOEL FELDENZER and Frank Kirby McQuiddy were married Jan. 12. Kristin is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. The couple lives in Corpus Christi, Texas.

CATHERINE MARSHA KINDER and Shane Blackwell Sykes were married May 11, 2007. Marsha earned a master of science degree in social work with a specialization in women's health from Baylor University. The couple lives in Glen Allen, Va.

2007

LINDSAY BROOKE DOWREY and John Thomas Billhimer were married Dec. 15, 2007. Lindsay is activities coordinator at Bridgewater Retirement Community. The couple lives in Broadway, Va.

MARCI FERGUSON and Robert Myers were married Nov. 23, 2007. The couple lives in Amherst, Va.

EMILY RUTH VANDEVANDER and Ben Davidson Budd were married June 7. Emily is pursuing a master's degree in occupational therapy at James Madison University. The couple lives in Dayton, Va.

MEMORIALS

NAOMI MILLER WEST, '29, of Bridgewater, Va., died June 5, at the age of 100. She taught school in Virginia and New York. She was married to the late **REV. M. GUY WEST, '26**, who was a Church of the Brethren minister. They lived in Roanoke, Pa., and California where he served pastorates. From the early 1950s until late in life, she was active in refugee resettlement, helping to sponsor several dozen refugee families through Church World Service. The West-Whitelow Award for Humanitarian Service was established by Bridgewater College in 2002 to recognize exceptional humanitarian service as demonstrated by West, and **CARLYLE WHITELOW, '59**, who received the first awards in 2003.



Margaret Muntzing, '30

MARGARET RHODES EARLY MUNTZING, '30, of Greenville, S.C., died at the age of 100 on Aug. 20, 2008. She was the widow of **ERNEST MUNTZING, '31**. She is survived by three children, Elaine Lantz of Baltimore, **ELEANOR M. COLLINS, '61**, of Six Mile, S.C., and **EARLY MUNTZING, '67**, of Atlanta. Family also includes seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

FRANCES L. SANDERSON, '33, of Roanoke, Va., died Dec. 16, 2007.

PAUL R. WILL, '34, of Strasburg, Va., died May 18, at the age of 96. He earned a master's degree from James Madison University. He taught chemistry and math at Strasburg High School and was the school's first guidance counselor and also served

as principal for a short time. He retired in 1977 after 43 years in education and visited all 50 states in the U.S. He also traveled in Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. He was an active member of the Maurertown Church of the Brethren, where he served as a Sunday school teacher. A charter member of the Maur-Brook-Olive Ruritan Club, he served as a past president and past governor.

KATHLEEN GARST CRAUN, '35, of Roanoke, Va., died July 15, at the age of 94. She was a lifetime deacon at Peters Creek Church of the Brethren, where she also served as pianist for 45 years. She and her late husband of 53 years, **HAROLD CRAUN, '34**, and a former BC trustee, raised their family on a farm. She was active in the home demonstration club and the garden club. Among her survivors is a daughter, **ELAINE CRAUN NEWTON, '59**, of Daleville, Va., a son, **GARLAND CRAUN, '62**, of Bedford, Va., and a sister, **LOIS GARST LONDON, '48**, of Malibu, Calif.

ROY J. HILDEBRAND, '37, of Bridgewater, Va., died June 5, at the age of 91. He served in the U.S. Navy. He retired as a trust officer and vice president at Bank of America, formerly First National Bank Harrisonburg, after 35 years. A member of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, he served as church treasurer for 27 years. He also served as treasurer for many organizations over the years and remained active with his own accounting business. Among his survivors is a daughter, **CINDY HILDEBRAND KEISTER, '78**, of Mount Solon, Va.

DR. BUFORD A. CASEY, '38, of Anchorage, Alaska, died Feb. 11, 2006. Among his survivors is a sister, **WILMA CASEY WARREN, '47**, of Roanoke, Va.

JENNIE BOWSER MILLER, '41, of Hampton, Va., died July 11. She taught for 34 years in Buena Vista, Roanoke, Charlottesville and Hampton City

schools. In retirement, she continued to substitute teach and traveled extensively in the United States and around the world. She was a member of Ivy Farms Church of the Brethren. Among her survivors is a son, **DEWITT T. MILLER JR., '65**, of Charlotte, N.C., and a daughter, **CAROLYN MILLER COOK, '69**, of Big Rapids, Mich.

WINIFRED "WINNIE" CATHERINE WRIGHT NICHOLAS, '42, of Bridgewater, Va., died June 12, after a lengthy period of declining health. She was 87. After graduating from BC, she served as secretary for the late Minor C. Miller, elder in the Church of the Brethren and a Bridgewater College professor. She taught at Stonewall Jackson High School and assisted in the financial aspects of her husband's motel enterprises. In retirement, she enjoyed volunteering at Rockingham Memorial Hospital and with the food pantry. Among her survivors are two sons, **DR. ALLAN NICHOLAS '68**, of Wake Forest, N.C., and **DAVID NICHOLAS, '91**, of Bridgewater, Va., and a daughter, **LYNNE NICHOLAS STILL, '74**, of Richmond, Va.

JUNE HOOVER FOSTER, '42, of Chestertown, Md., died June 3, at the age of 87. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, **ERMON N. FOSTER, also '42**.

GEORGE L. RICKARD, '42, of Murrysville, Pa., died April 10, at the age of 87.

HAZEL KINDIG DURHAM, '44, of Staunton, Va., died Jan. 8, at the age of 84.

NELSON L. ARMSTRONG, '48, of Harrisonburg, Va., died May 22, at the age of 81. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 35 years as the Keezletown and Penn Laird "Mail Man." Over his lifetime, he donated five gallons of blood at Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

NORMA HOPE MASON FIX, '50, of Fairfield, Va., died July 20, at the age of 78. She worked for a number of years in public education. She had been a member of Mossy Creek Presbyterian and Warsaw United Methodist churches and most recently, Fairfield Presbyterian Church. She took an active role in all of the churches, particularly the women's circles and the Mossy Creek youth group. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, **ROSCOE MILTON FIX, '52**.

THE REV. CONLEY A. MCMULLEN, '50, of Uniontown, Ohio, died June 29, at the age of 91.

DR. MARTIN O. SPANGLER, '50, of Bridgewater, Va., died April 25, at the age of 79. He earned a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech in 1958. He retired in 1993 after 29 years as a professor at Elizabethtown (Pa.) College. He taught at Waynesburg College in Pennsylvania for one year and King College in Bristol, Tenn., for seven years. A member of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, he served as a deacon and member of the church choir. He also was a member of the Rockingham Male Chorus and the Bridgewater Village Choir. He is survived by his wife, the former **MARY LEE WAMPLER, '53**, of Bridgewater. Also among his survivors are three sisters, **JOSEPHINE SPANGLER WAMPLER, '53**, of Bridgewater, **MARY SPANGLER GARRETT, '57**, of Prescott, Ariz., and **ELEANOR SPANGLER BROGAN, '61**, of Salem, Va.

GERALDINE EARLY GARBER CONNER, '51, of Manassas, Va., died July 19, at the age of 78. She was a member of Manassas Church of the Brethren, where she served as church librarian for 30 years. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, **CARROLL CONNER, also '51**. Also among her survivors are two daughters, **JEAN CONNER JACOBSEN, '79**, and **JOYCE CONNER KITZMILLER, '79**, both of Rockville, Md.

THE REV. ROBERT S. ROLLER, '53, of Harrisonburg, Va., died March 3, at the age of 76. He graduated from Bethany Theological Seminary. He began his ministry at Boones Chapel Church of the Brethren in Penhook, Va., and also served at New Bethel in Chatham, Va., Franklin Grove (Ill.), New Philadelphia (Ohio) and Fraternity Church of the Brethren in Winston-Salem, N.C. He assisted in starting Shalom Church of the Brethren in Durham, N.C., and volunteered with Brethren Volunteer Service in Falfurios, Texas. He also served in alternative service in Germany. He is survived by his wife, the former **GOLDIE SHULL, '53**, of Harrisonburg. Also among his survivors is a brother, **RICHARD W. ROLLER, '57**, of Dayton, Va.

ALLEN H. SCOTT, '54, of Portland, Maine, died May 14.

DR. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, '54, died May 22, following a brief illness. He was 74. He earned advanced degrees from Duke and Yale universities and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Before retiring in 1997, he was a philosophy and religion professor at James Madison University. In retirement, he remained active with the university serving as a part-time professor and continuing his involvement with students, graduates and faculty. He was instrumental in establishing the JMU chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the national honor society in philosophy. Prior to his employment at JMU, he was a member of the faculty at the Lindenwood Colleges and also taught summer sessions at Bridgewater College.

EDWIN DALE MILLER, '56, of Keyser, W.Va., died Feb. 16, at the age of 73. He worked at the University of Maryland and as a high school teacher in West Virginia for a few years before founding Skip's Honda in Keyser. He was president, owner and operator of the Honda motorcycle business for more than 42 years. He was a member of Beaver Run Church of the

Brethren. Among his survivors is a brother **JOHN MARK MILLER, '58**, of Potomac, Md., and a sister, **MARJORIE EILEEN MILLER POLING, '68**, of Hagerstown, Md.

ROBERT F. "BOB" BOWMAN, '58, of Roanoke, Va., died April 10, at the age of 77. He served in the U.S. Army and was a retired claims adjuster for USF&G Insurance Company. He was a charter member of Williamson Road Church of the Brethren. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Loretta.

WANDAMAY E. HILBERT WILLIAMS, '62, of Oakland, Calif., died May 23, due to a blood infection during heart surgery. She was 67. After attending BC, she joined Brethren Volunteer Service and served in the Baltimore area with underprivileged children. Moving to Oakland, she served as a waitress at the Merritt Restaurant and Bakery and other restaurants in the area for 45 years. A homemaker, she loved cooking and had a collection of more than 2,000 cookbooks. Among her survivors is a sister, **DELORES HILBERT SIMMONS, '59**, of Bridgewater, Va.

THOMAS J. GRINE, '63, of Staunton, Va., died July 1, at the age of 70. He was manager and assistant manager of the Staunton and Waynesboro People's Drug Stores for a number of years. He also was a magistrate for Augusta County. He is survived by his wife Janet.

GWENDOLYN POOLE LAYMAN, '64, of Maitland, Fla., died June 18, at the age of 66. She and her husband, Bobby Lee, lived in Harrisonburg, Va., from 1961 until 1971 when they moved to the Orlando, Fla., area.

THE REV. HAROLD I. BOWMAN, '65, of Harrisonburg, Va., died April 19, after a courageous 11-year struggle with Parkinson's disease. He was 65. He graduated from Bethany Theological Seminary with a master of divinity degree. During his 37-year ministry,

he served six Church of the Brethren congregations throughout the United States. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. He held leadership positions in both the Shenandoah and Virginia districts. He is survived by his wife Kay. Also among his survivors is a daughter, **DARLA KAY BOWMAN DEARDORFF, '92**, of Durham, N.C., and a son, **DARIN KEITH BOWMAN, '93**, of Bridgewater, Va.

THOMAS "TOM" CRAIG CLAYTON, '73, of Cartersville, Ga., died April 6, after a long battle with cancer. He was 57. He worked in the automotive parts business for his entire professional career, starting in 1973 with the AC Delco division of General Motors. In 1983, he became zone manager with AC Delco and, in 1984, joined Auto Parts Company as general manager. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where he sang in the Chancel Choir. In 1990, he founded AIM Incorporated, a nationwide automotive parts buying group, serving as president until 2008. An active member of the Cartersville Historical Vehicle Association, Antique Automobile Club of America and Tri-County Cruisers, he enjoyed showing muscle cars. He also coached various sports. He is survived by his wife Donna.

WOODROW "WOODY" W. DEATON, '75, of Bridgewater, Va., died July 4, at the age of 87. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force and served in the South Pacific from Australia to Manila as a weather broadcaster. He was a professional musician and played with several name bands. A music educator, he was band director in the South Carolina school systems at S. Matthews, Ellore, St. George, Harleyville, Ridgeville and Denmark. After retiring from the school system, he was associated with Howard Johnson Motor Lodge until 1992. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife Glenda.

MICHELLE EBKER MANUEL, '86, of Centreville, Va., died May 22, following a long battle with cancer. She was 44. After graduating from BC, she worked for government contractors with a specialty in computer networking. She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Jeff, and three daughters.

CATHY HIVELY HUGHES, '87, of Broadway, Va., died April 29 following a four-year battle with cancer. She received B.S. and M.S. degrees in vocational and technical education from Virginia Tech. She taught agriculture education at Chancellor High School in Fredericksburg, Va., and John C. Myers Middle School in Broadway, and received numerous awards for excellence in teaching. She recently retired from teaching agricultural and environmental sciences at Massanutten Regional Governor's School. She had worked in tourism sales at the Johnny Appleseed Hotel and had served as executive director of the Virginia Future Farmers of America (FFA) Foundation for three years. She traveled to Europe and Japan through the National FFA Experience Abroad Programs. She received both the State and American FFA degrees and was presented the honorary American FFA Degree for her work in teaching agriculture and advising FFA activities. An active member of Westside Baptist Church, she served as Praise and Worship Team leader, Sunday school teacher and choir member. She is survived by her husband David. Also among her survivors is her mother, **CAROLE SHELLY HIVELY, '62**, of Broadway, and a sister, **WENDI HIVELY ATWOOD, '92**, of Ashland, Va.

APOLOGIES IN ORDER:

MICHAEL P. MASON, '72, of Bridgewater, Va., was inadvertently omitted from the list of survivors in the obituary of **FLOYD MASON, '44**. Michael is Floyd's son.

NOTED SCIENTIST, BC ALUMNUS EVERETTE L. MAY PASSES AT 94

DR. EVERETTE LEE MAY, who was one of the country's most distinguished scientists and a 1935 graduate of Bridgewater College, died on Aug. 9, in Richmond, Va., at the age of 94.

He was born Aug. 1, 1914, in Timberville, Va., the son of Lee and Ida Hinegardner May. At Bridgewater College, he lettered in football, basketball and baseball, and majored in chemistry and minored in mathematics. May went on to earn his doctorate at the University of Virginia in 1939, majoring and minoring in organic and physical chemistry, respectively. He joined the National Oil Products Co. in New Jersey and, in 1941, was recruited to join the National Institutes of Health.

When May began his career, scientists were struggling to synthesize a medication that could deliver pain relief while avoiding the side effect of addiction. May took up this challenge and developed a new class of pain-relieving compounds known as benzomorphans.

During World War II, when attention was diverted from drug addiction to malaria, May made many crucial contributions to the field of anti-malarials. One of the compounds he developed during this time proved to be highly

useful during the Vietnam War in the treatment of resistant falciparum strains.

May also was one of the first chemists who made major contributions in the nicotine field. He also was recognized internationally for synthesizing the compound LAMM, which was used to combat heroin addiction, which was approved by the FDA in 1993.

During his career at NIH, May held the ranks of associate chemist, scientist-director and chief of the section of medicinal chemistry. In 1977 he moved to Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond as professor of pharmacology and toxicology, and medicinal chemistry.

At VCU, May focused primarily on the difficult science of separating analgesics' active chemicals in order to improve understanding of how pain-relieving drugs work.

With more than 200 publications to his credit, he also held seven patents and won numerous awards. He served on many national and international committees and boards, particularly with VCU on problems of drug dependence, the United Nations and the World Health Organization. He also served as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*

and served on the editorial board of Medicinal Research Reviews. In 1994, the Everette L. May Lectureship in Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacology was established in his honor at VCU.

May was a faithful financial supporter of Bridgewater College. One of the funds he enjoyed contributing to was the Lee and Ida Hinegardner May scholarship fund established for his parents by his brother, the late **DR. JOHN B. MAY, '31**, in 1982. He was named Bridgewater's Alumnus of the Year in 1959.

May was married to **LOIS MARIE LEE, '37**, who died in 1964. In 1965, he married Helen Virginia Sheehy, who survives him. He is also survived by his sons E. Lee May Jr. and Philip A. May; stepdaughters Virginia L. Turner and Victoria L. Hussion; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A celebration of May's life was held on Aug. 13 at Three Chopt Presbyterian Church in Richmond.

He was buried in Westhampton Memorial Park.



Dr. Everette Lee May

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► Photo from *The Newsette*, April, 1953

CoB Gets A Facelift

This photo of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren – now Bridgewater College’s Carter Center for Worship and Music – is shown in April 1953 as construction on a new addition nears completion.

The addition, which was larger than the original 1915 church, cost \$150,000 and featured a balcony and a new pipe organ. It contained the chancel, the pastor’s study and office, and men’s and women’s choir rooms.

Construction on the addition was begun Nov. 1, 1952, by The Rockingham Construction Company of Harrisonburg, Va. The addition seated 500 people on the main floor and 125 more in the balcony; the original church was converted into education and assembly space, including adult classes.

The Rev. James Eshleman was pastor at the time.

The old Bridgewater Church of the Brethren was purchased by Bridgewater College in 1997 and renovated in 2000. Today it is used for worship services, convocations, concerts, lyceums and other special events, and houses the music department as well as the offices of college relations. ◀ CC

gallery events

SEPT. 1–OCT. 8

Hybrid

Cyndi Gusler, Eastern Mennonite University. Birdmobiles, a yellow-bellied sap quacker, a roboblackbird, girraferflies, elepillars, a catopus and many of their friends will inhabit the gallery for the opening show of this school year.

OCT. 15–NOV. 12

Three (3)

A collaborative student exhibition between Eastern Mennonite University, James Madison University and Bridgewater College's art departments. Oct 17: Reception in the Miller Art Gallery, 5–7 p.m.

NOV. 17–DEC. 19

Not Far From the Tree;

The Art of Two Dads

Paintings by Richard Hough, father of BC Art Professor Michael Hough, and photographs by Richard Lawson, father of BC Biology Professor Gavin Lawson.

Nov. 17: Artist Talk 4–5 p.m. (Boitnott Room) Reception in the Miller Art Gallery, 5–7 p.m.

lectures

SEPT. 17

Sponsor: Anna B. Mow Endowed Lecture Series

Constitution Day Convo:

Stealing Democracy – Spencer Overton

Cole Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Professor of Law at George Washington University shows how seemingly insignificant election practices channel political power and determine policies.

SEPT. 24

Sponsor: W. Harold Row Endowed Lecture Series

Bob Gorrell – Political

Cartoonist

Cole Hall 7:30 p.m.

Winner of the 1997 National Press Foundation's Barryman Award as Editorial Cartoonist of the Year, Gorrell discusses the art of editorial cartooning.

OCT. 6

Sponsor: Anna B. Mow Endowed Lecture Series

Sea Shepherd: Defending

Whales – Paul Watson

Cole Hall 7:30 p.m.

The conservationist/environmentalist who founded Greenpeace Foundation, the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, Greenpeace International and Friends of the Wolf.

OCT. 20

Sponsor: W. Harold Row Endowed Lecture Series

Debate: Campaign 2008 – Right vs. Left

Carter Center 7:30 p.m.

Alexandra Acker is executive director of Young Democrats of America and Jessica Colon, chairman of the Young Republican National Federation.

OCT. 27

Sponsor: Anna B. Mow Endowed Lecture Series

I Can't Believe You Asked That! – Phillip Milano

Carter Center 7:30 p.m.

A 21-year newspaper veteran began Y? as a way to get people talking across their differences.

NOV. 5

Sponsor: Anna B. Mow Endowed Lecture Series

Campus Diversity Issues

Cole Hall 7:30 p.m.

Elaine Penn is a nationally recognized speaker, trainer and performer.

NOV. 18

Sponsor: Harold H. Harsch Endowed Lecture Series

Myth America – Rick Shenkman

Cole Hall 7:30 p.m.

Author of five history books explains why Americans are fond of myths and clarifies who's behind the falsehoods.

music

OCT. 4

Annual Homecoming Concert

7:30 p.m. Carter Center

Chorale, Dr. Jesse Hopkins, Conductor; Jazz Ensemble, Dr. Tim Weir, Director.

OCT. 7

Event in the Lyceum Series:

Chanticleer

8 p.m. Carter Center

Chanticleer has a remarkable reputation for its vivid interpretations of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz, and from gospel to venturesome new music.

arts & events

THE CLEO DRIVER MILLER ART GALLERY: located on the second floor of the Alexander Mack Memorial Library. The gallery is open daily, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 540-828-5413 for more information.

EVENT TICKETS: Required for Lyceums and Theatre at Bridgewater productions (see below). All other events are free, and tickets are not required.

LYCEUMS: Unless otherwise noted, \$13 adults/\$10 seniors, students, children. Tickets sold only at the door beginning one hour before the performance.

THEATRE AT BRIDGEWATER: \$6 adults/\$5 seniors, students, children. Call 540-828-8000 or visit our Web site at www.bridgewater.edu three weeks prior to the opening performance.

NOV. 4

Faculty Recital

8 p.m. Cole Hall

Dr. Larry Taylor, organ, and

Dr. Tim Weir, trumpet.

NOV. 11

Symphonic Band

8 p.m. Carter Center

Dr. Tim Weir, Conductor.

NOV. 20

Jazz Ensemble

8 p.m. Carter Center

Dr. Tim Weir, Director.

DEC. 6 & 7

A Service of Lessons & Carols

8 p.m. Carter Center (Sunday

performance at 3 p.m.)

Music and readings of the advent season. Traditional and new settings of seasonal music with audience participation.

BC Concert Choir, Chorale and Handbell Choir, Dr. Jesse Hopkins,

Conductor; BC Oratorio Choir,

Dr. Jesse Hopkins, Conductor.

theater

OCT. 30–NOV. 2

Theatre at Bridgewater College presents

The Women of Troy by

Euripides

8 p.m. Cole Hall (Nov. 2 at 3 p.m.)



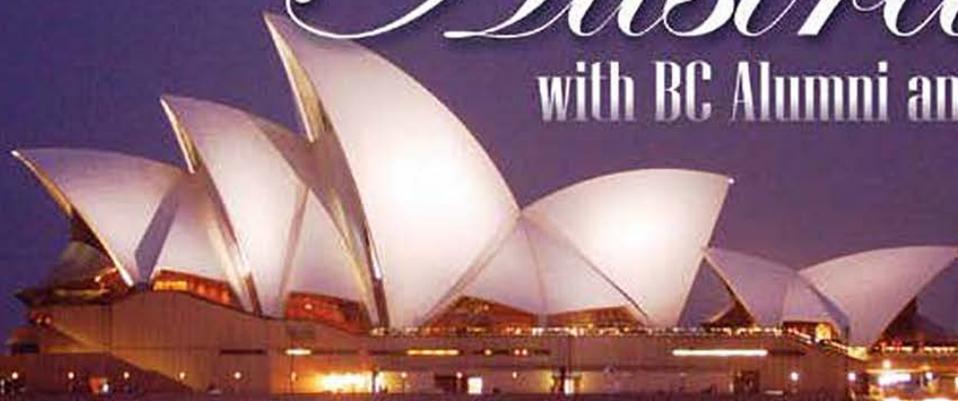
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If you are interested in this trip, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 540-828-5451 or email: dmcquilk@bridgewater.edu. Visit www.bridgewater.edu/alumni-travel for news on other upcoming trips.


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