

class notes

who's doing what, where.

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1960-1964

Thomas D. Body (BBA '61) of Atlanta is the new board chairman of Georgia State's J. Mack Robinson College of Business.

John Paul Holmes (BBA '63) and Susan Dykes Holmes (BSEd '63), of Monticello recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Proud husband John is happy to report that Susan has received a presidential appointment as state executive director of Farm Service Agency, an agency of USDA, and she continues to serve as mayor of Monticello.

1970-1974

Robert Copeland (BBA '70) of Greensboro served as chairman of Terry's Alumni Awards and Gala Committee, which staged a black-tie event in early May that raised \$300,000 to support Terry programs and facilities in Athens and Atlanta. Two 1970s grads

who were honored that night with Distinguished Alumni Awards were **Bill Griffin** (BBA '72) of Pittsburgh, Pa., who is managing director of Fidelity National Information Services, and **Jamie Reynolds** (BBA '74), who is vice chairman and secretary of Reynolds Plantation. (See story on p. 20.)

Gainesville attorney **Steve Gilliam** (BBA '71, JD '74) was elected board chairman of the Rabun-Gap Nacoochee School.

Peter J. Shedd (BBA '74, JD '77) of Athens was named director of the full-time MBA program at UGA's Terry College of Business.

1975-1979

Michael P. Haggerty (BBA '75) of Dallas, Texas, is one of 36 attorneys at Jackson LLP — one of the oldest and largest Texas-based law firms — to be selected by his peers for inclusion in Super Lawyers.

Dirk Howell (BBA '76) of Athens, a former employee of Coldwell

Banker Upchurch Realty, returned to the company as a residential agent. He also heads Dirk Howell Productions as an entertainment agent and producer.

David Oliver (BBA '77, MBA '79) of Atlanta, a senior vice president with Willis Inc., served as a co-host of "UGA Night" at the national Risk and Insurance Management Society meeting in New Orleans this spring. Alumni came from as far away as Calgary.

Ken Jackson (BBA '79, MAcc '80), chief financial officer for Dalton-based Shaw Industries, was appointed to the board of trustees for the UGA Foundation.

Howard A. McLure (BBA '79) of Nashville, Tenn., is president of Caremark Pharmacy Services. He was senior executive vice president and COO of Caremark Rx Inc. from June 2005 until the closing of the CVS-Caremark merger, when he became president of Caremark Rx LLC. Howard is a CPA and a

member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

1980-1984

Lisa Bliss McMichael (BBA '84) and **Allen R. McMichael** (BBA '83) of Dublin are the proud parents of Bliss McMichael, Georgia's Junior Miss 2007. Bliss's uncle is **Trey Bliss** (BBA '89), and she will enroll at UGA in the fall.

Lynn Burkett Willis (BBA '83) and husband Tracy have started a web site, www.hows-my-teen-driving.com. The site is dedicated helping parents keep track of what their kids are doing behind the wheel.

1985-1989

Peter Vilieis (BBA '85) has opened his own consulting firm, The Executive Benefits Guy, in Austin, Texas.

Lynda Minor Miller (BBA '86) of Cave Spring was named executive assistant to the assistant headmaster and director of the Upper School at Darlington.

Whitney Kearon Schiffer (BBA '86) of Miami, Fla., was promoted to director of audit and assets at Berkowitz, Dick, Pollack & Brant Certified Public Accountants & Consultants LLP.

Mark Waller (BBA '86) of Cumming joined Georgia Federal Credit Union as the new vice president of lending.

Mike Bodker (BBA '87) of Duluth was elected mayor of the new city of Johns Creek.

Glenn T. Ferrell (BBA '87) of St. Simons Island joined the private wealth management team at SunTrust Bank as a client adviser for Brunswick-Glynn County

Jim Manley (BBA '89) of Macon was promoted to senior



School spirit extends all the way to Air Force base in Afghanistan

Col. Terri Chaney (BBA '84) enlisted in the Air Force after high school. She left the military temporarily to get her marketing degree from the Terry College. After graduation, she worked in retail, then joined the Air National Guard. Commissioned in 1987, she is currently serving in Afghanistan as an expeditionary mission support group commander. Chaney says the "long title means I am responsible for security, logistics, personnel, housing, feeding, and morale for all Air Force personnel at Bagram Air Field." To us civilians at the Terry College, that list of responsibilities seems worthy of a long job title. "Afghanistan is a beautiful country," says Chaney, who obviously hasn't lost her UGA spirit (see photo), "and we're doing great things helping to build an industrial base. It's taking time, but the Afghan people are thankful for what we're doing for them."

vice president for commercial and middle market banking at SunTrust.

1990-1994

Jimmy Frangis (BBA '90, MBA '94) of Roswell, who is regional vice president of Radiant Systems Inc., spoke to one of Prof. Tom Leigh's sales management classes this spring. His topic: "How to motivate the sales force."

Carl Herlitz (BBA '90) of Atlanta joined Prudential Georgia Realty and is based at its Midtown Atlanta office.

C. Carlyle Rood (BBA '92, BLA '04) of Savannah is working at the landscape architecture firm Edward Pinckney/Associates Ltd.

Jeff Sewell (BBA '92) of Atlanta, who is regional sales manager for RR Donnelly Moore-Wallace Division Inc., spoke to one of Prof. Tom Leigh's sales management classes this spring. His topic: "Salesperson compensation systems."

Wendy Fletcher (BBA '93) of Watkinsville is office manager and marketing assistant at Holland Financial Services Inc.

Marla R. Stafford (PhD '93) is co-editor of *Advertising, Promotion, and New Media*. The book provides a complete overview of the newest media technologies and how they can be used in marketing communications.

Allison Karl O'Kelly (BBA '94) of Marietta received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award from the Terry College in May. Allison is the founder and CEO of Mom Corps. [See feature story on p. 20.]

Camille Jenkins Russo (BBA '94) of Savannah is the new regional manager for BellSouth.

Miss D.C. Kate Michael (BBA '03) mixes politics with pageantry in our nation's capital

Kate Michael (BBA '03) insists she is "so not a pageant girl." But when she discovered the potential for earning scholarship money for graduate school by entering the Miss Gwinnett beauty pageant, her first thought was, "I have a swimsuit . . . I have a prom dress . . . I can do this!"

The fact that Michael is telling this story over coffee at a Starbucks in Washington, D.C.'s historic Georgetown neighborhood hints at the fact that she wasn't satisfied with merely winning the Miss Gwinnett crown. Two years later, she is the reigning Miss D.C., and Miss America may not be her last go-round in the pageant business.

"If you tell me I can't do something, I'm going to do it," says Michael, whose intelligence and fierce determination have opened more doors than her good looks — including a Capitol Hill position with U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson (BBA '66).

The clues were there in high school when Michael was told she wasn't good enough to make the cheerleading squad at Parkview High in suburban Atlanta. She'd never done a back handspring, but she figured that might earn her a spot . . . so she did one, and made the squad.

Technically, a junior when she enrolled at UGA — due to advanced-placement courses and joint enrollment at Perimeter College — Michael graduated magna cum laude from the Terry College. She studied international business in Lyon, France, interned with then-Congressman Isakson in Atlanta, then moved to his Washington office when he was elected to the senate.

A self-professed "Georgia girl" who grew up all over the South due to her father's job with BellSouth, Michael worked full-time on Capitol Hill during the day and took graduate courses in government at Johns Hopkins at night. Looking for scholarship money, her google searches kept turning up Miss America. At the time, she didn't realize there was a Miss D.C. pageant.

"I figured there were 50 contestants," she says. "I didn't realize there was also a Miss D.C. and a Miss Virgin Islands."

She won the Miss D.C. pageant and spent the next six months rushing to public appearances on her lunch breaks, lugging a full wardrobe around with her every day. It wasn't until two weeks before the Miss America pageant that she reluctantly left her job working for Isakson on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee to prepare for the competition.

Her year as Miss D.C. has included reading to the same fifth grader every week (her platform is literacy), attending charity events (she refuses to accept appearance fees), and recently throwing out the first pitch at a Washington Nationals baseball game.

"I hate to give up the title!" she says.

So much so, in fact, that she will compete for the *other* Miss D.C. title — in the Miss USA pageant, which will take place in December.

A talented dancer who has made it to the final round of auditions for both the Rockettes and the Broadway cast of "The Producers," Michael envisions a future position with the Sports Alliance, which promotes athletic events in D.C. She has also started writing a "style and events" column for an on-line magazine, *DC Style*.

Looking back, Michael believes she wouldn't be where she is today had it not been for her experience at UGA and the Terry College.

"I could never have gotten the same educational experience anywhere else," she says. "You could get lost in the hugeness, but still manage to make yourself known." ■



Michael juggled her workload on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee with her duties as Miss D.C. She has enjoyed her reign so much that she is currently trying to become the other Miss D.C. — in the Miss USA Pageant.

— Blake Hannon

alumni connections

Class Gifts create “Culture of Giving”

Jill Walton, Director of Alumni Relations

When I came to the Terry College in the fall of 2004, only 5 percent of Terry alumni were making gifts to the college. Many donors were, in fact, being contacted by Terry for the first time in 20 years. And young alumni giving was almost non-existent.



TERRY ALLEN

One of the ways we're creating a new “Culture of Giving” is by reaching out to Terry students before they graduate. We started with a focus on a class gift with the full-time MBA class of 2005 as our pilot project.

The '05 MBA class — under the leadership of David Bowden,

who served as president of the Graduate Business Association — ran with the idea and launched the first-ever MBA Class Gift.

Bowden, a two-year student, was assisted by Tanner Sheehan, an 11-month student. Students were given several options; the most popular was a graduated pledge of \$100 in the first year out, \$200 in the second year, and so on for a total pledge over five years of \$1500. The first class gift was a huge success with \$28,000 being pledged by 27 percent of the class.

“My MBA experience was rewarding and enriching, and the Class Gift program is an easy way to begin giving back to the Terry College,” says Bowden. “I hope all alumni will see their relationship with the program as a long-term investment that pays dividends to all involved.”

In 2006, we launched a new Class Gift project with students about to graduate from the Master of Accountancy program. This year, we began new campaigns with undergraduates from the Institute for Leadership Advancement's Leonard Leadership Scholars Program and with students about to graduate from the Evening MBA program.

Each class gift pledge goes into a fund that directly supports that program. The '05 MBA class established a fund to endow a full-time MBA scholarship. MBAs in 2006 created a Full-time MBA Program Endowment with the interest earned being used at the discretion of the full-time MBA program director.

The MAcc class gifts are directed to the Tull School Excellence Fund, which helps the school with its most pressing needs. The Leonard Leadership Scholars chose to support ILA's endowment, and the Evening MBA class gift participants created an Evening MBA Endowment.

The class gift program has really taken off, and in future years we hope to reach even more Terry students — helping them to understand the importance of giving to the future of the Terry College. The next step is to begin reaching our ever-growing undergraduate student population.

If you are a graduate who is connected to one of Terry's class gift programs and would like to contribute, please contact me at jwalton@terry.uga.edu or (706) 542-8155. ■

1995-1999

David Cochran (BBA '95) of Thomasville was elected vice president of Commercial Bank. He and wife Mandy Walker Cochran (BSEd '96) have two children.

Catherine McKinney Meredith (BBA '95) of Cartersville moved her practice at Floyd Primary Care in Taylorsville to the Adairsville office.

James R. Hadaway (BBA '96) of Lebanon, Ohio, was promoted to director of operations for the O.N. Equity Sales Co., a securities broker-dealer in Cincinnati.

Amanda Lineberger Seigler (BBA '96, MBA '06) of Athens returned to Prudential Blanton Properties after taking a year off to attend graduate school. This is her 11th year of selling real estate in the Athens area.

Jason Horne (BBA '97) of Atlanta was named senior vice president of retail development for the Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina regions of Colonial Properties Trust's operation.

Christian Leard (BBA '97) of Marietta, who is vice president and account manager of The Home Depot account for Newell Rubbermaid, spoke to one of Prof. Tom Leigh's sales management classes this spring. His topic: “Managing the major account.”

Andrea Elizabeth Payne (BBA '97) of Dublin, branch manager and assistant vice president of the Bank of Dudley, recently graduated from the Georgia Banking School.

Jennifer Nash Littlefield (BBA '98, MBA '06) of Athens left her position as assistant director of Terry's Institute for Leadership Advancement in order to pursue a doctorate in public policy at the University of Maryland.

Leslie Baker Ott (BBA '98) of Wrightsville Beach, N.C., married Auburn grad Danny Ott in May. The couple has gone to the past

five Georgia-Auburn games together, but has set etiquette ground rules for those weekends.

William T. Smith (BBA '98) of Watkinsville joined Thomas W. Scott & Associates PC as director of financial reporting and assurance services.

Former UGA football standouts **Matt Stinchcomb** (BBA '98) of Peachtree City and his brother Jon Stinchcomb (BS '02) of Kenner, La., hosted the second annual Countdown to Kickoff event in Athens this summer. Current and former Georgia and NFL players were on hand to sign autographs and pose for photos, with proceeds benefiting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, the Georgia Transplant Foundation, the Children's Tumor Foundation, and UGA's College of Education.

Kurt D. Thoresen (BBA '99) of Jacksonville, Fla., completed his Master of Business Administration degree at the University of Florida and is currently employed as a marketing account executive at Harden & Associates, an insurance brokerage firm.

Edward Vaughn (BBA '99) of Americus is a commercial lender at the Cordele main office of the Regions Bank of South Georgia.

2000-2004

Jay Mullis (BBA '00) of Athens was part of a Terry MBA team that finished as the third runner-up at the Global Moot Corp competition in May. Mullis Enterprises competed with an original business plan to produce, market, and sell environmentally friendly insecticides. The team won \$3,000 in prize money and was honored in its division for “Outstanding Market” and “Outstanding Product.” [See photo on p. 8]

John D. Sipple (BBA '00) of Savannah was promoted to commercial lines leader and assistant vice president of Wachovia Insurance Services.

Robert L. Sparks (BBA '00) of Savannah was promoted to vice president at The Coastal Bank.

C. John Wentzell Jr. (BBA '00) of Greenville, S.C., joined the law firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart PC as an associate. His practice areas include employee benefits, ERISA and taxation.

Amanda Zedd Reeves (BBA '01) of Woodstock joined Cora Bett Thomas Realty as a sales associate.

Adeline Yong (BBA '01) of Duluth is CEO of Adele Yen, a shoe line she created.

Edward D. Hood III (BBA '03) of Savannah was named assistant vice president and business banking officer at SunTrust Bank.

Rebekah Long (BBA '03) of

Marietta has joined Twin Rivers Capital LLC as a development partner assistant.

Dean Mannheimer (BBA '03) of Athens was elected to assistant vice president at Athens First Bank & Trust.

Katherine Michael (BBA '03) of Washington, D.C., was crowned Miss District of Columbia. [See story on p. 39].

Josh Davis (BBA '04) of Louisville, Ky., was accepted to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Townsend Underhill IV (MBA '04), formerly of Anchorage, Ky., has joined Stirling Properties, which is headquartered in Covington, La., as the company's development director. He began his business career in real estate as a general partner in Bulldawg Creamery LLC, a fran-

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chise of Cold Stone Creamery — a position he held while getting his MBA at the Terry College.

2005-
Stephen Leonard (BBA '05, MAcc '06) of Savannah joined Hancock Askew and Co. LLP.

Matthew Reed Barton (BBA '06) of Lawrenceville is interning in Gov. Sonny Perdue's office for one academic term.

Vinitha Pandiyamakel (BBA '06) of Athens joined Thomas W.

Scott & Associates PC as a staff accountant.

Alexa Wouters (BBA '06) of Glen Allen, Va., sent an e-mail to one of her Terry mentors, marketing professor Kevin Ellis, in which she shared the news that she is serving as marketing director and product manager for her own startup company, Virginia Bionutrients. The company's first product, Fuser Energy Micro-Bar, is already in 150 stores across the Southeast, including all Vitamin Shoppes. ■

TERRY COLLEGE PASSINGS

1930s

Samuel David Hirsch (BSC '31), Savannah, Dec. 29.
Edward Lamar McCranie (BSC '33, MEd '69), Eastman, Oct. 9.
Julian O. Price (BSC '37), Athens, Sept. 20.
Spiros Alexander Siafacas (BSC '39), Winston-Salem, N.C., Oct. 13.

1940s

Lorraine McArthur Hicks (BSC '40), Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 29.
William Wright Parker (BSC '41), Brunswick, Nov. 13.
Julian Edwin Price Sr. (BBA '42), Quitman, Oct. 28.
Frances Ferguson Stewart (BBA '43), Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 12.
Martha Patat Akins (BBA '44), Bogart, Oct. 31.
Hubert Ellison Tucker Sr. (BBA '44), Lawrenceville, Oct. 9.
Katherine McDuffie Elebash (BBA '45), Columbus, Nov. 13.
Kenneth Sessler Jr. (BBA '47), Pompano Beach, Fla., Dec. 1.
Caroline Elkins Burton (BBA '49), Cleveland, Ohio, April 6, 2006.
Charles Mercer Snelling III (BBA '49), Madison, Ala., Nov. 1.
Albert Fleming Winecoff Jr. (BBA '49), Atlanta, Aug. 29.

1950s

Neal Franklin Daniel (BBA '50), Dunwoody, Sept. 17.
John Espy Elrod (BBA '50), Lawrenceville, Nov. 5.
Robert Melvin Fickle (BBA '50), Decatur, Sept. 23.
Oliver "Jack" Williams Jr. (BBA '50), Tampa, Fla., Jan. 24.
Eugene L. Ostell (BBA '51), Marietta, Oct. 2.
Don Frazer Sharpley (BS '51, BBA '52), Metter, June 7, 2006.

Barry Evans Smith (BBA '55), Lindale, Sept. 3, 2005.
Julian "Randy" Stinson Jr. (BBA '55), Danville, Va., Oct. 12.
Harold Self Weldon (BBA '55), Atlanta, Sept. 13.
Julie Gay Wyant (BBA '55), Atlanta, Dec. 22.
Melvin Kash Irvin (BBA '57), Thomaston, June 11, 2006.
Phillip Carey Middlebrooks (BBA '57), Chappell Hill, Texas, June 26, 2006.
John William Westbrook Jr. (BBA '57), Ocala, Fla., Jan. 29.
Maurice William Bond (BBA '58, BSEd '59), Elberton, Oct. 4.
William Burnice Llewellyn (BBA '58), Decatur, Aug. 31.
Chester Johnson Comer Jr. (MBA '59), Macon, Dec. 5.

1960s

William Donald Snipes (BBA '60), Ellaville, Dec. 7.
Robert W. Taylor Jr. (BBA '61), Callahan, Fla., Dec. 29.
Thomas Nelson Vickery (BBA '61), Ridgewood, N.J., Jan. 15.
Adrian Royce Harrison (BSF '62, BBA '67), Swainsboro, Dec. 7.
Walter Harold McDonald Jr. (BBA '62), Duluth, Jan. 12.
Charles John McKenny III (BBA '62, MEd '65, EdS '71), Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 18.
James Louis Chambless (BBA '64), St. Simons Island, Oct. 17.
Howard Ray Hunnius (BBA '64, MBA '70), Chesterfield, Va., Oct. 8.
John Lawrence Quick (BBA '64), Toccoa, Jan. 20.
Luther Tucker Berryman (BBA '65), Watkinsville, Sept. 2.
James Ernest Loewy (BBA '65, MAcc '66), Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 9.

Thomas Roger Crouch (BBA '66), Stone Mountain, May 30, 2006.
William Wesley Hamilton (BBA '66), Marietta, Oct. 30.
John Roy Bradberry (BBA '67), Lawrenceville, Jan. 2.
James Edward Humes II (BBA '67, JD '70), Columbus, Jan. 8.
Lee Edward Ellenburg (BBA '68), Gainesville, Dec. 8.
Robert Vernon Bailey (BBA '69), Albany, December 1996.

1970s

Robert Livingston Brannon (BBA '71), Gaston, S.C., Nov. 23.
Edward Max Fink (BBA '71), Albany, Sept. 30.
Gary Lee Bundrick (BBA '72), Opelika, Ala., March 6, 2006.
Malcolm Scott Hunt (BS '74, MBA '83), Cordele, Nov. 12.
Robert Crawford Denson (BBA '75) Athens, Nov. 18.
Laura Harwood Phelps (AB '75, MAcc '81), Durango, Colo., Jan. 6.
Robert Harry Bakes (BBA '76), Moss Landing, Calif., Feb. 26, 2006.
Thomas Leigh Elder III (BBA '77), Alpharetta, Oct. 16.
Frederick Stephens Payne (BBA '77), Toccoa, Feb. 6.
Gary Dean Smith (BBA '77), Nicholson, Oct. 7.
William Littleton Collins (BBA '78), Athens, Nov. 11.
Ronald Parker Majors (BBA '78), Abilene, Texas, Dec. 29.

1980s

Joseph Michael Valente (BBA '85), Norcross, Dec. 4.
Michael William Waters (BBA '89), Snellville, Oct. 20.

1990s

Mark Alan Lanum (BBA '90), Marietta, June 1, 2006.