V-12: The Navy Docks at Mossy Creek
As a senior, Joe Bill Sloan was SGA president. Little could he have known that he would one day lead his alma mater.
“Let’s Get Together”
In the wake of Virginia Tech deaths, three C-N alums reconnect.

Calming the Storm
C-N’s Nursing Division does its part in pursuing a cure to a wide-spread crisis.

One of Their Own
Not since 1892, when alumnus John T. Henderson accepted the offer to lead the College, has Carson-Newman called upon one of its own to be its president. That all changed in May.

V-12: C-N Responds to Call of Duty
Unwavering in its mission, the College prepared Navy officers for both a raging war and life.

ON THE COVER | Circa 1943. Members of the U.S. Navy’s V-12 program march in formation on the grounds surrounding old Henderson Hall. (C-N Archives - courtesy of Dr. Gordon Dorian archive donation)
It sometime taxes my mind when I consider that it has been 40 years since I sat with friends and classmates to hear Dr. Harley Fite pronounce us as graduates of this institution. I never thought that 40 years could somehow seem more like 40 minutes.

I could have never expected that Viet Nam would engross us for another eight years, guessed that 1968 would bring the violent deaths of RFK and MLK, the Tet Offensive or the election of Richard Nixon. I little imagined that friends and family would pass away unexpectedly, or guess that Nixon would resign in shame. Who could have thought then that Ronald Reagan—who had sold us 20 Mule Team Borax on *Death Valley Days*—could gain the White House?

We didn’t know governors from the South could get elected to our highest office, or that disco was a word, or much less that it would become a national obsession, or that the words “leisure” and “suit” could be used together. There was no realm of possibility for pet rocks, the Son of Sam or 24/7 news channels. We didn’t foresee it taking so long for a woman to get on the Supreme Court, that spacecraft could look like airplanes or that gleaming towers could pancake from an evil gamble.

I would have certainly never wagered on my spending 38 years at Carson-Newman. I get to come home every day. Each morning, I drive to campus still enamored with this institution and what it means, not only to those of us who graduated so long ago, but what it means today. It means the world, literally, to the students whose lives are changed by it daily and whose lives will change more than they could ever guess.

We are going to celebrate our alma mater with Homecoming 2007 October 13, and I invite you to join us. For those who can’t come here, we are going to bring home to you with visits during the course of the year. Planned gatherings include our Alumni and Friends Luncheon at First Baptist, Kingsport at 12:15 p.m. on November 13. Held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the TBC, the event provides a wonderful opportunity to hear about developments on campus.

Other alumni events are noted online at www.cn.edu/alumni as well. I hope you can make it to one. I want to talk about the next 40 years.
Where Are You on Your Journey?

Readers, this is a call for photos. Are you going to Paris? How about taking a copy of *Journey* to read beneath the Eiffel Tower? Or at the Arc de Triomphe? Perhaps you are heading to the World Series, a NASCAR race or the Super Bowl. Send us a photo of you and your *Journey* magazine at an interesting location, and if we choose it, we will run it in a future issue. Better yet, it will net you a $25 gift card to the Carson-Newman Bookstore. Where does your *Journey* take you?

You can email photos to ckey@cn.edu. Please make sure photos are high-resolution. You may also mail your photos to: Carson-Newman College, Attn: News & Publications Office, C-N Box 71986, 1646 Russell Ave. S. Jefferson City, TN 37760. Submitted photos will not be returned.

Honoring a Legend

The name Horton Foote is renowned in literary America. Since his 1962 screenplay *To Kill A Mockingbird*, along with such follow-up works as *A Trip to Bountiful*, *The Young Man From Atlanta*, and *Tender Mercies*, Foote’s unique understanding of theater and character relationships draws audiences and actors alike.

That explains the energy on campus after the acclaimed writer gave his blessing to attach his name to a new area of study at C-N. The future Horton Foote Center for the Study of Theater and Film will provide an ideal environment for the College’s new film studies major.

Your Feedback

Do you have a particular fondness toward stories about C-N history? Are you interested in features on current students? Do you like or dislike a specific section in the magazine? We want to know what you think about *Journey*. By going to http://www.cn.edu/journey/survey.cfm, you can participate in our reader’s survey. By sharing your feedback, you will also have the opportunity to be included in a drawing for an Eagle prize pack.

For a gift of $1,000, alumni and friends have the opportunity to purchase works by Foote with unique autographed bookplates. Those interested also have the option to purchase autographed works by Humanities Dean Dr. Jerry Wood. Considered to be the foremost expert on Foote in the world, Wood’s work can be purchased for $100. All proceeds from these sales will go to help furnish the Foote Center.

If you are interested in purchasing such works, contact Dr. Jerry Wood at 865/471-3284 or 865/471-3545 or email at gwood@cn.edu.
In Bethlehem on Christmas Eve

The A Cappella Choir is in the midst of one of its busiest semesters ever. Dr. Eric Thorson has pushed his 50-member choir hard, but it’s okay. For a Christmas present, he’s leading them to Israel and Jordan.

At press time, the schedule has the choir participating in three events, including a three-hour Christmas Eve concert from Bethlehem’s Manger Square that Thorson hopes will broadcast in the States later that evening. Other events include a concert in Nazareth and an Amman, Jordan performance where King Abdullah II and Queen Rania al-Abdullah are expected to be in attendance.

The choir will also visit holy places and historic sites in Caesarea, Galilee, Jerusalem, Jericho, Masada and Qumran. To learn more about the choir’s Christmas concert tour, visit www.cn.edu/music.

A Grand Opening

It was a long-awaited ribbon-cutting. On May 3, as part of the President’s Society Dinner, over 250 guests gathered on the grounds around the new Blye-Poteat Hall. Those in attendance witnessed the public unveiling of the College’s newest academic building. Guests were invited to tour the facility, as well as the new Child Development Lab (CDL). A special dedication is also planned for Homecoming.

Having relocated to the new building during the summer months, FCS faculty and students are utilizing Blye-Poteat’s 18,000 square feet of specially-designed space. From a state-of-the-art foods and nutrition lab and expanded emphasis on interior design and retailing, to the stunning 6,000 square foot CDL and its playground, this fall marks not only the opening of a new building, but a new era for family and consumer science at C-N.

Rallying Support

Numbers speak for themselves. For C-N’s Annual Fund, those numbers had a lot to say at the end of July. When the books closed for the fiscal year, the AF had raised over $823,000, surpassing last year’s total by $38,000. These gifts help pay for C-N’s year-to-year operational costs, hold tuition expenses down for students, and support the classroom experience.

“This has been a total team effort,” proclaims AF Director Chris Cates. “Our donors have been tremendous.” Cates also credits Lois Williams, AF’s administrative assistant for the success. “Her assistance in planning and support proved invaluable. We are already looking forward to 2008.”
April 16 was a tragic day for one university and our entire nation. Cho Seung-Hui killed 32 Virginia Tech students and faculty members before taking his own life.

When I learned of the tragedy, I focused on two of my college buddies, Tim Simpson and R.P. Hodge. I rummaged though my memory trying to recall which of them had sons at Tech. Unable to remember, I emailed each to ask about their boys. Sure enough, Tim has two Tech-connected sons; his youngest is a current student and the other is an alum.

R.P. has no family connections to the horror, but, as a youth minister at a nearby church, some of his young people knew one of the victims.

“This tragedy has really made me think,” wrote Tim in an email later that day. “Life is short. We should enjoy our friends. Let’s try to get together.”

We checked our calendars.

As C-N students in the late ’70s, we three had been close. We all lived on Heritage Third South (but we called it New Men’s), and we attended seminary together after graduation. Since seminary, we had only seen one another a time or two. Always intending to get together but never making it happen, we decided to change that.

We met at noon on VT’s campus a few weeks later.

“You’ve got gray hair” was the first thing I heard; followed by an embrace of old friends. A two-hour lunch followed. Between drink orders, menu choices and eating, we caught up on our lives now and rehashed our memories of then. The 25 years have taken hair and added both inches and pounds, and yet it was as if we picked up where we had left off such a long time ago. We laughed and talked and talked and laughed. It was great!

After lunch we walked about campus. We discussed the April rampage, moved into current events and wound up discussing how our lives and careers had taken different paths. The day spent together made new friends out of old friendships. I don’t know if we will ever meet like that again. I hope we can. Time has a way of getting away from us so that good intentions and promises to reunite rarely materialize. Even if we don’t, I will cherish that day.

As I drove back home, I thought about where those friendships began – Carson-Newman. Here at this place was forged a bond that has lasted over time and through distance and is still strong and meaningful to three guys who met in college. Three friends share a common place; one that forever changed our lives and helped make us the people we are. It was more than college. It was where we grew up by growing together.

I know our story is not unique. That to me is what drives the legacy of Carson-Newman College; this place enables life-changing relationships and has done that, I believe, since that first building was placed near the banks of Mossy Creek.

My hope is that a trip home this year will help make such promises a reality for you. Maybe it’s time to pick up the phone or send that e-mail to that long-time C-N friend. Come home. Make a time to meet on campus – back where it all began.
The statistics are disturbing. There is a growing health concern that is affecting many of us, whether we realize it or not. It is a crisis that has professionals working around the clock to find a cure. This is not a new disease or epidemic, but rather the health of a profession. Make no mistake about it; the nursing profession in the U.S. is ailing.

Google “nursing shortage” on your computer, and the results are staggering. A recent news search on the site yielded some 600 results in .12 seconds.

According to C-N’s Dr. Patty Kraft, the shortage is a result of various factors coinciding to create a “perfect storm.” The storm has gained momentum in the last five years. Though metropolitan areas are being hit the hardest, a trickle-down effect is infiltrating rural areas as well. “There are really three main causes for concern,” says the dean of nursing and behavioral health.

“The baby-boomer generation is the largest generation to ever be born in this country,” she explains, citing that every generation since then has been smaller. “The baby-boomers are now entering retirement age, a time usually associated with the greatest healthcare need.”

Secondly, fewer people are entering the vocation. “Given that each generation since the boomers has been shrinking, there are naturally less people to enter the field,” she says. Kraft notes that those in nursing positions are also aging and retiring at an extraordinary rate. “The average age of a nurse in this country is 45.7 years old, while the average of a nursing faculty member is 56. The supply is shrinking and the demand is increasing.”

The last ingredient is unfavorable working conditions associated with nursing, particularly those in hospital settings. Issues include the lack of ideal staffing numbers, hours of work, and pay in some instances, all of which contribute to no small amount of stress.

There are other factors as well. While technology is playing important roles in modern medicine, Kraft says that it is also making the field increasingly more complicated and technical. Another component is longevity. “People are living longer,” Kraft points out. “In doing so, they tend to develop chronic diseases, which in return, demand multiple care management.”

“Tennessee hospitals in the last two years have really started to feel the impact,” says Kraft. “In fact, Tennessee is expected to have the highest nursing vacancies in all states in the southeastern region.” One of the factors is Tennessee’s close proximity to so many other states. “People can get their licensure here, but move on to somewhere else for employment. So retention is an issue. Without well-qualified registered nurses (RNs) the healthcare of all Tennesseans will suffer. And that,” she says, “is a big problem.”
With a corps of professionals 70,000-strong, nurses are the single largest workforce in Tennessee. However, they are spread across an array of employment options.

“Only about 53% actually work in a hospital environment. That’s because there are so many other places where nurses are needed,” she says. Apart from hospitals, other opportunities for RNs include home health, clinics, occupational health, public health, missions, administrator positions, and even employment with insurance companies. By 2020 it is estimated that Tennessee will be short by approximately 35,000 registered nurses.

Kraft says there is an ongoing effort across Tennessee and the rest of the country to help curtail the trend. “The state is very interested in maintaining the health of Tennesseans,” says Kraft, who also serves as chair for the Tennessee Association of Deans and Directors of Schools of Nursing. “The state is working to increase salaries and benefits, redesign the hospital work environment, as well as address various other issues to help retain nurses.”

Though the shortage has Kraft and her colleagues in C-N’s Nursing Division concerned, they are rallying to help with a remedy. In 2005, the Tennessee Center for Nursing and the Tennessee Hospital Association for Health Workforce Development issued a master plan to challenge those in nursing education.

“They asked educators across the state to increase enrollment in baccalaureate and associate degree programs,” she says, “as well as to try and prepare more nurse educators to meet the demands.”

Carson-Newman’s Nursing Division accepted the challenge, and immediately began implementing new initiatives to help build on enrollment momentum they were experiencing in their undergraduate programs. One of the plans set into motion was an accelerated nursing program.

“We want to meet the demands of the community,” explains Kraft. “Our focus for the last three years has been on the adult learner. We already had the traditional program in place, but it was difficult for licensed practical nurses and registered nurses who were already in the workforce, as well as those looking to switch careers. They couldn’t take courses Monday through Friday because they had jobs.”

Kraft says that is why they started the accelerated program. “It runs year round including evenings and weekends. Students who have completed a list of prerequisites have the opportunity to graduate in as little as eight consecutive semesters.”

Two recent additions to the program are providing even more options for professionals. An LPN to BSN track enables licensed practical nurses to obtain a bachelor of science in nursing degree. The curriculum is designed to offer a balance of general education courses and nursing classes. It also prepares students for the state licensure examination for RNs. Another offering beginning in January includes a new RN to MSN program, an
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Eagle Spotlight
Supporting Scholar-Athletes at Carson-Newman
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JESSIE HOWARD

After making a difference on the field, Jessie Howard helped to change the world. In June, the sophomore third baseman for the Lady Eagle softball team traveled to Kollo, Niger for mission work in one of the poorest nations in Africa.

Jessie made an immediate impact with the Lady Eagles in 2007, helping compile a 34-14 record. She led the team in batting average and steals to earn All-South Atlantic Conference first team honors. Jessie came to Carson-Newman not only to be part of a proud softball tradition, but to live out her faith in Jesus Christ.

“I wanted a campus where I could get involved in many extracurricular activities and have professors that are spiritually mature mentors and teach me more about the Bible,” she said. “Carson-Newman is the perfect fit for me.”

As a member of Knoxville’s Faith Promise Church, Jessie learned the importance and impact of world missions. After applying to be one of eight students for missions with the International Missions Board, Jessie prayed she would be accepted for work in Africa.

“I was studying the Bible during my devotional time and as I prayed, I believe God gave me a peace about this decision and impressed upon me that I should go on this trip,” Howard said. Niger, a North African nation of 13 million people, has 63% of its people living below the poverty line. About 3.6 million people in Niger suffer from malnutrition, leaving close to 800,000 children either without food or a proper diet. Working with an IMB missionary, Jessie hoped to spread the Gospel message to a country in dire need of physical and spiritual transformation.

“One of the interesting things about this trip was that although the people there spoke a different language, they could read body language very well,” she said. “They saw that we had peace and joy in our faces. We told many Bible stories and they loved that we played with their children. I gave my testimony in English while the missionaries translated what I said into the native language. As a result, one woman I spoke to prayed to receive Christ.”

Jessie continues to learn many life lessons from the mission trip.

“It was all overwhelming, but the people there were all about relationships. The missionaries we worked with have been there two years and have developed close relationships. Through prayer and perseverance, the missionaries have become well-respected. I was impressed by the villagers’ contentment with their simple life and gained a greater appreciation for the work that the missionaries do there.”

Whether leading off in the batting order or leading a student missions team, Jessie Howard knows that her faith sustains her in every situation.

“It has been a full year,” Howard said. “I continue to pray that God takes care of it all. I can only do it by His grace.”

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One of Their Own

Story by Mark Brown
Photos by Wade Payne
Were life a chemistry experiment, you could not extract Joe Bill Sloan from Carson-Newman’s makeup any more than you could separate Carson-Newman from who Sloan is. It would be like pulling one-part oxygen from two-parts hydrogen. You might have two things, but – like deconstructed water – neither one would be what they are together.

The son of 1932 C-N graduates Albert R. and Lois Davis Sloan, Joe Bill was born in 1945. His dad, then a math professor, was approaching the completion of his first decade of a 40-year C-N career. For the first 12 years of Joe Bill’s life, the family lived just three blocks from campus, near the banks of Mossy Creek at the corner of East Main Street and Eastview Avenue. He went to Jefferson Elementary School, walking through the same halls and on the same wooden floors that student nurses now walk, though it has long since been called the Pedersen Building. Like the old school that became enveloped by campus and therefore dedicated to Carson-Newman’s purposes, so did Joe Bill Sloan.

His earliest Carson-Newman memories include going to basketball games in Butler-Blanc Gymnasium with Albert, who left the math classroom to become the College’s treasurer in 1956. While his dad kept the game clock—something he did for 50 years—little Joe Bill had the run of the place. At least he thought he did.
“Dad would run the clock and I’d go up on the track,” he recounted recently as he walked across campus. “Ever so often he’d look up and see me sitting up there with my feet dangling off the track, even though he had told me over and over not to do that. Then he’d send somebody up there before I crashed to the floor and broke my neck.”

Though the younger Sloan joined the faculty 38 years ago, in the fall of 1969, he has a total of 44 years professional service on campus. However, the business office can’t count the six years (from ages 11 to 17) that he delivered the Knoxville News Sentinel, then an afternoon paper, to campus offices and residence halls. The route, which ballooned from 30 to 130 subscribers in his first year, included dozens of female customers who lived in Butler, Swann and Burnett. He laughs at the memory, saying, “I’d walk into the women’s dorms and try to make my prepubescent voice deeper when I had to call out ‘M-m-man on the hall!”

By 1963 he had given up the route to begin his freshman year. In the course of his four years he played tennis, sang in the A Cappella choir and became a fixture in campus leadership positions, including holding the SGA presidency his senior year. His ever increasing campus responsibilities meant that he often missed classes, which then meant he had to find creative ways to stay caught up without sacrificing his academic record.

“Oh, he was the Big Man on Campus,” says Jim Baumgardner, ’59, who joined the history faculty just a year after Sloan began his Carson-Newman experience. “In fact, he was so involved in campus activities that he would find another student, typically a girl, who would take notes for him in class. In one of my classes, there was a girl who took notes for him regularly. When we got to the end of the class, it turns out that Joe Bill got a better grade than she did. Boy, was she mad. I never knew exactly what she said to him, but I know it wasn’t, ‘Congratulations!’”

Just two autumns after his 1967 graduation, Sloan was back on campus as a 24-year-old member of the faculty. He had earned the M.A. at the University of Tennessee in 1968 and taught one year at Lees-McRae College, then a two-year school in North Carolina. His plans for a long tenure there changed when his Carson-Newman mentor, J.C. Brashear, visited the campus near the end of his rookie year and talked him into returning to Jefferson City.

In the area of administration, he led the History and Political Science Department from 1994 to 2000 and was dean of the Social Sciences Division from 2001 to 2004. He was a president search committee member in 1999 and was on the current search team until a month ago, when he officially relinquished his duties for the sake of time.

Sloan’s consideration of retirement was so strong that in February he asked C-N’s finance office “to run the numbers,” in case he wanted to end his career at the age of 62, which happened on August 23. Had the chance to lead C-N not been presented to him, there is a good chance that he and his wife, 1974 alumna Brenda Reeder Sloan, might be making their way across America.

For many summers during the 31 years they have been married, the Sloans have relished their careers in education, in part for the opportunity for summer travel. After a career in both the public and private sectors as a licensed professional counselor, Brenda volunteers her time with several Jefferson City community service outlets. After graduation, she served C-N in the areas of admissions and student affairs for five years before working in the Jefferson and Grainger County school systems for a combined 22 years. She also worked with Dr. Bill Blevins through his Barnabas Counseling Center for 10 years during her time as a school counselor.

Retirement, Sloan thought, would give them the chance to visit arts and crafts festivals they enjoy, and it would offer Brenda the flexibility of being able to plan her volunteer schedule accordingly. That was before he got the surprise of his professional life, the offer to shepherd the institution that had shepherded him.

It is fair to say that Sloan was initially reluctant at the prospect of becoming the interim president. When some who are very close to him said they thought he might be the choice, he laughed it off. Leading an institution is the ultimate brass ring for some faculty members and administrators, but Sloan says he cannot remember ever fantasizing about the possibility.

“This has been a most unexpected event,” he notes. “Why I didn’t contemplate administration beyond being a department chair. Then Mark Heinrich left Carson-Newman temporarily several years ago and I was asked to serve as dean (of Social Sciences).”

Another Heinrich move (to leave the Academic Affairs Office) almost four years ago precipitated Sloan’s selection as associate provost. When he spoke to faculty and staff following the announcement of his new temporary appointment on May 4, he thanked Provost Mike Arrington and former President James Netherton for asking him to join the College’s senior staff in 2004.
“I would not have had this opportunity had it not been for their confidence in me then,” he told faculty and staff. “I will always be grateful for the opportunity to serve this place I care about so much.”

While Sloan may not have imagined during his years as a faculty member that he would one day occupy what is often called “The Corner Office,” his selection was guessed by a number of faculty and staff members.

“It wasn’t that hard to figure out,” said Wade Bibb, associate professor of religion. “We received word that he (Sloan) wouldn’t be able to teach an honors class in the fall because of additional duties. That, coupled with hints that ‘faculty would like the interim,’ led several of us to expect it would be Joe Bill. That would have been in February.”

The story of how Sloan became an unlikely president began on October 1 of last year when the Faculty Council called for an October 5 vote on the College faculty’s level of confidence in Netherton. By majority vote the 14-member council sent the call for the process “without endorsement,” meaning the body sought a neutral position.

“After discussion, and recognizing the enormity and ramifications of such a vote,” recalls Steve Karr, chair of biology and chair of the group, “the council decided that such an issue should not be decided solely by representatives on the council. The motion was withdrawn and a substitute motion made - to have a called faculty meeting providing all faculty (and staff) the opportunity to voice their say on this vote of no confidence.”

The special called Thursday morning faculty meeting was packed, doubling the number of those who had been attending regularly scheduled meetings for the last several years. Of the 249 eligible to vote, 200 exercised their right, resulting in a 129-71 tally in favor of no confidence.

The Board of Trustees officially took up the matter during its regular meeting on October 19-20. While issuing a statement of support for Netherton, the Board noted that it would endeavor to engage a broad range of College constituents, including faculty, staff, alumni and Tennessee Baptists who wished to take part. Ultimately, that engagement took several forms: the solicitation of responses through surveys, campus meetings with several employee groups, and numerous listening sessions across the state. The Board set March 23 as the deadline for their public report following their information gathering and internal reporting.

Netherton’s February 16 resignation, to accept an executive administration position at Mercer University, helped expedite the matter and began closing the chapter on his seven-year, sometimes tumultuous, tenure. In a news release issued that day, Netherton said, “…I will miss the friends I made at Carson-Newman College. I have enjoyed great support from Carson-Newman’s Board, from the students and from the community in general. I am proud of the accomplishments that our faculty and staff have made in the seven years I have served as president of Carson-Newman, and I believe the College is poised for great things in the future.”

There are, on all sides of the confidence issue, many faculty members who would credit the former president as being right about a positive and productive future. Many say the first positive sign was the Board’s selection of Sloan as the one to help the institution regroup.

“Joe Bill’s long tenure as a professor and his recent experience as associate provost give him valuable insights from the perspective of faculty as well as administration,” analyzes Carolyn Blevins, ’59, associate religion professor emeritus. “He knows the faculty and staff; he knows the campus issues; and he understands the internal nuances. Besides, he is not aligned with any faction on campus. He brings no personal agenda except to put C-N on a sound academic and fiscal foundation for the new president.”
In the intervening period between the no confidence poll and the former president’s resignation, several Sloan friends kept an eye on their longtime departmental compatriot. Though history professor Charles Moffat told Sloan that he might well be the one selected, should the presidency become vacant one way or another, he says his buddy scoffed.

“But I couldn’t possibly imagine anyone better suited for it,” affirms Moffat, who joined the faculty ranks with Sloan. “Nor could I imagine anyone who would so completely have the confidence of students, faculty or the board of trustees. He’s been here all his life, and he is the man most likely to know what it’ll take to put the College back in order and make it prosper.”

Moffat says his confidence is strong, as long as no one asks the interim chief to run sound for any campus event. The lesson the pair learned together is as clear to Moffat as it was in the fall of ’69 when the two young colleagues were instructed to rent and set up equipment for a Vance Packard guest lecture just two months into their employment. “And I don’t know who had that bright idea,” smiles Moffat, “since neither one of us had the first clue about what we were doing.”

Nonetheless, the intrepid duo drove to Knoxville, procured what was needed and proceeded to make things ready for Packard, a social critic and early front runner of pop sociology. “But after it was over,” says Sloan’s UT grad school classmate, “neither one of us would go meet Packard. We were afraid that someone might say, ‘And these are the guys who messed up your sound.’”

Sloan says getting such assignments early in his C-N career became lessons in the developing an ability to adapt, knowing that one might be expected to serve in unexpected ways. In that context, it is reasonable that one who loves teaching above all other professional duties would one day be asked to lead an institution dedicated to the practice. Further, his love for the classroom explains why he asked for two contracts in the 2007-08 academic year. The primary document addresses the interim presidency, but a second one could allow him the opportunity to return to Academic Affairs and, subsequently, reenter the classroom.

“I love teaching, and I have since J.C. Brashear asked to me to lead his classes for three days when I was a senior,” he smiles. “Until then, I had thought about teaching math or going into law, but those three days changed my life. In fact, I had to get used to this being the first fall I haven’t taught since 1968. Teaching is one of life’s greatest pleasures.”

Before Blevins retired in 2006, she and Sloan had team-taught an Honors Programs course for 27 years. Asked what she learned about him in that time, Blevins rattles off a litany of attributes:

“Joe Bill listens well, he is open and he is interested in various viewpoints. He is sensitive to those viewpoints that are often drowned out by dominant voices, and he is able to rather quickly sort serious problems from trivial ones. He makes decisions, he takes responsibility for them and yet he is willing to admit errors. He is an intellectually curious man of principle and integrity who can be very understanding of an individual’s circumstances and still hold that person to high standards. Plus, he has a delightful sense of humor that serves him well in sticky situations.”

Baumgardner, a realist known for having a sardonic perspective, admits he was concerned by the possibility of an interim from within C-N’s ranks.

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- Joe Bill Sloan

“Over the past several years, all of us who watched with growing concern and alarm the downward direction in which the College seemed to be heading formed definite opinions about events and individuals,” he asserts. “For that reason, I had grave reservations about the trustees appointing as interim president someone from within the C-N community. Their logic about the benefit of appointing an insider, however, made sense, and they could not have chosen anyone who has the kind of connections to the school Joe Bill has.”

As to the series of events that ultimately led to his status as C-N’s interim president, Sloan is succinct. “The past is that,” he says. “It’s the past and we have to move forward. There are lessons we have learned and issues from it that we must deal with, but we cannot focus on it so much that we don’t make progress. That would be walking backward and not moving forward.”

Sloan says he and trustees agreed on one particular thing from the get-go. The trustees did not want a caretaker as interim president, nor did Sloan want to be one. Rather, he says he wants to take care of the institution’s needs, particularly as regards certain issues (see sidebar) while the search committee seeks C-N’s 22nd president.
David Ogle, search committee chair and vice chair of the trustees, credits the Jefferson City native with possessing “a unique insight that other people just don’t have.” The Gallatin real estate developer said he has been impressed with Sloan’s ability to build consensus and with the credibility he is granted by the campus community.

“People do not doubt the love and regard he has for this institution,” he continued. “The mood of the College has stabilized and Joe Bill is a large part of that stability. The trustees have a lot of confidence in him as our interim president and that is allowing us to carry out our mission of finding his successor.”

While it remains to be seen as to whether Sloan’s name will be included in the process, he has tried to make it clear that he isn’t concerned by the possibility. In remarks during his address at August’s Fall Faculty Workshop, he spoke to his decision, saying, “I told David Ogle this morning that I want-
ed to be allowed to leave the presidential search committee. Now, I don’t want anyone to read anything into my decision to be removed from the committee. I have a lot to do, and they’re going to be meeting a lot. This needs to be a free and open search, and it seemed like the ethical thing to do.”

When Sloan was selected for the committee, the trustees had not yet named him acting CEO. “I am certain that if they had made this decision prior to formation of the search committee,” he says, “I would not have been appointed to it.”

On the subject of whether he could remain in the office without the word “interim” as part of his title, the former paperboy is direct. “My role is to do everything I can to put Carson-Newman in the best position possible so the committee can match to it a person worthy of this place. I am plenty busy enough doing that. God is in control. I just want to serve Him in my work here and now.”

In his Fall Faculty Workshop remarks, the interim president noted changes that transpired during the summer and addressed challenges in C-N’s future.

A pair of trustee-led operational changes made during the summer break dealt with moving what Sloan called “a substantial portion of C-N’s scholarship endowment” to a new company and restructuring C-N’s pension plan to provide several possible alternatives for employees. Sloan said the first change will provide a better return on investments than C-N has experienced in recent years. The second decision, which was required by the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and spells the end of Defined Benefit Plans, gives employees the opportunity to participate in the plans they prefer. The interim president credited trustee committee chairs Ted Russell, ’62, and Roger Purkey, as well as vice presidents Dr. Mike Arrington (provost) and Mark Ortlieb (finance), for their efforts “as we seek to make sound decisions for the future of Carson-Newman.”

In the area of administration, Sloan announced the promotions of 1976 alumna Vickie Butler and Dr. Tom Huebner. As the vice president for the Advancement Division, Butler succeeds Dr. David Nowell, who had overseen fundraising efforts since 2001. Huebner, who was named vice president for Enrollment Management last year, was asked to add the Student Affairs Division to his purview following the May resignation of Dr. Renée Leake, who had led the area since 2002.

Dr. Tori Knight, associate professor of economics, has been named to a new administrative position for C-N, dean of General Education. She will also lead efforts to complete a five-year report due to SACS (the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) next spring, which the interim president listed as the institution’s “first priority of several challenges.”

Two major projects, Fourth Floor Henderson (left unfinished when the building was constructed in the mid-1970s) and the planned Ted and Drama Russell Business Building, need continued financial support, according to Sloan. While funds have been contributed toward both projects, each undertaking requires contributions for completion. Work commenced on the Fourth Floor’s 16,000 square feet of space in the spring, but Sloan said approximately $1.2 million is necessary to finish the space. He reported that fundraising efforts have gone well, but that $3 million is needed for the $10 million project. Butler and Burnett Residence Halls also need extensive renovation, according to the interim president, who said deferred maintenance issues in the two buildings have had a negative affect on recruiting some students. He said he has asked Vickie Butler and her development officers to seek contributions to address each of these areas.

Whereas C-N was one of 12 institutions making up the Bonner Scholars Program when it was originally established, it is only one of two that have not been fully endowed by the Bonner Foundation. Sloan said the BSP is valuable to the college because it supports each year some 60 of what Sloan says “are our best students.” Two years ago, the Bonner Foundation pledged $4 million to help endow it, provided that Carson-Newman makes it a fully supported operation. To that end, Arrington appointed professors Dr. Larry Osborne and Dr. Beth Vanlandingham to co-direct the program, which was relocated this summer into a former medical professional building the College has owned for several years. Sloan said a remaining obstacle is to raise a $2 million endowment to match the Foundation’s pledge.
December 7, 1941 turned American history. Following the devastation of Pearl Harbor, the United States entered into World War II. Among the countless contributions made to the war effort was the Navy’s partnership with Carson-Newman from 1943 to 1945.

Early in 1942 the Allies were struggling against the Axis powers. By June, the Navy’s victory over Japan in the pivotal Battle of Midway provided an offensive edge, yet ultimate victory was still three years off. The Navy pressed its advantage yet by increasing aircraft and ship production, resulting in a need for well-trained officers.

None of the War Department’s training programs were large enough to meet the growing need. In August, debates about including 18-year-olds in the draft began; concerns were raised regarding the availability of officer candidates. President Franklin D. Roosevelt saw the opportunity for colleges and universities who wanted to contribute to the effort.

In December, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox announced the start of a new college training program. Called “V-12,” its mission was to continually supply officer candidates for the Navy and the Marine Corp. Emphasis was placed on the collegiate and cooperative nature of the program, with each participating school having authority over its academic program. Each school was granted authority over its academic program, though it was expected that institutions would strive to blend its program with the Navy’s expectations.

Carson-Newman had felt the effects of the war through decreased enrollment and the loss of several faculty members to armed forces service. Standing in the gap, President James T. Warren, Dr. Edgar M. Cook, Professor Albert R. Sloan, and Coach Fred Noe led the effort to secure C-N’s participation in the V-12 program.
C-N RESPONDS TO CALL OF DUTY

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Final selections were narrowed to include 131 colleges and universities nationwide. Carson-Newman’s 1939 addition of a new science facility, now Warren Art Building, helped seal the deal for a V-12 installation. It was one of the region’s newest science facilities.

To meet the need for 70,000 new officer trainees, the Navy drew primarily from reservists in other training programs, NROTC battalions, active duty trainees, and qualified enlisted men. Subsequently, the program was opened to 17 – 19-year olds who would graduate high school no later than June 1943. More than 300,000 men across the country took the two-hour, 150-question qualifying exam offered that spring. Those who passed the exam were then interviewed and given a physical exam.

Harry Keith Davis was a 17-year-old from Haskell, Oklahoma. The son of school teachers, he had never heard of Carson-Newman College. After successful completion of the exam and physical, he enrolled as a freshman and V-12 trainee in June.

On July 1, the V-12 program officially welcomed more than 57,000 trainees coast to coast. Davis joined 250 trainees assigned to C-N and moved into Blanc-Davis Hall, which he remembers as “Hoodlum Hall,” or more commonly known as “The Barn.” Trainees were also housed in Sarah Swann Hall, along with the Navy administrators and chow hall.

While the colleges were given latitude over academic requirements, the calendar changed. The academic year expanded from two semesters to three, 16-week terms with 5 1/2 workdays. A minimum of 17 credit hours per trimester and strenuous physical training were expected from new students.

Davis decided on a pre-med course of study. “I carried usually eighteen or more credit hours a semester,” he recalls. “We also had to take strength exams every quarter to be sure we weren’t goofing-off and were staying in good physical condition.”

Davis racked-up 120 credit-hours in his two years at C-N. Fellow pre-med students Parks Parnell and Eugene Baker, both now deceased, join Davis as the only three trainees to complete every semester of the program.

“I found Carson-Newman a very inviting place,” says Davis. “The personal care and concern that the faculty had for the students stands out in my mind. Although I was one of the guys with white uniforms, professors treated us like family even though we weren’t Baptist and didn’t live in East Tennessee. They did a lot of special things for us.”

Though it’s been 64 years since he entered C-N as a freshman, Davis has no trouble fondly remembering faculty members who impressed him at an impressionable age. Such names as W. W. Bass, Winifred Moore, J. D. Ives, Alexander Chavis, Albert Sloan, Edgar Cook, and Frosty Holt quickly come to mind when he thinks back to Carson-Newman in the mid-40s.

“One of my favorites was Dr. Carl Bahner. I dearly loved the gentleman,” notes Davis, who pursued a chemistry major. He also recalls his time with Mademoiselle Moore, C-N’s professor of modern languages. Davis can’t help but laugh when he credits her for realizing he was not a natural linguist, even bending over backwards to help the young V-12 make it through the course. Such devotion of faculty helped lay the foundation of what Davis would come to know about Carson-Newman.

While some schools changed their institutional rules to accommodate the V-12 program, Carson-Newman chose to maintain its commitment to Baptist ideals. This led to a degree of strain between the Navy and the College. “One big controversy that always came up was dancing on campus,” remembers Davis. “Carson-Newman didn’t allow it and the Navy boys wanted to. We ended up going into Knoxville to do our balls and parties.”

Davis’ responsibilities did not allow for a lot of time to spend with civilian students, but aside from the issue of dancing, he does not remember any other disputes. He recalls spending some time with a few non-trainees, including one of Dean A. E. Cate’s sons. “I don’t think as a group we were resented by the local people,” Davis says. “In fact, I think we were welcomed.”

Carson-Newman did strive to help create a spirit of camaraderie by adding more programs and social events on
campus. Likewise, the Navy sought to maintain good relations with C-N, which was bolstered by its allowance of C-N’s academic freedom. It seemed that both entities greatly benefited from the other in preparing young men for whatever laid on the horizon. An open display of gratitude appeared in the first edition of the V-12’s bi-weekly *Periscope* newsletter:

*The staff of The Periscope joins with the crew of the U.S.S. Carson-Newman…giving our thanks to the faculty and to the student body for their kind acceptance of us as a new organization on the campus. We appreciate the gestures of friendship shown us from the beginning…. We hope that this friendship will grow and that our get togethers can be more often.*

The “get togethers” did take place. While the civilian boys were occasionally called “draft dodgers” by some of the V-12s, the girls received more positive attention and were often courted, although with some difficulty. “The girls had such strict hours and control of their schedules they couldn’t do much,” shares Davis. “The only hangout we had was where you could sit out on the benches in front of Henderson Hall. But it was pretty hard to do much courting out on those benches,” he laughs.

While the V-12s organized their own activities, they also joined in campus events like the annual May Day Pageant. They had their own orchestra, called *The Navy Commodores*, and Navy choir under the direction of Professor Genter Stephens, who taught voice and directed C-N’s A Cappella choir. Carson-Newman’s intramurals and intercollegiate athletics also saw an influx of V-12 members.

“The personal care and concern that the faculty had for the students stands out in my mind.”

- Dr. Harry Davis

By late April and early May of 1945 things changed. An allied victory in Europe and the waning days of war in the Pacific, the Navy began phasing out the V-12 program, eventually folding it into the postwar NROTC program. Though the program had run its course, its impact was undeniable. From 1943-1945 Carson-Newman, along with other participating, schools helped train more than 50,000 officer candidates for the Navy and Marine Corps. Additionally, former U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, former U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, Tennessee Senator Howard Baker, television personality Johnny Carson, and actor Jack Lemmon, were all V-12 alumni.

*Those who were a part of C-N’s V-12 history and would like to get in touch with Harry Davis may contact the News & Publications Office for contact information. 865/471-3203*
Passings

Will John Cloyd, 85, d. March 23, 2007, retired professor of biology. He taught in C-N’s Biology Department for 30 years. The Jefferson City resident was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II and participating in the D-Day invasion. Following retirement he conducted a successful leather and saddle business. He is survived by his wife, Anna.

Roland “Rollie” File, 18, d. February 23, 2007, C-N freshman. He was a 2006 graduate of Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, and a member of C-N’s soccer team. He is survived by his parents Steve and Donna File.

Dr. Douglas Harris, 92, d. March 23, 2007, retired professor of religion. A resident of Jefferson City, he taught at C-N from 1948 to 1966. While on leave from C-N he served as a base chaplain during the Korean Conflict. After leaving C-N he taught at William Jewell College. The author of several books and articles, he was an active member of the community serving in a variety of civic and social organizations. He is survived by his wife, Zenona.

Susan Kay, 51, d. October 18, 2006, administrative assistant. A native of Marlborough, Massachusetts, she was a U.S. Air Force Viet Nam Veteran, having served as a Russian linguist stationed in Turkey. She came to C-N from the University of Tulsa and served over seven years at the College, becoming instrumental to C-N’s Bonner Scholarship Program. She is survived by her husband, William.

Dr. William D. “Doug” Taylor, 58, d. May 11, 2007, director of Academic Support and Career Services. A 20-year administrator at C-N, he resided in Morristown. He earned the College’s Community Service Award in 2000 and received the Academic Advisory Award in 2004. He is survived by his wife, Darby.

In Memory Of...

Classes of 1920-29

'25 Velma Davis Troutman
'28 Vesta Jones Roberson
'29 Marietta Howe Fletcher

Classes of 1930-39

'31 Elizabeth Addington Webb
'32 Kathleen Thornbury Bryan
'32 Catherine Peck Smart
'34 Roy D. Cameron
'35 Jodie H. Brown
'36 W. Kelly McClure
'39 Donna Pearl Atkins Reid

Classes of 1940-49

'40 Esther Tucker Creasman
'40 Katherine Rankin Miller
'40 Pansy Creswell Rogert
'40 Martha Hackett Smith
'40 Rev. Elmer L. Thomas
'41 Dr. Primo Delgado
'41 Emily Taylor Moore
'42 Betty Lou Roberts Allen
'42 Felix E. Knight
'43 Constance Myatt-Axamethy
'43 Theda Logan Senterfitt
'44 Dorothy Layman Mellen
'44 G. Lorraine Worley Roberts
'45 Dorothy Jewel Bales
'46 Carl A. Nelson
'47 Joseph (Joe) Wigington, Jr.
'48 James Douglas Allen
'48 Joseph A. Hollingsworth, Sr.
'48 Ruth Mabis Iler
'49 Dorothy Jones Barker
'49 Rev. Arthur C. Bruner, Jr.
'49 Paul F. Meredith

Classes of 1950-59

'50 Henegar D. Buckner
'51 Wilbert L. Acuff
'51 Cecil W. Hincheey
'52 Joanna Vaughn Ferrill
'52 Jean Jackson Duggins
'52 Samuel G. Vance
'53 George E. Duncan
'53 Marion Bird Dunham
'53 Rev. Charles H. High
'53 Margaret Prater Massengill
'53 Barbara McCulla Rucker
'54 James Ralph Keene, Jr.
'54 Arthell M. Leamon
'56 James R. Cooper
'56 Carol Brown Dysinger
'56 Theresa Karnes Medford
'57 James J. Bardin III
'57 Clarence E. Cook
'58 Peggy Steele Bible
'58 David Clayton Cavood
'59 Hubert Ashe
'59 Visa (Vicky) Newport Lloyd

Classes of 1960-69

'60 Virginia Peck Hotz
'60 Alice Jo (Franklin) Mitchell
'61 James F. Arms
'61 Edward Nelson Bezanson
'61 Betty Lou Toomey Foster
'61 Millard S. Moncrief
'62 Charles E. Flowers
'62 Richard H. Meschendorf, Jr.
'63 Lillian B. Martin Alexander
'63 Michael R. Fletcher
'63 Albert L. Mashburn, Sr.
'63 Edwin T. Smith
'64 Paula Williams Calaway
'64 Rhonda Munssey Pratt
'65 Freida Dowda Green
'65 Patricia Townsend Parker
'66 John R. Biddle
'66 Joseph E. McDonald
'66 William E. Smallwood
'68 Thomas W. Hill
'68 Zella Fuzon Miller
'69 Harriet Price Elkins
'69 Barbara Collins Young

Classes of 1970-79

'71 Dreama D. Hale
'75 Keith Edward Craig
'75 Lida Jane Carson Miller

Classes of 1980-89

'84 Deborah Russell Ivens
'84 Lisa J. Reece
'87 Phyllis Ann Brogan Johnson
'89 Steven L. Kirk
'89 Johnny F. Osborne

1950s

'52 Harry Fritts is presently serving as organist at South Harriman Baptist Church.

'59 Ben A. Burnette is a music teacher with Knox County schools. He has recently been hired as the worship leader for Sharon Baptist Church.

'59 D. Carlisle Driggers retired at the end of February after 15 years as executive director-treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.
1960s

'60 Barbara Ann (Farmer) Hughes was presented the Leadership in Obesity Award by Lt. Gov. Perdue at the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund Power of Prevention Awards. Along with a private practice, she is the director of nutrition at the Institute of Lifestyle and Weight Management in Raleigh, NC.

'61, '63 Daniel and Arden (Bowling) Starnes now reside in Swannanoa, NC. After a career in church music, Arden retired from Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta after 36 years as organist and associate music director. Danny is working part-time at Warren Wilson College as a relief security supervisor and volunteer reader to preschoolers.

'61 William Youmans resides in St. Petersburg, FL where he has retired from a career in teaching.

'62 David C. Dale was elected president of the American College of Physicians, the nation’s largest medical specialty society.

'62 James E. Robertson retired as pastor of Sharon Baptist Church after a 35 year ministerial career. Jim and his wife Judy live in Halls, TN.

'65 Elbert R. Hill retired in May 2006 after 40 years of teaching at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, OK.

'65, '66 Calvin F. Meyer assumed the administrative position of program director for elementary/secondary education in the Graduate College of Marshall University. He and his wife Shirley (Meadows) reside in Scott Depot, WV.

'66 Robert L. Bailey retired from BellSouth in May and resides in Baton Rouge, LA.

'69 Donald G. Beard was promoted to superintendent for Hamilton County, TN schools.

'67 Earnest (Ernie) Walker joined C-N’s faculty heading the new educational leadership program for prospective principals and supervisors.

'69, '71 David W. Blackmon was promoted to professor of education at Coker College in Hartsville, SC, where he has been on faculty since 2001. Gay (Stout) Blackmon is serving as coordinator of career and guidance services with the Darlington County school district in South Carolina.

1970s

'70 Ray L. Clinebelle was awarded the Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) credential by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is an audit partner in the Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P. office in Raleigh, NC.

'72 Beverly (Witt) Dominick is the internship/placement coordinator at the University of South Carolina, School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

'73 Marc Drake completed a program of study with the Stephen Olford Center for Biblical Preaching, recognizing him as a fellow within the ministry.

'74 Powell M. Trusler was ordered to active duty with the U.S. Army in August 2006, and will serve at least one year as an ADA Officer at Fort Bliss, Texas. A retired officer with 30 years service after being commissioned a 2nd LT from C-N’s ROTC program in 1974, Trusler plans to eventually return to Tazewell to assume his position as human resources manager at DTR Tennessee, Inc.

'76 Sharon (Gray) Barry is enjoying retirement with her and her husband Stan’s eight grandchildren.

'76 Karla J. Nicholson is the Kentucky Historical Society’s new director of education, helping to oversee museum education, teacher and school programs and community and statewide services programs.

'78 Teresa (Prather) Wood married Tim Wood and the couple have a son, Dylan. The family resides south of Memphis in Hernando, Mississippi.

'78 Daniel L. Steadman retired from the US Army in 2004 after over 26 years of active duty service. Daniel, his wife Ellen, and their son Matthew, reside in Yorktown, VA.

'79 Clay H. Hales acquired Chattanooga’s A&A Business Machines’ computer division, changing the name to InfoSystems Inc. The company has since earned such recognition as CRN magazine’s Fast Growth 100 list for the second consecutive year as well as IBM’s Big Blue’s Business Partner Leadership Award. Hales recently served as a panelist at an IBM-sponsored event New York.

'79 Carol (Trivett) Britton is manager of corporate communications for Tenet Healthcare Corporation, Dallas, TX.

1980s

'81 David Burruss celebrated 20 years with PMI Mortgage Insurance Company in Herndon, VA where he serves as VP of National Accounts. He and his wife Susan have three children, Joshua, Christopher David and Brooke Elise.

'81 Dennis R. Cooper opened Coopers Antiques in Maryville, TN.

'82 Shannon Conrad served in the military in Kiev, Ukraine and Iraq, until September 2006.

'82 Larry M. Hall was named executive vice president and dean of the College at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C. in June. The appointment follows 17 years of service at Belmont University.
Richard and Jill Thompson

'91, '92, were appointed by the International Mission Board as career missionaries. Since living in Brazil with their daughter, Miranda, they have been involved in church planting while serving among the Agreste people group. The Thompsons felt called to full time missions there after serving a two year stint as ISC missionaries. Their work has included ministering to urban poor, as well as German-Brazilians.

'82 Leisa A. Hammett is a freelance writer and author of *The Journey with Grace: A Mother’s Reflections on Raising a Child with Autism*. Leisa and Grace were flown to New York City to appear on ABC’s *The View*, which aired on January 29.

'82 Susan (Newman) Shipley is the alumni coordinator for the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville.

'83, '83 Cynthia F. Adcock was named Carson-Newman’s 2006-07 Distinguished Alumna. In April 2007, Cindy left Equal Justice works to take a faculty position with Charlotte School of Law in North Carolina, where she is the director of experiential learning and assistant professor. She is married to Pat McCoy.

'84 Julia (Peacock) Dostal earned her Ph.D. in psychology from Madison University. She is the executive director of the LEAF Council on Alcoholism and Addictions in Oneonta, New York, where she resides with her husband, Jeff. She is also a senior community mobilization consultant and serves on the worship team of Community Gospel Church as a vocalist/instrumentalist.

'84 Maurice (Mo) Ottinger was promoted to the rank of colonel effective December 9, 2006. He has served with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon since his graduation from the Army War College Resident Course (Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania) in June 2006. He serves as senior military assistant to the Joint Staff comptroller. He also graduated from the Defense Financial Management Course (Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama) in August 2006.

'85 E. Lamar Brown received his Ed.D. from Trevecca Nazarene University in May.

'85 Kenyn Cureton accepted a vice president position with the Family Research Council in Washington, DC.

'85 Michael E. Jackson is married to Sheri (Kantner) and they have two children, Michael and Morgan. The family resides in Lakeland, FL.

'85 R. Chris Monroe completed his doctoral work at the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship and has taught at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Southern India. He is the associate pastor of music at Vinton Baptist Church in Virginia.

'85 W. Keith Wheeler was selected as president of the Southeast Chapter of Kodály Educators. SECKE has been an affiliate of the Organization of American Kodály Educators since 1980. Keith and his wife, Anne, reside in Sweetwater, TN with their children Isaac, Ella, Tyler, Mattie, Shea and Grace.

'86 John W. Daniels, III co-authored *Caring for the Flock: Four Marks of the Healthy Ministry Professional*. He serves as associate pastor for Christian formation and administration at First Baptist Church, Waynesville, NC. He and his wife Melinda have two children and reside in Clyde, NC.

'86 John A. Dinkens is newly employed as director of development at Purdue University’s School of Civil Engineering in West Lafayette, IN.

'86 Sherry (Welton) Wilds was awarded the Riney Green Award for outstanding advocacy work for the handicapped at the 2006 Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services Conference. Wilds is an attorney with the Disability Law and Advocacy Center of Tennessee in Nashville. She is also the daughter of C-N professor emeritus Dr. John Lee Welton and Margaret Welton.

'87 Nancy (Collins) Eastridge of Johnson City, TN received a M.Div. from Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta.

'88 Joyce A. Johnson is the children’s minister at Cornerstone Community Church in Orangeburg, SC.

'89 Melissa (Watts) Campbell is the church librarian at Thompson Station Church in Thompson Station, TN.

'89, '89 David E. Frahme is the new administrator/education minister at East Maryville Baptist Church in Maryville, TN. David and his wife, Krista (Rose), reside in Maryville with their two daughters.

'89 Stanley F. Hayes accepted a position with American Eagle Airlines, Inc. as a first officer (pilot) on the Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ-700) and is based in Dallas, TX.

'89 Angela (Morie) Nystrom received admission to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

'89 Stephen Tracy Porier completed the Professional M.B.A. program at UT, Knoxville in December 2006. He accepted a position as area director of business development with Simon Property Group.

'89 Lori (Bennett) Sachleben began working at the department of child services for the state of Indiana in April. She has been married to Brian for 17 years, and they have three daughters.

1990s

'91 Kara E. Stooksbury was honored in January for her contribution in editing the three volume “Encyclopedia of American Civil rights and Liberties.”
Perspectives.

Published in the Summer 2006 issue of Challenges of Values Congruence," was Presbyterian College. Her article, "The Fraternity Advisors. Becker is the director of human resources. They reside as an account executive.

'97, '98 Mark A. Pretnar is working at CTS as an account executive. Kimberley (Bube) is currently working at HealthSouth as the director of human resources. They reside in Birmingham, AL with their two children, Abby Elizabeth and Anna Kathryn.

'98, '99 S. Wes Miller was named head golf professional at River Strand Golf and Country Club in Bradenton, FL. Miller is a graduate of the PGA of America’s Professional Golf Management Program and is a PGA Class A professional. He now resides in St. Petersburg with his wife, Meredith (McBride).

'99 Eric M. Carter finished his Ph.D. in sociology from Kansas State University. He and his wife, Yolinda, are both faculty members at Georgetown College, KY.

'99 Kelly (Klinefelter) Richter graduated from Covenant Theological Seminary with her M.A. in counseling. She, along with her husband, David, started a not-for-profit study center in Nashville called The Nashville Center for Faith & Culture. They have one son, Sam.

'99 Erin E. Burnette earned her M.Div. and is living in Richmond, VA., working for a non-profit agency involved in philanthropic work.

2000s

'01 Jennifer N. Hatcher resides in Charlotte, NC, and is a financial advisor for Scott & Stringfellow Inc.

Designed as a reference book for students and scholars, the encyclopedia will be permanently fixed in libraries across the country. Stooksbury is an assistant professor of political science at C-N.

'92 Misty (Livesay) Lawson teaches special education in Morristown, where she resides with husband, Steve, and son, Jacob.

'92 David H. Ownby was inducted into the Sevier County High School Sports Hall of Fame. The former C-N basketball player joined Regal Entertainment Group in 1988 and serves as chief accounting officer.

'92, '94 L. Beau Stanley lives in Knoxville where he and his wife, Valerie (Gordon), have two sons, Breton and Bryson. He works for the school system as a trainer in the technology department.

'92 Paul B. Whittingham is a rehab therapist at Northeast Florida State Hospital. He has three children Toya, Paul Jr. and Jarette.

'93 Christopher S. Mathews was named C-N’s 2006-07 Outstanding Young Alumnus. Chris and his wife, Holly, have two sons, Mills and McGee, and have homes in Oxford, MS, and Lookout Mountain, TN.

'94 John (Jay) L. Stancil is now sports information director at Kentucky’s Union College and has received numerous recognitions in the NAIA for his writing and other work. He and his wife Genople have two children, Jayson and Haylee.

'97, '98 Mark A. Pretnar is working at CTS as an account executive. Kimberley (Bube) is currently working at HealthSouth as the director of human resources. They reside in Birmingham, AL with their two children, Abby Elizabeth and Anna Kathryn.

'98 Dana R. Becker received the Perspectives Award from the Association of Fraternity Advisors. Becker is the director of Student Activities & Greek Life at Presbyterian College. Her article, “The Challenges of Values Congruence,” was published in the Summer 2006 issue of Perspectives.

'98, '96 Heath and Benita (Bull) Claiborne opened a coffee shop in Maryville, TN called Capitol Coffee. The shop is located in downtown Maryville where Heath has an art gallery. The couple was featured on local station WBIJ’s Live @ Five television program. Benita was also the Knoxville Mortgage Bankers Association top Rookie for Total Units for 2006.

'98 Allison E. Erwin successfully passed the Tennessee State Bar Exam and was hired as an associate attorney with the law firm of Allen, Kopet, and Associates, PLLC, in Chattanooga.

'98 Amy (Bright) Robertson is in her 9th year of employment at MBI Financial Staffing, Inc., as communications director. She and her husband, Cliff, reside in Greer, SC.

'98 Jonathan E. Richardson is the general/vocal music teacher at Manley Elementary in Morristown, TN, where he also serves as organist at First Baptist Church.

'98, '99 S. Wes Miller was named head golf professional at River Strand Golf and Country Club in Bradenton, FL. Miller is a graduate of the PGA of America’s Professional Golf Management Program and is a PGA Class A professional. He now resides in St. Petersburg with his wife, Meredith (McBride).

'99 Eric M. Carter finished his Ph.D. in sociology from Kansas State University. He and his wife, Yolinda, are both faculty members at Georgetown College, KY.

'99 Kelly (Klinefelter) Richter graduated from Covenant Theological Seminary with her M.A. in counseling. She, along with her husband, David, started a not-for-profit study center in Nashville called The Nashville Center for Faith & Culture. They have one son, Sam.

'99 Erin E. Burnette earned her M.Div. and is living in Richmond, VA., working for a non-profit agency involved in philanthropic work.

2000s

'01 Jennifer N. Hatcher resides in Charlotte, NC, and is a financial advisor for Scott & Stringfellow Inc.

Elaine J. Wilson

'77, knows how to teach. She was named Teacher of the Year for Secondary Schools in Sevier County.

As if that wasn’t enough, it is worth noting it is the third time she has received the honor. After substitute teaching in the county, she accepted a position at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School and has been on the faculty there ever since. Currently starting her 15th year at G-P, she chairs the science department, teaches honors biology II and anatomy & physiology and is the faculty sponsor for the Interact Club.

'02, '02 Toni Jill (Parris) and husband, Chad Cox, live in Lebanon where Chad is teaching P.E. at Lebanon Middle School and coaching football at Lebanon High School. Toni Jill is a stay-at-home mom.

'02 E. Lauren Petr is a dietitian with Plumgood Food, a local online grocer that delivers organic and natural foods and household brand names to customers in Bowling Green, NC. She received her training at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

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'04 Benjamin E. Schlechter earned a graduate-level certificate in gerontology from Western Carolina University, where he is now enrolled in the Master of Health Science program there.

'04 R. Rodney Dyer was named C-N director of academic support and career services. He will also hold faculty rank in the division of education. He received his M.A.T. degree from C-N.

'04 Matthew S. Sipes is a teacher and coach for the Plano Independence School District in Texas.

'05 Sarah E. Martin is pursuing her masters of Church Music at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY.

'05 Wesley M. Ramey completed an internship in Daytona Beach working in the public relations department at the headquarters of NASCAR.

'06 Kara B. Blankenship was ordained to the Gospel ministry by Knoxville’s FBC in April, where she has served as an intern since 2006. She will attend Mercer University’s McAfee School of Theology and will be a children’s ministry intern at Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, GA.

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Marriages

'82 Cohnie R. Black and Thomas Harris 10/22/05

'01 Thomas W. Agnew and Amanda Lane 8/6/05

'01 Amy Elizabeth “Lizza” Connor and Michael Edward Bowen 4/22/06

'02, '04 Angela M. Simmone and Jeffery M. Lane 11/19/05

'06 Wendi Bingham and Matthew A. Thacker 4/08/06

'06 Lindsay McLaughlin and Kevin Daniel Lester 6/24/06

'06 Lindsay B. Wood and Raymond Scott Homes 07/29/06

Births

'87 Cheryl (McGehee) Littleton and husband Robby Erin Elizabeth on 10/02/06

'91 Larry B. Sprinkle and wife Eldeny Laney Grace on 2/01/07

'91 Beth (Warren) Hare and husband Hank Jenna Beth Hare on 8/24/04

'92 Kimberly (Rose) Lawson and husband Steve Jacob on 3/14/04

'94 Kara (Roach) Davis and husband John Wyatt Houston on 1/1/07

'96 James Robert Paul Cates and wife Sharon Roman James on 2/5/07

'96 Robin (Barnes) Morelock and husband Danny Maggie Grace on 6/3/06

'97 Timothy Dalton and wife Doris Evangeline En Mei on 1/25/07

'98 Misty (Smith) Hedrick and husband Kevin Elizabeth “Lizi” Victoria on 11/22/06

'98, '97 Kimberly (Bube) Pretnar and husband Mark Abby Elizabeth on 8/9/03 Anna Kathryn on 1/18/06

'99 Anthony L. Bailey and wife Leah Keegan Elizabeth on 8/3/06

'99, '99 Amy (McLeod) Miller and husband Kenneth Nya Beth on 12/8/06

'92 Clark Denton and wife Suzanne Phoebe Ella Denton on 9/18/06

'01 Laura (Mayhew) Seymour and husband Christian Riley Cheyenne on 8/20/06

'02, ’02 Kryshelle Smith Cothran and husband Joshua Cothran Victoria Ranae Cothran on 9/19/06

Melanie Stockwell

'89, was appointed to serve as chief of staff for Georgia Senate President Pro Tempore Eric Johnson. Her duties include advising, developing legislative packages and parliamentary examination. She previously served as Johnson’s general counsel and spent two sessions as an education advisor in the Senate Research Office. Stockwell also gained experience as director of legal services for the Georgia Department of Education, helping with policy issues and legislation. She is married to Atlanta attorney Mitch Stockwell and they have a daughter and son.
John Q. Tilson (1866-1958). After graduating Carson College in 1888, Tilson earned degrees from Yale and was admitted to the bar in Connecticut. He served as Connecticut state representative and speaker, from 1907-08. He was the state’s Republican U.S. Congressman-at-large from 1908-12 and 1914-32, serving as Majority Leader for the 69th, 70th and 71st Congresses. An expert on ordnance and advocate of military preparedness, he was sent to Europe twice, once by Warren G. Harding in 1923, and Calvin Coolidge in 1925. He also was awarded British and French medals for his leadership of the Save the Children Federation.
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