



RELIGION AND CULTURE

Coming to Grips with September 11

The storm of emotions that transformed one day in September 2001 — the dread memories and the human tragedy — are still being measured, probed, lived. The very meaning of “Sept. 11” evolves with each passing week of daily headlines.

Attempting to come to grips with the far-flung fallout of 9/11 was the aim of an unusual interdisciplinary A&S course offered last semester. “Humanities 161 — Understanding the New Global Crisis” brought together faculty and students from all corners of the campus to ponder the post-Sept. 11 world.

In the weeks after the attacks, undergraduates had virtually demanded such a course. Students wanted a class to help them navigate through their own wrenching emotions and geopolitical confusions. The course was first offered in spring 2002, directed by Professor of English Vereen Bell.

“Students were feeling an immense need to learn what was behind the attacks — why it took place, the origins of the rage, and what should our response be,” said Thomas Alan Schwartz, the associate professor of history who directed the class last semester.

“We drew from the talent of the University, faculty who are researching in history, political science, sociology, religion, communications, literary studies.”

The course was launched as an experiment in cross-disciplinary teaching, and that same spirit will guide its future. The aim is to offer students a flexible team-taught class on the pressing issues of society and the world. Untethered to any one department, the course has to make its own way financially: Plans are underway now to raise money and build an endowment to guarantee its future. Such funding would pay guest speakers and compensate faculty members, who teach the course as an overload to their regular duties.

Nearly 200 students enrolled when the class was first offered in spring 2002, taught by a team of eight or nine professors. Emotions were raw. Many students were in shock, still reeling from the notion that America could be so hated in some corners of the world.

This past semester, the course was modified to reflect the unfolding of events of the last year, notably the civil liberties legislation concerning homeland security, and later the war with Iraq. Schwartz was aided by various guest lecturers throughout the semester. Three other faculty members were assistant directors — Kate Daniels of the Department of English, James Lee Ray of the Department of Political Science and Barbara Tsakirgis of the Department of Classical Studies.

But basic themes still shaped the course’s identity — the roots of the crisis, the history of Islam and the Middle East, the Israeli-Palestinian ordeal, issues of American foreign policy, the rise of Islamic fundamentalism, and the question of how the Sept. 11 attacks have changed the United States.

This second time around, though, suggested that the national meaning and emotions of Sept. 11 are evolving. Enrollment was down to 45 students. The climate of the classroom was more dispassionate: A year and a half after that nation-shaking day, students felt less like American victims, and more keen to inquire deeper into the culture of Islam and Arab civilization and the political configuration of the Mideast region.



Professor Schwartz

“I could shift from an us-versus-them mentality and start exploring deeper into the causes of the situation and sifting through who we’ve been calling our enemies,” said Byron Rushing, a graduating senior in political science. “It’s a lot more complicated than I thought.”

— Ray Waddle, MA’81

A&S alumni elected University trustees

Four A&S alumni were recently elected to the University’s Board of Trust:

- **Nancy Perot Mulford, BA’82, of Dallas, Texas, is a contributing editor for *Veranda* magazine.**
- **Frederick B. Rentschler II, BA’61, of Scottsdale, Ariz., also owns and operates a working cattle ranch in Cameron, Mont. He is chairman of the board of trustees of the Salk Institute.**
- **James H. Morgan, BA’69, of Charlotte, N.C., is the outgoing Vanderbilt Alumni Association president and founder of the investment firm Morgan Semones.**
- **Marissa Shrum, BA’03, an Ingram Scholar from Chattanooga, Tenn., was elected to a four-year term as the Young Alumni Trustee.**

A&S SPORTS

When the men’s tennis team finished second in the nation and won its first-ever SEC Tournament Championship this year, three A&S students were in the thick of play: juniors Lewie Smith and Zach Dailey and sophomore Matt Lockin.

Senior Brandt Snedeker was named the SEC’s Male Golfer of the Year by the league’s coaches, a first for both Snedeker and the Vanderbilt program. Snedeker wrapped up the most successful season and career in Vanderbilt history. The Nashville native has been ranked No. 1 in the nation by both Golfstat and the Golfweek/Sagarin Rankings.

Women’s golfer May Wood, a freshman, was one of three Vanderbilt players named to the 2002–2003 All-Southeastern Conference Golf Team.

Two of the three men’s basketball players named to the 2002–2003 Men’s Basketball Academic Honor Roll are A&S students. It was the first time for junior Russell Lahey and sophomore Martin Schnedlitz, both economics majors.

Sophomore Josie Hahn established a Vanderbilt pentathlon record and finished fourth overall during the opening day of the Southeastern Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships in March. Her 3,892-point total is the highest ever by a Vanderbilt women’s track athlete. She set career bests in the high jump and long jump and matched her previous record in the shot put during the performance.

Alumna Teresa Lawrence Phillips, BA’80, became the first woman in NCAA history to coach a men’s Division I basketball team last season. As athletics director and former women’s basketball coach at Tennessee State University, she stepped in as TSU’s interim head coach after the resignation of the head coach and the subsequent one-game suspension of the assistant coach.

Vanderbilt, Brazil develop innovative exchange program

Vanderbilt and Howard universities are joining with two Brazilian institutions to help ensure that their nations’ next generation of scholars, government officials and corporate executives will be prepared for the challenges of an increasingly global economy.

A grant of \$430,000 from the U.S. Department of Education and the Brazilian Ministry of Education will allow the establishment of a consortium among Vanderbilt, Howard, the Universidade de São Paulo, and the Universidade Federal da Bahia. The grant was one of only 10 awarded nationally through the U.S.-Brazil Higher Education Consortia Program.

Faculty from all four schools will develop an innovative interdisciplinary curriculum that will allow students at each school to explore themes of race, economic development and social inequality in both the United States and Brazil. In addition to faculty and student exchanges between the U.S. and Brazil-



ian universities, the program will allow students to earn a graduate-level certificate recognizing their concentrations. Included in the curriculum development will be a team-taught, electronically delivered core course.

“Brazil and the United States share a number of common problems deriving from a long history of slavery and resulting social, political, economic and regional inequalities,” says Associate Professor Jane Landers, principal investigator of the Vanderbilt effort and associate dean of the College of Arts and Science. “At the same time there are significant differences in our two countries in terms of economic growth, income distribution and international relations.

“This program will give advanced undergraduate and graduate students an international and interdisciplinary perspective that they would otherwise lack,” she said.

Student exchanges will begin during the 2003-2004 academic year.

A&S students win major competitive scholarships

More Vanderbilt students have won major national and international scholarships this year than ever before, according to Paul Elledge, director of the year-old Office of Honors Scholarships. Nine of the 13 are A&S students or alumni:

- Stefan Bird-Pollan, a graduate student in philosophy, has received a scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service for a year of study in Germany.
- Daniel Bowles, BA’03, will also study in Germany next year on a Fulbright grant. A German language major, Bowles has also received a full scholarship to study for his Ph.D. at Harvard after his year in Germany.
- Sam Chase, the 2002 A&S Founder’s Medalist, has won a Jacob Javits Scholarship. He will use it to study for a master of fine arts degree in theatre at the

American Repertory Theatre program at Harvard.

- Matt Hangauer, BS’03, is one of 114 scientists and eight chemists nationwide selected for the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (DOD). He will use it to pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley next year.
- For the first time in a decade, Vanderbilt students have won Truman Scholarships. Ingram scholar Jessica Heaven, a rising senior majoring in political science and women’s studies, will use her scholarship to attend law school and graduate school in public policy.
- Benjamin Ogles, a rising senior majoring in English and classical studies, is one of only 22 students nationwide to receive the Beinecke Scholarship for Graduate Study in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences this year.
- Lauren Leigh Parker, BS’03, a chemistry major from LaVergne, Tenn., was the 2003 Founder’s Medalist in the College of Arts and Science. Although she won a Bill and Melinda Gates Scholarship and a National Science Foundation Award, she declined those in favor of an award from the Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology at Cambridge University in England, where she will pursue a Ph.D. in structural studies.
- Michael Ryan Williams, BA’03, received a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship to study in Oxford, England.
- Thomas Williford, a graduate student in history, has won a Fulbright grant for a year of research and writing in Colombia, South America.



Lauren Leigh Parker, BS’03, receives the 2003 Founder’s Medal for A&S from Dean Richard McCarty.

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Religion & Culture

New center tackles thorny issues from many perspectives

Imagine what could happen if a group of distinguished scholars from diverse disciplines joined forces to tackle the pressing issues of religion and terror. What new information and practical solutions to current global problems might emerge? That's just what Professors Volney Gay and Douglas Knight are hoping will result from the newly established Center for the Study of Religion and Culture.

"We're living in a period when the interplay between religion and culture is as dicey as it's ever been," Knight says. "Religion itself can form our highest values and ideas, but it can also occasion our most tenacious conflicts. Religion and culture are embedded in each other, at times a comforting thought and other times a frightening prospect. We need to understand better how these two domains intersect and plan to do so through the center."

Knight and Gay can envision a table where a historian of ancient China, a specialist in 19th century British novels, a criminologist, a biblical scholar, an anthropologist who studies an Amazonian tribe, an ethicist, a researcher in human development and education, an archaeologist and art historian of classical Greece, a specialist in existentialism, and a psychologist gather for discussion.

"That's 10 scholars who have probably never sat in the same room with each other," Knight says. "Can they talk together? What will happen if they keep the conversation going for three years? Now set them loose on one of the following topics: religion and terror; religion and slavery; religion, art and aesthetics; religion and the sexual self; religion and the meaning of life; religion and American civil life; the cultural matrices of Christianity; or Islamic humanism."

"Each project of the center will have an academic intensity about it and a focus on core issues

which will attract thinking people," Gay says. "We want dissent. We want more debate, not less. We want differences, not just of skin color, but of thinking and articulation."

About three years ago, Gay, chair of the Department of Religious Studies in the College of Arts and Science, joined with Divinity School Professor Knight in formulating ideas about establishing the new interdisciplinary center. They consulted with numerous faculty colleagues across the campus, wrote and rewrote proposals, went through a rigorous process of committee reviews, and ultimately received approval this past January. The center has received \$3 million from the University's Academic Venture Capital Fund for five years. Additional funds and an endowment will need to be raised in order for the center to be sustained after 2008.

The center has been charged to advance the

ty members, drawn from a wide range of fields of study. The groups will bring in visiting lecturers, sponsor at least one international conference on their topic, and publish a major book on their subject. New co-taught courses are expected to emerge as byproducts of the interactions.

Graduate students will benefit immediately from center funding of summer research projects, stipend support and dissertation research advancement. Masters and Ph.D. students who join a project group will have a ready-made opportunity for research and dissertation topics.

One of the first graduate students to benefit from the new center will be Jan Holton, a GDR student whose doctoral dissertation will center on post-traumatic shock in refugee populations



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state of research in the areas of religion and culture and, in the process, to promote the scholarship of Vanderbilt faculty and graduate students. In addition to scholars from the Divinity School and the A&S Department of Religious Studies — the two schools which provide most of the faculty for the masters and Ph.D. students in the Graduate Department of Religion (GDR) — participation is expected by faculty from such diverse fields as sociology, anthropology, history, political science, economics, philosophy, psychology, literature, law and education. The center may also draw scholars from the Medical Center and the Blair School of Music. Already, some 55 faculty members have been identified as possible participants.

Plans call for five to six research teams to run concurrently, each for up to three years. Each team typically will have from eight to 10 facul-

— specifically "The Lost Boys of Sudan." The Lost Boys, as they were labeled by the media, were about 30,000 young males from ages 5 to 12 who lost their parents and were forced to flee the civil war in Sudan. Unaccompanied by adults and often lacking food or water, they made the long trek to Ethiopia. About half of them died along the way or in refugee camps. They were subsequently taken to the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya. Some were later allowed to immigrate to the United States. Holton has worked extensively with a group of the Lost Boys who were sent to Nashville. To complete her research, she needs to travel to the Kakuma Camp and interview refugees there, many of whose names have been provided by the Lost Boys in Nashville.

"The new Center for the Study of Religion and Culture is financially supporting my research

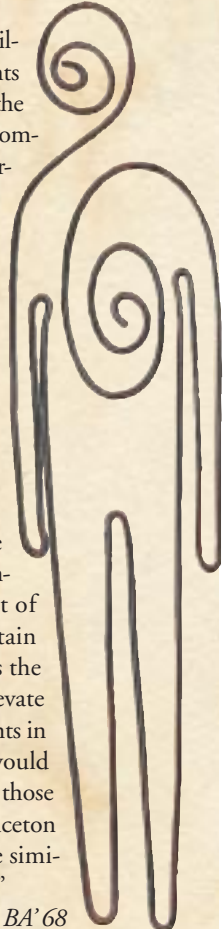
which applies the rich resources of theology, anthropology and psychology as lenses through which to examine the overwhelming problem of traumatic stress among the 'lost boys' population," says Holton. "This research not only applies the principles of the center in its multidisciplinary approach, but also addresses a serious problem of global proportions — the mental health of the world's 22 million refugees and displaced persons.

"The center provides a forum for interdisciplinary dialogue that challenges graduate students, and all scholars, to think outside of the familiar framework of their particular learned discipline and, instead, to pull and stretch at the safe boundaries," she continues. "The new center will also provide other graduate students coming to Vanderbilt with funding so they can complete their degrees and their research much more quickly."

There will also be stipends available for top undergraduate students who might participate in some of the research projects. The Nashville community and dergy will have the opportunity to benefit from public forums, conferences and presentations offered by the center. It is likely that the center will become a resource for the media and the public on certain issues.

It will also benefit faculty recruitment, as Gay has already discovered. "This has been a hard time to recruit good faculty, even at Vanderbilt," he says. "Frankly, we have used the center as a lure for hires. It will help both the Divinity School and the Department of Religious Studies attract and retain the very best faculty from across the country. We have a chance to elevate two to four Vanderbilt departments in significant ways to a rank that would put them in the same category as those of Harvard, Duke, Chicago, Princeton and Emory — all of whom have similar but slightly different centers."

— Lew Harris, BA'68



A&S Campaign in Joe Roby's Capable Hands

When Joe Roby started at Vanderbilt in the fall of 1957, he never imagined that he would one day sit on the University's Board of Trust, much less that he would be asked to help Vanderbilt raise more than a billion dollars. That, however, is exactly what has happened.

Roby, a 1961 cum laude graduate of the College of Arts and Science, has agreed to chair the A&S committee for Vanderbilt's Shape the Future Campaign. The committee has a goal of raising \$125 million for A&S by June 30, 2005. The overall University goal is \$1.25 billion; Roby, who joined the Vanderbilt Board of Trust in 2000, also serves on the campaign's overall steering committee.

Of the campaign total, \$300 million will go for an endowment to provide about 400 scholarships to make the University accessible to the broadest possible range of applicants and to lighten the burden of debt now incurred by many Vanderbilt students. (Graduates of Vanderbilt currently rank third among the nation's top 25 schools in terms of their debt burden, due to a lack of need-based scholarships.)

Calling his Vanderbilt experience an excellent education, Roby says, "I think the College of Arts and Science is the heart and soul of Vanderbilt. I am keenly interested in seeing it succeed, and I was happy to pitch in and help."

Over the years, he has generously supported A&S, most recently by endowing the Joe L. Roby Chair in Economics. Eric W. Bond, professor of economics at Penn State University, has been named the inaugural holder of that chair.



Joe Roby

Roby, who last year added emeritus to his title of chairman of Credit Suisse First Boston, a New York firm offering worldwide investment banking and financial services,

says he is "whittling back" his commitments to focus on just a few. Vanderbilt is fortunate to be one of those.

"I probably couldn't get into Vanderbilt today," he says with a laugh. Roby arrived on campus more than 40 years ago from Paducah, Kentucky, with a full Navy scholarship and no clear academic direction. When he found he enjoyed his economics classes, he chose that as a major.

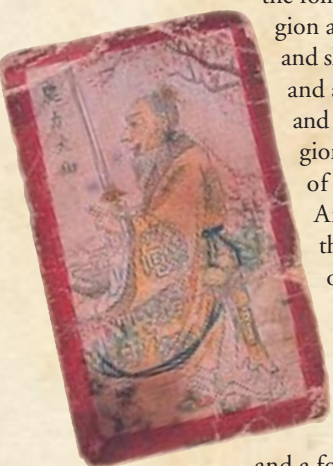
By his senior year, Roby's considerable leadership abilities were becoming apparent. A member of ATO fraternity, he was president of the student senate and TKA, the honorary debate society; secretary-treasurer of ODK, the leadership/scholarship fraternity; and battalion commander of his NROTC unit.

After graduation, Roby spent most of his four years in the Navy on a destroyer with the Pacific Fleet. In 1965, he enrolled in Harvard Business School and, as he says, "I ended up on Wall Street sort of by accident." The summer before his last year at Harvard, he took a job at Kidder Peabody in New York when he couldn't find one in the South. "I didn't particularly want to live in New York or work on Wall Street," he says.

By the end of that summer, however, Roby was hooked, and after earning an MBA, with distinction, at Harvard in 1967, he returned to Kidder Peabody full time in the corporate finance department. His only job change came four years later in 1972 when he joined Donaldson, Lufkin, Jenrette, Inc., as a vice president. He rose to the top there and was named president in 1996 and chief executive officer two years later. When DLJ merged with Credit Suisse in 2000, Roby was appointed chairman. Currently as chairman emeritus, he serves as a senior advisor.

Now a confirmed New Yorker, Roby lives in the heart of Manhattan with his wife, Finnish-born Hilppa Pirila, and teenage son, Curtis.

— Judith DeMoss Campbell, BA'63



What Time Is It?

Douglas McMahon spends his days telling time. It's a pretty tough job on the clocks he's chosen to study — the tiny clusters of nerve cells that make up the brain's biological clock.

McMahon and colleagues have discovered a way to follow the daily rhythms of the clock cells. They hope that by understanding how these neurons regulate behavior and physiology, they will discover ways to prevent jet lag, help shift-workers function more efficiently, and treat sleep disorders.

Biological clocks are widespread: bacteria have them; flies have them; we have them. They are an adaptation to the 24-hour rhythm of life here on earth, says McMahon, professor of biological sciences.

"There's an advantage to having an internal clock that creates an internal day to match the external day," he says.

If you're a mouse, the clock helps you avoid predation, by timing your forays into the open world to occur under cover of darkness. If you're a human being, the clock coordinates complex physiology. "Our stomachs know it's lunchtime before we look at the watch on our wrist," McMahon says. "Just about every physiological variable is rhythmic, driven by the clock."

"The clock" is actually two groups of neurons — about 20,000 cells total — called the suprachiasmatic nuclei. Over the past 10 years, investigators have discovered that

a set of genes controls the activity of these neurons. "Our interest is really in connecting the genes to the circadian rhythm of the physiology or behavior," McMahon says. To do this, he and colleagues engineered a gene that would make the clock neurons in mice "glow" green. "By looking at the intensity of the glow, we can essentially read what time it is on the molecular clock of an individual cell," he says.

This tool has allowed McMahon and colleagues to study the action of the biological clock and the patterns of gene expression during the course of a daily cycle "in a way that wasn't possible before," he says. By tracking gene activity in individual neurons, the team demonstrated that subsets

of cells in the clock are "set" to different times.

"This raises the idea that subgroups of cells within the nucleus are acting to time different bodily rhythms at different times of the day," McMahon says. His group's future studies will probe the connections of these cell groups.

McMahon, who joined the faculty last year, is enthusiastic about his new scientific home. "There's a very strong biological clock group here, which includes Carl Johnson, Terry Page, Willi Honegger, and Shin Yamazaki," he says. "And in my other area of interest, vision research, Vanderbilt has a tremendous concentration of expertise."

— Leigh MacMillan



Professor McMahon

RESEARCH BRIEFS

Trying times

Despite the popular notion that the decades between the two world wars were a time of marital and family stability, those years were unsettling for many Americans, writes Vanderbilt art historian Vivien Green Fryd in her book, "Art and the Crisis of Marriage." Fryd examined the marriages of artists Georgia O'Keeffe and Edward Hopper, hoping to shed light on their art. "I never expected to discover that the very institution of marriage was considered to be in crisis during this time," says Fryd, associate professor of art history.

Roaming hot spots

Geology and oceanography textbooks need revision following findings that hot spots — areas of isolated volcanic activity — can move. Using deep-sea drilling to obtain core samples from seamounts in the chain that includes the Hawaiian Islands, an international team discovered that the hot spot responsible for the chain's formation was in motion until about 43 million years ago. "This forces us to re-examine the geologic evidence we have on all the hot spots to see if any others show evidence of similar motion," says team member William G. Siesser, professor of geology.

Planets possible

The universe may have more planets circling sun-like stars than previously believed, says David Weintraub, associate professor of astronomy. Young T Tauri stars — destined to mature into stars like our sun — are surrounded by a thick disk of dust and gas, a breeding ground for planet formation. This disk appears to be lost as the stars age. But using a powerful national telescope in Arizona, Weintraub and graduate student Jeff Bary found evidence that the disk may simply become invisible to standard methods of detection, meaning that planet formation is still possible.

For more news about Vanderbilt research, visit <http://exploration.vanderbilt.edu>

Kudos

Michael Aurbach, professor of fine arts and a sculptor, was elected president of the College Art Association.



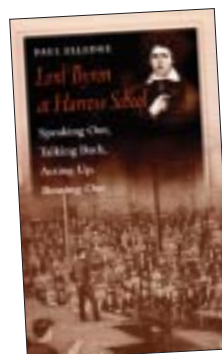
Aurbach's "The Institution"

M. Frãncille Bergquist, assistant professor of Spanish and Portuguese and associate dean for the College of Arts and Science, has received the Vanderbilt Alumni Association's 2003 Education Award.

Tina Chen, assistant professor of English, received the Ellen Gregg Ingalls Award for excellence in classroom teaching, a University-wide award.

Don H. Doyle, Nelson Tyrone Jr. Professor of History, has been selected as the inaugural chair in American history by the Brazil Fulbright Commission. Doyle, who has held two prior Fulbright professorships, will be hosted by Pontificia Universidade Católica in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Paul Elledge, professor of English, recently won the Elma Dargerfield Prize from the International Byron Society for his book, "Lord Byron at Harrow School: Speaking Out, Talking Back, Acting Up, Bowing Out" (Johns Hopkins University Press).



Lynn Enterline, professor of English, has received research grants from the American Council of Learned Societies and the Folger Shakespeare Library. They will enable her to take a year's leave of absence to finish her book, "Imitating Schoolboys: an Essay in Shakespeare's Emotions."

William R. Fowler Jr., associate professor of anthropology, has received a Fulbright Senior Specialists grant in archaeology at the Universidad Tecnologica and Con-cultura in El Salvador.

Steve Hollon, professor of psychology and investigator at the John F. Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development, has received numerous awards recently, including the 2002 Distinguished Scientist Award from the Society for a Science of Clinical Psychology, the Aaron T. Beck Award for Research from the Academy of Cognitive Therapy, and the George A. Miller Award for Outstanding Article from the American Psychological Association for his article, "Treatment and Prevention of Depression."

Lucius Outlaw, professor of philosophy and director of African American Studies, was recently named associate provost for undergraduate education, a newly structured position.

Socrates Pantelides, the William A. and Nancy F. McMinn Professor of Physics, received one of the inaugural Chancellor's Awards for Research last spring.

Daniel H. Usner Jr., professor of history, received the Los Angeles Times Distinguished Fellowship from the Huntington Library.

Frank Wcislo, associate professor of history, received the University's Madison Sarratt Prize for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

Thomas Weiler, professor of physics, has been named a Fellow of the American Physical Society.

A&S Cornerstone CASE threeppeat

For the third straight year, the A&S Cornerstone received a Grand Award in the CASE District III communications contest. The Cornerstone placed first among external newsletters and tabloids published by colleges and universities in the nine Southeastern states comprising the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education's District III.



North Texas dean to chair political science department

Neal Tate, dean of the Robert B. Toulouse School of Graduate Studies and Regents Professor of Political Science at the University of North Texas, has been named professor and chair of political science at Vanderbilt.



Tate earned doctorate and master's degrees from Tulane University after receiving a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University. He has done extensive research in comparative and American judicial politics. Other areas of academic specialization include Third World politics and the military in politics.

In announcing the appointment, Dean Richard McCarty acknowledged that Tate's challenges would include rebuilding a department that has a number of open faculty positions.



Dickerson, Johnson Make History

Dennis Dickerson, right, professor of history, has been chosen president-elect of the American Society of Church History (ASCH). He is the first African American to hold that post and one of the first two Vanderbilt faculty members to lead that national organization. He will serve with Dale Johnson, left, Drucilla Moore Buffington Professor of Church History at the Divinity School, who was elected as president of the ASCH for 2003. Dickerson has also received a fellowship from the Louisville Institute to work on his book, "Protestant Preachers in the Public Square: The Careys of Chicago."

Ask the Faculty

From time to time, the A&S Cornerstone will query faculty members on timely subjects. We welcome reader suggestions for future topics. We recently asked Peter Rousseau, associate professor of economics, about the state of the nation's economy:

The U.S. economy has faced a difficult time over the past two years. The early signs of trouble were corporate earnings reports that were less favorable than expected in 2000 and early 2001. Attempts by the Federal Reserve to slow the economy by raising interest rates on several occasions prior to this appear to have had some effect. Investors revised their expectations of the potential of the "new" economy, and many "new" economy firms, such as those listed on Nasdaq, saw their market values decline sharply. This lowered expectations and consumer confidence and slowed investment in early 2001.

The events of Sept. 11 added to the economy's troubles by creating more uncertainty about the business climate, and this uncertainty made consumers wary as well. The economy has not been the same since. The end of the conflict with Iraq may allow the economy to recover some of its momentum, but the uncertainties of 9/11 will continue to weigh heavily in the minds of both consumers and investors.

The economy will improve when investors regain confidence in the strength of its technological fundamentals. These fundamentals remain strong despite the sharp fluctuations in the stock market that we have seen. It is my view that this confidence will be restored and that prospects for the markets in the early 21st century are still bright, but it might be a year or two before we see a sustainable turnaround.



For the first time this year, the College of Arts and Science joined with Parents' Weekend to showcase its faculty and students in March. In addition to parents of current students, members of the College Cabinet — donors who provide significant support for A&S — and other friends of the college were invited to spend a weekend on campus. They attended regular classes by some of the most interesting A&S faculty members, as well as special events, such as

- a luncheon where a panel of scholarship students discussed their Vanderbilt experience
 - a special lecture by Professor Vivien Green Fryd on her new book "Art and the Crisis of Marriage: Georgia O'Keeffe and Edward Hopper"
 - breakfast and a gala dinner hosted by Dean Richard McCarty
 - a special "Conversation with Chancellor Gee"
 - "Live on the Lawn" with music by Barefoot Manner, and
 - the Chancellor's Accolade Dance.
- Here is a look at some of the people involved in this special event.



A) Many parents attended class with their students. **B)** Nancy Bell visits with A&S sophomore Sharman Wilson and her mother, who is also Sharman Wilson. **C)** Rising senior John Ross Stringham, recipient of the Turner Scholarship, with his benefactors Cathy and Bill Turner, BA'54 **D)** Professor Tony Earley, right, read from his book, "Jim the Boy," following the dinner, which was also attended by his wife, Sarah. **E)** Bernard Mitchell, father of Tiffany Mitchell, a rising junior, was among many parents of A&S students attending the weekend. **F)** Sandy and Wayne Killon attended the gala dinner with their son, David, a rising senior. **G)** Attending the A&S breakfast was Larry M. Smith, father of A&S alumna TaNisha Chantel Smith, BA'02, and of Larry Marion Smith, a rising junior in engineering. **H)** Dean Richard McCarty welcomed guests. **I)** Joe Williams is the parent of Lauren Melissa and Erin Lynn, both rising A&S juniors.

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Save the date, Oct. 10-11, 2003, for the second annual extraVUGanza weekend, the largest alumni celebration on campus, combining Reunion with Homecoming. Classes ending in "3" and "8" will reunite, but everyone is invited to attend the all-alumni events. Watch the mail for more details. For more information, go to www.vanderbilt.edu/alumni/homecoming.htm

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