

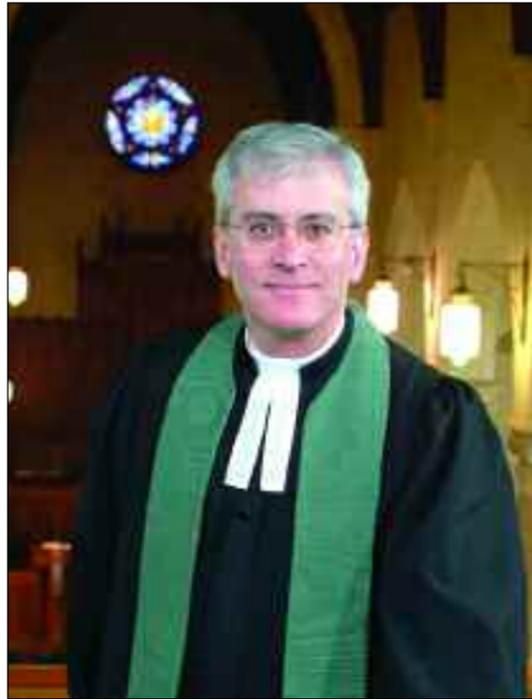
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WINDOWS

FALL 2007



Looking forward



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- June 1, Preacher,** Chapel, Justo Mwale Theological College, Lusaka, Zambia
- August 12, Preacher,** Village Church, Prairie Village, Kansas
- August 19, Preacher,** Snowmass Chapel, Colorado
- September 13, Speaker,** Dallas-area Partnership Event
- September 16, Preacher,** First PC, Bonham, Texas, Theological Education Sunday
- September 30, Preacher,** First PC, Fayetteville, Arkansas
- October 1, Preacher,** Second PC, Little Rock
- October 4, Speaker,** Longview, Texas, Partnership Event
- October 12-13, Preacher and Lecturer,** First (Scots) PC, Charleston, South Carolina
- October 27-29, Lecturer,** First PC, Wichita Falls, Texas, Earle and Helen Crawford Renewal Series Lectures
- October 30, Speaker,** Albuquerque, New Mexico, Partnership Event
- November 18, Preacher,** First PC, Houston

This issue of *Windows* paints a sort of landscape of our current Long-Range Plan for Austin Seminary. In the foreground of this landscape is the first phase of that plan—the first of three new apartment buildings that will transform the housing side of the campus. In the background, you will get new angles on other pieces of that plan. While previous issues of this magazine have given some attention to ongoing plans for the John and Nancy Anderson House, and while I have spoken about Anderson House widely whenever I've had opportunities to be with various groupings of our constituency here in the Southwest; we know that it's likely that many friends of the Seminary have heard little, at best, about how Anderson House fits into the larger picture that we see as we take a comprehensive look into the future. I hope this issue will enable you to imagine yourself into this landscape, so that you might walk around this campus as it might look in the year 2020 and behold what's different—and what's not different.

I also hope that you will feel led to do what you can to support the funding efforts for Anderson House. If you've already given or made a pledge, please pray for us as we continue to make the case in living rooms, in churches, and in banquet halls all over the Seminary's sphere of influence. If you are an alum still considering your pledge, take heart that others have stepped up and made pledges and contributions approaching half of the Austin Seminary Association's pledge of \$250,000. Now it's time for you to join them! If you are a donor or wish to be, and are thinking about where you can make a difference now at Austin Seminary, please know that Anderson House is our number-one priority for the rest of the year. Stakeholders in this effort will be investing in the future of a residentially based formational community.

We are pleased, of course, to be honoring John and Nancy Anderson. They have served together as a team across much of the 20th century and are still a team in these early years of the 21st century. John served several churches with distinction. Early in his ministry, he served First Presbyterian Church of Tyler, and in another season of time he served First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Florida. He is particularly known for his service at First Presbyterian Church in Dallas for two long seasons of ministry, from which he retired. After retiring, he served a crucial interim ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Houston. Everywhere he and Nancy went, they were beloved. When I was a young pastor in Sherman, Texas, I deeply admired John for his leadership in Grace Presbytery. He was moderator of the General Assembly in the early 1980s, and was one of the architects of our church's reunion in 1983. A legendary preacher, he said to me early in my presidency: "Ted, send us preachers who aren't boring!" I've not forgotten that, and I want that charge—"Send us preachers who aren't boring"—to be carved in stone over the main arched entrance to the apartment building that will bear his and Nancy's names.

Theodore J. Wardlaw
President

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The theological schools of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) no longer receive funding from the basic mission budget of the General Assembly. Churches are asked to contribute 1% of their operating budgets to the fund, which is then distributed to the seminaries.

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2020
Vision

March 30, 2020

Drawn to the vivid shades of green beyond your picture window, you press the “hold” button on Church Dogmatics, stand, and stretch. What a beautiful spring afternoon! The kind of day—after a winter of rain and Hebrew—that reminds you why you’re crazy about Austin.

So, what are you doing inside reading Barth?

You take the elevator to the ground floor of Anderson House, pause at the study center to remind Phil and Carol that you are not cramming for mid-terms on such a nice day. You step out the door and catch a whiff of the Grape-Kool-Aid-scented laurels by the fountain. You look around.

To the west, construction on the latest housing village has the dust flying. You see three little boys—Harold’s, probably—their eyes glued to the backhoe. Beyond that, several people and their pets are cavorting in the dog park, oblivious to the construction.

To the south is the footbridge over Waller Creek. You could hike up to Old Stitt. They did message that the Holi-Views you’d reserved at the Center for Proclamation and Worship are in. Maybe you should pop into one of the studios to edit your sermon.

But some folks are gathered on the lawn near the parking garage, an impromptu barbecue in full swing. Smells pretty good. Some kids are hunting forgotten Easter eggs and Marcie and Noah are playing their flutes—probably practicing something for worship tomorrow.

Uh oh. Ben’s preaching tomorrow and you promised him you’d find the source of that Urdu translation Arun read in class. You hang a left and head straight for the new library—do not pass “Go.” Do not cross the creek. Do not consume brisket.

Oh, well, when you finish the research, there’s always the library’s rooftop café and their infamous tofu tacos ...

Building on our Strengths

BY RANDAL WHITTINGTON



Looking forward

Fade back to 2007, where our “2020 vision” is a result of the preparation done by Austin Seminary’s cabinet, faculty, and board in the first decade of the century. The long-range planning process was reinvigorated when Trustee Robert Herres, a retired Air Force general and corporate CEO, became chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee in 2003. The committee was redesigned and is now composed of the heads of all of the board’s committees. “They’re the ones who have to implement the plan,” says Trustee Peggy Clark, who asserts that the plan is critical for the board’s decision-making process. “It just makes it clear what we’re working on so we don’t go off on tangents. When proposals come to the Seminary, some wonderful new idea, well, we can ask, How does that fit into our strategic plan? Where do we want to be in ten years?”

The long-range plan is, as Herres has said, a living document, to be regularly reviewed and revised as circumstances change. Recently it has been informed by work done for a comprehensive curriculum review. The faculty sought opinions from civic and church leaders across the country, both clergy and lay, who said they need pastors who can lead and communicate well. “They assume pastors will have a thorough understanding of the Bible and their theological tradition,” says Academic Dean Michael Jenkins, but the church “also expects them to be humble listeners who know how to share leadership.”

These new ideas are laid against the backdrop of Austin Seminary’s century-old formational approach to seminary education. The theme of our centennial celebration in 2002, *Where Tradition Meets Vision*, “was about holding onto and cherishing those traditions that have defined this community of scholars and pastors through all our years,” says John McCoy, chair of Austin Seminary’s Board of Trustees. “But the tradition is placed in service to the vision, toward a future that is even richer than our past.”

Essential elements of the current long-range plan include a commitment by Austin Seminary to:

- Become more selective in masters’-level admissions.
- Help students succeed academically and in service to the church.
- Grow the student body.
- Increase the number of merit-based scholarships.
- Grow the faculty both in our core areas and to expand our capabilities.
- Raise faculty compensation levels.
- Provide for the highest quality library.
- Complete curriculum review and revise the program of study.
- Provide appropriate class space, faculty offices, and common areas.
- Provide additional student housing so that more students in an enlarged student body can live on campus.
- Establish a Center for Proclamation and Worship.
- Serve the church through teaching, preaching, and research.
- Increase awareness of and appreciation for the Seminary within the larger community.

With these interdependent goals—for students, faculty, scholarships, and facilities—Austin Seminary embraces both expansion and excellence. At a time when the Presbyterian denomination is losing members, and some seminaries are experiencing a down tick in appli-

cants, the very idea of growth might seem counter-cultural. But because of their deep conviction that where there are strong leaders, churches are thriving, the president and board are committed to producing even more pastors. “From my perspective,” says President Theodore J. Wardlaw, “quantity with quality could have a great impact on the future of the church.”

“But beyond the question of growth,” Wardlaw continues, “the more interesting question to me is, Why do we still believe in residential formation? Why do we believe in an Internet age that it’s important for people to come to seminary” to prepare for their vocation?

As he travels the country raising money for new student housing, Wardlaw answers the question by affirming that *formation* is at least as critical as *information*. He acknowledges that theological education in a residential community presumes “that there is no better way to impart the apostolic tradition from one generation to another than through a formative

community—people not just going to class together, but living together, eating together, worshipping together, studying together, struggling together, playing together.”

Anderson House

“One of the basic things the board has reaffirmed is that we are to be a residential community; that we believe it’s important in the shaping of one’s Christian journey to be part of community,” says Trustee Peggy Clark. “That’s the driving force behind the new housing. If we didn’t think that was important,

we’d require the students to find their own way in Austin. It would be a very different institution.”

Because our oldest generation of housing is cramped, unattractive, and unsuited to the needs of current students, discussion about housing renovation had begun during planning in 2000 for the Centennial Campaign. Then the City of Austin changed the flood plain designation along Waller Creek that bisects campus. “We had an idea of what we were going to do, and then the City of Austin changed our minds,” says Clark. “We had to go back to the drawing board.” As part of an agreement reached with the city, the Seminary traded a sliver of property on the west side for an easement where a portion of University Street runs through campus. New plans for housing were then developed using the contiguous space.

“Ultimately we hope to build enough new high-density housing to almost double our capacity to house students on campus,” says Wardlaw. “The number one reason students cite for the seminary choices they make is the quality of faculty; the number two reason is the quality of housing. We presently have students who come here *because* of the faculty and *in spite* of our housing.”

The beautiful new apartment building, integrating design characteristics of Shelton Chapel, Stitt Library, Currie Hall, and the McCord Community Center, will rise three stories above 30th Street, along the northern edge of campus. Each of the 1-, 2-, and 4-bedroom units will contain a separate study, wireless Internet, and a washer/dryer. The apartment design team, composed of architects, trustees, administrators, and students, has pored over plans envisioning living spaces that are comfortable, functional, and efficient.

“It’s exciting to see a lot of different people engaged in thinking about what they want the campus to be like,” says Josh Gahr, student body president and a member of the design team. “It’s been a learning experience for me, and I’ve appreciated the collaborative discernment that’s gone on and the different perspectives thrown into the mix. I was impressed with (Trustee) Carter King’s leadership of the committee. During the discussion on whether to have a chiller or separate AC units, several of the



trustees expressed a real firm resolve that Anderson House and the Seminary embody the values of being stewards of the environment. They were committed to making the right decision. Conventional wisdom says that decision depends on cost alone, but they expressed a different type of value. I found that very encouraging.”

The price tag on the John F. and Nancy Anderson House is \$8.8 million, just under half of which has already been pledged by individuals, churches, and foundations as a living testimony to the couple for whom it is named. John Anderson (ThM’53) pastored the First Presbyterian Churches of Tyler, Orlando, and Dallas, and he was executive secretary of



the Board of National Ministries of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. from 1965-1973. He was elected moderator of the 122nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S. in 1983 and was a major force in uniting American Presbyterians’ northern and southern streams into the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In 1973 he returned to First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, where he stayed until his retirement in 1984.



Anderson, 86, is a firm believer in the residential model for seminaries. “I always felt sorry for the fellows who lived off campus,” he said. “Even though

they were part of the community, they missed something very important. I learned as much from listening to the other fellows in dormitories as I did from listening to the professors.”

Constructing three or four apartment buildings on the north side of campus will enable us to house more students as well as a larger percentage of students. It will have the added benefit, at some stage, of freeing up Currie Hall, our 1950s-style single-room dormitory, as a short-stay residence for our continuing education, Doctor of Ministry, and College of Pastoral Leaders programs, and for other individuals and groups who visit campus.

Janet Maykus, principal of the College of Pastoral Leaders and director of the Christian Leadership Education program, is excited about a new use for Currie Hall. “The Seminary will benefit greatly from more space for hospitality,” she says. “With more room to gather, to stay overnight, and to have meeting and informal worship space, ministers who come here for rejuvenation will offer wisdom of experience to students with whom they engage in conversation.”

Beyond housing
Other key components of the long-range plan include growing the faculty, adding scholarships, and building a Center for Proclamation and Worship and improved library.

Faculty growth

In the last decade, the seminary created two full-time faculty positions to address constituents’ concerns for more and better training in leadership, administration, conflict resolution, and other areas of church management. In the future, additional faculty will enable us to offer both depth in our existing strengths (pastoral care and Christian education, for example) and more electives, especially in the areas of public theology, congregational studies, and spiritual theology. “A position in spirituality would help us

Merit scholarships

We hope to offer up to twelve full-ride merit scholarships—almost three times what we have now—to be as competitive as possible for those students with the most promising gifts for ministry. “Merit scholarships and fellowships give us the opportunity to attract students of the highest quality regardless of their financial need,” says Jack Barden, admissions director. “These students are often applying to several seminaries and divinity schools, many of which offer teaching assistantships and other fellowships which pay both tuition and living expenses. If we want to attract these people for pastoral service and leadership to the church rather than lose them to

academia, we need to be able to offer financial support in a way that encourages these bright, capable individuals to choose Austin Seminary for their education.”

The curriculum review has revealed a desire for pastors who can navigate the global and pluralistic context in which the church finds itself. Teaching public theology “will provide future pastors the tools they need to understand and meet the needs of the world around them,” says Jinkins. And Christian diversity is more pronounced than ever, according to Arun Jones, associate professor of mission and evangelism and chair of the Curriculum Review Committee. “There are groups of people that mainline Protestants didn’t deal with twenty-five years ago. We have to be in conversation with a large body of Christian thought and practice, and we need faculty with experience and knowledge in dealing with other Christian traditions.”

Center for Proclamation and Worship
The long-range plan looks toward the Center for Proclamation and Worship, through which Austin Seminary hopes to become the source and center for sustained conversations with the greater church about the myriad issues of preaching and worship and music. The Gene Sherman Chair of Sacred Music is already being funded, and the faculty has been in conversation with musicians, pastors, and liturgical and homiletical scholars to brainstorm about the shape of the center. When implemented, it will be a rich resource for preachers, musicians, artists, and other worship leaders supporting congregations committed to good liturgy and music, and offering ideas that will inspire congregations with meaningful sermons and services.

A new library

Another twinkle in the eye of the long-range plan is a magnificent new library, nestled near the residence halls on the north side of Waller Creek. Preliminary discussions have already begun with the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest—two blocks east of the Presbyterian campus—to build an outstanding theological resource. “I believe that, if we can



academia, we need to be able to offer financial support in a way that encourages these bright, capable individuals to choose Austin Seminary for their education.”



Staying connected—making a difference

When Judye Hartman was asked by another member of her church to consider joining the Board of Trustees at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary more than nine years ago, she didn't know much about the Seminary. But soon afterwards, she realized it was a good place for her to serve.

"I just loved serving on that board and I feel very loyal to the Seminary," Hartman said. She recently came to the end of her service on the board, having served the maximum of three three-year terms, but that does not mean she is finished supporting Austin Seminary. She and her husband, John, have made a significant pledge to the Anderson House campaign.

"God speaks to us though each other as we seek to do his will," Hartman said. "I see that happening at Austin Seminary all the time." She said the community is a very important part of the education process for students, and that she wants to help ensure that it is always a part of Austin Seminary.

Another reason Hartman gave for supporting Anderson House is that having new, more adequate housing will attract a larger number of high quality students. "The fact is, we're competing," she said. "It is important—where people will live for three years." She pointed out that the cost of living in Austin is high and having "first-class housing" is critical to prospective students when they are considering where they would like to attend.

Hartman pointed out that some people have trouble lending their support to buildings instead of programs, but she said she feels constructing Anderson House is a step toward enriching community life. "I think there's so much that students learn from each other," Hartman said. The professors and texts are definitely a primary part of seminary studies, but relationships are very important too, especially when the students are



Judye and John Hartman continue their commitment to Austin Seminary through their efforts on behalf of Anderson House.

future pastors who will be "out there with the lay people, listening to each other, asking questions. It is a huge part of their preparation for ministry," she said.

Hartman may no longer be serving on the Board of Trustees, but her husband, John, now serves on the Anderson House campaign Committee. She said they are some of Austin Seminary's biggest fans, and she even makes sure to come to the commencement ceremony every year. She said Austin Seminary is "the best-kept secret of the [Texas] hill country."

One of Hartman's first interactions with Austin Seminary came when she was on the stewardship committee at her church, Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston, and Bob Shelton, past president of Austin Seminary, spoke to them. She said that getting involved with the Seminary "was kind of a gift from God." She and her husband feel Ted Wardlaw, the current president of Austin Seminary, is a blessing to the Seminary community during a time of change and growth. "We just think Ted Wardlaw is the best ... I think we're at a very exciting time for our Seminary."

Hartman said she feels the faculty, students,

staff, and board of the Seminary set an example. "They exemplify a lot of hope for the church," she said. "The way they work together for the common good is exemplary," Hartman said, noting that after attending a board meeting, she, herself, would always feel invigorated. She said people at Austin Seminary have a "real ability to listen to each other. I think that's missing in the church and also in the world today."

The Hartmans wanted to raise awareness of the Seminary in their congregation, so this past March they invited a group of friends from church to a dinner party in their home to hear more about Anderson House. President Wardlaw and Anderson House Campaign Director Donna Scott joined the group and provided information about the project. "The evening was so much fun," Hartman said. "They are such a wonderful group of people and they love each other and love Jesus."

Hartman said two or three of the couples will join her and John to visit Austin Seminary in May to see what the Seminary does first hand. "I am very excited about that," she said. John Van Osdall, an elder at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church and a new member of the Austin Seminary Board of Trustees, will join the Hartmans on the visit as well.

"Stewardship is my biggest area of involvement in the church," she said. Her advice to those who would like to give but do not feel they can make an impact was this, "If God has put something on their heart ... God will make the difference." She said one of the most important things to remember in stewardship is that "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful."

"I do feel like we hear so much negativity about the church dying ... people are moaning and wringing their hands," she said. "But go to Austin Seminary for a week and see the hearts of the students and faculty." She said if people did that, "they would be so encouraged."

—Shannon Neufeld

find the common ground, literally and figuratively, to collaborate on a jointly built library," says President Wardlaw, "we could avoid the scenario of two institutions building two pretty good libraries and enable us to come together in building a great library."

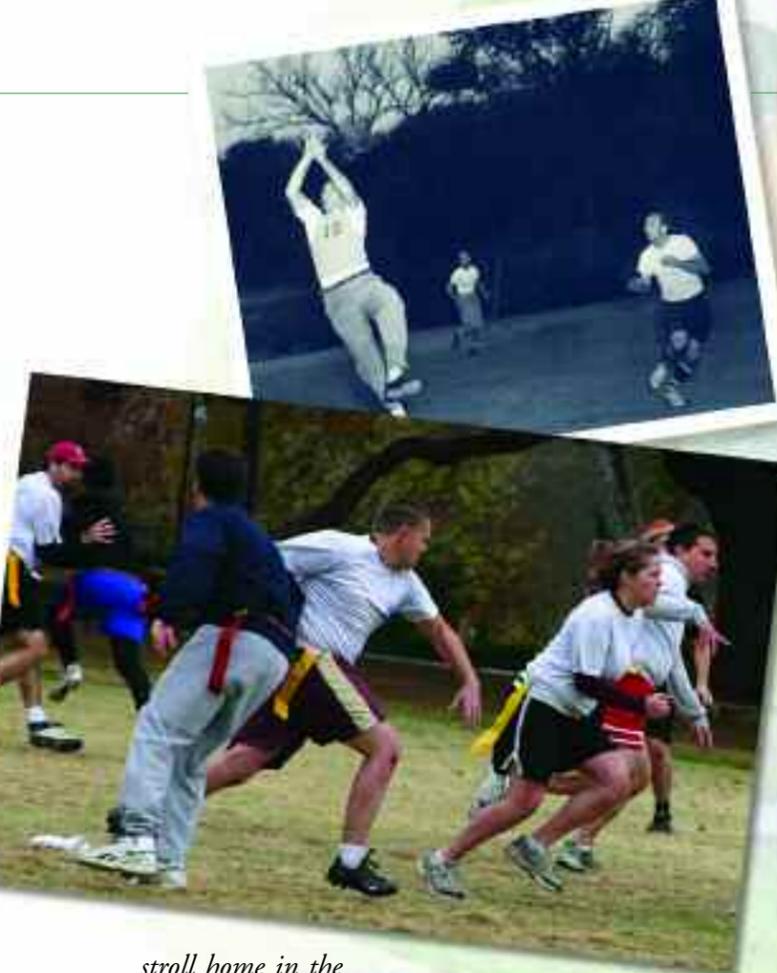
Citing new "learning outcomes" for MDiv students that the faculty has adopted during curriculum review, Stitt Library Director Timothy Lincoln says, "These outcomes demand that students make use of the expertise of librarians to discover the best sources of information, have access to collections, and have space to work collaboratively. A new library building will be an intellectual hot spot on campus where students will access sources (whether electronically or in print), work on projects, and just plain think."

The next chapter

"I've heard it over and over again," says Wardlaw, "from people at Lilly, from people at the Fund for Theological Education, from other seminary presidents, even from prospective students: there is the sense that Austin Seminary is at a very interesting moment, and that it is poised to become one of this country's great seminaries. All the building blocks are there.

"I am willing to give the next chapter of my life and energy," he continues, "to serve a seminary that has re-upped on the importance of residential formation; that is moving forward to prepare for a larger student body that will be a redemptive force in the life of the church; that is interested in building a new generation of housing; that is able to offer many more full-ride scholarships; that is committed to a new and better library; that is preparing now for a larger faculty; that is dedicated to guiding the church in two of our strongest areas—preaching and worship; and that is willing to use its resources toward the ongoing project of healing, relating to, and inspiring the church."

It's dark now. Who knew that Urdu translation would lead you in so many fascinating directions! The hot chocolate from the café is a warm companion for your



stroll home in the crisp night air. The well-lit sidewalk takes you by the newest completed apartment building—they must have laid sod while you were perusing the stacks. You look up toward Anderson House and see the lights on—students are studying, or reading a bedtime story to their kids, or getting ready to watch the 25th anniversary special of “The Daily Show.”

The clock in Shelton Chapel strikes ten as you reach the main entrance to Anderson House. You look for the umpteenth time at those challenging words of Dr. Anderson, himself, carved in stone above the Gothic archway, “Send us preachers who aren’t boring.” You smile to yourself, knowing that, thanks to your labors in the library tonight, your buddy Ben will be anything but boring tomorrow!

You inhale deeply and catch the scent of fresh grass mixed with grape Kool-Aid and a lingering hint of barbecue. You take the stairs—two at a time—to your apartment for a few more chapters of Barth and the promise of a good night’s sleep. ▲

If you are interested in adding your support to Anderson House, call or write Donna Scott at 512-404-4807 or dscott@austinseminary.edu

Sacred Places

Student’s gift honors her husband

Isabel Wages is a self-described “Island girl” from Galveston, Texas, who did not want to leave home. A few years ago, she was a commissioned lay pastor taking classes in Austin Seminary’s Houston Extension program. She had been thinking of coming to Austin Seminary full time after receiving encouragement from Austin Seminary President Ted Wardlaw, but wasn’t sure she really would. Isabel said she prayed about it a lot.

“In my prayer time, I thought, ‘you’re going to Austin ... no you’re not ... you’re going to Austin ... no you’re not!’” Isabel said. She and her husband, Gene, lived in an old house that had belonged to his parents. “I didn’t think he’d leave—but it turned out he was more excited than I was.”

They arrived in Austin last August. Because the couple did not want to give up their island house, they decided to get an apartment on the Seminary campus where they could live, and Gene would go back and forth to take care of their home. He helped her buy furniture, set up the utilities, and do all the things one needs to do before moving into a new place.

Then, after they had been in Austin for only five weeks, Gene went back to Galveston one day and Isabel stayed on the Seminary campus.

That day Gene died suddenly.

As she told her story with tears flowing, she said, “It is still so painful. He was on one of those regular trips home.”

She remembers the exact place she was when she heard the news about her husband. She was with others from the Seminary, and when she found out, “the room was just flooded with love.” That night, the people with her did everything they could so that she was able to go home. That love stayed with her for the rest of the sea-

son as she took the remainder of the Fall 2006 semester off to take care of things, she said.

After Gene’s death, Isabel struggled with staying in seminary.

“In my prayer time, I told God, ‘Okay—I’m going home,’” Isabel said. But then she thought, “Gene is the one who helped me get here, and with the wonderful encouragement I had from Gene,” she knew she would return to Austin, “to honor the work he did, sacrificing for me.”

As difficult as it was, the relationships she and Gene had formed in Austin enabled her to stay in school. “I couldn’t see the bigger picture” at first. But she now sees it as part of God’s plan. “Because I was already here and made some wonderful friendships, and because I was here on campus, I was able to return. I could not have returned if the community had not been there when Gene died and been praying for my return.”

And she admits she never would have come to Austin Seminary in the first place if she had already been a widow and alone. Thinking back and still grieving, she said through tears with a half smile, “What a low-down, dirty trick!”

Isabel no longer lives on campus since she had to leave for the fall semester, and because the apartment had some leaks in the ceiling. She now commutes from Manor, Texas, partly because it is on the route she takes when going back to Galveston.

To honor the memory of her husband, Gene A. Wages, Isabel decided to make a gift toward Anderson House. Her pledge, which she will pay over three years, is made with help from her family

and friends. It will go toward an apartment in Anderson House which will be named in Gene’s honor.

“The gift I’m going to make is going to represent the little apartment that we had here,” Isabel said. “Our apartment here was so special.

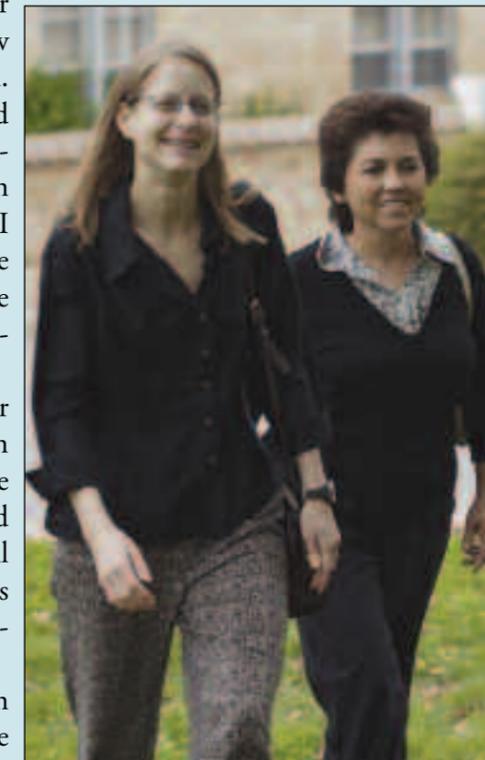
“Leaving home was so hard for me,” Isabel said, but community housing turned out to be “a sacred place, like the rest of campus, because there’s so much love here.” She hopes that in turn, the two-bedroom apartment to be named for Gene will be meaningful for some future seminary student. “I hope it will be a sacred place for a family,” Isabel said.

As she thought back on times spent with Gene, she remembered a photo taken of him with one of their grandchildren. The photo was taken in church, and behind them on a bulletin board is a picture of Jesus. To her, that depicts the Gospel as it is passed from generation to generation, a process that continues at seminary.

She noted that even though professors are trained to teach seminary students, that is not the only way students learn. “We pay the professionals to teach us what they know, but we teach one another. That’s something you can’t buy. You just live it,” she said. “I am a

great recipient of living and learning together.” About the professors in Seminary she said, “They are very pastoral, but the students are the real pastors.”

—Shannon Neufeld



Isabel Wages, right, relied on her friends, like Margaret Talbot, after the death of her husband, Gene.



President Ted Wardlaw gratefully accepts the first payment toward the Gene Alice Sherman Chair of Sacred Music from Gene Alice and Max Sherman.

Sherman gives lecture and proceeds

Max Sherman, Austin Seminary trustee and former dean of the University of Texas Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, delivered the twelfth annual George. S. Heyer Jr. Lecture on April 25. Sherman, editor of *Barbara Jordan: Speaking the Truth with Eloquent Thunder* (UT Press, 2007), spoke on the Texas congresswoman's position in the landscape of American oral tradition; one of her speeches is ranked among the top five of the 20th century. Sherman has directed proceeds from the book, which includes a DVD of her speeches, to go toward Austin Seminary's proposed Center for Proclamation and Worship. Sherman and his wife, Gene Alice, are endowing the Center's first faculty position, a chair in sacred music.

Farmer leads advancement office

Martha Farmer joined the Seminary administration as interim vice president for intuitional advancement in April. A development consultant from Danville, Kentucky, Farmer has provided strategic planning and fundraising guidance to national clients such as Leadership America, The Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, and The Women's Museum. She is married to Thomas Farmer, a Presbyterian pastor who was senior pastor of University Presbyterian Church in Austin from 1980-1986. She fills the position vacated by **Tim Kubatzky** who resigned in March and became the executive director of development for the School of Law at The University of



Texas at Austin. A search for a new vice president will be conducted in the fall.

STAFF NEWS

Lisa Marie Holley is the new hospitality assistant at the McCord Community Center. She is married to student **Mitchell Holley**. Her responsibilities include greeting callers to the Seminary's main phone number and providing hospitality to visitors and overnight guests. Lisa Marie graduated from Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina, and says she enjoys photography and spoiling their four-legged "children."



Kathy Fowler, technical services librarian, won a \$1000 grant to attend a conference in April put on by the Endeavor Information Systems, the maker of the Voyager software used by Stitt Library. She wrote an essay on the topic, "Why I want to attend EndUser 2007." The ten winners selected were from four countries (New Zealand, Scotland, UK, U.S.A.) on three continents. All winners were with academic libraries of various sorts, but Fowler was the only theological librarian in the group.



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President's Colloquium The church's struggle with homosexuality

Jack B. Rogers and **P. Mark Achtemeier** discussed the church's struggle with homosexuality at Austin Seminary's Spring President's Colloquium on April 4. Rogers is professor of theology emeritus of San Francisco Theological Seminary and was moderator of the 213th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); Achtemeier is associate professor of systematic theology at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Both are noted evangelical leaders in the denomination.

Achtemeier began the dialogue by saying, "I do not think this issue is settled ... my goal today is to share some of my unsettlement with you." Achtemeier said many gay and lesbian believers are asked to "just say no," and leave their partners. He thought about if he were asked to leave his wife of twenty-five years, and said asking that of a person is "immoral and unfaithful." He said it causes people who are gay to leave their churches feeling that God is against them.

Achtemeier also said there are many things that the Bible says we should not do, but in a different context and time, we all now do. He said there can be "faithful exceptions to a set of biblical commands," and asked if it is possible that new circumstances have arisen to alter our interpretation. He said there are many differences between same-sex behavior in biblical times and today.

Achtemeier said we cannot



Jack Rogers was one of the speakers for the Spring Colloquium.

interpret the Bible in the present context, "without first having a clear understanding of God's intention of giving us this gift of sexuality and marriage."

Achtemeier said marriage is meant as an image of "the self-giving love that unites Christ to the church," and more than just procreation validates the nuptial bond.

Rogers began by saying that he has changed his mind on the topic of ordaining people who are gay. Before 1993, he said he "reflexively" responded that the answer should be no. Then a gay man in his church was elected as an elder and wrote a letter to the session asking why they weren't studying the question of homosexuality and whether to become a More Light church that allows anyone, regardless of sexual orientation, to be elected to office. "Well the session was, let us say, terrified," Rogers said. They set up a task force to study the question for a year in order to produce curriculum for adult education to "sensitize" the congregation. Rogers was asked to be a member and he reluctantly agreed.

Rogers said there are three

issues he feels the church has dealt with in a pattern of prejudice: segregation of African American people, treatment of women, and treatment of people who are gay. He said he also sees that all three groups are seen by many as "condemned by God," "inferior," and "willfully sinful." Rogers said these myths exist around homosexuality: sexual orientation is a choice, people who are homosexual can change if they try hard enough, and homosexuality is a mental disorder. He said that God's long-range intention is to bring everyone into his Kingdom.

Achtemeier is active in church renewal work in the PC(USA) and the broader ecumenical context, speaking and writing extensively in support of that work. He is the author with Andrew Purves of *Union in Christ: A Declaration for the Church* (Witherspoon Press 1999), and *A Passion for the Gospel: Confessing Jesus Christ for the 21st Century* (Geneva Press 2000). Achtemeier served as a member of the General Assembly of the PC(USA) Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church.

Rogers served as vice-president of San Francisco Theological Seminary and founded their Southern California campus. He was professor of philosophical theology at Fuller Theological Seminary for seventeen years. Rogers is author of numerous books on biblical interpretation and the confessions of the church, including *Reading the Bible and the Confessions* (WJK, 2005). In his new book, *Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality: Explode the Myths, Heal the Church* (WJK, 2006), Rogers makes a biblical case for equal rights for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender.

Students honored with graduate fellowships



Sarah Allen, Amelia Howard, Amy Pospichal, and Michael Brundeen share the spotlight, and Dean Michael Jinkins' applause, at the ASA banquet; Helen Boursier was unable to attend.

Five senior students received the highest honors given by the Seminary at the Austin Seminary Association Annual Meeting and Banquet on Wednesday, January 31. **Michael Brundeen** earned the 2007 Janie Maxwell Morris Fellowship. Established in 1953 by a bequest from Mrs. Milton Morris, the award is given to a graduating senior to pursue further graduate study and carries a grant of \$2,000. A member of First Presbyterian Church in Bryan, Texas, Brundeen earned a BA in history/religious studies at Texas A&M University. Before entering seminary, he served for six years in the United States Navy and worked as a youth director for his church in Bryan. While in seminary, he completed a course in Pastoral Care in a Hospital Setting at St. David's Hospital-South Austin. Brundeen has accepted a call as pastor of Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Alsup-Frierson Fellowship

for Excellence in Biblical Studies and Hermeneutics, established in 2005 by the families of John and Carole Alsup and Clarence and Betty Frierson, is given "to enable the honoree to pursue further study in the biblical field toward the end of fostering the ongoing dialogue with scripture in preaching and teaching, within the context of an ecclesiastical calling." The fellowship carries a grant of \$2,800 and was given to **Amy Pospichal**. A member of Central Presbyterian Church in Austin, Pospichal received a BA in philosophy and religion from Virginia Tech. Before entering seminary, she was engaged in a wide variety of volunteer activities and worked in medical research at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. She is currently serving an internship at First Presbyterian Church in Giddings and completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in

Houston. Pospichal is particularly interested in New Testament Studies and ethics.

In 1946 Mrs. W. P. Newell established an endowment as a memorial to her late husband. The income from this fund is used annually to provide a scholarship, a graduate study fellowship, or in some other manner to enrich the life of one training for the Christian ministry. The fellowship provided a grant this year of \$3,000, and the W. P. Newell Memorial Fellowship recipient for 2007 was **Helen Boursier**. A member of First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Boursier received a BA in communications and business from Skidmore College and an MA in theological studies from Austin Graduate School of Theology. Boursier has completed internships at First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, as well as Central Texas Medical Center; she volunteered at Hays County Rehabilitation Center in San Marcos, Texas. Boursier is continuing graduate studies at B. H. Carroll Theological Institute in Arlington, Texas, while completing the candidacy process. She is particularly interested in preaching, mission and evangelism, new church development, and adult education.

In 1984, an endowment was established in honor of Leo V. Pile and Helen Porter Pile and Edmond Holland Morgan and Estella Martin Morgan, the income from which is to be awarded for the purpose of post-MDiv advanced studies. Selection is made on the basis of Christian character, scholarship, and personal ability; the fellowship carries with it a grant of \$8,000, and the 2007 recipient is **Amelia**

Howard. Howard is a member of First Baptist Church in Austin, Texas. She was born in Zambia, a child of Southern Baptist missionaries. Howard received a BA in Spanish language and culture, graduating magna cum laude from Wake Forest University. Howard is a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society. Also a recipient of the Jean Brown Scholarship at Austin Seminary, Howard is interested in preaching, writing, and pastoral counseling. She has a particular interest in specialized ministry in the mental health community.

The Alumni/ae Association of Austin Seminary established the David L. Stitt Fellowship for continued study in 1971. The Board of the Austin Seminary Association grants the award to one member of the senior class on the basis of scholarship, Christian character, personality, and ability. The fellowship carries an award of \$10,000. The 2007 David Stitt Fellowship recipient was **Sarah Demarest Allen**. A member of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas, she received a BA in religion and Spanish from Austin College and is a Jean Brown Fellow at Austin Seminary. Before entering seminary, she was an elementary Spanish instructor at a Montessori school in Dallas. While in seminary, she completed a summer internship at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and will complete a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Children's Medical Center in Dallas during the summer. Allen has been called as an associate pastor to First Presbyterian Church in Austin. She is married to **Cameron Allen**, a senior MDiv student at Austin Seminary.

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- October 4, 2007 Longview, Texas
- October 30, 2007 Albuquerque, New Mexico
- November 15, 2007 Harlingen, Texas, and surrounding areas

The Dean's Bookshelf

Living philosophies

Biographies usually focus on the lives and historical contexts of their subjects. But in recent years several writers have experimented with biographies that focus on their thought. These authors use the lives of philosophers themselves as tools to teach philosophy.

The stand-out examples in the last couple of decades were Brian McGuinness, *Wittgenstein: A Life* (1988) and Rüdiger Safranski, *Martin Heidegger: Between Good and Evil* (1998). The Wittgenstein biography helps readers gain insight into the development of the complex, enigmatic, and sometimes downright bewildering thought of perhaps the greatest philosopher of the twentieth century. The Heidegger biography explored the relationship between Heidegger's thought and his Faustian bargain with evil, in the form of Nazism.

More recently, I especially enjoyed Robert Richardson's biography of William James: *In the Maelstrom of American Modernism* (2006). James towers over the development of psychology and philosophy at the close of the nineteenth and the dawn of the twentieth century, and Richardson's biography makes this winsome thinker even more accessible. William James still has much to teach us. As amiable as he was, as willing to explore the psychological and spiritual dimensions of human existence, and as gracious as he was in listening to even the most bizarre experiences of people, he was a tough-minded thinker of the first order. His Radical Empiricism, no less than his Pragmatism and his pluralism, remain worthy of study for scholars and lay persons today.

Two even more "popular" forays into philosophical biography are Matthew Stewart, *The Courtier and the Heretic: Leibniz, Spinoza, and the Fate of God in the Modern World* (2006), which does a great job of placing these two gigantic thinkers in what Whitehead called "the age of genius," i.e., the seventeenth century, in context; and David Bodanis, *Passionate Minds* (2006), which explores the relationship between Voltaire and a brilliant scientist and mathematician, Emilie du Châtelet, Voltaire's long-time lover. The book rescues from relative obscurity one of the most fascinating women in intellectual history, reads like a novel, and provides a new perspective on some of the biggest questions still facing us.

If only those who teach philosophy would pay more attention to the human dimensions of their subjects—to realize that philosophy is written by human beings whose lives give rise to their thought—perhaps more people would engage that thought.

—Michael Jenkins
Academic Dean

FACULTY BRIEFS

Assistant Professor of Old Testament **John Ahn** gave presentations to the National Presbyterian Korean Women's (NPKW-PCUSA) Pacific Regional Women's Conference in San Francisco in February, the SBL Southwest Regional Conference in March, and the NPKW-PCUSA Southwest Regional Korean Women's Conference in March. Also in March he spoke to children at Fern Bluff Elementary School in Round Rock, Texas, on "Korean and Korean-Americans and Asian and Asian-Americans" and to the local media on behalf of Korean-Americans following the Virginia Tech shootings.

New Testament Professor **John Alsup's** book *The Post-Resurrection Appearance Stories of the Gospel Tradition* has been republished by Wipf and Stock Publishing House in Eugene, Oregon (2007). On the home (ranch) front, one of his quarter horses, Mr. Majestic, is in cutting horse training in Whitt, Texas, with the potential to enter competitive events around the country starting in the fall. Quips Alsup, "We've never had an athlete like him before!"

Assistant Professor of Comparative Religion **Whit Bodman** spent part of his sabbatical this spring in the Middle East; check out his blog on austinseminary.edu

Allan Cole, assistant professor of pastoral care, has been invited to serve on the editorial board for Oxford University Press' new publication, *The Church Leaders Desk Reference for Mental Health and Social Problems*. He has written a pre-publication review for

Becoming a Pastor: Forming Self and Soul for Ministry, by Jaco Hamman, (Pilgrim Press, 2007), and book reviews of *The Practice of Pastoral Care: A Postmodern Approach* (WJKP, 2006), by Carrie Doehring, for *Interpretation* and *Boys of Few Words: Raising our Sons to Communicate and Connect* (Guilford Press), by Adam J. Cox, for *Family Ministry*.

Jim Currie, associate dean for the Houston Extension program, organized and moderated the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Historical Society of the Southwest, March 10-11, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and an inter-religious panel discussion in Houston on "Faith and Leadership" on April 22. The panel in Houston also included Austin Seminary President **Ted Wardlaw**, as well as a Jewish rabbi, UMC minister, and Presbyterian elder.

As essay by **Dave Jensen**, associate professor of constructive theology, "Family practices in a Hurried World," appears in the March 2007 issue of *Church of the Brethren Messenger*. Former Austin Seminary Professor **Steve Reid** also has an essay in that volume.

This spring Academic Dean **Michael Jenkins** (DMin'83) delivered the lecture series, "Faith, Courage, and the Future of the Church" for First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, Louisiana; a presentation, "Theology in the Twenty-First Century Church," at the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton; and a lecture for the International Business Fellows program, "Competing Goods and Lesser Evils Amid Global Pluralism," at the University of Texas at Austin. Jenkins contributed



Wardlaw honored by his alma mater

Presbyterian College honored President **Theodore J. Wardlaw** by bestowing on him the Doctor of Humane Letters during their 2007 commencement exercises on May 5; Wardlaw was the baccalaureate speaker prior to graduation. Wardlaw earned a degree in English from Presbyterian College in 1974. He subsequently earned a doctor of ministry degree from Union Theological Seminary, which awarded him the Charles D. Larus Graduate Fellowship, and a master's in sacred theology from Yale University Divinity School, where he graduated magna cum laude. Wardlaw has been president of Austin Seminary since 2002.

the chapter, "Pluralism and Religious Faith," in a new book on Isaiah Berlin, *The One and the Many: Reading Isaiah Berlin*, (George Crowder & Henry Hardy, eds.). An op-ed piece by Jenkins appeared in the *Austin American-Statesman* prior to a discussion in the Texas Legislature on the teaching of religion in public schools; it was subsequently published in *Church & State* magazine.

David Jones, director of the Doctor of Ministry program, has been elected vice president of the Association for Doctor of Ministry Education (ADME). This spring he taught a four-week Sunday school Bible study at Westlake Hills

Presbyterian Church in Austin and made two presentations, with Dr. Rodney Hunter, at the annual DMin Directors' Convention in Philadelphia. His article, "Visitation, Declaration, Trepidation, Implication, and Anticipation," appears in the April-June 2007 issue of *The Living Pulpit*.

Timothy D. Lincoln, associate dean for seminary effectiveness and director of the Stitt Library, successfully completed his core comprehensive examination at the University of Texas at Austin in April; he is a PhD student in higher education administration.

Distinguished graduates honored at ASA Banquet



Honoree Jim Miles with Lewis Allen.

The Austin Seminary Association (ASA), at its Annual Meeting and Banquet on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, recognized two people for their enduring contributions to the church. Receiving the 2007 ASA Distinguished Service Awards were **Jan “Tex” Owen** (MDiv’45) and **James Miles** (MDiv’77; DMin’99).

Jan “Tex” William Owen was presented the award by his grandson Henry and Henry’s wife, Emily, an Austin Seminary student. Owen served the church for more than fifty-five years. As a young pastor he was instrumental in the establishment of the Westminster Fellowship on the campuses of the University of Houston and Rice Institute. Owen was a minister to students at Virginia Military Institute and Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, and guided numerous students into serving the church. As a pastor in Charlottesville, Virginia, he was an important leader in the Civil Rights Movement during the 1950s and ’60s and helped to establish the

Jefferson Chapter of the Virginia Council for Human Relations.

In the early 1960s, Owen became the first director of the United States Peace Corps in Jamaica. He served the poor in the Dominican Republic and Columbia, organizing and assisting Peace Corps volunteers in their efforts. Owen served as the dean of religion at the Inter-American University in Puerto Rico and as a priest in Cali, Columbia. He later served as rector of a large parish in Louisville, Kentucky, and as a director of Hispanic ministries for the Diocese of South Texas. He served in five San Antonio churches and continued to work and teach until his retirement.

Owen offered some insight into his life upon receiving the award, some of which was greeted with loving laughter. “If I could live another fifty or 100 years, there’s nothing I would rather do than to serve my Lord and the Church,” said Owen.

James Miles has served First Presbyterian Church of Fort Stockton, Texas, for almost twenty-five years. Miles grew up across the street from First Presbyterian Church of Pecos, Texas, where Marj Carpenter, moderator of the 207th General Assembly of the PC(USA), sometimes taught him Sunday school. In the early 1970s, he served as a lay pastor for Seagraves Presbyterian Church. Miles entered Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1975 and obtained his Master of Divinity degree in 1977. During that time, he served as student pastor of The Church of the Good Shepherd in Sonora, Texas. When he graduated, Miles was ordained and installed as pastor

of the church. He served there until 1982, when he went to Fort Stockton.

“He is a man of prodigiously Protestant work ethic,” said Lewis C. Allen (MDiv’81), who presented the award to Miles. “He has done the ordinary work of congregational ministry with extraordinary skill and devotion.”

“His service to the Presbytery of Tres Rios is almost legendary,” Allen said. “In a hard-driving region, no person has driven further in the service of the Presbyterian Church in West Texas than our honoree, most often on assignment from the Committee on Ministry, on which he served for over fifteen years. His most lasting contribution to the presbytery in that capacity has been through the development of the Commissioned Lay Pastor

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Jan “Tex” Owen, center, with Henry and Emily Owen.

Alums respond to Anderson House challenge

Campus life was extraordinarily important to me,” said **Anne R. Ledbetter** (MDiv’81), associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware. It’s one of the reasons she is adding her gifts to the \$250,000 Anderson House Alumni/ae Challenge. Another reason “is that my giving over the years has been spotty,” she said. “I saw this as a dramatic challenge.”

Gifts and pledges from former Austin Seminary students such as Ledbetter will help build the first of a new generation of student housing, the John F. and Nancy Anderson House. It is being named for a 1953 graduate of the Seminary and former moderator of the PC(USA), and his wife. John Anderson deeply supports the formation of pastors through community.

Ledbetter said that community is one of the reasons people feel drawn to a seminary; her son is going to seminary soon and that has been one of the determining factors for him. “I lived off campus my first semester, and then moved on campus into married student housing,” Ledbetter said. “And it’s true that you learn as much out of the classroom in the community as you do in the classroom.”

Austin Seminary Association President **Trudy Morpew** (MDiv’98) issued the donor challenge to her colleagues during the ASA Annual Meeting and Banquet in January. The ASA Board met prior to MidWinter Lectures and discussed the challenge. Seminary President **Ted Wardlaw** suggested the ASA Board set a goal of \$200,000, but, according to Morpew, the board decided that goal that was too low



On campus for the Hispanic Pastors’ gathering, Tom Johnson pauses for a moment on the Waller Creek bridge; his old apartment building is in the background.

and raised it to \$250,000.

Contributor **Donna Bowling** (MATS’03) shared some thoughts about Anderson House and why it is a critical challenge for alumni/ae. “I believe it is an important undertaking,” Bowling said. “I will remain eternally grateful to **Deborah Butler** [administrative assistant to **Ann Fields**, vice president for student affairs] for suggesting that I rent a dorm room on campus,” instead of being a commuter student. “Living on campus during the week saved me hours for study that would otherwise have been spent driving back and forth to Temple,” she said. “Much more important, however, were the friends I met who were also living in the dorm—Cassandra Dahnke, Judy Pistole, Nora Fitch, Sharon Bryant and Jerry Goodridge—to name a few. They remain friends to this day. Without their support and encouragement, I’m not sure I would have made it to graduation. I know that my life would be poorer without having come to know them.”

Ledbetter said she feels it is important for the Seminary to provide adequate housing, especially for couples with children. “Many of my classmates were married and had children,” she said. “It was a unique community and it was part of the seminary experience.”

Tom Johnson, (MDiv’96), says he

has a “pay it forward” attitude. Though he says he doesn’t earn much more than the presbytery minimum, he says he is committed to doing “at least a token amount to support the seminary’s endeavors to continue to help future seminary students.

“During my stay, and even as I left, my family and I helped others and others helped me,” Johnson said. “We gifted others from what we had when we left. And now that new apartments are being built, it is again my turn to help make APTS a welcoming place. So I pay forward a little to be a blessing to future classes.”

Ledbetter says that the Seminary has put money into dorm renovations and the new McCord Community Center over the years, but she is very glad funds are being raised for housing “on the other side of the creek” now. Ledbetter lived in an apartment next to the fire station, and later the little house just on the north side of the creek—2903. “I loved that house,” she said.

Partly because of her own

experiences, Ledbetter decided to give toward the Anderson Campaign as a pledge, paid out in monthly installments. Many alumni/ae feel that it is too difficult to make a gift on pastor's salary. But Ledbetter said, "It feels more like tithing—over three years I can make a decent-sized gift," she said.

Reminiscing on her Austin Seminary days, Bowling said she enjoyed the comfort of being able to find someone on campus to talk with whenever she needed. She also placed importance on sharing meals together. "The experiences of communal living were as much a part of my education as the class time, and I will cherish the memories of my time living in Currie Hall for the rest of my life," Bowling said.

As of mid-April, alumni/ae were rising to the challenge, having pledged a total of \$92,852.50. For more information, or to add your pledge to the Anderson House Alumni/ae Challenge, call or write Donna Scott at 512-404-4807 or dscott@austinseminary.edu

ASA Award

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program, which has immeasurably benefited churches large and small across West Texas."

Miles gave a few words of thanks after Allen presented the award to him. "I want to thank the Seminary for producing pastors for the trenches," Miles said. "I am humbled beyond belief to be here and I thank you very much." His son, Matthew Miles, is also a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and received his Master of Divinity degree in 1999, the same year James received the Doctor of Ministry degree.

CLASS NOTES

1980s

Bryan McDowell (MDiv'81) was elected moderator of Pines Presbytery.

Patricia K. Tull (MDiv'85) received one of five Lilly Faculty Fellowship for 2007-08. This grant will allow Trish a year's leave from teaching at Louisville Seminary in order to complete a commentary for Smyth and Helwys on the book of Isaiah. Trish also presented *As Those Who are Taught: The Interpretation of Isaiah from the LXX* to the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) in 2006.

William M. Harris (DMin'88) married **Christine Iannuculli** (MDiv'90).

Ann L. Rosewall (MDiv'88) received her doctorate from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary on May 11.

1990s

Clare Martin Kelley (MDiv'91) was elected stated clerk of the

Presbytery of Arkansas on June 3.

Clifford C. Flick (MDiv'92) retired from the Air Force after twenty-four years of service. During that time he was honored with eleven service awards and served on five different military bases. He is currently working as a general distribution supply specialist for the Defense Distribution Command in New Cumberland and is appointed to extension ministries in the United Methodist Church.

Sandra Kay Peters Johnson (MDiv'93) has retired from ministry and is currently serving as librarian at Ghost Ranch.

Judy H. Skaggs (MDiv'94) was elected moderator of Mission Presbytery.

J. Stewart Smith (MDiv'94) was elected moderator of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Nancy Taylor (MDiv'95) was elected moderator of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery.



The Synod of the Sun Hispanic Pastors Group met on campus April 30-May 2. It was the largest gathering of the group to date.

WELCOME...

to John Allan Miles, son of Stessa and **Matthew Miles** (MDiv'99), born March 14, 2007.

to Bella Carmen Reynoso, daughter of Carmen and **Hector Reynoso** (MDiv'99), born February 27, 2007.

to Justice Lee Halsey, daughter of **Christine Hodo** (MDiv'06) and student **Marcus Halsey**, born April 2, 2007.

to Julia Wells Maybry, daughter of Leah and **Luke Maybry** (MDiv'06), born October 31, 2006.

NECROLOGY

Walter A. Bennett (MDiv'43) Dallas, Texas, February 9, 2007

Wilson D. Keenan (MDiv'49) Temple, Texas, December 15, 2006

Malcolm B. Durway (MDiv'50) Cape Coral, Florida, February 25, 2007

Leslie E. Webb Jr. (MDiv'52) West Lafayette, Indiana, January 2, 2007

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ORDINATION

Craig Nakagawa (MDiv'05) to serve as a chaplain in the United States Air Force

Sara Singleton (MDiv'05) to serve First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Mary E. Breden (MDiv'06) to serve Andrews Presbyterian Church, Andrews, Texas

Amy Meyer (MDiv'06) to serve as chaplain at Hospice Austin

Thomas P. Sharon (MDiv'06) to serve First Presbyterian Church, Freeport, Texas

David R. Ukropina (MDiv'06) to serve St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Hurst, Texas

Marta Z. Ukropina (MDiv'06) to serve Trinity Presbyterian Church, Flower Mound, Texas

Kerry K. Westerwick (MDiv'06) to serve yoked congregations in Riley, Kansas

If you have been ordained recently and have not been recognized in Windows, please contact Georgia Smith, coordinator of alumni/ae relations at 512-404-4801 or alum@austinseminary.edu

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

EDUCATION

August 6-10, 2007

Biblical Interpretation

Monya Stubbs

September 25-27, 2007

"Clergy Conversations"

October 15-17, 2007

"Leading from Your Passion"

Rob Mueller

**October 15-18, 2007*

Small Church Pastor's Retreat

October 18-19, 2007

Favrot Conference

November 9, 2007

Advent Lessons

January 18, 2008

Lenten Lessons

February 25-26, 2008

Board of Pensions

April 22-24, 2008

Clergy Conversations

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

September 30-October 4, 2007

"To Love as God Loves"

Bill Greenway

October 25-28, 2007

"Keeping Time, Speaking

Christ: The Year of Grace"

Stan Hall

February 28-March 2, 2008

Immersion Weekend

David Johnson and Tina

Broadway

March 30-April 3

"Discerning Life's Choices:

The Calls within the Call"

Kent Ira Groff

**at Mo-Ranch (call for details)*



President Ted Wardlaw stands with MidWinter Lecture presenters Eugene March, Deborah Block, Leonard Pitts, and Kenda Creasy Dean



MidWinter Lectures 2007



The Class of 1952, from top: Art Strickland, Shirley McGee, Tom McGee, Mildred Strickland, Jess Leos, Ed Robertson, Pete Hendrick, June Bucy, Ralph Bucy, Dot Hendrick, Zelda Easton, and Walter Easton



The Class of 1957: Sam Junkin, Marjorie and Brick Bradford, Bernard Jackson, James Brown, Ronald and Martha Wilkins, and Genie and Hector Zavaleta

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