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President's Report

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Graduation is always an exciting time on a university campus, particularly for the students who are receiving their diplomas. The diploma represents the culmination of years of hard work and personal sacrifice, the support of family, and the encouragement of faculty and administration. But with every exit there is an entrance. Campbellsville University graduated 264 students on May 10 who now enter the over 9,000 alumni family of our university.

Our alumni are a critical part of the past, present, and future of Campbellsville University. As our commencement speaker, Dr. J. Chester Porter ('62) reminded the graduates of his and his wife Betty's ('63) experience, "Campbellsville University gave us, just as it has given you, the knowledge to meet new challenges that we will face and to turn them into historic markers on our personal highway to success. This school equips its graduates with a tool box of ideas and skills that allow us and you to meet adversity with confidence, to recognize opportunity when it knocks on our door, and to use success with an appreciation for all those who helped us achieve it."

This issue of *The Campbellsvillian* will share with you highlights of the 2003 commencement, focus on our alumni, including Dr. J. Chester Porter, and consider what it means to be a CU alumnus!

In my "charge to the graduates" during the commencement ceremony, I urged our 264 graduates to be proud and "carry the mantle of responsibility" of being a Campbellsville University graduate.

As stated on the great seal of Campbellsville University -- Fellowship, Leadership and Scholarship are the ideals we believe every graduate should possess and live by:

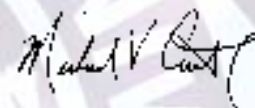
- Fellowship - to live in harmony and respect
- Leadership - to take others to a higher destiny
- Scholarship - to be informed, committed learners and to live life through the power of knowledge and wisdom.

I urge our graduates to "Go forth and make fellowship, leadership, and scholarship a way of life."

As you travel down your personal highway, we want to stay in touch. We want to celebrate in your personal and professional success and even pray for and with you during difficult transitions. You can let us know where you are and what you are doing through the Tiger Tracks section of the web page at campbellsville.edu.

It is hard to believe, but Homecoming 2003 is not that far away. I hope you will make plans to come back to campus for a great weekend of celebration October 10-11. Also, plans are now under way as we move toward an exciting celebration of our 100th anniversary in 2006.

Please remember Campbellsville University in your prayers. May God bless our graduates of 2003, and you and your families.



Dr. Michael V. Carter
President

Dr. Michael V. Carter, left, presents Dana Louise Bischoff with her diploma at CU's commencement May 10.

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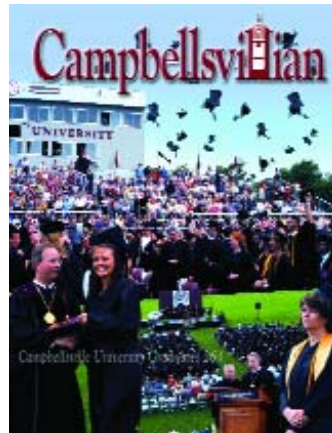
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CU's 264 graduates heard Dr. J. Chester Porter at commencement as he and Dave Morris, former chair of the board of trustees, received honorary degrees.

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DISTINGUISHED FACULTY MEMBER



Dr. Milton Rogers, center, receives congratulations from his family after receiving the Distinguished Faculty Award. His wife, Diane, is at left. Rogers is holding granddaughter, Elizabeth; and his daughter-in-law, Tonya, is holding her son, Eric. (CU PHOTO BY SILVIA CAMPELO)

What it means to be a Campbellsville University alumnus

BY HEATHER R. DAVIS ('03), ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AND FOUNDATION RELATIONS

As I was driving home recently from an Alumni and Friends event in Bowling Green, Ky., I began to reminisce about the wonderful fellowship I had just experienced and thought about the many new friends I have made at all of the events.

Attendees of all ages have shared with me their fond memories of Campbellsville University and have told stories that reiterate the uniqueness of their college experience at CU.

In fact, each time I walk away from an Alumni and Friends event, I am filled with exhilaration and pride that each and every person I talk to shares the same enthusiasm about his or her alma mater as I do. It excites me to know that the special bond and interaction I have formed with all of these wonderful people, most of whom I met for the first time at the events, is solidified by one common thread: we are all proud Campbellsville University alumni and, in a sense, a family.

According to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary (2002), an alumnus is "one who has attended or has graduated from a particular school, college, or university." Here at Campbellsville University, the

"The significance of an alumnus extends far beyond a simple definition."

significance of an alumnus extends far beyond a simple definition. Our alums serve as a vital part of the University's existence as they contribute greatly to her success as a growing Christian institution. Their contributions include praying for the university, recruiting prospective students, serving on boards and committees, providing generous financial support to various funds and campus projects, and simply adding to the invaluable ambiance of the family atmosphere that exists at CU.

Along with the emotional perks, there are many other fringe benefits associated with being a CU alum. For instance, there is no membership fee to be involved with Campbellsville University's Alumni Association. We encourage the involvement of our alums in all areas and try our best to plan activities that will cater to the needs of the majority of our alumni. Here are some ways to be involved in the life of your alma mater:

Alumni and Friends Regional Events--Come and enjoy a delicious (and free) meal and great fellowship with alums, former and current attendees, prospective students, and friends of Campbellsville University!

Homecoming (Fall 2003)--This is a wonderful opportunity to reunite with friends and former classmates. Attend one of the various reunions, enjoy the Friday night Barbeque, support the Tiger football team at the pep rally and game, watch the parade, play games at the festival, and much more. Fun for the whole family!

Campus Tours--Schedule a tour of our lovely campus! There are many exciting and new things going on at Campbellsville University. You'll have to see it to believe it!

Financial Support--Support your alma mater with a monetary gift!

Volunteer--Make an investment of time to recruit prospective students so they might have a memorable college experience just like you did!

There are many more ways to get involved at CU. You can keep up to date with all of the activities on campus by reading your copy of the seasonal magazine *The Campbellsvillian*, which is free to all alumni and friends, or by contacting the Office of Development at (270) 789-5211, toll free 1-800-264-6014 ext. 5211 or by e-mail at development@campbellsville.edu.

Please call us if you have any questions, suggestions or praises! 🌟

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Biology professor Rogers receives Tenured Faculty Award

BY JOAN C. MCKINNEY, EDITOR

Dr. Milton Rogers, who's served on the Campbellsville University biology faculty since 1973, has been selected to receive the Distinguished Faculty Award presented by the CU Advancement Council.

Rogers, who is most proud of his students who have gone on to successful careers, received the award at Honors and Awards Day. He received a \$3,000 cash award, a "Distinguished Faculty" collar to be worn with academic regalia and a university seal lapel pin.

The award was presented by Roy Rich, a 1967 alumnus who serves on the council.

The annual recognition is made by the Campbellsville University Advancement Council in honor of one outstanding tenured faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in and outside the classroom.

Rogers said, "Advising, counseling and working with students outside of the classroom are very important aspects of my job." His advisory capacity includes students in biology, pre-health professions (medicine, dentistry, medical technology, optometry, pharmacy, etc.) and nursing.

Rogers received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas at Austin. His Ph.D., also from the

University of Texas, is in botany and cell biology.

Rogers is a member of the American Association of University Professors, Kentucky Academy of Science and National Science Teachers Association. He is married to Diane Norflett Nichols, a former CU employee who now serves as a guidance counselor at Taylor County High School. They have three children: David Rogers, an engineer; Sally Rogers Murray, an attorney; and Dr. Tom Rogers, a physician. They have four grandchildren. 🌟

Campbellsville University presents first Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards

By JOAN C. MCKINNEY, EDITOR

Campbellsville University President Michael V. Carter presented the university's first Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards to Dr. Forest Shely of Campbellsville and Sarah Elizabeth Finney of Gallatin, Tenn., at commencement May 10 on Tiger Field.

"We are very honored today to present the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards for the first time in the history of Campbellsville University," said Carter.

He said Campbellsville University was selected in 2002 to participate in this "very prestigious awards program that honors the memory and legacy of the late Algernon Sydney Sullivan."

There are some 50 colleges and universities in the South that are approved by the Sullivan Foundation to annually present these awards to one graduating senior and to one adult community member.

Carter said the recipients, Finney, a 2003 CU graduate, as the student recipient, and Shely, a retired Campbellsville physician, as the adult community recipient, "exemplify the very essence of the high ideals and Christian example of Algernon Sydney Sullivan."

Carter, with help from Jerry Bennett of Campbellsville, chair of the CU Board of Trustees, and Dr. Frank Cheatham, vice president for academic affairs, presented gifts, a medallion and framed certificate provided by the Sullivan Foundation. He said the recipients' names will be reported to the Foundation for inclusion there along with other outstanding leaders who have been similarly honored at other institutions.

Having practiced in Louisa, Ky., from 1950 to 1953, Shely moved to Campbellsville and practiced medicine in Campbellsville from 1963 until August 1997.

Shely grew up near Lawrenceburg, Ky., and attended Campbellsville College when it was a junior college, graduating in 1943. He attended Georgetown College and graduated from Yale University in 1946. He did post

graduate work at Tufts University in 1947-1948 and graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School in 1949.

Shely has been a member of the American Medical Association for many years and the Taylor County Medical Association. He has belonged to the Kentucky Library Association for several years and has been a member of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees for 43 years, including seven years as chair of the Board.

Shely has been a faithful member of Campbellsville Baptist Church, having served as chair of the deacons and as an adult Sunday School teacher. Shely's other venues of service have included: president of the Campbellsville Gideon Camp, chair of the board of directors at Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Campbellsville, chair of the Regional 14 Mental Health Board, and chair of the District Health Department. He serves as a member of the Taylor County Public Library Board and the Campbellsville/Taylor County Rescue Advisory Committee. He has received CU's Distinguished Alumni Award twice.

Shely and his wife, Bobbie, have been married 56 years. They are the parents of five children and have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Carter welcomed Mrs. Shely and members of their family to the commencement.

Finney graduated with a major in psychology and a minor in Biblical studies. Carter said, "Sarah Beth had an outstanding record in high school



Sarah Elizabeth Finney, left, a 2003 graduate, and Dr. Forest Shely, a 1943 graduate, are the winners of the first two Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards ever given at Campbellsville University. Their awards were presented at commencement May 10. (CU PHOTO BY TIAGO PINHEIRO)

and has continued that tradition while at CU."

"She has led two overseas mission trips to Warsaw, Poland in 2000 and 2001. She has been active in the Baptist Student Union, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was a football homecoming court member in 1999 and 2001, and was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*."

He said she served for several years as a co-teacher in preschool Sunday School, led and taught senior adult exercise classes for three years, participated in the Campbellsville Upward Basketball program, and worked at the Nashville Union Rescue Mission.

Finney plans to attend the University of Louisville in the fall of 2003 to pursue a master's in education in counseling psychology.

Her family members were recognized, including her parents, Norm and Nancy Finney. ❀

Porter is head of law firm, financial holding company, real estate projects and several banks

BY KWAKU OSEBREH, EDITOR, CAMPUS TIMES

Very few college freshmen know what they hope to major in much less know what profession they hope to enter. For a 12-year-old J. Chester Porter of Mt. Washington, Ky., that profession was law.

Many years and drops of sweat later, that hope has materialized into a profitable law firm, a financial holding company, real estate projects and a string of successful banks across the state of Kentucky.

These achievements have not come easily for the 1962 graduate of Campbellsville University, then Campbellsville College.

"I was born the son of a poor farmer on a hillside farm in Casey County. There you had to be self-sufficient. We kept milk in a spring to keep it cool and only killed chickens right before we had to cook them because we did not have a refrigerator," Porter said in his warm Southern accent.

Growing up, Porter looked to his teachers, area doctors, lawyers and other area professionals for inspiration. "By the age of 12, I had decided I wanted to be a lawyer," Porter said. He worked hard to make that dream a reality.

Porter was led to Campbellsville University because of its close proximity to Casey County. He did much work on and off campus to ensure his success. To support his studies, he helped cut, set and strip tobacco plants on farms from the age of 10 until he reached 23.

Porter double majored in economics and social studies and minored in English. At the time, a pre-law program was not in place at Campbellsville, and Porter recalled how his professors worked to prepare him for law school.

"Whether reading Tennyson, Bryon, or Plato, my English professors were very philosophical and taught me to think globally and let go of narrow-minded beliefs," Porter said.

At Campbellsville, Porter was active in many campus organizations, chaired the College Democrats and was a member of several honor societies.

After graduation from CU, Porter obtained a scholarship to the University of Louisville's Brandies School of Law where he would put his "tool box of ideas and skills" to work.

"During that time all of my classes were in the morning from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., so I worked as a legal aide in the state transportation department and then studied until late at night preparing for my classes the next day," he said.

After graduation, he and his wife Betty moved to Mt. Washington, Ky. with "a 1963 Volkswagen, a 1962 Ford

Bancorp Inc., The Peoples Bank of Taylorsville; Crossroads Bancorp Inc., The Peoples Bank of Mt. Washington; BBA Inc., Bullitt County Bank, Shepherdsville; and Mammoth Bancorp Inc., Brownsville Deposit Bank.

Porter also serves as an officer, director and general counsel for numerous corporations and various commercial and residential real estate ventures.

For Porter, success is "being educated and comfortable with yourself



J. Chester Porter, a 1962 CU graduate, is most proud of his family, who are featured in pictures on his desk.

(CU PHOTO BY KWAKU OSEBREH)

Comet and some beat-up furniture as our only assets," Porter said, smiling at the thought. Porter has come a long way from those "assets" to a lengthy list of achievements. He serves as chairman of the board and general counsel of Porter Bancorp Inc., a multi-bank holding company which includes: Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Greensburg, Ky.; Green River Bank, Morgantown, Ky.; Ascencia Bank Inc., Louisville, Ky.; The Central Bank USA Inc., Henry County and Shelby County, Ky.; Pioneer Bank, Canmer, Horse Cave and Munfordville, Ky.; Lake Valley

and your family and giving of yourself and your resources to the community, state and nation." Porter has given much back to his alma maters. In addition to serving on the executive committee and board of trustees at Campbellsville University, Porter is a member of the board of trustees and treasurer of the executive committee of the University of Louisville, and vice chairman and former chairman of the board of the University of Louisville Foundation. He works through his banks to institute scholarships at both institutions.

“There was a very bright young man from war-torn Yugoslavia here through a high school exchange program. After high school, we set up a scholarship for him to attend Campbellsville University so that he would not be sent to the midst of a war torn nation,” Porter said.

Giving advice to those wishing to be successful, Porter said, “You must have good, strong principles and character. You must couple that character with a healthy work ethic.” That is advice Porter practices as he handles a demanding schedule.

There is no lunch

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break
for Porter.

“I don’t take lunch breaks. I work through them unless I have a business lunch,” Porter said. His day starts at 6 a.m. with financial news. “Every other day, I jog two miles while watching the news, after which I make phone calls to those I know I can reach before 8 a.m., and I’m in the office by 8 a.m.,” he said.

Mondays start with executive meetings at Porter Bancorp and meetings with lawyers in the firm. Tuesdays are reserved for traveling to scheduled engagements, Wednesdays are reserved for visits to area banks and the rest of the week is full of appointments with clients and other meetings.

Porter does try to leave his evening clear for his family and other interests. One look around his office and those interests are clear—horses. Pictures of horses adorn his wall and a miniature bronze statue rests on the

credenza behind his desk.

Porter owns several horses, and his favorite, My Boston Gal, placed fifth at the recent Kentucky Oaks.

Porter maintains an easygoing demeanor. In his 10,000 square-foot office building, he simply is known as “Chester.”

“Chester” smiles reassuringly to clients and customers and passes warm comments with office colleagues,
among

whom
are his
daughter,
Jennifer, and son, Jack.

“Jennifer is a lawyer and works extensively with our real estate matters and our banks, and Jack is greatly involved with our real estate and land development ventures. Both are actively involved with charitable organizations such as the American Cancer Society, The YMCA, Junior Miss, and several wildlife causes,” Porter said.

“I have had a long lasting marriage which was enriched with two respectful and educated children who understand what it means to give back,” Porter said.

When asked “Who would you say is J. Chester Porter?” Porter paused, thought for a few minutes, and said, “Chester is a successful attorney, business person, entrepreneur, who has not forgotten where he came from and helps those less fortunate. Oh yeah, there is some luck, too!” ❁



J. Chester Porter stands in front of his office in Shepherdsville, Ky.

(CU PHOTO BY KWAKU OSEBREH)

Campbellsville University **HOMECOMING**

“On Broadway - A Salute to

Oct. 10-11, 2003

Planning is well under way for Homecoming 2003, which promises to be one of the most enjoyable ever.

While certain events are still being finalized, the following is a schedule of many of the traditional favorite activities with a few new twists. For additional information, contact the Office of Development by calling 1-800-264-6014, ext. 5211 or by e-mail at development@campbellsville.edu. The online schedule for Homecoming 2003 will be updated as additional activities and events are finalized; so remember to check out our website at www.campbellsville.edu as you make your Homecoming plans.



Friday, Oct. 10

Noon - Golden Heritage Luncheon and Reunion of the Class of 1953 - Student Union Building, Little Auditorium (\$10.00 per person).

All members of the Campbellsville College Class of 1953, as well as members of the Golden Heritage Club, are invited to attend the annual Golden Heritage Luncheon. For reservations, contact the Office of Development at (270) 789-5211.

2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. - Campus Tours for Alumni and Friends. Student-led tours of our beautiful campus will begin at the Student Welcome Center and will feature our Technology Training Center, the newly-renovated Montgomery Library and the extensive renovations and additions to our athletic and wellness facilities. Persons requiring special assistance should please contact the Office of Development.

5 - 7 p.m. - Homecoming Barbeque - Lawn of Montgomery Library (\$5.00 per person). This event is truly a fun-filled gathering of the entire university family. The food will be plentiful, the entertainment will be outstanding, and this event promises to be one of the highlights of Homecoming 2003. Contact the Office of Development for more information.

7 p.m. - Worship and Fellowship with the BSU - University Theater. All alumni who were members of the Baptist Student Union (BSU) are invited to take part in this very special service celebrating the decades of ministry and mission efforts by countless BSU students. If you have any questions, contact Campus Ministries at (270) 789-5227.

9 p.m. - Homecoming Pep Rally. The journey will begin on the lawn of Montgomery Library!

Saturday, Oct. 11

8:30 a.m. - Prayer for our Country - Flagpole - Stapp Lawn. In the midst of recent conflict, our country needs our prayer support more than ever. Join us in a time of lifting up to God our leaders, our military and our great nation.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Homecoming Car Show - Lawn of Montgomery Library. The annual Car Show has become an event that you simply cannot miss. As in previous years, participants in the Homecoming Car Show will have an opportunity to take part in the Homecoming Parade. If you are interested in participating in this unique event, contact Stan McKinney at (270) 789-5035.

9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - Dining Hall (\$3.00 per person). This event is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a great breakfast and terrific fellowship. Contact the Office of Development for further information.

10 a.m. - Alumni Tiger Baseball Game - Tiger Baseball Field. Baseball alumni are encouraged to contact Coach Beauford Sanders by calling (270) 789-5056 about playing in this annual event. All other alumni and friends are invited to watch our own baseball legends take to the field in friendly competition.

10 a.m. - Heritage Presentation - University Theater. Join alumni and friends as we celebrate the decade of the 1960s. An informative presentation will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments in the newly-renovated Montgomery Library.

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Alumni Art Exhibit - Gosser Fine Arts Center, Gallery. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for you to experience the artistic gifts and talents of a fellow alumnus. This year's feature artist will be named soon.

11 a.m. - Homecoming Parade - Downtown Campbellsville. Since the revival of this event, the Homecoming Parade has quickly taken its place as a Homecoming highlight. Visit downtown Campbellsville and experience the excitement of an old-fashioned Homecoming parade. If you would like to have an entry in this year's parade, or simply have questions about the parade, contact Andrew Ward, director of student activities, (270) 789-5161.

11:30 a.m. - 1p.m. - Homecoming Festival. After the parade and a little shopping downtown, stroll back to campus and spend some time at the Homecoming Festival. The revival of this event provides a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with friends old and new while supporting Campbellsville University's many student organizations. There will be plenty of food, games and entertainment. This event is especially great for alumni with young children.

11:30 a.m., Noon and 12:30 p.m. - Campus Tours for Alumni and Friends. Student-led tours of our beautiful campus will begin at the Coca-Cola Wagon and will feature our new Tuggle-Morris Wellness Center, as well as several of our newly-renovated facilities. Persons requiring special assistance should contact the Office of Development.

11:30 a.m. - University Bookstore. Don't forget to pick up your Tiger gear before the big game. The University Bookstore will open at 11:30 a.m. and will close one hour after the end of the Fighting Tiger Football game.

11:30 a.m. - Student Ambassador Reunion - Welcome Center. If you are a former Student Ambassador, come join in this wonderful time of fellowship and enjoy pre-game refreshments as you reminisce about your experience at Campbellsville University. If you would like to participate in this event, contact Scott Necessary, assistant director of admissions, at (270) 789-5312.

11:30 a.m. - World War II Veterans Reunion - Location TBA. This event is for all CU alumni who served in our military forces during World War II. We want to honor you with this great opportunity to share your stories and enjoy a pre-game meal. Contact the Office of Development for details.

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Alumni Reunion Tent - Stapp Lawn. Join your former classmates for a time of fellowship and enjoy a pre-game meal, compliments of the Office of Alumni Relations. Decade reunion tents will be set up for the classes of the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, as well as for young alumni (1990-2003). Please contact the Office of Development to confirm your attendance.

Noon - Big Maroon Club Tailgate - Overlooking Tiger Field (\$5.00 per person). Come enjoy home-cooked barbeque with the greatest Fighting Tiger fans. Contact the Office of Development to confirm your attendance.

1:15 p.m. - University Chorale Alumni Pre-game Performance - Tiger Stadium. This annual event has come to be a cherished part of every Homecoming. All chorale alumni are encouraged to contact Dr. Kenneth Martin, director of the University Chorale, at (270) 789-5340 for more information about this very special event.

1:30 p.m. - Homecoming Football Game - Tiger Stadium. The Fighting Tigers, under new head coach Mark Peach, take on Belhaven College. For ticket information, contact the Office of Athletics at (270) 789-5257.

Reunion of Champions - Post-Game Football Alumni Reception (1992 and 1997 Conference Champion Teams) - O.D. and Bessie Hawkins Athletic Complex. Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship with your former teammates and the current coaching staff. Contact the Office of Athletics at (270) 789-5257 to confirm your attendance.

9 p.m. - 12 a.m. - Homecoming Dance - Student Activities Center.

Make plans now to attend Homecoming 2003 and remember to check the website at www.campbellsville.edu for updates and announcements concerning this schedule. ✦

COMPILED AND WRITTEN BY JOAN C. MCKINNEY, EDITOR

Editor's Note: Years of graduation or attendance at Campbellsville University are determined by the last year of attendance. For example, ('65) is a 1965 graduate; (a '65) is someone who attended their last year in 1965; and ('65, M '69) is someone who graduated with a bachelor's or associate's degree in 1965 and a master's degree in 1969.



Joe Kearnes

'50s

JOE KEARNES (a '52) has been inducted into the Kentucky Transportation Hall of Fame. His award is based on "foresight, dedication, leadership, perseverance and integrity" that has "significantly enhanced transportation systems in the Commonwealth of Kentucky." He worked in district six of the Transportation Cabinet for over 39 years, retiring in 1999 as chief district engineer. He lives in Florence with his wife, Joan. Address: 104 Lawrence Drive, Florence, Ky. 41042-2410.

'80s

R. EDDIE BODEN ('81) is owner of Boden Photography Studio in Georgetown, Ky. Address: 2635 Frankfort Road, Georgetown, Ky. 40324. www.bodenphotography.com.



Gary Vidito

GARY VIDITO ('82) is worship leader at First Baptist Church in Taylorsville, Ky. He also has a concert music ministry called "Generation Reconciliation Ministries" which addresses the topic of changing worship styles. He is playwright and director of Lebanon, Ky.'s Civil War Outdoor Musical, "Hoofprints on the Stairs," which is in its fourth year. Address: 388 Locust Drive, Taylorsville, Ky. 40071.

'90s

CHRIS L. SCHARKLET ('92) is a captain in the U.S. Army and has been assigned as a unit trainer in Mississippi. He has two daughters. Address: 7335A Topeka Drive, Columbus, Ms. 39705. E-mail: christopher.scharklet@us.army.mil.



Beth Foster

BETH FOSTER ('97) has received one of the most prestigious editorial awards given by Landmark Community Newspapers Inc. Foster, news editor of the *Central Kentucky News-Journal* in Campbellsville, Ky., received the "Max Heath Gold Star for Everyday Excellence in Community Journalism."

MAX HEATH is a 1969 CU graduate. Heath, LCNI vice president for postal/circulation, was the company's editorial director for three decades. The "Gold Star" honors his tradition of mailing gold star stickers to LCNI editors and reporters who had shown excellence in newspaper reporting, writing, design or photography. This was only the second "Gold Star" award that the company has given. Address: 116 Durrett St., Campbellsville, Ky. 42718. E-mail: bjfoster123@alltel.net.

Births



Kimberly, Trey, Bonetta and Chad Sweet

CHAD SWEET ('98) and **KIMBERLY WRIGHT SWEET** ('98) announce the birth of their son, William C. (Trey) Sweet III, Nov. 16, 2002. He joins a sister, Bonetta Faith. The couple is employed with Hardin County Schools. Address: 549 Gates Road, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701.

Marriages



Sara and Nick Thurmond

SARA THOMAS HIGDON ('01) and **NICHOLAS LEE THURMOND** ('02) were married June 21, 2002. Mrs. Thurmond is employed with the Lincoln Trail District Health Department as community health educator in Marion County and is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Kentucky. Thurmond is employed with Chevron/Texaco in Louisville as an account manager. Address: 109 Haverly Drive, Bardstown, Ky. 40004. E-mail: Sara - sara21higdon@hotmail.com. Nick - nick2thurmond@yahoo.com.



Amber and Randy Lee Smith II

AMBER RENEE KNIGHT ('01) and **Randy Lee Smith II** were married Feb. 12, 2002. Their matron of honor was **CHANDRA BOND HAMILTON** ('01). Mrs. Smith is the assistant manager at the Leggs Hanes Bali Playtex Outlet Store in Blowing Rock, N.C. Smith is a senior at Appalachian State University pursuing a degree in clinical laboratory research. Address: 180-3 Gleneagles Drive, Boone, N.C. 28607. E-mail: arkyellow@yahoo.com.

In Memoriam



Dr. H.E. Coker

DR. H.E. COKER, a former long-time professor of Christian studies who came to CU in 1967, died April 17, 2003 in Bardstown. He was

82. Coker taught in the Christian studies department at CU 20 years, serving as chair of that department. He also served the university in other capacities, including vice president for advancement. Dr. W.R. Davenport, former president of Campbellsville, said the legacy of Coker is extreme--both in its nature and its relevance. He said Coker challenged both students and colleagues to be and to do nothing less than their best. Davenport said Coker recognized that the Lord would not be

honored with performance at levels that were less than one's best. Dr. Robert S. Clark, former vice president of academics at CU, said Coker "exhibited both a tough-mindedness and a gentle spirit from a loving heart. He extolled the writing of the apostle Paul, a New Testament studies, and philosophical inquiry." Dr. Robert L. Doty, a friend and former colleague of Coker's, said, "Jim Coker was a rare person: a devout man, a sound scholar, a devoted family man and a tireless worker." He

said, "Nothing but perfection could satisfy him" and Coker "could not stand complacency in his students any more than in himself." Coker graduated from Mercer University and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Coker. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the Dr. H.E. Coker Scholarship Fund or the Christian Studies Chair at CU. Mrs. Coker can be reached at 504 Fern Drive, Campbellsville, Ky. 42718.

Campbellsville University graduates 264

By JOAN C. MCKINNEY, EDITOR

"Campbellsville University has prepared you to tolerate differences, to respect hard work, to face our adversaries with courage and honesty, to be grateful for good fortune, and to accept success humbly," said Dr. J. Chester Porter, an attorney and banker who is chair and general counsel of Porter Bancorp Inc., at Campbellsville University's 77th commencement May 10 at Tiger Field.

Two hundred sixty-four undergraduate and graduate students received degrees at the ceremony, during which the first Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards were presented in the history of CU.

Porter, a 1962 graduate, said Campbellsville University was the "cornerstone of the educational process that shaped my life and that of my wife, Betty," who graduated in 1963.

"We regard our educational experience at Campbellsville University as the foundation on which our future rested, although at the time we occupied the chairs you do now, we did not know it," he said.

"This school shaped my skills so that I could compete successfully for a scholarship to University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law, and it gave Betty the self-assurance to obtain a music teaching position in the Kentucky Public School System."

"Our lives have been immensely enriched by the opportunities opened to us through our education and those experiences at this particular institution."

Porter received an honorary doctorate of laws at the ceremony.

David K. Morris of Warsaw, Ky. received an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

Morris has served on the CU Board of Trustees since 1995 and served as chair of the board from 2001 to 2003. His parents attended Campbellsville College in the late 1940s and CU's new Wellness Center was recently named in their honor, the result of the "very generous monetary gift" given by David and his wife, Shirley, CU President Michael V. Carter said.

Carter told the graduates that, "Today is genuinely a time to be appreciative and happy--a time to realize that achievement, a job well done, brings deep fulfillment. You have accomplished a significant goal in life."

Christy Graves of Campbellsville, president of the senior class, thanked Carter and his administration, faculty and staff and the graduates' friends and families.

"It's been an incredible journey and today marks one of many milestones in our lives," she said. "Today is a time of reflection--reflection on where we've been and where we are now; who we were and who we've become. Campbellsville University has brought me far in life."

Heather Slack-Ratiu of Bowling Green, a 1997 graduate representing the CU Alumni Association, welcomed the graduates as the newest members of CU's alumni. She urged them to take a moment to thank those who have helped them



Julie Christine Necessary displays her diploma after commencement. She is the wife of Scott Necessary, CU assistant director of admissions.

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reach this moment in their lives. She said Campbellsville University taught her to give back and to have a passion for celebrating life's moments.

Valedictorian of the 2003 class was Melinda C. Tucker of Campbellsville, with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, and salutatorian was Laura Beth Dennis Hayes of White Mills, Ky., who had a 3.9714 grade point average.

Degrees awarded include: associate of science, 42; bachelor of arts, seven; bachelor of science, 145; bachelor of music, six; bachelor of science in business administration, 16; bachelor of social work, 10; master of arts in education, 11; master of arts in social science, five; master of business administration, 12; master of music in music education, three; and master of theology, seven. ★

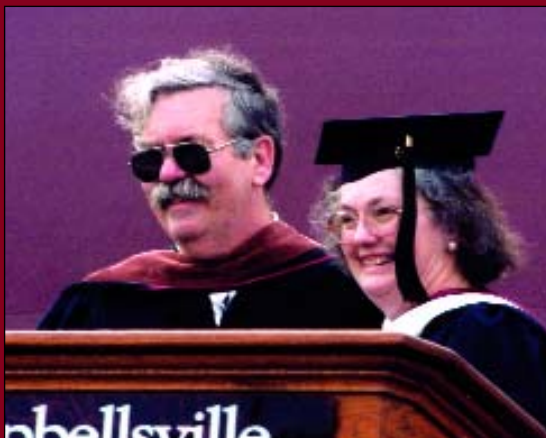


Keith Lewis, left, and his wife, Kristi Kay Kleinsasser Lewis, pose with Doug Skaggs. Mrs. Lewis and Skaggs' wife, Sheila, also a CU graduate, work together. (CU PHOTO BY JOAN C. MCKINNEY)



The Graduate Walk, a last walk across campus for the graduates, was led by President Michael V. Carter, right, and Dr. Frank Cheatham, vice president for academic affairs, left.

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Judy Clark, right, office assistant in the Office of Student Records, was presented her master's degree by her husband, Tommy Clark, professor of art. Judy Clark received the master of arts in social science, one of the first six recipients of the CU degree.

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Jennie Hall of Henderson, Ky. will be a master's student at Campbellsville University in the fall and a graduate assistant in the campus ministries area.

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Vanessa Farias Ferreira smiles as she awaits her degree.

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