

Major Notes

Send it in: *Millsaps Magazine* would like you to know that its Major Notes policy has changed. The magazine is now printing only information sent in specifically for Major Notes. In the past, material was gleaned from newspaper clippings and other sources. The change was made to protect the privacy of alumni and to simplify the editing process. We would like to encourage all alumni to send in their news items, whether big or small, personal or professional, to Tanya Newkirk, Major Notes Editor, Office of Alumni Relations, Millsaps College, 1701 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39210-0001. Fax: 601-974-1088. Phone: 601-974-1038 or 1-866-MILLSAPS (1-866-455-7277). Email: alumni@millsaps.edu. Please include your name, address, phone numbers, email address, graduation year and degree, and any news you want to share. Appropriate items include births, weddings, advanced degrees, awards, job promotions, etc. Photographs are also welcome. If you are aware of alumni who are not receiving the magazine, please send us their names and addresses.

1956



Valera B. (Bailey) Jones, B.A. 1956, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., won two gold medals and medaled in three other events at the 2007 Senior Olympics National Summer Senior

Games, held in Louisville, Ky., in June. She won gold medals in both the 10K and 5K runs. She finished third in the 400 meters, second in the 800 meters, and second in the 1,500 meters in the 70-74 age group. These three finishing times put her in the top 10 in Senior Olympic history. The national games, for athletes age 50 and older, are held every two years in different locations. This year's event featured nearly 12,000 athletes from 26 states, as well as Trinidad and Tobago. Jones was one of the 833 participants registered from Tennessee.

1960

Else (Mia) Aurbakken Adjali, B.A. 1960, of New York City retired Dec. 31, 2006, after serving 46 years in the United Methodist Office for the United Nations. She was the executive secretary for Global Concerns for the Women's Division and director of the United Methodist Office for the UN at the Church Center for the UN in New York City. The Women's Division is a nongovernmental organization in a special consultative status with the UN. Adjali also served as a member of the executive and the finance and administration committees of the Church World Service (CWS) Board, a representative for the CWS on the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches (NCC), and a member of the United Methodist delegation to the

NCC/CWS General Assembly. She has led numerous delegations to the UN, including the 1980 UN Mid-Decade Conference on Women in Copenhagen, the 1985 UN End of Decade Conference on Women in Nairobi, and the 2005 UN World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis. She chaired the International Affairs Commission of the NCC from 1986 to 1988 and the CWS Program Ministry on International Justice and Human Rights until 2000. Adjali has organized many national and international seminars, consultations, and workshops on critical issues such as women political prisoners, the right to communication and information, and the new economic order. Her published works include: *Liberation as an Aim of the Churches' Educational Work* (United Methodist Board of Discipleship, 1975); *Of Life and Hope: Toward Effective Witness in Human Rights* (Friendship Press, 1979); and *The Community of Nations* (Friendship Press, 1995). She has also written for United Methodist magazines. Adjali will continue as a member of the Global Ministries General Conference Resolutions Committee until 2008, in preparation for that year's General Conference of the United Methodist Church. In July 2006, she was elected to a five-year term as vice president of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women at the group's 11th assembly in Jeju, South Korea. As vice president, her responsibilities include serving as UN facilitator for the federation. Adjali has also been asked by the Women's Division to write a history of the United Methodist-owned Church Center for the UN.

1968

Dr. Geary S. Alford, B.A. 1968, of Jackson has retired as professor of psychiatry-psychology and director of the division of psychology at the University of

Mississippi Medical Center. He was also associate professor of pharmacology and toxicology, and clinical associate professor of family medicine. A former president of the Mississippi Psychological Association, Alford is board-certified and a fellow of the American Psychological Association. He has published numerous empirical, basic, and clinical research studies, and a total of 15 chapters in professional textbooks. He has served on the editorial boards of the journals *Behavior Therapy* (the most widely cited psychotherapy research journal in the world) and, for 24 years, *Behavior Modification*. He has also been an ad hoc editorial reviewer for more than 20 scientific journals, including *American Psychologist*, *Archives of Neurology*, *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, and *Addictive Behavior*. Alford was voted Psychiatry Teacher of the Year by UMC medical students in 2004, and Best Teacher by psychiatry residents in 2007. His lectures and seminars at the medical school were consistently rated highly by students and residents. Alford has also been a frequent speaker at the College, having presented several Millsaps Forums and given lectures in the departments of psychology, philosophy, and anthropology. He plans to continue scholarly writing, lecturing at UMC, and traveling to Europe and North Africa, where he has lived and studied.

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1972



George Edward Pickle Jr., B.A. 1972, of Kingwood, Texas, was elected corporate vice president on the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) board of

directors for 2007–08 at the association's annual meeting in July 2007. He has been an active member of the IADC since 1991, and has served as the chair of its Legislative, Judicial and Government Affairs Committee. The IADC serves an international membership of 2,500 peer-reviewed, invitation-only corporate and insurance defense attorneys, as well as their clients. Pickle is the senior government affairs counsel of Shell Oil Company in Humble, Texas. He is responsible for governmental relationships and lobbying, with particular emphasis on civil-justice reform in the United States and Europe. He also serves as board chair of the Product Liability Advisory Council. He is a board member of the Texas Civil Justice League, Lawyers for Civil Justice, and the American Tort Reform Association.

1974

Dr. Elaine M. Coney, B.A. 1974, of Magnolia represented Southwest Mississippi Community College as a William Winter Scholar at the Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration in February 2007. Held annually, the celebration presents a theme-based lecture series enhanced by films, field trips, workshops, exhibits, book signings, and discussions. Each scholar is chosen by his or her educational institution as the humanities division's most outstanding student, faculty, or staff member. Scholars are honored at the celebration's opening and closing sessions, and in printed materials and publicity. The group is also photographed with William Winter,

former governor of Mississippi, who has served as the director of proceedings for the celebration each year since the event began in 1990. Coney teaches English composition, first- and second-level Spanish, and emergency medical and conversational Spanish at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit.

1975



Russell H. Beard, B.A. 1975, B.S. 1986, of Diamondhead was selected in May as the director of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's National Coastal

Data Development Center at the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. He has served the center as chief science officer since 2002, during which time he has been instrumental in shaping the center's capability for producing diverse data products.

Dr. Robert (Dub) H. Darville III, B.A. 1975, of Rome, Ga., was promoted to dean of the School of Business Administration at Shorter College in February 2007. Prior to this appointment, he was chair of the Department of Business Administration at Shorter. He is also professor of accounting and the Sewell Chair of Business Ethics. Shorter is a four-year, Southern Baptist-affiliated liberal arts college in Rome.

Darville has been with the College since June 1985.

1976

William (Bill) P. Elliott, B.B.A. 1976, of Meridian joined the public accounting and management consulting firm Mahoney Cohen & Company as a shareholder in July 2007. He was also named head of the firm's International Tax and Consulting Practice, a new division that will provide business advisory services in international tax planning, business valuations, asset protection, and facilitation of operations in foreign markets to clients with global operations. Prior to joining Mahoney Cohen, Elliott served as managing member of the international tax and consulting division of Decosimo, a regional CPA, finance, and advisory firm. He was also a tax principal at Decosimo and a valuation practitioner within Decosimo Corporate Finance. A prolific writer and publisher, he is a frequent contributor to the tax magazine *CCH's Taxes*, is the review editor of CCH's 1120S Express product, and is a CCH audio series contributor. He publishes professional articles in the areas of international taxation, asset protection planning, and captive insurance companies. He also delivers speeches and presentations worldwide on international taxation and consulting. Elliott holds a master of law degree in international taxation from St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami, from which he graduated summa cum laude. He is currently pursuing a J.D. from Concord Law School, an accredited online law school registered with the California Committee of Bar Examiners.

1978

Steven G. Dean, B.B.A. 1978, of Memphis was promoted to senior vice president and chief financial officer of Buckeye Technologies Inc. in Memphis in July 2007. The company is a leading manufacturer and marketer of specialty fibers and nonwoven materials.

1979



Alan C. Hunter, B.A. 1979, and Elizabeth A. Bradley of Birmingham, Ala., were married July 7, 2007, in Birmingham. One of the five original video jockeys for MTV when the

station first went on television in 1981, Hunter is a co-founder of the independent film production company Hunter Films, Inc., and the production studio/entertainment venue WorkPlay. He is also president of the board of the Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival, an independent film festival in Birmingham that he co-founded. With his brother Hugh, he created the Birmingham/Jefferson Regional Film Office to promote and stimulate the economic viability of the film business in central Alabama. Hunter is also a radio and TV host on Sirius Satellite Radio and the STARZ/ENCORE networks. Bradley is a screenwriter and founder of MUSE OF FIRE: Shakespeare at Sloss, a nonprofit theatre company that stages performances in Birmingham's inner city.

1982

Richard D. (Dwayne) Chesnutt, B.S. 1982, of Long Beach is general sales manager with Turan Foley Motors, a Buick, Cadillac, and Chevrolet dealer in Gulfport.

1983

Amy Lyles Wilson, B.A. 1983, of Nashville was featured on NPR's Morning Edition on March 12, 2007, as part of the "This I Believe" essay series. In "The Guts to Keep Going," Wilson describes how she helped her newly widowed mother adjust to life alone by teaching her how to do things her father had always done. The essay project was begun in 1951 by the radio pioneer Edward R. Murrow to encourage Americans to communicate openly about the personal

philosophies and core values that guide them through their daily lives. A writer and editor, Wilson is currently working on a book about grief. She is the founder and publisher of Hamblett House Inc. in Nashville, and is studying theology at Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

1984

Anna Walker Crump, B.E. 1984, of Jackson presented a paper entitled "The Unsung Hero: Celebrating the Grant Writer" at the American Association of Grant Professionals' ninth annual conference in Washington, D.C., on November 10, 2007. Her paper focused on the grant writer's contributions to nonprofits and communities. In September, Crump was named executive director of the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence. A statewide organization based in Jackson, the coalition was begun in 1980 by domestic violence shelter programs and advocates for battered women to provide technical assistance to domestic violence shelters, community and professional education, and other related assistance to victims of domestic violence in Mississippi. Anna and her husband, minister Greg Crump, continue to provide trainings to churches and faith-based nonprofit organizations in central Louisiana through the Rapides Foundation in Alexandria. Their faith-based consulting agency, The Body of Christ Fellowship Ministries, LLC, has recently been added to the consultant pool for the National Network of Adoption Advocacy Programs, based in Richmond, Virginia. This will give them the opportunity to work nationally with churches and faith-based organizations, training them to organize and sustain ministries serving children in the foster care system.

1985

Carol Y. (Young) Mowen, B.A. 1985, of Greencastle, Pa., accepted a position as a senior associate with the National School Public Relations Association in July 2007. The association, which provides

school communication training and services worldwide, is based in Rockville, Md. Mowen's responsibilities include coordinating the production of several publications and providing support for public information officers and other officials within school systems. Prior to joining the association, Mowen was the public information officer for the public school system in Washington County, Maryland.

1987

Rick D. Patt, B.A. 1987 of Ridgeland is an attorney with his own practice in Jackson.

1989



David W. Higgs, B.L.S. 1989, of Wesson received the 2007 Barry M. Goldwater

Award in April. The award is sponsored by the Arizona Historical Society and given annually to the best paper presented at the Arizona History Convention. Higgs's paper, "George Wratten and the Apache Prisoners of War," focuses on the white interpreter who became the legendary Apache chief Geronimo's mentor and guardian after the tribe's final surrender in the late 19th century. Higgs is an instructor in the social science division at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, where he has taught for 14 years. He teaches a world civilizations survey course, Honors World Civilization II, and anthropology.

Dr. David M. Laird, B.S. 1989, of Jackson, Tenn., was named the 2007 Guest Excellence Doctor of the Year by the Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in April. Awarded by hospital staff members, the distinction is given annually to the doctor who best exhibits excellence in his or her service to patients and their families, as well as to colleagues

and hospital staff. The award recognizes integrity and professionalism, good conflict-management skills, a willingness to go beyond the scope of duty, and an attitude of respect for other professionals. Laird is a board-certified general surgeon and partner with Jackson Surgical Associates. He specializes in surgery of the endocrine organs, diseases of the breast, surgery of the gastrointestinal tract, surgery of the vascular system, thoracic surgery, and many other diseases.

1990

Dr. Peter M. Mitias, B.A. 1990, of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, was profiled in the *New York Times* article "Rising Breed of Migrant: Skilled and Welcome," on August 20, 2007. The article examined the way skilled professionals are welcomed by foreign countries at a time when unskilled workers face new barriers to migration. Mitias left a position at Hampden-Sydney College in Hampton City, Va., to become an associate professor of economics and director of graduate programs at the American University of Sharjah. He has helped create two new graduate programs at the university and guide its business school to American accreditation. The American University, located in the suburbs of Dubai, was founded in 1997 with financial support from the Sharjah ruler in hopes of building East-West ties. The school now has 4,000 international students and 300 professors, about half of whom hail from North America.

1991

Richard (Ricky) J. Manning, B.A. 1991, and **Rev. Shannon R. (Rogers) Manning**, B.A. 1997, of Jackson are the parents of Tucker Alexander, born Dec. 16, 2006. He has one brother, Nicholas. Ricky was named a property accountant with Parkway Properties in Jackson on May 7, 2007. Shannon has served as associate rector at St. James Episcopal Church since September.

1992

Susan Averitt Bobbitt, B.S. 1992, and Derrick Bobbitt of Fayetteville, Ark., are the parents of Carington Hope, born Feb. 1, 2007. She has two sisters, Kennedy and Brooklynn. Susan is a pediatrician with Northwest Children's Clinic at Willow Creek in Johnson. Derrick is a full-time father. A fund has been established in memory of their first daughter, who died in 2006. The Cameron Averitt Bobbitt Memorial Fund contributes to causes that will improve the lives of children and families, including children's hospitals, libraries, schools, and extracurricular activities. The fund's partnership with the nonprofit Fayetteville Community Foundation allows donations to be tax deductible. The family's other cause, donating children's books to needy children in Cameron's memory, has been established at cameronsamazingbooks.com.

1993

Alicia Peterson Clark, B.A. 1993, and Bill Clark of Alexandria, Va., announce the birth of their son, William Jacob (Jake), on April 22, 2007.

Lucy Pittman Culver, M.B.A. 1993, and Eskridge van N. Culver of New York City are the parents of Lillie Marilyn, born March 27, 2007. She has one sister, Jennevieve.



Anthony O. Willis, B.S. 1993, of Mableton, Ga., received the Helene Krivosha Scholarship for the 2006–07 academic year from Capella University, a regionally

accredited online university headquartered in Minneapolis. Two Krivosha scholarships are awarded annually to students enrolled in the School of Education, one at the master's degree level and one at the

doctoral level. Willis is pursuing a Ph.D. in postsecondary and adult education. He teaches grades K-5 in the gifted and talented program at LaBelle Elementary School in Marietta, Ga.

1995



Joe (Jody) F. Tidwell, M.B.A. 1995, of Jackson was named in June 2007 as president of the southeast division of Blue Clover, a San Antonio-based firm that combines strategic online

and traditional marketing communications. He was also named a partner with the firm. As division president, he will oversee all of Blue Clover's operations east of Mississippi, working from the firm's newly opened office in Ridgeland. Prior to joining Blue Clover, Tidwell was vice president of business development for Yates Construction Company for 12 years. He also served as chief of staff for Eddie Briggs, former Mississippi Lieutenant governor, and worked in various roles in economic development throughout the southeast. He has been a member of numerous boards and commissions, such as the MetroJackson Chamber of Commerce, the Governor's Workforce Training Council, and the Madison Economic Development Foundation. He has also served as president of the Mississippi Economic Development Council.

1996

J. Knox Boteler III, B.B.A. 1996, and Marian C. Boteler of Mobile announce the birth of their daughter, Anne Gliddon, on July 26, 2007. Knox is an attorney with the law firm Moore & Wolfe P.C. in Mobile.



Kim M. Budde, B.A. 1996, and Jake Rosenbarger of Boulder, Colo., were married Oct. 21, 2006, in New Orleans. Budde received her master's degree in exercise science

from the University of Georgia in May 2002. She works with professional cyclists for the BMC Racing Team in the United States and abroad. He is a professional cyclist for the BMC Racing Team.

Jennifer Ballard Gross, B.A. 1996, of Canton has been promoted to information technology customer advocate lead for Parkway Realty Services, LLC, in Jackson. The company is a subsidiary of Parkway Properties, Inc., a self-administered real estate investment trust specializing in operations, acquisition, ownership, management, and leasing of office properties.

1997

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1998

Mary Kathleen (Kate) Calvert Thornton, B.A. 1998, and James Leon Thornton of Atlanta announce the birth of their son, James Aubrey, on March 10, 2007.

1999



Scott Vickers, B.L.S. 1999, and Shelly Cecile Frank of Denver announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Taj, on March 2, 2006. Scott is an air quality enforcement officer for the

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Shelly is an early childhood specialist, with an emphasis on special education, for the Jefferson County School District.

2000

Michael J. Bentley, B.A. 2000, of Jackson graduated from the Mississippi College School of Law on May 11, 2007. He received the Dean's Award, which is given on rare occasion to the student who has excelled academically in an extraordinary way, has contributed much to the life of the law school, has been active and engaged in its co-curricular activities, and exhibits great character, leadership, and commitment. Bentley joined the Jackson office of the law firm Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP as an associate in October 2007.

Paul Welch, M.B.A. 2000, of Ridgeland graduated from the Mississippi College School of Law on May 11, 2007.

2001

Brandon G. Garcia, B.A. 2001, of Jeanerette, La., was chosen in July 2007 to handle a new beat created by *The Daily News* in Bogalusa and *St. Tammany News* in Covington to help improve court and governmental reporting for both publications, which serve parishes located within the 22nd Judicial District and share some legislators. Before his appointment to the joint position, Garcia worked for *The New Mexican* in Santa Fe for five years, covering a number of high-profile stories.

Jeffrey R. Mitchell, B.A. 2001, M.B.A. 2003, of Redwood City, Calif., was named director of compliance and student services for the Department of Athletics at Santa Clara University on Jan. 16, 2007.

He had served in an interim capacity in the same position since October 2006. A member of the department's senior staff, he is responsible for coordinating the department's NCAA Division I compliance program. His duties include the administration of financial aid, the evaluation of student-athlete eligibility, and the monitoring of coaching activities during recruiting and playing seasons. He is also responsible for conducting internal investigations and providing rules education and interpretations to department staff, other university personnel, and representatives of athletic interests. Mitchell's career in athletic administration was nurtured while he was in law school at the University of Mississippi, where he earned a J.D. in May 2006. While there, he served as a graduate assistant in the Department of Athletics, assistant operations manager for men's basketball, and the public address announcer for Ole Miss baseball, women's basketball, and volleyball. He served as Millsaps' sports information director following graduation, from 2001–03. He was also an assistant coach for the 2002–03 Millsaps baseball team, which advanced to the NCAA Division III South Regional Tournament. His wife, **April Slayden Mitchell**, B.S. 2001, is a research engineer at Hewlett-Packard Labs in Palo Alto, where she has worked for five years.



Julie C. Skipper, B.A. 2001, of Brandon joined the Jackson office of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC in July 2007. She is an associate in the law firm's commercial litigation

department. Her practice focuses on class actions, consumer finance matters, and business litigation.

2002

Ella A. Kuhn, B.A. 2002, of Natchez graduated from the Mississippi College School of Law on May 11, 2007.

2003

James (Jamie) W. Fite, B.B.A. 2003, M.B.A. 2004, of Jackson graduated from the

Mississippi College School of Law on May 11, 2007.

Anne J. (Jordan) Junkin, B.B.A. 2003, of Fairhope, Ala., graduated from the Mississippi College School of Law on May 11, 2007.

Matthew J. O'Bryant, B.S. 2003, of Ridgeland received his J.D. from the Mississippi College of Law on May 11, 2007.



Timothy A. Parsons, B.A. 2003, and Alexandra Gabrielle Carr of Tallahassee, Fla., were

married May 5, 2007, in Wakulla Springs, Fla. **Aaron P. Head**, B.S. 2002, served as a groomsman. His wife, **Brandi S. (Stockstill) Head**, B.S. 2002, was also in attendance at the wedding. Tim and Alex are both

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pursuing doctorates in anthropology at Florida State University. He is specializing in Eastern European prehistory, and she in pre- and proto-historic Floridian materials. In summer 2007, Tim began the initial phases of his dissertation research in Békéscsaba, Hungary, where he collected ceramic, bone, and carbon samples for petrographic analysis, trace element analysis, and radiometric dating. His goal is to eventually assign burial mounds constructed on the Great Hungarian Plain in the Late Copper Age and Early Bronze Age to specific cultural phases, which has not yet been done. For the past six summers, he has worked with the Körös Regional Archaeological Project in Hungary.

2004

Nicole L. Christopher, B.A. 2004, of Pensacola, Fla., received a master of divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta on May 14, 2007. She is a member of the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Adam O. Cook, B.B.A. 2004, of Memphis was promoted in April 2007 to corporate manager of system operations for Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Memphis. The integrated health-care delivery system includes seven hospitals located throughout West Tennessee, making it the third largest hospital system in the country. Cook received an M.B.A. from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) in May 2006, and an M.S. in healthcare administration from UAB in May 2007.

Daria K. (Kovalyova) Lorio, B.A. 2004, of Williamsburg, Va., is pursuing a master's degree in K-12 school administration at the College of William & Mary, where she is a graduate assistant in the School of Education's office of graduate admissions. Lorio served as coordinator of children's activities for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in the summer. From 2004 to

2007, she taught the K-5 special-needs classroom at Casey Elementary School in Jackson. She served as a mentor to **Monica Reible**, B.S. 2007, who interned in her classroom in fall 2006. Lorio was named the school's Teacher of the Year for 2006-07. In May, she received the Outstanding Special Education Teacher Award from the National Association of Special Education Teachers. She is married to **Jared E. Lorio**, B.A. 2005.

James (Trey) B. McClain III, B.S. 2004, of Memphis graduated from the Mississippi College School of Law on May 11, 2007.

Gloria B. Surber, B.A. 2004, of Athens, Ga., is pursuing a master's degree in Spanish and French linguistics at the University of Georgia. She is a teaching assistant for both French and Spanish introductory language courses.

Joshua Wittie, B.A. 2004, and **Kelly (Sellers) Wittie**, B.A. 2004, of Hammond, La., announce the birth of their son, Daniel Aaron, on March 9, 2007. Josh teaches world history and Western civilization to freshmen and sophomores and coaches football, soccer, cross country, and track at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School in Hammond. Kelly is an architectural historian with the New Orleans branch of a national cultural resource management firm. She is pursuing a master's degree in public history at Southeastern Louisiana University.

2005

Nora T. Oliver, B.S. 2005, of Baltimore began a master's degree program in public health at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in July 2007. Following the 11-month program, she will return to Jackson to complete her M.D. at UMC.

Casey M. Parks, B.A. 2005, of Portland accepted a position as a full-time reporter with *The Oregonian* in Portland in August 2007. She was an intern with the

newspaper from January to August 2007, during which time she covered education and the low-income suburb of Gresham. Parks's freelance articles have appeared in such publications as *Glamour* and the *Christian Science Monitor*. Her article "Black Woman, White Skin" appeared in the July 2007 edition of *Marie Claire*. The article is narrated by Kenosha Robinson, a current Millsaps junior, who describes growing up as an African American with albinism. Parks has also given several presentations, including one as a keynote speaker at the Global Issues Network Conference in Luxembourg in March 2007. At the conference, she spoke about the trip to Africa that she won through an essay contest held by Nicholas D. Kristof, a columnist for *The New York Times*. Parks accompanied Kristof on a two-week reporting trip through central Africa in October 2006. She also kept a blog chronicling the trip for *The New York Times* website. In June 2007, Parks spoke about multimedia journalism for beginners at the National Writers Workshop, hosted in Portland by *The Oregonian* and the Poynter Institute.

2007

Kate H. Anderson, B.A. 2007, of St. Louis, Mo., was selected in May 2007 as a member of the St. Louis Rams cheerleaders. She was also featured on the cover of the Rams' 2007-08 Cheerleader Calendar. The cheerleaders perform at all home games and attend a minimum of 12 public relations and charity events per year. Anderson is a marketing intern at Fleishman-Hillard Inc., a global communications agency headquartered in St. Louis.