Brown President Named New Chancellor

E. Gordon Gee to join Vanderbilt in August

As this issue went to press, E. Gordon Gee, president of Brown University, was named Vanderbilt’s seventh chancellor, effective August 1. His unanimous election at a special February 7 meeting of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust followed a nine-month national search that began last April when Chancellor Joe B. Wyatt announced his intention to retire in July 2000.

President of Brown since 1997, Gee—pronounced with a hard “g”—also holds a faculty appointment as professor of education and public policy. Under his leadership, Brown launched new interdisciplinary programs in human values and lifecycles and doubled its annual contributions in the span of two years.

During a press conference at Vanderbilt to announce his appointment, Gee said, “There is no other university in the country that already does as many things so well yet has almost limitless possibilities and a solid foundation on which to build for the future. Vanderbilt is blessed with rich traditions and even richer opportunities for learning, for discovery, and for service.”

A Board of Trust committee led by trustee chairman Dan Nish, C. Butterfield considered more than 250 candidates before nominating Gee as chancellor-elect.

A native of Vernal, Utah, he was graduated from the University of Utah in 1968 with a bachelor’s degree in History he earned J.D. and Ed.D. degrees from Columbia University in 1971 and 1972, respectively.

Gee, who began his career in academia as assistant dean of the law school at the University of Utah, first served as a chief executive officer at the age of 37 when he was elected president of West Virginia University. He became president of the University of Colorado in 1986, and in 1990 moved to The Ohio State University.

He is married to Constance Bumgarner Gee, assistant professor of public policy and education at Brown. At Vanderbilt she will be joining the faculty of Peabody College. Gee’s daughter, Rebekah, is a medical student at Cornell University.

For additional information, visit www.vanderbilt.edu/chancellorsearch. Gee will be profiled in more detail in the next issue of VANDERBILT MAGAZINE.
Deans Chapman, Hamilton, and Infante Announce Resignations

Dr. John Chapman, dean of the School of Medicine; Russell Hamilton, dean of the Graduate School; and Ettore Infante, dean of the College of Arts and Science, will step down from their posts this year.

The longest-tenured dean of any of the nation’s 125 medical schools, Chapman has led a full-service medical school that includes an affiliated hospital, as well as a research institute. He will assume a new role as associate vice chancellor for medical alumni affairs.

Hamilton, dean of the Graduate School since 1984, will take a year off beginning in July to prepare to return to the classroom in fall 2001 as a professor of Spanish and Portuguese.

Infante, who arrived at Vanderbilt in 1967, says he will continue to serve on the faculty, but will step down from his role as dean.

"I came to Vanderbilt with a mandate to change the graduate enterprise," says Hamilton, a scholar of Brazilian and Lusophone African literatures. "But as any faculty member will tell you, there’s no greater position than serving on the faculty, so I will step up."

During Hamilton’s term as dean, internal funding for junior faculty research increased, the university added PhD programs in anthropology, nutrition sciences, and nursing, and annual giving to the Graduate School quadrupled. Among his other accomplishments is a successful Dean’s Fellows program which recruits and provides scholarships for African American doctoral students preparing for university and college teaching.

Reflecting upon his role at Vanderbilt, Infante says he feels that he has been able to “rearticulate and rejuvenate” the undergraduate curriculum. “One of the most precious qualities about Vanderbilt is its commitment to undergraduate education, and I believe that what we have been able to do is recommit the university to that mission,” he says.

"In reality, this is not retirement," says Chapman, who arrived at Vanderbilt in 1967. "I would call it a continuation and evolution of what I have done at the University for the past 30 years. We have run a classroom on a campus of students and want to extend that to alumni of the School of Medicine. It is something that the best of alumni will be similarly committed to and will support."
Departments of electrical engineering and computer science, civil and environmental engineering, and a portion of mechanical engineering will be housed in the new facility. "The new building for the School of Engineering, a project that will enhance opportunities for teaching and research. In the fall of 2002, a new $28 million project already has received $16 million in commitments, an unprecedented record of giving to a single project by engineering alumni, Dean Kenneth Galloway says."

New space configurations will place departmental offices in close proximity to faculty and graduate student offices to enhance collaboration in teaching and research. The new facility also incorporates community space for students, which was previously lacking at the school.

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Two Blair School of Music students followed a select cohort of African music class and traveled to Africa last summer to learn more.

Senior Nathan Hoefl received a Vanderbilt Summit Research Grant to assist Gregory Barz, assistant professor of musicology (ethnomusicology), with a web project focusing on influential composers from West and East Africa. Julie Hunter traveled to West Africa through the Vanderbilt-in-Ghana program to work on her senior thesis.

The genesis for both their explorations was Blair’s class in African music. “Neither of us knew much about ethnomusicology before that. His class opened our eyes,” says Hoefl.

“Ethnomusicology serves as a window to a culture by looking at how and why music is made in that society. Both students attained their original thesis as a result of their experiences.”

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Gifted Youth Get a Jump Start

Academically gifted middle and high school students from the mid-South will spend three weeks at Vanderbilt this summer, studying advanced topics and getting a feel for college life. The Vanderbilt Program for Talented Youth, sponsored by the Peabody College, will offer the opportunity for talented youth to supplement their high school curriculum one-on-one.

During the 22nd annual Holocaust Lecture Series last October, Gad Beck, author of My Life: The Memoirs of a Gay Jew in Nazi Berlin, discussed his experiences as a Holocaust survivor and participant in the anti-Nazi resistance. Former director of the Jewish Adult Education Center in Berlin, Beck met with members of the University’s Graduate School of Religion’s Office for Students and Women’s Concerns where he described himself as a “triple target” of Nazi persecution—gay, Jewish, and a university student.

Ross Thompson, an assistant professor of psychology, special education, and psychiatry, and colleague and co-founder of the Vanderbilt Program for Talented Youth, have found that many of the brightest 15,000 to 20,000 American children with developmental disabilities and those who injure themselves may do so in order to stimulate the release of an endogenous chemical in the brain; many of these sufferers can be helped by the use of the opiate receptor antagonist, known as an analgesic chemical in the brain, and many of these sufferers can be helped by the use of the opiate receptor antagonist, known as naltrexone. Research conducted by Thompson and his colleagues have found that many of these infants and toddlers with autism suffer from functional self-injury.

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Under Jones’ leadership, the VSAF raised $6 million for scholarships in 1998. He led a $7 million capital campaign to raise the school’s athletic financial endowment to $18 million. The capital campaign would not have been possible without the commitment of the VSAF. In 1999, the VSAF raised $8 million for the new basketball practice facility.

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“Our football team is obviously better,” says Athletics Director Todd Turner. “Woodo has assembled and retained an experienced and capable staff and has energized the program with his unwavering commitment to rising to the top of the Southeastern Conference. He has done all this with no compromising Vanderbilt’s academic standards. In fact, the academic performance of the team also has improved under his leadership.”

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A BETTER PLACE

Thanks, but no thanks, Joe B. Wyatt told the Nashville caller at the other end of the line.

It was 1982, and the telephone call from a trustee at Vanderbilt University asking whether Wyatt might be interested in Vanderbilt's chancellorship came as a surprise. Then vice president for administration at Harvard University, Wyatt knew of Vanderbilt's search for a new chancellor, but he never imagined himself in such a position. His place as a Harvard administrator was more an outgrowth of his expertise in computers and technology than the result of a traditional career path in academia.

By that stage in his life, the 46-year-old mathematician and computer scientist had grown used to the ring of a phone signaling yet another institution or company interested in what he had to offer. As corporations and colleges across the country were scrambling to meet the growing need for computer expertise, Wyatt was in a seller's market.

Vanderbilt was not an unknown quantity to him. Two years earlier his college-bound sons, Bob and Alex, had chosen Vanderbilt for its excellent academics and other attractive qualities—not the least being the requisite 500 miles or more from Mom and Dad back in Cambridge.

The elder Wyatt told the Vanderbilt caller that day that he was quite happy in his work at Harvard. Weeks and months passed. The phone rang again.

"A few of us are coming to Harvard to meet with some other people," the Vanderbilt Board of Trust member said. "Why don't we just get together and talk?"

And so the first meeting between Joe B. Wyatt and a trio of Vanderbilt search committee members—Bronson Ingram, A '53, Sam Fleming, BA '28, and Pat Wilson, BA '44—took place. Wyatt talked about his passion for technology and his concern that nationwide, fewer students were studying science than 20 years earlier. The Vanderbilt contingent talked about their desire to elevate Vanderbilt from a good regional institution to a top-tier national and international one. By the end of the meeting, both sides had moved a little closer.

"Every part of Vanderbilt has benefited from Joe's vision of what a great university should and must be as we enter the next century," says Martha Ingram, chairman of the board.

Back in 1982, most office workers could consider themselves up-to-date if they knew their way around an IBM Selectric typewriter. Yet here was Vanderbilt's new chancellor in his State of the University address, looking toward the 21st century and talking of computer networks which "may soon be as convenient as your office telephone."

Tell It Like It Is

Wyatt's leadership style, like his background, has never fit the traditional academic mold. "Joe is unusual among university presidents in his willingness to "tell it like it is,"" says Bruce Alberts, president of the National Academy of Sciences.

"From the beginning Wyatt has listened to the free market, and talked of computers and other tools that make teaching and research more efficient," Alberts says.

It's an approach that has worked. "His record speaks for itself," says former trustee chairman John Hall, BE '55. "No matter what measures you use—academic reputation, financial stability, quality of faculty and students—all have dramatically increased during his tenure."

In 18 years, Vanderbilt's operating budget has grown from $200 million to $1.2 billion. Its endowment has soared from $170 million to $1.8 billion. Its medical center has grown from 200 to 460 beds. Its medical school—nurtured by Wyatt's vision of what a great university should and must be—has grown to 800 students. A new engineering school has been added, and a new computer science and science and technology school has been established. A new engineering school has been added, and a new computer science and science and technology school has been established.

"There are so many things we have accomplished in these 18 years that we should be proud of," Wyatt says. "But we can do even more."

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plished, and do mean the collective "we,"" Wyatt says. "I learned long ago that the formula for success lies in providing a sense of purpose for students, which has two parts: being challenged and feeling a part of something larger than themselves.

"The people who come to this university want to work hard, and I did not want to be the one to say, 'Here's what you're doing.'" Wyatt says.

The Renaissance of a Bankrupt Treasure

Shortly after arriving at Vanderbilt, Wyatt embarked on a mission to transform the university. He knew that the institution was in financial trouble and needed to be transformed into a world-class research university. Wyatt's vision for Vanderbilt was to create a campus that was not only academically rigorous but also financially stable.

In Wyatt's Words

"I'm not the sort of person who says, 'This is what we're doing,'" Wyatt says. "I'm the sort of person who says, 'We're doing this because it's the right thing to do.'"

On self-confidence:

"I am confident in the concept of the university and the contributions it makes to society," Wyatt says. "I am confident in the future of the university and the impact it will have on the world."
Wyatt himself set an example for students by accepting the presidency of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce a few years ago. “I think it helps bring Vanderbilt and the community together,” he says.

As a young educator in Chapel Hill, Major Burt Bull, Under Secretary of Agriculture, invited his son and an educator at the University of Texas, to bring an elephant named Topsy to work with the children in Nashville. That was the beginning of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber had several officers who were educators, and one of them was a professor of agriculture. He had brought the elephant, Topsy, to the Chamber’s meeting in Nashville. The Chamber members were very impressed with Topsy and decided to use her for public relations purposes. Topsy was an excellent example of what the Chamber was all about.

By the end of his senior year, he had four jobs, three with computer laboratories. He took the computer jobs that paid the best, with the General Electric Corporation, and married that summer after finishing college. “I met my wife at an American Institute of Electrical Engineers meeting in Minneapolis. We were both in the computer field, and we had a lot in common. We both loved the outdoors and enjoyed the same kind of activities. She was a great match for me. She loved computers and was very knowledgeable about them.”

His career at Harvard, in addition to a stint as vice president for administration, included serving as a senior lecturer in computer science on the faculty of Arts and Sciences, as well as full professor in the Kennedy School of Government, as well as being a standing faculty member at the Institute for Educational Management.

“Faye and I talked about it again recently, ” he says,”and I told her I don’t think I could have made it for this long, given the demands of my position, without the arrangement we had as a couple. ”

In any case, there will be no shortage of higher education a decade from now, Wyatt says, “We are positioned to take leadership roles through our interdisciplinary programs and collaboration, and to take courses for full credit by means of the Web at all levels of education, from kindergarten to post-graduate. ”

“It’s coming, ” he adds. “It’s just a question of what Vanderbilt and other institutions like us do, how competitive we can be. I’ll be out there fiddling with some of it. ”

Wyatt earned extra money doing farm work, construction, and helping out the local grocer. “I learned that rich people are not necessarily the best at paying their bills, and poor people aren’t necessarily the worst, ” he says.

Wyatt excelled on the dirt diamonds of East Texas. He might have had a career in baseball (see sidebar) or as a pilot. During World War II, just down the road at Round Field (now Tyler Airport), the U.S. Army Air Corps was training glider pilots. “It was magic to me, ” he says. “I hung out there as much as I could. ”

Following high school graduation, he enrolled at the University of Texas, where he excelled at math. Blessed with a capacity to analyze data, he started working in computer science.

“Back then, baseball was serious business in Dixie, ” Wyatt says. “Dixie didn’t offer football—the school was founded in 1835. ”

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In deciding these cases, we accept legal briefs and hear oral arguments from the countries involved. We deliberate, for long hours, and frequently for many days, to reach a decision that announces and explains our decision, which is later adopted by the member countries of the WTO.

Recent decisions have been described as “impartial and unflinching.” They must be. Rules are fair, and rules ultimately will be heeded, only if they are applied equally to one and all. Anything else is not the rule of law. It is the rule of the Athenians on Melos.

My colleagues have taught me much about the GATT and the other WTO agreements as I reminded Joe following his class, how Thucydides had given immortality to an ancient and arbitrary exercise of power during the Peloponnesian War. And I was pleased when my son, Joe, reported to me that he had learned about the “Melian Dialogue” as we discussed his class readings.

THE RULE OF LAW

With the rule of law, the law is written to apply to all equally, and all are equal before the law. With the rule of law, freedom becomes possible. Without the rule of law, we are not free. We are all potential victims of capricious power. We are all Melians.

That is why I joined the WTO, the struggle to establish the rule of law in the world is far from over. International law, especially, power still rules. Law ends as arbitrary, and the struggle continues. But we will continue to hope, and the hope continues to grow.

In this, we are strengthened by the fact that, unique among international tribunals, the decisions of the Appellate Body can be enforced. The member countries of the WTO agree to the rule of law in the world marketplace by imposing economic sanctions against those countries that do not comply with WTO rules. They also have the authority to settle trade disputes.

Historically, there has been little resemblance of rule in the world marketplace. For centuries, the reality of human nature has been revealed in the world marketplace through “protectionism.” Powerful domestic producers have long realized that, upon the governments of their country’s image suffering from other-nation tariffs and other non-tariff barriers as “protection” against foreign competition. Their barriers to trade have diminished competition, distorted world markets, and hindered the growth of world prosperity.

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I thought was the worst thing we could ever experience. “And,” he continues with a slight cough, “I’m certain it’s traumatic for her as well, but I can’t tell for sure. He did glean a heart-breaking insight into her state of mind on one recent occasion, however.

“Out of long moments of absolute silence, no communication, just sitting, looking into the distance, she suddenly said, very plainly and clearly, the first thing she had said in three or four years: ‘What has happened to me?’”

Mann does not complain about the formidable demands of caring for his wife. Nor does he complain about the Job-like series of medical afflictions he has faced... pain from a deteriorating back condition, a brain hemorrhage, and two heart surgeries to replace an aortic valve.

“He’s an amazing person,” JP Miller says. An active Vanderbilt alumnus, Mann has been a member of the Board of Trust since 1962, chairing its buildings and grounds committee from 1976 through 1985...

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Although those who have worked with Mann praise him as a consummate professional who runs a tight ship on the set, they note he displays a distinctive sense of humor as well.

For 1963's Dear Heart, where he was co-managing editor; and

Glenn Ford and Geraldine Page, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tad Mosel had a walk-on role consisting of one word. When the scene was filmed, though, Mosel ad-libbed his line instead of sticking to his own script.

“Tad was this terrible silence,” Mosel recalls. “A large cast of extras was watching and watching. Del came up to me and said so everyone could hear, ‘We are trying in this

Many of today’s established film students would do well to take similar courses of studies. I have grave problems with young people who go to college and immediately select a major of film-making when they are freshmen and concentrate on that, almost to the exclusion of the across-the-board education that I had. A little sample of Biblical literature, a little sample of English, a little sample of, heaven help us, math—I did not do very well at that.”

Mann, who provided an introduction to his future wife, Anne Carole Gillespie, met on registration day in their freshman year and sat next to each other in a few classes. Several times in the fall of 1957, Mann asked her out, only to be rejected. His intentions were nowhere, as did them.

But they worked together in a number of campus organizations, most notably the Huesler. When Mann was co-managing editor, he shared that post with Ann, who he feels would have been named editor had it not been for her gender.

In their senior year, they realized they were in love. After graduation, Ann became a reporter at the Nashville Banner, a paper that would eventually lead to her marriage to Del. At the time, she was with the Nashville Community Playhouse on Belcourt Avenue. “Most of what I know, I learned there,” she says.

In addition to having an affinity for “people-pleasing” Mann, his visionary effort to bring filmmaking to Nashville was again born out of necessity. As a child of the Depression, Mann understood the power of cinema to entertain and educate.

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The parrot was a very intelligent bird, and he soon learned to speak a few words. He would say "hello" and "goodbye" whenever I came near him, and he would also say "thank you" whenever I gave him food.

One of the parrots, named "El Salvador del Mundo" or "World of El Salvador" as he liked to be called, was particularly well-behaved. He always waited patiently to be fed, and he never tried to bite anyone. He was a pleasure to have around, and I was very fond of him.

Unfortunately, when I tried to release him back into the wild, a group of evil parrots attacked him and he was severely injured. I had to take him back to the hospital, where he was treated for his injuries.

Despite his injuries, El Salvador del Mundo continued to preach to the other parrots, and he soon became the most popular parrot in the world. People from all over the world would come to listen to him, and he was even featured on TV and in newspapers.

In the end, El Salvador del Mundo was released back into the wild, but he soon returned to me. I was happy to have him back, and we continued to spend time together, sharing our parrot experiences.

The story of El Salvador del Mundo is a heartwarming one, and it shows that even the smallest parrots can make a big difference in the world. I am proud to have been a part of his story, and I hope that others will be inspired by his example.
Women Living Zen: Japanese Soto Buddhist Nuns

Kane Robinson Arai, 164 pp. plus notes, appendices, bibliography, and index, Oxford University Press, $39.95 hardcover

The disparity raises a question as to whether a wealthier family has better access to the resources and information needed to take part in the magnet school experience, and the book explores the reasons for the lack of information regarding school choice. What accounts for the difference in the quality of magnet schools? Why does the magnet school program in Cincinnati serve more families than the program in St. Louis? Why do some magnet schools have higher graduation rates than others? These are some of the questions that the authors, Claire Smrekar and Ellen Goldring, seek to answer through their research.

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Boyce Smith and Carolyn Kinnard Ziffer, BA ’59, have three children and two grandchildren.

Bangor, Maine, spent much of 1999 traveling throughout the United States and Mexico and visiting the Collin Street Bakery, visit www.collinstreet-bakery.com. You may wind up joining Princess Caroline of Monaco, Zubin Mehta, Dr. J., and U.S. Embassy personnel around the world as regular customers.

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husband, Scott, announce the birth of a son, Brian, born on May 15, 1999. They live in New York City, where she is a vice president at Sciens Worldwide Public Relations, a health care communications firm based in New York City.

Mary Elaine Gill, BA, was named 2000 Distinguished Alumna. She graduated from medical school at Northwestern University in 1998. Christopher is training in physical medicine and rehabilitation, and Kris is training in pediatrics in Boston, where they live.
**Kristin L. Kirkman, BE, JD**

Kristin L. Kirkman, BE, joined Duncan McIntosh the Cleveland, Ohio, law office of Thompson Hine & Flory as a resident. She received her law degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2000 and her bachelor’s degree from Miami (Ohio) University in 1997.

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**Harriet Chappell Owsley, A'22, BS'25, MEd'98**

Harriet Chappell Owsley, A'22, BS'25, MEd'98, was appointed assistant professor of English at Tennessee State University in Nashville, July 2, 1999, of heart failure at her home after a lengthy illness. She lived on the Vanderbilt campus with her husband, Andrew L. Owsley, A'22, BS'25, MEd'98, and their two children, Andrew L. Owsley, A'23, BS'26, and Elizabeth A. Owsley, A'22, BS'25, MEd'98. She also was assistant director of the Andrew Jackson Papers at the Hermitage and editor of volume one of the Hermitage Papers, a three-volume series. BMI is a performing rights organization, representing more than 200,000 songwriters and publishers and a catalog of more than three million songs.

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**Marnie Ray, BA, BS, GL**

Marnie Ray, BA, BS, GL, of Nashville, May 26, 1999, on June 12, 1999. They are the parents of three children, Daniel R. Holmes, BA, MBA '99, and Jonathon Holmes, BS, BE, of Nashville, and Leila Holmes, BS, BE, of Nashville.

**Susanne Day, BS, BE, JD, MD**

Susanne Day, BS, BE, JD, MD, married John R. Steelman, BS, BA, MD, of Nashville, July 14, 1999. He was “assistant to the president” under President Harry Truman and was listed as one of Truman’s top-ten friends and advisors. His specific function was to set the schedule for the president’s meetings and appointments. He was also the president’s personal bodyguard and was present at all of Truman’s official functions.

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**Kevin Blaine Miller, BA, BS**

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**Eliza Must, BS**

Eliza Must, BS, writes that she is working on as many as ten different episodes concurrently. She worked on the show’s storyboards and story development and is currently working on a new episode. She has been involved in the show’s production for two years.

**Jennifer A. Fancourt McCord, BA, BE, BS**


**Vanessa S. Leustean, BS, BA, MEd**

Vanessa S. Leustean, BS, BA, MEd, married Richard Hartley, BA, of Nashville, on June 12, 1999. They are the parents of three children, Nathan Stephen Holleman, BS, BA, of Nashville, and Renie B. Porter, BA, of Monterey, CA.

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**Chandler Todd, BA, BS**

Chandler Todd, BA, BS, married Danielle Hicks, BA, who is pursuing a master’s degree in education last summer and was named director of student activities at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia.

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Robert Lynn Farrar Jr, of Rogersville, Tennessee, June 27, 1999. He was a retired chemist at the Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant and received numerous awards for his research in low-temperature and cryogenic systems. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, a son; two grandchildren; and a brother, William S. Mills III, BA '42, of Knoxville, Tennessee.

John Dawson Frierson Jr, JD '47, of Columbia, Tennessee, July 24, 1999. He served the city of Columbia as city judge and as a private practitioner. Survivors include his wife; a son, two daughters, three grandchildren; and a brother, William L. Frierson, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee.

Alden Hitchcock Smith, BA '27, of Tuxedo, New York, October 20, 1999. He was a retired surgeon, medical professor, and historian who was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Allen and Charles; two daughters, Susan Smith Hail, BA '59, and Susan Smith Hail, MD '64, and two grandchildren.

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Amelia Grace Williams, BS '59, of Gallatin, Tennessee, July 2, 1999, of cancer. He was an All-American guard in football at Vanderbilt who played offensive tackle and defensive end and also played at Alabama. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren, and a sister.

Philomena L. Rees, BA '50, of Hollywood, California, July 6, 1999, of breast cancer. After earning her degree in math and German, she worked in computer science at IBM in Dallas, the Vanderbilt Computer Center, First National Bank in Atlanta, HCA, and the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee. Most recently she was vice director of alumni education and travel at Vanderbilt. She is survived by her husband, her son, and her daughter.

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