Caring and Conserving: It’s Business as Usual at Oxford

To an outsider, Oxford might appear to be just another liberal arts college in a small Southern town. However, closer inspection reveals tangible evidence of innovative practices that address global concerns. Maybe it’s Dean Stephen Bowen biking to work or students making biodiesel in chemistry class. Large or small, each action is vital to the Oxford Sustainability Action Plan (OSAP).

Origins of OSAP
In 2005, Emory’s strategic plan identified sustainability as a core principle. The plan requires schools to evaluate the impact of their operations against “sustainability’s environmental, economic, and social bottom line,” says Emory’s director of sustainability initiatives, Ciannat Howett 87C. Developed within the context of Emory’s plan, OSAP encompasses fourteen initiatives and is specific to Oxford. It takes advantage of Oxford’s ability to “come to consensus and do things fairly promptly,” says Bowen. Howett concurs. “Oxford is a great example of taking the vision and making it their own.” OSAP’s goals include reducing energy use by 25 percent and tap water consumption by 10 percent.

Values in Action
Bowen won’t settle for mere “demonstrations of sustainability,” he wants sustainability to be how Oxford does business. This is evident at his campus domicile where new windows and insulation are making a noticeable difference in energy consumption.

Sustainability not only saves money, it attracts students. “Admissions is finding that it’s a recruiting tool,” comments Howett. Perhaps you’re a prospective student and member of the skeptical Y Generation. You’re considering several schools and you wonder—how does Oxford walk the walk of sustainability?

A Day in the Green Life
Pretend it’s a typical day at this not-so-typical school. You wake in your dorm, East Village is one of Oxford’s two new residence halls that implement Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) principles. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

Oxford’s proposed Science and Mathematics Building will offer many learning opportunities, inside and out. Eloise Carter, professor of biology and project shepherd, says Oxford is striving for LEED platinum status for this facility.

Beyond energy savings and improved air quality, a “green roof” will be the building’s most dynamic feature. Serving as an outdoor classroom, the roof will house a garden and greenhouse. “Green roofs conserve water, reduce heat load and noise pollution, and increase roof life by shielding UV rays,” Carter explains.

Closer to earth, a constructed wetland will conceal an underground blackwater treatment system while teaching students about the environmental benefits of wetlands. It’s all part of what will be a living example of sustainability. “Emory and Oxford are models for sustainable and healthy living, and I am tremendously proud to be part of this effort,” Carter says.
Coloradan Finds Oxford a Good Fit with Her Green Values

Amy Jingjing Yie 09OX is no stranger to sustainability. Her hometown of Boulder, Colorado, is known for being “green.” Yie, for example, tutored at an elementary school with “barely any trash in the trash cans,” because of its composting program. Just how has this young woman from a progressive Western city adjusted to life at a Southern liberal arts college? Quite well, actually.

Raising Awareness
When Yie realized sustainability practices weren’t widespread in the South, she got busy. “She was anxious to get involved with CORE (Conserving Oxford’s Resources and Energy) in her freshman year,” recalls Theodosia Wade, senior lecturer in biology and CORE adviser. Created in 2005, the Student Government Association (SGA) committee is already making an impact on campus. “SGA felt sustainability was important enough to have its own committee,” says Wade.

One of Yie’s first CORE endeavors helped to address Georgia’s longstanding drought. Working with other students and Wade, Yie created shower stall cards reminding students to take short showers. This fall, dorm showers will feature timers to make students aware of the ongoing need to conserve water.

Yie also helped organize Lights Out Oxford, part of a nationwide event that asks people to turn off all unnecessary electricity for one hour. “She does a good job encouraging other students and is able to get them on board,” Wade notes. The ability to rally others served Yie in good stead at last spring’s well-attended Earth Day Festival. This environmental awareness event was open to the public and was organized by students.

According to Wade, Yie is a “role model for other students.” She is a dedicated recycler and a frequent Cliff rider. Back in Boulder, Yie’s family unplugs appliances that aren’t in use, and Yie takes the shower stall card lesson to heart. This year, she will be a CORE coleader.

Shared Values
When Yie first visited Oxford, she was impressed with people’s friendliness. She liked the idea that Oxford and Emory offered her “the small school and big school experience.” As student at Oxford, she appreciates the University’s culture of sustainability. “I go to a school where the administration and faculty are committed to sustainability. That makes it easier for us [CORE] to get things passed. I’m impressed that Emory has its own Office of Sustainability with a director, and also that Emory made Princeton’s top green schools list.”

The business/education major is keeping her options open. She hopes to attend graduate school and may join Teach for America, a two-year teaching stint in low-income areas. Or, she might get involved with some aspect of sustainable business. In the estimation of Wade, Amy Jingjing Yie is a “real go-getter” who will continue opening minds wherever she goes.

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—Amy Jingjing Yie 09OX
The last three years have been tremendously productive for Oxford College. Our distinctive role within the University is now clear, and we are fully enfranchised. We have new residential complex and facilities across campus have been remodeled. We have added exciting new faculty, strengthened academic and campus life programs, and applications for admission are burgeoning. As significant as they are, these accomplishments are just a prelude to the Renaissance of Oxford College. Our current momentum in innovative pedagogy, the design of built spaces that maximize learning, and the creation of a campus culture that prepares Oxford alumni to be morally aware, engaged leaders has already carried us across the threshold. But just how far we get in bringing the Oxford vision to reality will depend on the Oxford Campaign.

At its heart, Oxford is the same today as it has always been. We appoint dedicated faculty who are interested in students as persons and who have high standards for student learning and character development. We recruit students who are creative, curious, socially engaged, and who want to learn. Students, faculty, and staff work together in a tight-knit community for two years. After that, Oxford grads are ready to make their marks on the Atlanta area and the world.

Although the heart has remained constant, how we work with students has changed. Oxford’s faculty are known internationally for their innovation and effectiveness in teaching. We accomplish more with students today than we did even a few years ago. Much of this improvement has been possible only because we worked around the limitations of our long- outdated buildings, but we have taken this approach as far as it can go. Now we are energetically engaged with research on and design of new teaching spaces that amplify student learning. Plans for both the Library and Academic Commons, and the Science Learning Environment incorporate this learner-centered approach to building design. The other critical needs addressed by the Oxford Campaign are for student scholarships and for annual gifts that let Oxford seize opportunities as they emerge.

The Library and Academic Commons (LAC) will not be a typical repository of books. Instead, it will combine information resources with the support of information specialists in collaborative spaces designed to promote individual and small-group learning. A significant collection of print-based materials will be complemented by the online information resources of one of the world’s top research universities. Staff who are experts in information access and evaluation will be available at all hours as consultants and tutors. An Oxford-like feature of the new building will be the many spaces set aside for small groups of faculty, staff, and students to work together on projects. We know that Oxford students are social learners and in these spaces they will flourish.

The Science Learning Environment (SLE) will also be a distinctive building designed to catalyze learning by taking advantage of Oxford’s setting and approach to teaching. Most science buildings have been designed with separate teaching and research facilities, and the faculty spend the majority of their time in the research areas. At Oxford, faculty spend much of each day with students and SLE faculty offices will have adjacent spaces for work with students. The layout of classrooms and laboratories will be highly adaptable to let each instructor and their students create a hybrid classroom/laboratory environment that supports their work best. The building itself will inspire scientific curiosity with leading-edge environmental features including low-demand energy and water systems and a constructed wetland that will process wastes from the building. The SLE will extend into Hearn Woods where it will offer a view into the forest canopy.

Scholarship Support is vital if students from middle- and lower-socioeconomic backgrounds are to continue to attend Oxford College. The total cost of attendance is now nearly $41,500 per year. When compared to the nation’s median family income of about $48,000, it is clear that most students can attend Oxford only with financial assistance. Our current scholarship endowment of $19 million is important but actually provides only 7.6 percent of the financial aid students need each year. Other sources, primarily tuition dollars, have to make up the difference. Building the scholarship endowment is essential if we are to continue to enroll the kinds of students who have traditionally attended Oxford College.

Annual Giving is the fourth element of our Oxford Campaign. Annual gifts make it possible for the dean to remodel classrooms, upgrade residence hall facilities, support international travel programs, and generally to support a host of projects and programs that add vitality to the year’s activity. Annual gifts are included in the total raised for the Oxford Campaign.

The Renaissance of Oxford College will be the rebirth of Oxford’s early twentieth-century ethos in an early twenty-first century setting. This will be no small task. Although we are well along the way, it will require at least $40 million in philanthropic support to bring this vision to fruition. Oxford has not had this scale of philanthropic support in the past, but it must in the future. No project during the next five years will be more important, and I, Oxford’s development staff, and the entire Oxford community are dedicated to making it a success.

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love of the institution. “The Oxford experience is phenomenal and almost everybody feels that way,” he says. Mann says the campaign is essential to create additional scholarship opportunities, to build new facilities, and to improve existing ones.

While Joe Edwards realizes the current economy presents fundraising challenges, he remains optimistic. “Oxford has a fine dean and a wonderful faculty. The system is working well. People like to support something like that.” He notes that thanks to a large gift, Oxford’s campaign is 45 percent ahead of its goal of raising $40 million.

Mann is likewise upbeat about the campaign. He cites Emory’s financial commitment to Oxford and asserts “the Oxford community is stepping up” to the fund-raising challenge. “It’s not just Joe and me. It’s volunteers out there sharing the Oxford message every day.” Mann says. Those volunteers would agree with Edwards when he says, “Oxford is near and dear to my heart.” With a love that strong, Oxford is certain to meet its fund-raising goal.
Catalyst for Local Change

If you saw businessman Scott Walton 89OX 91C step into his financial planning office, you might not picture him at the epicenter of a local sustainability movement. However, thanks to Walton’s ability to connect people and ideas, he helped spark a grassroots sustainability organization in his sweet home Alabama.

Walton’s love of the outdoors contributes to his interest in protecting natural resources. His physician father also made him intuitively aware of the connection between health and the environment.

LEEDing by Example
When Walton renovated a 1940s building in Homewood, he had two requirements. “I wanted a shower since I bike to work, and I wanted to know about solar energy. We get lots of sun in Alabama.” That’s when his architect mentioned the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

Discovering LEED transformed Walton’s building into a sustainability showcase. His office features recovered oak flooring, a rooftop garden, recycled blue jean insulation, a 1,500 gallon cistern, and solar panels.

By moving toward sustainability, Walton changed his community. “Things amped up when I discovered green buildings, but there was no entity to share the message with the masses.” As a result, Walton did what any twenty-first-century man on a mission would do. He sent an email inviting a dozen people to a sustainability discussion. Forty showed up. “There was a remarkable need, desire, and intensity” during that three-hour session.

Scott has demonstrated himself to be a visionary in the community. He’s good at bringing pieces of the puzzle together.

— Mark Rubino, executive director, Green Resource Center for Alabama

Death Be Not Proud
Alumnus Stewards Land into Sustainable Resting Place

The land adjacent to Jim Bell’s 68OX 71C Milton, Georgia, property has long been the burying ground for members of the Boiling Springs Primitive Baptist Church. Gazing over his pasture, Bell considered a similar, yet fundamentally different way, to preserve his bucolic landscape while generating income. In doing so, he entered a paradigm shift in the way Americans deal with death.

Eternal Sustainability
Within a year, Bell went from no knowledge of green burials to learning about them from the front page of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and National Geographic. Before creating Milton Fields on seventeen of his thirty acres north of Atlanta, he consulted with the Green Burial Council (GBC) (www.greenburialcouncil.org) and partnered with Conservation Burial Partners.

Essentially, green burials simplify the end-of-life process. The deceased is not embalmed (it’s not required by law) and is buried in a biodegradable shroud or coffin. Flat stone markers or GPS readings are substituted for monuments. Unlike manicured grounds, eco-friendly cemeteries cause no visual changes to the landscape. Ultimately, natural burial sites save construction, and maintenance practices for environmentally sustainable living . . .” This central clearinghouse directs people to information resources, whether they want to build a compost pile or increase their R-factor.

Building Momentum
Since the center opened in 2007, Walton has met with “over 3,000 people” including citizens, mayors, senators, and contractors. The center facilitates meetings between industry and environmentalists, conservatives and progressives. The State of Alabama asked the organization to collect data on green jobs to attract clean industry. Walton believes industry will embrace sustainability. “You save money, get good press, and it’s the right thing to do.”

Promoting sustainability in the Deep South might seem an uphill battle. Walton, who has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, doesn’t let preconceived notions get in his way. He admires Oxford professors for being “independent thinkers who care about the environment in a global way,” and finds that, “When you pay attention to your environment, it can lead to big things.”

Scott Walton, pictured on the roof of the Green Resource Center for Alabama, spearheaded sustainability in his area by sharing information and providing resources.

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Walton didn’t just launch the idea and bike off into the sunset. “He opened his doors, making himself and his business available for meetings and for people walking in with questions,” says Mark Rubino, executive director for the center, which is located in Walton’s office building. The center now has a diverse board of directors and two full-time employees.

The center’s website (www.greenalabama.org) says its mission is to “educate the public, industry professionals, and policymakers about design, science, and technology. To him, green burials make good sense.

In his sweet home Alabama.

The High Price of Dying
On average, green burials cost one-half to two-thirds less than conventional burials. As sustainability gains momentum, more consumers question spending thousands on funerals when that money could help fund a grandchild’s education. Green burial presents “an option that’s ecologically sound and less expensive,” says Bell and notes that many religious groups have practiced natural burials for generations.

Consumer Education
Education is essential to addressing misconceptions about green burials. For example, the risk of ground water contamination appears minimal, according to a British study. While some express concern that animals might disturb

Scott Walton on the roof of the Green Resource Center for Alabama.

Jim Bell provides an ecologically sound burial choice.

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Jim could have done something else with his land, but chose to do something that will benefit the community.

— Joe Sehee, executive director of the Green Burial Council

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FAST FACTS: Grave Concerns:

**Burial’s Price to the Planet**

Every year, conventional burials place the following materials into the ground:

- • More than 800,000 gallons of formaldehyde
- • More metal from caskets than was used in the Golden Gate Bridge
- • Enough reinforced concrete from vaults (1.6 tons) to build a two-lane highway from New York to Detroit

*Source: Green Burial Council*

For more information about Milton Fields, contact Jim Bell at bell@miltonfieldsgeorgia.com or 770.752.1446.

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Sustainability Seminar Debuts at Oxford

Sustainability and environmental awareness permeate the culture of Emory University and Oxford College. It’s logical, therefore, that those values are taught in the classroom. Last spring, two Oxford professors put their passion for sustainability into action by developing the college’s first seminar on sustainability.

Assistant Professor of Physical Education and Dance Jasmin Hutchinson and Assistant Professor of Chemistry Jack Eichler were inspired to create the seminar after attending a Piedmont Project workshop. During this workshop, faculty members were able to explore issues affecting the Piedmont—the region where Emory and Oxford are located. Hutchinson and Eichler were “struck by the variety of workshop attendees interested in sustainability,” Hutchinson recalls. Their realization birthed the idea of an interdisciplinary seminar focusing on sustainability. They proposed that the course be taught by lecturers from different academic disciplines and backgrounds.

Enthusiastic Response

Enrollment for the first seminar, Fossil Fuels and Sustainability, “filled right away,” according to Hutchinson. Seminar attendees represented a fifty-fifty mix of science and nonscience majors. The goal of the course was to give students a “multidisciplinary perspective on the use of fossil fuels for energy and its impact on local and global environmental sustainability.”

Each week, a guest lecturer spoke on an issue and engaged students in discussion. For example, Theodosia Wade, a biologist, discussed climate change. Eichler spoke about ground level ozone. Another week, Hutchinson lectured on the relationship between alternative transportation and health. A speaker from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention addressed public health. Additional topics included anthropology, fuel derivation, and economics.

Students were given writing assignments that encouraged them to consider sustainability implications and solutions. “The students appreciated the multidisciplinary approach. Their sophistication grew from the first paper to the last,” Hutchinson notes. The seminar’s viability was further confirmed when the professors received an Incentives Fund Award and a Faculty Development Council Award for their efforts.

Laboratory for Learning

The seminar has been so well received, it will be taught every spring with rotating themes. This will allow students to attend two seminars during their Oxford tenure. Water issues will comprise the upcoming seminar’s theme. “Future seminars are open to other faculty with a desire to steward or teach,” Hutchinson explains, adding, “The seminar is a work in progress.”

Oxford’s small class sizes allow professors to be innovative educators, and this makes it easier to implement flexible teaching models such as the sustainability seminar. While this unique approach to sustainability education was incubated at Oxford, its impact could extend beyond the college. “Oxford is a great place to pilot this seminar, but I’d love to see it at Emory, too,” Hutchinson says.

Emory Cares International Service Day 2008

Students, alumni, parents, faculty, and friends of Oxford College are invited to participate in Emory Cares International Service Day 2008.

The college will use donations from Oxford- and Covington-area businesses and others to create and fill shoeboxes for Newton County foster children and local nursing home residents. Boxes will be filled with donated personal toiletries, activity books, small games, stuffed animals, socks, school supplies, and gift cards. The boxes will help children with the transition into a foster home, as well as serve as care packages for the elderly in area nursing homes.

Furthers the University’s mission of serving humanity, Emory Cares has grown into a worldwide celebration of service in more than forty-one cities in the United States and internationally. Alumni volunteer coordinators and onsite coordinators create service projects in each city, and many Oxford alumni have either coordinated or participated in the events around the country. Last year, led by alumni volunteer coordinator Jennifer Hogan ’95OX 97C, Oxford College and the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services collected and made packages of personal items for more than three hundred children and fifty elderly adults in Newton County. Their goal is to do even more in 2008.

The Oxford Emory Cares event will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Student Center at Oxford College. You can bring along your family and friends to participate. Contact Tammy Camfield ’90OX 91C for more information at tcamfield@emory.edu or 770.784.8414 or visit www.oxford.emory.edu.

Caring andConserving

Continued from page 1 one of several campus buildings that implement Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) principles. You pedal to class on a loaner bike from the Bike Share fleet. Next, you pass the Oxford community garden on your way to the cafeteria. You note that by the time your youngest brother attends Oxford in 2015, 75 percent of the food will be locally grown. After breakfast, you toss your juice bottle in the recycling bin, joining 59 percent of the campus population that recycles.

That afternoon, you spend a couple hours pulling invasive plants alongside OSAP facilitator Erik Oliver, and volunteers from the SGA committee, Conserving Oxford’s Resources (CORE). Everyone’s buzzing about Emory’s place on The Princeton Review’s “2009 Green Rating Honor Roll.”

After a refreshing drink under your low-flow shower head, you visit Atlanta on CitiBike—a campus shuttle running on 100 percent alternative fuel. You return to Oxford in time for a lecture on global water conservation, a topic that dovetails nicely with tomorrow morning’s sustainability seminar. Finally, you call it a day, feeling a little bit better about the world you’re helping to shape for tomorrow.

For more information on Emory/Oxford sustainability initiatives, visit www.emory.edu/sustainability.
**Prior to 1970**

**Larry Threlkeld** 61OX of Valdalia, Georgia, was elected probate judge for Toombs County.

**1970–1979**

**Barbara Pinsky** 71OX 73C was elected delegate to the Modern Language Association. She is an adjunct professor at Georgia Tech.

**Camille Davis-Williams** 73OX 75C 81M 85MR was named ophthalmologist of the year by the Atlanta Medical Association (AMA). The AMA is the oldest African American physicians organization in the country.

**John Fisher** 77OX 79C was selected as a clock captain for QantasLink, a wholly owned subsidiary of Qantas Airways. He resides in Sydney, Australia.

**Angela Martin** 77OX 79C 84M held the associate professorship for her new pediatric clinic on August 9, 2008, in Anniston, Alabama.

**1980–1989**

**Born to:** Marc Haddad 87OX 89C and his wife, Kelly, a son, Henry Lucas, on May 5, 2008. The family lives in Smyrna, Georgia.

**Larry Newton** 87OX 89C received a doctorate’s degree from Georgia Southern University in 2007. He is an assistant school superintendent in Jones County and a part-time instructor at Georgia College and State University’s graduate program in Milledgeville.

**Katherine Deaver Robinson** 87OX 89C 96PH is the program surveillance coordinator for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Global AIDS program, in Pretoria, South Africa. She relocated with her husband Brian Robinson 88OX 90C in January 2008.

**1990–1999**

**Born to:** Nancy Lord Anderson 90OX and her husband, Brian, a daughter, Claire Elizabeth, on January 25, 2008. The family lives in Hermitage, Tennessee.

**Born to:** Heathery Moyer Iglar 90OX 92C and her husband Len, a son, Thomas Henry, on October 24, 2007. They live in Marietta, Georgia.

**Kate Bailey Vigilante** 90OX 92C 95O 99C is a lecturer in policy science at Oxford College. She and her family live in Atlanta.

**Gail Reid** 91OX 93C graduated from Georgetown University Law School and has joined the law firm Sutherland, Asbill, and Brennan in Atlanta.

**Born to:** David Wall 92OX and his wife, Lana, a daughter, Hannah Marie, on April 26, 2008. They live in Atlanta.

**Born to:** Pamela Schmidt-Melsh 93OX 95O 99C and her husband, Tyler Melsh, a daughter, Gwendolyn Melsh, on October 24, 2007. The family lives in Vero Beach, Florida.

**Born to:** Lisa Goetz Stenoson 94OX 96C and her husband, Lance, a daughter, Gina Fay, on March 19, 2008. The family lives in Chandler, Arizona.

**Born to:** Justin Austin 96OX 98B and his wife, Jennifer, a daughter, Caroline Fern, on February 17, 2008. Justin is a director of finance and risk management at Madix.

**Born to:** Daniel Cupperly 96OX 98C and his wife, Sarah Kemmerer Cupperly 04L, daughter, Claire Elizabeth, on March 12, 2008. The family lives in Marietta, Georgia.

**Born to:** Susanna Carrasco Lockwood 96OX 98C and her husband, Resa, a daughter, Adelaide, on February 5, 2008. The family lives in Atlanta.

**Melissa Tweet Griffl** 97OX 01T was ordained at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia, on June 9, 2008. She and her family live in Savannah, Georgia.

**Born to:** Emily Howard Staub 97OX 99C and her husband, Bernhard, a son, Alden Bernhard, on April 23, 2008. The family lives in Atlanta.

**Tresa Allen Chappell** 98OX 00C 04M is working in a private pediatric practice in Alpharetta, Georgia, and is married to Clay Chappell 04M, who is doing a cardiology fellowship at Emory.

**Born to:** Jessica Elam 98OX 99C and her husband, Jamie, a daughter, Arabella (Bella) Milloy, on August 6, 2008. The family lives in Oxford, Georgia.

**Born to:** Ryan Flynn 98OX 00B 08B and his wife, Julie, a daughter, Sophia Hanna, on May 24, 2008. They live in Atlanta.

**Married:** Samuel Jackson 99OX 10C to Louisa on May 24, 2008, at the Atlantic, Paradise Island, Bahamas. They live in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

**Chi Chi Okezi** 99OX 00C is the author of the book, SIMPLEx/Excellence: Creating Opportunities . . . The new form of success!, which is named after her company.

**Born to:** Michael Silverio 99OX 00C and his wife, Phyllis, a daughter, Mia Therese, on June 2, 2008. They live in Roosevelt, Georgia.

**Born to:** Kristen DeVetter Lynch 99OX 01B and her husband, Jason, a son, Aiden Jon Lynch, on May 27, 2008. The family lives in Covington, Georgia.

**Shanna Alexander Rowland** 99OX 00C 03G 05PH won the Miss Georgia American Pageant on June 22, 2008. She represented the state nationally at the Miss American Pageant on September 2, 2008.

**2000s**

**Born to:** Mehdi Davis Clark 01OX 03C and her husband, Benjamin Clark 00OX 02C, a son, Matthew Blue, on April 30, 2008. The family lives in Kennesaw, Georgia.

**Married:** Kirsten Clark 02OX 04C to Andrew Stearns on August 2, 2008, in Tampa, Florida.

**Born to:** Emily Allen 06OX 08C was selected as one of the four Robert T. Jones Scholars from Emory University.

**Sam Bradford 05OX 06C was selected as one of the four Robert T. Jones Scholars from Emory University.

**Married:** Sarah Goody 07OX 10C to John F. Kennedy on August 2, 2008. They live in Atlanta.

**Deaths**

The Emory flag will fly at half staff over the Oxford Green on September 24 to honor and remember these members of our community.

**Nat C. Robertson** 37OX 39C of Princeton, New Jersey, on April 24, 2008.

**Drury Reid Wilcox** Jr. 37OX 39B of Montezuma, Georgia, on July 3, 2008.

**Thomas E. Reeve** 39OX 41C 41M of Carrollton, Georgia, on June 12, 2008.

**John R. Hayes** 42OX 44C 46M of Kerrville, Texas, on January 6, 2008.

**Thomas M. Brown** 43OX of Milledgeville, Georgia, on April 16, 2008.


**Arva C. Floyd** 44OX of Bethesda, Maryland, on March 3, 2008.

**Edgar Malcarin** 48OX 50C of Chicago, on April 4, 2006.

**Edwin Lawson Franklin** 49OX of Savannah, Georgia, on October 27, 2007.

**Donald E. O’Rourke** 51OX 53C of Galuppolis, Ohio, on February 5, 2007.

**Robert H. Wright** 51OX 53D of Columbus, Georgia, on February 17, 2008.

**Burns Caldwell Cox** Jr. 53OX of Tucker, Georgia, on May 9, 2008.

**John A. Evans** 54OX 58C of Corpus Christi, Texas, on March 30, 2008.

**Stephen Canterrell Deas** 57OX of Extonton, Georgia, on November 16, 2001.

**Robby L. Bowen** 61OX of Palmetto, Georgia, on April 11, 2008.

**Robert Stanley Campbell** 64OX of Tucker, Georgia, on April 22, 2008.

**Gay Baker Monster** 70OX 72C of Liburn, Georgia, on May 26, 2008.

**David V. Fox** 70OX 73C of Richmond, Virginia, on July 29, 2005.

**Glenn A. Thompson** 71OX 73C of Wagner, South Carolina, on May 31, 2009.

**Jan Cashion Steckel** 75OX 77N of Morganton, North Carolina, on October 27, 2007.

**Donna Renee Jensen** 82OX of Little Rock, Arkansas, on June 2, 2008.

**John Lewis Keller** 84OX 87C of Atlanta, on August 23, 2008.