

Class Notes

Talmadge Hagee (1941), a graduate of the Cumberland University School of Law, now resides in Seal Beach, Calif. with his wife of 39 years, Helen. Upon graduating from CU, he served as corporate attorney for International Harvester Company. Mr. and Mrs. Hagee owned Hagee and Lewis Petroleum Company in El Segunda, Calif. before selling the final oil well in 2003.

Nick Katzenstein (2000) currently serves as executive vice president for Mission Linen Supply in Santa Barbara, Calif. The company rents uniforms, bed linens, tablecloths and napkins to commercial and industrial clients and employs 2,700 workers in several states. Katzenstein's grandfather, George Benson Page, founded Mission Linen Supply over 70 years ago.

Crysti Schklar Wilson (2000), resides in Trenton, Ga. with her family and teaches with the Hamilton County (Tenn.) school system. She earned a master's in elementary education from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in May 2008.

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Garrison Drake (1940), a resident of Cartersville, Ala., passed away at his home on March 27, 2008. He was the son of the late Samuel Breeden and Frances Garrison Drake and was a native of Athens, Tenn.

A graduate of McMinn County High School, Tennessee Wesleyan College and Cumberland University, Drake served as an officer in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps in the European Theater from 1942 until 1945. On Dec. 20, 1942, he married Christine Elizabeth Scott, who survives him.

In 1947, Drake began a 33-year career with Union Carbide Corporation. He initially worked at the Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Oak Ridge, Tenn. In 1967, he transferred to the Electronics Division in Simpsonville, S.C., where he was a Senior Chemical Engineer until his retirement in 1981.

While residing in Tennessee and South Carolina, Drake was an avid volunteer with the Lions' Club and other neighborhood organizations. He served over 30 years with the Boy Scouts of America. For his entire adult life, he supported the United Methodist Church in multiple leadership roles. At the time of his passing, he was the assistant pastor of the Forest Hills Methodist Church.

Edna Earle Key Baker passed away on April 10, 2008. She was born March 4, 1914 in Hartsville, Tenn. to Edward Madden Key and Bessie Eugenia Walker.

After high school, Baker attended Cumberland University on an academic scholarship. After one year at CU, she began a teaching career that would span 25 years at a one-teacher school in rural Trousdale County at a salary of \$45 per month. She then taught for four years at the Trousdale County Elementary School before moving to Marlboro, N.Y. in 1940. In that same year, she married her husband of 27 years, Howard C. Baker Sr.

After starting a family of three children, Baker began teaching at the Fostertown Elementary School in the Newburgh School District. At the same time, she began courses at the Teacher's College of New Paltz, where she completed a bachelor's degree with a teaching certification in the early 1960s. She taught second and fifth grades in the Fostertown school before her retirement in 1974.

Baker had been an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Marlboro since 1941, serving as a deacon and elder there for many years. She was also very active in the Presbyterian Women's Association of the same church, serving as its secretary for many years. In addition, she was a Sunday School teacher in the First Presbyterian Church of Marlboro for more than five decades.

After retirement, Baker enjoyed traveling the world and spending time with her family. She was known as a wonderful cook, a master at grammar and word games and as a true Southern lady.

'CU Everywhere' broadens Cumberland's web presence

Over the past five years, the Internet has evolved from what was primarily an information hub to a major means of communications.

Terms such as "social networking" and "social media" have entered our daily vocabularies so rapidly that many have yet to fully realize the capabilities presented by a World Wide Web centered around two-way communication and sharing, the so-called "Web 2.0".

A move is underway at Cumberland University, however, to integrate these new tools and terms into a new initiative known as "CU Everywhere." According to Director of Public Relations Brian Harville, the initiative broadly refers to the University's overall presence on the Internet.

"One of Cumberland's strongest attributes has always been and continues to be the personal attention our students receive -- the fact that here you are not a number, but an individual," Harville explained. "We've always endeavored to communicate that through our marketing efforts, but thanks to the rise of Web 2.0 we're now able to demonstrate that personal touch through the use of technology."

The "CU Everywhere" concept quickly began to take shape last year following the launch of social networking hubs for Cumberland alumni and a Cumberland University channel on the popular video-sharing website YouTube, he continued.

"The response to our alumni profiles on the two big social networking sites, MySpace and Facebook, has been phenomenal. Literally hundreds and hundreds of alumni are now more plugged in to their alma mater thanks to (Alumni Relations Officer) Justin Bradford's efforts on the social networking front," Harville explained. "As for YouTube, it is certainly popular within the Cumberland family, but it has also helped us build upon our name recognition in a way that would never have been possible without this new era for the Internet."

The roughly 50 videos currently available on the Cumberland University YouTube channel, which recently celebrated its first anniversary, have been viewed more than 8,100 times combined. According to Harville, the University's videos are being viewed by "YouTubers" from as far away as Brazil, the United Kingdom, Indonesia and Australia.

"Our School of Music & the Arts was recently contacted by a prospective student from Idaho who had seen one of our videos on YouTube," Harville said. "Odds are, he will enroll here in the fall because he was excited to learn about our Cosmic Jazz Faculty over the web. Had it not been for this new communication outlet, it's hard to say whether or not Cumberland University would have been on his list of possible colleges. That's one reason why the concept of 'CU Everywhere' is so exciting and holds so much potential."

The appeal of the new initiative is by no means limited to prospective students, however.

In addition to the alumni presence on MySpace and Facebook, Harville said CU alumni, faculty, staff and current students have responded well to the University's foray into shared photography on Flickr -- the most popular photo-sharing site on the World Wide Web.

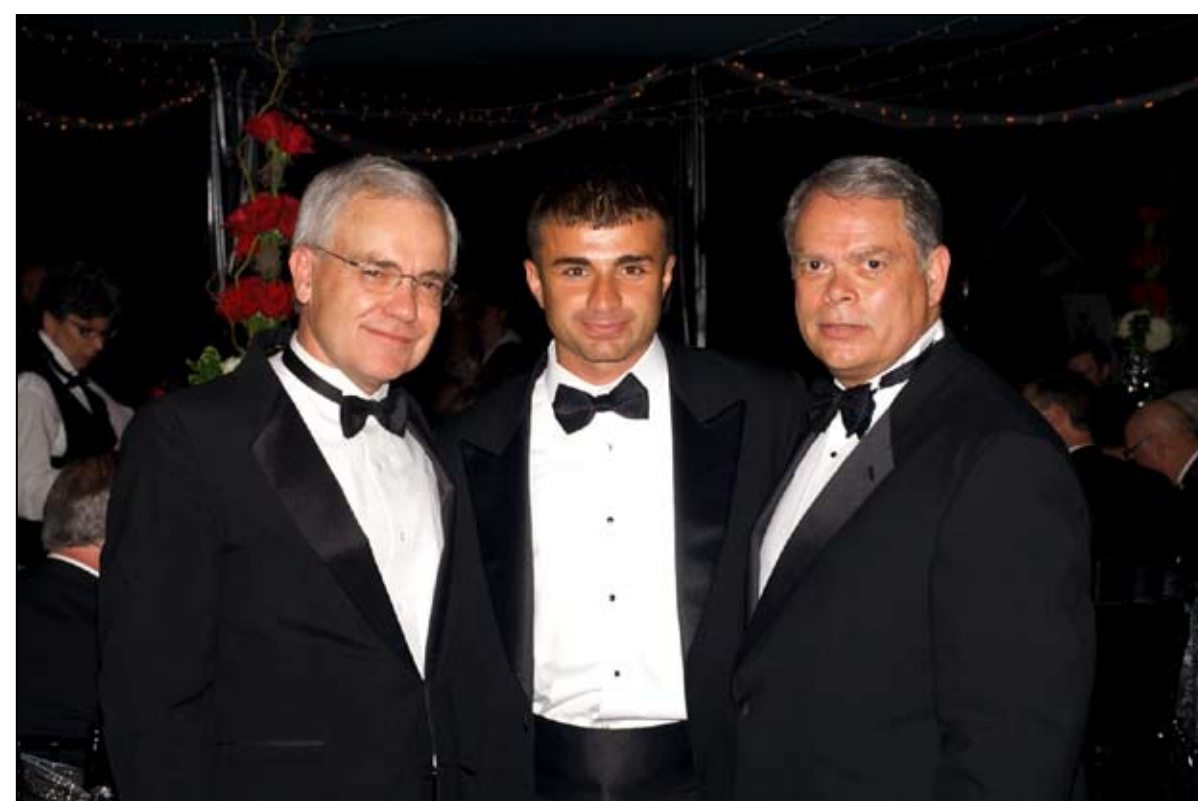
"People at every level of the Cumberland community have taken great photos, whether they be at sporting events or simple, elegant photos of Cumberland's architectural gems. In the past, we were limited by website and newsletter space with regard to how many of those photos we could actually share," he said. "Thanks to Flickr, though, we can now make sure those photos are seen not only by the Cumberland family but by the entire world. At the moment, we have more than 600 Cumberland-related photos on Flickr -- all searchable by keyword -- and we welcome anyone who would like to share a CU-related photo to send it to pix@cumberland.edu."

"CU Everywhere" will continue its evolution in tandem with the Internet and, as more useful websites emerge, Cumberland will be there.

For more information, including links to "CU Everywhere" sites and profiles, please visit www.cumberland.edu/cueverywhere.

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25th Annual Phoenix Ball - Former CU President and Congressman Bob Clement is joined by Student Government Association President Idris Dosky and President Harvill C. Eaton at the 25th Annual Phoenix Ball. Clement and his wife, Mary, were the honorees for the silver anniversary of the Phoenix Ball.

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Cumberland University Remembers Dr. James B. Dressler

A pillar of the Cumberland University family for almost 40 years, longtime history professor Dr. James Benjamin Dressler passed away on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 following a brief illness.

A historian, author, avid golfer and hunter, Dr. Dressler was a true educator with a passion for sharing knowledge -- whether it be via a lecture to one of his popular history classes or a one-on-one session on photography or rock collecting with his beloved grandson, Tristan.

During his tenure at Cumberland University, Dr. Dressler held several teaching and administrative positions, offering him the unique opportunity to come into contact with nearly every member of the Cumberland community from 1970 until his passing.

His influence on his colleagues and on generations of Cumberland students became increasingly evident as alumni and friends heard the news that Dr. Dressler was no longer with us. Dozens upon dozens of alumni, colleagues and friends began to share stories and memories of their time with him.

For more than a week, CU graduates sent messages to the University, offering a glimpse into the respect and admiration Dressler's former students held for the longtime educator.

"Dr. Dressler would make you want to learn more about history ... He was a great man who will be greatly missed," Brandon Eldridge (2008) wrote.

Shanna David (2002, 2006) recalled a trip her class made with Dr. Dressler during a Civil War battlefield analysis course, noting the trip served as an indicator of Dressler's passion for history.

"We went to Shiloh that year, and it was my first trip. I am so glad that I was able to take that first trip with Dr. Dressler ... He made the battlefield come alive with the vivid details in his stories," David, who earned a master's in education from CU in 2006, wrote.

"I remember wanting to become a teacher just like him and to make history come alive for my students as well. Dr. Dressler had the respect of his students, his colleagues and friends. He was a wonderful man, and the world was made a better place by his presence."

Monty Pope, assistant professor of geography and history at CU, worked alongside Dr. Dressler for more than 25 years.

Pope offered a glimpse of Dr. Dressler's wit and sense of humor -- characteristics his students and colleagues grew to adore.

"On the various field trips that we took, the choice of a place for lunch was almost as important as the historical site. If we went to Shiloh, then we had fish. Stones River meant another type of restaurant, and so it continued," Pope said. "... As Dr. Dressler said, 'No intelligent digestion of the historical site was possible, unless a person had good food.'"



Dr. James B. Dressler 1946-2008

While Dr. Dressler held numerous posts during his tenure at the University, he was first and foremost an educator, Cumberland President Harvill C. Eaton said.

"In late April, I had lunch with a group of students, seniors who were looking forward to graduating in May, and I asked them who had made a mark on them," Eaton said. "One young man said, 'Dr. Dressler. He was tough in the classroom, but the best teacher I have ever had.' There can be no greater tribute to a teacher."

To read more stories and recollections about Dr. James Dressler as shared by his former students at Cumberland University, please see page two.

CU to Establish Scholarship Honoring Dr. James Dressler

Cumberland has taken the initial steps necessary to establish the Dr. James Benjamin Dressler Memorial Scholarship in History, according to Dr. Pete Peterson, CU Vice President for Academic Affairs.

For information on how to support this new academic scholarship, please contact Joyce Alcorn at 615.547.1235 or via e-mail at jalcorn@cumberland.edu. You may also make a secure online contribution via the Cumberland University website by visiting www.cumberland.edu/giving.

Cumberland Launches New TV, Radio Campaigns

If you reside in the greater Nashville area, don't be surprised if you see and hear a lot more about Cumberland University this summer.

In mid-July, the University launched a new series of television and radio ads highlighting Cumberland's newly established engineering science program as well as the University itself.

"These spots are anticipated to be the first in a series of program-specific ads conceived as a means of highlighting the array of opportunities to be found at CU," Director of Public Relations Brian Harville (2000) said. "They're all-around fun ads, sort of a light-hearted take on the 'traditional' college ad, and thus far they have been very well received."

The star of both the new television and radio spots is a hapless college student who is confined to a rickety robot costume (pictured at left).

As the advertisement progresses, the student becomes fed up with the costume and his situation, proclaiming to the director that Cumberland doesn't need to try and impress with flashing lights and gizmos. Instead, he says Cumberland should be promoted for what it is: a great school that provides personal attention to its students and truly cares about their academic pursuits.

"The whole 'broken commercial' concept was the brainchild of the team at (Wilson County-based) Canine Creative," Harville added. "We worked closely with Steve Barker and his team at Canine Creative on this concept. It's a little edgy, a bit humorous and a great way to reach out to prospective students."

To view the new TV spot, visit Cumberland's website at www.cumberland.edu. The radio ad will play throughout the summer on 107.5 FM and 101.1 FM.



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A Message From The President



Dear friends,

I believe that most people genuinely want to make a difference. Some realize it early in life. Others find the joy of helping others later, but most people really do want to make a difference.

Few make the difference Dr. James Dressler made, though.

He was a big man -- he towered over me, for sure -- and he loved the outdoors and hunting. He loved his golf. He was a tough man, and he was also tough in class. How do I know? The students told me.

He was a great teacher. He knew his history, and he taught it well. How do I know? The students told me.

Dr. James Dressler was more than a history teacher. Dr. Dressler was a Cumberland professor, and that's special. Most professors care about what they teach. Cumberland professors also care about whom they teach. Jim was a fine example of this steadfast commitment to students.

Jim, we will miss you.

Sincerely,

Harvill C. Eaton, Ph.D.
President

Wildlife Museum's Namesake Visits Cumberland

For decades, legions of students and young people from across the Middle Tennessee region and beyond have made the trip to Cumberland University's Tillman Cavert Wildlife Museum for an up-close look at some of the most magnificent creatures found on earth.

"It's not uncommon to see a different Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop touring the museum

each and every week, particularly during the summer months," President Harvill Eaton said. "They're thrilled by the chance to study and closely examine animals that many of them have only seen previously in books or at the zoo."

In late spring, Eaton welcomed Mr. Tillman Cavert Jr. (1935) and his wife, Ellen, to campus, sharing stories about the youngsters' visits to the museum,



Distinguished alumnus, attorney and world-famous sportsman Tillman Cavert Jr. (1935) and his wife of 68 years, Ellen, stopped to chat with President Harvill Eaton during a recent visit to Cumberland.

a fixture on the second floor of Memorial Hall.

A graduate of the Cumberland University School of Law, Cavert has traveled to nearly every corner of the globe during his lifetime. Upon graduating from Cumberland, Cavert became an Air Force pilot and served in the North African theater during World War II.

And, as anyone who has ever visited the Tillman Cavert Wildlife Museum at CU knows, Cavert later developed a passion for hunting.

One of the top 75 hunters in the world, Cavert holds more than 125 World Record trophies, many of which are on display in the museum.

"Those trophies truly inspire awe in some of our youngest visitors," Eaton remarked. "There is no doubt that the experience has inspired many to pursue careers in fields such as biology and zoology. Mr. Cavert's contributions to this University have

become gifts to a new generation of Middle Tennesseans. We are fortunate to be able to say Cumberland University is home to the Tillman Cavert Wildlife Museum." Cavert's wife of 68 years, Ellen, has also touched the lives of many. In 1973, she and 40 friends formed the Women's Board in support of Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. The Board's membership now numbers well into the hundreds, and

the organization has helped raise millions of dollars for the children's hospital over the past 35 years. "Tillman and Ellen Cavert have meant so much to so many because of their kindness and generosity. Words cannot describe how important they are to Cumberland University, the Cumberland family and this community. They are exemplary citizens and true role models for our students and for all those who visit that special museum in Memorial Hall," Eaton concluded.

CU Alumni Remember Dr. James B. Dressler

"I had Dr. Dressler during my first semester at CU for Western Civ., and everyone told me how hard he was ... I remember the first day of class, he made his class rules very clear, (and) two of importance were not to wear hats and do not be late!

... Class was at eight in the morning, and I am not much of a morning person, so it was inevitable that I would one day be late. I made it to the end of the hall as he shut the door, and I dared not open it. I sat in the hallway and took notes, and when class was over, he spotted me there in the floor. He told me he appreciated my respect for his rules and ... that he believed I would do well in his class.

I managed to take at least six classes that he taught throughout my four years at CU, and I loved every one. Throughout those six semesters, Dr. Dressler managed to make learning history fun, and I added history as my minor.

Dr. Dressler will be greatly missed, and I am grateful that I had the opportunity to know him and learn from him."

- Tonya Keith (2002)

"Dr. Dressler, it took me nearly 10 years and two universities to complete my bachelor's degree. In a few months, I will complete an MBA program. I work on the staff of Waynesburg University in Pennsylvania. I routinely hear our professors' lectures and witness how they interact with their students.

I have often told stories of how my favorite teacher would come in to class each day with a small folder and take roll. You would then set it aside, lean on the desk, cross your arms and say, 'Where were we?'

Teaching with no notes, the next hour would be filled with vivid and fascinating images of events that most of us had thought boring before entering your class.

Your gift for making the subject come alive was remarkable.

Thank you for giving me a love and understanding of history that I still enjoy."

- James DePriest (1999)

"I had Dr. Dressler as one of my professors while in attendance at CU. He was one of the great ones.

When I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, he was always one of the most accommodating professors that went above and beyond in his duties when it came to helping me.

The future students of CU are going to miss out on his great lectures and just getting to know him as a person.

Please know that I will never forget him for he has left a mark on my heart."

- Amanda Deason Riddle (2003)

"Back in the '80s, I had failed a history class at MTSU. I came home to Lebanon that summer and took Dr. Dressler's history class.

Everyone told me how hard it would be, and that I would fail.

He was such a good teacher and made history so interesting that I made an 'A' in that class, which for me was very unusual.

Just goes to show you that if you have a good teacher you can do anything."

- Delaine Freeman Smith (1981)

Rose Named Dean for School of Music & Arts

Internationally recognized artist, author selected to lead new digital initiatives at Cumberland

Ted Rose, a prolific artist and author with decades of experience in education, was recently named dean of the Cumberland University School of Music & the Arts.

Rose has several publications to his credit, including the top-selling secondary education drawing textbook in the United States, "Discovering Drawing." He is known across the country for his work in art education and has delivered keynote addresses at art conferences in Nevada, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

A former director of David Lipscomb University's School of Fine and Performing Arts, Rose said he was drawn to Cumberland for a number of reasons.

"I was attracted to the administration's vision for the University, the school of music and the arts and their collective future," he explained. "The University's planned expansion to campus facilities -- including the fine arts facilities -- coupled with their commitment to new technologies, made the proposition to lead the CU School of Music & the Arts a very attractive one."

Rose earned his bachelor of arts degree from David Lipscomb University and holds a master's in education from Edinboro State University and

a master's in fine arts from the University of Tennessee.

As an artist, Rose has participated in six international exhibitions and received more than 50 awards for his work. His paintings and drawings are displayed in over 300 private collections and more than 100 corporate collections, including the collections of several Fortune 500 companies.

Rose has also worked extensively with a number of fine arts organizations as both an instructor and as a board member. These organizations include The Tennessee Arts Academy, The Governor's School for the Arts and state fine arts programs in Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Rose's secondary, collegiate and graduate students have won numerous awards for their works, garnering acclaim at the National Scholastic Art Competition,

the Texas Collegiate Art Competition and at international competitions in Mexico and Switzerland.

At Cumberland, Rose will oversee the continued growth of music and arts programs while moving toward the establishment of new, high-tech programs in fields such as graphic design, according to Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Pete Peterson.

"Ted will undoubtedly move the Cumberland School of Music & the Arts toward a new frontier, toward national prominence," Peterson said. "He brings experience and vision, and his ideas about the school's future are in line

with our own. He wants to see growth in the music, theatre and fine arts programs at Cumberland and a strong emphasis on the use of technology and the development of digital arts."



Ted Rose

Caribbean Isle to Host 2009 Cumberland Alumni & Friends Tour

Mark your calendars for the 2009 Cumberland University Alumni & Friends Tour and prepare to make your dream vacation a reality as we trek to the lush Caribbean island of St. Maarten!

Scheduled for June 18-23, this exciting and affordable island getaway promises to offer plenty of fun in the sun, including everything from golf and shopping to snorkeling and even kite surfing.

And that's only the beginning, says Cumberland University Alumni Relations Officer Justin B. Bradford.

"There are tons and tons of activities available daily at the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort & Casino, which will host the 2009 Alumni & Friends Tour," Bradford said. "Golf and snorkeling are always popular, but the resort also offers deep-sea fishing expeditions, horseback rides, movie nights and a butterfly farm. And it goes without saying that if you just want to relax on the beach, then there is no better place."

Situated on the Dutch side of the island, the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort & Casino also offers a bounty of nightlife activities as well, such as a Las Vegas-style theater, casino games and a disco.

Cumberland travelers will enjoy plenty of free time to explore the island of St. Maarten and all it has to offer during the 2009 tour, and the University will host a pair of special receptions to allow alumni and friends to reconnect with old pals while creating new relationships within the Cumberland University community.

The cost of the 2009 CU Alumni & Friends Tour is \$729 per person (double occupancy room) and \$100 per child (ages two to 12). Pricing excludes meals, airfare and any activities that require an additional fee.

A \$200 deposit is due no later than January 23, 2009 in order to reserve a room at the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort & Casino. All cancellations secured prior to January 23, 2009 will result in a full return of deposit. After this date, all deposits will be forfeited. Final payments are due in full by March 30, 2009.

The cost includes five-nights accommodations, transfer to and from the Princess Juliana International Airport and Children's Camp and Teen Club, both of which are available Monday through Friday.

It is important to remember that all U.S. citizens traveling to St. Maarten must have a valid passport regardless of age. St. Maarten is considered part of the Netherland Antilles and is not a U.S. territory.

The Cumberland University Alumni Association also highly recommends that guests purchase travel insurance before embarking to St. Maarten. Information regarding travel insurance

will be sent from the CU Alumni Association upon receipt of your reservation and deposit.

"We hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to truly experience one of the most beautiful islands the Caribbean has to offer and to experience it with their friends from the Cumberland community," Bradford noted.

Points of interest within the immediate vicinity of the resort include 40 upscale, duty-free boutiques and shops, Downtown Philipsburg, Marigot, Front Street, Fort Amsterdam and the St. Maarten Museum, he added.

And although air travel is not included in the price of the package, Bradford said the University would be happy to help travelers who might need assistance with their flight arrangements.

For additional information on this upcoming tour, please point your favorite web browser to www.cumberland.edu/alumni/tour.

You may also contact CU Travel Program Coordinator Breanne Kintz at 615.547.1269 or bkintz@cumberland.edu to reserve your spot on the beaches of St. Maarten now!

