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DAVIS MCCALLUM NAMED RHODES SCHOLAR

By Betsy Crosby

The only Georgian to be awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship for 1997 hails from Brookwood Hills. Davis McCallum, son of Mimi and Robert McCallum of 122 Brighton, will graduate from Princeton University this spring and will enter Oxford next fall. He will be working toward what the English call a Master's of Philosophy, which in Davis's case is a graduate English degree in Shakespearean and Jacobean drama.

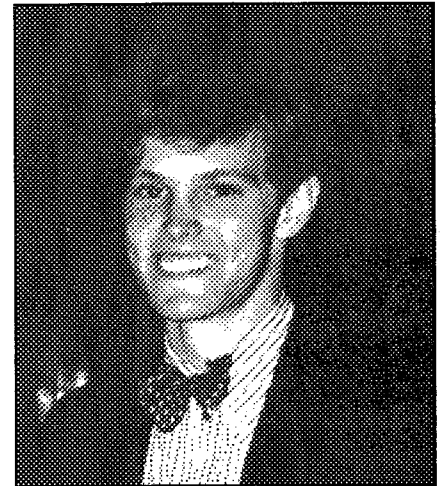
"Davis would like to use this degree as a base for writing, directing, acting, and teaching predominantly Shakespearean drama," said his father Robert, who was himself a Rhodes Scholar. "I think he will do a whole lot better at taking advantage of the academic side of the program than I did because of the original source materials and the tradition of English theater." Robert's degree was in jurisprudence which he received at Oxford in the late 1960's.

Another Brookwood resident, Dean Copeland, who is Secretary of the Georgia Rhodes Scholarship Committee and a former Rhodes Scholar, said that the candidates this year reflected a much more diverse group of interests than in years past. "The students have got to come and convince us that there is a degree program at Oxford that makes sense for them," said Dean. "Then they must make a compelling case that they can do the work." Davis was one of 31 applicants from Georgia this year. All applicants must match the age range, be expecting a B.S. or B.A., and have an institutional endorsement from their college or university.

Though the McCallums visited Oxford when Davis was in junior high, he insists that the motivation for applying for a Rhodes scholarship did not come from a desire to take the same path as his father. "I'm proud to be following my dad's footsteps, but this is really the next logical step in my studies. It's ironic that we both ended up at this same place from different paths." Davis hopes to be assigned to Christ Church College, the dormitory to which his father was assigned and in which the family stayed on their trip to Oxford.

Davis credits his family for the support they have shown in his interest in drama. Each Christmas the family attends a performance, whether of the Christmas Carol, an Appalachian Christmas or a reading of Truman Capote's Christmas story. They have enthusiastically watched many of Davis's own performances, particularly his starring role in the Westminster production of Hamlet. While at Princeton, Davis has been intimately involved with the Princeton Shakespeare Company, both as an actor and as a director. Dean Copeland readily admits that Davis made a strong impression before the selection committee. "I think from his file and his statement that he is a potentially significant actor and director. He is also incredibly polite and nice. That kid knows so much about theater it is unbelievable."

Since Davis's father attended Oxford with Bill Clinton, the logical question is whether he has heard from the White House. "I hear the President sends out letters to all 32 of the Rhodes Scholars," Davis replied. "He even did that as Governor of Arkansas." Has he received his own letter yet? "No," said Davis, "but I keep checking the mail."



Davis McCallum



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Brooknotes needs volunteers immediately to sustain the frequency of publication. Please call Deirdre Stiles at 249-9544 if you can help in any way.

Letter to the Editor

Brooknotes received the following from Ginna Pope:

Please warn the neighbors who may be taking MARTA from the airport to the Arts Center Station to be careful! I tried to save my husband William and my housekeeper from making a trip to Hartsfield (at 5:30 during rush hour traffic) and took the train. It was great--took 15 minutes. The downside was when I stepped off the train into the station, a young black male stepped quickly out after me, stated "I'll take that!", grabbed my suitcase and ran up the escalator.

My bag contained much of my jewelry, so I ran after this boy and when we got to the next level I grabbed the bag back and told him that my husband and driver would be coming in to look for me at any minute. I saw a young woman walking in front of us and called to her, but she did not stop. The accoster got nervous and ran off. I am lucky that the girl was there and that the boy did not pull out a gun. I won't ride MARTA alone again.

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Contest

An Essay Contest is being offered to High School Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors by the Scholarship Committee of the Family of Bruce Society in America. The subject of the contest is poet Robert Burns and his ode to the victory of Scotland's hero-king, Robert the Bruce, over King Edward II in 1314, entitled "Scots Wha Hae" (which has become an unofficial national anthem of Scotland). First prize is \$300, 2nd prize \$200, 3rd prize is \$100. For further details, contact Lynne McAlevey at 872-6550.

Cathedral Antiques Show

The 26th Annual Cathedral Antiques Show will take place February 4 through 6, 1997 at the Cathedral of St. Philip on Peachtree Road in Buckhead. The show features 18th and 19th century Continental, English and American art, furniture, objets d'art, porcelains, silver, jewelry and linens. The Gala Preview Party will be held Monday, February 3, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For tickets and further information, contact Elizabeth St. John (404) 872-8782.

New Tenant

For all those wondering who will be moving into the space vacated by the Original Pancake House, Branch Realty Co. reports that the new tenant is a drugstore. They hope to be up and running by the first quarter of the year.

CLASSIFIEDS

- * **Part-Time Job Available.** Flexible hours, excellent pay, office work 3 hours, 2-3 days per week. One block off Peachtree near Collier Road. Stock Market Investment Analyst needs assistant with computer skills. Prepare mailings, type letters on word processor, promote lodging reservations at Snow Resort, publish brochures, prepare/mail research papers, assemble seminar/stock market analysis reports. Call William Kennedy, President, W.T. Kennedy, Inc. 607-8080.
- * **Child Care Available.** My name is Laurelle Green. I take care of Amelia Daniel on Camden Road. I'm from South Africa and will be here for another 7 months. I can work after 7:00 p.m. on Mon. thru Wed., also on Friday evenings and on Sat. during the evening or day. My home number is 350-9214, and address is 368 Camden.
- * **Bartender Available.** Need a bartender? Call Houston at (404) 792-2486. Reference: Lynne McAlevey 872-6550.

Operation Teddy Bear

by Deirdre Stiles

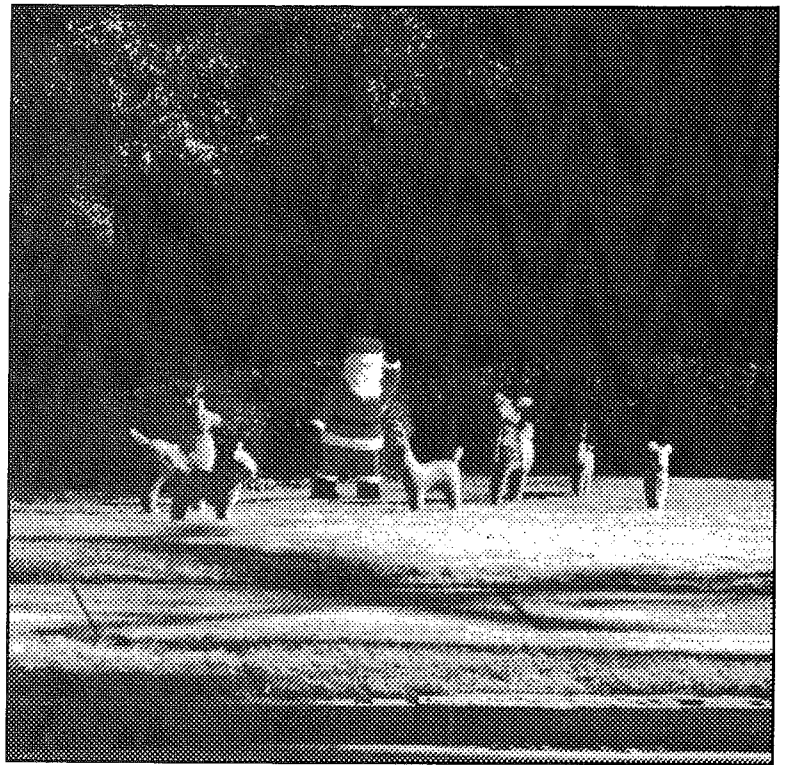
Walking into David and Elizabeth Martin's living room at 108 Wakefield during Christmas time is like stumbling into a small warehouse of toys. There are bags of games, clothes and toys of all kinds piled high. This is Operation Teddy Bear, a personal charity project started by David and his friend Pete Lunati. It all began eight years ago when David decided to do something for children in



Atlanta who would wake up on Christmas morning to a bare floor. With two children of his own, now teenagers, he felt it was important for children to learn about giving, rather than getting, at Christmas. David went to the charities and asked for a list of those children who would have nothing at all for Christmas. He quickly had 100 names and Operation Teddy Bear was up and running. David bought toys and clothes for these children and wrapped them, as he has been doing ever since.

Although the group receives a few donations, they purchase most of the toys at toy stores, some of which open their doors to charity shoppers as early as 7 a.m. Over the years friends and family and others who have found out about Operation Teddy Bear have turned the night of wrapping into an event. This year Operation Teddy Bear is giving the spirit of Christmas to 124 children. Close to 100 families and friends joined in on December 16 at the Atlanta Botanical Garden's Day Hall for the wrapping party which included a catered dinner.

Elizabeth relates that it is sometimes difficult for the children of volunteers to be surrounded by toys that are going to others. One asked his mom if he could be on Operation Teddy Bear's list next year. Still, these pint-sized volunteers are a big help. What formerly took the group all night has now become a joyful family event that's usually "wrapped up" by 9 p.m. This wonderful grass roots project puts into action the true meaning of Christmas. It is the proof that one person really can make a difference.



Part of the menagerie at the home of Button and Rod Cook.

THE ANIMAL HOUSE OF BWH

by Deirdre Stiles

The "animal house" is a familiar stop to many Brookwood Hills residents who love to drive or walk by 309 Camden to see what new critters are frolicking in Button and Rod Cook's front yard. My family makes a special pilgrimage down Camden at least twice a month for just that purpose and we are never disappointed. Button says she has always liked "having things out." It started years ago when she put out wooden cut-out cows. Then Rod found a store in Vermont that made the special fabric animals that have become her trademark. She changes the animals about every 3-4 weeks, depending on the season. Neighbors can see black bears climbing a tree, sheep grazing, a flock of geese taking a rest, chickens nibbling on corn and even pumpkins and snowmen.

In the 19 years they have lived in Brookwood Hills, Button and Rod have raised their family and jogged a lot of miles, but they especially cherish the memories they have created for neighborhood children. Button is glad that with Barney on T.V. and all sorts of other entertainment, children still can't wait to come down and pet the latest animals in her yard. Yes, everyone is welcome to touch her special pals. One woman even drove down to have her Christmas picture made with them and sent Button the card. "Besides", Button adds with a chuckle, "there are only so many things you can do to embarrass your teenagers."

ALL IN THE FAMILY

by Betsy Crosby and Deirdre Stiles

Brookwood Hills is known as a great family neighborhood, but for some of our neighbors the term takes on a different meaning. There are a number of residents with a parent, child or sibling living just down the street. *Brooknotes* interviewed a few such families in the midst of the Christmas rush; we'd love to hear from those we may have missed.

Ann and Bradley Hale bought their home at **61 Brighton Road** in 1964. Their previous home on Redland Road in Collier Hills had grown too small and Ann wanted a home close-in to town. A friend alerted them that the William Parker family, who had built the house, was interested in selling. The friend described the Parkers' home as "like Christmas and Thanksgiving combined." To Ann that meant it was a traditional home oriented around the fireplace and winter gatherings. Now that both her children are married and have children of their own, the house continues to be the scene of family gatherings. Daughter Ellen and her husband and son live on Manor

Ridge in the Peachtree Battle area and son **Sheffield** and his wife **Elizabeth** live a mere three doors up at 47 Brighton. The Hales' new renovation has added plenty of space for the frequent visits of all four grandsons (the oldest is 7) and orients the rear of the house to the garden for summer gatherings as well. Ann and Bradley have also added an elevator to their home, vowing to never leave the neighborhood. Ann quotes Bradley as saying "We just want to be carried out feet first in a pine box."

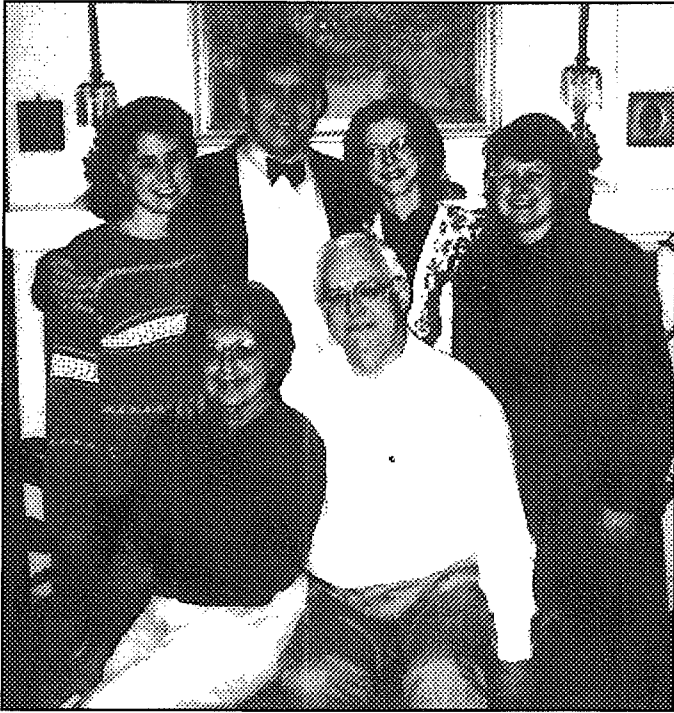
Sheffield Hale has fond memories of growing up in Brookwood Hills but most particularly of the house at **47 Brighton** that he and Elizabeth now own. His good friend Billy McGinnis lived there and Sheffield spent many nights at Billy's house where his father had a Bentley and one of the first car telephones. When the house came on the market, Elizabeth had just given birth to their third son John and the family was feeling crowded at their home on Redland Road (ironically just a few doors down from Sheffield's parents' first home). "Elizabeth was of weak mind at the time, so I was able to convince her to buy the house," says Sheffield. Though he's happy to have his boys grow up in the neighborhood he loved, Sheffield observes that a lot has changed. "We used to slip away for hours in the woods behind the Darlington where Brookwood Valley apartments are now. There were bike trails back there and we picked blackberries and built forts." Some things have changed for the better, though. The sidewalks, Sheffield claims, were even more broken up during the sixties and seventies than they are now. "But it used to be a lot of fun to run our bikes over the broken humps," he adds.

Sisters **GINNA POPE** and **KAY OTTLEY** can practically wave to each other out their front door. Ginna lives with her husband William and daughter Elizabeth at **50 Palisades**, while Kay and husband Dudley live at **39 Palisades**. Though Ginna and William bought their home a mere ten years ago, Kay and Dudley have lived in Brookwood Hills thirty-three years. Yet both women have a connection to the neighborhood that goes back even further. Their parents, the Tysons, bought a home on Huntington Road when Ginna was 18 and Kay and Dudley were newly married. The girls' grandmother also lived with the Tysons, so there were three generations under the same roof. More recently, Ginna's son from her first marriage, **TOM CLARK**, has moved into **140 Huntington** with his wife **Jill** and their children, so that once again there are three generations of the family in Brookwood Hills. Both Ginna and Kay remark that Brookwood Hills with its tall trees and sidewalks has always reminded them of Savannah where they spent the summer months every year. To add to the resemblance, many Savannah natives are their neighbors. "And **JANE LONG** is our cousin," adds Kay. "Our fathers were first cousins." The two sisters see each other frequently. "We do a lot of entertaining together. It's fun to have my sister right across the street," says Kay.

PAT WILSON and her late husband **RICK**, a rheumatologist at Emory, moved into their home at **32 Huntington** in 1966, where they raised their three children Patricia, Susan and Hayes. Now son **HAYES** is back in the neighborhood at **63 Huntington** with his wife **KIMBERLEY** and their daughter Taylor, with a second child due in May. Both Kimberley and Hayes are rheumatologists, like Hayes's father had been, and maintain an office together at the 2001 Building on Peachtree, to which they frequently walk or ride their bikes to work. Though they have a nanny, Pat helps out often on evenings and weekends "Taylor loves her



Sisters Ginna Pope, Kay Ottley and Penny Coppedge admire a new addition to their family.



Pat Wilson and her late husband Rick surrounded by Patricia, Hayes, Kimberley and Susan

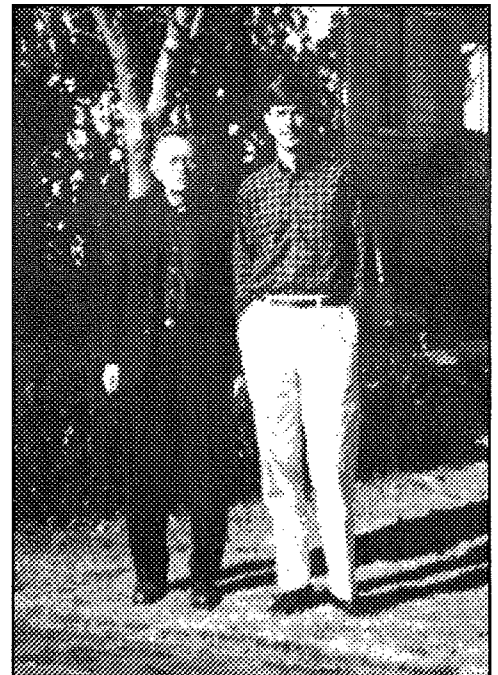
Princeton until Georgia finally called him back home.

For **Grady Black**, Brookwood Hills has been home off and on since the day he was born on 60 Huntington Road (currently Alex and Kay Summers's home). Even when his family moved "up Peachtree" growing up he "hung out" in BWH. He lived at 77 Wakefield early in his marriage before youngest daughter and Brookwood resident **Libby Simons** was born. He has lived in his current address of **295 Camden** for 2 1/2 years now. He and wife Betty were living in the Plaza Tower condominiums until Betty, who is from NYC, announced she was tired of high-rise living. So while Libby and husband Frampton of **230 Brighton** were off in Utah skiing, Dad bought 295 Camden across the street from Libby's elder sister **Laura Inman**. Until Laura and her family moved from **318 Camden** six months ago there were three sets of the family in Brookwood Hills. Libby loves having Dad in the neighborhood and sorely misses her sister. Both father and daughter feel very lucky to have such a close-knit family. Ironically, when Laura and family moved, it was the Granades who bought their house. Now the two grandfathers are next door neighbors.

BWH brothers **David** and **Tom Martin** were both born and raised in Atlanta and are now back together again, although not in same house. **David** and wife **Elizabeth** made the move here first thanks to Elizabeth's second cousin **Barbara Slick** of 22 Woodcrest. Elizabeth had done some house-sitting for Barbara and loved the neighborhood. However, a BWH house did not come easily when she and David began looking. They were interested in several houses but their first contract on a house fell through. Their persistence paid off when they moved into **108 Wakefield** on December 13, 1991. Both David and Elizabeth state that they love BWH because it is a great old Atlanta neighborhood with a good location. Brother **Tom** with wife **Stella** and boys Everett (10 yrs) and George (13 yrs.) took a more circuitous route back to Atlanta, via Hong Kong and Macon, Georgia before buying **347 Camden** in 1995. David and Elizabeth were sure glad to have family just around the corner after Opal hit. They took their food and company over to Tom and Stella's house which had the all-important gas range. It must have seemed like old times to Stella and Elizabeth, who had been roommates before Stella married Tom. It was Stella who introduced her former roommate to her brother-in-law David.

grandmother. It's like having a playmate who does everything she wants to do," says Kimberley. As a teenager, Hayes served as a lifeguard and as pool manager. Back then, says Pat, the neighborhood had so little money for pool repairs that "they had to keep it running with chewing gum." Hayes's proudest contribution was his homemade backboard for carrying injured swimmers. The board stood at the ready until it was replaced last year. "They have something new and shiny and up to code now," says Kimberley. "I think Hayes was a little sad when he saw it." Pat and her daughter-in-law have been actively involved this fall in the Trammell Crow hearings. "It's so important to protect the neighborhood since we plan to be here a long time," says Kimberley. "As far as I'm concerned, they can bury me in the back-yard."

The newest of our extended families is **Eric Granade** and father **Charles**. When Eric and Binney moved into **318 Camden** from Philadelphia just before the Olympics they had no idea that six months later Eric's father would become their newest neighbor. Charles came for the Olympics and while he was here he saw that **287 Camden** was for sale. November 11th of this year, he moved to Brookwood Hills across the street from his son. Eric said that he and Binney really encouraged his father to make the move to Atlanta. Although Charles is originally from Washington, Georgia, he had lived in Princeton, New Jersey for over thirty years. After being widowed in 1995, he remained in



Eric Granade and his father Charles



Favorite Holiday Recipes

by Lombard Puri

Lombard Puri is a former caterer who specialized in casseroles to go.

Christmas is right around the corner and it's time to head to the grocery store. Here are some special recipes that are sure to impress your in-laws.

Fresh Pear Salad

- 2 heads of Boston Bibb lettuce
- 2 fresh pears (your favorite kind, sliced thin)
- 1 cup shelled fresh salted and roasted pistachios
- ½ cup crumbled blue cheese

Mix all ingredients together except pears. Keep refrigerated. Shortly before serving, slice and add pears. Lightly toss with your favorite vinaigrette dressing.

Rosemary Roasted New Potatoes

- 12 new potatoes
- 1 Tablespoon minced garlic
- 4 Tablespoons fresh rosemary
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste

Mix olive oil, rosemary, garlic, salt and pepper together. Quarter new potatoes and place in roasting pan. Pour olive oil mixture over potatoes and roast at 350 for about 35 minutes. Stir potatoes every 10 minutes to coat evenly.

Chocolate Decadence

- 16 1-ounce squares of semi-sweet chocolate
- ¾ Cup butter
- 1 Cup confectioner's sugar
- 1 Tablespoon all-purpose flour

- 4 eggs, separated
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 8 ounces sour cream

In saucepan melt chocolate and butter. Gradually blend in sugar and flour, stirring constantly. With wire whip, blend in egg yolks, beating after each addition. Stir in vanilla.

Beat egg whites until stiff, fold into chocolate mixture. Remove 1 cup of this mixture; blend into this the sour cream. Pour remaining mixture into lightly greased 8-inch baking pan. Top with sour cream and chocolate mixture.

Bake at 375 for 25 minutes (center will not set). Cool. Cover and chill at least 4 hours before serving. Cut into 2 inch squares and then cut again diagonally. Recipe can be frozen. Thaw for 30 minutes before serving.



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