

## Business EXPO 2006

“It’s a Jungle Out There ...  
Stay at Home and Shop in Rome!”

**P**lans are underway for the Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce **19th Annual Business EXPO** to be held November 3rd-4th at *The Forum* and promises fun and an excellent shopping opportunity for all.

Approximately 100 companies will be present to demonstrate, discuss, and sell their products. Participating businesses include retail, technology, healthcare, information systems, and food. We are already a third of the way to being “Sold Out” again this year, so reserve your space early.

Vendors have the opportunity to meet up to 500 other Chamber members on Friday night; be exposed to 1,500 people on Saturday; 99 other vendors will know you are there; learn about a business you didn’t know existed; know that your presence is enhancing the Shop Rome Campaign where the Small Business Action Council encourages people to Shop in Rome; branding and make new friends and business contacts.

“The purpose of EXPO is to highlight local Chamber affiliated businesses, and influence people to shop and do business in Rome and its surrounding Floyd County communities. Every year we focus on improving the experience for the local business vendors and the community. This year’s EXPO will be infused with more new, innovative ideas to enhance the experience for those who participate. We want to expose these businesses to as many people as possible – then let them work their magic with the people they meet,” said *EXPO Committee Chairman Rob Harbison, Peachtree Planning*.

The event will be for Chamber Members Only on Friday, November 3rd starting at 5:30 p.m. and will be open to the public on Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Many attend the show to get a headstart on holiday shopping. Local retailers will display and sell holiday gift-giving merchandise from their booths. Others will highlight the latest gadgets from the technology sector. Local restaurants will be present providing food samples. Admission is \$3 for adults; children under 12 admitted free.

We have Corporate Sponsorships available as well. For more information, contact **Diane Tracy** at the Chamber, 706.291.7663, e-mail, [dtracy@romega.com](mailto:dtracy@romega.com) or visit [www.romega.com/expo](http://www.romega.com/expo). ■

## Berry Welcomes Dr. Stephen R. Briggs as Eighth President

**A**fter months of preparation, **Dr. Stephen R. Briggs** officially became *Berry College’s* eighth president July 1st. His first day in office was Wednesday, July 5th.

Dr. Briggs’ first two weeks as president will be spent meeting with trustees, donors, alumni and campus leaders. This is the continuation of a process that has been ongoing since his March appointment by the Berry College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Briggs replaces **Dr. Scott Colley**, who retired effective June 30th. During his eight years as president, Dr. Colley led Berry through a period of great progress. Dr. Briggs looks forward to building upon the good work done by his predecessor.

“We are at a time of maturation for the institution,” he said. “We are poised to move ahead, and we will move along the same path that has made Berry distinctive historically – an integrated education of the head, the heart and the hands that balances a high quality education with beliefs in a strong work ethic and a search for meaning and purpose in life. I’ve probably visited or studied 100 other colleges and universities, and I have never seen an institution that maintains this balance so well.”

Dr. Briggs comes to Berry after six years serving as provost and vice president for academic affairs at The College of New Jersey. Earlier career stops include Rollins College and The University of Tulsa. He holds a doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin and earned his bachelor’s degree at Wake Forest University. ■

