

BIG

That was a word heard for months on campus as the Office of Alumni Relations prepared for this year's combined Homecoming/Reunion Weekend, Oct. 22-24. Planning began a year ago following the office's decision to merge Alumni Weekend, previously held in June, with Homecoming in the fall.

Patricia Richmond Benne '68, director of alumni relations, and her team of Michael Wesbecher '04, Carol Bowers and Angela Butler, cleverly nicknamed CAMP behind the scenes, wanted something BIG. Something unforgettable. Something that would stand out on campus, and something that Wittenberg alumni deserved.

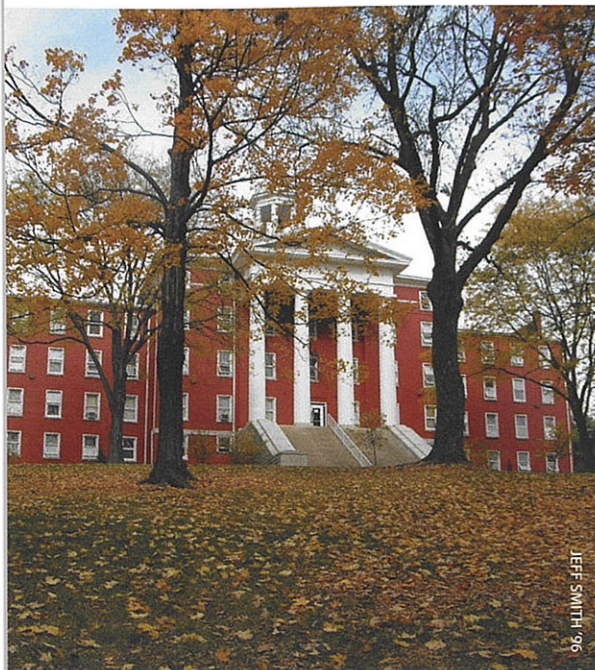
They succeeded. The Big Shebang, as the combined event came to be called, thoroughly exceeded expectations, drawing hundreds and hundreds of alumni back to their alma mater. Once on campus, alumni could not help but feel a part of something BIG. From the life-size cardboard cutouts of students and staff that greeted them to giant gothic "Ws" creatively placed across campus to Ambience-designed decorations that completely transformed the Shouplin Center and Hollenbeck Hall, the event was definitely one for the record books.

I have always enjoyed Homecoming as it provides a chance to reunite with friends and reminisce about our college days, but this year made me and my husband John '93 even more proud to call ourselves Wittenberg alumni. Our 10-month old daughter and Tiger-to-be Erin also had a blast. Hats off to CAMP and to everyone who made the weekend so special for so many. I think I can safely speak for all the alumni who attended when I say we can't wait for next year!

I also want to take a moment to recognize Bob Rafferty '02, our webmaster. Bob approached me with an idea for a story about students who continue to benefit from the \$1.9 million Freeman Foundation grant awarded to the East Asian Studies program in 2002. He wanted to meet these students, and, at the same time, follow in the footsteps of all those in the Wittenberg community who have taken advantage of the opportunities afforded by the grant. I said go for it, and he certainly did as evidenced by his feature beginning on page 22. Thanks, Bob, and thanks to the students who welcomed him.

Have a wonderful new year, and as always, happy reading.

Karen Gerboth '93
Editor, *Wittenberg Magazine*



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Six Wittenberg students spend the summer studying in China thanks to the Freeman Foundation grant. See story page 22.

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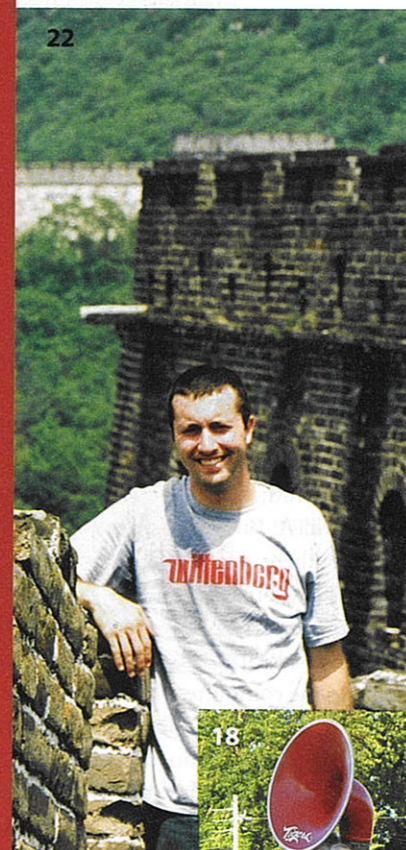
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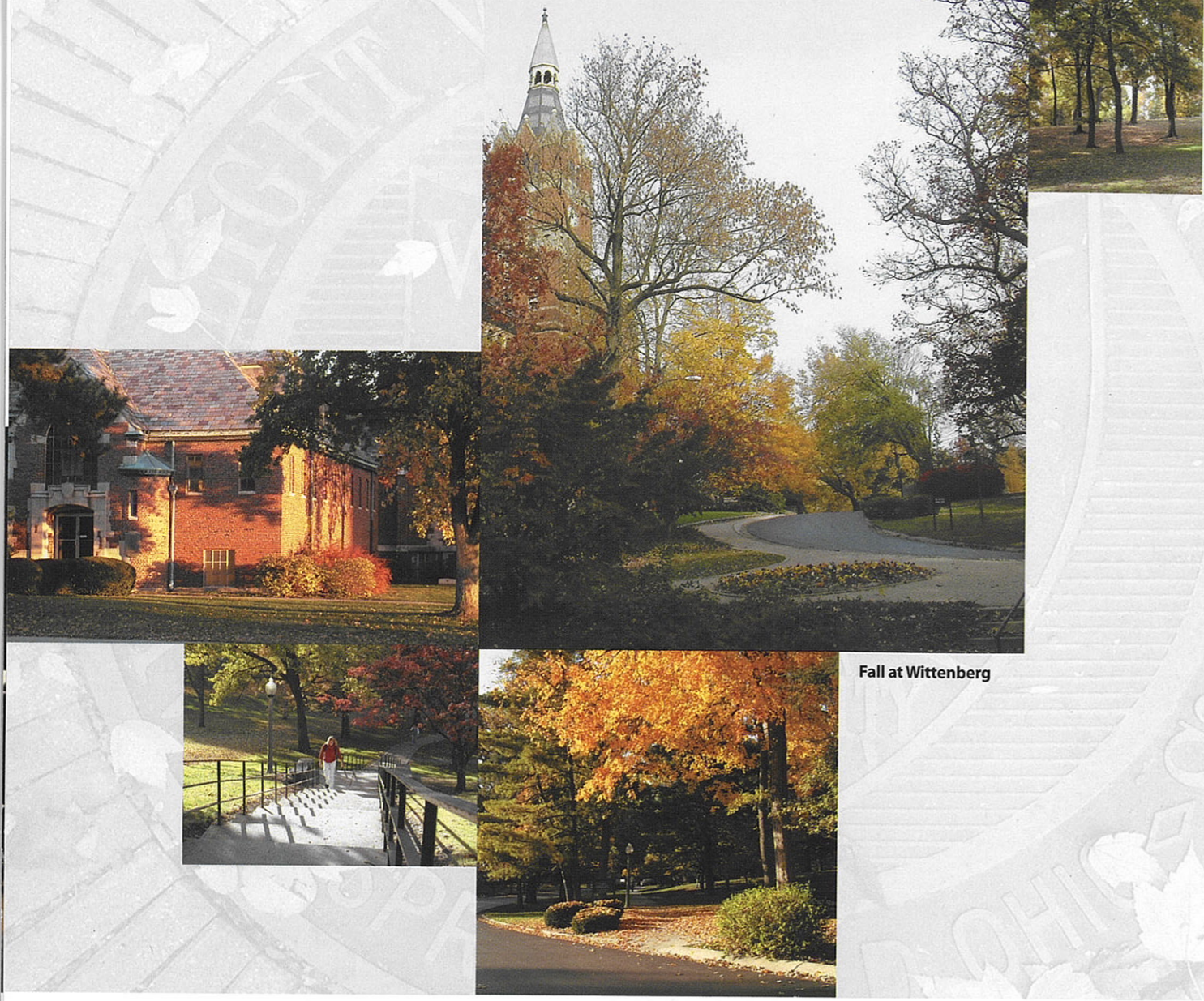
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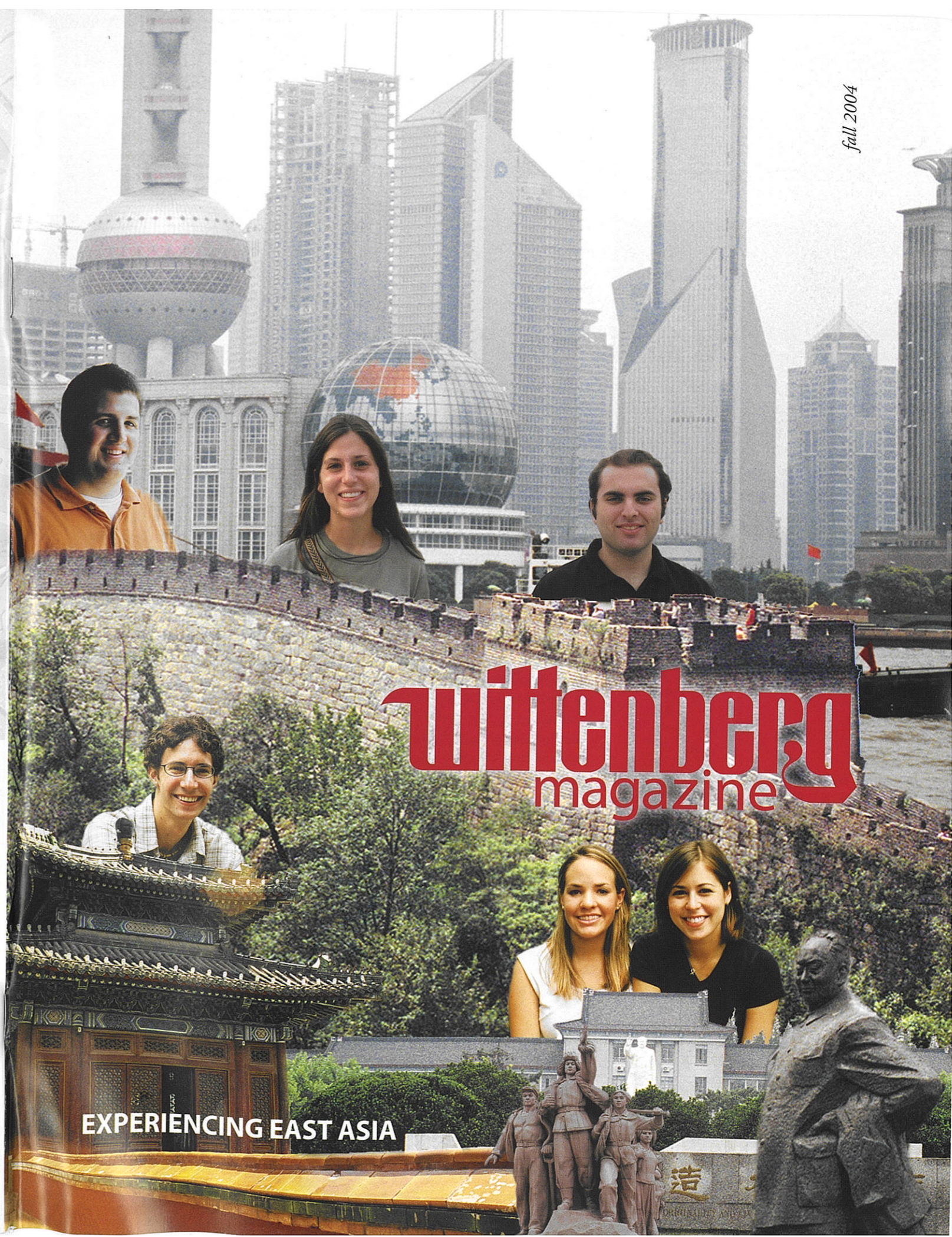
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Officially Underway

Search for Wittenberg's 13th president commences.

The search for Wittenberg's next president officially began at the start of the 2004-05 academic year with the publication of the first of two job postings in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, the nation's leading news source for university administrators and faculty. Additional ads appeared in a range of other publications, including *The Lutheran*, *Women in Higher Education* and *Black Issues in Higher Education*. The postings followed the summer appointment of the 14-member search committee headed by 1975 Wittenberg alumna Ingrid Stafford, chair of the university's Board of Directors and vice president for finance and controller at Northwestern University.

Joining Stafford on the committee from the board of directors are 1969 alumnus David L. Boyle, vice chair of Ambac Financial Group in New York City; Glenn W. Collier, partner and member of the executive committee of the Springfield law firm Martin, Browne, Hull and Harper; 1964 alumnus William B. Fisher, clinical professor of medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine and co-director of the cancer program at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Ind.; 1971 alumnus The Rev. Dr. Dale R. Giffin, senior pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Youngstown; 1973 alumnus David U. Gogol, president of B&D Sagamore, a government affairs consulting company in Washington, D.C.; 1969 alumna Elizabeth A. Hunter, former professor, teacher, librarian and principal; and 1976 alumnus and attorney Milton O. Thompson, president and CEO of Grand Slam Companies in Indianapolis, Ind.

Also serving on the committee are three

Wittenberg faculty members: Robin L. Inboden, professor of English; Timothy L. Lewis, professor of biology; and Josephine F. Wilson, the Paul Luther Keil endowed chair in psychology. In addition, 2003 alumna Lehan Peters, director of the Wittenberg Fund; 1988 alumnus and attorney David A. Brown, past president of the Wittenberg Alumni Board; and junior Bruce Robinson, student body representative and former president of Concerned Black Students, have been appointed to the committee.

The search for Wittenberg's next president is being coordinated by the nationally recognized executive search firm Witt/Kieffer, which specializes in the education and not-for-profit sectors. To date, 60 candidates have applied for the

position from both in and outside the Lutheran tradition following the board's decision to remove the president's denominational requirement from the university's constitution in September. Candidates must possess a strong knowledge and a keen understanding of Wittenberg's Lutheran values and be willing to interpret internally and externally the importance and meaning of Wittenberg's church relationship, however.

The search committee is currently conducting preliminary interviews with selected candidates in the hopes of bringing two or three candidates to campus in January. At that time, the candidates will interview with representative groups of faculty, students, staff, directors and friends of the university. ■



The search committee convened Nov. 4. For more on the search and the activities of the committee, log on to www.wittenberg.edu, and click on Presidential Search under the Quick Links option. The next president is expected to begin no later than July 1, 2005.

Lipp Leads Enrollment Management

Evan Lipp, dean of enrollment management at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pa., has been named associate vice president of enrollment management at Wittenberg.

Enrollment management, a more comprehensive approach to promoting student success, is increasingly being used in higher education. In addition to having direct-line responsibility for the admission and financial aid offices, Lipp will coordinate and assess the university's retention efforts, chair the Enrollment Management Committee, assist in developing institutional research to support enrollment initiatives in coordination with the registrar's office and encourage campus-wide input on enrollment goals and strategies.

Lipp brings considerable experience to this new position. During his seven-year tenure at St. Francis, Lipp helped to increase freshmen deposits by 18 percent, campus visitations by 20 percent and inquiries by 15 percent during the 2003-04 academic year. The college's SAT scores, ethnic diversity and out-of-state population also increased under his leadership.

In addition, Lipp enhanced St. Francis' academic profile, designed e-recruitment and Web-based strategies, created and coordinated a communication plan in collaboration with the campus community, implemented new financial aid software and improved the college's visitation programs, among other achievements.

Lipp earned his M.A. in educational leadership from Western Michigan University and his B.A. in economics from Marietta College. ■



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Perkins Oversees Student Development

Carolyn Perkins, dean of students at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah, has been named associate vice president for student development and dean of students at Wittenberg. Perkins replaces Debbie Heida, who accepted a similar position at Berry College in Mount Berry, Ga., earlier this year.

Highly skilled in the areas of educational administration, conflict resolution and stress management, Perkins brings significant experience to the position. As dean of students at Westminster, Perkins supervised residential life on campus along with all student activities and government, the school's counseling and volunteer services, its substance-abuse and service-learning programs, and campus ministry. She also oversaw Westminster's student center operations, served as a liaison for the university's food services and campus patrol, taught a first-year seminar, and provided resources and emergency services for the school's 500 residential students.

As the chief advocate for students at Wittenberg, Perkins will advise the president on all essential matters concerning student life and oversee residence life, student activities, multicultural programs, judicial affairs, the health and counseling center, and Greek affairs.

Perkins earned her M.Ed. in educational psychology and her B.S. in secondary English education from Wayne State University. She has also completed class work in educational leadership and policy studies at Iowa State University. ■



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Beloved Music Professor Leaves Legacy



Robert Howat, professor emeritus of music, died Oct. 6, 2003. He was 71. The 1972 recipient of the Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching, Howat joined the music faculty in 1960. During his 39-year teaching career, Howat performed more than 100 piano concerts and recitals across the United States and throughout Europe and taught hundreds of students to appreciate music.

Prior to teaching, Howat had the distinct honor of studying with celebrated French composer, conductor and teacher Nadia Boulanger and Russian composer Alexander Tchernin, both of whom visited Wittenberg during Howat's tenure. In 1957, after receiving both

his bachelor's degree and master's degree from the University of Chicago, Howat made his New York debut recital at Town Hall. He also recorded a number of pieces, including Tchernin's piano music on the Orion label. In addition, Howat edited "Liszt's Etudes, Op. 1" and wrote an array of articles on the aesthetics of music.

"I enjoyed all the opportunities I had to open doors for students to enjoy music," Howat once said. A memorial service was held Nov. 7 at Christ Episcopal Church where Howat served as organist for 20 years. The Robert Howat Piano Fund and a scholarship have been established. Survivors include his wife Marilyn, a daughter, Jean Howat Berry '83, two grandchildren and a sister. ■

Virtual Campus Tour Earns National Award

CampusTours.com, a nationally recognized college admission Web site, recently awarded Wittenberg its "4-Star Virtual College Tour" award. As part of this recognition, Wittenberg was featured on the CampusTours.com Web site for the month of October. "The Wittenberg University virtual tour is an excellent presentation that conveys the unique aspects of the institution in a way that is simultaneously informative and entertaining," according to CampusTours.com.

The new virtual tour debuted on Wittenberg's Web site in April, giving the world a glimpse into the sights and sounds of campus life. In addition to photos, the tour offers video clips, an interactive map and actual students serving as online tour guides.

According to Web statistics, the tour, which was also almost completely designed, written and implemented by Wittenberg students, has received more than 16,000 hits in the seven months since it was launched. ■

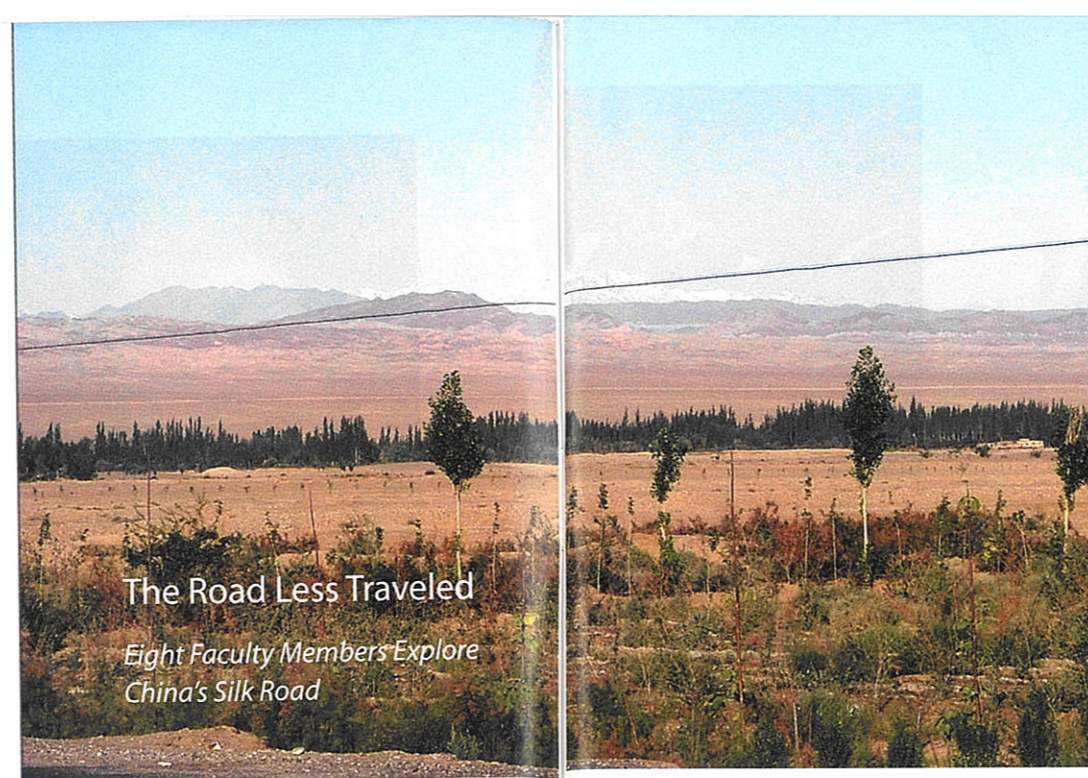


Hubbard Street Dance Chicago Dazzles

For the second time in Wittenberg Series' history, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago dazzled onlookers during its performance, Oct. 4, at the Kuss Auditorium, Clark State Performing Arts Center.

Founded in 1977, the group is considered one of the most progressive forces in contemporary dance for its exuberant, athletic and eclectic repertoire. The event featured 21 dancers at the top of their profession performing such works as "Rooster," which showcased the dancers' zesty personalities, and "Kiss," in which the dancers literally took flight.

The group has performed on NBC's *Today Show* and toured internationally. It has also performed more than 45 world premieres in its 27-year history. ■



The Road Less Traveled

Eight Faculty Members Explore China's Silk Road

A series of trade routes connecting major civilizations with China since antiquity, the Silk Road inspired eight faculty members to study its roots and reflect on its historical significance this summer.

Sponsored by the Freeman Foundation and led by Marcia Frost, assistant professor of economics, the two-week trip marked the first time any of the more than 160 Wittenberg Freeman grant recipients traveled to this area of China.

"The experience has allowed us to talk about and have more confidence in our understanding of this area, which we have since been able to share in a tangible way with our students across disciplines," Frost said.

Joining Frost were Ty Buckman, associate professor of English; Lawrence Gwinn, associate professor of economics; Ralph Lenz, professor of geography; Jennifer Oldstone-Moore, associate professor of religion and director of East Asian

Studies; Olga Medvedkov, chair and professor of geography; Don Reed, chair and professor of philosophy; and Stephen Smith, professor of sociology/anthropology.

The group met in Xian at the eastern terminus of the Silk Road where Chinese civilization first began and flowered. Participants then traveled to Jiayuguan, an oasis town along the northern route, followed by stops in Dunhaung, Turpan, Urumqi and Hotan, a southern route oasis town, among other areas. The group also drove 11 hours to Kashgar, the westernmost town in China today and the major crossroads of the north-south and east-west Silk Road routes.

"The entire trip was eye-opening in ways none of us had anticipated," Frost said. "Our travels have enriched our teaching, and our students have gained from our experience." For more information on each professor's specific study in the region, go to www.wittenberg.edu/magazine. ■

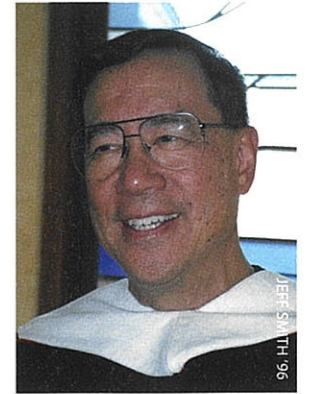
Ethicist Urges Commitment to Character in Address

Stressing the importance of character, honor and moral courage in his keynote address, best-selling author, attorney and ethicist Gus Lee ushered in the 160th academic year during the university's Wittenberg Series-sponsored Opening Convocation, Sept. 1, in Weaver Chapel.

Author of five critically acclaimed books, including *China Boy*, *Honor and Duty* and the forthcoming *The Way Things Ought to Be: A Primer on Moral Courage*, Lee challenged the hundreds of people present to find their inner dream and to take advantage of Wittenberg's invitation to build not only their minds, but also their admirable moral courage.

"Classes will test your mind, but life will test your very self," he said. "Let no one violate integrity on your watch."

Legal counsel to the Connelly Investigation/U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee's Worldwide ethics investigation, Lee has advised numerous corporations through values integration, transitions, change initiatives, and leadership changes and conflicts. He will return in the spring as the Wittenberg Series-sponsored writer-in-residence. ■



Politics Takes Center Stage During Leventhal Lecture

Political commentators Peter Beinart and Jonah Goldberg staged a debate of national significance, Oct. 13, during the Wittenberg Series Fred R. Leventhal Family Endowed Lecture.

Titled "Decision 2004: *The New Republic* vs. *The National Review*," the event offered a unique opportunity for people to prepare for the final debate between then presidential candidates George W. Bush and John Kerry. Beinart, managing editor of *The New Republic*, and Goldberg, editor of the Web magazine *National Review Online*, presented opposing views on the candidates and on the major issues in the 2004 presidential race. J. Rob Baker, professor of political science, served as moderator.

During his eight-year tenure with *The New Republic*, including as its current editor, Beinart has written about the changing politics of America's cities, the politics of Africa, globalization and the Christian right. Goldberg is the editor of the award-winning Web magazine *National Review Online* and a contributing editor to the flagship conservative journal, *National Review*. He has earned wide praise as his generation's successor to P.J. O'Rourke for his irreverent Web column called "Goldberg File." ■

Alumnus Wins Top Medical Research Prize

Biochemist Elwood Jensen '40, distinguished professor at the University of Cincinnati's Vontz Center for Molecular Studies, received the prestigious 2004 Albert Award for Basic Medical Research, Oct. 1, in New York City.

Every scientist, since 1992, who has won the Nobel Prize for Medicine, has also won the Lasker Award. The jury of international scientists singled out Jensen for his research during the 1950s and 1960s at the University of Chicago, which led to the discovery of the estrogen receptor, vital in the understanding of steroid hormone action and the effective use of hormone therapies for breast cancer treatment.

Jensen shares the honor with Pierre Chambon of the Institute of Genetics and Molecular and Cellular Biology in Strasbourg, France, and Ronald Evans of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, Calif., and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. ■

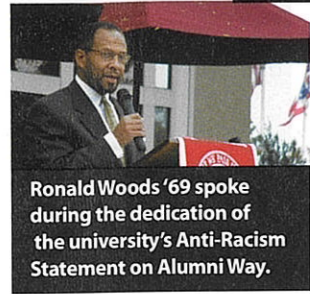




The Shouvlin Center was transformed into an elegant ballroom filled with memorabilia for the 50th reunion.



Surrounded by family and friends, Barbara Van Leer Evans '77 was honored with an Alumni Citation Award for her service to humanity.



Ronald Woods '69 spoke during the dedication of the university's Anti-Racism Statement on Alumni Way.



Wittenberg President Emeritus William A. Kinnison '54, left, and Lenore Kinnison '59 join Pearl and Ed Patmos, professor emeritus of economics, at the 50th dinner reception.



John Marr '81, center, and Eugene Swanger, professor emeritus of religion, right, joined award winners at the All-Alumni Awards brunch on Saturday. To nominate an alumnus/alumna for an award, go to www.wittenberg.edu/alumni.



Previous alumni award winners, Martha Michelfelder Scott '50 and Henry Diederichs '51 look for their engraved bricks along Alumni Way. Formerly Woodlawn Avenue, the new pedestrian walkway was officially dedicated during the weekend.



Charyl Bowsher Ahrendt '89 and Barbara Dimarco Landford '90 caught up during the weekend.



The Golden W class of '54 was greeted with cheers as it followed the parade route.



Pictures from the past welcomed members of the class of '79 at their 25th reunion.



Former Athletic Hall of Honor inductees John Connelly '70 and son reconnect with Don Corfman '69 at the Tiger Tailgate Tent.



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The Big Shebang

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend

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At halftime, Wittenberg crowned John LePelley '05 and Ann Bixel '05 as the 2004 Homecoming King and Queen.

It doesn't get any bigger than this. From full-size cardboard cutouts of students in the Benham-Pence Student Center to a giant hand-crafted Tiger to the game ball being delivered by helicopter, Wittenberg's new Homecoming/Reunion Weekend 2004 proved indeed to be "The Big Shebang."

More than a 1,000 alumni descended on campus, Oct. 22-24, to enjoy the big weekend, which combined Alumni Weekend with Homecoming. With decorations designed by Springfield-based Ambience, alumni found themselves reminiscing in an elegant ballroom or kicking back in a Tiger-inspired lounge. Outdoor festivities, including the all-campus picnic beneath the big top, athletic contests and the annual parade, brought alumni from across the country back to campus.

Adding to the big day were numerous dedications, including the renaming of the Black Culture House in recognition of The Hon. William A. McClain '34, who confronted and conquered many race-based obstacles in his 65-year law career and who today remains one of the most respected attorneys in the nation.

Alumni and friends also witnessed the dedication of the Anti-Racism Statement, which reaffirms the university's commitment to diversity and education of the whole person. The event took place on the new Alumni Way, formerly Woodlawn Avenue, which was also dedicated.

In addition, Wittenberg honored alumni with special awards, including Dr. Barbara VanLeer Evans, profiled in the fall 2003 issue, and seven others, profiled in this issue's Class Notes. ■

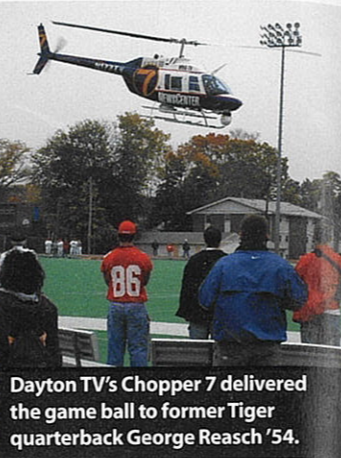
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Wittenberg honored donors to Myers Hall with a Founders Wall in the residence hall.



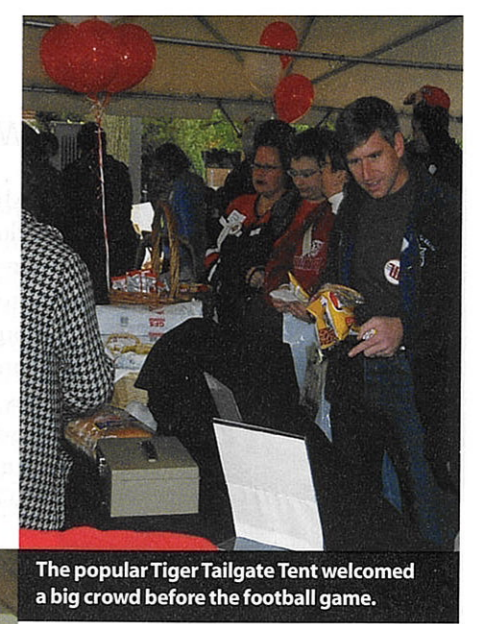
Ohio Lt. Gov. Jennette Bradley '74 joined Anthony Roseboro '82 and Wendy Ford '76 at the Black Culture House rededication.



Dayton TV's Chopper 7 delivered the game ball to former Tiger quarterback George Reasch '54.



Alpha Delta Pi sisters from the class of '74 gathered to watch the parade with fellow alumni and friends in front of the Bayley Alumni House.



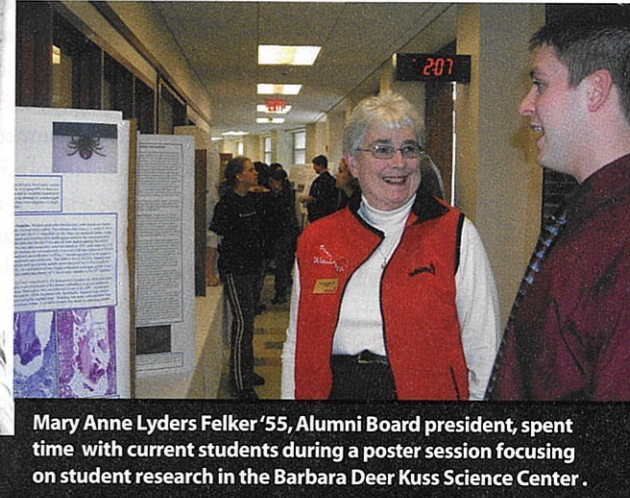
The popular Tiger Tailgate Tent welcomed a big crowd before the football game.



Alumni had the opportunity to take classes again during the weekend.



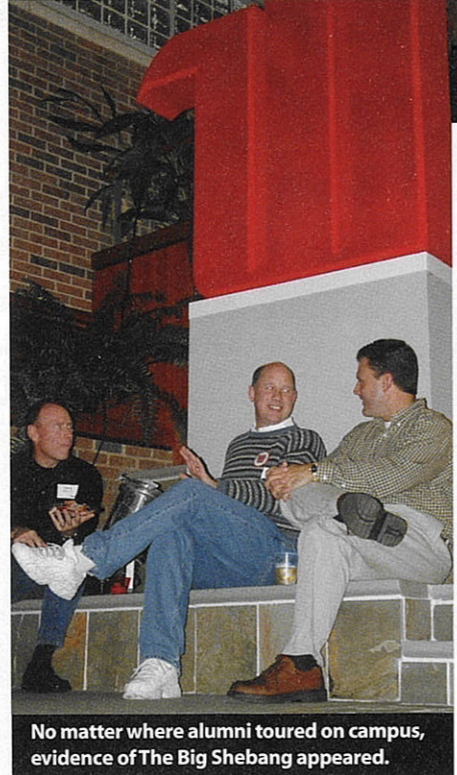
Interim President Bill Steinbrink '64, center, was one of the many speakers at the rededication of the William A. McClain Black Culture House. More than 120 guests also joined McClain '34, seated right.



Mary Anne Lyders Felker '55, Alumni Board president, spent time with current students during a poster session focusing on student research in the Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center.



The class of '94 kicked back in the Tiger-inspired lounge in Hollenbeck Hall for its 10th reunion.



No matter where alumni toured on campus, evidence of The Big Shebang appeared.



The class of 1979 celebrated its 25th anniversary in a big way.



The next generation of Wittenberg Tigers also found time for fun during the event.

Photos by Jeff Smith '96





ROBERT RAFFERTY '02

Wesbecher Joins Office of Alumni Relations

Michael Wesbecher '04 has been named the assistant director for alumni and parent relations. A communications major with a minor in French, Wesbecher interned in the Office of Alumni Relations from May 2002 until 2004. As an intern, Wesbecher helped to organize local and statewide events for alumni and assisted in the production of various publications. Prior to this position, he served as the Phonathon manager where he motivated groups of callers twice a week. The vice president of Student Senate, active in WUSO and a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity while a student, Wesbecher hails from Lima, Ohio. ■

Alumnus Helps Restore Recitation Hall Clock

After reading that the Herbert A. Littleton Memorial Tower Clock in Recitation Hall was not working, Bert A. Trompeter '50 took action.

"When you have something that's broken, it should be fixed," Trompeter said, and his gift to the university will have the Seth Thomas antique keeping time before the holidays.

As an undergraduate, Trompeter climbed the Recitation Hall tower to help a friend install a television cable for his science fair project. He remembers thinking then that the tower appeared empty and unfinished.

"I felt that a clock should be there," he said. "Things should be finished."

A clock fancier from Louisville, Ky., Trompeter first became interested in clocks after being assigned to wind his elementary school's 30-day clock once a month. Today he has one just like it in his collection along with 25 other treasured timepieces, including his first acquisition, a regulator clock from his grandfather's barbershop. Six of the clocks have chime alarms. "Some mark the hour and half-hour, and others mark the half-hour and quarter-hour, and continue throughout the day and night," he said with a laugh. He also must reset and wind "all these clocks" twice a year.

Director of Plant Safety and Environment John Paulsen reports that the clock motor has been repaired, and he expects the clock, along with a repaired dial face, to be back in Recitation after Thanksgiving.

"If I come up to campus," Trompeter said, "it better be on time." ■

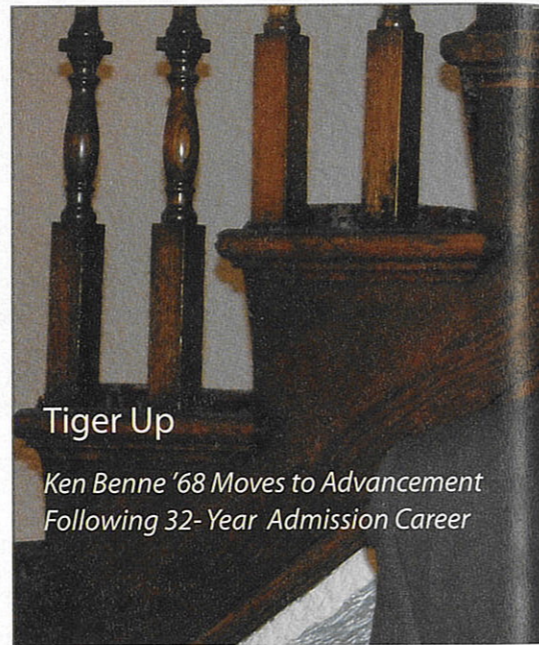
Class of 2008 Arrives

Wittenberg welcomed 621 new students to campus in August. The class consists of 326 females and 295 males from across the United States and from 17 different countries, including the Bahamas, Ecuador, England, Holland, India, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Sweden, Syria and Vietnam.

Among the changes that greeted students were a remodeled bookstore, a new home for police/security and the switchboard in the Recitation Hall Annex, and the Office of Student Development being renamed the Dietrich House after the original home was razed this summer. ■



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Tiger Up

Ken Benne '68 Moves to Advancement Following 32-Year Admission Career

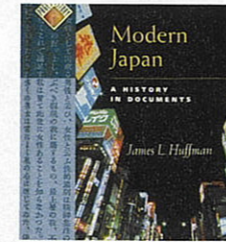
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From handwritten notes on thousands of acceptance letters to heartfelt hellos on campus to his signature "Go Tigers" that graced most e-mails, Ken Benne '68, dean of admission since 1978, never shied away from showing his Wittenberg pride. Whether it was on the road, at sporting events, in high schools across the country, during prospective student weekends or in his day-to-day activities, Benne regularly shared what made Wittenberg special.

Now after 32 years in admission, Benne plans to take that enthusiasm on a different road as a major gifts officer in the Office of Advancement.

"Ken brings nearly four decades of established relationships with hundreds of alumni, board members, friends and parents, and I have the utmost confidence in him and great appreciation for his passion, positive attitude, energy and strong work ethic," said Charles Dominick, vice president for advancement. ■

Professor Authors Textbook on Modern Japan



With an illuminating commentary and unique range of primary source documents, James Huffman, H. Orth Hirt Professor of History, traces Japan's history from its first encounter with Western culture to its pervasive influence in the world today in his new book *Modern Japan: A History in Documents* just released by Oxford University Press. Memoirs, a diary, political speeches and an eyewitness account of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima are among the primary sources Huffman includes.

The book follows Huffman's 2003 meticulously researched *A Yankee in Meiji Japan*, which examined the evolution of Meiji, Japan (1868-1912) through the life of crusading journalist Edward H. House. ■

Join Tiger Career Network

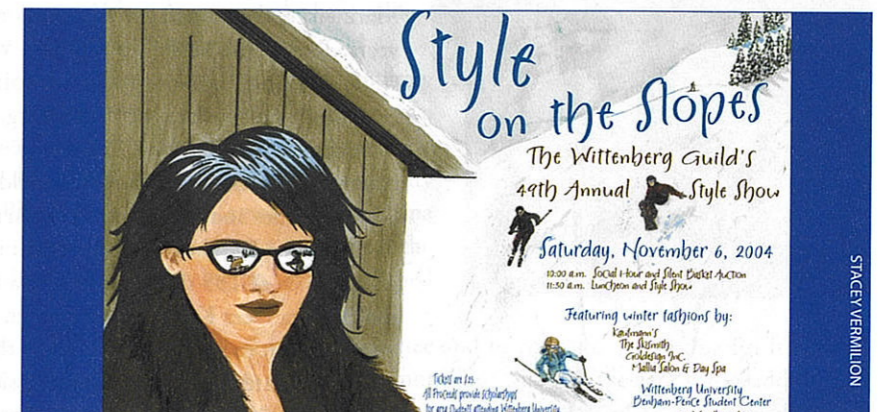
In an effort to assist students and recent graduates with career planning, hundreds of alumni have joined Wittenberg's Tiger Career Advisors Network (TCAN) through the Career Center. The online system allows students to contact alumni in various fields via e-mail to discuss job qualifications, internship opportunities, and hiring practices, among other topics.

"The expertise our alumni can provide is invaluable to our students as they consider job opportunities," said Stephanie Ford, director of the Career Center.

To fill out a profile, log on to www.wittenberg.edu, and click Career Center in the Quick Links menu. ■

Wittenberg Guild Sponsors "Style on the Slopes"

More than 250 people turned out to enjoy The Wittenberg Guild's 49th Annual Scholarship Style Show, Nov. 6, in the Benham-Pence Student Center. Featuring fall and winter slopeside fashions this year, the event will directly benefit students from Clark, Champaign, Greene, Madison, Miami and Montgomery counties in the form of scholarships. The Guild has contributed nearly \$800,000 to Wittenberg since its founding in 1940. Alumni Citation award recipient Jade Spicer Gianakopolous '95 chaired this year's event. ■



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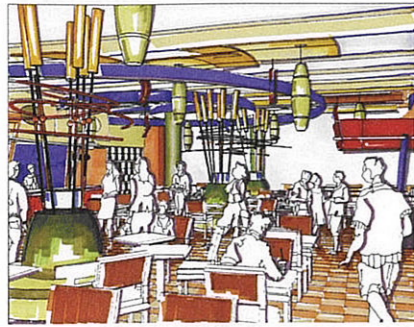


KRISTEN COLLIER '92

Make a Difference Day

More than 20 student volunteers joined Kristen Scott Collier '92, director of community service, on Oct. 30 for the 14th annual Make a Difference Day. As part of this international celebration of service, the group painted the interior of a transitional home for Interfaith Hospitality Network, an organization that assists homeless women and children in Springfield. Personal care items were also donated by Wittenberg students, faculty and staff for distribution in the Springfield/Clark County community. ■

Commons Receives Major Makeover



The Commons, Wittenberg's popular dining and gathering spot in the Benham-Pence Student Center, is currently undergoing a major renovation. Work is expected to be completed by Jan. 10.

From the food area and floors to seating and sound, the new Commons, designed and managed by Sodexo, will provide a more open dining experience for patrons. A circular kiosk housing Jazzman's Café will now greet guests as will jazz music being

pumped through an advanced sound system. Patrons will also enjoy an expanded menu, including Pete's Arena, which will feature Italian fare, Grill 155, Scoops and Rappz, featuring CyberWraps, among other stops.

"We're really excited about the new look and menu," said Amie Jones, retail manager for dining services. "We think it reflects what the Wittenberg community wants."

An opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned as is a possible contest to rename the venue. ■

Jewish History Serves as Subject of Wittenberg Series

Acclaimed historian of Jewish history Jonathan D. Sarna helped celebrate the national commemoration of the 350th anniversary of American Jewish history in September. The author and co-author of 20 books on topics ranging from immigration and Zionism to ethnicity and public policy, Sarna discussed "American Judaism: The 350-Year History of an Old Faith in the New World," Sept. 27, as part of the Wittenberg Series-sponsored William A. Kinnison Endowed Lecture in History.

One of America's foremost commentators on American Jewish history, religion and life, Sarna is currently the Joseph H. and Belle Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University in Massachusetts. His books include *The American Jewish Experience*, which has become an essential text for scholars and non-scholars alike; *People Walk On Their Heads*, a volume dealing with Jewish immigrant life in New York, and *Women and American Judaism: Historical Perspectives*. Another book co-authored with Ellen Smith, *The Jews of Boston*, was turned into a television documentary, and his most recent book, *American Judaism*, traces the history of Jews from colonial days to the 21st century. ■



Adamack Named Executive-in-Residence

The management department's fall 2004 Executive-in-Residence is no stranger to hitting one out of the park. As vice president of communications for the Seattle Mariners, and a veteran communications officer with major league baseball for 30 years, Randy Adamack '73 scored a winning finish to the Mariners' less than stellar baseball season when he joined management students and sports enthusiasts for two days at Wittenberg, Oct. 12-13.

Adamack headlined his Tuesday evening keynote "The Sports Industry...Just Another Business?" with a Safeco Field video followed by a discussion regarding the similarities and differences between major league baseball and other businesses. "MLB is like live theatre with a twist; it's a competition," Adamack explained to an audience of 135 students, faculty and guests who filled Bayley Auditorium in the Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center.

In addition to sharing stories from the frontlines during his address, Adamack also participated in four classroom sessions, shared lunch with a group of students and offered advice during a career chat while on campus. ■



Community Focused

*Kristy Kohl McCready
To Head Development
Office for Area Hospital*

Kristy Kohl McCready '01H, executive director of advancement, first arrived at Wittenberg in 1982. A 1978 graduate of Miami University, where she earned her master's degree in student personnel and counseling in 1980, McCready dove right into her new duties as director of campus programs and activities, excelling in each task as she went along.

Such dedication quickly opened other doors, and McCready walked through many of them before settling into the Office of Advancement. For 19 years, McCready proved herself a successful fund-raiser and earned a well deserved reputation for her professionalism in planning and executing some of the institution's most memorable events.

As director of the Defining Moments Campaign, McCready led the effort to conclude

and celebrate the largest fund-raising program in the university's history. She also served as director of development and constituency relations and as director of The Wittenberg Fund, which topped the \$1-million mark for the first time under her leadership.

Now, after 22 years of service, McCready will take on a new role as the director of development at the newly merged Community Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

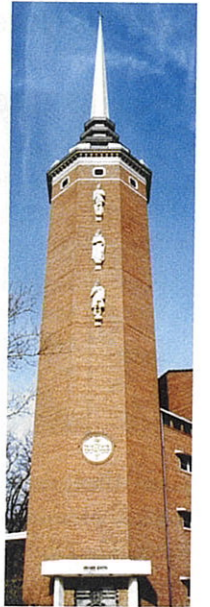
"Kristy has displayed an extraordinary high level of dedication and commitment to Wittenberg, and she has distinguished herself in every position she has held," said Charles Dominick, vice president for advancement. "I have truly valued her as a colleague, confidant and senior member of the advancement staff. Her creativity and talent will be dearly missed." ■

Wittenberg Excels in Seminary Scholars

Since the inaugural year of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Fund for Leaders in Mission, Wittenberg has produced three of the 98 program scholarship recipients since 2000.

Mark Huber '04, of Pataskala, Ohio, was awarded one of 16 full-tuition scholarships, and Dana Hendershot, of Cedar Springs, Mich., received a partial-tuition scholarship to attend seminaries affiliated with the ELCA through the ELCA Fund for Leaders in Mission this year.

Huber is studying for his master of divinity on a full scholarship at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, while Hendershot is studying for her master of divinity on a partial-tuition scholarship at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Kevan Penvose '00, a 2004 graduate of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, was one of the first eight recipients, according to University Pastor Rachel Tune. ■



Award-Winning Chemist Discusses Science Education

Dudley Herschbach, the 1986 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry and Harvard University professor emeritus of science, discussed improving science education across the United States during the Wittenberg Series-sponsored IBM Endowed Lecture in the Sciences, Nov. 9.

Titled "The Impossible Takes a Little Longer," Herschbach's talk featured observations gathered in the more than two decades of working with students and faculty in the scientific arena, including the practical value of curiosity-driven research and the kinship of science and the humanities as liberal arts. He also presented a technical talk titled "Maxwell's Demon: From Orienting Molecules to Turning Motor Enzymes," Nov. 10.

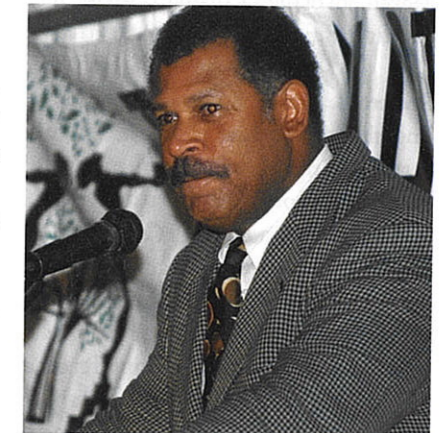
Named by *Chemical & Engineering News* as one of the 75 leading contributors to the chemical enterprise in the past 75 years, Herschbach teaches graduate courses in quantum mechanics, chemical kinetics, molecular spectroscopy and collision theory. Chair of the board of trustees of Science Service, publishers of *Science News*, he also continues to teach general chemistry to entering freshmen. He is currently researching methods of orienting molecules for studies of collision stereodynamics and means of slowing and trapping molecules to examine chemistry at long wavelengths. ■

Alumnus Honored for Philanthropic Efforts

Milton O. Thompson '76, a member of the Wittenberg Board of Directors since 1998, received the 2004 Black Business and Philanthropy Award from the National Center for Black Philanthropy (NCFBP) Inc. The award honors African Americans who have uplifted the black community and the larger community with their generous acts.

President and CEO of Grand Slam Companies, a sports and entertainment consulting firm in Indianapolis, Ind., Thompson has served as interim executive director for two Indianapolis organizations, Family Advocacy Center and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. He also serves on the boards of the Indianapolis Indians, Central Indiana Community Foundation, The Indianapolis Foundation, Pike Performing Arts Center and the Indiana World Skating Academy, among others. In addition, Thompson is a member of the Board of Visitors at the Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, where he earned his law degree in 1979.

A political science major at Wittenberg, 1998 Athletic Hall of Honor inductee and member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, Thompson said he is "humbled, yet grateful, by the National Center's efforts to honor [him] with this special award," adding that "passing along your talent and resources is a responsibility, not an option." ■

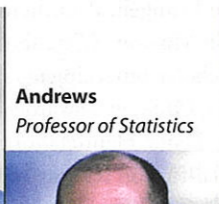


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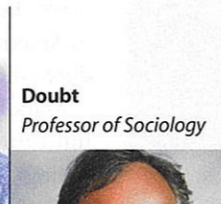
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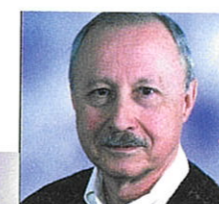
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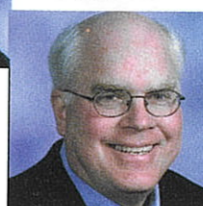


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The Big Dig

Students Turn Indiana Jones in New Course

When Professor of History Thomas Taylor and Assistant Professor of History Darlene Brooks Hedstrom saw an opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience in history, they capitalized on it.

Together, they designed a class syllabus that combined Brooks Hedstrom's archaeological expertise and Taylor's involvement with the restoration of the Gammon House, a stop on the Underground Railroad in Springfield. They then applied and received matching funds from The Turner Foundation and a start-up budget from Wittenberg.

After a year's preparation, which included having a resistivity probe conducted by Michael Zaleha, assistant professor and acting chair of geology, using ground penetrating radar equipment operated by Dan Fleisch, associate professor of physics, Taylor and Brooks Hedstrom welcomed 17 students to their co-taught Archaeological Field Methods course this fall, the first in Wittenberg's history.

"The goal is to discover what evidence exists physically that the Gammon House was on the Underground Railroad," Brooks Hedstrom explained, adding that a tangible sign would be a tunnel. The schedule for the interior reconstruction of the house mandated that the dig begin in the shallow crawlspace beneath the house.

At the site, each student worked as a field archaeologist. Required to document everything, each developed and improved skills in several disciplines.

"This class gave us the unique opportunity to gain some firsthand experience with the methods and techniques that archaeologists use to

examine and interpret the past," Adam F. Drain '05 explained. "Paperwork, drawing, categorizing and a lot of thinking occurs before and during the actual excavation."

"It has managed to go above and beyond what I expected," added Corey McOsker '05, who plans to pursue archaeology. "Everyday there was something new and interesting, whether or not you actually unearthed an old object."

Springfield native Tyler Jackson '05 said he was drawn to the class by the fact that something exciting like the Underground Railroad actually happened in his hometown. Jackson admits that his most difficult challenge was leaving an 1860-1870 two-cent coin untouched while he photographed and documented the discovery.

"We have to realize that everything is important; our documentation will be the

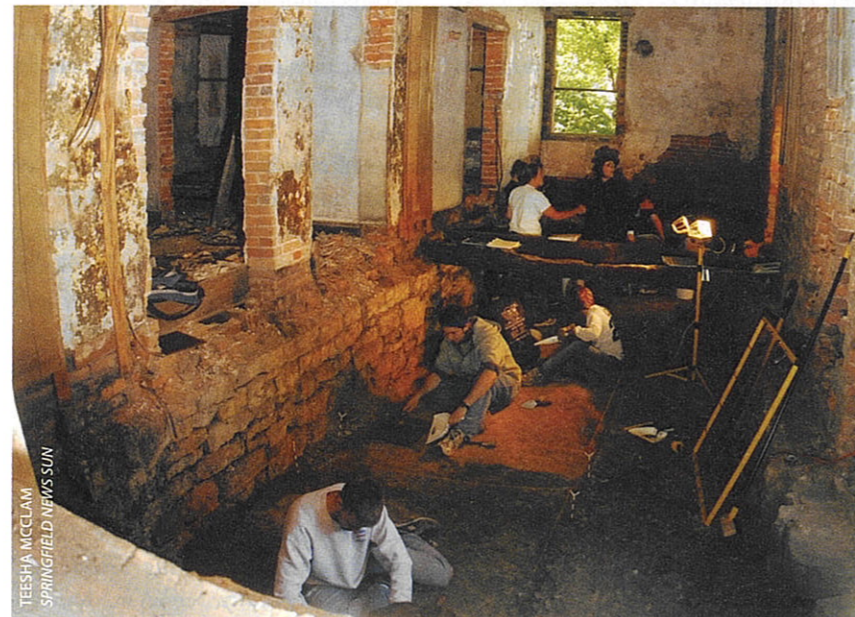
only record of each object," Jackson said.

Seven students continued to work after the excavation component of the class ended in October to complete the crawl space dig. They will work as supervisors during the back yard excavation scheduled for the spring. The yard is not fenced, so additional time will be required to set up and take down the materials each work day to secure the dig.

A 'study season' will soon get underway, according to Brooks Hedstrom. "The study season is the work done away from the site that follows the excavation work," she said. "Wittenberg's biologists will examine the bones, and the chemists will examine the soils collected."

A final component of the course requires that the students organize an exhibition for the Gammon House Museum. ■

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Historic Homecoming

The Road to The Big Shebang Paved with Tradition

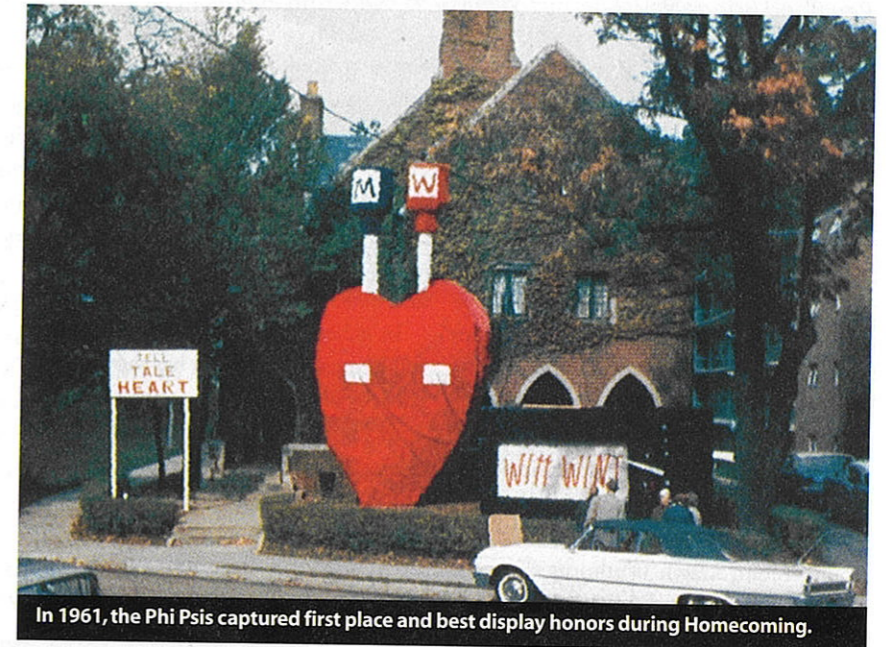
The Big Shebang, Wittenberg's first combined Homecoming/Reunion Weekend, offered many opportunities for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater. It also provided a peek at the traditions of yesteryear for the hundreds present.

The concept of Homecoming first graced the pages of the *Torch* on Oct. 26, 1916, with the headline "Gala Day for College." The day, the paper reports, was to be set-aside for the dedication of the newly remodeled Myers Hall.

"It is the idea to make this an alumni home-coming event," according to the article, which also discussed the planned festivities, including a procession across the athletic field and a farce about college life performed by students.

A "dainty football game, staged by the Glee club, one team wearing full dress suits and the other dressed in white flannel trousers," was also on tap. The teams would be encouraged by "a delicate bit of cheering indulged in by the Phi Psis assisted by 20 men from Myers Hall," and the "Alpha Taus would handle the annual freshman-sophomore tug-of-war." An exhibition football game between the freshmen and reserve teams would complete the day's entertainment.

By 1928, planners of the annual Dad's Day celebration added an alumni reunion that was reported to be "the greatest homecoming" ever. Signs posted along all the roads leading to Springfield advertised the event, which included the dedication of the new health education and field house building. Social organizations decorated their houses, and a program of



In 1961, the Phi Psis captured first place and best display honors during Homecoming.

pyrotechnics, complete with exploding shells and banners, would introduce the football game against Miami of Oxford.

"The whole student body plans to board a special train ... to Springfield," for the highly anticipated game, and men who had won the "W" for athletic achievement in the past were to meet in front of the stadium at half-time to be recognized.

The following year 1,800 alumni registered for Homecoming, and in 1930, the first Homecoming queen was elected. Social organizations held a house-decorating contest that year, and the new Beta Theta Pi fraternity house was dedicated. A radio party was also held in the field house so alumni could listen to the National Broadcast Company's coverage of its Homecoming celebration.

In 1955, the 48-member marching band was big news on campus. It performed a tribute to moms titled "A Woman's Work Is Never Done" during halftime in front of the 5,000 fans at the game. Parades, displays, floats and barbecues were now familiar, anticipated Homecoming fare, but the main event was "The Game," between the Fighting Lutherans and the Otterbein Cardinals. They tied 13-13.

Next year, the Class of 1955 will return to campus for its 50th reunion, and if history is any indication, the class will certainly enjoy a big celebration.

"This year's event exceeded our expectations," said Patricia Richmond Benne '68, director of alumni relations. "We expect it to get even bigger and better." ■ — Phyllis Eberts '00



Rockin' and Rollin'

Pep Band Brings New Energy to University Sporting Events

If Wittenberg athletes have a little more spring in their step this year, it could be a direct result of a little more "pep," courtesy of the university's new Pep Band. After making its debut on basketball game days during the 2003-04 season, the Pep Band has become a fan favorite.

"The Pep Band was created to help generate spirit with our fans during athletic events," said Garnett Purnell, director of athletics and recreation. "It made an impact at the basketball games last winter and at football games this fall. Hopefully, it will continue to grow over time."

Spearheaded by Pep Band President and Founder John Strawn '07, the organization formed last winter and registered to receive funds from the Student Senate.

With its allotment from the governing body in the last two school years, the Pep Band has purchased new instruments, recruited new members and quickly earned a warm spot in the hearts of Wittenberg fans.

"This has been a great experience," said Strawn, a native of Solon, Ohio, who represents the fourth generation of his family to attend Wittenberg. "The students are in control of everything, so we're getting great leadership experience."

Strawn first learned of the need for a Pep Band during his visit to Wittenberg as a high school senior. Silas Burdick, class of 2004, wanted to start a Pep Band, and he seized upon Strawn's interest in music and experience in his high school band. The two collaborated, got a booth at the 2003 activities fair, an annual fall event,

and attracted interest from about 20 other students. From an initial group of 15 musicians at the first practice in fall 2003, the Wittenberg Pep Band has more than doubled in size in personnel and features a set of cymbals, a snare drum, a set of tri-toms, two bass drums, a baritone and two sousaphones.

In other words, it now sounds like a full-fledged band, and it has shown steady improvement from the first few appearances that were played without enough low brass instruments and with a limited repertoire. With new equipment and more and more interested students with backgrounds in high school marching bands, orchestras and even

drumlines, the future appears bright for this ambitious, happy-go-lucky bunch.

"It is fun because it's open. We take anyone we can get, and we work with them to learn an instrument and play as part of a group."

Other officers include Vice President Tom Christ '07, Treasurer Julia Murgatroyd '06, Public Relations Coordinator Jodi Stooksberry '05 and Secretary Andy Klosky '05.

As a group, the Wittenberg Pep Band has considered a future as a marching band, but that is not in the immediate plans.

"We have a lot of ideas, and I think we have great potential." ■



The Pep Band participated in Homecoming/Reunion Weekend festivities this year.

Student-Athletes and Staff Featured in Promotional Video for Life Skills Program



Wittenberg University Director of Athletics and Recreation Garnett Purnell and other members of the faculty, staff and students are prominently featured in a promotional video for the NCAA's academic assistance program, CHAMPS/Life Skills. The video includes interviews with Wittenberg staff members and student-athletes in and around the HPER Center.

The Wittenberg athletic department is in its first full year of participation in the CHAMPS/Life Skills program, joining more than 500 other institutions. Wittenberg is breaking new ground with its involvement in CHAMPS/Life Skills as the first North Coast Athletic Conference institution and one of just 86 NCAA Division III schools to participate in the program. The video will be used by the NCAA for special programming, with portions of it featured in future advertisements and promotional pieces. The entire video will be sent to every NCAA institution participating in the CHAMPS/Life Skills program for promotional uses on their campuses as well.

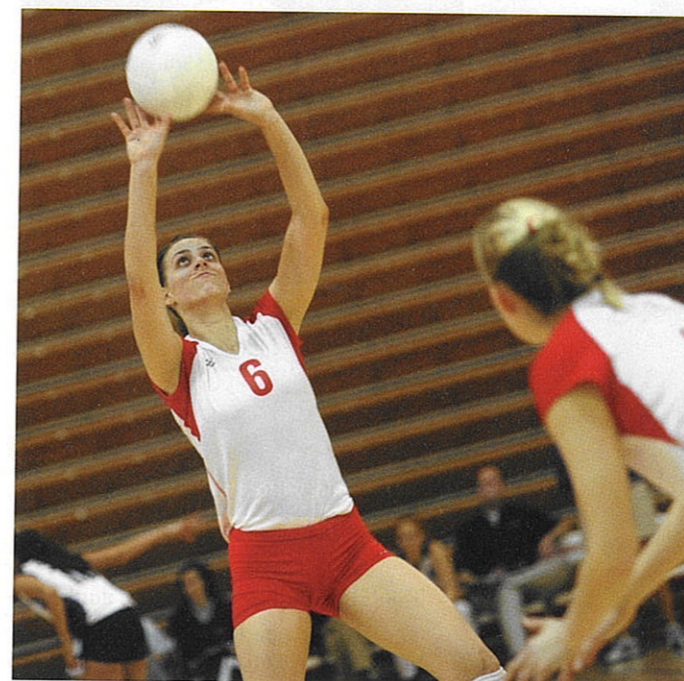
Approximately 40 student-athletes are participating in the program during the 2004-05 school year at Wittenberg. All of them will gain from the key components of the CHAMPS/Life Skills program, including community service, leadership and scholarship. Study tables sessions, with tutors on hand in several academic disciplines, will be offered on a weekly basis.

"This is a great program that will greatly enhance the student-athlete experience at Wittenberg University," Purnell said. "The CHAMPS/Life Skills program offers educational and leadership experiences that will do a great deal to build upon their collegiate experiences." ■



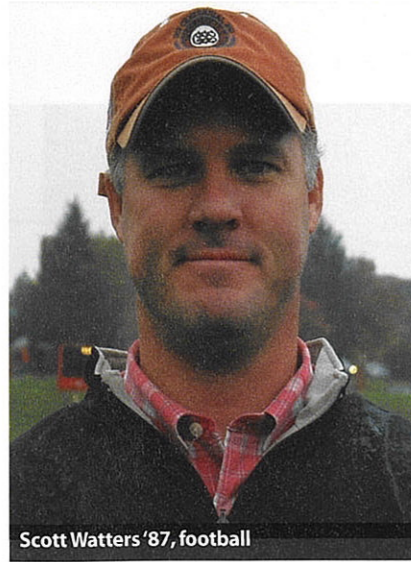
Field Hockey Wins NCAC Title

The Wittenberg Tiger field hockey team won the NCAC regular season and tournament titles for a third straight year before losing in the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament at fifth-ranked William Smith, 5-2. Freshman goalkeeper Nicole Irvin (pictured in yellow) made 14 saves in that game, including this beauty from close range. ■



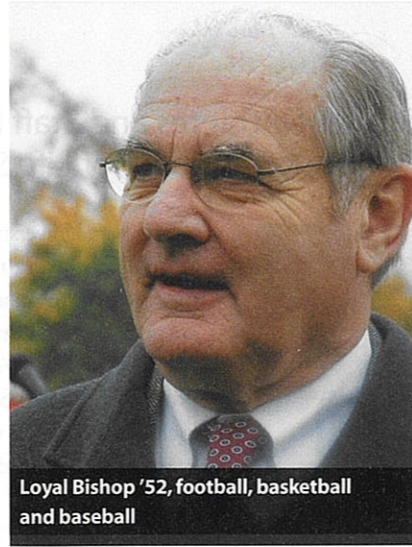
Volleyball Ranked No. 2 in Nation

The Wittenberg volleyball team raised the bar in 2004, reaching the NCAA Division III quarterfinals for the second time in school history before losing to La Verne (Calif.), 3-0, on Nov. 20. The Tigers won a school-record 35 matches in 2004 and won the NCAC regular season and tournament championships for an eighth straight year. Seniors Sarah Yuskewich, left, Emilie Schmid and Monica McDonald earned All-America honors. For Yuskewich, it was an unprecedented third time as a first-team All-America after setting national, school and conference records for assists and blocks during her career. Schmid was a second-team selection, shattering all school and conference dig records. McDonald, the team leader in kills, capped her career with third-team All-America honors. Head Coach Paco Labrador was also honored as Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year. Labrador has a sparkling two-year record of 63-10. Wittenberg finished the 2004 regular season ranked No. 2 in the nation. ■



Scott Watters '87, football

2004 Wittenberg's Athletic Hall of Honor 2004



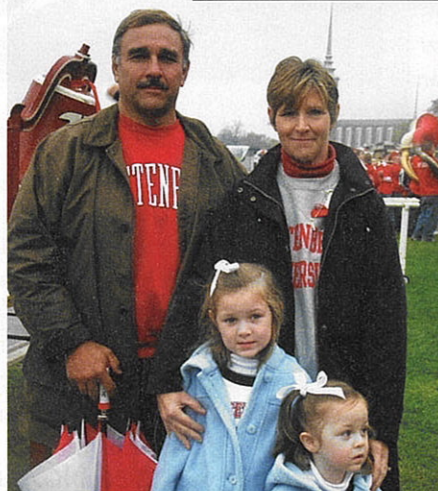
Loyal Bishop '52, football, basketball and baseball



Brad Baldrige '91, basketball



Beth Green '94, basketball and volleyball

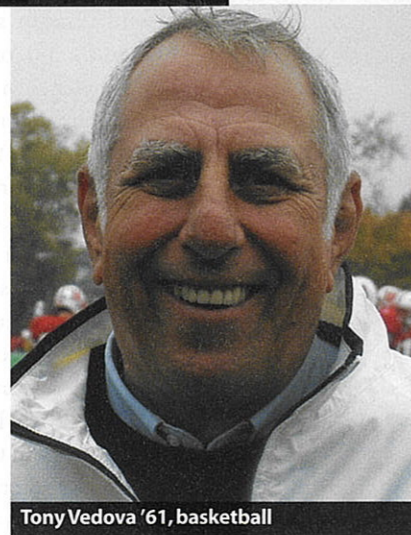


Pete and Pam Warga and Bridget and Brooke Warga, parents and children of the late John Warga '91, football

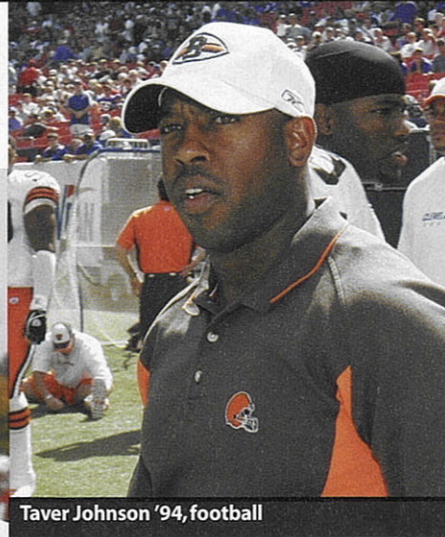
The 2004 inductees into Wittenberg's Athletic Hall of Honor were recognized at halftime at the game against Wabash, which the Tigers won 49-35.



Rick Lyons '91, golf



Tony Vedova '61, basketball



Taver Johnson '94, football

photos by Jeff Smith '96



Chat Time

Alumni Share Career Advice with Students Thanks to New Technology

Believing that alumni provide the best source for career advice, the Office of Alumni Relations and the Career Center have joined together to sponsor a series of alumni-student online chats. Thanks to the Internet, students will be able to connect immediately with alumni in diverse careers throughout the world using any standard Web browser.

Stephanie Ford, director of the Career Center, initiated the concept last spring. Building on the success of Alumni Careers Day during Homecoming 2003, Ford knew there would be numerous alumni willing to participate.

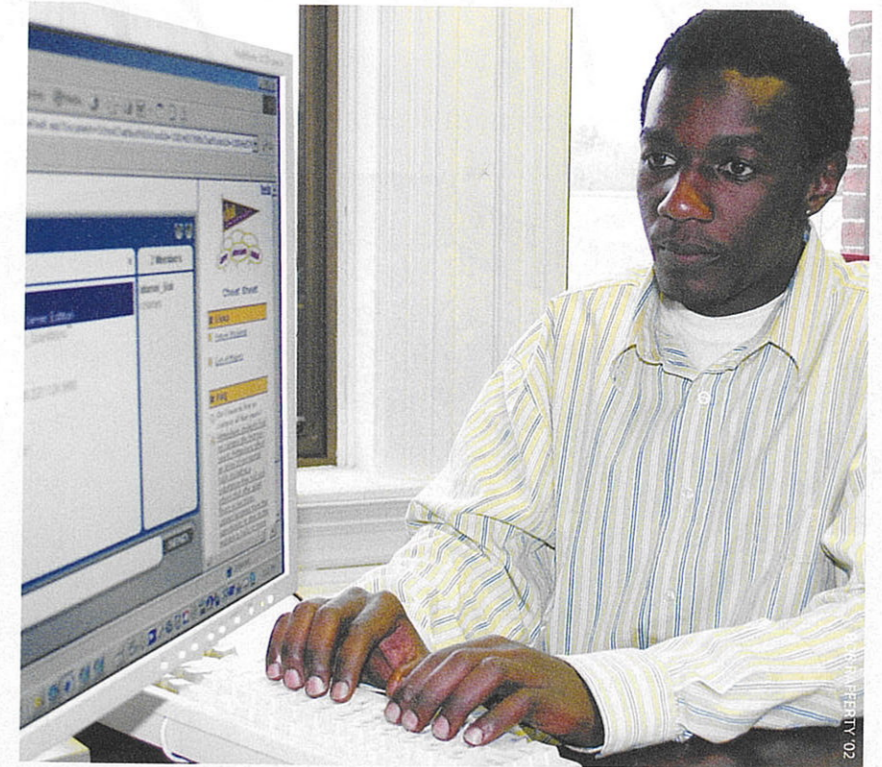
"Many alumni want to help in this capacity, but it's not always convenient for them to come back to campus for Alumni Careers Day or the other programs we offer."

The first online chat titled "Is a Big City Right for You?" took place on Nov. 17 and featured Charles Giffin '00, associate for J.P. Morgan Securities in Manhattan, N.Y., and Jessica Clayton '95, senior research analyst for the Ariel Research Corporation based in McClean, Va.

"The use of online conversation, such as instant messaging, chat rooms, blogs and even text messaging from cell phones, has increased dramatically over the past few years," said Wittenberg Webmaster Bob Rafferty '02.

"Students are embracing this form of communication, and I am glad we can provide it for them."

"I think that alumni and students both really enjoy being engaged with one another," added Michael Wesbecher '04,



assistant director of alumni relations. "This approach not only further assists students in reaching their career goals, but it also gives alumni an opportunity to help students whose shoes they once wore."

Ford's hope is that the two offices can provide a broad enough range of chat topics that every student will have an interest in participating. Chat topics scheduled for this semester include law school, breaking in the entertainment industry, job options for sporty types, working abroad, careers in fashion, building a resume, local employment and working for the government.

"During the last couple of years, the Career Center and the alumni office have tried to bring students and alumni together," said Pat Benne '68, director of alumni relations. "The Alumni Board has also been very active in these efforts and considers building relationships with students and alumni a top priority."

To learn how to participate or for a schedule of chat dates, log on to the Career Center Web site via the Quick Links option on Wittenberg's home page, contact the Career Center at (800) 677-7558, ext. 7521, or e-mail alumni@wittenberg.edu. All alumni are welcome. ■

Experiencing East Asia

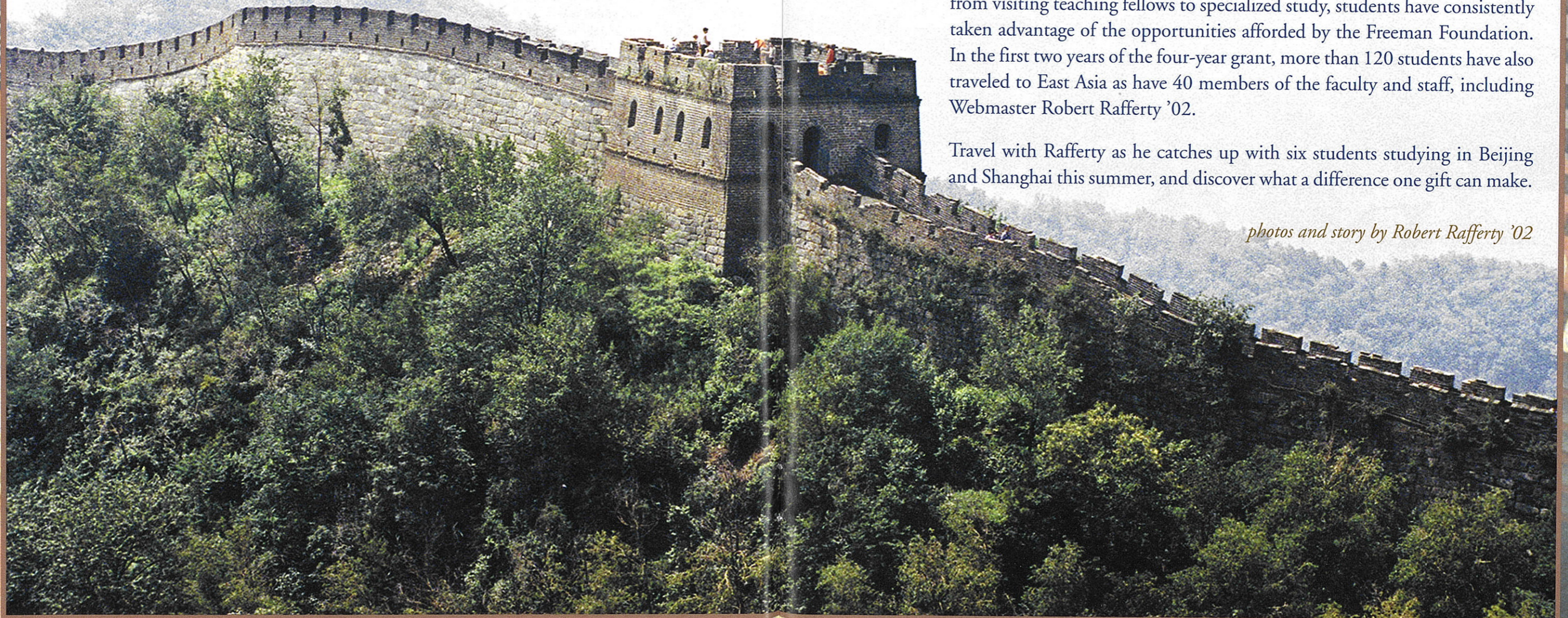
When Wittenberg's premier East Asian Studies program received the \$1.9 million grant from the Freeman Foundation in 2002, the program pledged that all students, regardless of their course of study, would have an encounter with Asia as part of their undergraduate experience.

And encounter it they have.

From enjoying Asian performing arts in the Wittenberg Series to learning from visiting teaching fellows to specialized study, students have consistently taken advantage of the opportunities afforded by the Freeman Foundation. In the first two years of the four-year grant, more than 120 students have also traveled to East Asia as have 40 members of the faculty and staff, including Webmaster Robert Rafferty '02.

Travel with Rafferty as he catches up with six students studying in Beijing and Shanghai this summer, and discover what a difference one gift can make.

photos and story by Robert Rafferty '02





Erin Weller and Katie Houchens

"This is where we want to go," Erin Weller '05 said to a Shanghai cab driver as she passed her well worn tablet over the front seat. The driver looked at the Chinese characters that had been scrawled by her tutor and then began to reply in his native tongue. "We don't understand what you are saying," interrupted Erin's roommate Katie Houchens '05 who then attempted to pronounce the Chinese characters. After a moment or two, the driver gave the universal thumbs up signal to the women, and they were off to dinner. "This is how it goes every time we get in a cab," Erin confessed.

Giving directions to a cab driver in any major American city can be difficult. Imagine trying to explain how to get back to the Bronx from mid-town Manhattan. Now imagine doing that in a language you have only studied for two weeks.



"It was the best opportunity I have ever been given," Katie said. "Before coming to Wittenberg, if anyone had told me that I would be living in an apartment in Shanghai for the summer, I would probably have laughed at them."

But Katie and Erin aren't laughing now. "This was the only way I would have wanted to spend the summer," Erin said. "We both are so fortunate to have had this experience."

While some students go abroad find their own independence, Katie and Erin have found the opportunity to travel abroad together not only once but twice. Their summer in Shanghai was the second opportunity that the friends had to study outside the United States. In the fall of 2003, Erin and Katie spent a semester in London, England, during which they traveled throughout Europe to Italy, Spain, Ireland and Scotland. This summer they not only had their passport stamped in China but also Thailand.

Growing up on opposite sides of the country, Katie in Colorado and Erin in Connecticut, the friends and fellow field hockey players first met when Ken Benne, dean of admission introduced them.

They then joined Delta Gamma sorority in 2002. As their academic pursuits unfolded, they both declared majors in English and minors in East Asian Studies.

Their paths to East Asian Studies, however, diverged. Erin grew up in a family where Fridays were devoted to Chinese food. "It's something that we always did and something I enjoyed," she said.



Additionally, Erin's parents traveled to China on occasion for business and would return with what seemed like amazing gifts from another world.

Katie's appreciation for East Asia developed at Wittenberg. "The East Asian Studies department is so

strong at Wittenberg that it is hard not take a class. The opportunities offered by the Freeman Foundation are incredible for Wittenberg students."

Their seven-week program in Shanghai introduced them to courses in both written and spoken Chinese, while a cultural Chinese course taught them about the history of Shanghai. Each day,

Katie and Erin started to become more comfortable with their Chinese language skills. Their personal tutors guided them through daily exercises, and as the weeks passed, they also began to approach daily interactions with confidence.

"Shanghai is often chaotic," Erin said. "Some days it can take you 20 minutes to get somewhere, and the next day it may take three hours." But that is the reality of China's most populous city.

With more than 13 million residents, Shanghai is one of the world's largest cities.

"All of the activity makes the city exciting," Katie said. "You have to be careful that you know where you are going or you might end up somewhere completely different, but that is part of the fun."



Ross Kaplan



Traveling the streets of Beijing with Ross Kaplan '06 is a lot like reading the Sunday edition of the *New York Times* — you know you are getting the facts, but you can't help yourself from wanting to flip to page 16 to get the rest of the story before you have even finished the first paragraph.

A Russian Area Studies major with an innate talent for foreign languages and an intense interest in the world beyond his fingertips, Ross speaks advanced Russian and, although he says he has a long way to go, is also quite well spoken in Chinese. With only two semesters of formal Chinese under his belt, he can converse easily with taxi drivers, barter with local street vendors, read restaurant menus and give directions to anyone who might need them.

Such a penchant for understanding foreign languages revealed itself early in Ross' life. As a child, he immersed himself in Hebrew and has since been comfortable picking up whatever language he needs to know. His general academic curiosities led him to take some introductory East Asian Studies courses during his freshman year, and by the winter of his sophomore year, Ross was midway through his Chinese language courses and anxious to pack his bags and experience China firsthand.

He wanted to study Chinese language and culture in-depth, so he chose the summer program at Bei Wei University in Beijing for its intensity and prestige. Ross said

he wanted to understand the world as a whole place, not separate ones. He also said he wanted to compare and contrast Chinese society with American and Russian societies, not only to discover their differences but also their similarities educationally, politically and in terms of family.

His summer study involved four hours of class time and an additional 90 minutes per day of one-on-one language tutoring. More important than the class time and tutoring to Ross were the two weeks that he spent in the town of Chengde. There, Ross joined with a group of local Chinese students to live with area families and study at the local school. His time with local

students proved the most valuable.

As fascinating as Ross finds the Chinese culture, the Chinese students found his American culture. He debated and philosophized with his newfound friends, mixing between English and Chinese as they conversed. With each discussion and each new cultural understanding, Ross fulfilled his study goals.

"I can live my whole life in the States, but I only have a limited opportunity to live in China. By learning the language, I will understand the society, and I believe that is the only real way to understand the Chinese perspective."



Funding the Future

The largest single foundation grant ever received by a Wittenberg program or department, the four-year \$1.9 million Freeman Foundation grant awarded to the university's East Asian Studies program, has significantly increased, strengthened and popularized the teaching of Asia at Wittenberg across disciplines.

In the last two years alone, more than \$350,000 has been spent to send more than 150 students and faculty to East Asia, including student groups, for study, research, competition or performance. Thirty-eight students with the men's and women's basketball teams traveled to China in 2002, followed by students in the Honors Program earlier this year. Sixty members of the Handbell Choir and Chamber Singers headed to South Korea and Japan this summer, while eight participants in Wittenberg's Springfield-Teacher Institute traveled to Japan.

On campus, the grant has supported Japanese and Chinese language courses for incoming students, six East Asian Studies teaching fellows, Asian programming in the Wittenberg Series for two consecutive years, and a new Freeman Foundation project administrator/counselor position in the Office of Admission.



Kevin McAninch

During dinner in a small restaurant in central Beijing, Wittenberg religion professor Jennifer Oldstone-Moore told a group of colleagues with whom she would be traveling to Tibet the following day about an e-mail that she received from Kevin McAninch, one of her students, a few weeks earlier. Between bites of food she explained that Kevin was studying in Beijing for the summer and had written because he couldn't wait to tell her about the weekend excursion he had taken with his class to travel by horseback in Inner Mongolia. Such excitement about learning defines Kevin, who never thought he would spend time in China during his Wittenberg career.

Arriving at Wittenberg from Lancaster, Ohio, Kevin planned to study pre-med. Like many incoming students, Kevin quickly dove into his prerequisite biology courses. By the time sophomore year rolled around, he found himself fulfilling more of his

general education requirements and, as part of those requirements, taking class outside the science department.

To fulfill his "non-western culture" credit, Kevin enrolled in a Chinese archeology course. Although some science majors might find such a class somewhat intimidating, Kevin felt right at home and actually found the class to be a refreshing change of pace from the time he spent in the lab. So comfortable in fact, he opted to take an advanced seminar on Confucianism the following semester. That's when Kevin said everything clicked, and he decided he needed to see China up close and personal.

For someone who admits that the study of languages is not his first passion or even his second for that matter, Kevin found himself surprisingly comfortable in his new environment at Bei Wei University in Beijing. Not only was it his first time abroad, but the experience offered him his first glimpse into the world outside traditional American education. Bei Wei's summer program brings together students from across the United States to study together with Chinese instructors and peer tutors.

As part of every international student's study at Bei Wei, a research paper, on the student's topic or choice, is required at the end of the term. Most students choose to study some aspect of politics, language, culture or history, but Kevin decided to focus his research on something closer to his future career — medicine. As such, Kevin explored some of China's 3,000-year-old medical treatments, which remain a significant part of Chinese culture and around the world. Chinese traditional medicine is based on the principle of balance with a strong focus on herbs and alternative therapeutic techniques such as acupuncture. How then could a western-born, science-minded scholar like Kevin find this non-scientific discipline so fascinating?

"It works," he said.

After writing his research paper, Kevin was so intrigued by his findings that he went to a discount book store in Beijing and purchased several more books on the subject to bring home with him for additional reading. "I'd like to do more research in this area. There is a lot of success in Chinese traditional medicine that western medicine cannot explain. Conventional western medicine's use of drug therapy sometimes looks inferior to the results the Chinese have had with their approach."

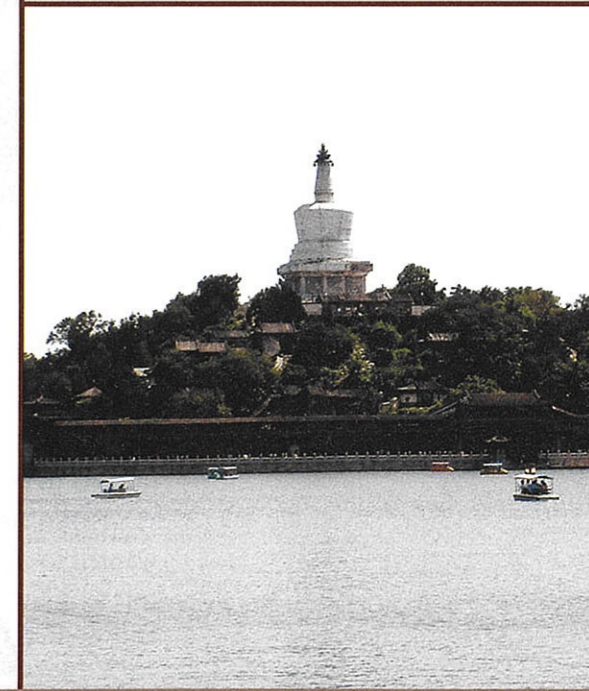
So intrigued by these techniques, Kevin has decided to work them into his junior and senior research projects. "I want to learn more and try to apply some of what I have read in the lab."

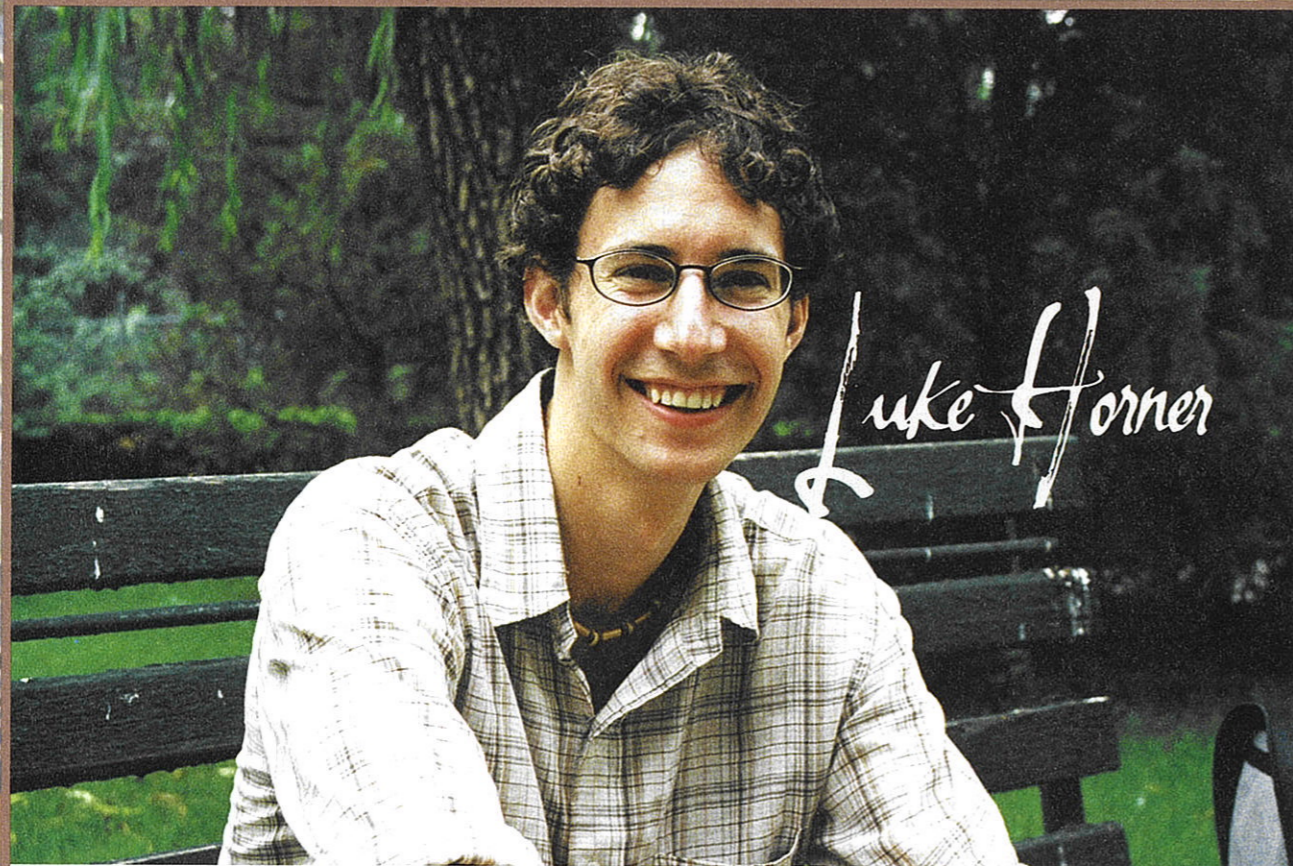
Chilling in China

According to the Office of Alumni Records, close to 400 alumni live and/or work overseas. Of those, nearly 20 percent call Japan (68), Korea (2) or China home. Those living and/or working in China include:

- David Begbie '99
- Matthew Burke '02
- Ja Chang '91
- Yi S. Chen '98
- Koon F. Chen '98
- Tamara Vantroyen Cheung '93
- Matthew Fish '99
- James W. Janeri '90
- Ho Pak Kong '50
- Nien Liu '47
- Kenji Mizoguchi '91
- Lucinda Morgan '03
- Robert Tanner '92
- Yu Wong '04
- Shu Zhang '87
- Wei Zhang '83

If someone is not listed, please e-mail wittmagazine@wittenberg.edu.





Luke Horner

There is a small café near Bei Wei University that Luke Horner '05 frequented to pick-up a coffee during his summer in Beijing. The café is typical of many of the cafés found throughout the world — comfortable chairs lit by large windows that make it hard to leave so most patrons decide to order a second cup, read that next chapter, or continue conversations well beyond the time originally anticipated.

Growing up in South Dakota and then settling into the small town of West Liberty, Ohio, during high school, Luke never imagined he would be sipping a cup of brew in a Beijing café.

“I didn't really expect to travel to China, ever,” Luke said. “I didn't expect to travel to a lot of the places I have during my time at Wittenberg.”

Luke subscribes to the philosophy of “treat others as you would like to be treated.” Those who come in contact with him can expect to find an innately curious person with a range of world experiences. In the last three years, Luke has spent time in Cuba, Guatemala and Nicaragua, as well as a semester in Washington, D.C. Such opportunities piqued his interest in China.

Before leaving for the summer, Luke set clear goals about what he wanted to accomplish while in Beijing. He had strong feelings about his role as a United States citizen and as a citizen of the world community and wanted to experience China for what it is, today, in 2004.



The things that make China politically, socially and culturally unique were of great importance in his intellectual pursuits. Luke also realized that China was at a unique place in its history and that his opportunity to live in the country during its transitional period to a market economy, while still maintaining its communist political system, would be a one-of-a-kind opportunity. Additionally, Luke wanted to understand China's current and future relationship with the United States better.

While in Beijing, Luke found himself comparing his experiences in other developing nations with China. “Spending time somewhere is really the best way to make connections,” Luke explained. At the same time, Luke admits that making connections requires a lot of time and study.

Luke said it's his concern for the world that prompts him to consider so many sides of an issue, but it's his openness toward new ideas that brought him to China. Every day and every experience in China, Luke analyzed and then questioned how he could help and wondered what he could bring back to the table.

Luke values the core principles of Wittenberg — faith, service and learning and understands how they can extend far beyond the classroom. “If you really want to serve humanity, you need to learn the whole picture of humanity, not just the American view.”



Matthew Burke '02

Using his youth for fuel, Matthew began working in Beijing immediately after graduation and just two years after studying at the Beijing Foreign Studies University his junior year.



“The overall exposure that you get in an international city like Beijing is something that you could never get in the United States, not even in places like New York or Los Angeles,” Matthew Burke '02 explained.

Growing up in Dayton, Ohio, Matthew recalls his mother repeatedly telling him that he could do anything he wanted, and the 24-year-old listened. He now serves as director of marketing for one of Beijing's premier interior design and architecture firms, Roberts Interiors and Architecture.

Matt Fish '99



“China is going to continue to grow at this breakneck pace for the next 20 years or so, but that doesn't make it easy landing a dream job here,” said Matt Fish '99. Living in the heart of Shanghai's

French Concession, Matt is the Head of Business Consulting for Synovate Business Consulting and is an expert on the Asian economic markets.

As an East Asian Studies major, Matt credits his professors for giving him the discipline to traverse the Chinese job market and succeed. “They were really amazing at turning us on to the possibilities, opportunities and unique lifestyle available on this side of the world. I really can't thank Dr. Huffman, Dr. Mickel and the East Asian Studies department enough.”



Rebecca Torsell '04 lives the liberal arts. A self-designed interdepartmental major in World Culture, Torsell combined management courses with a focus on Eastern and Western cultures.

She further honed her French skills, and, armed with a love of learning, she then decided that the only way to learn a third language was to study abroad. Within a month of receiving her degree, Rebecca left her small hometown of St. Mary's, Ohio, and headed to Shanghai to study Chinese language at the prestigious Fudan University.

Originally scheduled to spend the summer prior to her senior year studying in Shanghai, Rebecca refused to let the delay stemming from the 2003 SARS outbreak get her down. On the flight to China, she eagerly initiated conversations with fellow seatmates about the country, many of whom have since become potential international business colleagues and networking contacts.

Once at school, she rarely slept as a result of sheer excitement at the opportunity to study in China and her "go-get-it" attitude.

"I felt alive every second of the day in China," Rebecca said. "It was a taste of something that I never thought I could have, but all it took for me to see that I could accomplish or strive for anything in this world was the small exposure to what was at one time so foreign to me. Once you get the initial taste, you can't help but go after the full course."

Before leaving the states, Rebecca said she was distinctly aware of what a few months of international study could do for her hopeful career in international business or the Foreign Service, so she didn't waste a minute while there. She made multiple friends from China, Sweden, England and Italy as well as from across the United States. Her genuine disposition and passion for learning and life also fueled much of her success in making business and teaching contacts during her stay.

"I came to realize in my time at Wittenberg that you aren't living your life until you've seen other places in the world," she said. "The world has so much to teach, and I am ready to listen. China did that for me, and I welcomed it with open arms." ■



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Alumni Gather Around Country

Tiger alumni have enjoyed numerous events recently. Hosted by David Heckler '86, Pittsburgh alumni gathered for a minor league baseball game, middle left, despite being rained out in the seventh inning on Aug. 29. In Washington, D.C., David Marks '04, top left, Julie Berschback '04 and Chad Riedy '03, joined more than 40 alumni for a presentation by Wittenberg Professor Emeritus of Political Science Richard Flickinger, Nov. 10. At the annual Witt-Woo game on Nov. 6, Interim President Bill Steinbrink '64, right, brought his family, including his daughter, her husband and two grandchildren to the traditional tailgate event. It's not just a school rivalry, but a family friendly one, too.



Drive Your Tiger Pride

Are you looking for a new way to show your Tiger Pride? Many Ohio alumni have taken to the road to let other drivers know how proud they are of their alma mater. For an additional \$35 (\$25 of which benefits Wittenberg), you, too, can show your allegiance to Wittenberg just as one special friend did with her personalized plate for an additional fee.

Weaver Chapel Holiday Ornament Now Available

Begin your holiday shopping today by ordering the third keepsake ornament in the classic Wittenberg landmark series. Weaver Chapel was chosen by the officers of the Class of 2005 as the 2.6" by 3.2", solid brass, 24-carat gold-plated ornament. The ornament makes a nice holiday decoration or a daily display piece. Proceeds go toward the class gift to the university. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (800) 677-7558 ext. 7414. Cost is \$20.



Save the Date

Dec. 3	Springfield Holiday Party
Dec. 9	Columbus Holiday Party at the Columbus Zoo
Dec. 14	Chicago-area Alumni Happy Hour
March 8	Sarasota Yacht Club Seafood Buffet
March 3-18	Midwest Wittenberg Choir Tour
April 7	Explore the Skies at Cleveland Planetarium

Having Light, We Pass It On To Others

The Alumni Association is proud to offer the Wittenberg University Lamp exclusively to alumni and friends. The official Seal of the university is richly detailed in gold on the black parchment shade, and proceeds from all sales will support scholarships for Wittenberg students. Lamps can be personalized as well. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (800) 677-7558. All orders received on or before Dec. 10 will arrive by Christmas. Cost is \$169 plus shipping.



Alumni Invited to Paris Summer Program

Leanne Wierenga, associate professor of languages, and Amy Livingstone, associate professor of history, have teamed up to teach a summer program in Paris, June 6-26, 2005. Course instruction is entirely in English, and alumni are encouraged to participate. In addition to studying French fairy tales and examining the history of French cathedrals and castles, participants will also have the opportunity to explore the wonders of the Loire Valley. For more information, call Livingstone at (937)327-7842 or Wierenga at (937) 327-6337.



Trip to Bahamas Planned for Alumni

Join biology professors Ronald deLanglade and Tim Lewis for the inaugural alumni trip to San Salvador, The Bahamas, Feb. 5-12. Activities will include morning and afternoon field trips to swim, snorkel and scuba dive, as well as visits to local sites of interest that showcase the island's beauty. Evenings will be spent with a social hour before dinner and an after-dinner faculty presentation. Reserve your space now by calling (937) 327-6477 or by e-mailing rdelanglade@wittenberg.edu.



2005 Choir Tour Schedule — Save These Dates

March 3	Trinity English Lutheran Church Fort Wayne, Ind.	March 9	Cross In The Woods Roman Catholic Church Indian River, Wis.
March 4	Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Palos Heights, Ill.	March 10	St. Paul Lutheran Church Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.
March 5	The Union Church of Hinsdale Hinsdale, Ill.	March 11	First Baptist Church Birmingham, Mich.
March 6	Redeemer Lutheran Church Hinsdale, Ill.	March 12	Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Cleveland, Ohio
March 6	Trinity Lutheran Church Racine, Wis.	March 13	Grace Lutheran Church Fremont, Ohio
March 7	St. Matthew Lutheran Church Wauwatosa, Wis.	March 16	St. John's Lutheran Church Vandalia, Ohio
March 8	Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Appleton, Wis.	March 18	Weaver Chapel Springfield, Ohio

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The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges recently inducted **William A. McClain** into its Hall of Excellence. His achievements include becoming an attorney, judge of the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court, and civic leader of Cincinnati, Ohio.

'41 |

Marjorie Ferrall Vasu is retired and living in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

'45 |

C. Jack Keidel, who has retired as a captain with the U.S. Navy, lives in Apopka, Fla.

Businessman and philanthropist **Richard L. Kuss** has been named "Distinguished Community Leader" by the Leadership Academy. This is the latest in a long list of honors he has received for his vision, leadership and generosity which have enhanced the quality of life in Springfield, Ohio.

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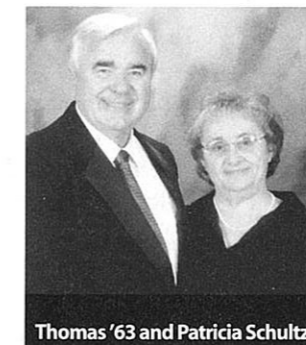
John H. Hayner is visitation pastor of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Seminole, Fla.

'62 |

Thomas R. and Patricia Brough Conrad live in Allentown, Pa. During a mission trip in South Africa for Asbury United Methodist Church, Tom was a guest lecturer at Africa University in Zimbabwe. Pat teaches French at Muhlenberg College.

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Before his retirement, **Thomas A. Schultz** of Cypress, Calif., was a chaplain with the U.S. Navy. He and his wife, Patricia, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.



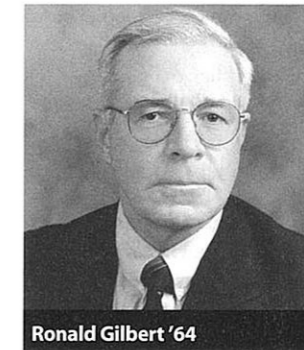
Thomas '63 and Patricia Schultz

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Yong J. and Janet Landenslager Ahn live in Greenwood, S.C. Yong, who is plant manager for Hanson Brick, has been named to the board of visitors at Lander University. These members serve as ambassadors for the university and provide it with community insight regarding its

programs. Yong is also active with the Chamber of Commerce, the Partnership Initiative Committee, the CEO Roundtable and the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.



Ronald Gilbert '64

Ronald R. Gilbert, Fenton, Mich., and Wendy Wawrzyniak were married April 2, 2002. Ronald, chair of the National Aquatic Council, is a frequent presenter at various meetings on the topic of aquatic supervision and maintenance of semi-public pools. He is also the author of an article published in the *Aquatic Resources Network*.

After 23 years with the Kentucky Division of Water, **Timothy E. Kuryla Jr.** retired in July 2003. He lives in Lexington, Ky.

Ruth Seeh Nighswander has been named a "2004 Hero of Healthcare" by the Hospice of Anchorage, Alaska, for her national and/or global community service.

Craig K. Scobie is director of channels at Adeptia, a start-up software firm in Chicago, Ill.

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'66 |

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Mikel Rike Brown, a paralegal and law office manager in Piqua, Ohio, has been elected Washington Township clerk.

Tellermate, the world's leading provider of cash handling systems for the retail, food service and financial industries, has appointed **Douglas C. Rattray** as president of the North America and South America regions. He lives in Oldsmar, Fla.

Kathleen Cowles Rayder, Columbus, Ohio, is executive director of Girl Scouts-Seal of Ohio. She recently participated in a panel discussion at Columbus' Most Remarkable Women, an event sponsored by *Business First Magazine of Columbus*.

Lewis W. Shaw is owner and chief executive officer of Jackson-Shaw Co., an industrial real estate development firm in Dallas, Texas.

Marlena Taylor Smith, Strongsville, Ohio, is the chief executive officer of J. Marco, a women's apparel company that consists of two stores and a thriving catalog and Internet business.

'67 |

J. Thomas and Linda Hixson Lenhardt '71 live in near Chicago, Ill. Linda is the director of the performance group, Goat Island.

Thomas R. and Eloise Jones Pulsifer '62 are active in the Xenia Music Club in Ohio. Tom, an organist and director of music at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dayton, Ohio, owns Arts Approach, LLC, a music and entertainment agency serving southwest Ohio. Eloise teaches piano.

Sara Grimes Rader has retired as a member of the staff at Wittenberg and as a church musician to move to Burkesville, Ky., where she enjoys fishing and boating on Dale Hollow Lake.

'68 |



Kathleen Garstang Schienle '68

Kathleen Garstang Schienle, Evanston, Ill., is a principal with Greer Marketing Communications, Chicago, Ill.

Marcia Balmut Ward, Urbana, Ohio, was featured in an article in the *Springfield News-Sun* about her experiences as a science teacher at Graham High School, St. Paris, Ohio.

'69 |

John F. Meier, chair and chief executive officer of Libbey Inc., will head the fund-raising campaign for United Way in 2004. He is also a current board

member of Wittenberg and Cooper Tire and Rubber Co., Findlay, Ohio. John lives in Toledo, Ohio.

Jean Swanson Reed, Winter Haven, Fla., has been a volunteer in several local organizations, including the Lakes Education Action Drive and the Winter Haven Federation of Lakes. She chairs the growth and economic development committee for Florida Bi-Partisans and the Citizens for Proper Planning. She recently campaigned for the District 4 Polk County Commission seat.

In June 2004, **Lemoine D. Rice** retired from his position as chair of the language arts department at North High School, Springfield, Ohio. He continues to teach photography at the Springfield Museum of Art.

Linda Ziegler Smitley has been elected to the First Ward seat of the East Liverpool City Council in Ohio.

'70 |

Retired principal of Cookson Elementary School, **Michael L. Beamish**, has been sworn in as the new mayor of Troy, Ohio. He has served as past chair of the Strawberry Festival and past president of the Troy Breakfast Optimists Club. Michael, a graduate of Leadership Troy, was a youth sports coach and is very active at St. John's United Church of Christ.

Robert U. Miller, an owner/broker with RE/MAX Premier Choice, is the Columbus Board of Realtors immediate past president and 2004 "Broker of the Year." Bob lives in Dublin, Ohio, where he is an active member of the community.

Thomas R. Whitney, Ostrander, Ohio, was promoted to senior vice president at the Delaware County Bank and Trust Co. He has also served as



Marcia Balmut Ward '68

Inspires Students to Succeed

To her students in the Graham Local School District in St. Paris, Ohio, Marcia Balmut Ward is an inspiration. For Ward, Wittenberg and her students hold that distinction.

"Any success I have had is a direct reflection on my students and the education I received at Wittenberg," Ward said. "A liberal arts education is vital to my philosophy of teaching, and I love to dwell in possibility."

Recipient of Wittenberg's 2004 Alumni Citation Award, given to those who have brought honor to the university through their exceptional accomplishments in which service to humanity is placed ahead of personal gain, Ward has made it her mission to help students succeed in her 36-year career.

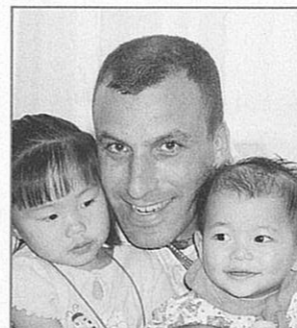
Currently the director for alternative programming at Graham, Ward also serves as a substance-abuse coordinator and grant writer in addition to her science teaching responsibilities. At the same time, Ward coordinates field trips to Rutgers University, which are designed to give students a firsthand look at work being conducted in such areas as spinal-cord and stem-cell research.

Despite her busy schedule, Ward still hosts international exchange students during their high school years, including current Wittenberg sophomore Charles Njoka. She and her husband also just purchased the Frederick Otto house at 25 E. Madison Ave. in Springfield with plans to refurbish it as a "monument to the spiritual vibrancy and intercultural awareness Wittenberg experienced during the Otto years."

"The Rev. Dr. Frederick Otto, and his wife Georgia, were incredible Christians who influenced not only my spiritual growth but hundreds of other searching souls," Ward said. "I felt compelled to purchase the home."

Ward also credits the relationships she made at Wittenberg with influencing her perspective on life. From professors who guided her and her classmates by listening to their queries and sharing their lives with them to her Chi Omega sisters and dearest friends, Ward said she is forever indebted.

"They were magical times," she said, "and I have been pleased over the years to encourage my high school students to attend Wittenberg." ■



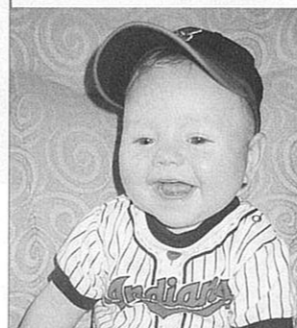
Allison and Emily Abas



Jackson McBride



Morgan White



Lance Fowler



Erin Gerboth



Norah Carter

Li'l Tigers

Emily Grace and Allison, adopted daughters of Drew Abas '85 and wife Cindy.

Jackson Noble, son of Doug McBride '90 and wife Jennifer.

Morgan Bailey, daughter of Stephanie Morgan-White '92 and husband Craig.

Lance Michael, son of Allison Smith Fowler '93 and husband, Mike.

Erin Renee, daughter of John '93 and Karen Saatkamp Gerboth '93.

Norah Elizabeth, daughter of Rebecca Mettee-Carter '94.

president for the Delaware Rotary Club and Rotary Foundation.

Warren T. Wilson, a retired captain with the U.S. Navy, is a physician at St. John's Regional Medical Center. He lives in Springfield, Mo.

'71 |

Meribah Gelser Mansfield, director of the Worthington Libraries, has been named "Ohio Librarian of the Year" by the Ohio Library Council. Meribah, who lives in Columbus, Ohio, is president of the Ohio Library Association and chair of the Ohio Library Council Board of Trustees.

James L. Ward, curator and environmental educator at the North Carolina Botanical Garden, serves on the Chapel Hill Town Council. He is an active member of Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church and numerous community organizations.

'73 |

William L. Brown recently attained his 300th career coaching victory as head basketball coach at Wittenberg.

Martha A. Efta, Westlake, Ohio, married Lawrence J. Bober, Jan. 17, 2004.

Nancy Newman Robb, Barrington, Ill., has been named associate superintendent for instruction with the Palatine-Schaumburg High School District 211.

Jill Jenks Shipman, Media, Pa., is pursuing a master's degree in liberal arts.

'74 |

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Ohio Lieutenant Governor, **Jennette Bradley**, recently spoke at the Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center in Findlay, Ohio. As lieutenant governor, she serves as director of the Ohio

Department of Commerce, the governor's liaison to the Small Business Advisory Council, chair of the Clean Ohio Council and chief policy adviser to the Community Development Division. During its commencement in May 2004, Heidelberg College in Ohio and its Board of Trustees awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters to Jennette.

Christopher C. Colenda III is dean of the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine. He received the American Psychiatric Association "Jack Weinberg Memorial Award for Geriatric Psychiatry" for his special leadership and outstanding work in clinical practice, training and research initiatives in geriatric psychiatry. Christopher serves on the board and as treasurer for the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry.

Marian Gillam Gochenour, Springfield, Ohio, wed Thomas B. Faris, Dec. 28, 2002. Marian

is administrator of technology and EMIS with the Trotwood-Madison City Schools.

As president and chief executive officer of the Cincinnati Better Business Bureau, **Jocile Ehrlich Kanellopoulos**, has spearheaded the Council of Better Business Bureaus National Committee on Standard Reporting Language, an initiative to ensure that bureaus nationwide provide consistent and standard evaluation and information for all business reports provided to consumers.

R. Keith and Cynthia Reynolds Overly '77 live in Dublin, Ohio. Keith is executive director for the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan.

D. Thomas Rownd III is a sales representative with Mokry-Tesmer Inc., an industrial machine shop in Middletown, Ohio. He lives in Wheeling, W.Va. Tom, who is president of the Ohio Valley Runners and Walkers Club, recently ran in his 10th Boston Marathon.

'75 |

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Paul A. and Cynthia Pierce Liefeld '76 live in Sewickley, Pa. Cynthia has been named interim vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at Point Park University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Robert E. and Elaine Griffis Ludeman live in Toledo, Ohio. Rob, a realtor for 27 years, is currently associated with the Danberry Company. A lifetime member of the Million Dollar Club, he has served on the Toledo City Council since 1993.

Kenneth C. Robinson, Mountain Home, Ark., is with Mercy Health System-Northwest Arkansas.

Marvin Smith is the owner-operator of two thriving restaurants in Cincinnati, Ohio. Ollie's Trolley serves takeout fast food, and Mr. Ollie's Café is a sit-down restaurant with an African motif that offers breakfast and lunch.

'76 |

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Mark S. Algren has been appointed director of the intensive English program at the American University in

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, an American-style university founded in 1997 with an enrollment of 4,000.

Robin Martin Henrikson, Salem, Va., married E. Ray Ferree, Sept. 15, 2002.

Richard E. Lord, Danbury, Conn., is a library media specialist with the New York City Department of Education at JFK High School, Bronx, N.Y.

At the annual meeting of the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges, **Robert G. Merzweiler,** president and chief executive officer of Landmark Plastic Corp., Akron, Ohio, was elected chair of the OFIC Board. He also serves on the board of the Akron Community Foundation and a number of other non-profit organizations and is involved in many civic endeavors in the Akron area.

Linda Gillespie Stuntz, Alexandria, Va., is a principal in the law practice of Stuntz, Davis & Staffier, Washington, D.C., specializing in energy and environmental issues, as well as matters relating to government support of technology development and transfer. She has been elected to the board of directors of The Raytheon Company.

Milton O. Thompson was honored in August 2004 by



Hank Sturges '73
Helps Alma Mater Succeed

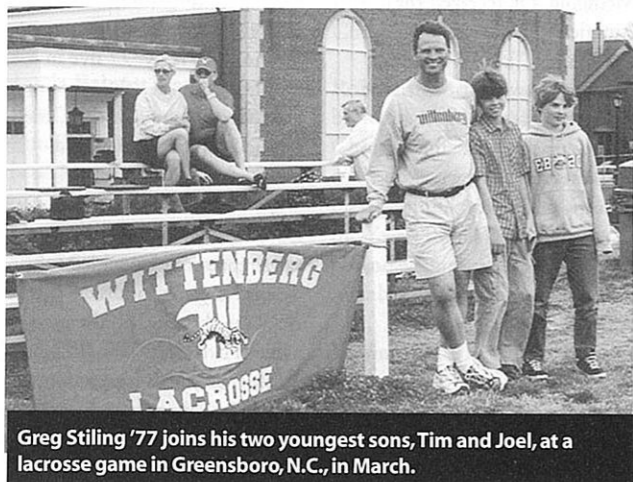
As a student and economics/accounting major at Wittenberg, Hank Sturges quickly realized that he was a part of something special. That "something" displayed itself in the friendships he made, the one-on-one relationships with professors he found, especially with his adviser Robert Schultz, and the warm welcome he received from Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Once on campus, he also discovered an academically challenging environment, which would eventually lead him to success as a business owner, accountant and underwriting expert. In short, Wittenberg defined him.

Perhaps that is why Sturges, executive vice president of The Sturges Company in Dublin, Ohio, consistently recruits students for Wittenberg and recently agreed to serve on the university's Alumni Board. Maybe it's why he volunteers as a career adviser and fundraiser, or why he continues to teach an investment course in Wittenberg's management department. Maybe it's why he has connected alumni back to campus, including helping to arrange the management department's 2004 executive-in-residence, fellow classmate Randy Adamack '73, vice president of communications for the Seattle Mariners.

Sturges, himself, can't quite pin down that one moment that for 31 years has kept him involved with Wittenberg, but it's for those reasons and more that his alma mater took notice, awarding him its Alumni Citation Award, Oct. 22-24, during its new Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend.

Given to those who have brought honor to Wittenberg through exceptional accomplishments in which service to humanity is placed ahead of personal gain or recognition, the award put Sturges in the spotlight, a place he admits is not all that comfortable for him.

"The time I spend involved at Wittenberg whether it's helping the Betas, teaching in the management department or working with the alumni office, is time I want to spend," he said. "Maybe it's a way to recapture what I liked about Wittenberg as a student. It's a place that's very special to me." ■



Greg Stiling '77 joins his two youngest sons, Tim and Joel, at a lacrosse game in Greensboro, N.C., in March.



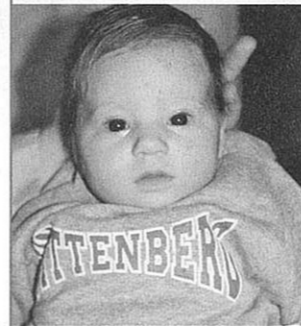
Elyse Wilson



Lindsey Himes



Margaret Whalen



Clara Taggart



Andrew Dial



John Efird

Li'l Tigers

Elyse Ann, daughter of Kelly Evans-Wilson '94 and husband John.

Lindsey Elise, daughter of Lance Himes '94 and wife Shannon.

Margaret Ray, daughter of Brian '99 and Melissa Lambert Whalen '94.

Clara Ruth, daughter of Linda Keller Taggart '95 and husband Matthew.

Andrew Joseph, son of Kristen Marquard Dial '96 and husband Greg.

John Ryan, son of Jessica Napier Efird '96 and husband Russell.

the National Center for Black Philanthropy with its "Business Philanthropist of the Year" award. The Indianapolis Foundation trustee also celebrated his 50th birthday recently.

'77 |

J. Gregory Murphy, Naples, Fla., was inducted into the Springfield/Clark County Baseball Hall of Fame. A former New York Mets minor leaguer, he played 10 years with the Dayton Amateur Baseball Federation, serving on two national championship teams.

Gregory C. Stiling, Farmington, N.C., and his sons recently cheered on the Tiger men's lacrosse team at a game in Greensboro, N.C.

'78 |

Paul S. and Susan Sawyer Kosling '80 live in New Albany, Ohio. Paul, a financial consultant with A.G. Edwards and Sons, recently campaigned for a seat on the New Albany Village Council.

Joan Holder McConnell, Tiffin, Ohio, is an instructor of piano and organ at Heidelberg College and is the staff accompanist. She also serves as organist and music coordinator at Trinity United Church of Christ where she recently performed an organ recital.

'79 |

James A. Donnellon, CPA and director in charge of the construction client service team with Barnes, Dennig & Co. Ltd., has been selected chair of the PKF North American Network Construction Committee. He lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sharon Huennerkopf Pruzanic is a service/support administrator at Clark County MDA, Springfield, Ohio.

Melinda B. Sopher, Cary, N.C., is a professor in the communications department at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.

David L. Titus, Elyria, Ohio, is a director at Bridgeway Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

'80 |

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Louis A. and Sally McMahon Cannon '82 live in Saginaw, Mich. Louis, a cardiac surgeon, is a program director for the Heart and Vascular Institute at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Louis, who has taken a leading role in national clinical research involving experimental heart stents in angioplasty and the use of ultrasound to break up blood clots, was ranked as among the best cardiologists in the Great Lakes region last year by *Money Magazine*. Sally serves on the boards of Saint Mary's Hospital and the Saginaw Community Foundation.

'81 |

Patricia Lawrence Bisker, Ostrander, Ohio, is a computer trainer/help desk manager at

Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

Bryan S. and Gail Garrett Derreberry '82 live in Wichita, Kan. Bryan, president and chief executive officer of the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, was the featured speaker at the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce awards banquet.

Nigel P. Hebborn, Harmony, R.I., is president and chief executive officer of Nestor Traffic Systems Inc., Providence, R.I.

'82 |

While continuing his successful neuropsychological rehabilitation clinic in Ann Arbor, Mich., **Ronald P. Baumanis** has been granted membership in the professional theatre union, the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, for his many years of direction and choreography regionally and in New York, N.Y.



Ron Baumanis '82

Real estate associate, **Wendy Koepf Davis**, has joined the sales staff at Realty One's Chagrin Falls office in Ohio. She is a member of the Chagrin Falls Village Board of Zoning Appeals, the Chagrin Falls Educational Foundation and Chagrin Falls PTO.

Phillip K. Dorn was named the head football coach at Wilmington College in Ohio. He lives in Mason, Ohio.

Erik J. Henriksen, Washington, N.J., is a relationship manager with Fleet Insurance Services, Fairfield, N.J.

Thomas A. Hunter has been elected a member of the Tiro Village Council in Ohio.

Christopher W. Jochem, West Caldwell, N.J., is a senior PC support specialist with Prudential Financial in Roseland.

'83 |

Mark T. Haimerl, Worthington, Ohio, is a sales associate with Milliken & Co. He recently campaigned for the office of mayor of Riverlea.

'84 |

Mark E. and Martha Bingham Gordon '83 live in Canton, Ohio. Mark is an air traffic controller at the Canton Regional Airport.

Kevin A. Rings, Parkersburg, W.Va., is an assistant Washington County prosecutor who recently campaigned for the nomination for the Washington County prosecutor's seat.

David L. Schaefer, principal and vice president of Virginia-based Armfield, Harrison & Thomas, was elected chair of TechAssure Association Inc. David lives in Leesburg, Va.

David S. Spengler, a translator and consultant in Tokyo, Japan, was a contributing general editor and consultant for financial/economic terms in *Kenkyusha's New Japanese-English Dictionary*, published in 2003.

Chip Wier, Elmhurst, Ill., is with the Oak Brook Golf Club.

Jeffrey L. Wilson, Doylestown, Pa., and his wife, Barbara, are the parents of twins, Benjamin and Noah, born Jan. 19, 2004.

'85 |

Andrew D. Abas, Loveland, Ohio, and his wife, Cindy, announce the adoption of Emily Grace from the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China. She arrived home Nov. 7, 2003.

W. Scott Collins, Norcross, Ga., is chief executive officer with the Independent School Counsel, Atlanta, Ga.

GVA Williams has announced that senior vice president, **John K. Cunningham** of Long Valley, N.J., has been named "Broker of the Year" for 2003.

Thomas L. and Amy Pernsteiner Hart live in Columbus, Ohio. Tom recently joined Dominion Homes as vice president of government affairs.

Mark A. and Richelle Schmittgen Kennedy live in Needham, Mass. Mark teaches seventh grade at Gibbons



Katherine Hollingsworth '74
Takes Pride in Lifelong Learning

Passionate about learning, Katherine Hollingsworth epitomizes Wittenberg's mission to educate the "whole person." A geography major with a 29-year career in banking, Hollingsworth credits her alma mater with inspiring her personally and professionally.

"Wittenberg gave me a wonderful grounding from which to start my working life. Although I never used my classroom knowledge in my career, I learned I wanted to learn my whole life; I learned how to live with all kinds of people, and I learned how important it is to give to others," Hollingsworth explains.

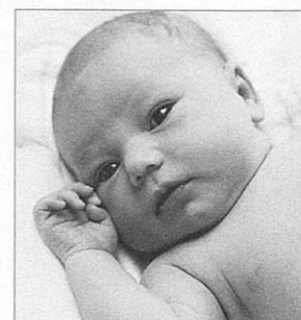
Such commitment has led colleagues, business associates and fellow alumni to consider her a mentor. It also earned her a 2004 Alumni Citation Award, given to those who have brought honor to Wittenberg through exceptional accomplishments in which service to humanity is placed ahead of personal gain or recognition.

"I feel honored and a bit mystified by receiving this award. I am thrilled that Wittenberg has acknowledged my activity with higher education, and I'm a bit baffled that my activities are noteworthy."

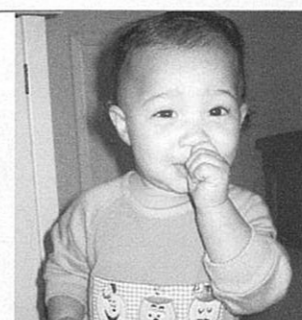
The president/CEO of National City Bank, Southwest, from 1998-2003 and a member of numerous boards and committees, Hollingsworth has made a significant impact in the Dayton business arena. As president of National City Bank, Hollingsworth helped to enhance the bank's reputation and increased market share by 8 percent while keeping employee turnover low.

Prior to serving as president, she was the executive vice president for Private Client Group, Credit Administration and Corporate Banking. Recognized with numerous awards, including the *Dayton Daily News*' "Top Ten Women Award," Hollingsworth currently serves as principal of Consensus Solutions L.L.C. in Dayton, which provides support in the areas of general management, organizational effectiveness, communication and leadership development to local business and not-for-profit organizations.

"I've always felt that it is important to share my talents and knowledge with others," Hollingsworth says. "Finding my own passion continues to motivate me today." ■



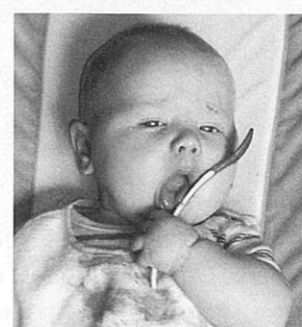
Amelia Clark



Isabella Freeman



DeLaney Jordan



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Middle School, Westboro, Mass. Richelle is assistant general counsel for Fidelity Investments, Boston, Mass.

Michael A. and Lisa Van Valkenburg Rowan live in Blacklick, Ohio. Mike, who is affiliated with Columbus State Community College and The Ohio State University, is a trustee on the Jefferson Township Board.

'86 |

Kjirsten Johnson Blander, Ann Arbor, Mich., is pursuing graduate studies in humanities, historic preservation and museology at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Mich. and Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich.

David S. Bradin, a licensed patent attorney, has been invited to become a member of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, Winston-Salem, N.C. He lives in Cary, N.C.

Dana Lane DeStefano is a homemaker in Pipersville, Pa.

Lynn Brownley Long, Norwalk, Ohio, was named a vice president of First County Bank Corporators.

Regina D. Nelson is senior director of licensed business development with Polo Ralph Lauren, New York, N.Y.

Jon M. Swanson, Minneapolis, Minn., is a senior consultant with Keane Inc., Edina, Minn.

'87 |

As executive director of the Mesa Symphony Orchestra in Arizona, **Kathryn Fellows Beckman** is a trombone player who has played with the orchestra for five years. She also plays with the Broadway Palm Theatre and owns a dog training school. Kathryn lives in Queen Creek, Ariz.

Kimberly Somers Blackman, Moorestown, N.J., is a regional marketing manager with Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield.

Frank W. Carsonie has joined Benesc Friedlander Coplan &

Li'l Tigers

Amelia Joy, daughter of Georgeann Koskovich Clark '98 and husband John.

Isabella Catherine, daughter of Kristin Evans Freeman '98 and husband Travis.

DeLaney Ellen, daughter of Brad '99 and Lisa Cook Jordan '99.

Aenghus Paul, son of Rachel Edmunds '00 and husband Tommy Hughes.

Kenji Hashiguchi, Ann Arbor, Mich., and his wife, Rebecca, had their second child, Spencer Kane, on Feb. 14, 2004. Kenji is a senior parts budget analyst with Nissan North America Inc., Farmington Hills, Mich.

Peter C. and Susan Murray Young live in Montgomery Village, Md. Peter has been appointed vice president of information technology with MedImmune Inc., Gaithersburg, Md.

'89 |

The Scioto Society Inc., producers of the outdoor drama, *Tecumseh*, have named **Beth E. Beatty** vice president and associate producer. Beth lives in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Ché Brewer Coon, Dayton, Ohio, and her husband, James, announce the birth of their third child, Logan, March 19, 2003.

Heather J. Kalb is an assistant professor of biology at the University of Evansville in Indiana.

Tracey Clemenic Kelly, Irwin, Pa., is an account executive at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

J. Andrew Kipker, Dublin, Ohio, was promoted to vice president of claims management services at Safelite Group.

Pauline E. Pennell, Coconut Grove, Fla., is pursuing her master's degree in acupuncture at the Academy for Five Elements Acupuncture, Hallandale, Fla. She also volunteers in the endoscopy out-patient clinic at Baptist Hospital.

Scott C. and Julie Everhart Peters live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Scott is the defensive line coach at the College of Mount St. Joseph. He teaches physical education at Nagel Middle School in the Forest Hills School District.

Aronoff, Cleveland, Ohio, as a partner in the firm's healthcare practice group.

Elmhurst College in Illinois has selected **Thomas W. Journell Jr.** as its new head football coach.

Douglas L. Lewis, West Chester, Ohio, is the manager for the city of Conneaut, Ohio.

Bartlett S. Michel received her Ph.D. in computer science from the University of California, Los Angeles in June 2004. Bartlett, a member of the technical staff at the Aerospace Corp., Los Angeles, Calif., also serves with the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Francis Marzano Twitty, High Point, N.C., and her husband, Thomas, welcomed the births of Alexandra and Stephen on Feb. 24, 2003.

'88 |

Sarah E. Hagen, Millboro, Va., and Bruce W. McWilliams were married in May 2004. Sarah is an innkeeper at The Inn at Gristmill Square, Warm Springs, Va.

Kristin M. Sunderhaft, Lahaina, Hawaii, is an LPGA, class A, teaching professional at the Kapalua Resort, Maui, Hawaii.



Kristin Sunderhaft '89 and Annika Sorenstam at the Mercedes Championship

Scott E. Welker, vice president of finance with SCAA, Long Beach, Calif., serves on the board of directors of the Center of Greater Long Beach, FIFA and Shoreline Front Runners. He lives in Signal Hill, Calif.

Beth Jennings Wilber owns Ashwood Farm, Wadsworth, Ohio.

'90 |

Andrew D. DuRoss, Naperville, Ill., is the principal of Robert Frost Junior High School in Schaumburg, Ill.

Lianna M. Scarazzo, Pataskala, Ohio, and Chad C. Capretta were married Nov. 16, 2002. Lianna is a manager at Victoria's Secret Corporate Headquarters, Columbus, Ohio.

Beth Heissenbuttel Eifert, Cresskill, N.J., and her husband, Brian, are the parents of Christopher Thomas born Aug. 7, 2002.

David C. Hart, Alameda, Calif., announces the birth of Jenna Elizabeth, March 1, 2004.

Deborah J. Lenschow is an instructor in the division of rheumatology at the Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo.

Robert F. Stockton III received his master of music education degree from Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio. A music teacher at Holy Angels School and Lehman Catholic

High School, he teaches privately at Sarver's Music in Sidney, Ohio.

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Daren J. Cotter has been appointed vice president and city executive at Fifth Third Bank in Springfield, Ohio. He is also a regional manager for eight Fifth Third banking centers.

David W. and Wendy Dodge Huml '92 live in Plymouth, Minn. David is worldwide marketing manager with Graco Inc. Wendy is a bookkeeper for a small business.

Jennifer Cronin Lapham, a second-grade teacher at Newbury Elementary School in Massachusetts, received her M.Ed. in May 2004 from Lesley University, Cambridge, Mass.

Orlando J. Martinez, Wheeling, Ill., wed Dena Grammas, March 3, 2002.

Katherine A. Mathis married Oliver G. Foote, Oct. 8, 2002. They live in Grimsay, North Uist, Scotland, where Katherine serves as president of the North Uist Dance Club and secretary of the Southern Isles Amenity Trust.

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Jeff '78 and Debi Garrity Aarthun '77 Serve Others in Business and Their Community

For Jeff '78 and Debi Garrity Aarthun '77, helping others is a way of life.

Founders and co-owners of the successful Houston, Texas-based Aarthun Performance Group Ltd., the couple has spent years helping employees understand how their company makes money. Former employees of Xerox Learning Systems, the Aarthuns now work with such clients as IBM, GE, ExxonMobil, Coca-Cola and Bank of America, and manage 35 full-time employees with satellite offices in Chicago, Cleveland, Atlanta/Charlotte, Dallas and Washington, D.C.

Active in their community, the Aarthuns also have given back whenever possible. In 2000, the couple funded a Habitat for Humanity home for a deserving mother and her children in Tomball, Texas. Jeff and Debi then followed that up by funding another home in 2002. Although the nonprofit organization has become a world leader in addressing the issue of poverty housing, building more than 150,000 affordable homes worldwide, finding the funds to construct these homes has proven difficult at times. Once aware of Habitat's predicament, the Aarthuns quickly contributed funds.

"Giving back is an easy thing to do in the scheme of things," the couple said. "You don't have to give money; you can also give time. What is most important is that you make an effort, take some initiative, and figure out how you can give back to your community."

That commitment to service recently caught Wittenberg's attention, which awarded the couple its Alumni Citation Award at the university's Homecoming/Reunion Weekend, Oct. 22-24. The award is given to those who have brought honor to Wittenberg through exceptional accomplishments in which service to humanity is placed ahead of personal gain or recognition.

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Kathryn M. Shay, Newark, Ohio, and **Maximilian Sutton** married Aug. 2, 2003. Kathryn is an intervention specialist at Roosevelt Middle School.

G. Cameron and Annegien VanHagen Snider have moved to Loveland, Ohio. Cameron is with Belgacom. Annegien works for Procter & Gamble.

John T. Stroeh is serving as associate pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Olympia, Wash.

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Jeffery S. Brown, Springfield, Ohio, wed **Laura A. Friend**, Dec. 16, 2003. Jeff is employed by the Springfield City Schools.

Heidi Durig Heiby, Zanesville, Ohio, is a learning consultant (a tutor for learning-disabled students) and an assistant instructor of German at Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio.

Caroline Sands Lynch, Norwood, Colo., received her M.A. in special education from Adams State University, Alamosa, Colo., in February 2004. She is an administrator with the Telluride School District.

Clifford E. Pope, Cincinnati, Ohio, was recently inducted into the Purcell Marian High School Athletic Hall of Fame for coaching his wrestling team to the GCL north championship and being named League Wrestling Coach of the Year. Cliff, who has also been named chair of the education committee of the Cincinnati branch of the NAACP, still meets once a year with his college buddies and is grateful for the lifetime friendships made during his Wittenberg years.

Rita L. Smith, a labor relations supervisor for the Ford Motor Co. truck plant in Louisville, Ky., recently received the 2004 Adult Black Achievers Award. Recipients are selected by their companies, agencies, professional groups or colleagues to serve as a role model for youth and provide support for the program.

Scott M. and Juliet Wetherill Smith, Northbrook, Ill., had their second child, James David, June 9, 2003.

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Franklin C. and Sarah Walden Feitler '94 live in Longmont, Colo. Sarah is a software engineer with Pillar Data Systems.

Allison Smith Fowler, Cleveland, Ohio, and her husband, Mike, are the parents of Lance Michael born Oct. 17, 2003.

John C. and Karen Saatkamp Gerboth, Columbus, Ohio, announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Renee, Jan. 15, 2004. John works as an advertising copywriter at Aitken & Associates Advertising and is in his second year of law school at Capital University. Karen serves as editor of the *Wittenberg Magazine* and as university editor, and was recently named interim director of the office of university communications at Wittenberg.

Jennifer Menendez Hense, Tampa, Fla., and her husband, Richard, announce the birth of Benjamin, March 5, 2003.

Vladimir V. Kouznetsov, Chevy Chase, Md., is with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P., Washington, D.C.

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Rebecca Mettee Carter, Glenshaw, Pa., and her husband, Joseph, welcomed the birth of Norah Elizabeth, Oct. 22, 2003.

Tonya Y. Colvin, Dayton, Ohio, is a global associate marketing manager with Procter & Gamble.

Sandra J. Dukat, Chicago, Ill., was featured on ESPN's broadcast of the U.S. Disabled Alpine Skiing Championships. She won a silver medal in Super G and a bronze medal in downhill while finishing fourth in slalom and fifth in giant slalom.

John P. Fulton earned his Ph.D. in biosystems and agricultural engineering from the University of Kentucky in December 2003. A professor of biosystems and engineering at Auburn University in Alabama, he conducts research on agriculture technology and teaches a class on the subject. One product of his research is the invention of the soil regenerator.

Lance D. Himes, Dublin, Ohio, and his wife, Shannon, announce the birth of Lindsay, March 1, 2004. Lance is an environmental attorney with the Ohio Department of Health.

Former U.S. Navy SEAL, **Nicholas G. Jeremiah**, described traveling overseas and living in a combat zone recently during a presentation at Wittenberg. Nick, who lives in Edgecomb, Maine, served in Afghanistan following Sept. 11.



Danielle Hough Romine, Springfield, Ohio, teaches fifth grade at Medway Elementary School in the Tecumseh Local School District. After being



Timothy Kremchek '81 Keeps Athletes on Top of Their Game

Broken bones, torn ligaments and muscle spasms keep Timothy Kremchek '81 quite busy as the team physician and medical director for the Cincinnati Reds baseball team. Add to that being head of Beacon Orthopaedics, and Kremchek could easily say "no" to more clients.

Yet, for Kremchek, "no" is apparently not an option as evidenced by his countless community contributions, including a new sports medicine practice in Springfield thanks to a partnership with Community Hospital, which will benefit Wittenberg students for years to come. Such commitment defines this award-winning physician and recently earned him one of Wittenberg's most prestigious recognitions, The Class of 1914 Award.

Given to an individual from the Wittenberg community who has served the university above and beyond what might be expected of any contributor to the college's welfare, the award was presented to Kremchek during the university's new Homecoming/Reunion Weekend Celebration called "The Big Shebang," Oct. 22-24.

"It has been nothing but a very rewarding experience," Kremchek said. "Wittenberg was where my wife Hilary and I spent some wonderful times. The Springfield sports medicine office we just opened is just another of the many opportunities I want for Witt athletes and the Springfield community."

A biology major at Wittenberg and the university's chief orthopaedic since 1993, Kremchek has consistently been honored for his professional achievements. Widely published and a sought-after speaker, he received the Good Samaritan Hospital Research Award in 1988 and was named the Outstanding Contributor to High School Athletics in 2001. In addition, Kremchek holds membership in numerous professional associations, including the American Medical Society, Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati, Ohio State Medical Association and the National Football League Second Opinion Association.

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Julianna E. Carpenter is a museum assistant at the Lyman Museum and Mission House, Hilo, Hawaii.

Cincinnati City Council member **Y. Laketa Cole** visited the University of Cincinnati recently to discuss her experiences as an undergraduate student at Wittenberg as part of a lecture series titled "The Essence of the Black Woman."

R. Elliott Halsey, Marblehead, Ohio, announces the birth of Nora Diane, Jan. 9, 2003. Elliott is a patent attorney with Robert J. Semrad and Associates, Chicago, Ill.

Charity Komminsk Hinkle, Toledo, Ohio, and her husband, Kevin, are the parents of Parker Robert born Feb. 5, 2004.

Jason D. Lee, whose stage name is Jason Delane is an actor living in Los Angeles, Calif. He has a recurring role on UPN's sitcom *One on One* and has been nominated for a 2004 "Best Actor Award" from the NAACP for his role in *Sizwe Bansi is Dead*. Jason also recently closed *Yellowman* at the Next Theatre in Chicago, Ill.

Larry D. and Joi Brandon Parker, Albany, Ga., welcomed the birth of William, Oct. 13, 2003.

Anup D. Patel, Nashville, Tenn., and Danielle Delaplane were married May 25, 2003. Anup is completing a fellowship in pediatric neurology at Vanderbilt University.

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Marc B. Smith, Medina, Ohio, is a vice president with J. Marco Catalog, Seville, Ohio.

In May 2003, **Lorrel L. Sullivan** received her M.A. in French from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she is employed as a French lecturer.

Linda Keller Taggart, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and her husband, Matthew, had their first child, Clara Ruth, May 5, 2002. In 2003, Linda received her master's degree in English literature from the University of Akron in Ohio. A tutor, she is an active volunteer in her community.

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Andrew S. and Bridget Dickson Dix '95 live in Alliance, Ohio. Bridget has joined United National Bank and Trust Co. as a business banking officer. She is also a member of several community organizations and volunteers as a board member of the Alliance Y.M.C.A. and Habitat for Humanity.

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Patricia Flatley Moran is with RSM McGladrey, Chicago, Ill.

John R. Ness, Upper Arlington, Ohio, has been promoted to president of ODW Logistics Inc., Columbus, Ohio.

Denita V. Powell, Cincinnati, Ohio, was recently featured in an article in *The Cincinnati Enquirer* about her position as audience research and program manager for the Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

Tracy Monegan Rice, Reinholds, Pa., owns an environmental consulting business, working primarily on fish and wildlife conservation plans for various states in New England and the southeast.

Dianne Frank Williams, East Sparta, Ohio, was recently featured in an article about her career as a professional flutist and recording artist in *The International Musician*.

Jeremiah B. Windle, Springfield, Ohio, and his wife, Melissa, are the parents of Keegan Thomas born March 22, 2003.

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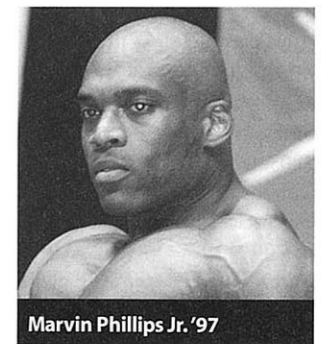
State of Ohio working in the adult criminal division with the Butler County Prosecutor's Office. He is also serving a four-year term on the Springdale Planning Commission.

Kelly Payne Heitzer, Freising, Germany, is an assistant to the managing director of Adaptec GmbH, Haar-Munich, Germany.

Kenneth S. Magoteaux of Piqua, Ohio, has joined Unity National Bank as an investment representative of the Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.

Robyn L. Maurer, Dayton, Ohio, married Daniel R. Witherell, Dec. 20, 2003. Robyn is employed by Dayton Islamic School.

Marvin Phillips Jr., Delaware, Ohio, is a labor relations manager with Honeywell, Fostoria, Ohio. As a competitive bodybuilder, he took first place in the heavyweight division, open class, and second place in the heavyweight division, novice class, in the John Seif Classic.



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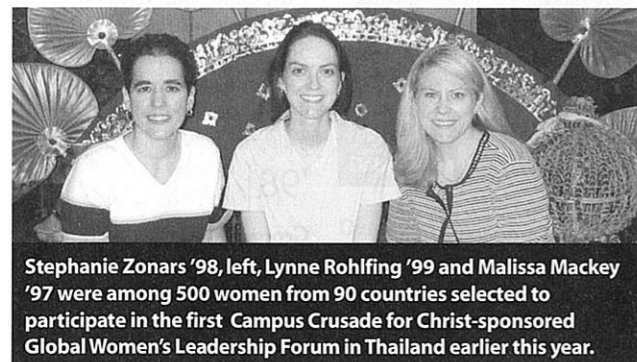
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studying at the University of Birmingham in England on a grant from the Comparative Federalism Consortium.

Heather N. DeWees, Delaware, Ohio, wed Jeremy Gentry, July 6, 2002. Heather teaches Spanish with the Dublin City Schools.

Chad J. Fogt and Julie R. Broering live in Dayton, Ohio. Chad received his D.O. from the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Athens, Ohio, in 2004. Julie is a family practice resident at Miami Valley Hospital.

Colleen L. Holman married John D. Bodin, Dec. 20, 2003. They live in Kettering, Ohio. Colleen is a special education teacher with the Centerville City Schools. John is an attorney with Bieser, Greer, and Landis.

Jennifer R. Jackson, Milwaukee, Wis., is a promotions manager with Kohl's Department Stores, Menomonee Falls, Wis.

Bradwin J. II and Lisa Cook Jordan, Wapakoneta, Ohio, announce the birth of DeLaney Ellen, Dec. 29, 2003.

Lea D. Kepich, Cleveland, Ohio, and Joseph R. Bartal were married Aug. 30, 2003. Lea is a treatment coordinator at Pressley Ridge PRYDE, Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

Kurtis B. Kleidon, Akron, Ohio, is the editor of the magazine, *Akron Life & Leisure*.

William H. and Mara Ackerman Klopfer '98 live in New Albany, Ohio. Mara, a broker-owner with RE/MAX Consultant Group, Columbus, Ohio, is serving as president of an association of Central Ohio RE/MAX franchises.

Amanda Hawkins Knerr, Erie, Pa., and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of Braeden Douglas, May 6, 2003. Amanda, who received her

M.A. in student affairs administration in higher education from Ball State University, Muncie, Ind. in May 2002, is assistant director of student affairs at Pennsylvania State University at Erie, The Behrend College.

Molly R. Lambert and John P. Loftis '94 were united in marriage June 26, 2004. They live in Springfield, Ohio. Molly received her teaching certification from Urbana University in December 2003. She substitute teaches with the Springfield City Schools. John builds homes with Mad River Craftsman.

Amit Mathradas, Austin, Texas, is a product market manager with Dell Inc., Round Rock, Texas.

Jo-El R. Miller, New York, N.Y., married Declan G. Shea, Nov. 8, 2003. Jo-El, who is pursuing her M.S. in health education and nutrition at Columbia University, serves as a mentor with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She has also completed three marathons and two Iron Man triathlons.

Karen M. Montgomery is a regional pension consultant with Nationwide Financial, Helena, Ala.

Melissa A. Mowry wed **Adam R. Ruschau '01** on Aug. 30, 2003. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

Gray S. Nicholson, Charlotte, N.C., and Heath D. Bartley were married Oct. 12, 2002. Gray teaches at Providence Day School.

James B. Palmquist IV, Las Vegas, Nev., married Allison M. Davis, Aug. 15, 2003. Jim, who received his M.F.A. in film from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, in 2004, is a money manager with Century Theatres.

Joseph D. Robinson, Yellow Springs, Ohio, was the guest artist for the month of January at the Springfield Museum of



Jade Gianakopoulos '95 Serves Wittenberg in Style

Jade Gianakopoulos will travel the world to serve. She proved that last summer during the Olympics in Athens, Greece. Chosen by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) following a four-year selection process, Gianakopoulos and her husband, Anastasios, volunteered their time scheduling practices, relaying information and arranging transportation for all the soccer teams competing in the 2004 games.

At the same time, the couple enjoyed unprecedented access to the athletes by working in Olympic Village with them, riding the bus with the U.S. Women's Gold Medal Team to Karaiskaki Stadium and assisting on the sidelines.

"The whole experience was so inspiring and really rewarding," said Gianakopoulos, a competitive skier and outdoor sports enthusiast. "I would encourage others to do this."

That desire to serve also displays itself in the psychology major's hometown of Springfield. Since her graduation from Wittenberg, Gianakopoulos has tried to give back to the university and her community.

"I received many grants to attend Wittenberg, and I want to pay the university back in some way, which is why I always make time for Wittenberg. I want others to have the same opportunities I had."

Toward that end, Gianakopoulos has worked extensively with the Wittenberg Guild, including serving on the executive board and chairing the Martha Rodgers Benefactors' Fund, where she helped to raise close to \$50,000 for scholarships for local students to attend Wittenberg during her tenure. She also chaired this year's annual Guild-sponsored Style Show, which raised more than \$25,000 for the same purpose.

Such commitment to her alma mater recently earned Gianakopoulos Wittenberg's G.O.L.D. Young Alumna Award. Presented during the university's Homecoming/Reunion Weekend, Oct. 22-24, the award recognizes graduates of the last decade who have shared their time and talent in service to Wittenberg.

"Wittenberg is a great school and an amazing place that teaches you that you can achieve anything. You can go anywhere from Wittenberg, and I'm proud to say I'm a graduate." ■

Check out our new online all-color wedding album at www.wittenberg.edu/weddings to see those in attendance.



Wedding Album

Natalie K. Estep '01 married **Scott M. McGrath '01** on Dec. 21, 2002. The live in Hilliard, Ohio.



Amanda M. Smith '02 and **Ross L. Gibson '02** were married Sept. 21, 2003. The couple now resides in Atlanta, Ga.

Art School Gallery. He is also the self-published poetry author of *A Common Place*.

Brock C. and Heather Dahlberg Schmalz live in Gahanna, Ohio. Brock is a government affairs representative for the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association. Heather is a government affairs manager with Limited Brands.



Rachael Sensenig '99 and alumnae at her wedding

Rachael E. Sensenig, Nashville, Tenn., wed **Andrew Lundquist**, March 22, 2003. Rachael is a school librarian.

Christin Parrott Smith, Golden, Colo., is an executive assistant with Eagle Equity Investments, LLP, Lakewood, Colo.

Brian J. and Melissa Lambert Whalen '94, Columbus, Ohio,

celebrated the birth of Margaret Ray, Feb. 10, 2004. Brian is an account executive with SBC. Melissa is a teacher.

'00 |

Melissa J. Clark, Jackson, Mich., married **James B. Sallee**, June 29, 2002.

Todd J. Clark, Morgantown, W.Va., received his J.D. in May 2003 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in Pennsylvania. He is an employment law attorney with Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC. He is pursuing his M.B.A. at West Virginia University.

Rachel L. Edmunds, Steeton, England, and her husband, Tommy Hughes, welcomed the birth of Aenghus Peter Robert Edmunds Hughes, Feb. 6, 2004. Rachel is a rural affairs policy officer with the Policy Development Service, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Matthew R. Howe is a staff geologist with MACTEC Engineering & Consulting Inc., Richmond, Va.

Matthew O. Hutchison has joined the law firm of Arthur, O'Neil, Mertz & Michel,

Defiance, Ohio. He will represent clients in cases involving criminal law, domestic relations and consumer rights.

Sufiy James, Springfield, Ohio, and Marcus D. Davis celebrated their marriage Nov. 29, 2003. Sufiy is employed by Youth Challenges.

Leslie B. Kem married **Eric R. Green '98**, Aug. 2, 2003. They live in Maineville, Ohio. Leslie, who received her M.S. from Indiana University - Indianapolis in 2003, coordinates the honors program at the University of Cincinnati. Eric is a systems manager at Procter & Gamble Co.



Elizabeth and James Pratt

Elizabeth A. Kramer, Fredericksburg, Va., and **James Pratt** were married Oct. 11, 2003.

Andrea B. Milas, who received her master's degree in July 2003, teaches second grade in the Columbus City Schools in Ohio.

Anne K. Nickerson, Kettering, Ohio, married **Chad Bowers**, Sept. 5, 2003. Anne is a stationer/wedding coordinator and assistant manager with Ink, Centerville, Ohio.

Julie W. O'Connor, Buffalo, N.Y., is a writing instructor at Niagara University. In 2003 she presented academic papers at two national conferences.

Michael B. and Candice Clouse Pascoe live in Cleveland, Ohio. Mike is a student at the Case Western Reserve School of Law. Candi is a conference center and administrative coordinator with the Y.W.C.A. of Cleveland.

Michelle J. Smith, Columbus, Ohio, married **Kevin Alexander**, Sept. 20, 2003.

Jarred R. Sparber, Chicago, Ill., teaches kindergarten in Skokie, Ill. He is pursuing his M.A. degree in education with a secondary emphasis in English at DePaul University, Chicago, Ill. He is also in the rock band, Grand Theft Goodwill, which is collaborating with a major recording artist.

Rachel M. Webb is a watershed coordinator with the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District, Wooster, Ohio.

'01 |

Heather M. Anderson, Arlington, Va., is a flight attendant with Independence Air.

Kristen C. Bailey, Miamisburg, Ohio, is a store manager with Lady Footlocker.

Sally S. Burkholder and **Justin C. Lytle '00** were married April 27, 2002. They live in Minneapolis, Minn. Sally is a

service manager and bookkeeper with the RBF Corp., St. Paul, Minn. Justin is pursuing his Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Minnesota.

Kimberly A. Copeland received her M.A. in higher education and student affairs from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, in 2003. She currently serves as an academic counselor there.

Cary E. Dailey, Waldorf, Md., wed **Lee R. Stalnaker** '00, Sept. 6, 2003. Cary is in corporate communications with Applied Ordnance Technology Inc. in the Washington, D.C. area. She is pursuing graduate studies at Cardean University. Lee is a production manager with Chesapeake Document Services, LLC, LaPlata, Md.

Jessica E. Devinney is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Lupin and Allergan Pharmaceutical Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

Natalie K. Estep and **Scott M. McGrath** celebrated their marriage Dec. 21, 2002. They live in Hilliard, Ohio. Natalie teaches fifth grade. Scott is a security sales representative with Huntington Investments.

Mark M. Gordon wed Carrie A., June 7, 2003. Mark received his M.B.A. from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, in 2003.

Greta A. Guhde is studying at Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas. She recently went on a mission trip to South Africa to minister to children through drama, puppets, and songs. She tells us "I always look back to my Wittenberg years with much fondness and appreciation."

Kathryn C. Heinmiller, who received her M.A. in higher, adult and lifelong education from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., in May

2004, is pursuing her Ph.D. there. She serves as president of the Mid Michigan Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter and is a member of the Field Hockey Club at Michigan State University. She lives in Okemos, Mich.

Joshua M. and Kristy Miller Johnson live in Monroeville, Pa. Joshua teaches with the Penn Hills School District. Kristy is a circulation manager with Pittsburgh Magazine/WQED Multimedia.

Krista D. Keeling, Springfield, Ohio, married Amos J. Keplinger, Sept. 22, 2002. Krista is employed by Hobby Lobby.

Jill S. Kincaid, Indianapolis, Ind., and **Eric A. Jones** were married April 7, 2002. They are the parents of Kendall Suzanne born July 18, 2003. Jill teaches third grade with the MSD of Perry Township. Eric is a high-end account manager with SBC.

Melinda K. Laakso, North Canton, Ohio, married Erich G. Muzi, July 26, 2003. Melinda teaches with the Plain Local Schools.

Nicole C. Manley is pursuing her master's degree in forensic science at Florida International University, Miami, Fla.

Abigal E. Martin is a teaching assistant at Florida International University, Miami, Fla.

Michelle L. Miller, a child and adolescent psychotherapist, is pursuing her Ph.D. in clinical psychology with a concentration in forensics.

Marilyn Y. Moreaux received her M.B.A. in finance from Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawaii, in May 2003. She is a financial adviser with Woodbury Financial Services, Vienna, Va., a full service broker-dealer of the

Hartford Group. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Melissa L. Trumps, Columbus, Ohio, wed James M. Barker, Sept. 21, 2002. Melissa is a disability claims adjudicator with the State of Ohio Bureau of Disability Determination.



Melissa '01 and James Barker

Alaine M. Voytko, Fairborn, Ohio, is a store planning supervisor with Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Bentonville, Ark. She supervises store remodels on the east coast.

Jason D. Waltman, Foster City, Calif., is an animation production supervisor with Dream-Works' Pacific Data Images. He wrote the computer codes that made special 3-D effects, such as smoke, possible in Shrek 2.

Bethany A. Williams, St. Louis, Mo., is a field ambassador with Pro Motions Inc.

Laura J. Wright, Greenwich, Conn., is an immigration coordinator with World Wrestling Entertainment Inc., Stamford, Conn.

'02 | **Nicole J. Atkisson** is pursuing her D.V.M. at the Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, West Lafayette, Ind.

Molly K. Barnes, Boone, Iowa, teaches middle school mathematics with the Ogden Community School District.

Jeffery A. Beerman, a co-owner of Beerman Accounting, works with individuals along with specializing in the needs of small- to medium-sized businesses. The firm recently acquired the firm of James S. Curtin CPS in Grandview, Ohio, and has an office in Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Hannah Bloom and **Gavin J. Lake** were married June 28, 2003. They live in Streetsboro, Ohio. Hannah teaches Spanish at Kenston High School. Gavin is an assistant manager for Enterprise Rent-a-Car in Hudson, Ohio.

Michelle C. Bolin, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, has completed a year of service as an AmeriCorps/VISTA volunteer with Rockingham Community Action's Literacy Office in Exeter, N.H. She also served on the board of South East New Hampshire Habitat for Humanity.

Springfield, Ohio, Fire Department Captain Pat Casey was recently featured in an article in the *Dayton Daily News*. He was installing a new cable in the 80-foot flag pole on the Springfield Post Office.

Kevin R. Hooker is pursuing his M.S.W. at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Megan E. Kelly, a former city planner for the City of Minnetoka, Minn., is pursuing her master's degree in urban planning at Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

Matthew J. Kull is program director at Teach for America on the Rosebud and Pineridge Indian Reservations in South Dakota.

Matthew D. Levy lives in Williamsburg, Va.

Tiffanie J. McQuinn, Middletown, Ohio, is a contract negotiator with the U.S. Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Chad S. Mossing lives in Dayton, Ohio

William M. Roebel, Norwood, Ohio, is a contractor sales representative with 84 Lumber Co.

Amanda M. Smith and **Ross L. Gibson** were married Sept. 21, 2003. They live in Atlanta, Ga. Amanda does freelance editorial and design work with Borders Group. Ross attends the Portfolio Center for graphic art and design.

Stephane E. Spiegel married Ross E. DeArmond, June 28, 2003. Stephanie is an intervention specialist with the Marysville Schools in Ohio.

Amanda L. Thomas is director of marketing/business development at the International Harvester Employee Credit Union, Springfield, Ohio.

'03 |

Ryan A. Born, an assistant baseball coach at Wittenberg, is playing with the Otters of the Frontier League of Evansville, Ind.

Brandi J. Bowman is pursuing her M.S. at The Ohio State University School of Natural Resources, Columbus, Ohio.

Abigail A. Greene, a human resource specialist with the Department of Defense in Indianapolis, Ind., is pursuing graduate studies in public administration with a concentration in non-profit organizations at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Abigail, who lives in Richmond, Ind., is a member of the Indianapolis Symphonic Band.

Timothy J. Horn has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after completing Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. He will continue his training in the

cavalry and armor division at Fort Knox, Ky.

Erin L. Karshner, Springfield, Ohio, is with the London City Schools.

After being featured in a national commercial for Verizon Wireless, **Patrick P. Killoran** exclaimed, "Go Wit Theatre!" He also appeared in a scene from the CBS hit series, *CSI: Miami*, which aired in February.

Tiffany H. Lichtenberg lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Andrew C. Palmer is a research chemist with Applied Sciences Inc., Cedarville, Ohio.

Kevin R. Rose, a historian with the Turner Foundation in Springfield, Ohio, was recently featured in an article in the *Springfield News-Sun* about alumni who remain in the community following graduation.

Erich J. Schoeneberger, a manager trainee with 84 Lumber Company in Greensburg, Pa., is responsible for sales, estimations, merchandising, and store and yard appearance.

As a manager trainee with 84 Lumber Company in Marysville, Ohio, **Matthew T. Williamson**, Marysville, Ohio, is responsible for sales, estimating, material takeoffs, merchandising, and maintaining store and yard appearance.

Amanda R. Young, London, Ohio, and Robert Pridemore exchanged wedding vows Oct. 4, 2003. Amanda is an auditor with Balestra, Harr and Scherer, CPAs Inc.

In Memoriam

'25 |

Virginia Kunkle Jones, Lebanon, Ohio, died March 26, 2004. A former teacher, she and her husband spent three decades restoring the Golden Lamb Inn in Lebanon to prominence. The four-story brick structure, which began as a log tavern, is on the National Register of Historic Places. A son-in-law, two grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive her.

'30 |

Margaret Neutzenholzer O'Neal, Virginia Beach, Va., died Oct. 10, 2003. A member of the Presbyterian Church and Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she was an elementary school teacher. She was an active member of her community who served as chair of the Clarksville Grey Ladies at Fort Campbell in Kentucky during the Korean War. Two sons, eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren survive.

'32 |

Lucille Putnam Baden, St. Paris, Ohio, died April 25, 2004. She retired in 1973 after teaching school for 28 years at Jackson Township School in Champaign County, and Greenville City Schools and Indian Hill Schools in Cincinnati, Ohio. A member of Covenant Lutheran Church, she was active in several professional organizations. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, **John E. Jr.** '61 and **Janet Baden Finney** '61, a son, **Robert C. Baden** '65, three grandchildren, including **Deborah Finney Peterson** '88 and **David M. Finney** '91, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews, including **Kathleen Baden Dershem** '65, **John A. Baden** '64, and **Rita Putnam Carr** '59. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Carl A. Baden** '28.

Harold H. Lentz '35S, '52H, longtime Carthage College president who presided over its move from Illinois to Kenosha, Wisc., in the late 1950s, died March 11, 2004. The author of many publications in his field and *A History of Wittenberg College*, he was a lecturer and a Lutheran minister who served for many years as a pastor in Ohio before becoming Carthage president in 1952. A member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, he was the recipient of Wittenberg's prestigious Class of 1914 Award. He is survived by a daughter, **Julia Lentz Cohen** '58, a son and daughter-in-law, **Thomas W.** '63 and **Martha Kantonen Lentz** '68, five grandchildren, including **Thomas J. Lentz** '89, and **Charles Q.** '91 and **Laura Lentz Gage** '90, and seven great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his wife, **M. Eleanor Selby Lentz** '32, his father, **John M. Lentz** 1892, a brother, **Lawrence H. Lentz** '20, and a sister, **Mildred Lentz Joslin** '27.

'33 |

Gretchen Bryant Sheppard, Westerville, Ohio, died Oct. 1, 2003. Formerly employed by the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., she enjoyed many years of music playing and teaching, especially the pipe organ. She is survived by a daughter, two granddaughters, five great-grandchildren, including **Jordan T. Reid** '04, a great-great-granddaughter and several cousins. An aunt, **Rose M. Trautwein** '08, an uncle, **William J. Trautwein** '21, and cousins, **James H.** '55 and **Betty Teach Seaman** '50, predeceased her.

'35 |

Victor H. Larrick, Cambridge, Ohio, died June 30, 2003. During World War II, he served as a sergeant with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the

European Theatre. The director of advertising for the *Daily Jeffersonian*, he was a member of Christ Lutheran Church and several civic associations. Surviving are his wife, a son, a grandson, two nieces, including **Stacy M. Stoll** '02, and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, **Charles U. Larrick** 1893, 1896S, a sister, **Florence M. Larrick** '27, an aunt and three uncles, **Justus S. Larrick** 1897 and **Estella Turkle Larrick** 1897, **Benjamin F. Larrick** 1900 and **Samuel M. Larrick** 1904.

'36 |

John E. Clark, Bloomington, Ind., died June 3, 2004. He served with the U.S. Navy on the Pacific Front during World War II. Before his retirement as a certified life underwriter from Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co, he owned the Normal Hardware Store. He was a member of First Baptist Church, and several civic and fraternal organizations. Three daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive.

Marna Reed Krueger, New Carlisle, Ohio, died March 18, 2004. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and the Lutheran Church. Survivors include a son, **John G. Krueger** '65, two daughters, **Marcia Krueger Pitts** '59 and **Carolyn Krueger Schul** '63, a son-in-law, **Lawrence E. Schul** '62, 12 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter. Preceding her in death were her husband, **Ralph M. Krueger** '32, '36S, a brother-in-law, **Fritz K. Krueger** '31, and sisters-in-law, **Margaret Lehmann Krueger** '31 and **Mary C. Krueger** '36.

'37 |

Beatrice Murray Frye, formerly of Hamilton, Ohio, died Feb. 24, 2003 in Hobe Sound, Fla. A homemaker, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority

and Trinity Episcopal Church. Three sons, a grandson, a brother and three sisters survive.

Dale F. Leipper of Reno, Nev., died Feb. 29, 2004. A former teacher with the San Diego City Schools in California, he served as a meteorology officer with the U.S. Army Air Corps in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands during World War II. He attained the rank of captain. The founding head of the oceanography and meteorology department at Texas A&M University, he chaired the oceanography department at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. until his retirement in 1990. He was the author of more than 90 publications, served as a member of many professional organizations, and received numerous awards, the latest in 2002 from the U.S. Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command for outstanding achievements and lifetime contributions. His wife, a son, three daughters and three grandchildren survive him.

William Kunkel Wiley, Ashland, Ohio, died Nov. 27, 2001. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he was knowledgeable about Ashland history and had a keen interest in collecting local memorabilia. His interests also included good porcelain, Wedgwood and art glass. He collected and dealt in antiques since 1939, except for the years he served with the military during World War II. Several cousins survive.

'38 |

Richard K. Dibble, Wadsworth, Ohio, died Sept. 13, 2003. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and served as a first lieutenant with the U.S. Army during World War II. The retired owner of the Dick Dibble Insurance Agency, he was a civic leader who was president of the Rotary Club, Toastmasters, City Golf

Hacker remembered for service



Rear Admiral Benjamin T. Hacker '57 died Dec. 28, 2003. He was 68. Following a 30-year career in the U.S. Navy, Hacker joined the Wittenberg Board of Directors, serving from 1988 to 2000. Commissioned an ensign in 1958, Hacker became the first black bombardier navigator in the U.S. Navy in 1960. Six years later, he took command of the U.S. Naval Facility in Barbados, West Indies, and in 1972, he established the Naval R.O.T.C. Unit at Florida A&M University, where he served as the first commanding officer and professor of naval science.

Hacker was promoted to rear admiral in 1980 and went on to hold 10 commands during the course of his military career, including commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean, and commander, Maritime Air Forces Mediterranean. He was also the first naval flight officer in the U.S. Navy to be selected for flag rank. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 1988. His personal decorations included the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three gold stars and the Meritorious Service Medal.

A native of Washington, D.C., Hacker moved with his family to Dayton at an early age. He is survived by his wife, mother, two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren and a sister. A funeral with full military honors was held at Arlington National Cemetery. ■

Association and Footlighters. A member of Grace Lutheran Church, he is survived by his wife, two daughters, including **Diane Dibble Leaman** '71, a step-son, five grandchildren, a great-grandchild and a brother. His father, **Henry C. Dibble** '07, and an uncle, **L. Clifford Dibble** 1903, predeceased him.

Roberta Stetzel Keyser, Toledo, Ohio, died Aug. 25, 2003. She spent most of her life as a leader in Christian education. Surviving are a daughter, **Barbara Keyser Blackburn** '62, four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her husband, **James L. Keyser** '35, '38S, her father-in-law and mother-in-law, **Joseph H.** 1900 and **Margaret**

Neuman Keyser 1900, three brothers-in-law, **Paul E. Keyser** '25, '28S, **Joseph N. Keyser** '29 and **Philip L. Keyser** '33, and a sister-in-law, **Lena Spenny Keyser** '33.

'39 |

Margaret Smith Alsobrooks, Salisbury, N.C., died Sept. 2, 2003. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. A retired teacher, she was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church and served as president of WELCA. Her husband, two sons and two grandchildren survive.

John L. Vlahos '59H, Westport, Conn., died April 8, 2004. During World War II, he

served as a lieutenant with the U.S. Naval Reserve in the South Pacific, where he commanded a unit responsible for all fleet codes. An award-winning screenwriter of live television plays during the "Golden Age" of television, he was an active member of the Unitarian Church and his community. He received an honorary degree from Wittenberg for his life's work. Survivors include his wife, a son, two daughters, three grandchildren, a sister, **Maxine Vlahos Stamas** '48, a brother, **Lester L. Vlahos** '45, and several nieces and nephews.

'40 |

Betty McConneha-Kemler Allison, Fairborn, Ohio, died May 25, 2004. She is survived by five sons, a daughter, 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and two half-sisters. After losing her parents at a young age, she was raised by her foster mother, **Clara M. Kemler** '25, '26MA, who predeceased her.

Lawrence B. Palmer-Ball Jr., Louisville, Ky., died Dec. 23, 2003. A member of Dorm League, he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II who re-enlisted in the Recovery Squadron of the Air National Guard Reserve and later transferred to the 100th Division stationed at Bowman Field. A retired plant supervisor at Palmer Products Corp., he was an active member of St. James Episcopal Church and his community. He is survived by a brother, 14 nephews and 10 nieces. Preceding him in death were three brothers, **Nicholas B. Palmer-Ball** '41, **Marion H. Palmer-Ball** '42 and **Benedict V. Palmer-Ball** '46, and two sisters, **Virginia Palmer-Ball Bennett** '42 and **Gertrude Palmer-Ball Booker** '42.

'41 |

Robert A. Campbell, Germantown, Ohio, died Feb. 28, 2004. A member of Dorm League, he retired from the

Gem Savings & Loan in 1982 with 37 years of service. He was an active member of the Germantown First Church of God and several fraternal organizations. Music was a very large part of his life. Two sisters-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews survive. His wife, **Mary Taylor Campbell** '39, predeceased him.

Henry J. Hart Jr., formerly of Elyria, Ohio, died April 13, 2001 in West Hartford, Conn. A member of St. Jude's Church and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Owner and operator of the Hart Construction Co. for 40 years, he was an active member of his community and an avid golfer and sports fan. He is survived by three daughters and seven grandchildren, including **Douglas H. MacGilpin** '00 and **Meghan R. Mihelcic** '03.

'42 |

Marjorie Tuttle Kirkwood, Springfield, Ohio, died March 23, 2004. A Gallup pollster, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority, the Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, and numerous other civic organizations. Survivors include her husband, **David C. Kirkwood** '42, a daughter, a son, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law, **Ruth Swab Tuttle** '43, and cousins, **Frances Tuttle Caldwell** '48 and **Martha Tuttle Horner** '45. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Robert A. '15** and **Angie Woosley Tuttle** '13, a brother, **Robert F. Tuttle** '42, two uncles, **Fred B. Woosley** '08 and **Millard H. Tuttle** '13, and his wife, **Ruth Cox Tuttle** '14.

Ralph W. Meyer, Tucson, Ariz., died March 2, 2004. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he retired as a colonel with the U.S. Air Force. His service included four years during World War II during which time he served in the American

Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Theater and the Philippine Liberation. He was the owner of a general insurance agency in Los Angeles, Calif., before his retirement in 1976. His wife, two step-children, a granddaughter, a brother and a sister survive.

Ruth DeVore Rea, Rancho Bernardo, Calif., died Feb. 24, 2004. She had retired from her position with American Airlines and served as a secretary for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church, she is survived by a son and three grandchildren. Her husband, **Gilbert W. Rea** '42, predeceased her.

'45 |

Gene L. Vollrath, Marysville, Ohio, died March 17, 2004. A member of Dorm League, he was a World War II veteran who served in the European Theatre with the 399th Infantry Regiment, 100th Infantry Division. For more than 50 years, he was the second generation owner of H.I. Huffman & Co., the local family Buick-Pontiac dealership. An active member of his community, he is survived by three sons, including **William G. Vollrath** '71 and **John L. Vollrath** '75, four grandchildren and a brother.

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Alberta Merkle Peters, Gainesville, Fla., died May 24, 2004. A member of Kappa Delta sorority and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, she taught math and science at Selma School, and Schaffer and Roosevelt Junior High Schools in Springfield, Ohio, before retiring from Southeast High School in Bradenton, Fla. A daughter and a cousin, **Robert G. Merkle** '52, survive.

'47 |

Phyllis R. Beath, Urbana, Ohio, died May 18, 2004. She was a member of the Urbana Swedenborgian Church, and a number of clubs and organizations associated with patriotic, educational and social interests. Before her retirement, she taught in various schools in Champaign County, Madison County, Ross County and Urbana, Ohio. Five cousins survive.

Elizabeth Garritty Buschmann, El Paso, Texas, died Dec. 25, 2002. She was an office para-professional with the Unified School District of Antigo in Wisconsin for many years before retiring to El Paso, Texas, where she played baritone horn in the Mesilla Valley Concert Band. She was actively involved in her church and children's projects throughout her life. She is survived by a daughter, three sons, 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a brother, **John E. Garritty** '46. Preceding her in death was a sister, **Catherine Garritty Post** '50.

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Gordon W. Misch, Wapakoneta, Ohio, died Dec. 6, 2003. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II. After many years with Superior Coaches, he retired in 1988 as vice president of finance. An active member of First English Lutheran Church and his community, he served on the Lima Family Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors and volunteered at Lima Memorial Hospital. His wife, **Jean Sieck Misch** '48, three daughters, a sister-in-law, and a cousin, **Katherine Misch Stockhaus** '86, survive.

Warren G. Willsey, Hartford, Conn., died Feb. 19, 2004. A member of Trinity Episcopal Church and Alpha Tau Omega

fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army Air Force in Europe during World War II. He was the former chair of the board of Arthur A. Waston & Co. and the recipient of numerous awards for his lifelong service and commitment to his hometown of Wethersfield, Conn. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, two sons, several grandchildren and a brother.

'49 |

Pardon T. Brown, Columbus, Ohio, died May 31, 2004. During World War II, he was stationed in Fairbanks, Ala., as a photographer with the U.S. Army Air Force. He led the science and research effort at Franklin International for 50 years and invented Titebond Wood glue and many other adhesives that play a prominent part in the wood furniture industry today. An avid outdoorsman and golfer, he is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, five grandchildren, a sister and a brother-in-law, **William F. Timmerman** '49.

Dorothy Sherrer Durnwald, formerly of Mayfield Village, Ohio, died Dec. 9, 2003, in Willoughby, Ohio. A member of Delta Zeta sorority and St. Noel Catholic Church, she was an inventory coordinator with Motorola and an avid collector of antique books and china. Survivors include her husband, a son, three daughters, six grandchildren, a sister, two brothers, including **John T. Sherrer** '49, and a sister-in-law, **Myrna Sorgen Sherrer** '59.

Walter S. Hogue, administrator emeritus of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, died April 13, 2004 in West Chester, Ohio. He was director of the laboratories in the chemistry department and an assistant instructor until his retirement in 1990. He held a number of patents and was the author of several books in his field. A member of Delta Sigma Phi

fraternity, he served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. Survivors include his wife, **Donna Bowman Hogue** '50, a daughter, two sons, and a brother-in-law, **Robert E. Bowman** '50.

Stephen M. Yannucci, Springfield, Ohio, died Feb. 24, 2004. He was the founder and co-owner of Yannucci's Restaurant, which he operated successfully for 38 years, retiring in 1984. An active member of St. Teresa and St. Mary Catholic Churches, he served as executive finance chair of the Clark County Republicans, past president of Sertoma Club and SAMIS Club, on the Springfield Board of Zoning Appeals and the Chamber of Commerce. Surviving are two daughters, two sons, 12 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

'50 |

Marian Stoneman Beattie, Kalamazoo, Mich., died Dec. 2, 2003. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and the United Church of Christ, she retired as an executive secretary after many years with the Upjohn Co. Three sons, four grandchildren and a sister survive.

Allelia "Lee" Rust Hunyadi, Richmond, Ind., died Feb. 24, 2004. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she retired after 22 years from her position as a clerk with the Wayne Township Trustees. An active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and her community, she enjoyed traveling to Europe and the Caribbean area. She leaves her husband, **Frank A. Hunyadi** '51, two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren, three sisters, including **Opal Rust Stackhouse** '55, and a brother-in-law, **Willard E. Stackhouse** '55. Preceding her in death were her grandfather, **Marion R. Mohler** 1891, her mother, **Sarah Mohler Rust** '25, and cousins, **Christie A. Dutton** '24 and **Florence C. Dutton** '25.

June Becker Preve, Williamsville, N.Y., died Feb. 24, 2003. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she was active in Ascension Lutheran Church and was former president of the Buffalo Alumnae Panhellenic Association. A teacher at Williamsville's Academy Street Elementary School in San Bruno, Calif. for several years, she served as an elementary substitute teacher in Clarence, N.Y. until her retirement in 1970. Surviving are her husband, a son, four daughters, including **Barbara Preve Mitchell** '74 and a son-in-law, **Michael J. Mitchell** '74.

'51 |

Marguerite Klein Arnold, Maumee, Ohio, died Oct. 16, 2003. She served as a secretary, personnel director, and assistant to the president of Fabri-Kal Corp., Kalamazoo, Mich. and was society editor for the *Kalamazoo Gazette*. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she was active at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and held leadership positions in numerous civic and cultural organizations in her community. She is survived by a sister, **Arlene Joldersma VanDyken** '37, and several nieces and nephews, including **Paul C. Henry** '77, **Susan Henry Dill** '79 and **William C. Henry Jr.** '82. Preceding her in death were sisters, **Geraldine Klein Yearick** '51 and **Eleanore Joldersma Clark** '36, and a brother-in-law, **Marvin J. Clark** '38.

Everett E. Clements, Springfield, Ohio, died May 20, 2004. During World War II, he served his country in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Howard F. Clark in the South Pacific. He taught at Tecumseh High School, Lagonda Elementary School, McKinley School, Franklin Junior High School, and was the founding teacher for the school at the Oesterlen Services for Youth before

retiring from the Clark County Joint Vocational School where he taught office education. An active member of Fifth Lutheran Church and the community, he is survived by his wife, a daughter, two sons, three grandchildren, two sisters and a brother.

'52 |

John E. Adams, Plain City, Ohio, died April 11, 2004. An osteopath, he was a family physician in Plain City and Columbus, Ohio, a staff member at Doctors Hospital, and the team physician at Jonathan Alder High School. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, three sons, including **John E. Adams II** '79, eight grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, a step-granddaughter, a step-great-grandson, a step-sister and a cousin.

'53 |

F. Lucille Iglehart Starr, Salt Lake City, Utah, died Nov. 12, 2003. She was an educator for 35 years, founded the recreation department for northern New Mexico and served as director of Pacific Intercultural Exchange Summer Language School for foreign students. A missionary at the Family History Mission, she was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She is survived by two sons, a daughter, a step-son and a sister. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Frieda Lannert Iglehart** '12, and an aunt, **Esther Lannert Waiches** '23.

'54 |

Mary Edmiston Pilsicker, Lakewood, Calif., died Jan. 2, 2004. A retired kindergarten teacher with the ABC Unified School District in Cerritos, Calif., she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She leaves her husband, **Carleton E. Pilsicker** '55, three daughters, six grandchildren, a brother and a sister.

'55 |

Sonja Hoekman Beckley, Walton, Ind., died Feb. 24, 2004. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she was a registered dietitian at Logansport State Hospital and Logansport Memorial Hospital until she retired in 1990. Her husband, **F. Theodore Beckley** '55, two sons, a daughter, five grandchildren, a brother and a sister survive.

Mabel Tucker White, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died Feb. 13, 2004 in Ames, Iowa. She taught in the rural schools of Des Moines County and the Sperry Consolidated School before coming to Snowhill Elementary School in Springfield, retiring in 1973. During her retirement she enjoyed crocheting and teaching the craft to others. A member of Northminster Presbyterian Church and the National Retired Teachers' Association, she is survived by two daughters, including **Nancy White Lewis** '55, a son-in-law, **Edwin C. Lewis** '55, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

'58 |

Former principal and teacher with the Springfield City Schools in Ohio, **Thomas G. Conway Sr.**, died March 5, 2004. A member of Northminster Presbyterian Church and several fraternal organizations, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1962. A director for the Y.M.C.A. Camp Evergreen, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Surviving are his wife, two sons, a daughter and nine grandchildren.

'59 |

Sarah Pyles Lydic, Springfield, Ohio, died April 16, 2004. She retired as an elementary teacher

with the Springfield City Schools and was a member of Northridge United Methodist Church and the Ohio Retired Teachers Association. A volunteer at Mercy Medical Center, she is survived by a daughter, two sons, 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and many cousins, including **Stacy Stewart Lloyd** '50. Preceding her in death were cousins, **Bessie Stewart Woolum** '45 and **Winifred Stewart Lloyd** '56.

'60 |

Willa Paananen Gonc, Columbus, Ohio, died Dec. 22, 2003. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and the Redeemer's Church, she was a registered nurse with Medical Mission International. She leaves her husband, a son, two daughters, eight grandchildren, her mother, **Muriel Belanger Deering** '61, a brother and four sisters, including **Julianna Paananen Lintz** '63. Her father, **Wilho I. Paananen** '49S, predeceased her.

'63 |

Allen E. Fensch, Shelby, Ohio, died July 25, 2003. He taught school at Avondale High School in Michigan for seven years before developing ski lodges and ski lifts for Ski & Shore Properties for 15 years. A downhill ski instructor for 26 years, he had worked at various ski resorts, including Snow Trails in Mansfield, Ohio. A member of First United Methodist Church, the American Legion and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he is survived by his two daughters and a brother.

Robert A. Heydenreich, State College, Penn., died March 7, 2004. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he was a Lutheran minister who served as pastor at Pine Hall Lutheran Church. He was actively

involved in his community and was a frequent speaker at local events. His wife, **Susan Minnich Heydenreich** '63, three daughters, including **Jennifer Heydenreich Gerhart** '93, three grandchildren, two sisters and a brother survive.

Fred E. Kelly '64M.Ed., Wilmerding, Penn., died June 30, 2003. A Lutheran minister, he served as pastor of Christ and Alpha Lutheran Churches while spending 25 years as an equal opportunity specialist with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He retired in 1991. Surviving are his wife, two sons and two grandchildren.

'66 |

Lena Hostetler Yoder, formerly of Quincy, Ohio, died May 1, 2004 in Belleville, Penn. For 35 years she was a teacher and elementary school principal with the Graham Local School District. During her lifetime she attended Locust Grove Mennonite Church, Rosewood United Methodist Church and the Grace Chapel Church. Her husband survives. A cousin, **David H. Zook Jr.** '50, predeceased her.

'68 |

Douglas L. Ulery, Springfield, Ohio, died April 22, 2004. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he worked for 25 years at Society Bank in various capacities prior to serving as president of Home City Federal Savings Bank. He was recognized on numerous occasions for his ongoing commitment as a member of the boards of many organizations in his community. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, two granddaughters and a sister, **Barbara Ulery Gray** '57.

'73 |

Julie L. Belton, Albuquerque, N.M., died March 3, 2004. She was formerly an interior designer and sales representative with Emrich's Furniture, Indianapolis, Ind. Her mother, step-father, a sister, an aunt and several cousins survive.

Nancy Gross Pavlik, a former teacher in Piqua, Ohio, died April 2, 2004 in Troy, Ohio. An avid bird watcher and traveler, she was a member of the Krazy Kwilters Klub and Brukner Nature Center. Survivors include her husband, her mother, a sister, **Karen Gross Smeal** '67, a niece, **Kristi Smeal Feldman** '93, and her husband, **Edward R. Feldman** '92. Preceding her in death was a brother-in-law, **Bruce C. Smeal** '67.

Judith Wezerek Thoresen, Oak Park, Ill., died Dec. 3, 2002. The former office manager of a law firm, she was a homemaker. Her husband, her mother, two brothers, including **Steven G. Wezerek** '75, and several nieces and nephews survive.

'74 |

Donald C. Nolt, '78S, a former resident of Springfield, Ohio, and former pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, died March 26, 2004 in Altamonte Springs, Fla. He had retired from the ministry to become a volunteer home repairman for the needy. Founder of the Seminole Habitat for Humanity, he is survived by his wife, three daughters and several brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews.

'82 |

Elizabeth Wright Reynolds, Knoxville, Tenn., died Dec. 29, 2003. She had been employed as a logistics manager by Perma-Fix in Oak Ridge, Tenn. She is survived by her husband, two sons, her step-mother, three sisters, three brothers, a step-sister and a step-brother.



December

- 3 **Springfield Holiday Celebration**
Treelighting, 5:30 p.m., Buffet Dinner, 6 p.m., 105 Shouplin Center
- 3 **Wittenberg Series - Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas**
Weaver Chapel, 8 p.m.
- 4 **Wittenberg Symphonic Band and Wittenberg Chamber Singers**
TBA, 3 p.m.
- 6 **23rd Annual Community Messiah Sing**
Weaver Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 **Wittenberg Chamber Orchestra**
300 Krieg Hall, 8 p.m.
- 9 **Columbus Holiday Party — Columbus Zoo Wild Lights**
Zoo Pavilion, 6-9 p.m.
- 10 **Fall semester classes end**
- 13-17 **Finals**

January

- 10 **Spring semester classes begin**
- 17 **Wittenberg Series — Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation**
The Rev. Robert Graetz, Weaver Chapel, 11 a.m.
- 21-22 **Board Meeting**
- 24 **Wittenberg Series — Woodrow Wilson Fellow**
Judith Berry Griffin, Bayley Auditorium, Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center,, 7:30 p.m.

February

- 7 **Wittenberg Series — The Acting Company**
"Two Gentlemen of Verona"; Kuss Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 24-27 **Mainstage Theatre Production — "The Learned Ladies"**
Chakeres Theatre, 8 p.m. Thurs.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun., admission \$4
- 28 **Wittenberg Series — Gallery Talk and Exhibit Opening**
Douglas Calisch, sculptor, Kissell Auditorium, Koch Hall, 7:30 p.m.

March

- 7-11 **Spring Break**
- 21 **Wittenberg Series — "An Evening of Readings"**
Gus Lee, author, Bayley Auditorium, Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center
- 30 **Wittenberg Series**
Tomoe Kaneko, shakuhachi virtuoso, Weaver Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

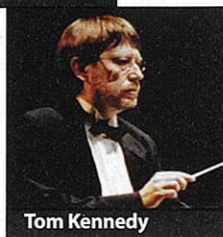


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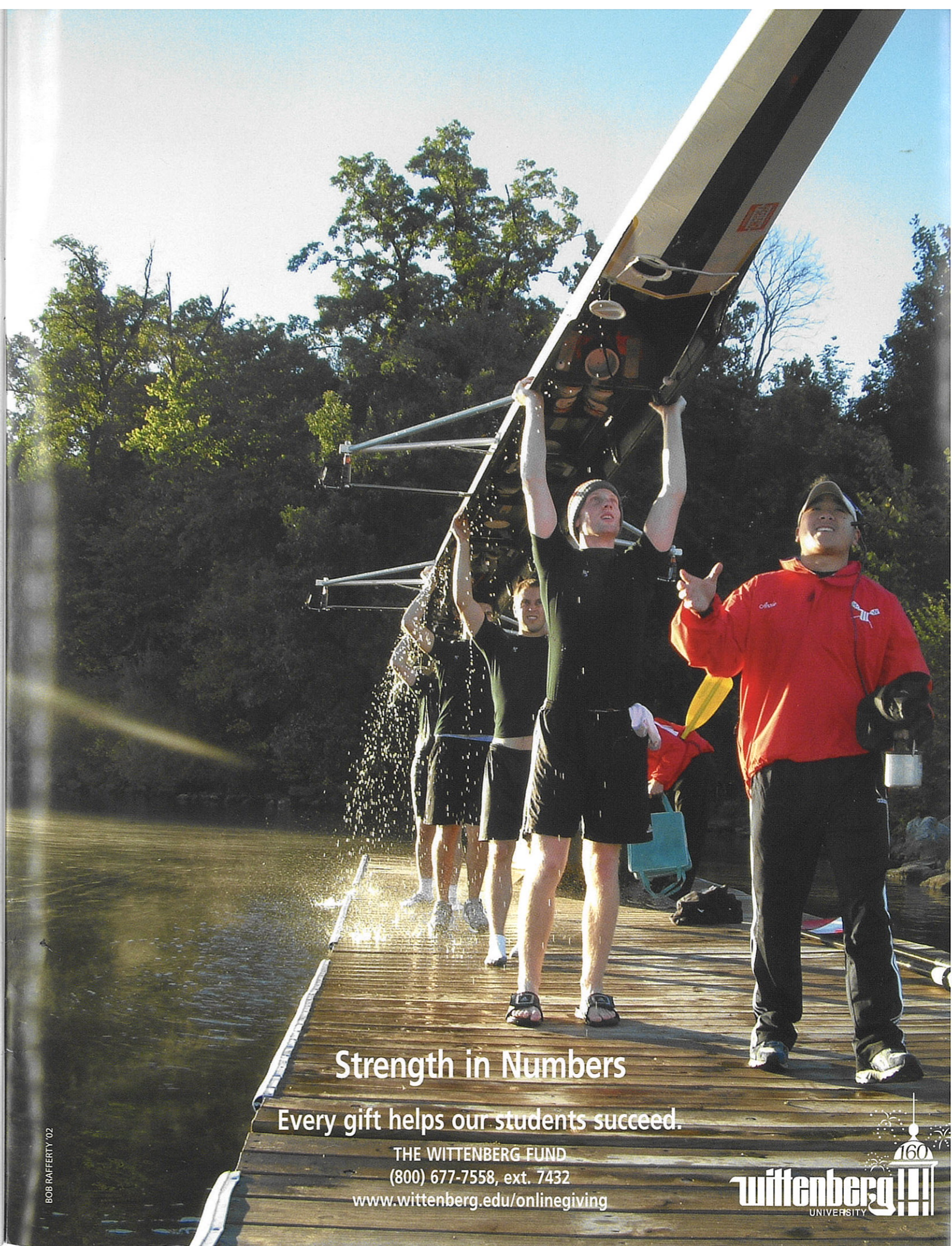
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