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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Breaking Furniture



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At Wittenberg, we take our calling to help our students develop and embrace their light very seriously. We challenge them to become responsible global citizens, to discover their own callings, and to lead personal, professional, and civic lives of creativity, service, compassion, and integrity. And we do all of this because we believe firmly in the power of the liberal arts, not just as the foundation for our educational approach, but also as an imperative foundation in our students' lives.

I recently returned from the Council of Independent Colleges' conference for presidents in California, where I was struck by the call to action to boast more about the power of the liberal arts. As former *Newsweek* editor and Pulitzer-Prize winning historian Jon Meacham stated in his address during the conference and which *The Chronicle of Higher Education* nicely summarized, "...higher-education leaders have been too reticent and need to 'go on the offensive' and 'break some furniture.'"

For the last six years at Wittenberg, I have tried to "break some furniture," urging our community of students, faculty, staff and alumni to tell the Wittenberg story wherever they are. And with pride, they have, both in their communities and across the country.

Why? Because they know that what we develop in our students is the competence and confidence to make an impact on the world. Through meaningful work, purposeful service and personal leadership, we activate the life of the mind in the classroom and in all facets of campus life. Our active and engaged learning environment is not only academically rigorous and highly personal, but also focused on the whole person, which, when combined, changes lives, ingraining in each student and all alumni the call to live beyond themselves.

I honestly cannot imagine a better way of educating the next generation than the one we proudly offer. Knowing that, I would encourage you to join me in "breaking some furniture" as we work together this year and in the years ahead to get the word out about Wittenberg, not just to prospective students and their families, but also to each other as we work collectively to invest even more in our future.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark H. Erickson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark H. Erickson
President



\$1.17 Million Award Supports STEM Teaching

Wittenberg is one of only two private liberal arts schools to receive a grant from the highly competitive Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program funded by the National Science Foundation. The \$1.17 million award will provide scholarships to 16 Wittenberg junior and senior math and science majors who commit to teaching at the secondary level in high-need school districts.

Typically awarded to large state universities, the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program was created in response to the critical national shortage of K-12 teachers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The program seeks to encourage talented STEM students and professionals to pursue teaching careers in elementary and secondary schools. No more than 20 schools received the Phase One award for which Wittenberg applied.

“We are extremely excited about the new opportunities this grant will provide for Wittenberg students,” said Assistant Professor of Education Gina Post, who is the grant’s principal investigator along with Associate Professor of Biology Kathleen Reinsel. “The Noyce Scholarship Grant will provide tremendous support for students already interested in STEM teaching, and we also hope it will entice STEM majors to consider teaching as a profession.”



Post explains that the goal of Wittenberg’s program is to provide more than just scholarships for students.

“The idea is to create a whole support system that not only prepares students to enter the field of STEM teaching, but to stay in the profession over the long term.” ■



Fulbright Tradition Continues

With more Fulbright Award recipients than any other institution in the university’s category, Wittenberg once again made headlines as Michael Anes, associate professor of psychology, became the third faculty member in the 2010-2011 academic year alone to receive the coveted distinction.

Anes joins Heather Wright, assistant professor of political science, and George Hudson, professor of political science, in receiving the prestigious recognition. Anes is currently conducting collaborative research with Piotr Jaśkowski, head of the Department of Cognitive Psychology at the University of Finance and Management in Warsaw, Poland, a private university. Along with colleagues in Jaśkowski’s lab, Anes is working with specialized cognitive neuroscience equipment to study how the two hemispheres of the brain pay attention to the visual world, specifically how they work together to identify faces rapidly. ■



Communication Earns National Recognition

Citing innovation, superior instruction, pioneering research and practical programming, the National Communication Association (NCA) has awarded Wittenberg's Department of Communication the 2010 Rex Mix Program of Excellence Award, the top honor presented annually by the organization's Undergraduate College and University Section.

The honor comes less than a decade after student demand led to the creation of a new major in communication. Associate Professor of Communication and Department Chair Stefne Lenzmeier Broz, Professor of Communication Catherine Egley Waggoner and Assistant Professor of Communication Sheryl Cunningham accepted the award at the organization's convention in San Francisco, Nov. 14-17. ■

History Professor Named H. Orth Hirt Chair

Tammy M. Proctor, professor of history, has been appointed to the H. Orth Hirt Endowed Chair in History. Established in 1998 to honor the memory of H. Orth Hirt 1911, the chair recognizes a professor whose record indicates teaching excellence and distinction in the discipline of history. Proctor was nominated by the history faculty, recommended by President Mark Erickson and approved by the Wittenberg Board of Directors.

Since joining the Wittenberg faculty in 1998, Proctor has developed a wide range of new courses, led the revision of the history curriculum, directed the University Honors Program and served

an active role in the Women's Studies Program. A key faculty leader, having chaired both the Faculty Executive Board and the Faculty Personnel Board, Proctor has also assisted with programs aimed at supporting the intellectual and personal development of young women.

The author of four books, including *On My Honour: Guides and Scouts in Interwar Britain*, *Female Intelligence: Women and Espionage in the First World War*, *Girl Guiding: A Global History* and *Civilians in a World at War*, Proctor has also published more than a dozen articles and book chapters and at least 14 book reviews. ■

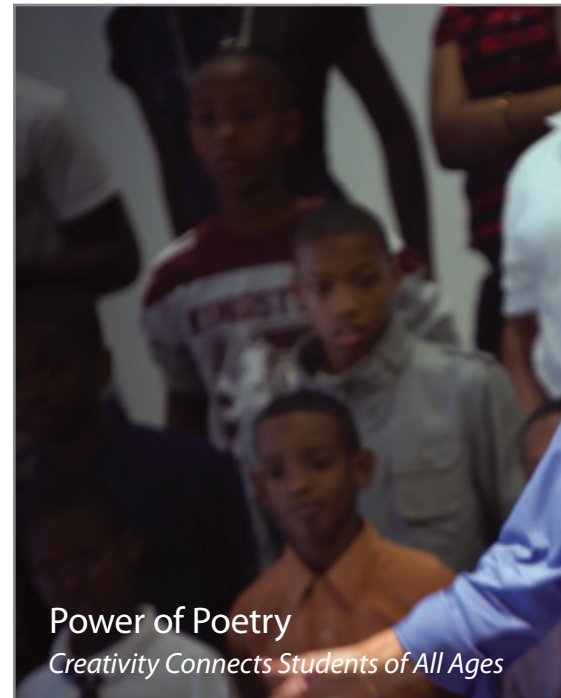
Journal Earns National Distinction

Judged best in the nation for the combination of its scholarly merit, variety of papers, layout and design, and cover artistry, the *Wittenberg University History Journal's* 2010 volume "Commerce, Culture and Control: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Past (Vol. 39)" has received the Gerald D. Nash History Journal Prize from the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honorary.

According to Professor of History Amy Livingstone, the 2009-2010 journal advisor, *The Wittenberg History Journal* had never been entered in the competition previously. It took first place in the 2010 "Chapters Without Graduate Degrees" competition, ahead of the University of Portland and Oklahoma Christian University.

"The students do not have to be history majors to submit their papers," Livingstone said, "and the papers don't have to be for history classes, just a course paper that relates to history. We had papers from an English major and two art majors in the journal."

Class of 2010 editors for the volume included Whitney Yount and Kaitlin Reber. Class of 2011 junior editors included Charlotte Bauer, Hayley Brown and Amy Walp. ■



Power of Poetry

Creativity Connects Students of All Ages

For centuries, poetry has enriched universal understanding, offering countless writers and individuals the opportunity to express their unique personalities and perspectives. For sixth- and seventh-graders at the World of Wonder School in Dayton, Ohio, the chance to express themselves through poetry took on a whole new dimension thanks to 10 Wittenberg students who organized the school's first poetry slam last fall.

The poetry slam serves as the culminating event for what has been a rewarding experience for both the World of Wonder students and the 10 Wittenberg students, the latter of whom are all enrolled in Professor of English Bob Davis' course titled "Introduction to Literary Studies." As part of the course, Davis' students worked on two poetry lessons for the young students at World of Wonder with the intention of



Li Wins International AP Scholar Award

Many incoming first-year students enter Wittenberg University with college credit earned from taking Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Very few, however, can match the 20 AP exams passed by Peiqian Li, class of 2014, an astonishing achievement that earned him the International AP Scholar Award from the College Board.

A native of Changchun in northeast China, Li, who has already declared a

major in computer science with a double minor in math and music, received 78 semester hours of Wittenberg credit for his AP classes. The classes he took spanned numerous academic subjects, including history, art, biology, chemistry, economics, geography, political science, music, psychology, math, computer science, English literature and composition, statistics and physics. Li received a 5, the highest possible score, on most of his exams.

Approximately 100,000 international students take AP exams every year, making competition for the two annual International AP Scholar Awards steep. The award is granted to one male and one female student attending a school outside the United States and Canada



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with the highest average score on the greatest number of AP Exams. The minimum requirement is a score of 3 or higher on three exams. ■



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organizing the poetry slam. The work not only inspired the sixth and seventh-graders, but also reflected the university's commitment to service.

"It has been such a great chance for us to give back," said Brian Duke '12 from Ft. Thomas, Ky. "These kids have really taken to our teachings and are writing some incredible poems."

In addition to Duke, Wittenberg students participating in the class and poetry slam included: Eric Werner '13, Cincinnati, Ohio; Shae Severn '12, Scottsburg, Ind.; Elizabeth (Leigh) Hastings '13, Vandalia, Ohio; Sam Bays '13, Gahanna, Ohio; Abby Malcolm '13, Middletown, Ohio; Jessica Emmrich from Xenia, Ohio; Meghann Greene '13, North Royalton, Ohio; Caleb Murray '13, Dublin, Ohio, and Clark Goodman '12, Willoughby, Ohio. ■

New Health Sciences Minor Announced

Wittenberg students pursuing careers in the health professions now have an extra edge in their field thanks to the new health sciences minor offered by the Department of Biology. Designed by Professor of Biology Cathy Pederson, the minor gives students a well-rounded perspective of the medical field by offering courses in the humanities and providing a wide range of hands-on learning opportunities.

In keeping with Wittenberg's liberal

arts tradition, students who choose the health sciences minor will step out of the "hard science" component of medicine and gain a deeper understanding of the entire field from biomedical ethics to genetic counseling to public health.

"We created the minor to help students interested in one of the health professions broaden their perspective by taking a variety of interdisciplinary courses, in addition to their prerequisites for professional schools," Pederson said. ■

Business Professor Leaves Legacy

Lowell E. Stockstill III, professor of business, lost his fight to cancer, Nov. 10, 2010. He was 63.

Stockstill began his Wittenberg career in 1981, during which he served as governor of Tau Pi Phi (the national accounting, business and economic honorary), earned the prestigious Leavey Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education, taught courses in accounting, finance and business law, and served as department chair.

An honorary member of the class of 2002, Stockstill also served on numerous university boards and committees, including the Faculty Personnel Board and the Budget and Compensation Advisory Committee. He was the advisor to the Wittenberg Mock Trial Association and recently served as the advisor to WittInvest, the student investment club.

Prior to joining Wittenberg, Stockstill earned his B.S. in finance and economics at Miami University of Ohio and was an officer in the United States Air Force. He went on to receive his M.B.A. in finance and economics from Valdosta State University followed by a J.D. in business law and tax law from the University of Toledo. ■





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Professor Leads International Discussion

George Hudson, professor of political science, department chair and director of Russian and Central Eurasian Studies, recently served as the featured speaker during a panel discussion on the U.S. midterm elections at Tbilisi State University in Georgia. Joined by panelists from the U.S. Embassy in Georgia, Hudson not only predicted a Republican landslide during the event, but he also called the Kentucky Senate race correctly.

Hudson earned a prestigious Fulbright Award last year. He is currently teaching and conducting research in the Department of International Relations at Tbilisi State, where he is focusing on Russian-American relations on third nations and regions, while emphasizing the impact of the relationship on Georgia and the Caucasus region. ■

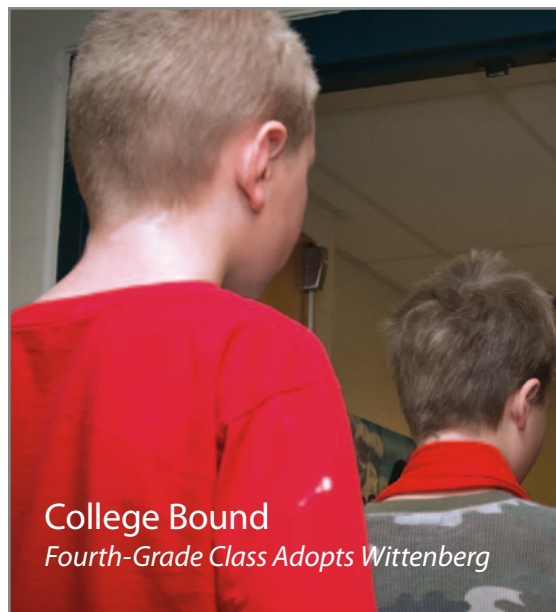
Center For The Arts Highlights East Asia

In the continuing celebration of the 40th anniversary of its nationally recognized East Asian Studies program, Wittenberg sponsored an exhibition of objects from its Chinese and Japanese collection titled "Introduction to Wittenberg's East Asian Collection." The exhibit is on display in the university's Halley Gallery at the Springfield Center for the Arts at Wittenberg University through March 4.

An extension of the university's longstanding commitment to ensure its students gain global perspective

through understanding the world's many cultures, the collection grew from the gifts of five major donors: Springfield residents Mr. and Mrs. William B. Baldenhofer and Mrs. Betty L. Cooke, and alumni Winberg Chai '55 and Ronald Li '50. The exhibit includes paintings, woodblock prints, ceramic pieces, embroidered pictures, porcelain, pottery, and carvings of jade and ivory.

The exhibit represents works from several Chinese dynasties as well as from China during the 15th–21st centuries and 19th–20th century Japan. ■



College Bound Fourth-Grade Class Adopts Wittenberg

Students in Irena Brawley's fourth-grade class at Fairborn Intermediate School in Fairborn, Ohio, recently enjoyed separate visits from the 2010 Ohio Professor of the Year Dan Fleisch, associate professor of physics, and the beloved Wittenberg Tiger after "adopting" Wittenberg as part of the "No Excuses University" program at the school.

The school was the first one in Ohio to be part of the "No Excuses University" program, a network of elementary, middle, and junior high schools across the United States promoting a model of college readiness to all students the moment they enter elementary school.

On Dec. 2, a representative from the Ohio Board of Regents visited the school during which time Fleisch presented to the students.

"The desire of these 4th-graders to learn more about the universe around them was

Ohio Governor Makes Campus Stop



Joined by his personal aide, John Wickham '09, right, newly sworn-in Ohio Governor John Kasich briefly met Lin Erickson, director of corporate, foundation and government relations, during a campus visit prior to the election.

Board Member, Leading Cardiologist Remembered

Dr. James T. Dove '61, one of the nation's leading cardiologists and founder of Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants Ltd., Illinois' largest cardiology group with 47 board certified physicians and 35 clinic sites, died Nov. 6, 2010. He was 71.

Dove spent his lifetime committed to exceptional patient care and health care reform. Along with playing an instrumental role in the formation of Prairie Heart Institute at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill., Dove was named president of the American College of Cardiology (ACC) in 2007. The recipient of several awards in his profession, Dove was most recently named the 2010 *State*

Journal-Register First Citizen for his accomplishments and impact on the Springfield, Ill., community.

Along with his wife Carol and nephew Rick Dove '80, Dove established the Dove Scholarship at Wittenberg in 2001, which provides a one-half tuition scholarship to an outstanding junior pre-med student and pre-law student. In 2010, the ACC endowed a lectureship in his name and also named its annual chapter recognition award after him. Dove joined the Wittenberg Board of Directors in 2009. ■



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Wittenberg Night at the Symphony Features Faber

Designed to introduce more members of the Wittenberg community to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra (SSO), Wittenberg again joined the SSO during the annual Wittenberg Night at the Symphony, Nov. 6.

Trudy Faber, professor emeritus of music who recently retired from teaching following 44 years of service, was the featured performer at the pre-concert event and during an evening performance titled "Going For Baroque," which included pieces by Mouret, Vivaldi,

Handel, Telemann and J.S. Bach.

Faber has performed organ and harpsichord concerts throughout the United States and Europe during a distinguished career. She has also presented papers and lectures on Bach and Baroque dance for a variety of national and international conferences.

Following the concert, Wittenberg students, alumni, faculty and staff were invited to attend a reception with Faber and SSO Music Director and Conductor Peter Stafford Wilson.

Civil Rights Activist Addresses Campus

Internationally known civil rights activist and scholar Cleveland Sellers presented the keynote address titled "We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot REST" during the Wittenberg Series-sponsored Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Convocation, Jan. 17.

Currently president of Voorhees College in Denmark, S.C., Sellers previously taught history and African-American Studies and served as the director of the African American Studies Program at the University of South Carolina.

Sellers' activism and academic career have their roots in a fateful day in February 1968 when student protesters and state police clashed on the South Carolina State University campus. In what became known as the "Orangeburg Massacre," three men were killed and 27 wounded, including Sellers. The only person arrested as a result of the incident, Sellers spent seven months in prison on rioting charges. Twenty-five years later he received an official pardon.

After his release from prison, he poured himself into his studies, obtaining a bachelor's degree from Shaw University, a master's degree in education from Harvard University and a doctorate from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Sellers is the author of six publications and has worked as a historian and consultant for several documentaries, including ESPN's *Black Magic* and Tom Brokaw's *1968*. ■



really quite inspiring," Fleisch said. "From the minute I was introduced, I faced a blizzard of questions about everything from meteor impacts to black holes. I told several of the students that I hope to see them in my astronomy class in a few years."

For now, the fourth-graders can see Wittenberg in their classroom, which boasts pictures of campus and other Wittenberg-themed items delivered personally by the Tiger mascot last fall. Additionally, each fourth-grader received an official Wittenberg sweatshirt.

"The college bound message provides hope for all our students," said Sue Brackenhoff, principal. "Our students are excited about their adopted university and are talking about their plans for going to college."

"When I grow up, I'm going to go to Wittenberg," said one student. "Tiger up!" ■

Campus Notes

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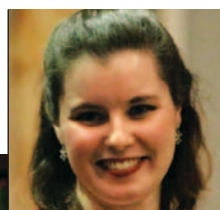
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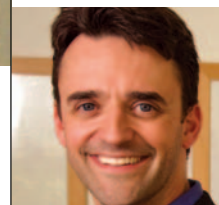
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Dixon
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of Music

McInnis
Assistant Professor
of Art



Steven Bogaerts, assistant professor of computer science, attended the SPLASH-2010 workshop, where he presented a paper titled “Concurrency and Parallelism as a Medium for Computer Science Concepts,” which described Wittenberg’s ongoing NSF-sponsored efforts to integrate cutting-edge parallel computation techniques into the computer science curriculum.

Shih-Ming Chang, associate professor of theatre and dance, who recently collaborated with **Lynn Frederiksen** on a chapter exploring Chinese dance for *The Encyclopedia of Modern China*, is working with her co-author on a book project and DVD resource on the same topic following 10 years of research. In November, Wittenberg shared in the project as Chang welcomed three famed Chinese dance artists to campus during a comprehensive dance residency.

In October, **Howard Choy**, associate professor of foreign languages and literature, was invited to serve as the discussant for the panel “The Rhetoric of Renewal and Revolution in Modern China” at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs. Choy also recently published an article in Germany titled “Playing with a Language of Six Thousand Years: Xu Bing’s *A Book from the Sky*” and was an invited presenter at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Kent Dixon, professor of English, is co-editing an anthology of short shorts

titled “Freak Lightning.” His last short short, “Wake,” was published in the summer 2009 edition of *The Antioch Review*.

Adam Con, associate professor of music and newly named director of choral activities and coordinator of music education, was invited to serve as an adjudicator on the state panel for performing choral ensembles of the Ohio Music Educators Association. Con also attended the Ohio Choral Director’s Association conference. In addition to scheduling numerous performances for the Wittenberg Choir in local churches, Con has also been invited as the featured choral clinician at the largest private school in the United States, Woodward Academy in Atlanta, Ga., and served as the featured professional development clinician at the Sarah McLachlan Foundation Music Outreach program in Vancouver, Canada.

Christopher Durrenberger, associate professor of music, made his China debut collaborative performance during a two-week/three-city concert tour performing chamber music of Beethoven and Brahms. Multiple piano master classes were also conducted at the Shenyang, Dalian and Beijing Central Conservatories of Music. In January 2011, Durrenberger will make a concerto appearance with the Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra followed by another collaboration with the internationally acclaimed Cypress String Quartet on campus in March.

As co-chair of Ohio’s Need Analysis Committee, **J. Randy Green**, director of financial aid, reconstructed an instructional session that will be presented in several venues in 2011. The session provides a conceptual overview of need analysis as well as detailed instructions on calculating family ability to pay according to federal methodology.

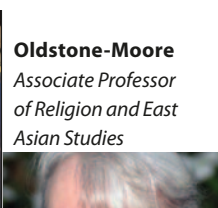
Jessica McCormack, assistant professor of music, served as the guest lecturer at the fall workshop of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (Ohio Chapter), Oct. 9. Her lecture-recital was titled “Canadian Music: An Untapped Resource.” She was also a participant at the Singing and Teaching for a New Era Workshop held at Indiana University and recently served as an adjudicator for the University of Dayton’s Aria and Concerto Competition. She will perform as soprano soloist in Handel’s Messiah with the Saint John Symphony and Chorus in New Brunswick, Canada.

Dan McInnis, assistant professor of art, had his work accepted to Silvershotz International’s 2010 PhotoFolio Awards. Silvershotz is an international publication seen by thousands of professionals in museums and galleries around the world, and McInnis was one of only 12 American photographers selected. He also recently presented a paper titled “Victimhood Perceived: The Use of Photography as Agit-Prop During the Second Intifada,” at the Midwest Society for Photographic Education’s annual conference. In addition, he is having

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Assistant Professor
and Reference
Librarian



Oldstone-Moore
Associate Professor
of Religion and East
Asian Studies



Preston
Director of Fraternity
and Sorority Life



Ritter
Professor of Geology



Schindler
Professor of Business



Yu
Professor of Political
Science



two solo shows this spring, and his work was recently accepted for ImageOhio10, a statewide juried show through the Roy G Biv Gallery sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council.

Alisa Mizikar, assistant professor and reference librarian, was named the 2010 recipient of the Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award at the annual conference of the Association of Academic Libraries of Ohio (ALAO). The Ladd Award is given annually to an ALAO member who has excelled at promotion of academic libraries and librarianship on his or her campus and in the state. Alisa has served on the ALAO Conference Planning Committee.

Taoism, authored by **Jennifer Oldstone-Moore**, associate professor of religion and East Asian Studies, has been published in seven languages and will be reprinted in paperback in 2011. Oldstone-Moore also contributed a chapter on Chinese religion to a new forthcoming undergraduate textbook, *Understanding the Religions of the World*. In addition, her previously presented article, "Scientism and Confucianism," will be part of a forthcoming SUNY volume called *The Sage Returns: Confucian Revival in Contemporary China*.

Carol Preston, director of fraternity and sorority life, is an interactive workshops facilitator for CAMPUSPEAK Inc., an agency representing college speakers and other educational programs. Preston has facilitated five workshops this year and

one interactive webinar. She is also an active volunteer for the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV) and serves on the editorial board for AFLV's quarterly publication.

Don Reed, professor of philosophy, presented the opening convocation address titled "Belonging Here With Us" at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. The convocation kicked off Wartburg's "Year of Celebrating Community."

John Ritter, professor of geology, and students Kelly Shaw '11, Chad Rigsby '11, Aaron Eveltizer '10, Kristen Shearer '12 and Katie Minter '12 are continuing to study the environmental impact of changes in the lowhead dams along Buck Creek in Springfield. As part of the project, Shaw presented their co-authored paper "Assessing Stream Restoration Potential of Recreational Enhancements on an Urban Stream, Springfield, OH" at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Denver in October. Ritter will present the other co-authored paper "Recreational Enhancements on an Urban Stream and Their Role in Stream Restoration" at a special session at the annual meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco in December.

Pamela Schindler, professor of business, recently completed her manuscript revision of her market-leading, McGraw-Hill-published textbook. *Business Research Methods*, now in its 11th edition.

Al Stickney, professor of mathematics, was appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Committee on Technology in Math Education of the Mathematical Association of America. This committee has responsibility for keeping members of the mathematical community informed of the appropriate ways in which technologies, including hand-held devices, computers, presentation software, the Internet, and evolving technologies, are affecting undergraduate mathematics education.

Kathleen Warber, assistant professor of communication, has published three co-authored manuscripts with a forthcoming one titled "A Typology of Retaliation Strategies Against Social Aggression Among Adolescent Girls," which will appear in the *Journal of Qualitative and Ethnographic Research*. She also recently received a faculty research grant, and she presented a paper and workshop at the Ohio Communication Association's annual conference. In addition, Warber presented a short course titled "Charting a (Capstone) Course: Balancing Scholarship and Practice in the 21st Century" at the Communication Association conference in Baltimore.

Bin Yu, professor of political science, has published an article titled "Peace Mission 2010 and Medvedev's Visit to China" in the Oct. 15 edition of *Comparative Connections*. Yu also joined the Chinese Military conference sponsored by the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa., during which he presented a paper.



Problem-Solving

Computer Science Team Wows During Premier Competition

Recognizing the synergy that can occur between computer science and the liberal arts, Steven Bogaerts, assistant professor of computer science, is ensuring that Wittenberg students have access to the world through a prestigious annual competition.

Known as the Association for Computing Machinery-International Collegiate Programming Contest (ACM-ICPC), the event is a premier, worldwide contest with the 2011 finals held in Egypt in February. Leading up to the

finals, regional contests occur with the top teams in each region advancing to the world finals.

Bogaerts serves as the coach for two Wittenberg teams, which recently participated in the ACM-ICPC's East Central North America Regional Programming Contest at the University of Cincinnati.

"The contest is extremely competitive," Bogaerts said. "In attendance in our region alone were teams from Carnegie Mellon, the University of Waterloo,

Purdue University, and 53 other colleges and universities from western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, eastern Ontario and Indiana, for a total of 112 teams."

As part of the contest, participating college teams must complete eight problems within a five-hour time period.

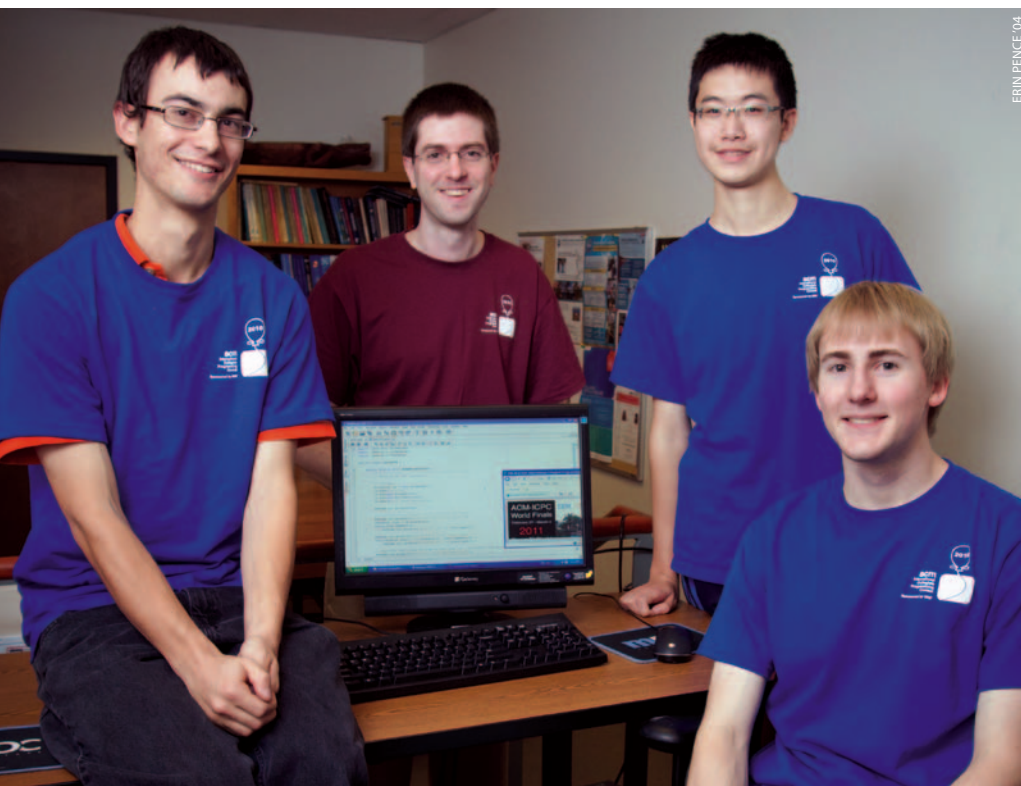
"The problems are quite challenging, with 34 teams in our region unable to solve a single problem," Bogaerts said. "This year the top two teams in our region, from University of Waterloo and Carnegie Mellon, both completed eight, one team completed seven, and five teams completed six, including a Wittenberg team."

The effort placed the Wittenberg team, which called itself the "Cowgorithms," in sixth place among 112 teams in the region, ahead of Purdue University and The Ohio State University.

"It is very striking to me to observe the caliber of company Wittenberg has at the top of that list, and how much larger a student body those schools are drawing on for their teams," Bogaerts noted.

The members of Cowgorithms team were Jordan Hildebrandt '12 from Kenosha, Wis., Peiqian Li '14 from Changchun, China, and Brandon Nesiba '13 from Sioux Falls, S.D.

"For Cowgorithms to do so well is really huge news, a great accomplishment for the students, and fantastic for Wittenberg," Bogaerts said. "People were really taking notice, and I think with a little more work, we have a good chance to do even better in the future." ■ —Karen Gerboth '93



Jordan Hildebrandt '12, Steven Bogaerts, Peiqian Li '14 and Brandon Nesiba '13



Wally Witt

Woodlawn Avenue "Wall" Welcomes Bronze Companion



Throughout the years, Wittenberg students have met, gathered or copped a spot atop the stone ledge located outside the now Benham-Pence Student Center. Commonly referred to as "the wall," the ledge allows for casual conversation, people-watching or simply hanging out with friends.

Immortalized in the 1974 yearbook, the wall appeared in a series of interspersed images depicting a stalker seated upon it. The images show the stalker eventually joined by a professor, then a co-ed, scholar-athlete and then two co-eds.

The stalker photographed was John Paoloni '74 who explained that, "Tim Wertime '76 came to me with the idea, and I said, 'why not?' We scheduled the shot for very early Sunday morning. Unbeknownst to me, a lot of people eat early breakfasts, and they were lining the windows of the union."

In the late 1980s, a project to acquire art for the student center began. A major renovation of the center was underway, and then-President William A. Kinnison '54 envisioned a figurative piece, similar to the work of sculptor Seward Johnson, permanently affixed on campus. It was suggested that the area in front of the center serve as a setting where "students, faculty, staff and friends of Wittenberg could interact with such a statue – to touch, sit next to and even talk to" so that no student would ever sit alone on the wall again.

The Wittenberg Guild made funds available, and a committee interviewed several artists before selecting sculptor Gary Ross, then a professor at Capital University. Ross worked with the committee members through the design process, and they traveled to his studio to observe the process. "Nothing like having to please a committee with varied tastes," said

Professor of Theatre and Dance Corwin Georges, who served on the committee. "He actually did a great job. I think the bronze statue was poured in Cleveland."

Ken Stoll '89, then-ATO president, served as the model.

"I remember they planned to have statues placed around campus and took photos of 12 or more of us in various settings," Stoll said. "I played football, came in my jacket, and they took my picture seated on the wall in front of the ATO house. I learned after graduation that my photo was chosen."

In 1991 *Wally Wittenberg*, affectionately called "Wally Witt," became a permanent landmark on campus, seated peacefully on the student center wall. He observed the construction of the Kinnison Garden and sat peacefully by as Woodlawn Avenue was closed to traffic in 2003. He watched Wittenberg resurface the avenue in brick and rename it Alumni Way, and each year "Wally" oversees the installation of honorary bricks on the plaza commemorating other distinguished Wittenberg alumni. He also witnessed the razing of old Firestone, and later, Hanley and South halls.

"Wally" has served many functions, some pleasant, some not so pleasant, such as being painted neon green. He has also served as a site for fundraising projects, as an advice columnist for the *Torch*, as a model for photo opportunities and as a sympathetic ear. In essence, he has become a regular fixture on campus.

"I guess if Witt decides to put 'Wally' to rest," Stoll said, "I wouldn't mind the first call to put him in my backyard." ■

—Phyllis Eberts '00



Basketball Head Coach Recognized

Coming off a 2009-10 season in which she earned North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Coach of the Year honors after leading the Tiger women's basketball team to an unexpected regular season title, Sarah Jurewicz '98 probably could have rested on her laurels for a while.

Instead, Jurewicz registered for the June 2010 NCAA Women Coaches Academy in Denver, Colo., where she experienced personal and professional growth working alongside dozens of her peers. After five long days of workshops, activities and seminars, Jurewicz knew she was heading back to Ohio a better coach. Before leaving Colorado, however, she learned that her peers attending the workshop were so impressed with Jurewicz that they voted to give her the Judy Sweet Spirit Award, named for the current NCAA vice president for championships and senior woman administrator who has broken numerous barriers for women in athletics in her nearly 40-year professional career.

"This is without a doubt the best professional thing I've ever done," said Jurewicz, who came into the 2010-11 season with a 48-31 record in three seasons at Wittenberg. "It is really meaningful that my peers voted to give me the Judy Sweet Award. It was just a great way to cap off an amazing week."

The award recognizes the member of each Women Coaches Academy whose "spirit and willingness to share and live her story with integrity and perspective for her own and other personal and professional success has made an impact." Jurewicz, who was inducted into Wittenberg's Athletics Hall of Honor in 2009 in recognition of both her coaching contributions and her record-setting playing career, was presented with a framed piece of artwork by one of Sweet's favorite artists. ■

— Ryan Maurer



The Experience of a Lifetime

Scott Wilke '91 Guides Heart Transplant Recipient To U.S. Open

What started as a simple business deal for Scott Wilke turned into a cross-country odyssey and the experience of a lifetime.

Wilke and his practice, Northside Soft Tissue Center, was contracted to provide chiropractic services to Professional Golf Association (PGA) tour players at the 2010 Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio.

One of the players Wilke worked on was Erik Compton, who was playing in the tournament on a sponsors' exemption as he makes his way back to the tour after surviving his second heart transplant in May 2008. To make the U.S. Open at famed Pebble Beach Golf Club in Monterrey, Calif., Compton had to go straight from his final round at Muirfield on Sunday afternoon to a qualifier at Springfield Country



Wittenberg Tiger Coaches Hit Milestones

No matter the sport, Wittenberg student-athletes currently have access to some of the brightest coaching minds in America today. The current roster of Tiger coaches includes some of the most accomplished individuals in Wittenberg's illustrious athletics history, including a trio of individuals who recently reached the top of the coaching records lists in their respective sports.

Football head coach Joe Fincham

ran his record to 136-31 in 15 seasons at the helm, surpassing National College Football Hall of Fame coach Dave Maurer, who won 129 games between 1969 and 1983. Under Fincham, the Tigers won their eighth North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) title and reached their eighth NCAA Division III Tournament in 2010 as he earned his seventh NCAC Coach of the Year designation.

Volleyball head coach Paco Labrador now boasts a record of 259-38 in eight seasons in Springfield, surpassing Connie Surowicz, who won 253 matches between 1994 and 2002. The Tigers won their seventh NCAC regular season title and seventh NCAC Tournament championship and advanced to their eighth straight NCAA Division III Tournament under Labrador's direction in 2010, posting a 32-3 record after losing in the regional final to eventual national champion Calvin. Labrador

earned a third NCAC Coach of the Year award for his efforts.

Also of note, Natalie Koukis, men's and women's swimming and diving head coach, reached a career milestone, becoming just the second coach to surpass the 100-win mark on the Wittenberg pool deck. After the Tiger men finished 9-4 and the Tiger women 8-5 on the 2010-11 dual meet season, Koukis' career records stand at 48-35 (men) and 52-26 (women) since arriving on the scene in 2004. ■

— Ryan Maurer



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Club early Monday morning. He asked Wilke to work on him during the qualifier as well.

As Wilke massaged him between his morning and afternoon rounds of the grueling 36-hole qualifier, he learned that Compton's caddie had to leave before the end of the afternoon round due to a commitment with 2007 British Open champion Todd Hamilton at the St. Jude Classic in Memphis, Tenn. So Wilke, a member at Springfield Country Club and an avid golfer himself, offered to take Compton's bag for the final nine holes of the afternoon round.

Just three players in the qualifier field would earn berths in the U.S. Open, and Compton headed down the stretch locked in a three-way battle for the last two spots. Compton benefited from Wilke's knowledge of the course, in particular on a 50-foot eagle putt on the 15th hole, and advanced to his first career major tournament by winning a three-hole playoff.

While Wilke had known Compton for just a few days, he found himself caught up in the emotion of the moment. Compton had achieved his dream barely two years after he survived a second life-threatening surgery, and now he wanted Wilke to make the cross-country trip to Pebble Beach to massage him during the U.S. Open as well.

"This was definitely a case of being in the right place at the right time," said Wilke, who has provided chiropractic services for Wittenberg's Department of Athletics for more than a decade. "It was great to get to know him and experience all of this with him." ■

— Ryan Maurer

Hall of Honor Inductees Recognized



Representing the late Larry Peacock '70, two of his three children with his wife, Margaret Hemphill Peacock '70, Stacy Bertelli Radtke '97, Glenn Hendrix '75, Anthony Robinson '96 and Bill Bibbee '71. The Class of 2010 was recognized during Homecoming Weekend ceremonies Oct. 8-10. Complete details about the Class of 2010 can be found at www.wittenberg.edu.

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Sports Shorts

Pam Evans Smith '82 To Be Inducted Into Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame

Dillon Hollin '10 Named Nation's Top Center

Swimming Standout's Work In Haiti Earns Award Nomination

Read more at www.wittenberg.edu/athletics

Dan Fleisch, Wittenberg associate professor of physics, is known for doing anything necessary to help students succeed. From renting an ice rink to help a student with an interest in hockey understand a physics concept to changing the pen color he uses to review papers to relieve a student's grade-related anxiety, Fleisch lives his passion for teaching daily. No wonder the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recently named Fleisch the 2010 Ohio Professor of the Year.

By Karen Gerboth '93 • Photos by Erin Pence '04

The only national program to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching, the U.S. Professor of the Year program annually honors top educators from across the United States. This year, professors representing 46 states were recognized, including Fleisch, whose award continues Wittenberg's longstanding tradition as the state leader among four-year institutions in the number of professors earning the Ohio Professor of the Year distinction. Fleisch's award brings the official count to six and again shines the spotlight on Wittenberg's superb teaching inside the classroom and well beyond its walls.

"I'm a person for whom the life of the mind is such a driving force," Fleisch explains. "Helping others have those 'wow' moments is most rewarding."

Two years ago, Fleisch inspired a unique "wow" moment nearly 700 miles away in Ottawa, Canada. Upon learning that Michael Cuhaci had received a damaged copy of Fleisch's international best-selling book, *A Student's Guide to Maxwell's Equations*, which he purchased as a Christmas gift for his nephew, Fleisch boarded a plane early Christmas Day in the midst of a snowstorm to hand-deliver a copy of the book to Cuhaci himself.

"I opened the door, and there's this guy in front of me saying, 'Which book would you like, hardcover or soft?' "Cuhaci recalled in a *Springfield News-Sun* article on Fleisch's holiday trek. "I was surprised and shocked. I was trying to understand what was happening."

Not wanting to disrupt the Cuhaci's holiday further, Fleisch left the book with Cuhaci and headed back to the airport for what turned into an 11-hour journey back to Springfield.

Such commitment to his students, people and his profession defines Fleisch, whose innovative thinking has led him to create a

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variety of unique learning opportunities for his classes, including one involving study abroad in England three years ago.

Called "The Roots of 21st-Century Science," the course took two seemingly unrelated disciplines, physics and biology, and wove them together using parts of the curriculum to tell the story. The students would study the origin and development of two important fields of 21st-century science, the life sciences and electromagnetic telecommunications.

Fleisch and his colleague at the time, Tim Lewis, former professor of biology at Wittenberg, then went a step further by adding technological elements to the course, which would make it completely paperless.

"By incorporating a technological component, the traditional boundaries of the classroom dissolved, and more peer-to-peer teaching occurred," Fleisch recalls.

Add to his course development work, which includes a forthcoming follow-up course in Italy, Fleisch's sheer love of teaching, and the portrait of a model educator reveals itself even more. Every semester, for example, Fleisch invites students from each of his classes to his home for "Quality Circle" dinners during which he asks students to help him find ways to make the class the best possible learning experience for them.

"I get to work with fantastic students at Wittenberg, and I want them to be engaged with the world around them," Fleisch says.

Outside of the traditional classroom, Fleisch also continues to activate the mind through his work.

An expert in electromagnetics and space physics, Fleisch has witnessed his Cambridge University Press-published 2008 book on Maxwell's equations enter its eighth printing with translations underway in Japanese, Korean and Chinese. His has also been contracted to write *A Student's Guide to Vectors and Tensors*, slated for publication this year, all while working with students on research projects ranging from radar imaging to the detection of extrasolar planets.

In 2004, Wittenberg awarded Fleisch its top faculty prize, the Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching. Two years earlier, Fleisch won the Omicron Delta Kappa award for Excellence in Teaching, and he was named the Outstanding Faculty Member during the Wittenberg Greek Scholarship Awards in 2000. Additionally, Fleisch was recognized for Faculty Excellence and Innovation in 2003 and 2005 by the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE).

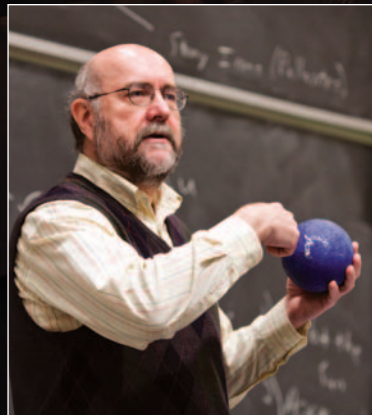
Now, as the 2010 Ohio Professor of the Year, Fleisch looks to inspire young people in high schools around the state to pursue science using iPads and other technology in his efforts.

"I have the entire universe as my subject," Fleisch says, "so how can I not find something interesting for students of all ages with the universe at my disposal?" ■

Professor of the Year



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Restoring Education on a



Alumni, members of the Board of Directors, faculty, staff and students joined together during Homecoming to celebrate the restoration of historic Blair Hall, home to Wittenberg's nationally renowned Department of Education. Thanks to a \$5.2 million restoration, the 83-year-old building now reflects the bold, dynamic academic programming taking place within its walls. Highlights of the Oct. 6 event included a performance by the Lincoln Elementary School Choir, a formal blessing of the building, remarks by President Mark Erickson and Steve Broidy, assistant professor of education, and an official ribbon cutting.



Blair Hall

National Scale



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by Gabrielle Antoniadis
photos courtesy of Andrew Steele '10

Africa BLOOM

It is no secret that Wittenberg's call to serve opens new doors of understanding and inspires students in myriad ways. Yet one corner of the world seems to have captured the passion and creativity of many on Wittenberg's campus. From students to professors to coaches, many in the campus community are rallying around helping the orphans of a small mountainous kingdom in Africa called Lesotho, which has the third highest prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS in the world. And though these efforts stem from experiences at Wittenberg, they are extending beyond students' four years here, and even out into other African countries.



Inspired by his time in Lesotho, Andrew Steele '10 is devoting much of his life's work to the impoverished nation's future.



long service-learning trip to Lesotho. Like all of the 200 students who have been on one of Rosenberg's trips over the last eight years, Steele was deeply moved by the children he met and the conditions in which they lived. "I didn't feel right not doing anything when I came back," he recalls. "I felt like there was a big void after this intense experience, and I wanted to find a way to continue to have an impact."

He brainstormed, he talked to people, and he turned to the community that he knew shared his passion – Wittenberg. Today, BLOOM Africa is "staffed" entirely by Wittenberg alumni, faculty and staff – all of whom work for nothing. Understanding the pitfalls that come with biting off more than you can chew, Steele is starting small and working on simple goals such as raising awareness about Lesotho and raising funds for organizations already doing great work. Eventually, though, he has dreams of building a BLOOM Africa orphanage.

For now, he is thrilled to be making a difference in Lesotho since launching in April 2010. One project with A Drink for Tomorrow brought rainwater collection tanks last summer to the Little Angels Day Care Orphanage. These tanks will provide clean drinking water to more than 45 orphans as well as water for a drip irrigation

"If someone had told me two years ago that I would be passionately involved with helping orphans in a tiny kingdom called Lesotho, I would have said they were crazy," declares Andrew Steele '10. "I couldn't have even pronounced it!"

But that is exactly what Steele is doing. In fact, he is more than just "involved," he is the executive director and founder of BLOOM Africa, an organization dedicated to providing basic, life-saving resources to a generation of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in Lesotho. Steele founded BLOOM (which stands for Bringing Lesotho's Orphans Opportunities and Materials) Africa in the year after he returned from Associate Professor of History Scott Rosenberg's month-



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system. Another project will bring laptops, a solar panel and batteries to primary schools in Ketane. The project will provide new learning opportunities for students, but it will also create a new source of energy and a source of income – any surplus energy generated by the solar panel that is not used by the school can be sold to the community.

When he founded BLOOM Africa, Steele says he had no idea what he was taking on – all he knew was that he wanted to do something. He credits his four fellow alumni and the Wittenberg staff who work at BLOOM Africa – including Women's Head Basketball Coach Sarah Jurewicz who was also a trip chaperone – for the organization's early successes.

"The trip was a life-changing experience for us all, and I am so proud of our work so far," he says.

Taking Root at Wittenberg

Talk to almost anyone on campus, and there is an excellent chance they know all about Lesotho. Maybe they haven't been there, but they may have heard the stories from friends, heard a presentation from Rosenberg, or participated in a campus collection effort or the popular "Survivor Wittenberg" fundraising event. Leslie Chasteen '10 remembers that she wanted to go to Lesotho

from the moment she heard about it sometime during her freshman year.

Now a staff member of BLOOM Africa, Chasteen echoes Steele's feeling of wanting to stay involved after coming back. So she joined Rotaract, Wittenberg's student-led service and mentoring program, and helped to make Lesotho the organization's international focus. After only three years, Rotaract's membership has tripled – an accomplishment Chasteen and others partially attribute to the power of the Lesotho cause. Last year, Rotaract's "Shoes and Shades" project collected more than 100 pairs of shoes and 150 pairs of sunglasses to distribute to Lesotho and Haiti. This year, Rotaract will continue its efforts under the leadership of Lisa Adams '11.

"It is fascinating to see that so many Wittenberg students are willing to make that kind of commitment and that they take it so seriously," she remarks.

But Chasteen still wanted to do even more. So she jumped at the chance to join the BLOOM Africa staff, saying it gave her a chance to get re-invested in a hands-on way again. And as a graduate living in Springfield, she is finding more ways to deepen her connection to Lesotho by becoming involved with the Springfield Rotary Club which – thanks to Rotary members and other Wittenberg connections – is sponsoring its own project in Lesotho.

"Watching support for Lesotho snowball and gain momentum on campus and beyond has been really inspiring," Chasteen says. "It really shows how single actions can add up to make significant changes in the world."

And that interest and commitment show no signs of waning. The Witt-in-Africa program, a student-led initiative of the Wittenberg Center of Applied Management (WittCAM), was created several years ago to raise funds for supplies for the Lesotho trip. As part of that effort, the volleyball team chose Lesotho as one of the beneficiaries of its charity tournament "Border Battle" last fall. In total last year, Witt-in-Africa raised \$8,500 through T-shirt sales, donation competitions at sporting events, "Survivor Wittenberg" and other efforts.

For Rosenberg, who created the first Lesotho trip in 2003, this kind of campus and community support is "incredible and so fulfilling." He remembers that he struggled to fill the 21 spots on that first trip; today, the application process is extremely competitive. (In 2009, he decided to take two back-to-back trips to accommodate all the interested students.)



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Steele, center, recruited several fellow alumni to serve on BLOOM Africa's board, including Beth Cheney '10, left, Leslie Chasteen '10, Head Women's Basketball Coach Sarah Jurewicz '98, and William Thomas '07.

"I would never have imagined when I started this program that this is what would happen," he says. "I am amazed at not only the growth in numbers of students interested in going to Lesotho, but also at how the experience has impacted so many people's lives and what they choose to do with their lives."

Sowing New Connections

Clearly, Rosenberg is the catalyst for much of the burgeoning support for Lesotho on campus and in the community. Ask anyone who has been on the trip or supported the cause in any way, and you will hear about how his passion moved them to become a part of the effort. With nearly 110,000 orphans and 48 percent of the population living in poverty, Lesotho is certainly in desperate need of assistance, but it is Rosenberg who has brought that message across the world and made it important to so many here.

"Scott Rosenberg was the biggest driving force behind the Springfield Rotary Club's decision to fund projects in Lesotho," says Steve Neely '75, president-elect of the club.

After Rosenberg spoke to the Springfield Rotary several years ago, members generously contributed to the 2009 Lesotho trips. Later, when the club decided to sponsor its own international project, Neely was on the committee charged with finding a project. They researched at least a dozen projects all over the world before finally settling on Lesotho. Their four-year initiative, "Building Hope for the Orphans of Lesotho," will include building a new orphanage in Motsekuoa, renovating existing dormitories and building freestanding bathroom and shower facilities, among other activities.

"We saw everything Wittenberg and Scott were doing and knew we would have the opportunity to hit the ground running," Neely remembers. "It has been a wonderful collaboration."

As a Wittenberg alumnus, Neely says the partnership is doubly satisfying. And it appears that he, as well as his wife, Mary Alice Schryver Neely '75, will be advocates for Lesotho for life. They are both preparing to return to Lesotho on at least one of Springfield Rotary's planned service trips in March and June 2011. Springfield Rotary is hoping to spread the word even beyond the Springfield community. It has approached several

area Rotary Clubs, and have already received support from Huron Rotary (a connection that also resulted from a Wittenberg student who went to Lesotho two years ago). This fall, it received a substantial boost for the project with an \$86,000 matching grant from Rotary International. With this grant and other donations, Springfield Rotary has already raised \$185,000 to benefit Lesotho orphans.

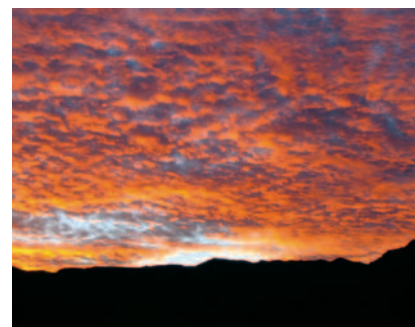
"My hope is that we can continue what we are doing and build on the synergy between Rotary Club, Rotaract, Wittenberg's service-learning trips and BLOOM Africa even after we have completed this particular project," he says.


Rosenberg is also keen on keeping those connections. He is planning for his summer 2011 group to spend one week building chicken coops, painting or doing other tasks at the orphanage Springfield Rotary is building.

In the meantime, students and alumni such as Betty Cheney '10 – who, after two trips to Lesotho with Wittenberg, turned her life desire to work in medicine into a specific mission focused on being a pediatrician in Lesotho – are carrying their newly discovered passion out into the world.

And Andrew Steele, who isn't satisfied with just running BLOOM Africa, is reaching out to another African country: he is spending this entire year volunteering in South Africa through the Young Adults in Global Mission program of the ELCA.

"My Lesotho trip was an experience that 'woke' me up," he says. "I always knew I wanted to do service, and I learned at Wittenberg that it is easy if your heart is in it."





Building on
Wittenberg's longstanding
tradition of creativity and innovative
thinking, the new WittEntrepreneurs
program aims to develop well-rounded,
out-of-the-box thinkers with the skills and
experience to make a positive difference in
whatever field of study they pursue. The big
idea here? College students shouldn't
have to wait until after college to
do great things.

Excelling in Entrepreneurship

by Gabrielle Antoniadis

Tom Kaplan is excited. As associate professor of management and the Ness Chair in Entrepreneurship, he is presiding over what he calls “an uncommon opportunity” for Wittenberg students. He’s talking about the new WittEntrepreneurs program, which he was brought here last year to start.

“Programs like WittCAM, WittPATH and many others here have provided great opportunities for experiential learning at Wittenberg,” he says. “WittEntrepreneurs is the natural next step.”

The program combines cutting-edge classes with a wide array of opportunities for students to put what they have learned into practice. How? For starters, students from any discipline now have the opportunity through WittEntrepreneurs to launch, operate and manage an enterprise on campus. And beginning in spring 2011, an “incubator” program will support student ventures which, if approved, may receive start-up funds from the WittEntrepreneurs program. The new classes are geared to both business and non-business majors.

Kaplan is quick to emphasize that this really is an opportunity for *all* students – from an art major who wants to learn how to get creations to market to a “techie” from the Geek House looking to create a new application for the iPhone. That the program is actively seeking non-business students makes it “exceptionally unique,” according to Kaplan. It is also what gets him fired up when you talk to him about the possibilities.

“Every discipline needs entrepreneurs,” he declares. “Look at any great change that is happening in any field, and you will see that they are filling needs in innovative ways.”

Beyond Business Plans

This fall, in Kaplan’s new WittSem class titled “Calling All Student Entrepreneurs: So You Want to Change the World?” he

gave each of his students \$10 and told them to start a business. At first, he says, they panicked. But after less than four weeks, several already had come back with \$80 or \$90 – an eye-opening experience for them and an example of the kind of hands-on, practical learning the program will provide.

Upperclass students will delve even further; they will have the chance to immerse themselves in the operation of an enterprise, with each wearing the many different hats it takes to be a successful entrepreneur. What’s more, all ventures will be 100 percent student-focused – what a student creates at Wittenberg, the student keeps.

“Our goal is to give students all the help we can and take nothing,” Kaplan says. “We want to help as many students get started as possible. That is what we are here to do.”

He is also adamant that the WittEntrepreneurs Program be financially self-sustaining. That means students will build and manage a for-profit business that will help support the program. The program’s partnership with Village Markets of Africa, founded by Jacob Schmalzle ’07, is a model of what that will look like. Schmalzle, who wrote the business plan for his fair trade business while at Wittenberg, imports arts and crafts made by artisans in co-ops in Africa. WittEntrepreneurs will help Schmalzle take his business to the next level; students will sell, manage money and distribution, and make decisions about products. (The sharp-looking red and white beaded bracelets that many on campus are now wearing are just the initial products coming out of the partnership.) Profits from the partnership will be split three ways to benefit Village Markets, the WittEntrepreneurs program and a charitable foundation Schmalzle will be creating to benefit the Kenyan artisans.

This mixture of the classic free market approach and a social mission makes Village Markets a particularly good fit with WittEntrepreneurs. Kaplan expects to see many student ventures include a social purpose not only because it is the right thing to do, but also because it is a strong value at Wittenberg. And that gets to the heart of why Kaplan is so excited about WittEntrepreneurs.

“You can create experiences where students learn, you can create enterprises where students make money, and you can have experiences where students do something to make the world a better place, but it is not common to be able to do all three,” he says. “But that is what Wittenberg is doing here.”

In the future, Kaplan envisions these new ventures being hatched in a new space designed to match the creative and collaborative spirit of the entire program. Described as a living entrepreneurship laboratory, Kaplan hopes the space will be like nothing students have ever seen. The state-of-the-art work environment should include an open floor plan, flexible furniture and smart technology solutions.

Expect to see other innovative initiatives coming out of the program, including a Family Business Rising Leaders Institute, which will support current Wittenberg students and their families, alumni and local family businesses. For now, Kaplan’s energy and excitement about the program and the opportunities it will create for students is already creating momentum. Word is spreading, and students from many disciplines are expressing interest.

“I think the WittEntrepreneurs program is one of many great reasons to come to Wittenberg,” he says. “Because whatever you care about, we can help you do something about it while you are here.” ■

Mascot Face-Off Wins CASE Award

A year after Wittenberg University's beloved Tiger went head-to-head with the College of Wooster's Fighting Scot in a first-of-its-kind online Mascot Face-Off, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) has recognized the innovative cyber battle with a District V Silver Award in the Best Collaborative Program category.

Best Collaborative Program was one of 49 different categories that comprised the 2010 Pride of CASE V Awards Program, which "honors institutions and individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement in the concept and execution of advancement programs and communications," according to the CASE website. Winners were announced at the annual CASE V conference on Dec. 14 in Chicago, Ill.

"This award is a tribute to the great working relationships that exist on our campus," said Director of Alumni Relations Linda Beals '87. "We had so much fun putting this together with



students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents of current students and our colleagues at the College of Wooster. We had no

idea where this would go when it started, but the end result was beneficial to both campus communities." ■



WittEntrepreneurs Brings African Art To Campus

Wittenberg's new WittEntrepreneurs program has partnered with Village Markets of Africa, founded by Jacob Schmalzle '07, to provide a wide range of high-quality, fair-trade products to alumni, students and friends.

Most recently, the program welcomed a new 22¼ oz. mug, hand-etched in Kenya by a local artist who created a custom design for Wittenberg without ever seeing a real tiger.

Mugs may be purchased individually for \$30 (\$100 for a set of four) plus shipping. In addition to sustaining the WittEntrepreneurs program, a portion of the proceeds also supports the artisans who create the products as well as Village Markets of Africa.

To order the Wittenberg Tiger Mug, visit www.wittenberg.edu/tigermug. Because of the unique, handmade nature of this product, please allow eight weeks for delivery. ■

Alumni Recognized With Distinguished Awards

On Oct. 9, Wittenberg took time to honor nine distinguished alumni at its annual awards ceremony during Homecoming Weekend.

Alan '69 and Pam Stewart '69 received the university's most prestigious recognition, the Class of 1914 Award, given to individuals from the university community who have served Wittenberg above and beyond what might be expected of any contributor to the college's welfare.

Wittenberg also presented Alumni Citation Awards to three alumni who have brought honor to Wittenberg by their exceptional accomplishments in

which service to humanity is placed ahead of personal gain or recognition. Those receiving the awards this year were Carlton Sears '72, John Pelander '73 and George Huntley '84.

In addition, Karl Miller '01 received the Graduate(s) of the Last Decade (GOLD) Service Award for sharing his time and talent with the university, while Chenoa Stock '05 and Joshua Benoit '05 were honored with an Outstanding Young Alumna/Alumnus Award, respectively, for professional achievement. Also during the ceremony, Carol Kester Matevia was named an honorary alumna. ■



Special Alumni Events



Columbus Young Alumni Holiday Party on Dec. 11, 2010, at the Grandview Cafe.

Special Alumni Events

Feb. 3 Alumni College, Sarasota, Fla. at the Asolo Theatre with Corwin Georges, professor of theatre and dance

March 1 Sarasota, Fla., Alumni Event

March 11 Founders Day at Wittenberg

May 18-21 Alumni College

Oct. 21-23 Homecoming (2006, 2001, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1971 and 1961 reunions)



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'37 |

Harry D. and Ruthanna Zeller Wise celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at their home in North Canton, Ohio. Harry retired as an internal auditor with Thomson Newspapers. Ruthanna retired as a Latin teacher from Folansbee High School. They continue to be active in their church and community.

'47 |

Carl F. Kaltreider, a retired Lutheran minister, lives in Rotonda, Fla. He volunteers as an archivist for Rotonda West, collecting memorabilia of notable events in the town's history that he plans to display at the newly completed community center. After 60 years of church service, Carl still delivers the occasional message at local churches.

'57 |

Clinton E. Chu '60S, of Manchester, Conn., celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination on May 18, 2010.

'59 |

Stuart D. Shanor practices law with Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin LLP in Roswell, N.M. He is the retiring president of the Foundation of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

'60 |

Albert F. Schultheis retired after 40 years as an attorney specializing in international

banking with various international financial institutions in New York, N.Y. During his retirement, he has been studying music theory and music history in the evening division of Juilliard. He lives on the coast of southern Maine. Albert says he has many wonderful memories of his years at Wittenberg.

'62 |

William C. Martin, who helped launch a pair of multimillion-dollar renovations to campus facilities and brought in new coaches for the football and men's basketball programs, has retired as the athletic director of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

'64 |

Sue Simendinger Bosart and her husband, Eugene, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary at their home in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

On June 30, 2009, **Marlene VanCleve Shaw** retired as a professor of biology from the University of Southern Indiana after 26 years of service. In retirement, she plans to tour sites where scientists who helped to develop biology in the 1800s and 1900s worked. Other plans include extended visits with family and friends with book and camera in hand.

'65 |

Chris M. Siehl has retired from his position with the human services program at Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, Mich.

'66 |

Charles T. Rivenburgh, Starkville, Miss., has retired from his position in the office of technology commercialization at Mississippi State University.

'67 |

John R. and Martha Metzger Lohr live in Buffalo, Wyo., and Orlando, Fla. John, a prolific author, is regarded as a top legal expert on fiduciary responsibility relating to investment management. He is credited with creating the first "wrap" fee contract and developing much of the legal infrastructure to support managed accounts. John was honored by the Money Management Institute with its 2010 Pioneer Award.

'68 |

Kent F. Christison is with K&L Gates LLP, Raleigh, N.C.

Eric T. Major, Bakersfield, Calif., is general manager with Covan World-Wide Moving Inc./Coleman American Moving Services, San Diego, Calif.

Shirley Dyer Wuchter lives in Duluth, Minn. She is an author associated with the C.S.S. Publishing Co., Lima, Ohio. Her latest book, a collection

of her late husband's sermons, *Walking with Christ, Sermons for the Summer Season*, has been published.

'70 |

Cinda Smith Borling is an interior designer with Fiesta Furnishing, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Robert Miller is the 2010 elected treasurer of the 29,000 member Ohio Association of Realtors and the elected 2011 president-elect. He lives in Dublin, Ohio.

On Jan. 29, 2010, **Henrietta Arnett Stover** retired as director of finance and administration with the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

'71 |

Elizabeth H. McCann, Denver, Colo., is a state representative.

'72 |

David R. and Robin Burks Coleman '74 live in Akron, Ohio. David is a senior partner with Tatum LLC, Cleveland, Ohio.

Noel R. and Mary Bowen Eggebraaten live in Hudson, Wis. Noel is executive director at Momentum West, Eau Claire, Wis. Mary is superintendent of the Hudson School District.

'74 |

Lesley G. Ruszkowski has retired from her position in the marketing, communications and public relations department at Bowling Green State University Firelands College, Huron, Ohio.



President and Mrs. Erickson recently traveled to Germany to celebrate the start of the new Wittenberg in Wittenberg study-abroad program. While there, they met with Klaus Rehnig '70 in Frankfurt.

'75 |

Rebecca Gummere received her M.F.A. in creative writing from Queens University of Charlotte, N.C., in May 2009. She serves as adjunct faculty at Appalachian State University in the English composition program. She is also

associate director at OASIS Inc., a private nonprofit organization in Boone, N.C., which provides shelter and support services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Stanley J. Rumbaugh is an attorney practicing with

Rumbaugh, Rideout & Barnett, Tacoma, Wash. He serves with the Tacoma Housing Authority, as a Bates Technical College trustee and on the World Affairs Counsel Tacoma Board. He is also a candidate for the Washington State Supreme Court.

'76 |

Linda Blakely Jacobsen, Franklin, Ind., retired in June after 31 years of teaching elementary students with the Richmond Community Schools and Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United School Corp., Trafalgar, Ind.

'77 |

Gregory C. Stiling, Mocksville, N.C., is east coast sales manager with Nova Vine/Herrick Grapevines, Santa Rosa, Calif.

'78 |

Mark A. Neese is an exploration manager with Knox Energy, Pataskala, Ohio. He is a member of AAPG, SPWLA, the Ohio Geological Society, and the Ohio Oil and Gas Association.

Linda F. Williams is a system supportability project officer

with CECOM LCMC, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

F. Todd Winner, Coral Springs, Fla., is a funeral director with Florida Home Funerals, Miramar, Fla. Todd is attending the seminary.

'80 |

Lisa Pilati Warner is a market development manager with Johnstech, Minneapolis, Minn.

'81 |

Sharon Oldknow Marshall, Anchorage, Alaska, is a deputy district attorney with the Alaska Dept. of Law.

Kenneth E. Urban has been named vice president of teaching, learning and student success at Nicolet Area Technical College in Rhinelander, Wis.

Jo Ellen Giessler Weiss is global director of social responsibility with White & Case LLP, New York, N.Y.

'82 |

Kenneth R. Saltzman, Bradford, N.Y., stage managed the inaugural Chrysler Museum Legacy Gala, where Virgil Exner, Richard Petty, Lee Iacocca and



Tigers attending the 37th Phi Mu Invitational at Wild Dunes Resort in Charleston, S.C. included, from left, kneeling, Paul Todd '68, Tracy Stevens '72, Jon Grapes '72, Ben Davies '73 and Ted Braun '71; standing, Jay Popovich '70, Jonathon Cox '71, Rex Edwards '72, Chuck Arning '70, Greg Furlong '70, Pete Gotwals '70, Greg Frost '71, Paul Sanders '73, Jim Rose '72, John Hiemelfarb '71, Bill Johnson '72, Tim Furlong '72, Dave Howarth '71, Dennis Yontz '71, Ted Salsburg '72, Dana Fertig '71 and John Paetznick '68.



Wedding Album

Jennifer Schwab '04 married Seth Bordner on June 16, 2009. The couple lives in Castalia, Ohio.



Lauren Runciman '06 married **Joey Schmees '06** on Dec. 19, 2009, at Laurel Hall in Indianapolis, Ind. The couple resides in Fishers, Ind.



Lauren Fisher '06 and **Brian Hampp '06** were married Aug. 1, 2009. The couple lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Jay Leno were honored. This year, he returns to the Michigan Opera Theatre for his 10th season and to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra for his 11th.

'83 |

Jeffrey B. Buxton is director of materials management with the Arizona Public Service Co., Phoenix, Ariz.

William M. Demarest, Ocoee, Fla., is in technology-information systems with Xerox Corp., Orlando, Fla.

Mark T. Haimerl, Worthington, Ohio, is a registered representative with The Legend Group, Independence, Ohio.

Stephen T. Rankin, Mandeville, La., is director of finance at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel.

Jeffrey D. Rudolph, Highlands Ranch, Colo., is chief financial officer of Adpay Inc., Englewood, Colo.

Dana G. Williams, Dublin, Ohio, teaches with the West Jefferson Schools.

'84 |

Cheryl Fackler Hug, Menlo Park, Calif., is vice president and associate general counsel of compliance with Hewlett-Packard Inc., Palo Alto, Calif.

Lewis S. Klatt teaches American literature and creative writing at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. His second manuscript, *Cloud of Ink*, was selected as one of the winners of the Iowa Poetry Prize and will be published by the University of Iowa Press soon.

Eric W. Reeb, Bainbridge, Ohio, is an account executive with Union Capital Mortgage Corp., Willoughby, Ohio.

Matthew R. Shay, Arlington, Va., is president and CEO of the National Retail Federation, Washington, D.C.

'85 |

David M. Blackburn, Winchester, Mass., is senior vice



Susan Hirt Hagen '57

Devotes Self to Service

For more than 40 years, Susan Hirt Hagen has played a vital role in her Erie, Pa., community, working diligently to improve the life of residents in her hometown and beyond.

From helping with efforts to curtail teenage pregnancy and school dropout rates to volunteering with the United Way, where she served as the first woman to chair the organization's board and earned the Alexis de Tocqueville Award, Hagen has distinguished herself in her work, which The Pennsylvania Society recently recognized in awarding her the 2010 Distinguished Citizen of the Commonwealth Award.

Given to those individuals who have "brought credit or special benefit to the welfare of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," the award was created in 1976, and to date, only 18 individuals have received it, including Princess Grace of Monaco, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Samuel J. Roberts and environmentalist Rachel Carson.

Hagen, Wittenberg board member emeritus, is a long-time board member of the "Fortune 500" Erie Insurance Group, founded by her father, H.O. Hirt, class of 1911, for whom the H.O. Hirt Endowed Chair in history at Wittenberg is named. A psychology major, Hagen reflects her late father's values and ability to understand people – their wants, desires, hopes and fears. In 2009, she received the highest honor for community service in Erie, the Edward C. Doll Award, as well as the 2010 Sustainer of the Year Award from the Junior League of Erie (JLE).

In addition to JLE, which welcomed its largest new member class in 15 years in part because of Hagen's encouragement, inspiration and support, Hagen has [also] "lent her time and leadership skills to many other organizations, including...as a trustee of the Erie Community Foundation, the Chautauqua Institution, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania...the Pennsylvania Commission for Women and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council," noted a fellow JLE member, who called it a "true honor to have Susan represent the league in such a positive and uplifting way.

"The impact of Susan's inspiring words...cannot be overlooked," she added. "Thank you, Susan, for all that you do to build a better Erie."

Hagen and her husband Tom are the parents of Sarah Hagen McWilliams '88, a current Wittenberg board member. ■

– Karen Gerboth '93



Sue Simendinger Bosart '64 poses with her six grandchildren. She recently celebrated her 45th wedding anniversary and lives in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

president of Reit Management & Research LLC, Newton, Mass.

Paul D. Carter, Derry, N.H., is director of systems and strategy with the Elliot Health System, Manchester, N.H.

Robert D. Mowrey is with Mowrey, Meezan, Coddington and Cloud LLP, Atlanta, Ga.

Samuel R. Plottel teaches chemistry at Ringgold High School in Georgia.

Kenneth L. and Ellen Claspy Vesey live in Smyrna, Ga. Ellen teaches math with the Westminster Schools in Atlanta, Ga.

'86 | Leslie Muehlhauser Mauger, Niceville, Fla., is a senior associate with The ASTA Group, Arlington, Va.

Lori Spilsbury Schroeder is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of St. Anne, Ill.

Regina Nelson Wilcox is with Tommy Bahama, New York, N.Y.

'87 | Amy Schwepe Cashman, Westerville, Ohio, is a health promotion manager with Healthfitness Corp.

Mark D. Cesare is the information technology

coordinator at the Coconino County Public Library, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Suzanne M. Luthe is a judicial officer with the Clark County Juvenile Court, Springfield, Ohio.

Daren P. Maloney, Columbus, Ohio, is a senior vice president with JPMorgan Chase.

'88 | Douglas J. and Danielle Dunn Blue '99 live in Upper Arlington, Ohio. Danielle is a hearing examiner with the State Medical Board of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

Kevin L. Cornell, McDonough, Ga., is an account manager with the food and beverage division of the Sara Lee Corp.

'89 | Christopher F. Ebert, Chicago, Ill., is a kitchen and addition designer with Normandy Builders and Architects, Hinsdale, Ill.

Scott F. Vasey is an upper school English teacher with the Community School of Naples in Florida.

'90 | Thomas S. Birsinger is executive director of business development and sales force effectiveness

with Zuellig Pharma Korea Ltd., Shanghai, China.

Marian E. Grammer, Xenia, Ohio, is a drug/GM manager with The Kroger Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Steven D. Hull, La Grange Park, Ill., is director of BMO Capital Markets, Chicago, Ill.

David P. Parlato, Cincinnati, Ohio, is chief of clinical operations with Midwest Ultrasound, Milford, Ohio.

Maria A. Rambo married Joseph Cirillo on Jan. 27, 2010. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y. Maria is an advertising director with Ralph Lauren, New York, N.Y.

'91 |

Valerie Folk Dreger lives in Waterford, Wis.

J. Robert Feters, Columbus, Ohio, teaches American history at Mount Vernon High School.

Richard J. McCarten, Lancaster, N.H., is director of sales at the



Graduates of 1990 Steve and Margie Hull, Mark and Michelle Oldenquist Rich, Maggie Hoffman, and Bryan and Betty Kratz met in Chicago.

Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa, Whitefield, N.H.

Timothy S. and Jennifer Risk Reuling live in Reston, Va., where Timothy is a regional vice president with Wells Fargo.

Jennifer is with Cassidy Turley Real Estate.

Paul H. "Chip" Thomas III, Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, is the south Texas regional manager with Coach Comm LLC, Auburn, Ala.

Christopher A. and Karen Schaeffer Weinrich live in Port Orange, Fla. Karen teaches first grade at Trinity Lutheran School, Holly Hill, Fla.

Sara H. Kornblatt, Woodland Hills, Calif., is an attorney practicing with Gibbs, Giden, Locher, Turner & Senet LLP, Los Angeles, Calif.

Gregory A. Slawson is with GC Creative Studio in Cleveland, Ohio. It recently released Greg's latest CD, "Waterflow II-Music for Relaxation," which includes water and ambient sounds from the Canadian Rockies, the Gulf Coast of Florida and Northeast Ohio. It is ideal for relaxation, meditation, massage, yoga, study and as a sleep aid.

'93 |

Jennifer L. Nash is president of Simply Profitable Marketing, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Brian N. Windley is vice president of syndication-originator with Enterprise Community Investment Inc., Denver, Colo.

'94 |

Kelly K. Campbell, Seattle, Wash., is with San Mar, Issaquah, Wash.

Peter F. Hanson earned his M.B.A. from Regis University, Denver, Colo., in July 2008. He is a programmer/system analyst



Scarlett Southard, 1-29-10

Li'l Tigers

Scarlett Jeanette, daughter of **Mike '04 and Jackie Comer Southard '05**



Sophie Herbert, 10-25-09

Sophie Kay, daughter of **Stephanie Beery Herbert '05** and husband Bob

'92 |

Stephen M. Abbott recently returned to his hometown of Buffalo, N.Y., after spending 10 years in Los Angeles, Calif., and six years in Chicago, Ill., working in film, television and commercials. He was this year's best supporting actor recipient of a Katharine Cornell Award for his role in the play, *Beau Jest*. The honor is awarded yearly by *The Artvoice*, a weekly arts newspaper in Buffalo, N.Y., to visiting artists for their outstanding contributions to the area theater season.

Mark K. Brewer, Dayton, Ohio, is the product development manager with the Hubert Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.



Heinrich R. Falk '60 *Inspires Through Drama*

Coming to Wittenberg from the Colegio Americano in Caracas, Venezuela, Heinrich Falk focused on the humanities and the German language at Wittenberg. He then went on to earn a Ph.D. in theatre history and classics at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, before beginning his 38-year career as a theatre professor at California State University, Northridge.

In 2004, Falk traveled to Sri Lanka, where he held workshops with veteran and amateur actors and actresses, and directed “In the Right Hand of God the Father” by Colombian playwright Enrique Buenaventura in Sri Lanka’s Punchi Theatre.

“Sri Lankan students are accustomed to a passive learning style – the professor lectures, and the student largely accepts what has been stated,” Falk said. “The give-and-take of discussion and questioning that are the hallmark of American university classrooms is generally absent in the Sri Lankan university.”

Falk remains heavily involved in various aspects of international education, even in retirement. Now a professor emeritus of theatre, Falk received a prestigious Fulbright grant to lecture on American drama for the University of Sri Jayawardenepura in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in 2007-2008.

“Previous experience teaching and directing in China and Sri Lanka led to receiving an invitation to return to Colombo,” Falk said. “Of particular interest to me is the role of ‘theatre for social change’ in many of the developing countries throughout the world.”

One of Falk’s goals was to introduce his students to a more interactive teaching and learning style – a similar distinction exists in styles of theatrical directing. He added that students/actors in Sri Lanka had not previously experienced the collaborative method of theatrical production common in American universities.

Recently selected as a Fulbright Specialist Roster Candidate, Falk will be eligible to be considered for up to two short-term appointments at overseas academic institutions.

“As a theatre historian I have always been fascinated by the ways in which theatre in any given time and place has both reflected its society and simultaneously helped shape the values and attitudes of its society,” Falk explained. “This has been true in the past and continues to be true today.” ■

– Phyllis Eberts '00

with Progressive Insurance, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Craig V. Isaac, South Charleston, Ohio, is the athletic director at Shawnee High School, Springfield, Ohio.

Sean M. Smith married Heidi Miller on May 27, 2010. They live in Loveland, Ohio.

Alexandra E. Teller owns Lake’s Mountain Organics, Boulder, Colo.

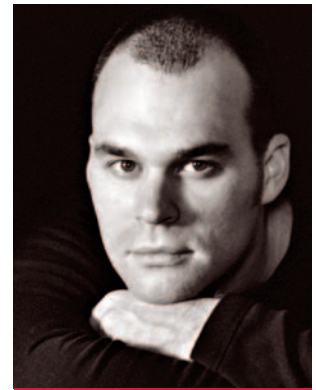
Brenden M. and Diane Kelly Wetherton live in Crestwood, Ky. Brenden is an emergency medicine physician with Team Health, Knoxville, Tenn. Diane is a physician with Oldham County Pediatrics, LaGrange, Ky.

'95 | P. Niklas Lerner is with Ahrens Rapid Growth, Stockholm, Sweden.

Holly Brenstuhl Moore, Zanesville, Ohio, is a math instructor at Muskingum University, New Concord, Ohio.

'96 | Catherine E. Beebe is a development associate for administration at the Miller Center Foundation at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

Reuben Whitehead was born to **Monique D. Little** on Aug. 28,



Gregory Slawson '92

2008. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

'97 | Jeremy A. Franklin, Argyle, Texas, is a sales representative with A. Franklin & Associates, Magnolia, Texas.

Leeann R. Mraovich is an outreach specialist and office manager with the Mutual Understanding Support Team, State College, Pa.

Beth Michelfelder Stelz is a vice president and branch manager with the Bank of the San Juans, Durango, Colo.

Jennifer L. Way married Daniel Wilmer on May 1, 2010. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y. Jennifer is an editor at the Rosen Publishing Group, a children’s nonfiction publisher in New York City.



Sherri Graw Feest '85 and Glenn Sullivan '85 met in Chicago in March 2009.



Jessica King '06 and Kimberly Knowle '04 at their graduation from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, May 22, 2010, along with Systematic Theology Professor Cheryl Meese Peterson '86. King and Knowle both earned a master of divinity.

'98 |

Rachel Swartz Hendrickson, Smyrna, Ga., is an asset manager with Coro Realty Advisors.

Kerry Smith Lueders, Chester Springs, Pa., is director of the low vision rehabilitation program at Salus University, Elkins Park, Pa.

Gwyneth A. Smith is a senior program officer at Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

Tyler M. Stepsis is an assistant professor of clinical emergency medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Ind.

'99 |

Shakeer A. Abdullah, Columbus, Ga., and his wife, Alida, announce the birth of Aameena, on Oct. 7, 2009.

Daniel E. and Julie Kahl Kunos announce the birth of Benjamin Kunos on Nov. 10, 2009. They live in Perrysburg, Ohio.

'00 |

Charles A. Giffin and his wife, Blake, announce the birth of Jack Steven on March 16, 2010. They live in New York, N.Y., where Charles is an executive director with JPMorgan Chase.

Kevan D. and Karen

Szczepanik Penvose '01 live in Milwaukee, Wis., where Kevan is pastor of Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Karen L. Rosenblum, San Francisco, Calif., is an ombudsperson in the legal department at the Harborside Health Center, a holistic healing clinic/medical cannabis dispensary in Oakland, Calif.

Brandy Watts Schillace, who received her Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University, is an assistant professor of 18th century literature at Winona State University in Minnesota. Brandy lives in La Crosse, Wis.

Lauren E. Schmidt married Michael Hissrich on Sept. 19, 2009. They live in Los Angeles, Calif.

Katrina Klettke Straker is director for development with the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Baltimore, Md.

Jason M. Williams married Bethany Vanderhoof on Oct. 24, 2009. They live in Washington, D.C., where Jason is president of Three Thirteen, a concert and event production firm.

'01 |

Raheel K. Patel married Julia Rosebush on July 5, 2009. They live in Bay City, Mich.

Nick E. Schuckman is an accountant with the College of Mount St. Joseph, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mark E. Swart, Neshanic Station, N.J., is pastor of discipleship at the North Branch Reformed Church, Bridgewater, N.J.

Nicole M. Wittenburg is a neuromonitoring technician at US NeuroMonitoring, Chicago, Ill.

'02 |

Justin M. Bitner and Tricia E. Hendricks live in Baldwin, Mo. Justin is pursuing graduate studies in higher education administration at Loyola University Chicago while serving as an assessment coordinator at Fontbonne University, St. Louis, Mo. Tricia is with the Missouri History Museum.

Kimberly Coons Endsley is assistant vice president, sales associate of large corporate treasury management at Fifth Third Bank, Chicago, Ill.

Stephanie Pratt Goller is director of default management and loans at Owens State Community College, Toledo, Ohio.

Ryan and Megan Buchholtz Greer live in Dublin, Ohio. Megan is a registered nurse at The Ohio State University at Mansfield.

Elizabeth T. Ingenthron, Oakland, Calif., is pursuing her Ph.D. at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Calif.

Michael J. Pickarski, Hilliard, Ohio, is a principal with West Third Capital, Columbus, Ohio.

Michael P. and Gillian Taylor Stohner live in Pittsburgh, Pa., where Mike is a lieutenant with the Mt. Lebanon Fire Dept.

Marc W. VanHoff, Geneva, Ill., leads the shared services team at Echo Global Logistics, Evolved Transportation Management, Chicago, Ill.

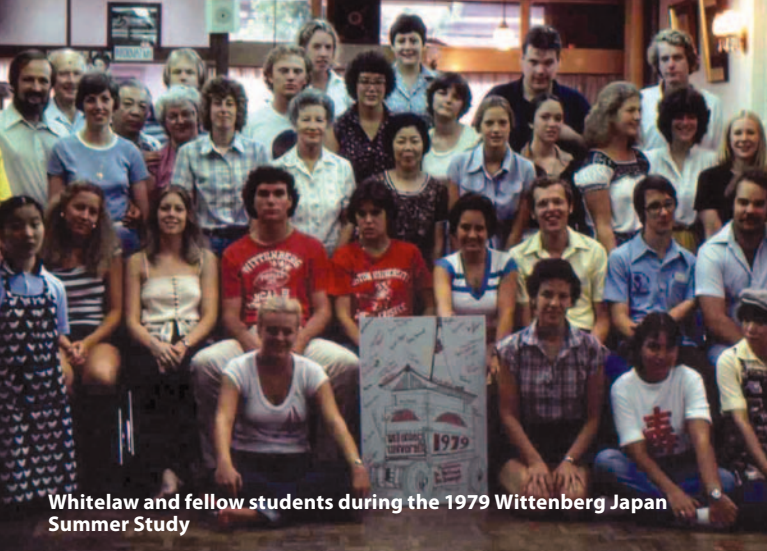
'03 |

Jordan A. Boughrum is an executive assistant with the International Fine Print Dealers Association, New York, N.Y.

Terri Engle Brown, an attorney, is an associate with Schuckit & Associates P.C., in Indianapolis, Ind. Her primary areas of practice are civil litigation, business, commercial and fair credit reporting act litigation. Her memberships include the American, Federal and Indiana State Bar Associations, the Indianapolis Bar Association and the Christian Legal Society.

Todd F. Dillon is a digital strategist with Leo Burnett Worldwide Inc., Chicago, Ill.

Danielle W. Dunbar and Jon I. Wright were married Jan. 30, 2010. They live in South Korea. Danielle is a career and alumni program counselor with Serco Inc., a defense contractor based out of Reston, Va., that works with soldiers as they transition out of the U.S. Army. Jon, a



Whitelaw and fellow students during the 1979 Wittenberg Japan Summer Study

Robert Whitelaw '79

Brings Wittenberg to the World

After graduation, Robert Whitelaw headed to the Far East to work for Minolta Camera followed by work at the trading firm Kanematsu Goshō and then the pharmaceutical company Eisai USA. Thirty years later, Japan remains his home, where he now serves as president and general manager of Capsugel Japan: A Division of Pfizer Inc.

In addition to being the world leader in making two-piece capsules, Capsugel offers some unique technologies for the pharmaceutical industry according to Whitelaw, who finds daily inspiration in his leadership role at the company.

"I enjoy the coaching aspects of the job, and I really get a kick out of helping my colleagues develop business management skills. Being part of a global team has also been extremely rewarding."

Looking back, Whitelaw credits his success to his alma mater.

"Everything I have accomplished in business can be directly correlated to my experience at Wittenberg, particularly with regard to the East Asian Studies department," he says. "Dr. Huffman and Dr. Swanger were very important in helping me find my way in my business life. After graduation, I visited Japan for the first time as a member of a Wittenberg-sponsored summer study program. It was during that trip I decided to build a career around my knowledge of Japan."

"Simply put, Japanese business traditions are vastly different from what we find in the U.S. Understanding these differences and adapting in this unique culture has been and continues to be a challenge. Not a day goes by, even after 30 years, that I don't learn something new about Japan."

As for his advice to current students, Whitelaw encourages overseas study, learning a second or third language and never listening to people who think certain degrees, particularly in the humanities, don't lead to success.

"I run a highly technical, engineering-based facility with no technical degree. My most important business decisions are around people, and I truly believe what I studied at Wittenberg, East Asian Studies and political science, has provided me with the ability to make good people decisions," he says.

"At the end of the day, the most important thing is to have fun, in work and in life." ■

— Karen Gerboth '93

captain with the U.S. Army, is a troop commander.

C. Weseloh and Katherine Hasecke Enicks live in Philadelphia, Pa., where Wes is with the Friends Select School.

Matthew D. Fox married Lynn Saintignon on Feb. 20, 2010. They live in Springfield, Ohio, where Matthew is a warehouse and logistics quality engineer at the Rittal Corp.

Katherine S. Osborne married Martin Hunt on May 22, 2010. They live in Los Angeles, Calif. Katherine is a visual sales associate with Pottery Barn, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Justin M. Schneck, Bethesda, Md., is vice president of sales and marketing for www.thelampoonjournal.com.

Jason R. Stephan, Arcanum, Ohio, married Tiffany on June 26, 2009.

'04 |

Adam S. Davis, Westerville, Ohio, is a graduate research assistant at the Bartlett Laboratory, Center for Gene Therapy at The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

Joanna W. Grimes married Paul Bodmann on July 25, 2009. They live in Olmsted Heights, Ohio. A registered nurse, Joanna is pursuing a master's degree in nursing at the University of Akron.

Joshua E. and Heather Davis Harmon announce the birth of Noah Owen Alexander on March 27, 2009. They live in Wilmington, Ohio, where Heather teaches second grade with the Wilmington City Schools.

Mark S. Huber is a pastor at Sanctuary in Marshfield, Mass.



Brandy Watts Schillace '00 and husband Mark upon graduating with her Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University



Wedding Album

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Megan Jackson '07 married Brent Shroy on Sept. 6, 2009. The couple lives in Columbus, Ohio.



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Branden J. Gemzer, Muskegon, Mich., was a Democratic candidate for the 91st District representative for the State of Michigan.

Stephanie Beery Herbert and her husband, Bob, announce the birth of Sophie Kay, Oct. 25, 2009. They live in Delaware, Ohio. Stephanie is a senior accounting specialist at Exel Logistics, Westerville, Ohio.

Kyle T. Keriazes is a vice president with The Beringer Group, Wayne, Pa.

Michael J. Rill is a senior supervisor with CEVA Logistics, East Liberty, Ohio.

Emily T. Rottenborn and Brett A. Rudy were married Oct. 18, 2008. They live in Springfield, Ohio, where Brett is with the Springfield City Schools.

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Mark W. and Allison Myser Abell live in Waxhaw, N.C., where Allison teaches at Cuthbertson High School.

Nathan R. Cherry, Toledo, Ohio, is a retirement professional with Creative Financial Partners, Perrysburg, Ohio.

Lauren M. Fisher and Brian M. Hampp were married Aug. 1, 2009. They live in Columbus, Ohio. Lauren is an animal technician with Battelle. Brian is in the finance area with Scotts Lawn.

Pharon W. Holtrey married Thomas West on Oct. 31, 2009. They live in Cleveland, Ohio, where Pharon teaches second grade at Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence, a public school that works with low-income students.

Ryan D. and Abigail Klene Kerr live in Shorewood, Wis. Abigail is a doctoral fellow in the psychology department at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Kimberly Knowle graduated May 22, 2010, from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

Gregory C. and Sarah Charles Luerman have moved to Groton, Conn. Gregory received his Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. He is a scientist in the neurobiology department at Pfizer Inc. Sarah is a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Windham Hospital in Wilimantic, Conn.

Kathryn J. Sanicky, Middletown, Ohio, teaches social studies with the Dayton Public Schools.

Jennifer L. Schwab married Seth A. Bordner on June 16, 2009. They live in Castalia, Ohio, where Jennifer teaches elementary classes with the Margaretta Local Schools.

Scarlett Jeanette was born to **Michael J. and Jaclyn Comer Southard '05** on Jan. 29, 2010. They live in Dayton, Ohio.

Peter R. and Jill Swary Walker '02 announce the birth of Dillon Kathleen on Dec. 30, 2009. They live in Hilliard, Ohio. Jill is an elementary teacher with the Grandview Heights City Schools.

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William A. Chinn is an administrative resident at Cincinnati Childrens' Hospital Medical Center in Ohio.

Terence R. Coates graduated from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2009. He works in the fields of personal injury law, complex commercial litigation and class action litigation with Waite, Schneider, Bayless & Chesley L.P.A., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Caitlin E. Coleman is a managing member of the Buffalo United Artists in New York. She was this year's best supporting actress recipient of a Katharine Cornell Award for her role in the play, *Valhalla*. The honor is



Lindsey Short '08

Earns Prestigious Vanier Scholarship

Once she knew what she wanted, Lindsey Short hit the ground running and hasn't stopped since. Originally intent on majoring in education, Short soon discovered that her interest in child development coupled better with psychology instead. As she considered a project for her senior thesis, Michael Anes, associate professor of psychology, suggested she study the development of face perception in children. Awarded a grant from the Faculty Research Fund Board, the two collaborated on the research project, which resulted in a published article in *Perception*.

"I study faces," Short said. "It's the one area where every person in the world has expertise."

Short became the only incoming psychology graduate student to have a publication in press when she began her master's program at Brock University in Ontario, Canada.

"I like working with kids, and I wanted to find a place that specialized in kids," Short said.

In 2009, Short returned to Wittenberg to work on a research project studying "adaptation effects," how social experiences with groups affect individual perceptual experiences of facial normality.

"I had about 40 kids ages 8-12 that I recruited at the Montessori School and WISE Academic Camp," Short said. "I also recruited kids from my hometown, Wapakoneta."

Since then, Short has completed her graduate program, where she was the lead author of another published paper on face research, which appeared in *Experimental Child Psychology*. Now the recipient of a prestigious Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, valued at \$50,000 per year for three years for her Ph.D., Short plans to continue her research with a focus on children's perception of attractiveness.

"Little is known about the way in which young children process and categorize faces," Short explained.

Using a child-friendly adaptation method, Short will study whether repeatedly exposing 5-year-olds to distorted faces can systematically shift their perceptions of attractiveness. With the support of the Vanier award, Short knows she will be able to afford to travel, and she has already lined up research opportunities in China and Australia with two highly respected social scientists in her field.

"After I complete my Ph.D., I would like to come back to the States to teach psychology at the college level," Short said. "Hopefully I'll inspire students the way my professors inspired me." ■ — Phyllis Eberts '00

Jessica A. King graduated May 22, 2010, from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

Zachary P. Kobie, Berea, Ohio, is a manager with Milano Monuments, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sara L. Matthews is a research associate at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio.

Michelle B. Mazala, Willoughby, Ohio, is a department assistant at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Julia M. Murgatroyd and **Andrew P. Klosky** '05 were married Oct. 3, 2009. They live in Englewood, Ohio. Julia is pursuing graduate studies. Andy is with the Northmont City Schools.

Callie S. Riley is a graduate assistant with the QUEST Honors Fellows Program at the Robert H. Smith School of Business while pursuing graduate studies in education policy and leadership at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

Lauren M. Runciman and Joseph P. Schmees were married Dec. 19, 2009. They reside in Fishers, Ind.

Sarah A. Staylon, Chicago, Ill., is a contract specialist with JPMorgan Chase.

Matthew D. Stechschulte, Columbus Grove, Ohio, is an MDR analyst in IT risk management trading with the Marathon Oil Co.

Jennifer E. Wheaton married Trevor Hanhilammi on Aug. 1, 2009. They live in Hilliard, Ohio. Jennifer is an ESL coordinator at the Tolles Career and Technical Center, Plain City, Ohio.

Cory J. Windle is a senior accounting clerk with The Huntington National Bank, Columbus, Ohio.

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Zack D. and **Sarah Garber Bitzer** live in Batavia, Ohio. Sarah teaches fourth grade reading and science at the Mt. Healthy Preparatory and Fitness Academy, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Allison Suppan Helmuth is a research assistant with the Institute for Women's Policy Research, Washington, D.C.

Andrew W. Hutter is an account manager with dynamlt, Columbus, Ohio.

V. Blaire Kappes is an event manager with the Global Spectrum at the Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, Ohio.



Sydney C. Shillieto '07 teaches English as a second language at the Kyeongan Elementary School in Seoul, South Korea.



Wedding Album

Jennifer Way '97 married Daniel Wilmer on May 1, 2010, at the Church of the Holy Family in New York City. The couple resides in Brooklyn, New York.



Danielle Dunbar '03 married **Jon Wright '03** on Jan. 30, 2010, in Chippewa Lake, Ohio. The couple lives in South Korea.



Katherine Osborne '03 married Martin Hunt on May 22, 2010, in Columbus, Ohio, at the Southern Theater. The couple lives in Los Angeles, Calif.



Pharon Holtry '06 married Thomas West on Oct. 31, 2009. The couple lives in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Katherine A. Karsnak is a convention and meetings specialist with the National Communication Association, Washington, D.C.

Lisa W. Lui earned her master's degree in higher education administration and student personnel from Kent State University in Ohio in 2009. She is an area coordinator at John Carroll University, University Heights, Ohio.

Halle M. McGuire, GAA-individual giving with the Wexner Center for the Arts in Columbus, Ohio, lives in Bexley, Ohio.

Kristine M. Norris, Fairborn, Ohio, is an assistant auditor with the State Auditor of Ohio, Dayton region.

Sydney C. Shillieto teaches English as a second language at the Kyeongan Elementary School in Seoul, Korea.

Sarah E. Yehle, Bloomington, Ind., married Benjamin T. Keil, May 23, 2009.

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Ashley N. Anderson, Wilmette, Ill., is a vice president with Gold Standard Promotions, Wheeling, Ill.

David W. Fairman, Westerville, Ohio, is a licensed coordinator/buyer's agent with The Gold Key Experts, Keller Williams Capital Partners, Worthington, Ohio.

Sarah M. Feters is an assistant sports information director at East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C.

Jonathan D. Fox, Ft. Mill, S.C., has earned his master of business administration from Winthrop University, Rock Hill, S.C.

Andrew J. Huffman is the communications coordinator with Governmental Policy Group & RH Resources, Columbus, Ohio.

Mary Beth Lintz is a product marketing specialist with Kern Inc., Grove City, Ohio.



ERIN PENCE '04

Seth Morgan '08

Finds Passion In Urban Planning

As a youngster, Seth Morgan loved riding the metro, and his fascination became a passion that eventually defined his life. Now a service planner at PACE suburban bus in Chicago, Morgan manages short-term service updates, such as route and frequency modifications.

"I always wanted to pursue urban planning," Morgan said. "In fact, my career path was set in my mind from a very early age as I was always interested in the development of cities and transportation networks in particular."

Toward that end, Morgan designed an internship as an undergraduate at the Corridor Transportation Corporation in Laurel, Md. He also participated in the Local Government Management Internship Program coordinated by Wittenberg professors Rob Baker and Jeff Ankrom.

"During that internship, I basically got to be the transit planner for a small city in Wisconsin," Morgan said. "It was a fantastic learning experience."

From Wittenberg, he headed to Florida State to earn a master's degree in urban planning on a Florida State Department of Transportation Fellowship. Morgan, who has also published two articles in *Trip Planner Magazine*, received a scholarship from the American Public Transportation Foundation for his second year.

"The bigger project I worked on [while in graduate school] was the bus route redesign called Nova2010 where we took the entire system and redesigned it from the ground up," Morgan said.

The sole recipient from Florida State of the American Institute of Certified Planners 2010 Outstanding Student Award, Morgan was also one of seven graduates to receive the Edward McClure Award, which requires a 3.82 G.P.A. – he carried 4.0. Additionally, he was recently named the 2010 Florida Planning Student of the Year.

"I think the trend that I see, or perhaps I like to imagine that I see, is that more and more people are choosing to live in dense, urban, vibrant neighborhoods," Morgan explained. "Simply put, you cannot have these neighborhoods if all the buildings are surrounded by a sea of parking lots, and there is no pedestrian traffic. You need public transportation to support this type of development." ■

– Phyllis Eberts '00

Julia K. Moran married David E. Mowry on March 21, 2010. They live in Bremen, Ohio.

Rachel R. Morgan is a graduate student in journalism at New York University.

Collin J. Trudel teaches at Defiance High School in Ohio.

Dale Williams III, Charlotte, N.C., is a staff auditor with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

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Virgilio Barrera Jr. is in the office of government relations at the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C.

Andrew W. Bates, Silver Spring, Md., is an operations research analyst with the NASA Johnson Space Center, Greenbelt, Md.

Emily G. Beavers is pursuing her master's degree at The Ohio State University College of Social Work in Columbus, Ohio.

Kristopher L. Boppel is an association manager with Towne Properties, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mary K. Gardner is a compliance technician with Medical Benefits Administrators Inc., Newark, Ohio.

Whitney E. Hull teaches geometry at Martinsville High School in Virginia.

Hannah E. Johnson, Chicago, Ill., is an andrologist and assistant clinical research coordinator at the Fertility Centers of Illinois.

Jamie E. Mack is with the Greece Odyssey Academy, Rochester, N.Y.

Michael T. Maneage is an Ohio college guide with the Cleveland Scholarship Programs.

Claire S. Nolan teaches with the Northwestern Local Schools, Springfield, Ohio.

Tara N. Osborne, Oxford, Ohio, is a member engagement adviser



Andrew J. Huffman '08

with Life Time Fitness-Deerfield Township, Mason, Ohio.

Kendra A. Plant is pursuing graduate studies in clinical psychology at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Illinois.

Dana J. Reamsnyder, Eden Prairie, Minn., is a district sales leader-designate in the north star zone with Frito-Lay Inc., Dallas, Texas.

Ronald J. Ross III teaches upper school English at Highland School in Warrenton, Va.

Allison M. Scaia, Manchester, Conn., is an IT business analyst with The Hartford.

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Brooke R. Boswell coached two softball teams that play at the highest levels for their age groups in The Netherlands and played in a league that includes members of the Dutch National Team. She returned to Columbus, Ohio, recently to work for the Republican Caucus at the Ohio Statehouse.

Natalia S. Gomankova is with Siemens Management Consulting, München, Germany.

In Memoriam

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Cathryn Pollock, Mansfield, Ohio, died May 1, 1982.

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Walter L. Schweikert died March 1, 1988, in Joplin, Mo. At one time, he was with the Remington Cash Register Co., Chicago, Ill.

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Nellie Motschman Runkle, Xenia, Ohio, died April 1, 1983.

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Joyce Joiner Ridenour, Georgetown, Ohio, died July 5, 2010. She was the owner of Springfield Business College with branches in Columbus and Portsmouth. She also owned a farm in Hamersville for more than 30 years.

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Harry A. Norr, New Orleans, La., died Dec. 1, 1983. He was in public welfare work with the Illinois Emergency Relief Administration, Chicago, Ill., the Federal Transient Bureau, Baton Rouge, La., the Dept. of Public Welfare, New Orleans, La., and with the Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes.

'32 |

Virginia Mallory, Bowling Green, Ohio, died June 25, 2010. She taught at Ridge School in Van Wert County before teaching English at Bowling Green High School, from which she retired. Her memberships included First United Methodist Church, Chi Omega sorority, the Wood County Hospital Guild and Friends of the Library.

Florence Crooks Parker, South Vienna, Ohio, passed away June 9, 2010. She taught with the Springfield City Schools at McKinley and Kenwood Elementary Schools until her retirement. She was a faithful member of Central Methodist Church.

Mary Prince Patterson, Willoughby, Ohio, died Feb. 1, 2010. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she was at one time employed by the Euclid Public Library.

Laura Kunde Scheuerman, Erie, Pa., passed away in May 1992.

'34 |

Thelma St. John Settlemeyre, Wilmington, Ohio, died Dec. 19, 2008. During her career, she was a teacher, farmer and businesswoman. Her memberships included the Olive Branch United Methodist Church, Delta Zeta sorority, the Waynesville Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Clinton County Retired Teachers, the Wilmington English Club and the Red Hat Society.

Cleone Green Sterrett, formerly of Dayton, Ohio, died May 26, 2010, in Lynn Haven, Fla. Before her retirement, she was an owner of the Silver Circle Skating Centers. Her memberships included First Baptist Church of Panama City and Kappa Delta sorority. She enjoyed gardening, bowling, golf and playing bridge.

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Arnold W. Meckstroth, St. Mary's, Ohio, died June 3, 2010. He was an ordained United Church of Christ minister who served congregations in Apple Creek, Cleveland, Akron and Chillicothe, Ohio, and in Indianapolis, Ind. Pastor emeritus of First Church in New Knoxville, he led tours to the Holy Land, Europe, Alaska and Germany during his retirement. He served on the founding committees of the St. Marys-Lienen, Germany, and Wapakoneta-Lengerich, Germany, Twin City Partnerships.

'37 |

James R. Baldwin '40S, Marysville, Ohio, died June 1, 2010. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he was pastor emeritus of First English Lutheran Church where he served from 1971 to 1985. He

served various congregations in New Carlisle, Franklin, Toledo, Oxford and Worthington, Ohio. He was instrumental in the establishment of U-Co Industries with the Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and in implementing senior housing and activities with Marysville Housing Inc. He was a founder of the Union County Y.M.C.A., the All-Ohio Balloon Rally, the Marysville Area Ministerial Association and the Marysville Area Chamber of Commerce. He was inducted into the Central Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 1991.

'38 |

Donna Frame Simon died Jan. 1, 1982, in San Gabriel, Calif. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she retired in 1981 after 27 years teaching at Shady Side Academy, a boys' school in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Martha E. Unkel, Aiken, S.C., passed away Oct. 1, 1985. A former teacher in Fairborn, Bowling Green and Upper Arlington, Ohio, she was an educational consultant for Lyons and Carnahan Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill. She was a member of Delta Zeta sorority.

Marianne Springer McCabe Weller formerly of Mansfield, Ohio, passed away Jan. 23, 2010, in Naples, Fla. Her career began as a society editor for the *Mansfield News Journal*. She later was a photographer for *The Columbus Dispatch* and was the editor of *General Trend*, an internal paper for Mansfield General Hospital. She later taught china painting in Mansfield and Naples. Her memberships included Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Chi Omega sorority, Ohio Federation of China Decorators, World Organization of China Painters, Nomad Club, Buckeye Garden Club and Eva McGaughey China Painting Club.

Gerald C. "Jerry" Whitnack, Encinitas, Calif., died June 29, 2010. During World War II, he worked on developing synthetic rubber for the war effort with

the Monsanto Chemical Co. and was an air raid warden for his community. He later worked in the chemistry division research department at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station from where he retired in 1979 after 32 years. During his career, he was involved in many projects with the U.S. Navy and oceanographic studies with Jacques Cousteau. He published numerous professional papers and received many patents. His memberships included First Baptist Church, the Kiwanis Club, Toastmasters, the American Chemical Society and the Electrochemical Society.

'39 |

Virginia McCabe Adams, Cleveland, Ohio, died May 17, 2010. Her memberships included Lakewood Congregational Church and Chi Omega sorority.

Robert T. Morrison '76H, Morristown, N.J., died April 25, 2010. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he served as a radar officer with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was an organic chemistry professor at New York University from 1948 until his retirement in 1968. In 1959, he and a colleague published a renowned best-selling organic chemistry textbook. Through its six editions, it became the best-selling organic chemistry textbook ever, as well as one of the best-selling college textbooks on any subject. In 2001, the American Chemical Society cited *Organic Chemistry* by Morrison & Boyd as one of the 24 "Great Books of Chemistry."

George H. Wilson Jr. died April 15, 2010, at his home in Columbus, Ohio. A World War II U.S. Army veteran, he retired from WTOV in Steubenville, Ohio, where he held a variety of on-air and behind-the-scenes positions. His memberships included Worthington Presbyterian Church, First Westminster Presbyterian Church, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, the Steubenville Rotary Club, the Jefferson County Historical Society and the Ohio American Cancer Society.

'40 |

Marion Wallace Crawler passed away April 12, 2010, in Orlando, Fla. A former Girl Scout, she led Cub Scout packs and Brownie and Girl Scout troops. She played the organ at Presbyterian Churches in Clearwater and Miami, Fla., for 27 years. She also worked at the Jordan Marsh for 23 years, while teaching piano privately. Her memberships included Rolling Hills Moravian Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Robert H. Harris, formerly of Lincoln, Neb., died Dec. 2, 2009, in Bend, Ore. He was a professor of chemistry for 39 years before retiring from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Helen Amato Schifferli, Kokomo, Ind., died June 4, 2010. Her career was spent working in the family hobby business, Leo's Ceramics. She was active in the Altar Rosary Society and contemporary choir at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. She made her profession to the Order of Secular Franciscans in 1981.

Margaret J. Schnure passed away April 1, 2010, at her home in Selinsgrove, Pa. A veteran of World War II, she served with the WAVES and the Naval Reserve. She worked at the Metropolitan Opera and the BBC in New York, N.Y., before opening a retail flower shop. Later she was a librarian at Susquehanna University, retiring in 1981. She loved traveling, animals, art and music. Her memberships included Alpha Delta Pi sorority, the Robert Shaw Collegiate Chorale, the Susquehanna Art Society, the Metropolitan Opera Guild, PAPETS, the SPCA and Defenders of Animal Rights.

Doris Strum Stroebel, Wapakoneta, Ohio, died June 2, 2010. A talented singer and performer, she founded and directed the St. Andrews Singers, a contemporary youth choir, for 20 years. Her memberships included First English Lutheran Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She also enjoyed reading,

cooking, gardening, boating, fishing and sports.

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Martha Teeter Arnholt, formerly of Loudonville, Ohio, died Aug. 1, 2010, in Ashland, Ohio. She worked at DELCO Products, Dayton, Ohio, and as a dietitian at Kettering Hospital, Loudonville. A member of Zion Lutheran Church, Alpha Xi Delta sorority and the Loudonville Progress Club, she enjoyed playing bridge and golf.

Kathleen Waldruff Glunz, a former Ohio resident, passed away March 19, 2010, in Greenville, S.C. A homemaker, she retired to South Carolina in 1980 where she loved to garden, play bridge and volunteer.

Jean Frye Hilbrink, Fairfield, Calif., died July 17, 2004. A member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Saratoga, Calif., and Kappa Delta sorority, she was a homemaker.

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Eloise Metz Bracke, formerly of Springfield, Va., passed away March 13, 2010, in Venice, Fla. A member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, she served with the Red Cross during World War II. During the '70s, she worked at George Washington University. She loved to garden, dance, travel and boat.

John F. Jefferson, Silver Spring, Md., died Aug. 29, 2008. A member of the Unitarian Church, he was associated with the Coins of the Realm Inc., Rockville, Md.

Louann France Lockwood, Springfield, Ohio, passed away March 8, 2010. She was an elementary school teacher in Vandalia, Ohio, and at Highlands and Simon Kenton schools in Springfield. Her memberships included Faith United Methodist Church, Alpha Xi Delta sorority, P.E.O. Sisterhood, Young Women's Mission, Kiwanianes, Junior Service League and Ohio and Springfield Retired Teachers Associations.

George F. Paugh, Jacksonville, Fla., died July 9, 2010. He moved from Arizona to Florida to serve as a band and music director at Kirby Smith Junior High School, Andrew Jackson High School and Englewood High School. While at Englewood, he composed their alma mater and fight song. After 31 years of teaching, he retired in 1973 from the Duval County School System. A 32nd degree Mason of the Chandler Arizona Lodge, he was also a member of the First United Methodist Church, Phi Mu Alpha fraternity, the Morocco Temple Band and the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra.

Paul M. Wolff died Sept. 16, 2009, in Pebble Beach, Calif. Before his retirement from the U.S. Navy, he was the commanding officer of the Fleet Numerical Weather Central Facility at the Naval Postgraduate School. His development of computerized environmental forecasting techniques resulted in numerous awards. Following his retirement he opened Global Weather Dynamics Inc., a research office in Monterey, Calif. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and Dorm League.

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Donald L. "Dusty" Rhodes, Fremont, Ohio, died June 20, 2010. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Marine Corps., taking part in four assault landings. He received many awards, including the Presidential Citation, two Secretary of the Navy Citations, and the Gorgeous Medal. He was a sales representative with the Howard Zink Corp., until 1968, when he joined Connecticut Mutual Life, retiring in 2004. His memberships included St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, the Fremont Outing Club, Knights of Columbus and the Y.M.C.A. board.

'44 |

Louise Ray Curtis, Troy, Ohio, died May 2, 2010. The secretary/treasurer of Curtis Trucking Inc., she was a founding member

of Troy Junior Altrurian Club, 4-Ways Neighborhood Club and the Elizabeth Township Historical Society. She was also an organist and choir member at Zion Lutheran Church for more than 50 years.

Alice Wiegel Hill, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Nov. 12, 2009. A vice president of Carmichael Machine Corp., she was a past deaconess at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Her other memberships included Alpha Xi Delta sorority and the Springfield Country Club. She loved sports, bridge, scrabble and traveling to Florida.

Robert B. Pavlatos, Springfield, Ohio, died July 11, 2010. During World War II, he served as a field medic with the U.S. Army in North Africa and Italy. He was a founding member of the law firm, Pavlatos, Catanzaro and Lancaster. His memberships included the Greek Orthodox Church, the American Trial Lawyers Assoc., the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Ohio State Bar Assoc., the Clark County Bar Assoc., Toastmasters, the "Needlers" Table and the Civic Theater.

Margaret Corbett Wolff, Pebble Beach, Calif., died Aug. 20, 2008. A member of the Lutheran Church, she retired as a mathematics teacher at Monterey High School.

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Floyd W. Reuter, Dearborn Heights, Mich., died July 29, 2010. During World War II, he served in Italy with the U.S. Army 196th photographic company. His career began as a field test engineer with Massey Ferguson Inc. He traveled extensively for the company and earned three U.S. patents for farm machinery design. He retired in 1982 as a senior design engineer. Following his retirement, he worked with Davis Associates on Ford light truck design. His memberships included Warren Valley United Methodist Church, Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Constance Grunewald Snyder, Villa Hills, Ohio, died Jan. 25, 2010. She was a medical technologist for 20 years at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio. Her memberships included St. James Episcopal Church, Chi Omega sorority and the Saxon Club.

'46 |

Marilyn Singer Nitrauer, Lighthouse Point, Fla., passed away March 19, 2010. A member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church and Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she was a homemaker who volunteered at the St. Anthony's Home and School, St. Catherine's Guild and Catholic Charities.

Elizabeth Greenawalt Wagner, Springfield, Ohio, died May 2, 2010. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she was an active member of her community. For 20 years, she was a business secretary at the Clark Memorial Home. She volunteered as treasurer of the Nearly New Shop of Young Woman's Mission, Planned Parenthood and the League of Women Voters. She was also president of WASSO and a member of the Springfield Symphony board. She further contributed her talents to the Research Club, the Historical Society, the Art Museum and the health sciences library of Mercy Medical Center.

'47 |

Robert J. Baker, an intelligence and operations officer for the Central Intelligence Agency from 1951 until his retirement in 1981, died July 19, 2010, in Springfield, Va. He was the director of public relations at Wittenberg from 1947-49. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy and was a member and editor of the newsletter of the Scouts and Raiders, the forerunner to the SEALs special operations force. His decorations included the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was a reading and ESL tutor. His memberships included St. John's United Methodist Church, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity

and Giant Foods Community Advisory Board.

Jack E. Nouse, Millfield, Ohio, died July 1, 2010. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he was at one time executive secretary of the United Lutheran Church Men, Synod of Ohio and was associated with Superior Cadillac and Pontiac Funeral Coach and Ambulance Agency in Athens, Ohio.

Patricia Hayes Stewart of Centerville, Ohio, passed away June 25, 2010. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she retired from her position with the City of Kettering after more than 20 years of employment. She was an avid sports fan.

'48 |

Ethel M. Dudde, formerly of Brush, Colo., died July 14, 2010, in Greeley, Colo. Her career as a social worker included serving as a parish worker at a church in Toledo, Ohio, as a caseworker for the Lutheran Service Society in Pittsburgh, Pa., as a psychiatric social worker in several childcare facilities, at a treatment center for disturbed children in Waverly, Iowa, at a mental health center in Reading, Pa., in Battle Creek, Mich., in Fort Morgan where she worked for Centennial Mental Health. In the Fort Morgan School District, she was also a social worker for South Platte BOCES. While living in Brush, she was the director of Social Services at Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center until her retirement in 1991. She then worked as a nanny and at the Dept. of Human Services in Denver, Colo. Her memberships included the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Fort Morgan and the National Association of Social Workers.

Clark B. Rollins Jr., Nashville, Tenn., died June 27, 2010. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps flying B17 bombers in the European theater. He helped found Nashville Wire Products and developed the trade organizations, Wire Fabricators Association and Point of Purchase

Advertising Institute, which named him Man of the Year. His memberships included Second Presbyterian Church, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the Rotary Club and the Bomber Group.

'49 |

Robert D. Beckey, Lutherville, Md., died May 2, 2010. As a radioman third class, he was an instructor at the U.S. Navy Radio School in Oceanside, Calif., during World War II. He began his career teaching math and science in West Milton, Pa., Troy, Ohio, and Hanover, Pa., before joining the math department in 1959 at Towson University in Maryland. In addition, he served as department chair, was active in the Campus Research and Learning Center, and was director of the Mathematics Curriculum Center. He held a pilot's license and was an accomplished woodworker.

Robert B.T. Kline passed away May 15, 1998, in Caldwell, Ohio. A member of the Methodist Church and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he served as a sergeant with the U.S. Army during World War II. He practiced dentistry in Greenville and Bradford, Ohio.

Robert A. Recher, Mason, Mich., passed away March 12, 2010. A member of All Saints Lutheran Church, he retired as president and chief executive officer of Three Rivers Hospital.

Mary Leibenguth Schmid, Pine Bluff, Ark., died Nov. 20, 2009. She played in the Pine Bluff Symphony. Her memberships included Trinity Lutheran Church and Musical Coterie.

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Dorothy Warner Clark, Yellow Springs, Ohio, died Oct. 23, 2008. A member of Delta Zeta sorority, she owned Yellow Springs Travel Agency following her retirement as director of child development at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Ezra E. Hosington, Sun City, Ariz., passed away June 4, 2010. During World War II, he served as an aviation radioman with the

U.S. Marine Corps in Guam and China. His career was in finance and banking, retiring from Thunderbird Bank of Phoenix in 1989. His memberships included Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, the Sun City Masonic Lodge and the Northwest Elks Club.

Frank E. Parker, Vero Beach, Fla., passed away June 21, 2010. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in Japan. He was a real estate sales representative and a sales consultant in the insurance industry. His memberships include Trinity Episcopal Church, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, the Vero Beach Choral Society and the Indian River Medical Center Auxiliary. He enjoyed writing poetry.

George M. Stadler '51S died May 22, 2010 in South Thomaston, Maine. A member of Dorm League, he worked at the Toledo Scale Co., in Ohio, before serving as an orthopedic ward master with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific and Australia during World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star for the dedication he showed to the survivors of the Bataan Death March. In 1951, he was ordained by the Ohio Synod of the Lutheran Church in America and accepted calls to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Paulding, Ohio, St. John's Lutheran Church, Covington, Ohio, and Nativity Lutheran Church, Rockport, Maine, from which he retired in 1986.

Lowell E. Whitesel, Johnstown, Ohio, passed away April 10, 2010. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army's 101st airborne paratrooper division. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he began his career as a salesman with Standard Tool Co. He went on to found Whitesel Tool Co. in Columbus, Ohio. As post commander of the Whitehall VFW, he was the recipient of many commendations over the years.

Martin Wolfson, Cherry Hill, N.J., died May 22, 2010. An active member of Dorm League and the Rose Society, he was the retired owner of Health Fitness Resources.

'51 |

Margery Hoover Bateman, Sandusky, Mich., died June 16, 2010. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she was a member of several art leagues in Indiana, New Jersey and Michigan. She enjoyed art, painting, golf, cards, her dogs and flying.

June Daniels Holland, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died July 6, 2010, in Clearwater, Fla. A member of Grace Lutheran Church and Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she retired in 1990 as a mathematics teacher from Ridgewood School.

Martin L. Smith Jr., Asheville, N.C., died Feb. 7, 2010. A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he served his country with the U.S. Marines. While living in Oakland, N.J., he was employed by an aircraft company and was captain of its volunteer ambulance squad.

Paul J.F. Sylvester, Muncie, Ind., died July 9, 2010. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy. His career as a coach and teacher included 19 years at Hartford High School, Croton, Ohio, and 19 years at Daleville High School. He also owned Sylvester Nursing Home for 35 years.

Robert E. Thomas, Sierra Vista, Ariz., passed away April 24, 2010. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. After his active duty, he served with the U.S. Air Force Reserves. At one time he was a frequency monitor supervisor with Pan American Airways.

'52 |

John H. Park, Greenville, S.C., passed away April 20, 2010. A member of Grace Presbyterian Church and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he served as a sergeant

with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. An industrial engineer, he was at one time a supervisor with the Westinghouse Electrical Corp.

'54 |

Susan Perrott Coar, Kingston, Wash., passed away July 22, 2010. Her memberships included University Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash., Bethany Lutheran Church, Bainbridge Island, Wash., Alpha Delta Pi sorority and the Kingston Friends of the Library.

Janet Jones Toedtman, formerly of Dayton, Ohio, and most recently of Lebanon, Ohio, passed away April 13, 2010. She retired in 2005 as a technical services librarian at Clark State Community College, Springfield, Ohio. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Lord and Resurrection Lutheran Church, where she participated in the Quilter's Team, the Interfaith Hospital Network and a Bible Study group. Active as a missionary, she had been teaching at the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Ariz.

'55 |

Nancy L. Dallia, Palantine, Ill., died April 19, 2010. She taught at Central School in Mount Prospect, Countryside School in Barrington and for 28 years at Prospect High School, where she headed the girls' physical education department. She also served on the Northwest Central Evaluation Committee, where she would visit other schools to evaluate them for accreditation, and taught water ballet and swimming. Her memberships included St. Mark Lutheran Church, Kappa Delta sorority, Kappa Delta White Rose Alumna, Questers, Reach for Recovery and Shelter Inc. She was also an active volunteer at Northwest Community Hospital and PEO-ER Chapter.

Anita Shisler Farner, West Salem, Ohio, died April 24, 1998.

Louise Waddle Harner '61M.E., South Salem, Ohio, died Dec.

27, 1995. Her career included teaching in Frenchburg, Ky., and Xenia and Beavercreek, Ohio. She was then appointed elementary supervisor in Greene County before serving as principal at Greenview North in Jamestown, Ohio. Her most current position was as principal at the Stephen Bell Elementary School in Bellbrook, Ohio.

Formerly of Bay Village, Ohio, **E. Gordon Parnell** died March 22, 2010, in Sun City West, Ariz. During the Korean War, he served with the U.S. Army. He retired from his teaching position with the Bedford Board of Education in 1988. His memberships included the Westlake Christian Church and the Masons.

Richard G. Whonsetler '58S, Louisville, Ky., died May 15, 2010. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and served his country with the U.S. Air Force. He was an ordained Lutheran minister who pastored Faith Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Ohio, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Dayton, Ohio, before completing his ministry after 25 years at St. John's Lutheran Church, Louisville, Ky. Upon his retirement from the ministry, he started a pet-sitting service.

'57 |

Robert E. Smith, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, passed away March 9, 2010, in Lake Wales, Fla. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps, receiving a Bronze Star. He retired as a tax manager for the City of Springfield and was a member of South Lake Wales Church of God.

'58 |

Marian A. Lewis, Anacortes, Wash., died Feb. 7, 2010. In 1960, she began working at the University of Washington Hospital in Seattle, Wash., as a pediatric supervisor and associate director of nursing services. She moved to Anacortes, Wash., and opened The Lampost, a Christian bookstore, retiring in 1994. Her

memberships included Anacortes Lutheran Church, Soroptimist International, Anacortes Planning Commission and Island Hospital Health Foundation.

Joseph P. Pinkert, Hot Springs, Ark., died May 5, 2010. He taught theatre, speech and adult education, and produced and directed Playhouse Clinton, a summer stock theatre in Mount Clements, Mich. His memberships included Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

'59 |

Eileen Wappner Bennett, Springfield, Ohio, died June 22, 2010. She was a substitute teacher for the Springfield City Schools for many years. Her memberships included St. Teresa Catholic Church and Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

'60 |

Robert E. Arthur, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died April 11, 2009. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he served as a navigator captain for six years with the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War era. He was a consultant with Blue Logic.

Ronald L. Holden, formerly of Mansfield, Ohio, died June 13, 2010, in Mooresville, N.C. A member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he was employed at Therm-O-Disc for 33 years before retiring in 1999. He loved cars and sailing.

Sylvia Geyer Lucke, Cincinnati, Ohio, died March 11, 2010. A former teacher, she owned Mrs. Luckes House, a day care center. She was a member of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

'62 |

John E. Brecht Jr., Radcliff, Ky., died May 10, 2006. Before his retirement, he taught and coached in South Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia and Mississippi. His memberships included First Presbyterian

Church, Elizabethtown, Ky., Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and Camp Knox Masonic Lodge No. 919 F&AM.

Francis L. May, Springfield, Ohio, died March 28, 2010. Before his retirement, he was a math and physical education teacher at Greenon High School with the Mad River-Green School District. He was also associated with Hollandia Botanical Gardens and self-employed as a pool/deck/remodeling contractor.

Barbara Yannie Velloney, Doylestown, Ohio, passed away July 8, 2010. She taught second, fifth and sixth grade classes in the Greenville, Barberton and Chippewa School Districts. Her memberships included Alpha Xi Delta sorority, the Barberton Crescent Club, and the Wadsworth Women's Club. Also, she served as co-president of the PTA at Hazel Harvey Elementary.

'63 | Phoebe Crabill Bateman, Prairie Village, Kan., passed away March 13, 2010. A member of Prairie Village Presbyterian Church, she was a buyer with the R.H. Macy Co., and a medical office accountant with the Endodontic Professional Corp.

Victor A. Nelson, New York, N.Y., died July 1, 2009. An artist, he taught instrumental music, designed gardens, and wrote and provided photographs for a garden book, *The Natural Shade Garden*. He had also owned an antique shop and served as director of the music department with the Closter, N.J., Board of Education.

'64 | Ronald E. Wisner, Colorado Springs, Colo., died May 24, 2010. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he served with the Peace Corps teaching agricultural practices to farmers in Niger, West Africa. He began his career as an assistant dean for student services at the University of Michigan at Flint before moving to Colorado Springs

to serve as dean for student life at the University of Colorado. Before his retirement, he also was the executive director of student affairs and dean of students. Following his retirement, he spent a year teaching in Copenhagen, Denmark, served with the Semester at Sea program, and volunteered for various other worthy causes.

'66 | James L. Niemeyer, Noblesville, Ind., died Feb. 25, 1998. A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he had been employed by Eastman Kodak.

'67 | Martin L. Stirewalt III, Hillsborough, N.C., died Jan. 1, 2010. He served with the U.S. Army at Fort Meade, Md., and in Alaska. A registered nurse, he worked in a pediatric unit in Florida and as a burn nurse at Alta Bates Hospital in California and at the University of North Carolina Hospitals. He was an accomplished musician who taught piano for many years and performed in several jazz groups. He was also a licensed pilot, sky diver and scuba diver.

Joy Roth Weymouth, a member of Chi Omega sorority, died April 13, 2008, in Lake Forest, Ill.

'68 | Ethel Goellner Alden, Indianapolis, Ind., passed away Nov. 10, 2007.

'71 | John H. Bell, a cardio-thoracic surgeon in Lynchburg, Va., died May 26, 2007. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and an avid cyclist.

Gladys A. Ochsenhirt, Allison Park, Pa., died Oct. 21, 1996.

Elizabeth J. Peyraud of White Plains, N.Y., passed away Nov. 30, 2009.

'72 | Michael T. Jacobs, Canonsburg, Pa., died April 22, 2010. He began his career as a teacher and educator at Willard High

School in Ohio. After brief stints at Ashland University and the University of Toledo, he was hired at West Virginia University. During 14 seasons there, he established himself as one of the premiere offensive line coaches in the country. He was then hired as an offensive coach at The Ohio State University. He went on to coach at Oklahoma State University and Mesa Community College before spending his final season as the offensive coordinator at California University of Pennsylvania. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Berea, Ohio, and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

'74 | Lillian "Litsa" Lagos Press, Northbrook, Ill., died July 24, 2010. She served as a faculty member and department chair at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Ill.

'76 | Joy Richards Mount, Wilmington, Del., passed away April 14, 2010. A member of Actors Equity Association, she was a stage actress, singer and playwright. She was also a member of Christ Church Christiana Hundred.

'77 | John T. Douglas, Elkins Park, Pa., died July 12, 2010. Since 1989, he was music director, conductor of opera theater and an associate professor in the department of voice and opera at Temple University College of Music and Dance, Philadelphia, Pa. During recent summers, he had also been head of the music staff, chorus master and director of the apprentice program at the Lake George Opera in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. He was also an accompanist, served as a board member of the National Opera Association in Canyon, Texas, and in 2006, earned the Temple University Faculty Award for Creative Achievement.

'78 | Paul Armstrong, Springfield, Ohio, died April 30, 2010. He had been employed as an independent courier for Stetson Courier for a number of years. A member of St. Raphael Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus #624, he was an avid golfer.

'82 | Joseph T. Bloor, Huron, Ohio, passed away March 14, 2010. For 22 years, he worked for the *Sandusky Register Newspaper*. He was an avid tennis player, boater, golfer and sports fan.

'83 | Naomi Koizumi Yuguchi, Los Angeles, Calif., died March 18, 2009. A former freelance graphic designer, she most recently was associated with The Yuguchi Group. She was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

'86 | Alice Cunningham Stritch, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died July 25, 2010, in Akron, Ohio. Early in her career, she worked at the Clark County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. In the '60s and '70s, she was an accountant/bookkeeper with the Bauer Brothers Co. and Combustion Engineering. A member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church, she enjoyed bowling, golf, bridge, gardening, reading and traveling.

'88 | Barbara Balmer Siferd, St. Paris, Ohio, died June 7, 2010. She retired as a marketing manager from Honeywell Grimes Division. A member of St. Mary Catholic Church, she loved horses.

'90 | Kristine J. McComis, Worthington, Ohio, died Aug. 18, 2010. A member of Worthington United Methodist Church and Delta Zeta sorority, she had been employed as the assistant to the director of The Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center.

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Remembering a Mentor's Advice for the Climb



Deborah Cassell '99, left, with Helen Thomas, 1999 Commencement speaker, Jennifer Jackson '99 and Imogene Bolls

Every student remembers the teacher who made a difference in his or her life beyond the classroom, a true mentor. For me, it was Imogene Bolls.

We met in a freshman requisite: Common Learning. The topic: Darwin. Professor Bolls peacefully moderated arguments between atheists and Christians about the origins of species, sharing with us poems that married science and religion. She also called upon the life experience of herself and her husband, another beloved faculty member.

As fellow alumna Stephanie Ricca '98 says, "I can't think of Professor Imogene Bolls without thinking of Dr. Nathan Bolls at the same time. Those two, to me, embody exactly what the spirit of Wittenberg is all about – that passion of discovery and learning, of being in a place where you could be a poet, a journalist and a scientist all at once."

As the wife of a biologist, Imogene respected science, and her writing reflected

an affinity for nature. In her lifetime, she published three volumes of poetry – *Glass Walker* (1983), *Earthbound* (1989) and *Advice for the Climb* (1999) – and more than 600 poems in literary journals and anthologies. A nationally recognized poet, she received numerous awards. She also spent 36 years as poet-in-residence, professor of English and director of journalism at Wittenberg. I spent four of those years under her wing – reporting and editing, working on the student newspaper and researching my senior writing

project as well as chatting after class in Synod Hall and over tea at her house.

Like all good advisors, Prof. Bolls was hard on those she cared about.

"Imogene was a mentor who challenged me to delve more deeply into what I thought poetry could do," notes Jeremy Glazier '97. "She never allowed me to settle for the easy line break, the cheap image, the cliché. In doing so, she helped me build confidence in my own abilities as a writer, and she helped me become a better poet. She could be parsimonious with her praise, but the older I get, the more I appreciate her for that."

When I scored lower than expected on my GRE exam, Imogene strongly suggested I retake it. (I stubbornly refused.) Were it not for her, I never would have applied to grad school at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. (Had it not been for her glowing recommendation, I might not have gotten in.) The pride she took in my acceptance to NU (despite my

scores) and career successes over the next decade (she often served as a reference) made me proud to be her pupil.

It seems fitting that Professor Bolls published her last body of work the same year she retired (and I graduated) from Wittenberg. We both headed West – she to Taos, N.M., and I to Evanston, Ill. – to chase new dreams. Imogene has been called "a poet of place." Indeed, she grew roots wherever she lived. In Springfield, Ohio, she made her mark on our own liberal arts institution. In Taos, she served as a director for the Society of the Muse of the Southwest, which supports the annual Taos National Storytelling Festival. She spent her final days in her birthplace of Manhattan, Kan., home of her (and my father's) alma mater, Kansas State University.

I remember a conversation I once had with Professor Bolls in which she spoke animatedly of the arrowheads she'd found while hiking in Taos, bringing to mind our Common Learning class. Much like Stephanie, I envisioned her and Nathan in that Southwest setting, "remarking on the landscape, finding the poetry in the sunset and learning from each other, every step of the way."

Others have shared with me their memories of this wondrous woman, including fellow alum Jon Morgan '98, who recalls how Professor Bolls shaped the way he approaches news writing, encouraging him to use whimsy and humor.

"She urged those around her to strive for beauty and humanity, and lived for both every day," describes Professor Robin Inboden.

True mentors are rare. Imogene, you will be missed. ■ – Deborah Cassell '99



Changing Lives

Ron '66 and Karen Duncan '69 met and married while at Wittenberg. Community leaders and proud Springfielders, Karen and Ron have worked diligently in service to others, Karen through her work as a city commissioner and Ron as a sought-after financial planner.

For more than four decades, the couple has also remembered Wittenberg with an annual contribution and the willingness to serve in various capacities when called upon to do so.

"Wittenberg changed our lives, and it continues to enrich them," they said. "We wouldn't be doing our part as alumni if we didn't work to ensure that other students have the same opportunity to experience the life-changing Wittenberg education we did."

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