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On the cover: Becky '04, Isaac '99 and Jayne Gerber Barnes '03, along with Isaac and Jayne's two children, Mason and Maizy, spend time together on their organic farm in Williamsport, Ohio. See story page 26. Cover photo by Erin Pence '04







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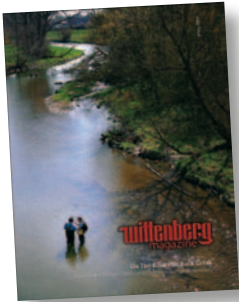
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Alumnus Recalls College Days

I felt compelled to write after reading my copy of the Spring 2009 *Wittenberg Magazine*. There was so much inside

that called for a response, but I will focus on two of the many excellent articles.

I was a student at Witt when the CBS walked off campus. I personally was very moved by their courageous act and attended all of the informational and educational events offered as a result. I came from an integrated high school in Richmond, Ind., but it was only integrated so that the sports teams would be top notch. In almost every other way, socially, culturally and recreationally, the white and black students did not associate. My friend, Mike Robinson, and I were an exception to that segregated atmosphere, and at the time of the walk out, I asked myself, what would Mike expect me to do in that situation? I hope that at that time and since I have not let Mike or the dedicated CBS students down. In a very meaningful and concrete way, the CBS students gave meaning to the Wittenberg motto. Their acts shined a light on Wittenberg that has never gone out, and their legacy has been passed on to the present day.

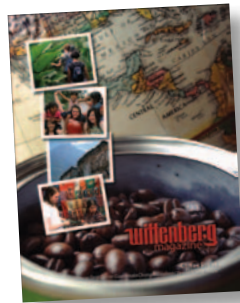
The second article that was especially meaningful to me was the article on restoring Buck Creek. I have many "fond" memories of running along the creek to soccer practice as the soccer field, at that time, was located in Snyder Park. Running to practice was usually enjoyable; it was running back to campus after a bad practice or poor game that occasionally diminished my appreciation of the creek itself! I do remember with great fondness having dates that consisted of long walks along the creek

to Snyder Park or the cemetery. Often those walks would be topped off with an ice cream cone at the Union since money was always tight for many students as I am certain it is now. I always thought Snyder Park and the cemetery were beautiful and peaceful then, and I am certain that with the restoration good places will only become better.

Keep up the excellent work with your magazine.

Sincerely,

R. Scott Ryder '71
 Kalamazoo, Mich.



CBS Reunion Prompts Clarification

Editor's Note: Our sincerest thanks to the following alumni for correcting omissions in the

news article on CBS' 40th anniversary, which appeared on page 12 in the summer 2009 issue of Wittenberg Magazine. Please accept our apologies for the omissions.

I received your most recent issue of the alumni magazine with the same anticipation and eagerness with which I have received all the issues since I graduated from Wittenberg University. Most of the time, you have intriguing articles and accurate information on the school and its history. The way the school contacted me for donations and fund drives is a testament to its desire to remain connected to all its alumni.

This time, in the small article with a picture about "CBS Celebrates 40th Anniversary," I noticed a most obvious error in the listing of the names and class years for the founders of Concerned Black Students. You left off the class of 1972, freshmen of 1968-1969, the largest class then to date at Wittenberg. I have consulted my 1968 freshmen brochure with pictures of entering

freshmen and can give you the following names for black students: Gary Callahan, George (Peter) Davis, Pearl Davis, Claud Dent, Bonnie Fletcher, David Poindexter, Alexander Sadighen, Kenneth Scott, Natalie Settles, Karen Sheffield, Mary Spencer, John Thomas, Gail Willingham, James Worthington and Baboucar Mbowe (not pictured from Gambia).

With the strong support and continued active participation of present day CBS members at Wittenberg, I would hope you can give us a correction of this information in a future issue. It means a great deal to those of who walked out and formed Concerned Black Students to remember it rightly and well.

Thank you for your consideration and prompt response to this matter. With many good wishes for the success of Wittenberg and prayers for all persons concerned, I remain,
 Faithfully yours,

Gail Willingham '72
 Miami, Fla.

This was the 40th anniversary of CBS, and there were two founding members omitted in the recent magazine on page 12, where several members are pictured. We were very involved in the walkout, the demands of the administration and subsequent success in establishing the first Black House, later CBS. We stayed with students at Antioch College during the walkout, raised money with fashion shows and dances to help furnish the house, and we all wore dashikis on the opening day in April 1969. What a glorious day; how proud we all were! The omitted names are Carolyn Grant (me) and Deborah Riley (now Brown). We were just as much a part of this wonderful activism as those pictured. Please note this in your next issue. Thanks and God Bless all the students whom CBS has benefitted.

Carolyn Grant Applin '71
 Fairfield, Calif.

The latest edition of the Princeton Review's *The Best 371 Colleges* places Wittenberg among the top 20 in three categories: Top Professors, Campus Beauty and Involvement in Intramurals.

Professors Get High Marks

1. Davidson College
2. Wellesley College
3. Sweet Briar College
4. Middlebury College
5. Reed College
6. Kenyon College
7. Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
8. William & Mary
9. Whitman College
10. New College of Florida
11. Hampton-Sydney College
12. Sarah Lawrence College
13. Claremont McKenna
14. Carleton College
15. Harvey Mudd College
16. Wabash College
17. Marlboro College
18. Swarthmore College
19. **Wittenberg University**
20. Oglethorpe University

Most Beautiful Campus

1. Colgate University
2. Sweet Briar College
3. Mount Holyoke College
4. Scripps College
5. Sewanee-The University of the South
6. University of San Diego
7. Princeton University
8. Wellesley College
9. Lewis & Clark
10. University of California-Santa Cruz
11. University of Notre Dame
12. St. Mary's College of Maryland
13. Vassar College
14. Stonehill College
15. Pepperdine University
16. Swarthmore College
17. Rollins College
18. **Wittenberg University**
19. Wagner College
20. University of Richmond

Everyone Plays Intramural Sports

1. University of Notre Dame
2. Grove City College
3. Wabash College
4. Whitman College
5. Clemson University
6. The Pennsylvania State University
7. Stonehill College
8. Gonzaga University
9. Colorado College
10. University of Dayton
11. U.S. Air Force Academy
12. Carleton College
13. St. John's College (MD)
14. U.S. Naval Academy
15. University of Florida
16. University of Nebraska
17. **Wittenberg University**
18. U.S. Coast Guard Academy
19. Providence College
20. Brigham Young University

Getting It Right A Word On College Rankings



ROBBIE GANTT

I have been in higher education for more than 25 years now, and I am amazed at the growing number of magazines, Web sites and publications providing rankings on America's colleges and universities. Today, rankings can be found for almost any imaginable dimension of college life.

While some of these listings clearly take a humorous look at the more frivolous aspects of the collegiate experience, others claim to offer meaningful information for making college choices in the increasingly competitive world of undergraduate admissions. It is important to

remember nearly all are designed with one purpose in mind – to sell more magazines or increase ad revenue (that is their business!). Unfortunately, most rankings do not take a meaningful look at the outcomes of the college experience or the students' assessment of their own experience.

With all this in mind, it was particularly gratifying to find our ranking among the top 20 colleges in the nation in three categories in the Princeton Review's *The Best 371 Colleges* based on a national survey of students. The three categories in which Wittenberg placed in Princeton's top 20 are "Professors Get High Marks," "Most Beautiful Campus" and "Everybody Plays Intramural Sports." Within each of these categories, Wittenberg shares space with impressive company, including Wellesley, Swarthmore, Davidson and Notre Dame. But while the national mention alongside these and many other well-known and outstanding institutions is nice, what impresses me most is the authenticity of the rankings and the categories relative to our mission, values and the "feel" of Wittenberg as I experience it every day.

While I can't personally testify that "Everybody Plays Intramural Sports," our data tell us that a high percentage of our students do. And while this next observation is less than scientific, it certainly seems that many students are passing me pretty effortlessly as they climb the hills on campus! What's important here is the degree to which intramural sports fosters engagement across the campus community and a degree of commitment to personal health and fitness.

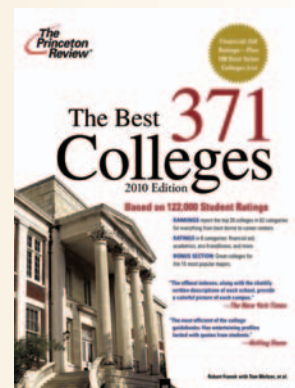
The "Most Beautiful Campus" category reminds me of the power that our physical surroundings have to nurture and inspire. The natural features of Wittenberg's campus have served as the backdrop for the growth and development of our students for generations, and they continue to serve as the physical embodiment of the Wittenberg experience for our more than 26,000 alumni around the world.

Of course, the "Professors Get High Marks" category addresses the heart of the Wittenberg experience – our faculty's effectiveness in the teaching/learning enterprise as evaluated by their students. And while many small colleges talk about the quality of their faculty, it takes much more than talk to have our students experience this effectiveness strongly enough to rate Wittenberg this highly against a national peer group. Faculty and staff at Wittenberg live out their commitment to students in ways that make "above and beyond" the norm here. The fact that Wittenberg students have recognized and acknowledged our faculty's expertise as educators is gratifying beyond words.

To validate our rankings by Princeton Review, we need only look to the outcomes-based data provided by the *National Survey of Student Engagement*, a survey given annually to first-year and senior students across the country. Wittenberg's scores on "campus engagement" and "relationships with their faculty" consistently outperform our peer set.

For most students and families, the emotional and financial commitment represented in the decision to attend a particular college or university is simply too important to be made based on faulty or superfluous information. What the Princeton Review adds to the rankings mix is the critical, real-time voice of current students, and in this edition our students have spoken clearly, and I believe accurately. In a number of discussions and presentations since the publication of this year's Princeton list, many members of the Wittenberg family have asked me what I thought about these rankings to which I have responded simply, "I think the folks at Princeton 'got it right.'"

Mark H. Erickson
President



Princeton Review Recognizes Wittenberg On Three National Lists

Wittenberg's award-winning faculty and picturesque campus were both recognized nationally in the 2010 edition of The Princeton Review's *The Best 371 Colleges*. The intramural athletics program earned rave reviews as well.

After surveying more than 122,000 college students, The Princeton Review generates 62 national rankings lists, both positive and negative. Wittenberg made three appearances on the positive side of the ledger, including 17th in the nation under "Most Beautiful

Campus," 18th in the category "Everyone Plays Intramural Sports" and 19th in the category "Professors Get High Marks."

The annual release of *The Best 371 Colleges* is based on continuous monitoring and annual collection of data on more than 2,000 schools across the United States.

Princeton Review representatives visit schools and meet with or talk to hundreds of college administrators in an effort to present a comprehensive overview of every facet of student life on college campuses. ■



University Lives Its Mission By Going To The "Extreme" For Nearby Family

Millions of people witnessed Wittenberg's mission in action, Nov. 8, when the episode of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* featuring Wittenberg's half-million dollar gift of full-tuition

waivers for four young children aired on ABC.

Reflecting its longstanding commitment to service and tradition of giving back, Wittenberg changed the lives of Josselyn, 6, Jacob and Justin, 2, and Joshua Terpenning, 1, as part of the hit ABC TV show, which built the Terpenning family a brand-new home in nearby Beavercreek, Ohio. The family learned of Wittenberg's "extreme" gift, which exceeds \$540,000 based on today's tuition rate, during the actual filming in August. The gift also surprised the producers as it is the largest educational gift by total value in the show's seven-year history.

"When we read about the family, it became clear that the children's parents, James and Shannon, have lived lives of compassion, selflessness and service," said President Mark H. Erickson. "These are the same values Wittenberg embraces in its own mission, so we knew we needed to help. It was the right thing to do."

A campus-wide viewing of the show took place that evening in Wittenberg's newest venue, Founders, and plans are underway to bring the Terpenning family to campus soon. ■





Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Speaks

More than 2,000 people filled the Pam Evans Smith Arena, Oct. 1, to hear humanitarian, best-selling author and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Greg Mortenson during the Witt Series-sponsored Fred R. Leventhal Endowed Family Lecture.

Currently the co-founder and Executive Director of the non-profit Central Asia Institute, Mortenson wrote about his life in the critically acclaimed *Three Cups of Tea*, which spent 82 weeks on *The New York Times* Bestseller List. He is also the founder of the non-profit organization Pennies for Peace. Because of his life's work, more than 90 schools have been established in the remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan, which have educated more than 34,000 children, including 24,000 girls.

Overcoming many obstacles, including an armed kidnapping in 1996, a firefight between Afghan fighters and investigations by the United States' Central Intelligence Agency, Mortenson has received awards for his humanitarian efforts, including Pakistan's highest civil award, Sitara-e-Pakistan (Star of Pakistan). A video selection of his presentation can be viewed online at www.wittenberg.edu. ■

Service Trip To Lesotho Partners With Community

Two groups of Wittenberg students, faculty and staff members made the long journey to the impoverished African kingdom of Lesotho during two separate trips this past July. The service trips, first initiated six years ago by Wittenberg Associate Professor of History Scott Rosenberg, took travelers to Lesotho to assist local communities through personal interaction and the expansion of community resources.

Lin Erickson, director of corporate, foundation and government relations, and Wittenberg Board Member Emeritus Peter Noonan traveled with one group as part of this year's collaboration with Springfield's Rotary Chapter. Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students Sarah Kelly did the same.

During their stay, participants engaged in a wide variety of activities, including assisting at the community center, constructing another playground, interacting with local children and residents, getting an insider's view at a local textile factory, and enjoying the traditional foods, customs and scenery. They were also able to interact with children in an HIV clinic and see firsthand the results of the devastating disease that afflicts 24-30 percent of the population in Lesotho. ■

Fiske Guide Gives Top Marks To Theatre Program

For the fourth year in a row, Wittenberg University has been named one of only 23 institutions in the nation by the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* for "Small Colleges and Universities Strong in Drama." The elite ranking places Wittenberg alongside such schools as Julliard, Vassar, Oberlin, Otterbein and Princeton.

For generations, Wittenberg's Department of Theatre and Dance has provided a foundation for success both on stage and off. From learning how "the performing arts mirror the values and practices of society" to helping students understand "that the human condition is the substance of the art experience for both practitioners and audience," the program prides itself on being an integral part of Wittenberg's liberal arts tradition. ■





Christopher Durrenberger, associate professor of music

ERIN PENCE '04

First-Ever Symphony Collaboration Hits High Note

When the Springfield Symphony Orchestra (SSO) kicked off its new season of music, Oct. 3, Wittenberg joined in the fun.

The SSO, one of Clark County's premier cultural institutions, collaborated with Wittenberg on the first-ever "Wittenberg at the Symphony" event, designed to introduce more members of the university community to SSO, which is celebrating its 66th year of high-quality entertainment. The event included a pre-concert program with composer Lowell Liebermann, a concert with Christopher Durrenberger, concert pianist and associate professor

of music at Wittenberg, and an evening reception where Just Eve, the university's women's cappella ensemble, performed.

The highlight of the evening was Durrenberger's solo performance of *Piano Concerto No. 2, op. 36* by Liebermann, one of America's most frequently performed and recorded living composers, following intermission. ■

Hobson Shares Political Perspectives As Guest Lecturer

Throughout his career, retired Congressman Dave Hobson (OH-7th District) consistently earned the respect and support of both Congressional colleagues and his constituents for his leadership, accomplishments and commitment to the 7th District. Beginning this fall, Wittenberg students will reap the benefits of Hobson's expertise when he serves as a guest lecturer throughout the 2009-2010 academic year.

The first Dave Hobson Lecture in Public Policy occurred on Nov. 4 during a Political Science Colloquium. Hobson discussed "Making Defense Policy: How One Congressman Can Make A Difference." Although future

lectures and classroom conversations are still in the planning stage for this new lecture series, possible events being considered include Hobson participating in discussions on state and local government, Congress, American foreign policy, and political parties and interest groups.

In addition to promoting economic development, including the creation of jobs, improving access to quality health care and strengthening the nation's defense, during his career in public office, Hobson also was a strong advocate for education, securing significant funding for area primary and secondary schools as well as for area colleges and universities, including Wittenberg. ■



Progressive Pub
Former Hangout Transforms Into Founders

Following a full-scale renovation, Wally's Pub, formerly "The Rat," now offers students and the campus community a modern, welcoming facility for casual gatherings and performances as well as an additional venue for meetings. Renamed Founders, the latest campus hot spot sits directly across the Geil Lounge from Döppelgangers, the newly remodeled game room, inside the lower level of the Benham-Pence Student Center. The official grand opening for Founders took place Oct. 23-24 during Homecoming weekend, and faculty and staff enjoyed a special tour shortly thereafter.

Planning for the latest student-centered establishment began in April following the success of Döppelgangers. Led by Student Senate in an effort to provide students with an additional space on campus for conversation and entertainment, the renovation relied



iPhone Application Makes News

A collaborative effort among students, music faculty and alumni has produced an application, commonly known as an "app," for iPhone and iPod touch that was recently named one of the "Top Five Classical Music iPhone Apps" by New York radio station WQXR—the country's first (and most listened to) classical music radio station.

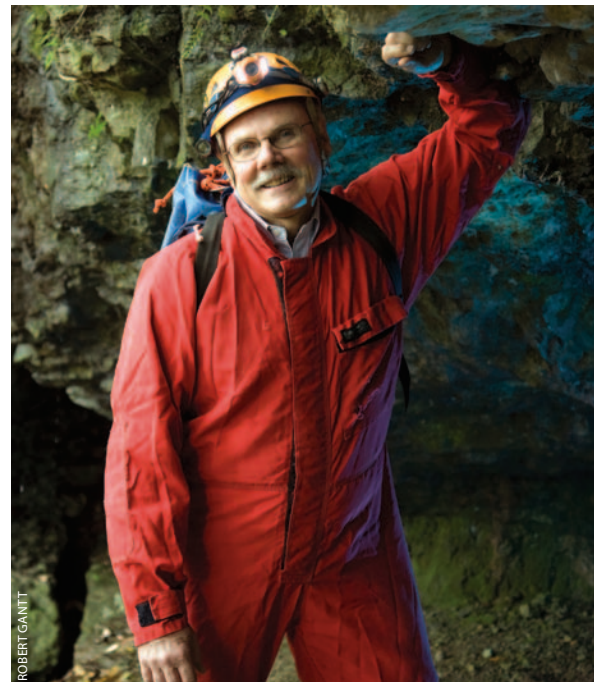
More than 100,000 iPhone and iPod touch apps are currently available to consumers, and the numbers continue to rise. Wittenberg's Composer of the Day app is a free download that offers concise, one-sentence biographies of classical composers — one per day, on the composer's birthday. ■

Biology Professor Earns National Award

One of the nation's top biospeleology experts, Horton Hobbs III, professor of biology, recently added another credential in his three-decade career. The National Speleological Society has awarded Hobbs its prestigious NSS Science Award for his commitment to students, passion for his work and extensive contributions to the field.

Hobbs' legacy to karst science is evident not only in the scientists he has mentored, many of whom received the NSS' James G. Mitchell Award, but also in his prolific publication record, which includes more than 190 peer-reviewed publications to date. Additionally, Hobbs has described 33 new species and five new genera, and he has personally had six new species named after him in honor of his contributions to taxonomy.

A 1999 NSS Honorary Member and the recipient of the 2007 Ohio Department of Natural Resources Cardinal Award for Outstanding Achievement, Hobbs, a limnologist, joined the Wittenberg faculty in 1976 and later founded the Wittenberg University Speleological Society in 1980. ■



heavily on student input throughout the design process.

Along with flat-screen televisions, intimate conversation areas, a stage and a beverage station, the venue includes fun directional signage, sepia-toned photos of historic Wittenberg, wireless technology and other IT conveniences.

The total cost of the renovation was about \$120,000, which student fees helped to support. In addition to seeking student insight throughout the process, the planning committee of Sarah Kelly, vice president for student development and dean of students, Donna Meglan Picklesimer '80, director of business services, Bob Rafferty '02, director of new media and webmaster, and Mark DeVilbiss, assistant dean of student activities, also worked with 2008-2009 Student Senate President Jon Duraj '09 and its current president Bobby Ritzi '10. ■

Medvedkov Wins Second Fulbright Award

For the second time in her 20-year Wittenberg teaching career, Olga Medvedkov, professor of geography, has received a prestigious Fulbright Award for additional research in her field. A recognized expert in urbanization and on integrating geographic information systems (GIS) technology into the classroom, Medvedkov will spend the 2010 spring semester teaching a course on GIS and collaborating on urban development in the country of Georgia. Medvedkov will be working at Tbilisi State University throughout the semester.

Medvedkov, who earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Moscow

State University and her Ph.D. from the Soviet Academy of Sciences, Institute of Geography in Moscow, teaches urban and population geography, as well as GIS, and team teaches a special course titled "Moscow: Urban Development and Local Politics," which is followed by an optional summer term in Russia. Co-founder of Wittenberg's 10-year-old Russian immersion program, which allows 10-13 students biannually to study Russian politics, history, communications, and Russian society and culture in-depth for four weeks following Commencement, Medvedkov is widely published, including authoring the book *Soviet Urbanization*. ■

Jackson Named International Delegate

Chicago resident Mae Helen Jackson '12 has been involved in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) since age 4. Recently featured in ELCA publication *The Lutheran* for her service efforts, which include participating in Youth in Mission Serving Christ in the World, Jackson will now head to Stuttgart, Germany, as one of only three ELCA youth delegates to the Lutheran World Federation Assembly, July 20-27, 2010. Jackson will join 12 other adult delegates at the event, which represents more than 64 million Lutherans from around the globe.

Alerted to the possibility of participating by Robert White, director of church relations at Wittenberg, Jackson quickly completed all the necessary paperwork and secured the required recommendations, including one from President Mark H. Erickson, who nominated her for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. ■



Homecoming

PHOTOS BY ERIN PENCE '04



2009

In keeping with tradition, hundreds of alumni headed back to campus, Oct. 22-24, to enjoy the annual Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. With campus venues decked out for reunions and the weekend packed with activities, alumni recalled the fun times on campus, the friendships they made and the influence Wittenberg has had on their lives.

Among those reuniting were members of the 1959, 1979, 1984 and 1999 as well as the 20th cluster reunion for the classes of 1988, 1989, 1990. Additional activities included athletic competitions, the annual Homecoming Parade, Concerned Black Students' barbecue, Hall of Honor banquet, book signings and a chapel service. Alumni also enjoyed hearing beloved Professor Emeritus of History Robert Hartje present as part of the 50th reunion celebration as well as President Emeritus William Kinnison '54.

Additionally, the university honored eight alumni with special awards. Helen "Copey" Copenhaver Hanes '39, Scott '76 and Carol Pfeifer Strawn '75, Lauren Schmidt '00, Caitlin Coleman '05 and Ann Bixel '05 each were recognized and are profiled in Class Notes. Fellow award-winner Jayne Gerber Barnes '04 is part of this issue's cover story, while Brenda Eagan Brown '95 shares her story on page 48. Maureen Sanders Ruetters '67, who also was recognized, will be profiled in a forthcoming issue. For more photos of Homecoming, log on to www.wittenberg.edu.



Longtime English Professor Retires After Four Decades Of Teaching



Professor of English and Director of the American Studies Program Mary Ellen Jones was honored, Oct. 8, during

a Tribute and Retirement Reception. For 44 years, Jones touched many lives at Wittenberg, and the celebration provided an opportunity to reminisce, share stories and express appreciation for the lessons and knowledge shared, the friendships and laughter enjoyed, and the love of literature she inspired.

Throughout her tenure, Jones regularly adhered to the philosophy that teaching is a shared responsibility with the students.

“The most significant revelation, I feel, is the recognition that we’re equals in a process, we teachers and students; we all get a lot further along the road

to creativity, to significant production – yes, even to conventionally academic excellence,” Jones once said.

Jones plans to continue to write, including a memoir of her Fulbright year on the island of Corfu, Greece, which earned her a commendation from the United States Naval Attaché, U.S. Embassy, Athens, Greece, and where she lived as the only American at the time of J.F.K.’s assassination. ■

National Research Affirms Educational Approach

Every year, the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) asks students at hundreds of colleges and universities to reflect on the time they devote to various learning activities. Results from NSSE can provide prospective students with insights into how they might learn and develop at a given college. This year’s NSSE scores indicate that at Wittenberg, the level of academic challenge reported by first-year students, the student-faculty interaction reported by both first-year students and seniors, and the enriching educational experiences reported by seniors all exceed the survey’s scores for hundreds of colleges, both private and public.

As NSSE only surveys first-year students and seniors, the research assists in understanding the outcome of a Wittenberg education. In this case, Wittenberg’s statistically significant mean scores clearly indicate that first-year students recognize Wittenberg’s high expectations for student performance and work to meet them; that Wittenberg professors, through their interaction with students, often become mentors and role models for lifelong learning for first-year students and seniors; and that seniors report learning more about themselves as a result of Wittenberg’s diverse experiences and opportunities that integrate knowledge and its application. ■

Urban Policy Expert Kicks Off Witt Series



A year after introducing its groundbreaking Center for Civic & Urban Engagement, Wittenberg welcomed urban policy expert and acclaimed author David Rusk as the featured speaker for the Witt Series-sponsored Opening Convocation of the university’s 165th academic year, Sept. 9. The event began two days of innovative educational opportunities centered on urban issues.

Rusk, an independent consultant on urban and suburban policy who has been described by the *Baltimore Sun* as the “hottest urban expert in the nation today,” discussed the critical importance of hospitals and universities to communities. Not coincidentally, Springfield is in the midst of a landscape-altering downtown construction project that will merge the city’s two hospitals into one regional medical campus. ■



Expanding East Asian Studies
New Institute Extends Program’s
International Reach

As Wittenberg looks to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its internationally renowned East Asian Studies Program in 2010, a new initiative extends the breadth and depth of the program, which independent researchers have hailed as “the jewel in Wittenberg’s crown.”

The East Asian Institute is a Small Business Administration grant-funded initiative that marries the historic strength of Wittenberg’s East Asian Studies program with its business and economics programs with a focus on international business in Asia. Under the leadership of Erick Kish, the institute’s newly hired first director, the East Asian Institute has established the East Asian Business Fellow program that provides more than \$50,000 in merit-based financial awards to assist students to study abroad and intern internationally, as well as participate in the Washington Semester Program and work on international projects in

Wittenberg Joins CLAC Consortium

Considered one of the most distinctive and innovative language-across-the-curriculum programs in the nation, Wittenberg's federally funded effort to internationalize the curriculum garnered more praise this fall. Following attendance by 11 Wittenberg faculty members at the meeting on Cultures and Languages Across the Curriculum (CLAC), Wittenberg became an official charter member of the CLAC

Consortium, which aims "to make global competence a reality for students and to create alliances among educators to share practices and find ways to incorporate an international dimension in curricula, and, more generally, to achieve internationalization goals." In addition to attending the meeting, six of the 11 faculty members presented on the Wittenberg CLAC model during a panel discussion. ■



Erick Kish

Ohio. The institute also sponsors campus events on Asian business topics and supports faculty curriculum development.

Kish, who holds a master's degree in economics and a bachelor's degree in business administration, brings six years of experience in international higher education and international trade working in Taiwan and China. As director, Kish is leveraging his existing network of contacts in East Asian industry, government and academia to further the institute's mission.

The institute also recently welcomed Kerry Dumbaugh '74 as its first Senior Fellow. A specialist in Asian affairs for the Congressional Research Service, a frequently invited presenter and a former visiting professor at Chuo University in Tokyo, Dumbaugh will use her broad perspective to advise and advance the institute, as well as connect students and faculty to the world through her international network. ■

Guide Goes Global

Best-selling author Dan Fleisch, associate professor of physics, recently learned that his popular book, *A Student's Guide to Maxwell's Equations*, published by Cambridge University Press, will now be translated into Chinese and Korean. The English-language edition of the book, now in its eighth printing, has been a No. 1 bestseller in the areas of waves and mechanics, electromagnetic theory and mathematical physics, while it has also reached as high as No. 4 in the physics category on Amazon.com. A Japanese version of the book was released in April. Filled with student-friendly features, the book also includes podcasts and interactive solutions on its accompanying Web site. ■



ERIN PENCE '04

Tigers Win Face-Off

From Oct. 26-Nov. 14, fans of Wittenberg and The College of Wooster battled online before the game between the two schools during the first-ever Mascot Face-Off. Located at www.mascotfaceoff.com, the fun, interactive Web site attracted a constant slew of fans, who were allowed to vote once a day for their favorite mascot. Polls closed at 1 p.m. on game day, and by halftime of the Wittenberg-Wooster game, Nov. 14, one victor was crowned based on votes secured. With more than 70,000 total votes cast, the Wittenberg Tiger beat the Fighting Scot by nearly 3,000 votes. ■

New Artist-In-Residence Program Debuts

As part of its first-ever Artist-In-Residence program, Wittenberg welcomed award-winning spoken-word poet, prison activist and educator Bryonn Bain, Nov. 15-21. Sponsored by the Office of the First-Year Experience, Office of Community Service, Center for Civic & Urban Engagement and Office of Student Development, the program reflects Wittenberg's longstanding commitment to community engagement. In addition to visiting classes, Bain helped to develop a module for arts-based activism and engagement. He also worked with the Springfield community in several ways, including engaging with incarcerated youth at the Juvenile Detention Center, and developing an arts experience for

at-risk youth with Project Jericho and Forging Responsible Youth. During the week, Bain also visited with Springfield High School students and helped the local Circles Campaign. ■



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Bain engaged with students while on campus.

Campus Notes

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Busarow
Professor of Music

Chang
Associate Professor of
Theatre and Dance



Dixon
Professor of English

Georges
Professor of Theatre
and Dance



Hobbs
Professor of Biology

Martin
Professor of Health,
Fitness and Sport



Don Busarow, professor of music, will complete a series of commissioned works this year, including a festive setting of “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” for St. Alban’s Episcopal Church in Hickory, N.C., and a third collection of preludes for Concordia Publishing House. In addition, Augsburg-Fortress Publishers has included Busarow as one of 20 composers to participate in a large publication of choral settings of inner stanzas of the hymns of the church.

Shih-Ming L. Chang, associate professor of theatre and dance, provided an entry on dance in China for the *Encyclopedia of Modern China*, which was recently published.

Kristin Cline, associate professor of chemistry, recently published an article titled “Nonaqueous Synthesis and Reduction of Diazonium Ions (without Isolation) to Modify Glassy Carbon Electrodes Using Mild Electrografting Conditions,” in the Aug. 15 issue of *Journal of Electroanalytical Chemistry* with Lauren Baxter ’09, Dawn Lockwood ’08, Rachel Saylor ’10 and Alison Stalzer ’08.

Warren Copeland, professor of religion and Springfield mayor, wrote *Doing Justice In Our Cities*, a groundbreaking new book described as “a lively and authoritative look at how one public servant honored his commitment to serve the 65,000 citizens of Springfield, Ohio, without compromising his commitment to serve God.”

Kent Dixon, professor of English, has published a short story titled “Wake” in the current issue of *The Antioch Review*. He also recently concluded his joint summer sabbatical in Greece with **Mimi Dixon**, professor of English, collecting local color for his forthcoming screenplay on Homer.

Trudy Faber, professor of music, performed a recital on Oct. 18 at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary as part of its annual recital series. Half of the program featured harpsichord selections on the seminary’s two manual Keith Hill instruments, and the other half consisted of organ selections performed on its three manual neo-Baroque Andover organs.

Elizabeth George, associate professor of physics, **Paul Voytas**, associate professor of physics, and **Jeremiah Williams**, assistant professor of physics, attended the national American Association of Physics Teachers meeting in Ann Arbor, Mich., in July, where George and Voytas presented the paper, “Investigating Tangential Acceleration in the Laboratory with a Rotation Wheel.” The three also attended the associated Topical Conference on Advanced Laboratories, where they presented two papers on innovative advanced lab experiments they have developed at Wittenberg. Voytas and George also discussed “Determining the half-life of potassium-40 from the activity of salt substitute,” while Williams presented on “Measurement of the dispersion relation of a wave on a string.” In addition,

George also chaired a panel session on “Curricular Roles for Advanced Labs” at the latter conference.

Corwin Georges, professor of theatre and dance, is serving on the nominating committee for the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network.

Horton Hobbs III, professor of biology, has published three articles, including “The glaciated Central Lowlands: Ohio,” “An Overview of Cave Biology” and “Distribution of Cave Life in the USA” in the 2009 National Speleological Society’s *Caves and Karst of the USA*. The latter two were co-authored with David C. Culver.

Thomas P. Martin, professor of health, fitness and sport, authored an article titled “Physical Activity/Exercise Guidelines – Walk the Walk” in *Future Focus*, the publication of the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Michelle McWhorter, assistant professor of biology, presented two research posters at the 68th Annual Society for Developmental Biology Meeting in San Francisco, Calif., July 23-24. The first was titled “Assaying for *gooseoid* gene expression in LiCL-treated zebrafish embryos in an undergraduate laboratory,” and the second was titled “The effect of carbaryl exposure in zebrafish embryos.” The Society of Developmental Biology awarded McWhorter a travel grant to attend the meeting.

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Millen
Professor of Religion



Noyes
Professor Emeritus of
Computer Science



Otten
Professor Emeritus of
English



White
Director of Church
Relations



Yu
Professor of Political
Science



Wood
Associate Professor of
History

Rochelle L. Millen, professor of religion, has been invited to join the Jewish Law Association and will participate in its February 2010 meeting at Fordham University. Her article, "Reflections on Bystanders: A Pedagogic Paradox," will also be published in the forthcoming issue of *Prism: An Interdisciplinary Journal for Holocaust Educators*, while her review essay on Yehudah Henkin's book, *Understanding Tzniut: Modern Controversies in the Jewish Community*, will appear in the winter issue of *Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies and Gender Issues*. In addition, on Oct. 25, Millen served as the keynote speaker at the Annual Conference of the Interfaith Center for Peace in Columbus, Ohio.

James Noyes, professor emeritus of computer science, recently presented a paper at the 20th International Symposium of Mathematical Programming in Chicago. The paper, also available as an 80-page document online, is titled "Mathematical Programming with Mathematica: Forming Models, Executing Methods, and Confirming Results." This weeklong optimization conference, held only once every three years, was attended by upwards of 1,500 researchers, practitioners and educators from around the world. Optimization models and methods, involving both linear and nonlinear programming, are used in science, engineering, business and industry, and are key components of computational science.

Terry Otten, professor emeritus of English, had a chapter from his book, *The Temptation of Innocence in the Dramas of Arthur Miller*, published in a recently released book edited by Harold Bloom titled *Arthur Miller's The Crucible*. This marks the 20th book that contains a commissioned or previously published essay of Otten's. He has also been appointed a reader for the journal *Christianity and Literature*, which is published at Pepperdine University.

Tammy Proctor, professor of history, has just had her book *Scouting for Girls: A Century of Girl Guiding and Scouting* published by Praeger/ABC-CLIO. The book examines the rise of and continued development of the global Girl Scout movement as the organization prepares to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its formal founding in Britain in 2010.

Don Reed, professor of philosophy, published "A Multi-Level Model of Moral Functioning Revisited," in the September edition of the *Journal of Moral Education*. The article is a response to three papers in the same volume published as critiques of the 2008 special issue of that journal, which Reed guest edited. The special issue, titled, "Toward an Integrated Model of Moral Functioning," included an article by Reed and an "overview" of the papers in the issue by Reed and Riley M. Stoermer '08.

Professor of Communication **Catherine Waggoner's** book *Making Camp: Rhetorics of Transgression in U.S. Popular Culture*, with Helene Shugart, recently earned two awards from the National Communication Association.

Robert White, director of church relations, presented the keynote address titled "Effective Youth Ministry: Four Things You Need to Know" at the Northeastern Ohio Synod Youth Ministry workshop.

Molly Wood, associate professor of history, is an invited "guest blogger" for the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations this fall, writing entries on "U.S. foreign relations in historical perspective." She also presented her most recent research at the Midwest Conference on British Studies Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 8.

Bin Yu, professor of political science, has published an article titled "Summitry: Between Symbolism and Substance in Russian-China Relations" in the July *Comparative Connections*, as well as a chapter titled "Westernism and China's International Environment for the 21st Century," in *Independence, Understanding, and Cooperation: 60 Years of Chinese Diplomacy*. Yu also attended the "Conference on China and the World," Aug. 29-31, sponsored by Beijing University.



Professionalizing Pre-Health

New Clinical Internship Program Provides Rewarding Perspective



Described by participants as critical to future success, Wittenberg's Clinical Internship Program has opened up significant avenues for students preparing to enter pre-health professions.

Originally created by Cathy Pederson, professor of biology, the program works annually with the Springfield healthcare community to develop a list of healthcare professionals who are willing and interested in mentoring pre-health students. Responsibility for the program was transferred to WittPath Career Services in 2007, and since then more than 60 students have taken advantage of this unique opportunity in the liberal arts.

Not only has the program allowed students to explore various healthcare careers to determine the best fit for them, it also has allowed them to develop lasting relationships with their mentors.

"This experience was fundamental in my learning experience," said Bethany Rohr '10 of Wooster, Ohio. "I gained insight

into both the business and patient sides of a physician's office, and I was able to enjoy working with an amazing doctor in Springfield."

"I am using my internship experiences as a tool to determine a career in the clinical health field, and my mentors at each of my internship sites have been extremely helpful in inquiring about my interests and informing me of the education required for each profession and its pros and cons," added Eshini A. Panditharatna '12 of Battaramulla, Sri Lanka.

Juniors and seniors are eligible to apply, and their majors are generally chemistry, biology, biochemistry, physics, molecular biology and psychology. Many of the applicants for the Clinical Internship Program have a strong interest in pursuing careers in family medicine, surgery, oncology, pathology, dentistry, veterinary medicine (large and small animal), pharmacy, optometry, orthopedics, cardiology and emergency medicine.

"We have been able to place students with an anesthesiologist, MDs, DOs, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, occupational therapists, physical therapists, optometrists, psychologists, nurses, dentists, cardiologists, and at the Springfield Cancer Center, and Springfield Regional Medical Center emergency room and pharmacy," said Karen Reynolds, director of WittPath Career Services.

Students work a minimum of 60 hours during the semester, which generally runs for 15 weeks. As part of the program, interns typically shadow their assigned mentors weekly. For some participants, an immediate bond forms, so much so that

the interns are allowed to observe surgeries and other medical procedures.

"I have developed great relationships with some amazing healthcare workers, sutured a woman's head wound closed, performed emergency CPR on a coding patient and gained more insight into medicine than I could ever have imagined," said Jeremy Baker '11 of Bowling Green, Ohio.

"I have been able to participate in many commonly used physical procedures such as listening to a healthy lung versus a sick lung, how to remove a wart, how to recognize a disease from key symptoms and so much more," added William McKelvey '10 of Gahanna, Ohio.

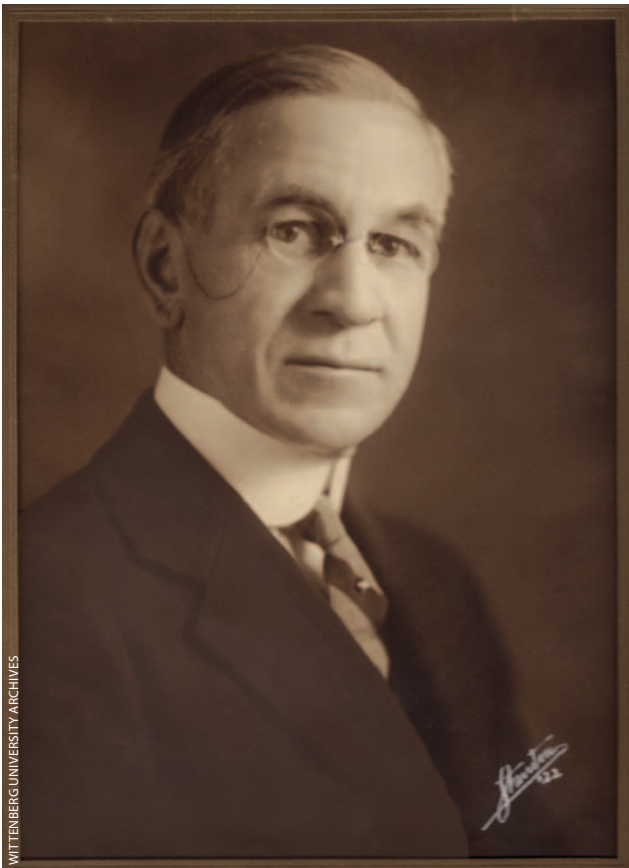
In addition to working directly with their mentors and being evaluated at their internship sites, participants also must write a weekly journal for review by WittPath Career Services and the program's faculty advisers Matthew Collier, associate professor of biology, Kevin Gribbins, associate professor of biology, and Stephanie Little, associate professor of psychology. Following the conclusion of the internship, the student must present a 15-minute PowerPoint about the experience to faculty, staff and other pre-health students. Mentors also often attend.

"This experience has been so important to me because it has really given me the opportunity to see the possibilities of what I could be doing for the rest of my life," said Courtney Harris '10 of Mount Vernon, Ohio. "My internships have helped me to know that I am making the right choices for my future because I have loved every moment – even the 12 hour shifts in the ER." ■ *– Karen Gerboth '93*



“Wittenberg, dear Wittenberg”

Composer of Alma Mater Leaves Significant Mark



Each year during New Student Days, Opening Convocation and Commencement, those assembled stand for the singing of Wittenberg’s “Alma Mater.” Originally written in 1913 for the glee club, “Wittenberg, dear Wittenberg” grew so quickly in popularity that by 1923 the college had adopted it as its official song.

Composed by Robert H. Hiller, an 1889 graduate, and the class salutatorian, the song (music written in 1891, words in 1913) replaced another that won

graduation, he taught Latin and English at the Wittenberg Academy before going to Hartwick Seminary, where he received his B.D. in 1894.

In 1896, Hiller returned to campus and was named head of the art department at age 31. Also a member of a newly organized music department and glee club, he taught vocal culture and sight reading. Hiller is credited with originating the crimson and cream college colors, the torch as the school’s emblem, the first-ever Witt yell and

an “Alma Mater” contest in 1921. Yet, the “Alma Mater” was not Hiller’s only mark on Wittenberg. Although his title was professor of Greek, Hiller was also a prolific composer, writer, poet, artist, tenor and musician among other achievements.

Hiller came from New York in 1886 as a sophomore and was in the first class to use Recitation Hall. The Phi Kappa Psi member was also on the first tennis team and loved riding a high-wheel bicycle. For two years after

penning the national song of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, “Noble Fraternity.”

He returned to New York in 1897 where he studied music, sang tenor in church quartets, taught at Montclair Military Academy and Cutler School for Boys, and earned his A.M. at Columbia University in 1910.

Returning to Wittenberg in 1911 to serve as a professor of Greek, Hiller married Florence E. Fellows in 1915. In 1930, he received his Litt.D. at Muhlenberg College for his 1925 translation of Homer’s *Odyssey* into English from the original Greek text. He also painted formal portraits of Wittenberg Presidents Ort and Heckert.

Additionally, he wrote “The Wittenberg Hymn” in 1935 for the 90th anniversary celebration and a book of his poetry, *Along the Way and Other Poems*, was published in 1940. Hiller also translated the *New Testament* into the idiom of present-day English from the original Greek. His final poem, dated April 1944, was a centennial ode for the March 1945 100th anniversary of the college.

Upon his retirement in 1943, he and his wife moved to Otsego Lake, N.Y., where he died in June the next year. Following his death, a gift from Hiller and his wife paid for the renovation of the chancel in the chapel of Recitation Hall. His final mark on Wittenberg was dedicated in 1948 by Wittenberg President Rees Edgar Tulloss as the Robert H. Hiller Memorial Chancel. ■

—Phyllis Eberts '00



Kicking It Up A Notch

National Award Named For Alumnus

Forty years after earning second-team Lutheran Brotherhood All-America honors as a kicker at Wittenberg, Fred Mitchell '69 has seen his athletic career come full circle. Currently a successful columnist with the *Chicago Tribune* and a best-selling author, Mitchell has been honored with the creation of the Fred Mitchell Outstanding Place-Kicker Award.

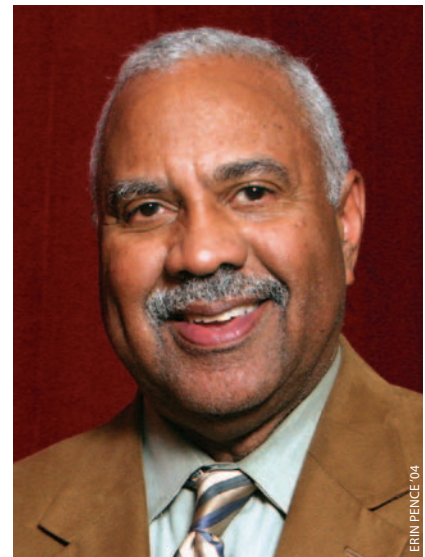
The annual award goes to the nation's top collegiate kicker among the approximately 150 NCAA Division II and 240 NCAA Division III football programs as selected by a blue-ribbon committee. The winner will be announced at the annual National Football Foundation Chicago Metro Chapter Awards ceremony, and a college tuition scholarship will be presented to the recipient's university.

"I am honored and humbled to have my name associated with this new national award, which annually will recognize excellence on the football field by kickers from non-BCS schools, as well as true commitment to community service," said

Mitchell, who previously served nine years on Wittenberg's Alumni Board and has been a member of the university's Board of Directors since 2008. "Plus, this is another opportunity for me to espouse the many virtues of Wittenberg University on a national basis as both a superior athletic and academic institution."

Mitchell has written nine books, including *Billy Williams: My Sweet-Swinging Lifetime With The Cubs*, an autobiography he helped Williams write, and *Sayers: My Life And Times*, an autobiography of Hall of Fame Chicago Bears running back Gale Sayers, after a groundbreaking collegiate football career. Mitchell set an NCAA College Division record for career points by scoring, in addition to 12 school records and five Ohio Athletic Conference marks between 1965 and 1968. His school record of 106 career extra points held up for 30 years, while his record of 166 career points by kicking lasted for more than 20 years.

A 1995 Wittenberg Athletics Hall of Honor inductee, Mitchell has given back



to his university in a variety of ways. In recent years, he has hosted students involved with Wittenberg's Communication Leaders program when they visit Chicago, providing a tour of the *Chicago Tribune* offices, taking time to answer their questions and sharing professional insight. ■ —Ryan Maurer



Hall Of Honor Inductees Recognized

Bob Wagner '69, Tom Young '70, Sarah Newlin '96, Sarah Jurewicz '98, Joe Govern '80 and the late longtime statistician Joe Clayton joined 178 others in Wittenberg's Athletics Hall of Honor during Homecoming 2009. The six members of the Class of 2009 were inducted at a banquet on Friday, Oct. 23, during Homecoming, and were introduced to Wittenberg's loyal fans during halftime of the football game against Carnegie Mellon, which the Tigers won 28-7. ■

Pam Evans Smith Scholars Named For 2009-2010

The legacy of the late Pam Evans Smith '82 continues through the scholarship founded in her name. In 2009-10, the Pam Evans Smith '82 Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Danielle Remington '10 and Stephanie Boardman '10.

Given annually to deserving female seniors who have shown excellence in leadership and academic achievement throughout their careers at Wittenberg, the scholarship honors Smith's dedicated service to Wittenberg – including a 21-year basketball coaching career in which she led the Tigers to eight NCAA Division III Tournament appearances and 11 North Coast Athletic Conference regular season championships. A seven-time NCAC Coach of the Year, Smith was an inspiration to students, especially as she battled cancer for more than 15 years. Remington and Boardman excel in different areas of athletics at Wittenberg, and the selection committee determined that both embody the spirit of the award.

Remington is a member of the university's sports medicine staff, and she is involved in numerous other campus activities, including the Emerging Leaders Program and several honor societies.

Boardman was a first-team All-NCAC honoree in basketball in 2008-09, is an active volunteer and a member of two honor societies. Both Remington and Boardman are biology majors planning to pursue graduate degrees after Wittenberg. Remington plans to pursue a career in optometry, while Boardman hopes for a career in the medical field.

"I want to say thanks to everyone who has supported the Pam Evans Smith '82 Memorial Scholarship Fund, and I hope they will continue to make contributions in the future," said Pam's husband, Roger Smith, who continues to raise money for the scholarships through various activities and events. "Every gift, no matter how small, honors Pam's memory and makes a difference in the lives of Wittenberg students." ■

–Trent Brunic '10

Women's Soccer Head Coach Wins 100th Game

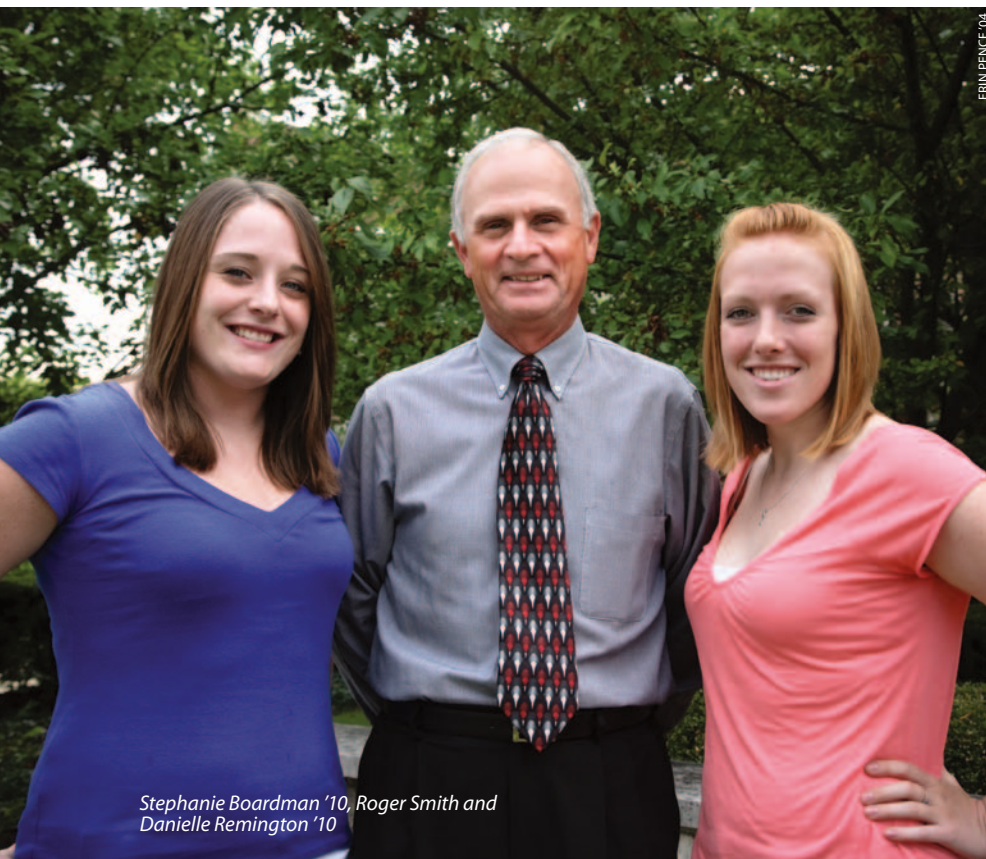


Women's Soccer Head Coach Norm Riker wasn't sure what the most significant achievement was as he boarded the team bus on Wednesday, Sept. 30. Not only did he guide the Tigers to the program's first win at North Coast Athletic Conference rival Ohio Wesleyan in more than a decade, but he also reached a personal milestone with the 100th victory of his career.

After leading the Tigers to a 12-5-5 overall record in 2009, Riker now has a personal record at 95-46-24 at Wittenberg and 106-53-25 overall, including one season at Vassar College. Riker's teams have consistently been ranked in the top 10 in the region, and the Tigers have also been a frequent visitor to the national top 25 over the last three years.

"For me, (100 wins) represents all the great players and people I have coached throughout my career, going all the way back to Vassar," said Riker, whose team won its fourth straight NCAC Tournament title in 2009. "The years at Wittenberg have been a lot of hard work, which makes this such a great milestone to reach. I just can't say thanks enough to all of the players and coaches who I have worked with over the years." ■

–Ryan Maurer



Stephanie Boardman '10, Roger Smith and Danielle Remington '10



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Star Athletes Motivate Football Team

For several years, Head Football Coach Joe Fincham has invited football alumni to share their advice and inspire current players to perform at their best. This year continued the tradition as Fincham welcomed Scott Watters '87 prior to the official start of the season. Best known by his nickname "Muddy," Watters was a record-setting linebacker for the football team. A four-year letterwinner, two-time team MVP and 2004 Hall of Honor inductee, Watters holds the Wittenberg records for tackles in a season (164) and a career (472). He earned All-OAC honors three times in his career, capped by first-team honors in 1986. As the team captain that year, Watters also earned the team's Golden Helmet Award, first-team All-America honors and the Lee Tressel Award as the top player in the state of Ohio. ■

Sports Illustrated Web Site Features Ray Mears

On Feb. 26, 1961, the iconic national news magazine *Sports Illustrated* ran a feature story on the late Wittenberg men's basketball head coach Ray Mears. Titled "Mr. Wonderful Of Wittenberg," the story was recently posted to the SI.com Web site in a section called "SI Vault, Your Link To Sports History."

Ironically, the story was written just months before Mears left Wittenberg for the University of Tennessee, where he enjoyed a legendary career. His overall winning percentage of .747, which includes his 121-23 record at Wittenberg between 1956 and 1962, ranks 17th in NCAA history. Mears led the Tigers to three Ohio Athletic Conference regular season titles, three OAC Tournament titles and the 1961 NCAA College Division championship. A link to the complete story is available on Wittenberg's athletics home page at www.wittenberg.edu/athletics. ■

Maurer Campaign Raises Nearly \$700,000

One of the most successful grassroots fundraising efforts in Wittenberg history recently culminated in an announcement that the Committee to Honor Dave Maurer had raised a total of \$672,690 to fund scholarships in the legendary coach's name. More than 100 donors gave generously to the scholarship fund, which was celebrated on Dave Maurer Day, Nov. 1, 2008, with a banquet in Maurer's honor. At that time, the original goal of \$100,000 was announced. A successful fundraising campaign was capped by a gift of \$336,345 from Wes Bates '70, a member of the Wittenberg Board of Directors, and CEO and Chairman of the Board of Stanley Steemer International.



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The Dave Maurer Honorary Scholarship, named for the legendary coach, athletics administrator and professor, is awarded annually to a sophomore, junior or senior male student with financial need who has demonstrated such qualities as self-discipline, teamwork, cooperation, hard work, self-confidence, pride in accomplishment, competitive spirit and the ability to deal with adversity. It is a tuition scholarship that may be renewable on an annual basis or may be rotated, per the committee's discretion.

Maurer remains one of the most beloved Wittenberg leaders and mentors in the illustrious history of the university's varsity athletics program, especially among the student-athletes he guided on and off the field during his 40 years (1955-95).

Those serving on The Committee to Honor Dave Maurer included Chairman Steve Drongowski '74, Co-Chairs Roy Allen '63, Ron Duncan '66, Jack Henkle '62 and Tom Prior '62. The rest of the committee included Jim Donnellon '79, Bob Hamilton '63, Bill Hauser '78, Gene Miller '65, Doug Moore '76, Jay Reis '68, Scott "Muddy" Watters '87, Jim Logue '62, Paul Valente and Head Football Coach Joe Fincham. ■ —Ryan Maurer



GameDay Central Debuts

Football fans enjoyed a new online tool in 2009, starting with the first round of the NCAA Division III Football Championships. "GameDay Central," a one-stop shop for the various multimedia elements, includes links to pregame notes packages, postgame boxscores and game stories, audio previews and postgame highlights, photo galleries and live audio and video offerings. Thousands

of Tiger fans utilized GameDay Central at www.wittenberg.edu to follow the team in its quest for a 2009 national championship. ■

**Sports
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Wittenberg takes NCAC All-Sports lead after stellar fall season

Join the club! Tiger Athletics builds fan base on Facebook.

Swimming, diving teams raise money for cancer research again in 2009

Read more at www.wittenberg.edu/athletics

Education Innovation

Across the country, in cities and towns large and small, the debate about the state of our nation's schools and what to do about it rages on. Failing schools, dwindling school resources and teacher burnout point to what many call a national crisis. As a whole movement looks to test scores and student outcomes as the primary indicators of a school's health, education professors Bob Welker and Lowell Monke, together with a small group of graduate students, have developed a brand new theory that boldly challenges the way we look at schools and how we measure their effectiveness on a national scale.

by Gabrielle Antoniadis

The scene is a classroom in Blair Hall, spring 2009. Graduate students and two professors are discussing the crisis in education. As practicing teachers, the graduate students bring their real-world experiences to the table, and as the end of the semester nears, the core ideas behind

a new and innovative school concept reveal themselves.

Called "restorative schools," the concept literally turns school change theory on its head as it focuses on the quality of the workplace rather than looking exclusively at measures such as student test scores.

At its center is the idea that teachers, students, administrators and support staff do their best work when they come to their daily tasks with enthusiasm, purpose and joy. A restorative school then is such a place – a place that teachers want **continued next page...**





to come to, a place where all members of the school are energized and supported, and a place that, in turn, helps everyone deliver his/her very best self.

What sets the restorative school theory apart is its assertion that healthy school environments are important ends in themselves. A school is a workplace and thus it should be healthy, supportive and yes, productive – as that is a likely by-product of a beneficial work environment. But schools should be healthy places for people because teachers, staff and especially children deserve to work in good environments. It is that simple.

“We want to change the dynamics of the conversation about schools and how we evaluate their effectiveness,” said Associate Professor of Education Lowell Monke. “Can we judge what is valuable about a school by criteria other than test scores?”

That means examining schools through a different lens. It demands that we put a value on our teachers and staff by considering and improving the environments in which they work. And, in the end, the benefits of a positive and healthy working environment will surely extend well beyond the personal well-being of individuals, leading the broader school community to blossom.

“The business world has recognized the importance of a positive work environment,” said Professor of Education Bob Welker. “It is stunning that we don’t look at schools that way.”

This is especially surprising given that in urban America, schools and hospitals are the primary employers in a community, making schools one of the most important work environments in the country. Welker and Monke, with their students, are one of the

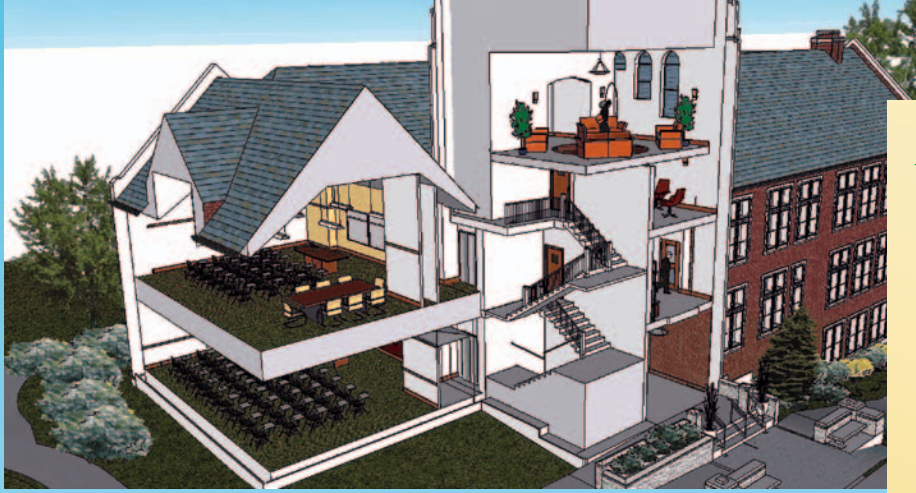
first to systematically examine the school environment and how it affects teacher performance and overall school operations.

Too often, they say, school environments drain teachers, resulting in turnover or burnout – nationally, 40-50 percent of new teachers leave the field after five years. The demands placed on teachers by parents, administrators and the rigors of constant testing are making schools places of conflict and stress. Restorative schools would seek to change that by creating healthy environments that invigorate teachers and the entire school community.

Welker and Monke will continue to refine the concept and develop tools to assess schools with their students in a series of classes that began last spring. The initial class was born out of Monke’s and Welker’s belief that if anyone was to make meaningful progress in solving the problems of schools, they needed to listen to the teachers themselves and figure out what serves their needs best. Their graduate students – practicing teachers from the Springfield area – were so excited by the results of their investigation that they demanded a second class to continue their research and expand the restorative schools concept.

Where the first class developed the concept, students in the second class worked over the summer to actually develop instruments to examine existing schools and where they stand. Now, perhaps not surprisingly, the students want more. Welker is teaching a third iteration of the class this fall in which students will take the concept out into the real world and apply their framework to evaluate the schools where they work.





A new building for new ideas

Next fall, as students continue to develop and test their groundbreaking restorative schools concept, they will do so in a newly renovated Blair Hall. The \$5 million renovation of the 100-year-old building began this summer and is expected to be completed by fall 2010. The building will be entirely gutted to create new windows, new access points, new elevators and new space for state-of-the-art technology. The goal is to maintain the building's historic features while creating a learning space that accommodates the needs of today's students and inspires creative thinking and innovation – the kind, for example, that produced the restorative schools concept.

From academic exploration to practical application

The students' enthusiasm for this class thrills Welker and Monke not only because it has produced a new concept, but also because it represents the kind of learning and professional development that they hope to implement across the department. For example, the whole point of the class Welker and Monke taught was to create information and tools that are helpful to actual teachers in the real world. And that is what they did and continue to do.

"This class is a model of what we hope our master's program can evolve into – where students are doing real, on-the-ground work that makes a difference in schools even as they are learning to enrich their own work," Monke said. "The work these students are doing has consequences."

In this case, by developing the concept of restorative schools, they actually look to help schools improve working conditions for students and teachers. This kind of experiential learning – where students share knowledge, examine a real problem and propose real solutions – prepares students to think about best practices and gives them tools to face the challenges they will surely tackle in their career.

That is the premise behind a pilot program launched this fall in the department's graduate studies program. The new program will bring together teachers from across districts in the area into "cohorts" organized around specific subjects. The subject of this fall's pilot cohort is diverse learners, and it will allow

participating students to engage in more focused inquiry on that topic.

"The purpose of the cohorts is to encourage focused study within the graduate program to lead to more unique and developed work," said Sally Brannan, associate professor of education and director of graduate studies. "We hope the cohorts will bring more attention to things that teachers can use out in the field in their classrooms."

It is an important innovation for the department – one that encourages heightened collaboration among teachers within schools or regions. After evaluating the success of the pilot cohort this semester, they will explore the idea of new cohorts for math, science or literacy.

"Talking together with each other, examining schools in practice – these are powerful learning events for teachers," Welker said. "What's more, teachers have told us that courage to create real change comes when people come together."

The research continues

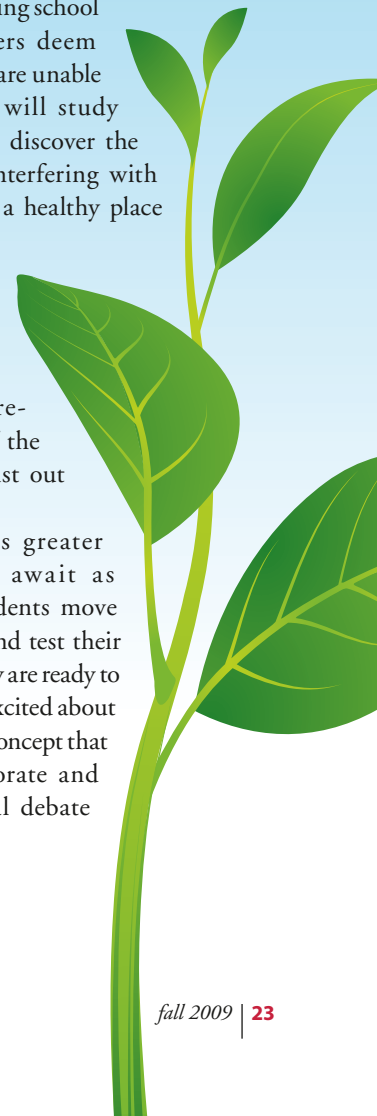
And it is real change that Welker and Monke hope to see as they apply the restorative schools concept in the broader school community. As they examine existing schools this fall and in the future, they will pay particular attention to four specific areas: workplace conditions, community/parent involvement, staffing quality and discipline (defined as the practice of teachers learning from each other). Though these are areas that have been well studied in existing school

change literature, Welker and Monke are challenging their students to reconsider the meanings of these terms with the restorative idea at the center.

So far, it has been no easy task to find examples of an existing school that the researchers deem "restorative." If they are unable to find any, they will study effective schools to discover the features that are interfering with making the school a healthy place to work.

"It may be," Monke explained, "that the whole idea, or portions of the idea need to be rethought because of the conditions that exist out there in the world."

And so it seems greater discoveries still await as professors and students move into another year and test their theory. For now, they are ready to be challenged and excited about further exploring a concept that promises to invigorate and enrich the national debate about our schools. ■





Leading Change

Jennifer Vanica '76
is transforming
the national
conversation
about community
development.

by Gabrielle Antoniadis

Jennifer Vanica '76 has not forgotten the day her high school English teacher tapped her on the shoulder, gave her \$1,200 in cash and told her to go to college. The teacher asked her to commit to do what she thought was the equivalent for someone else later in life in the name of education. That \$1,200, combined with a scholarship from Wittenberg, was enough to get her to college.

“Going to college at Wittenberg was a transformative experience I will appreciate forever,” Vanica says. “Receiving that gift from my teacher got me to college and made me think deeply about being a part of a cycle of giving back and passing opportunity onto others.”

The principle became the foundation for her career. For more than 25 years, from Ohio to California, she has raised millions of dollars to help change people’s lives. Her start in fundraising came in Wittenberg’s Office of Advancement, where she raised money for the Seth Thomas Hotchkiss clock that still sits atop Recitation Hall and where she participated in her first multi-million-dollar capital campaign. She also worked with some of her colleagues to start Project Woman in Springfield along with the area’s first rape-crisis line.

“That’s when I knew I had it in my blood to be an organizer and to be engaged in

the helping profession in some way,” she says.

Raised in Bellefontaine, Ohio, a self-described “vagabond” with no aspirations for college, Vanica was looking for the fastest way out of her small town. At the age of 15, she landed at a work camp on an Indian reservation in Wyoming; a year later she was working with Cesar Chavez, the Mexican-American farm worker and civil rights activist. These “eye-opening and life-changing” experiences made her want to get an education.

“I wanted to do something related to improving the conditions of people around the country,” she says.

Today, she is president and CEO of the Jacobs Family Foundation and Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation. She is the architect of an innovative, resident-led transformation of a San Diego community, an area once known as the “Four Corners of Death” – home to 42 gangs, no major grocery store and a deserted, 20-acre brownfield. That site is now known as Market Creek Plaza, an economic engine and a thriving commercial and cultural plaza with 11 businesses, more than 200 jobs, millions of dollars reinvested in the community and lower crime.

And that is only the beginning—Market Creek Plaza is the first phase of a larger community redevelopment plan that will transform 45 blighted acres into The Village at Market Creek. The Village is a multi-cultural area connected by pedestrian and bike paths and parks that will eventually attract \$700 million in new investment to fund an additional 350,000 square feet of retail space, 800 new jobs and 800 new homes.

The statistics Vanica is most proud of, however, relate to the involvement of the original residents of this once devastated neighborhood: Since 1997, more than 3,000 residents participated in teams to plan, design, build and lease Market Creek Plaza. Today, residents own and operate the Plaza, and 69 percent of those employed there are residents.

It is all part of the Jacobs Center’s mission, “Resident Ownership of Neighborhood Change,” which is based on the philosophy that residents must own and drive change

“Everyone knows the adage ‘Give a man a fish, and he’ll eat today, teach a man to fish and he’ll eat for a lifetime,’” she explains. “We simply added ‘Help him own the pond and stock it, and his children and grandchildren will also eat.’”

in their community to make it meaningful and sustainable. To some degree, this focus was born out of Vanica’s and the Jacobs family’s personal experiences observing how traditional philanthropy did, or often did not, address the underlying issues of poverty and disinvestment in communities. She recalls a visit to Cairo, Egypt, where they saw huge, abandoned economic projects outside the city. When they asked residents why they were abandoned, the residents replied that they had never wanted them. Had someone asked them, she says, they would have found out that beehives and goats would have been much more useful.

“Foundations often start out with a vision of what a community needs. They design predetermined outcomes and expect the results to coincide with their ideas,” she notes. “We wondered what we could do to change that in our own philanthropic work.”

So they threw out the book of what foundations typically do, zeroed in on one community and got into a dialogue with the residents to figure out what they wanted. By becoming partners with the community, Vanica and the Jacobs foundations supported the residents in taking ownership of the process of rebuilding their community. It started with community surveys and living room meetings, and progressed to the formation of resident “working teams” responsible for specific areas of the Plaza’s development.

One of the partnership’s greatest innovations took the idea of ownership to the next level: actual community

ownership of assets. It was a novel idea that took six years to accomplish, but Jennifer and her team of residents and legal experts launched the country’s first Community Development Initial Public Offering (CD-IPO). The community is literally invested in itself. And that is the core of what Vanica believes creates sustained, generational change.

Vanica has become a leader in bridging disciplines – from philanthropy to smart growth to social enterprise – and building partnerships that advance innovative solutions for comprehensive, sustainable community change. By sharing the Market Creek experience with others, she is helping residents, foundations, civic leaders and all community stakeholders find new roles to play in community development. Last year, more than 2,000 visitors – many from around the world – came to see what resident-led renewal looks like and how to be more supportive of that model.

“It is really extraordinary to see residents shine and lead and tackle some of the country’s most entrenched issues,” she says. “The residents here have taken blight and turned it on its head, created valuable assets and returned them to the community.”

Her pioneering work recently earned her the James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award this year, which recognizes extraordinary leaders advancing innovative and effective solutions to issues in California. She feels honored by the recognition of her team and excited about how the model of Market Creek might be used to transform other communities.

Inspired by the concept expressed in Wittenberg’s motto of passing light onto others and the sacrifice of her teacher, Vanica is now grounded in a strong sense of duty to help others, a compassion for all and a belief in people’s innate abilities and creativity. She has learned to take risks and to always stay in a “learning place.” As an English major, she surely never thought she would be managing a mission-related network of 13 businesses or designing a new kind of CD-IPO, but as she says:

“If you don’t know you *can’t* do something, you can very often shock yourself by doing that and more.” ■

Pure *and* Natural

Off a one-lane country road outside Williamsport, Ohio, a simple wooden farmer's stand hints of a life re-prioritized. Not far from the stand sits an organic produce farm where passers-by often catch a glimpse of a lone woman planting or harvesting at all hours. For city folks, these scenes may seem surreal, but for Becky '04, Isaac '99 and Jayne Gerber Barnes '03, they confirm that a dream has come true.



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Becky and Isaac

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To see an extended video feature of this story, visit www.wittenberg.edu/magazine.

by Karen Gerboth '93

If the buzzing of bees does not grab a visitor's attention at Honeyrun Farm, then perhaps Becky, Jayne and Isaac Barnes' smiles will. The three come from generational farming families and their positive, genuine personalities quickly reveal their friendly small-town roots. Mere minutes after arriving at their Williamsport, Ohio-based farm, 30 miles south of Columbus, guests find themselves at peace in their presence, surrounded by fields and family homesteads. Becky's mud-caked pants and boots easily disclose her unrelenting commitment to organic produce farming, and the fact she is able to take time to chat proves to be a rarity in her normal 15-hour days.

A few moments later, the trio gathers in a family dining room where the smell of old-fashioned homemade chicken and noodles cooking in the kitchen slowly fills the air. Now seated, Becky, Jayne and Isaac begin to share the story of how their joint farming venture evolved.

The place was Wittenberg. Isaac, Becky's brother and Jayne's husband, was the first of the three Honeyrun Farm partners to attend what seemed like the family's alma mater. Isaac's and Becky's mother, Karla Krieger Barnes '72, was the valedictorian of her class, and other relatives had followed the path to Wittenberg as well. As Isaac considered his own college options, Wittenberg easily topped the list.

He also knew something else about his life. To him, life was better lived engaged with the environment and not in the traditional eight-to-five confines of corporate life. His early upbringing certainly inspired his thinking. Growing up in the country on his family's farm, Isaac would spend countless hours outside, and unlike other kids his age, he could easily decipher what maple trees had sap along with the location of every kind of arrowhead. His love of the outdoors eventually translated into pursuing geology as his major. After graduation, he

returned to his hometown for the summers to work but spent the winters out west in Colorado before going to Montana, where he eventually happened upon a trained beekeeper.

"Something just clicked, and I said I really like this," recalls Isaac, who previously viewed beekeeping as a hobby. "I just loved working with the bees."

Meanwhile, back in Ohio, Becky was beginning her first year at Wittenberg, where Jayne was a sophomore. The two eventually met in a German class, and subsequent conversations about their respective lives yielded some interesting connections. Jayne, it turns out, had grown up on a dairy farm, while Becky's family farm produced grain. Jayne's parents' farm was located in a small northern Ohio Mennonite community, where Jayne's high school graduating class consisted of only 70 students. For Jayne, coming to Wittenberg offered unprecedented avenues and opportunities for personal growth.

"I wanted to go to Wittenberg to make my own way," she says. "I knew Wittenberg would allow me to think about the world in so many ways."

Becky and Jayne also discovered that they shared an interest in sociology with both majoring in the same discipline.

"Sociology changed my perspective on life, and I found I was interested in everything and wanted to think deeper about things," Becky says.

"I saw how I could use sociology to understand all other perspectives," Jayne adds. "Sociology influenced how I see the world as well as the way I understand my occupation and how systems work."

As Becky and Jayne's friendship grew, so did a dream – one that actually became more real during a trip to Germany their junior year. They began to wonder if they could find a way to start their





Jayne and Mason



own farm not using the traditional farming techniques passed down to them by their parents. Could they combine their interests in organic living and farming, and still be successful?

Determined to find out, Becky and Jayne decided to seek out some actual experience with organic farming, so they headed to Big Sky country where Jayne entered graduate school at the University of Montana. Although both had tried the eight-to-five world for a short time, Becky and Jayne could not deny their respective soul's work. Farming was their passion, and when an opportunity arose to work on an organic farm in Montana, they took it.

"We had no clue what we were doing," Becky remembers.

Around this time, another interesting development occurred. After dating for years, Jayne and Isaac, now a trained beekeeper himself, married, and the three decided to head back to Becky and Isaac's home base of Williamsport. The circle in some ways now complete, Becky and Jayne's organic farming dream became even more enriched thanks to Isaac's expertise in honey production. By 2008, the three were ready to open for business, and Honeyrun Farm was born.

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Committed to serving its market with fresh, sustainably grown vegetables and flowers, raw honey, and handcrafted soap, Honeyrun Farm strives to produce environmentally mindful goods by taking a step back in time into small-scale farming with a focus on diversity, freshness and ecologically friendly practices.

Living their dream and adhering to the farm's mission and vision have proved rewarding and challenging. On any given day and during all hours of the day, Becky, who handles the produce component of Honeyrun Farm, can be found planting, picking and transporting everything from Asian greens and Swiss chard to sweet corn and scorzonera. Jayne focuses on growing flowers for sale along with homemade soap production, while Isaac manages

75 hives with about 50,000 bees each in his quest to provide the finest honey.

The hours all three commit to their separate crafts and to Honeyrun Farm as a whole may seem unimaginable to those pursuing non-agricultural careers. Even more inspiring is just how focused they are not only on their work, but also on their work as it relates to life. While office politics at times bog down corporate efficiency, the Barnes' family produces on pure adrenaline. While modern technology advances their business, Becky, Isaac and Jayne leave the texting and e-mail to non-work times, preferring instead to create memories of home-cooked meals and meaningful conversation around a family table.

"Our dream is to be farmers who can make enough for the kids," Jayne says, holding her 3-month-old girl, Maizy, in her arms with 2-year-old big brother Mason standing near Isaac. "I want our kids to grow up on a farm and eat the produce right out of the ground. Kids should see the connection with nature."

They also want to teach them the definition of hard work and responsibility.

"Digging 100 feet of potatoes is hard, but I do it because I believe it's a better product and something you just can't get from the store," Jayne says. "No matter how much work it takes, it's the product that matters most to me."

"I'm inspired by the customers," Becky adds. "I know them, so I'll go pick tomatoes at 11 p.m. because I know my customers appreciate it."

Columbus-based restaurants desiring organically grown produce, honey and flowers, along with a range of local farmers' markets provide the majority of income for Honeyrun Farm. As the full-time organic produce farmer, Becky ensures that her customers receive what they request – no matter what.

Just this evening, as a light autumn rain shower blankets her plantings and the air turns a crisp 45 degrees, Becky ventures outside to continue picking the best vegetables for her loyal customers and then prepares them for personal delivery.

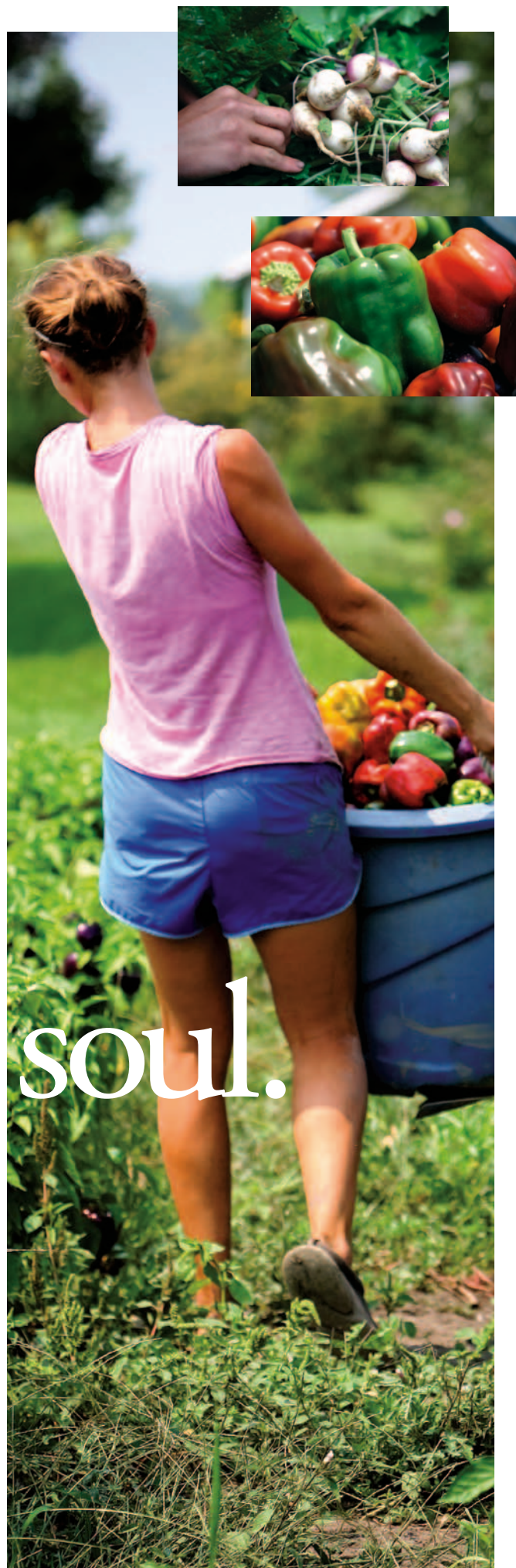
"Becky works incredibly hard," Jayne explains. "It's amazing. She does it because she believes in it."

lishing *our* soul.

"I was raised around grain farms, and I often hear advice from neighbors on organic farming," says Becky, who has carved out a section of her family's farm for her organic produce operation. "Some think it is silly or not the best way. Sometimes I also have to help people see that I am the farmer, and that I'm doing this work by myself. But I know my product, and I know where it came from."

"It's never a normal day," Isaac adds. "The bees, for me, are a wild animal, and sometimes I feel like we put in so many hours without always knowing the result. But it's then that I realize that this is who we are. We're establishing our soul." ■

Be sure to view the 10-minute video feature on the Barnes family at www.wittenberg.edu/magazine.



Witt Nation 2009 Concludes

Cross-Country Summer Road Trip Unites Alumni

For 33 days this past summer, Ashley Manson '09 and Ben McCombs '09 traveled 8,000 miles across the country's highways and byways to engage with more than 1,000 alumni during the second annual Witt Nation, June 19-July 31. The 27-city tour allowed Manson and McCombs, and their occasional guest riders from Wittenberg's faculty and staff, to bring Wittenberg to the hometowns of its alumni.

"I'm continually amazed by how our alumni pass on their light in such meaningful ways," said Alumni Relations Director Linda Prain Beals '87. "From the Witt Nation crew, thank you!" ■



Alumni Relations Welcomes New Assistant Director

Throughout his college career and leading up to it, Stefan Diehm '08 has lived his alma mater's motto of "Having light we pass it on to others." He will now continue that tradition as the university's new assistant alumni relations director. Diehm replaces Ashley Peterson '07 who recently left to attend graduate school.



As assistant director, Diehm will help to coordinate regional alumni events, Homecoming, alumni travel opportunities and communication materials. Prior to this position, Diehm interned with Springfield High School where he assumed

full responsibility of a 10th-grade American History class through the Wittenberg Teacher Education Program.

From 2003 to 2008, Diehm worked with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, where he served as the program director and program counselor for the Conneaut, Ohio-based Camp Luther. As a member of a college-age camp staff, he helped to develop group and individual faith-based programs for children, teenagers and adults.

While on campus, Diehm, a history major and education minor, also shared his gifts as a member of the all-male a capella group, Wittmen Crew, serving as its vice president of operations and regularly performing with the group at numerous events. ■

New Initiative Enhances Alumni Engagement Efforts

Communication to and between alumni and the university will grow even more thanks to a new initiative led by the Office of University Advancement. As part of the effort, a new online community will be established, which will create greater opportunities for alumni to connect with each other. A complete directory of all alumni will be available in the new site, along with improved access to register for alumni events, make a gift and stay connected with the university. Members will have the ability to manage their own pages, as well as connect that information with the popular social networking site, Facebook. Alumni should expect more detailed communication about the official launch to the community after Jan. 31. Keep an eye on your e-mail inbox in 2010 to get connected. ■

Final Volume of Sermons Published

For 18 years, The Rev. Dr. Michael D. Wuchter '68 served as pastor to his alma mater. In 2000, while on a mission trip to Africa, Wuchter passed away, but his words live on through a compilation of his sermons published by his wife Shirley Dyer Wuchter '68.

With *Walking with Christ: Sermons for the Summer Season*, Shirley Wuchter has completed the series of four volumes of sermons written by her late husband. She recently signed copies of the fourth and final volume during Homecoming 2009. The three previous books include sermons for the spring, winter and autumn seasons. ■



Wittenberg Choir Heads East For 2010 Tour



Thursday, March 4

Zion Lutheran Church
11609 Frankstown Road
Pittsburg, Pa.

Friday, March 5

St. James Lutheran Church
109 York Street
Gettysburg, Pa.

Saturday, March 6

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
415 East Athens Avenue
Ardmore, Pa.

Sunday, March 7

St. John's Lutheran Church
587 Springfield Avenue
Summit, N.J.

Sunday, March 7

King of Kings Lutheran Church
145 U.S. Hwy. 46
Mountain Lakes, N.J.

Monday, March 8

Grace Lutheran Church
1200 River Road
Teaneck, N.J.

Tuesday, March 9

Zion Lutheran Church
531 Woodruff Street
Southington, Conn.

Wednesday, March 10

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
24 Berwick Street
Norwood, Mass.

Thursday, March 11

Lutheran Church of Our Savior
2415 Chili Avenue
Rochester, N.Y.

Friday, March 12

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2669 Sheridan Drive
North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Saturday, March 13

Luther Memorial Church
225 West 10th Street
Erie, Pa.

Sunday, March 14

Trinity Lutheran Church
508 Center Street
Ashland, Ohio

Wednesday, March 17

Epiphany Lutheran Church
Far Hills, Ohio

Friday, March 19

Weaver Chapel
Wittenberg University

Special Alumni Events

Dec. 8

Columbus Holiday Party,
Whole Foods-Dublin

Dec. 11

Springfield/Dayton – Lessons
and Carols – Weaver Chapel

Dec. 14

Boca Raton/Palm Beach
Gathering

Feb. 28

Alumni College: Ringling
College of Art and Design,
Exhibit at the Selby Gallery

March 14

Sarasota Alumni Event –
Sarasota Yacht Club

March 19-20

East Asian Studies 40th
Anniversary Celebration on
Campus

March 26-27

Chicago Alumni Event

April 8-12

New York City Alumni Travel
Opportunity

April 19-2

San Francisco Alumni Travel
Opportunity

June 9-13

Alumni College: "These Are
a Few of My Favorite Things"
on Campus

Aug. 8-14

Alumni College: Sacred
Spaces, Chautauqua, N.Y.

Contact the Office of Alumni
Relations for more information
at (937) 327-7424.

'60 |

*Class Reunion, Homecoming/
Reunion Weekend 2010*

'62 |

Gilbert Belles recently received the 2009 Distinguished Friend of the College of Fine Arts and Communication Award from Western Illinois University and the Distinguished Service Award from The McDonough County Historical Society for his contributions to the cemetery sign marking project and his efforts to preserve the history of McDonough County.

Bonnie G. Berger delivered the keynote address on exercise at the inaugural conference of the British Psychological Society's Division of Sport and Exercise Psychology in London. She spoke on "Roles of Exercise in Quality of Life: Exploring Integral Relationships," which is among her research specializations at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

'64 |

Ronald R. Gilbert, a member of *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the World* and *Who's Who in American Law*, serves on the American Standards

and Testing Materials International committee. In 2008, he was named in the top 25 in the aquatic industry. As an attorney with the Foundation for Aquatic Injury, he has litigated more than 300 aquatic cases in the last 25 years. Ron also has six publications in the Library of Congress.

'65 |

John A. Meister, Dayton, Ohio, has retired as manager of duplicating and materials management at Sinclair Community College.



Gil Belles '62



The Rev. Denver Bitner '70

'66 |

A. Dale Truscott is a visiting instructor in the philosophy department at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He teaches humanities, religion and philosophy.

'67 |

R. Michael and Mary Hartman Huffman '69 live in Accokeek, Md. Mary is a training specialist with the United States Investigations Services, Arlington, Va.

James P. Osborne, who spent 40 years as the head basketball coach at Gallia Academy High School in Gallipolis, Ohio, was honored by the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association as the recipient of the Paul Walker Award for his many significant contributions to high school basketball.

'69 |

David W. Chilson of Bowling Green, Ohio, has been inducted into the Brush High School Alumni Association Wall of Achievement in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

'70 |

Denver W. Bitner, Rockford, Ill., has been installed as the

new president of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Des Plaines, Ill.

Paul W. Heine is pastor of Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Youngstown, Ohio.

Pamela Neely Tomkins, Yuma, Ariz., is an artist with 37 years experience at the potter's wheel. She has been nominated for a Governor's Art Award.

'71 |

Richard E. Harker, Silver Spring, Md., is a corporate database manager with MedStar Health, Lutherville, Md.

John G. Himelfarb, Dallas, Texas, is president of Homemade Gourmet.

'72 |

James A. Gundy III is the assistant head of school for advancement with the Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, Ohio.

'73 |

Ronald F. and Margot Morris Klawitter live in Colbert, Wash. Ron has been inducted into the Ohio Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

'74 |

Jennette Bradley is serving as chief executive officer of the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin-



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Helen "Copey" Copenhaver Hanes '39 *Lives Life For Others*

Wittenberg values education, passion and commitment to community. Helen "Copey" Copenhaver Hanes has spent a lifetime sharing those values in extraordinary measure, so much so that her alma mater recently bestowed on her an Alumni Citation Award for exceptional personal or professional accomplishment that has brought honor to Wittenberg. Her journey to Wittenberg began in Virginia, where her father, The Rev. Eldridge Copenhaver, served as interim president of then-Marion College, a Lutheran women's junior college, during the Depression. The family lived on campus, and Hanes completed two years there before coming to Wittenberg, where her father had earlier received an honorary doctorate of divinity.

After graduation, Copenhaver traveled to North Carolina where she studied drama at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and later taught music and dramatic arts. Her love for the arts came naturally, and she grew up in an environment that nurtured her interest.

"It seems I always studied piano and voice," Hanes said. "My mother was musical, and we loved dramatics."

Her passion found multiple outlets, both as a philanthropist and as a volunteer, in Winston-Salem. With its long history as a community of artisans, Winston-Salem is also home to several educational institutions, including Salem Academy, where Hanes once taught, and Salem College.

"Salem College was established in 1752 and hasn't closed its doors one day in all these years," Hanes said. "It was founded by the Moravians, who have been wonderful custodians and neighbors."

Hanes and her late husband, James Gordon Hanes Jr., president and CEO of the Hanes Corporation, established the North Carolina School of the Arts and provided financial support for the Diggs Gallery at Winston-Salem State University. Hanes supports other area schools, colleges, churches, galleries, museums and libraries. She also established the Centenary Scholarship Endowment Fund at Duke Divinity School, and scholarships to The Outdoor Academy of the Southern Appalachians. Her commitments have been recognized with a variety of honorary degrees and community awards.

"It's a lovely place to live – a cultural center," Hanes said of her much loved Winston-Salem. "They're always accusing me of working for the Chamber of Commerce. ■

—Phyllis Eberts '00

Badgerland Council Inc.,
LaCrosse, Wis.

John A. Hrivnak, St. Charles, Ill., is providing architectural and facility consulting services as Hrivnak Associates Ltd.

David E. and Catherine Koch Schildknecht live in Cincinnati, Ohio. David, who writes for several publications including *The Wine Advocate* and *Vineria*, has also contributed to several books on wine. Last spring, he gave the commencement address at the University of Delaware, speaking on the value of a liberal arts education. Catherine continues to teach history at the junior high and high school level at Mount Notre Dame High School. She has been selected by the College Board in Littleton, Colo., to read AP European exams. She has traveled to London, England, and Wahnseer, The Netherlands, to participate in an NEH seminar, "The Dutch Republic and Britain: The Making of Modern Society and a European World Economy."

'75

Barbara Mulhern Fowler, who is with Prudential Insurance in Newark, N.J., served as an executive-in-residence at Wittenberg. She conducted a WittPath Career Chat, made presentations to organizational behavior and human resource management classes before giving the keynote presentation, "Leadership Lessons Learned the Hard Way," at a management department colloquium.

Hugh E. Thurlow is director of the library/resource center at the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, Denver, Colo.

'76

Carol E. Clokey, Apex, N.C., is an attorney with the Embarq Corp., Wake Forest, N.C.

Bonnie Morris Miller, Chester, Va., is an associate warden with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Petersburg, Va.

Robert R. Perkoski is the chair of the undergraduate program in information science at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania.



"Vintage" Alpha Nu alumnae of Kappa Delta returned to campus, July 31-Aug. 2, 2009. Seated from left are Marilyn Westfall Becky '49, Betty Lou Jones Yeager '47, Katie Clifford Westfall '47 and Carol Holman Van Deman '49; standing from left are Leigh Peterson Bressoud '56, Caroline Nigh Stickford '51, Marti Mahlie '50, Phyllis Adams Gray '51, Jean White Robinson '50, Betty Klauenberg Francis '50, Mary Ellen Ramsey Bryden '51, Ruth Herman '51, Jackie Nulsen Thompson '51, Betty Reck Lada '52 and Vivian Hehl Carter '52.



Olivia Klenke, 9-15-08



Addison Lambert, 8-6-08



Wesley McKenzie, 10-19-08



Samara Mackey, 12-28-08



Rebecca Smith, 2-7-09



Justin Vogel, 8-19-08

Li'l Tigers

Olivia Joie, daughter of Jennifer Washburn Klenke '94 and husband Brian

Addison Wheeler, daughter of Brandon '95 and Anna Frank Lambert '00

Wesley Joseph, son of Jill Turner McKenzie '94 and husband Christopher

Samara Kalyani, daughter of Marvin Mackey '95 and wife Lisa

Rebecca Catherine, daughter of Gregory D. '90 and Dianna Ford Smith '91

Justin Daniel, son of Kelly McMullen Vogel '01 and husband Dan

'77 | **Gary E. Mills**, New York, N.Y., is serving as assistant to the bishop for global and multicultural mission in the Metropolitan New York Synod/E.L.C.A.

'78 | **Virginia Cargile Golden**, Streetsboro, Ohio, is the principal at Heskett Middle School in Bedford, Ohio. She is a specialized foster parent who has cared for 19 children over a 16-year period.

'79 | **Tina Kus Barnauskas**, Concord, Ohio, is a professor at Lakeland Community College, Willoughby, Ohio.

David W. Herrick is creative director with DH Art Direction Design, Montclair, N.J.

Sandra K. Mueller, Liverpool, N.Y., is the

transportation/safety director for Arc of Onondaga. She was chosen as employee of the year for 2007.

'80 | **Edward T. Estok Jr.**, a Roman Catholic priest, was installed as the pastor of

St. Albert the Great parish in North Royalton, Ohio, on Aug. 9, 2009. Ed, who has celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination, regularly plays golf with his Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brothers.

'81 | **David A. and Jill Hutto Kunde** '82 live in Burnsville, Minn. David is SVP/GM of ILEC operations with Integra Telecom, Prior Lake, Minn.

Robyn L. Zimmann, Dayton, Ohio, is director



Jonathan Page '96 recently arranged a get together at Barley's Smokehouse in Columbus, Ohio, for fellow Delta Sigma Phi brothers, who graduated between 1993 and 1999.



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Scott '76 and Carol Pfeifer Strawn '75

Call Wittenberg Their Second Home

If Scott and Carol Strawn could relive a time in their lives, they would certainly consider their Wittenberg years. Ardent supporters of their alma mater with their time, talent and treasure, Scott and Carol look back at their college days as providing a foundation not only for their professional success but their personal lives as well.

"Wittenberg provided an opportunity to grow, learn and develop before stepping into the 'real' world," said Carol, who majored in business administration at Wittenberg. "It also afforded a foundation for thinking, exploring and decision-making as one moves along through the trials of life."

"Family members, including our son John '07 and more than 20 who have attended Wittenberg, have had the greatest impact on my life," added Scott, a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and also a business administration major. "Influences that started in college and continue today are the relationships I have developed at Wittenberg."

Their love of the place is evident in their actions. In addition to volunteering at various college fairs in and around Cleveland to assist with university recruitment efforts, Scott and Carol are also founding members of the Parents Leadership Circle as well as members of the Benjamin Prince Society and Parents Executive Committee. Scott is also active with Beta Theta Pi. Their dedicated service recently made them the clear choice for the university's most prestigious alumni prize, 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.

As a self-employed CPA, formerly with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. and Reliance Electric, and active member of the Greater Cleveland Boy Scouts, Scott provides advisory services for small businesses and individuals. Carol is a daycare teacher and kindergarten aide following a 10-year career in the mortgage lending industry. Together, they never pass up an opportunity to share the Wittenberg story with others.

"It's important to emphasize the importance of passing on knowledge and the traditions of Wittenberg to young alumni," Scott says. "In so doing, the torch will burn brightly for generations." ■

—Karen Gerboth '93

of operations and education for the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.

'82 |

Charles M. Diez, Sewickley, Pa., is a senior workplace strategist with Steelcase Inc., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Colleen Foegle married Bruce Allen on Oct. 27, 2007. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Colleen has been awarded a graduate assistantship at Xavier University.

J. Ronald and Jenny Grooms Menning live in North Sutton, N.H. Ron is president of the aerospace, defense and positioning control division of the bearings and power transmission group at The Timken Co., Lebanon, N.H.

'83 |

John R. Nave, Dublin, Ohio, is a senior sales executive with Huntington Insurance, Westerville, Ohio.

'84 |

Lewis S. Klatt teaches in the English department at Calvin College, Grand



Fr. Edward Estok '80

Rapids, Mich. His poems have been published in many literary magazines, including the *Colorado Review*, *Boston Review*, *New Orleans Review* and *Verse*. His book, *Interloper: Poems*, published by the University of Massachusetts Press, is the winner of the Juniper Prize for Poetry.

Jay W. Rush, Concord, Mass., is a regional sales director for Sanofi-Advantis U.S. Inc., Cambridge, Mass.

'85 |

Class Reunion, Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend 2010



Chi Omega alumnae from the class of 1971 enjoyed the "Fab Four Reunion" on Dewees Island, S.C. Those attending included Cosy Spittler Mitchell, Pam Carlson Kurtz, Karen Kusel Strough and Susan Yoder Sterling.



Amy Humrichouser '05 and Sarah Spaid Ishida '03 caught up in St. Augustine, Fla., earlier this year.



Chris McCutcheon Byrne '72, Bob Byrne '72, Miho Yasukawa '97, Yasuko Nakayama '70 MSW and Shuichi Kaku '66S reunited at a Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church's ordination service in Tokyo on March 8, 2009.



Alumnae gathered on campus in June 2009 for the P.E.O. Sisterhood's 82nd Annual Convention. Those attending included: Martha Hopkins Cornett '85, Irma Hanneman Studer '49, Linda Sharp Snowberger '61, Christine Pezoldt Bayless-Williams '63, Carolyn Dale Dunkin '79 Janet Hedrick Haberman '62, Linda Mowrey Everhart '59, Joanne Valaska Spratt '73, Ruth Decker Price '62, Adriane Henderson Wagner '95, Margaret Morrow Robinson '68, Carol Houghton Lawton '77, Beth Breneman Taylor '72, Barbara Carr Taylor '63, Gail Gilbert Manbeck Haverdill '68, Penny Collins Sitler '80, Bobbi Maxwell Young '72, Mary Landgrebe Phillips '70, Vicki Horning '98 and Elizabeth Maddocks Beattie '76.

the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama for outstanding contributions to the field of psychodrama, sociometry, group psychotherapy and psychodrama.

Michael F. and Cheryl Klein Sternasty live in Akron, Ohio. Michael is senior vice president of marketing with Willis of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sally J. Utley and John P. "Jay" Burns Jr. '88 were married May 23, 2008. They live in Chicago, Ill.

Timothy J. and Michelle Norman Watson '92 live in Waterford, Conn. Tim, an associate research fellow in chemical research and development at Pfizer in Groton, Conn., is a volunteer scuba diver and underwater photographer at Mystic Aquarium and Institute for Exploration. He used his unique hobbies and extensive experience to author the book, *Howard's Search for a Home: An Underwater Adventure of a Moray Eel*.

Susan M. Zidek is a corporate counsel with Mission Essential Personnel, Columbus, Ohio.

'86 | **Douglas A. Jr. and Jill Sebest Welch** '87 live in Lititz, Pa. Doug is teaching with Kaplan Inc. and making music with his band. Jill is a partner in the law firm of Barley Snyder LLC, Lancaster, Pa.

'87 | **Sarah Love Ireland** is assistant director of admissions at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

'88 | **Lori A. Anthony** of Cleveland, Ohio, has been

appointed chief of the civil rights section in the office of the Ohio Attorney General.

'89 | **Adam M. Barcroft**, Ashfield, Mass., is co-director of the Moreno Institute East, Amherst, Mass. He has received the Zerka T. Moreno Award, given by



ERIN PENCE '04

Caitlin Coleman '05

Embraces Passion for Service

Just four years after graduating from Wittenberg, Caitlin Coleman already has a reputation among her friends for going out of her way to help others. In fact, they lightheartedly tease her about it sometimes. Like many alumni and students, Coleman is passionate about the well-known Wittenberg motto "Having light we pass it on to others." From her days in high school volunteering to working at Wittenberg in the Office of Community Service to her job today as a volunteer coordinator at LifeSource Blood Services, the largest blood bank in Illinois, she is a living example of dedication to service.

"Volunteering and nonprofit work is truly where my heart is," she said. "And it was at Wittenberg that I discovered that I could actually make a career out of that passion."

She said that some of the community service work she did at Wittenberg put her in situations that she was not always comfortable in, but in the end, those experiences were eye-opening and educational. She eventually found herself seeking out new opportunities and, in the process, developed a stronger sense of self and of her ambitions. Her experiences at Wittenberg solidified her deep sense of civic engagement, and she fully intends to continue to make a career in the nonprofit world.

"I have to feel the passion of the organization, and I really get that in my job now," she said. "For one, I am continually inspired by the generosity of those who give. But it is also a great feeling to know that the work I do directly benefits people in life-threatening situations."

When she is not working, she is volunteering for organizations such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation or the Ronald McDonald House. This summer she helped organize a service event at a local elementary school for the Witt Nation participants passing through her area. Her enthusiasm for service and commitment to Wittenberg also earned her Wittenberg's G.O.L.D Award this year, given to graduates of the last decade "who have shared time and talent with the university."

Coleman said the people at Wittenberg had the greatest impact on her – from professors and advisers who challenged her to sorority sisters and friends who supported her. Coleman's belief in Wittenberg's motto also holds steady: "I feel lucky to have found a career that allows me to pass on that light." ■

– Gabrielle Antoniadis

'90 |

Jerry R. Campbell, Olathe, Kan., is manager of sourcing and contracting with Sprint Nextel, Overland Park, Kan.

Paula Mefford Lawson, chair of the special education department at Northwestern High School, Springfield, Ohio, received her master's degree in education from Wittenberg in December 2008.

Cynthia Wetzel Lentol of Canton, Mass., has five major-film credits and was a recent double winner at the Chlotrudis Film Festival. She was the lead actress in *Well-Founded Concerns*, which won first place for Best Short Film and was a featured actress in *Mind the Gap*, which won second place for Audience Favorite. In addition, *Well-Founded Concerns* won first place at the Sci-Fi London Film Festival.

Army National Guard captain **William A. McGray** has returned to the United States after participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. With 20 years of military

service, he is a company commander assigned to the 38th military police company, Danville, Ind. He lives in Carmel, Ind.

Gregory D. and Dianna Ford Smith '91 announce the birth of Rebecca Catherine on Feb. 7, 2009. They live in Liberty Township, Ohio.

'91 |

Kimberly Stickney Ambrose, Pittsford, N.Y., received her M.E. in inclusive childhood education in May 2009 from Nazareth College of Rochester.

'92 |

Darrell R. Pisarra, Westfield, N.J., is with Prudential.

'93 |

Brian J. Murphy, Penfield, N.Y., is the assistant vice president, manager of research and operations with Pittsford-AM&M Financial Services.

Lara Peirce Rude, Kamas, Utah, and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of Casey



Twenty-five Pi Kappa Alpha brothers attended a reunion in Orlando, Fla. They included Bob Agnew '65, Roy Allen '63, Tom Bailey '65, Doug Battenberg '65, Frank Beaty '69, Holmes Collins '65, Bob Enscoe '65, Joe Ertl '64, Larry Firestine '63, Dick Franta '67, Ron Gilbert '64, Ed Hrbek '66, Fred Kaufmann '65, David Krogmann '67, Jim Kvetko '66, Ron Lauback '63, Pete Mann '66, Frank Meeks '66, Don Noll '67, Charlie Rhyen '65, Sam Simmerman '66, Jack Spohn '63, Chuck Swinghammer '67, Glen Troyer '67 and Erv Zitlow '64.

Waylon on Aug. 9, 2008. Lara is a middle school special education teacher with the Park City School District.

Matthew D. Soraci, Chicago, Ill., is director of national sales with the Great Lakes Wine Import Co., Bensenville, Ill.

'94 |

*Class Reunion, Homecoming/
Reunion Weekend 2010*

Jennifer Washburn Klenke, Fairfield Township, Ohio, and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of Olivia Joie on Sept. 15, 2008. Jennifer is the senior manager of business services with Nielsen Online, Covington, Ky.

John P. and Molly Lambert Loftis '99 welcomed the birth of their third child, Pdraig River, June 8, 2009. They live in Springfield, Ohio.

Jill McKenzie Turner and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of Wesley Joseph on Oct. 19, 2008. They live in Romeo, Mich.

'95 |

*Class Reunion, Homecoming/
Reunion Weekend 2010*

Gayla Schill Jackson lives in Manassas, Va.

Mitchell A. Kittlaus of Chicago, Ill., is an administrative specialist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Arienne Fitzpatrick Podojil is a consultant with State Farm Insurance Companies, Louisville, Ky.

'96 |

*Class Reunion, Homecoming/
Reunion Weekend 2010*

Jennifer A. Repetti married Joseph Watkins on Oct. 4,

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Wedding Album

Sally Utley '89 and **John Burns Jr. '88** were married on May 23, 2008, in Costa Rica. The couple lives in Chicago, Ill.

Jennifer Burns '05 and **Robert Page '05** were married in Weaver Chapel on June 13, 2009. The couple resides in Mason, Ohio.

2008. They live in Sparta, N.J.

Michael A. Sanders, Eaton, Ohio, is a site manager of flavor systems with Cargill Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio.

'97 |

David D. Hann, Fairborn, Ohio, is an assistant principal at Bellbrook High School.

Scott R. and Lynda Bowers Meinke '98 live in Camp Hill, Pa. Scott is an associate professor of political science

at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

Jeri Dietz Reddert, Hamilton, Ohio, is a Title I math teacher with the Winton Woods City School District, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Carla R. Sarratt, Charlotte, N.C., has published *Just Be*, the second book in her Carter G. Woodson High School series.

'98 |

Stephen G. Fabyan, Columbus, Ohio, is senior pastor at Hand of God Ministries. His second book, *The Tabernacle: The Manifestation of His Glory*, has been released.

James A. and Melinda Slangen McCoy live in Columbus, Ohio, where James is director of strategic sponsorships with Nationwide Insurance.



ERIN PENCE '04

Lauren Schmidt '00

Shines in Unexpected Hollywood Career

Lauren Schmidt is living proof that a small liberal arts college can earn you a big-time Hollywood career. Although that is not what she planned when she came to Wittenberg, Schmidt has enjoyed an immensely successful career as a television writer and producer. Immediately after graduation, she worked for six years on NBC's award-winning *West Wing*, earning a Writers Guild of America nomination in 2003 for an episode she co-wrote and having her first solo episode air in 2004. After writing and co-producing for ABC's hit show *Private Practice*, she is now a writer and producer for a new NBC drama, *Parenthood*, which will debut in spring 2010.

Schmidt is the first to admit this was not a career path she'd ever considered. In fact, she had envisioned a less high-profile path teaching creative writing. For four weeks this past summer, she got the chance to fulfill that wish as one of the instructors at Wittenberg's first-ever Summer Screenwriter's Institute. She worked with the Department of English, her husband, producer Michael Hissrich, and award-winning playwright Dan Stroeh '01, to offer this innovative course in which students collaborated and wrote a pilot script.

"To be welcomed back to my university to pursue my original plan – and to be able to teach the type of writing I love the most – was such an amazing opportunity," she said. "I adored working with the students and I loved creating and working with a community of writers in a university setting."

It was not the first time the English major had been back; she had shared her talent and experiences with the Wittenberg community in 2008 during a series of speaking engagements and a colloquium. More recently, Wittenberg honored her with its Outstanding Young Alumna Award, given to a graduate of the last decade who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in her profession.

"I tell students that I apply lessons that I learned at Witt – in classrooms, in my time at the Writing Center and even in my social life – everyday in television writer's rooms. So no matter what a student wants to pursue, I encourage them to soak up all of the lessons, educational and otherwise, that they learn at Wittenberg." ■

– Gabrielle Antoniadis

Jonathan Morgan, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., is a multiplatform editor with *The Detroit News*.

Katharine Herman Nider, Annandale, Va., is with The Motley Fool in Alexandria, Va., which provides investing advice and market stock research.

'99 |

Deborah J. Cassell is the executive editor of *Candy Industry Magazine*, BNP Media, Deerfield, Ill. She also serves as secretary for the Chicago chapter of the American Society of Business Publication Editors and was elected PR/marketing chair for the Woman's Club of Evanston, Ill, where she resides.

Karen M. Montgomery is a sales specialist in Helena, Ala.

'00 |

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Adam B. and Cassie Hogan Eskew live in Smyrna, Ga. Adam is a finance manager with the Home Depot, Atlanta, Ga.

Allison E. Shaffer, Columbus, Ohio, has married Cory Shape. Allison teaches mathematics at

Olentangy High School, Lewis Center, Ohio.

Wade F. and Georgina Klinzing VanHorn '02 announce the birth of their son, Louis, on Sept. 11, 2007. They live in Madison, Wis.

'01 |

Jason M. and Ashley Schomberg Hill '98 live in Springfield, Ohio. Jason is with the National Air Intelligence Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Ashley, a music teacher at Reid Elementary School in the Clark-Shawnee School District, is the recipient of a Crystal Apple award given by the Springfield Rotary Club.

Benjamin J. and Kathryn Grossman Matthews live in Alexandria, Va. Katy is an office administrator with the American Academy of Pediatrics in Washington, D.C.

Shannon J. O'Keefe, an attorney in Rochester, N.Y., and a member of the Board of the Town of Greece, has been inducted into the Greece Rotary Club. She also teaches dance and performance plus.

Justin Daniel, son of **Kelly McMullen Vogel** and her husband, Daniel, was born on Aug. 19, 2008. They live in Getzville, N.Y.



Scott Roller '86, Jill Yerkey Johnson '87, Janice Glowski '87 and Jude Cleary '86 enjoyed the closing reception of Roller's 66 SHOTS photography exhibit at IMAGEBOX gallery in Pittsburgh, Pa.



Sydney, 4, Jonathan, 7 and Kaelyn Louis, 22 months



Spencer, 13, NaElle and NiElle, 8, and Nasario Mackey, 5

Li'l Tigers

Sydney, Jonathan and Kaelyn, children of **Bethany Bell Louis '92** and husband Paul

Spencer, NaElle, NiElle and Nasario, sons of **Marvin Mackey '95** and wife Lisa

Pa., in May 2009. She is currently a senior enrollment manager there.

Steven P. Weldon, a second lieutenant with the U.S. Air Force, has graduated from combat systems officer advanced navigator training at Randolph Air Force Base. He is stationed at RAF Mildenhall, UK.

'04 |

Elisebeth Vanhooose Adams is in management with Assurant Specialty Property, Springfield, Ohio.

Winter L. Baker, a teacher with the Wilmington City Schools in Ohio, received her master of science degree in curriculum, instruction and assessment from Walden University, an online university.

Courtney C. Galliger and **James P. Kelley** were married June 27, 2009. They live in University Heights, Ohio.

Alexandra P. Horwitz is assistant director of AIABaltimore in Maryland.

'02 |

Erin Moore Henshaw received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Mich. She is an assistant professor of psychology at Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

Kurtis G. Lindamood is an executive recruiter with The Staffing Cure, Columbus, Ohio.

'03 |

Juneer Kibria, a freelance artist living in Chicago, Ill., exhibited his artwork at the

Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts in Dhanmondi, Bangladesh. His work was the subject of an article titled "Stimulated Luminescence," which appeared in *The New Nation*.

Christopher J. Kothe is a staff accountant on the tax team with Somerset CPAs in Indianapolis, Ind.

Jason P. Larsen married Kimberly Chase on Aug. 30, 2008. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Hannah D. Powell is the school leader/principal of a KIPP school serving fifth graders in one of the neediest

neighborhoods in Columbus, Ohio.

Jennifer M. Stacy, Nashville, Tenn., is an executive recruiter for the marketing services, healthcare, technology and publishing verticals with The Buffkin Group, Franklin, Tenn. She remains active running marathons, participating in sand volleyball tournaments and volunteering with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Ashley J. Tipple received her M.S. degree from Robert Morris University, Pittsburgh,



Joanna Sears '95, Lorey Danielson Sunosky '94, Stephanie Lochhead Fields '94, Catherine Fulton Bensman '95 and Rachelle Moore Ragan '94 caught up in Nashville, Tenn., in June 2009.



Jeff and Karen Obee Klukas '06, Jan Baden and Jack Finney '61, Debbie Finney Peterson '88 and Steve Sletten '85 gathered for a backyard barbeque in Stoutton, Wis., Aug. 1, 2009.



ERIN PENCE '04

Ann Bixel '05

Advances Recruitment Efforts

As Wittenberg's senior assistant director of admission and coordinator of New England recruitment, Ann Bixel spends her days traveling throughout the Northeast and having face-to-face conversations with prospective students in hopes of persuading them to consider her alma mater. Based in Boston, Mass. Bixel cannot imagine a better job as she gets to tell the Wittenberg story on a daily basis.

A leader in recruiting high school students using social media and a personalized communication plan, Bixel, who majored in studio art, coordinates Web-based communication with prospective students, their families, guidance counselors and university administrators, while integrating new media tools into recruitment practices. Her one-on-one time with students and families, and the social media efforts Bixel spearheads have translated into a significant increase in students enrolling at Wittenberg from New England.

Her dedication and commitment to ensuring that other young people experience Wittenberg for themselves recently earned Bixel the 2009 G.O.L.D. Service Award, given to a graduate of the last decade who has shared his or her time and talent with the university.

"Having the opportunity to get to know high school students and then to work with them through one of the most important decisions in their lives is amazing," Bixel said. "But being able to tell them about Wittenberg is simply incredible. This is a place that changes lives. I know it did mine, and I'm grateful to play a role in its future through my work with young people."

In addition to developing relationships with students and their families, Bixel also continues to reflect Wittenberg's commitment to developing the whole person in her work in life. An artist who volunteers with nonprofit art organizations in her free time, Bixel often finds herself using art in her work when she paints the picture for prospective students of what college would be like at Wittenberg.

"The students I meet are adventurous, compassionate and engaged learners," Bixel said. "I'm absolutely thrilled when they decide they want to come to Wittenberg because it's here where they know they can make a difference in the world." ■

— Karen Gerboth '93

Lindsay Nelson Hose received her master's degree in school counseling from Malone University in Canton, Ohio. She is with the Massillon City Schools.

Erin L. Roberson and **Ryan B. Hathaway** '97 were married June 16, 2007. They live in Evanston, Ill.

Amber L. Stinebiser is a personal line underwriter with Nationwide Insurance, Harrisburg, Pa.

'05 |

Nathan S. Bennett, London, Ohio, is director of sales with Tailored Management Inc., Columbus, Ohio.

Jennifer M. Burns and **Robert B. Page** were married June 13, 2009. They live in Liberty Township,

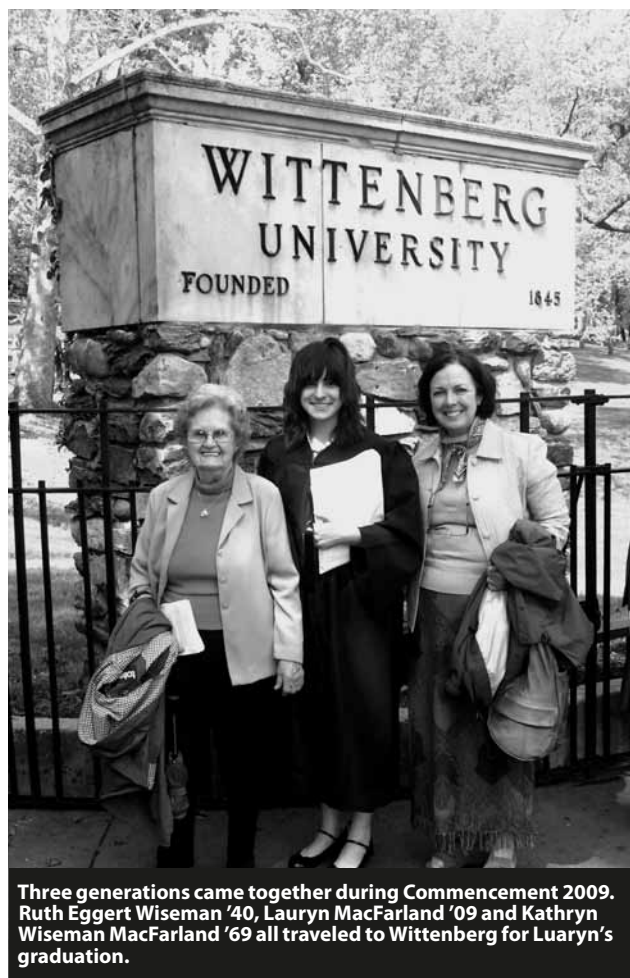
Ohio. Both teach social studies and coach in the Mason City School District. Jen is a varsity lacrosse coach, and Rob is a varsity football coach.

Aria Dayani graduated from St. George University School of Medicine, New York, N.Y., on April 24, 2009. She is serving her residency in internal medicine at Drexel University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

David J. Wilson is an accounting technician with Defense Finance and Accounting Services, Indianapolis, Ind.

'06 |

Alexa K. Bourquin, Blacklick, Ohio, is an intervention specialist with



Three generations came together during Commencement 2009. Ruth Eggert Wiseman '40, Lauryn MacFarland '09 and Kathryn Wiseman MacFarland '69 all traveled to Wittenberg for Lauryn's graduation.

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Wedding Album

Erin Roberson '04 and **Ryan Hathaway '97** were married on June 16, 2007, in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. The couple lives in Evanston, Ill.

Jason Larsen '03 married Kimberly Chase on Aug. 30, 2008, in Chesterton, Ind. The couple lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Molly Thompson '07 married Kyle Hardin on Nov. 15, 2008, in Covington, Ky. The couple lives in Fort Thomas, Ky.

Mark J. Mandrich, Iron River, Mich., is with Connor Sports Flooring, Amasa, Mich.

Michael A. Reese, New York, N.Y., is an associate with the Opus Advisory Group LLC, Purchase, N.Y.

Erin K. Robinson teaches at Billingsville Elementary School with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools in North Carolina.

Molly M. Thompson, Ft. Thomas, Ky., married Kyle Hardin on Nov. 15, 2008.

'08 |

Anthony J. Cook is a central transportation representative with Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Lesley K. Levy is a legal assistant with David Martin Co. L.P.A., Springfield, Ohio.

Mark L. Lintern is a support desk analyst I with Qbase, Springfield, Ohio.

Julie F. Moran is a nature instructor in Brinkhaven, Ohio.

Kara B. Neike is coordinator of sanctions and outreach, community standards and civility at the University of Dayton in Ohio.

Patricia A. Wendt, Wayne, Pa., is a client relationship associate with The Vanguard Group, Valley Forge, Pa.

Bradley M. Wilson, New Carlisle, Ohio, is a program analyst with the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Dayton, Ohio.

'09 |

David J. Donofrio of Dublin, Ohio, is participating in the Ohio Legislative Service Commission Internship Program in Columbus, Ohio.

the South-Western City Schools, Grove City, Ohio.

Julie A. Hoeksema and **Jarrod A. Call '05** were married on Oct. 4, 2008. They live in Minneapolis, Minn. Jarrod is pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota and working as a graduate research assistant.

Ann C. Lutz is a Spanish educator with the Hilliard City Schools in Ohio.

Charles R. O'Dell teaches social studies and coaches track at Bellbrook Middle

School in Ohio. He is also the varsity football coach at Bellbrook High School. Charlie lives in Dayton, Ohio.

Dana M. White and **Grant A. Rogers** recently married and live in Washington Court House, Ohio.

'07 |

Susan J. Feuer is with Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Ill.

Jeniece L. Gibbs, Plano, Texas, is an account

executive with GolinHarris, Dallas, Texas.

Thomas J. Hart Jr., Miami, Fla., is a student at the University of Miami School of Law, Fellow Center for Ethics and Public Service. He was awarded a summer law clerkship with the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation in Window Rock, Ariz.

Tamara L. Kasper, Parma, Ohio, is the lead instructor/grade school program director at The Little Gym of Shaker Heights.

In Memoriam

'33 |

Rachel Jones Lane, formerly of Xenia, Ohio, died July 4, 2009, in Lebanon, Ohio. A member of the Xenia Church of Christ, she was a school teacher and basketball coach for many years. She also owned and operated Orchard Lane.

Robert T. Powell died May 1, 2009, in Lima, Ohio. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in Australia, the Philippines and Nagoya, Japan. In 1946, he founded the Powell Co., retiring in 1988. He held various positions in the International Sanitary Supply Association, was a 32nd degree Mason and was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and the Delphos American Legion.

'35 |

Robert L. Klausmeier passed away June 11, 2009, in Springfield, Ohio. In his early years, he was a civil engineer, welfare counselor and teacher at Parker High School in Dayton, Ohio. Later he served numerous churches as a minister throughout Indiana and Ohio, as well as serving as a professor of psychology and religion at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D. He was the minister at numerous churches in Springfield, retiring as minister emeritus of High Street United Methodist Church. In retirement, he taught and counseled with the Springfield Public Schools. A 32nd degree Mason, he was chaplain with the Ohio Masonic Home for several years. In addition, he published numerous articles in Methodist religious publications.

'36 |

Mary G. Sipes, Plymouth Meeting, Pa., died Nov. 17, 2006. She worked at several mental hospitals and psychiatric clinics for children before becoming a psychiatric social

worker at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

Paulette Cavagnet Spassoff died April 2, 2009, in West Palm Beach, Fla. A former French teacher, she was a member of the Unitarian Church.

Martha J. Wickham, Muncie, Ohio, passed away April 20, 2009. She taught home economics at schools in Leipsic, Ohio, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and Detroit, Mich., before being recruited to be director of the Home Management House at Ball State University. During her 31-year tenure there, she held positions as director of women's activities, assistant dean of women, assistant dean of students and associate dean of students, from which she retired in 1976. Her memberships included High Street Methodist Church, Chi Omega sorority, the Y.W.C.A., Altrusa and the Riley Jones Club. She also served as an officer of the American Association of University Women and the Indiana Association of Women Deans and Counselors.

'40 |

Ruth Yake Ermel of Carmel, Ind., died June 14, 2009. A member of Hazel Dell Christian Church and Kappa Delta sorority, she enjoyed golf, cards, gardening and winters in Florida.

Frances Repp Klesa, Stow, Ohio, died April 2, 2009. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she was a Girl Scout leader for many years. She retired as a teacher from the Stow Schools in 1971.

William S. Rothe of Apple Valley, Calif., passed away Jan. 16, 2009. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he served in the U.S. Army medical corps in the Pacific during World War II. A physician in general and family practice for 45 years in Bowling Green, Ohio, and Pomona, Calif.,

he was also a member of the Presbyterian Church.

'41 |

Robert C. Turney died Feb. 19, 2007 in Indianapolis, Ind. He was employed as a chemist and purchasing agent at Lilly Industrial Coatings Co. Following his retirement in 1984, he spent winters in Fort Myers Beach, Fla. An avid golfer, his memberships included Sunnyside Road Baptist Church and several choral groups.

'42 |

Mary Smith Wilcox of Dublin, Ohio, died June 3, 2009. A retired school teacher, she was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chi Omega sorority and Northwestern Women's Club.

'43 |

Donald L. George, Columbus, Ohio, passed away on May 10, 2009. A member of Upper Arlington Lutheran Church and Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he served as a first lieutenant with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Korean Medal. A manager with the General Motors Insurance Corp. and a realtor with King Thompson, he was also a member of dance clubs, senior centers, the Northwest Lions Club and the National Leadership Honor Society.

Robert M. Lewis, Upper Arlington, Ohio, died March 25, 2009. During World War II, he served as an officer with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. He worked as the assistant men's physical director at the Central Y.M.C.A. before becoming a member of the faculty at Columbus South High School, where he taught physical education and history, and coached track and field and football. In 1955, he began a

career as a home builder and developed, owned and operated two mobile-home parks. During his retirement years, he began a woodworking business.

'44 |

Regina Kalos Prueter, Akron, Ohio, died Sept. 2, 2008. An active member of the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Akron, she was also involved as a 4-H leader for many years. She retired as a teacher from Lakemore Elementary School.

'45 |

Robert E. Bornemann died May 3, 2009, in Philadelphia, Pa. A member of Dorm League, he had served as parish pastor at Atonement Lutheran Church in Asbury Park, N.J., before becoming professor of Hebrew and Old Testament for 41 years at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He was also the director of the seminary choir from 1955 to 1990. A gifted musician who played the piano, recorder, organ and harpsichord, he was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Germantown.

'46 |

Formerly of Findlay, Ohio, **Rosemary Rakestraw Pratt** died July 4, 2009, in Missouri City, Texas. She taught kindergarten with the Findlay Schools for more than 20 years and was a member of the First Lutheran Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority. In her earlier years, she was a Campfire leader, and an avid knitter and sailor. Her greatest joy was spending summers at her cottage on Lake Erie.

'48 |

Joann Tarbutton Minnick of Springfield, Ohio, died April 11, 2009. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she taught at Olive Branch and Tecumseh High Schools, and the Springfield City Schools G.E.D. program. She also worked as a bookkeeper

for Young's Jersey Dairy and as a sales representative with V.I.P. Resorts/Beaver Valley.

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Margaret Borst Braumiller, Springfield, Ohio, died May 10, 2009. A member of the First United Church of Christ and Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she once taught elementary school in Columbus, Ohio, for several years.

Clifford H. Fox of Laguna Niguel, Calif., passed away April 29, 2009. During World War II, he served with the first division of the U.S. Marines in the Pacific where he participated in the Guadalcanal campaign. He later joined the presidential guard protecting President Roosevelt at what is now Camp David. He began working at Calvert Fire Insurance Co. in 1949 and was transferred to California in 1952. He later became a claims supervisor with Ohio Casualty Insurance Co. where he spent the remainder of his career.

Nancy Schmidt Furay of Springfield, Ohio, died July 12, 2009. Her memberships included Covenant Presbyterian Church and Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She also served as past treasurer of the Clark Memorial Home.

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Richard K. Byerman of Springfield, Ohio, died July 10, 2009. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy Seabees in the Philippine Islands. He retired from SPECO as a quality control engineer with 28 years service. An avid golfer, he was also accomplished at bowling, archery and bridge.

Charlotte Meyn Chaffee, Erie, Pa., died April 5, 2009. Her family operated five Holiday Inn Hotels in Jamestown, N.Y., and Erie, Edinboro and Oil City, Pa. She was an accomplished and gifted vocalist and vocal coach who served in the Luther Memorial Choir and was a

frequent soloist with the Luther Memorial Concert Series. She was active in the Arts Council of Erie and was honored with its Lifetime Achievement Award. A founder of the Luther Memorial Learning Center, she was also a member of Luther Memorial Church and the Tuesday Morning Music Club.

Laddie E. Farish of Portland, Ore., died Feb. 11, 2009. A member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, he served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was president and owner of Pacific Consolidated.

Richard G. Stolzenbach of Andover, Conn., and formerly of Wethersfield, Conn., passed away June 13, 2009. A member of First Congregational Church and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a partner with Stolzenbach Inc. and was active with the American Legion, the Andover Senior Citizens and the Newington Ski Club.

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Don E. Moore Jr. of Upper Marlboro, Md., died April 12, 2009. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He began his career at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, before going to Health and Human Services from where he retired in 1986.

Joseph W. Pival, Lexington, Ky., died April 17, 2009. He taught in the Fayette County Schools for 29 years before his retirement. A founding member of the Lexington Philharmonic, he was a conductor of the Lexington Youth Orchestra that played for President Kennedy.

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Robert N. Anderson Jr. of Congers, N.Y., passed away on May 5, 2009. A member of All Saints Church in Valley Cottage, N.Y., and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he served with the

U.S. Army during the Korean War. He began his career at New York Telephone (now NYNEX) in 1953, retiring as director in 1992.

Formerly of Washington, D.C., **David B. Orr** died July 7, 2009, at his home in Fredericksburg, Va. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he was a highly regarded research psychologist, who had an outstanding career in the private sector and with the U.S. Dept. of Education. He specialized in education, social science research and evaluation projects. A nationally recognized expert in time-compressed speech as a learning tool, he taught extensively at several Washington, D.C., area universities, and authored several books and numerous articles in professional journals. He traveled widely, cultivated a lifelong interest in music and supported the performing arts in Fredericksburg, Washington, D.C., and Chautauqua, N.Y.

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Ludwig E. Becker of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Greenport, N.Y., died May 6, 2009. He served as a communications yeoman with the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Little Rock and the U.S.S. Coral Sea in 1946-48. He then joined his family's business, F.W. Engels Inc., and worked there for more than four decades. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

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Fred D. Potts, Nancy, Ky., passed away March 21, 2009. During World War II, he served as a staff sergeant in the paymaster's department with the U.S. Marines. His career included teaching at the high school level in Springfield, Ohio, and retiring after 34 years as a computer programmer with Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He was a foster parent, a member of Delta Sigma Phi

fraternity, an accomplished pilot, a scuba diving instructor, a long-time volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America and a swimming instructor at the Y.M.C.A.

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Joseph H. Beaver Jr. of Westminster, Md., died May 8, 2009. He taught English and coached soccer in the Carroll County School System from 1956 to 1962. He then joined Union National Bank as a branch manager and later became a vice president and board member. He served as the bank's president from 1971 to 1996. His memberships included St. John Catholic Church, Phi Mu Delta fraternity, the Greater Westminster Development Corp., Carroll County General Hospital, the Carroll Community College Foundation Board and the county's Economic Development Commission.

Jack T. Lawrence of Canal Fulton, Ohio, died May 31, 2009. A member of the Barberton Church of Christ and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army. He retired from Diamonite in Shreve. His interests included roller skating, sailing, biking and golf.

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John W. Hayes III passed away June 1, 2009, at his home in South Easton, Mass. He retired as a vice president of the North Easton Savings Bank in 1986 and continued as incorporator until his death. He loved to golf, and was a member of Christ Congregational Church and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Leslie Kennedy Jr. of Medina, Ohio, passed away May 13, 2009. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he retired from Ameritech with 38 years of service. He was an avid hunter and golfer.

Donald L. Kyle, Akron, Ohio, died June 13, 2009. A member



**Don M. Dunifon '60
Remembered**

Don M. Dunifon, professor emeritus of art, died May 23, 2009. He was 71.

An award-winning ceramist, and an expert in architectural restoration and interior design, Dunifon dedicated his life to inspiring young people to love the arts during his nearly four-decade teaching career at his alma mater.

A longtime arts advocate, Dunifon earned his B.F.A. from Wittenberg followed by an M.F.A. from Columbia University, where he focused

on fine and industrial arts. In addition to teaching at Wittenberg, Dunifon participated in numerous arts organizations, including the American Ceramic Society, American Craft Council, Ohio Arts Council, Springfield Art Association, Historic Preservation Committee and Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation. He also held leadership roles with Ohio Designer Craftsmen, serving as its president and on its board of directors, as well as representing the state of Ohio for the American Craft Council.

In the late 1980s, Dunifon embarked on a research project to learn the art and skill of neon tube bending and all the technical aspects of this work. The resulting art was titled "Plentiful Plantation," and it allowed Dunifon to challenge himself to make glass tubing do what his hands could with clay.

"As department chair and ceramics area head, Don Dunifon was instrumental in transforming the Wittenberg Art Department during its transition from the Crabill House to Koch Hall," said Scott Dooley, associate professor of art. "His impact on countless students during his 39 years of teaching helped to forge a strong and vibrant visual arts program within our liberal arts curriculum. His commitment to Wittenberg and his passion for teaching have left a permanent mark on the university."

A memorial fund for Don Dunifon has been established through the Office of University Advancement for scholarships and kiln reconstruction. Memorial gifts should be sent to the advancement office, attn: Art Department, Don Dunifon Memorial, PO Box 720, Springfield, OH 45501-0720. Contact Richard Stenberg at (937) 327-7460 or rstenberg@wittenberg.edu with questions.

of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He spent the majority of his career in the insurance business.

George C. Shoemaker of London, Ohio, passed away March 21, 2009. He served in the U.S. Navy 1948-49 and as a sergeant first class in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After 35 years of employment, he retired as fleet manager from

the Dial Corp. His memberships included St. Patrick Church, American Legion Post 105, the London Jaycees and the London City Council.

Elizabeth Leffler Szabo, Youngstown, Ohio, died Nov. 8, 2008. At one time she was the executive director at the International Institute.

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Jean Matsumoto Baird, Wooster, Ohio, passed away April 19, 2009. Before beginning her career with the City of Wooster, she taught English and speech at Shawnee Local High School. In Wooster, she was the community services division manager, director of service, director of service/development and director of administration, retiring in 2001. She was known for her tireless volunteer activities to improve the quality of life for everyone. Her memberships included Gamma Phi Beta sorority and numerous community organizations. She was the recipient of many awards and honors: the Women of Achievement Award, the Main Street Wooster Award, the Chamber of Commerce Wall of Fame, an international Athena award, Quotarian of the Year and a Heroes award by the Wayne County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Formerly of Detroit, Mich., **Judith A. Perry** died April 11, 2009, in Sebring, Fla. She was an office clerk for Wicks, Brown and Williams at the time of her retirement. Her memberships included First United Methodist Church, the Business and Professional Women's Club, and Sebring Lakes Poets.

'58 |

John P. "Jack" Agle, Columbus, Ohio, passed away April 30, 2009. He worked as a civil engineer for several consulting firms before retiring as vice president of facilities with Equitable Federal Savings, Lancaster, Ohio. His memberships included Columbia Heights Methodist Church, Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Clark Lodge #101, Grand Lodge of Ohio, F&AM, Yorkrite Bodies, Scottish Rite, FFA, 4H and served as a scout master with the Boy Scouts of America.

Gerald R. "Jerry" Lorentz of Bellville, Ohio, died June

23, 2009. His memberships included Little Washington Congregational Church, Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the Ohio Genealogy Society, First Families of Ohio and the Society of Civil War Families of Ohio. A teacher and coach at Troy High School and with the Mansfield City School System, he retired in 1989. He was a United States Tennis Association professional and was inducted into the Lakewood Racket Club Tennis Hall of Fame. Other interests included boating, motorcycles, camping, traveling and golf. He was a master singer and was accomplished in both guitar and piano.

James L. Wallace of Grand Rapids, Mich., died April 11, 2009. A member of Dorm League, he co-founded Big Bear Land Management Inc. in 1975. He served as its president until he sold the business in 1993, but he continued to work for the firm until his retirement in 2003.

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Arnold L. Tiemeyer died May 31, 2009, in Norristown, Pa. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he began his career with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as a parish pastor in Waterloo, Iowa, and Chicago, Ill. For 17 years, he worked at the national office, rising to assistant executive director for the Division for Missions in North America. From 1985-95, he was president of Lutheran Home at Germantown, a social services agency in Northwest Philadelphia. In 1989, he proposed opening Betak, an AIDS facility, which closed in 1997. From 1995 - 2000, he was vice president for senior health at the Jefferson Health System before becoming interim director for Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania. In June 2008, he resigned after nine years on the board of the Philadelphia Senior Center.

His many awards included an honorary doctorate of divinity in 1985.

Natalie Howard Wheeler died in Columbus, Ohio, on April 29, 2009. She worked at Ohio Bell and wrote for the *Columbus Dispatch* before moving to the *Troy Daily News* where she co-authored two popular weekly columns. She was also a teacher with the Troy Public Schools and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. An avid golfer and tennis player, she won many championships.

'60 | **James E. Kunde**, a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, died Feb. 10, 2009, in Arlington, Texas. A proud father with extensive family ties to Wittenberg, James began his public service career with an internship in the city manager's office of Dayton, Ohio, where he eventually became the city manager. He was the first administrator of Jackson County, Mo., development director for Kansas City, program director for the Charles F. Kettering Foundation, director of the Public Service Institute of North Central Ohio and executive director of the Coalition to Improve Management in State and Local Government. He taught strategic planning, conflict management and other courses for the School of Urban and Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Arlington. He served as a trainer/consultant on overseas assignments for SUPA in the Ukraine, Serbia and Montenegro. Also a consultant with countless city and county governments, he was a fellow of the National Academy for Public Administration. During his retirement, he taught in the ELS program at Northwest Christian Church that was founded and administrated by his wife of 48 years, Diana Hudson Kunde '63. A Texas master naturalist, he volunteered

at the Molly Hollar Wildscape in Veterans Park in Arlington.

Catherine Kayuha Marcia of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, passed away April 4, 2009. She taught art with the Lewiston Porter School System in New York, the Park School of Buffalo and the Aurora and Chagrin Falls School Systems in Ohio. She was also a skilled weaver, painter, illustrator and potter.

Phi Kappa Psi fraternity member, **Ted Morford** of Bozeman, Mont., passed away July 12, 2009. He worked with the Kirby Co. and R.R. Donnelley and Sons Co., before becoming the owner and president of Big Sky Racks, a business that makes specialized vehicular gun racks for law enforcement and the sportsman.

Berle J. Nash of Pendleton, Ore., died May 11, 2009. A member of the Catholic Church, he served as a clerk in the U.S. Army at Ford Ord in California. He began his career as a county assessor in Linn County before teaching high school art and history, and serving as a counselor in the Athena-Weston Schools for 28 years. After his retirement in 1995, he taught for four years at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution and was a manager at Inland Northwest Musicians.

'63 | **Edward G. Lowry Sr.**, Sidney, Ohio, passed away April 22, 2009. He began his teaching career at Fort Loramie High School before becoming a math, science and history teacher and the principal at Fairlawn High School. Following his retirement from education in 1987, he worked for the Ohio Department of Transportation until 1999. He was a life member of the Ohio Education Association, Antioch NSF and the Republican Party.

'66 | **Kathleen A. Hogan** of Springfield, Ohio, died Feb. 18, 2009. She was a nurse for the Junior Vocational School for 21 years, retiring in 1988. Her memberships included St. Bernard Catholic Church and the Catholic Ladies of Columbia.

'67 | **David L. Grabowski** of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., passed away May 20, 2009. A member of the Christian Church and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he won numerous awards and owned several business including Caribbean Hotel Services and Regency Software. He was also prominent in the business association dedicated to renovating Ft. Lauderdale beach and volunteered with many local charities.

James T. Holcomb, Hamilton, Ohio, died March 11, 2007. He had retired as an industrial arts instructor from New Miami High School. Following his retirement, he was a sales representative with Coldwell Banker Realty.

'70 | **Craig Edwards**, Bluffton, Ohio, died June 14, 2009. He was ordained into the Lutheran Church in America in July 1971 and served churches in Mansfield, McClure, McZenna and Lakeville, Ohio, prior to his retirement in 2003. He also served on the Ohio Council of Churches for six years during his career. He was a member of the English Lutheran Church in Bluffton.

'72 | **Kathryn Deaner Perkins**, Benton Harbor, Mich., passed away July 14, 2009. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she taught mathematics for 27 years at various levels and served as a school counselor for 20 years at Forest Hills Central Woodlands and Central Middle School.

She was a devoted member of Calvary Non-Denominational Church where she was involved in the youth program and prison ministry fellowship.

'75 | **Terry A. Kesler**, Lima, Ohio, died May 14, 2009. A charter member of the Lima Astronomy Club, he had a love for dogs and for all things of nature.

'76 | **Charlotte Weatherspoon Harris**, Alliance, Ohio, died May 12, 2009. A licensed social worker at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio, she was involved in many charitable causes and attended St. Luke Church.

'77 | **Steven R. Allen** passed away on May 2, 2009, in Chicago, Ill. He began his career at newspapers in Bucyrus and Xenia before working at the law firm of Berger, Newmark and Fenchel for 25 years. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

'78 | **Carl P. Berwaldt**, Lexington, S.C., died May 12, 2007. At one time he was a vice president with the Thomas Somerville Co., Washington, D.C. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

'79 | **Stephen P. Forsberg** died March 2, 2009, in Washington, D.C., where he had lived and worked at many of its businesses and organizations for more than 20 years. He was a member of Augustana Lutheran Church.

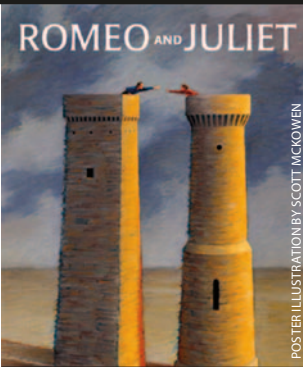
'96 | **Rebecca L. Miller** died April 28, 2009, in Springfield, Ohio. For many years she served as a soccer coach with the CYO League.

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Elizabeth Alexander, Jan. 18

C.J. GUNTHER



The Acting Company, Feb. 16

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Chanticleer A Cappella Ensemble, March 2

COURTESY OF CHANTICLEER

December

- 6 **Wittenberg Symphonic Band Concert** – 3 p.m. Weaver Chapel
- 7 **28th Annual Community Messiah Sing** – 7:30 p.m. Weaver Chapel
- 7 **Karl Miller '01, "One-Man Show"** – 7:30 p.m. Chakeres Memorial Theatre
- 11 **Witt Series – Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas** – 7:30 p.m. Weaver Chapel, special music by university music ensembles at 7 p.m.
- 29-30 **2009 Charles B. Zimmerman Memorial Classic** – Pam Evans Smith Arena

January

- 10 **German Language Epiphany Service** – 7:30 p.m. Weaver Chapel
- 18 **Witt Series – Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Convocation** – Elizabeth Alexander, poet – 11 a.m. Weaver Chapel

February

- 2 **Eve of Candlemas Service** – 7:30 p.m. Weaver Chapel – pre-service music at 7:15 p.m.
- 4 **Witt Series – The IBM Endowed Lecture in the Sciences** Keith Devlin, mathematician – 7:30 p.m. Bayley Auditorium
- 16 **Witt Series – The Acting Company, Romeo and Juliet** – 7:30 p.m. Kuss Auditorium, Clark State Performing Arts Center
- 17 **Ash Wednesday Worship Service** – 7:30 p.m. Weaver Chapel
- 25-28 **Mainstage Production The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** – 7:30 p.m. Chakeres Memorial Theatre

March

- 2 **Witt Series – Chanticleer A Cappella Ensemble** – 7:30 p.m. Weaver Chapel
- 18 **Witt Series – The William A. Kinnison Endowed Lecture** William C. Jordan, medieval studies expert – 7:30 p.m. Bayley Auditorium
- 19 **Wittenberg Choir Home Concert** – 8 p.m. Weaver Chapel

Beacon of Hope

Alumna Discovers Passion In Helping Children With Traumatic Brain Injuries

In July 1987 when my brother Eric was almost 13 and I was 14, he was struck by a car while riding his bike. It started to rain, my mom was cooking dinner. A stranger pulled into our driveway and ran up to our front door yelling, “Do you have a child on a bike?” I remember every single little detail about that day – it’s interesting how our brains work when our basic “fight-or-flight” response is elevated.

Eric sustained a compound fracture of his femur, multiple fractured bones throughout his body, and two basal skull fractures resulting in a severe traumatic brain injury (TBI). He was in a coma for several days at a Pittsburgh hospital, more than an hour from our home, where he remained for over a month. He then went to a rehabilitation facility for several more months before re-entering school. More than 20 years later, I can talk about what happened that day, I just can’t “think” about it, because if I stop and actually think about it, I cry.

That is the quick version of one of the most difficult times of my life. Watching my brother re-enter the school, and having no one understand TBI and its impact on education proved very challenging for my parents. Eric looked and appeared to act completely normal. The doctors even said he would be “fine.” But, in the medical world, that simply meant, “He was going to live.” Hence the TBI terms, “the silent disability” or the “walking wounded.” The brain is in charge of every single aspect of who we are. TBI impacts one’s soul.

It wasn’t until an introductory course with education professor Charles Novak at Wittenberg that I learned that the term

“TBI” was added to the IDEA Special Education Law in 1990 as a specific disability category needing specialized instruction under the law. I knew at that precise moment that I needed to pursue this route. I went on to the only master’s training program in the world, at George Washington University, specifically devoted to training educators on how to create optimal educational programs for students with TBI.

Parents of children who survive TBI have lived through every parent’s worst nightmare. For these parents to have to battle schools for appropriate services was unfathomable. I watched what my own parents went through and knew something had to change. Twenty years ago, these children would have suffered tremendously from TBIs, but they are now living longer and returning to school with severe disabilities due to medical advances. Educators, however, aren’t adequately prepared nationally to work with students who need cognitive remediation for attention, memory, processing speed, etc.

I needed to find a solution, so I assisted in the creation and development of the Pennsylvania Brain Injury School Re-Entry Program called BrainSTEPS (Strategies Teaching Educators, Parents, and Students) under a federal grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Health with full implementation from the state’s Department of Education. The response to BrainSTEPS has been overwhelming! Our teams assist districts in education, training, resource dissemination, parent support, and educational programming for students



following brain injury. Pennsylvania is over 85 percent covered with BrainSTEPS teams, consisting of more than 250 team members. The gap between the medical and educational models is being bridged. BrainSTEPS is now available to all 500+ school districts in Pennsylvania, and every state pediatric hospital and rehabilitation facility is involved.

I believe I have a responsibility to families of children who have suffered a TBI. I want them to know that I completely understand, have been there, and WILL find a way to help them regardless of what families have gone through to the point of finding BrainSTEPS. We each have responses to experiences and challenges that are encountered in life. Every experience in life teaches us something. It is our individual response to those experiences that is critical. The BrainSTEPS Program is my way of passing light on to parents and educators to ensure that an otherwise dim outlook can be illuminated with hope. ■ — Brenda Eagan Brown '95

Making a Difference

Anne Pence Mayer '69
Retired Director of Advancement Services



"I chose to spend the bulk of my career at Wittenberg. Today, standing on the front steps of Zimmerman Hall, I can see and feel the campus around me. I know that the generosity of Wittenberg donors and the hard work of staff members has, through dozens of annual funds and several major capital projects, made possible such campus enhancements as Hollenbeck Hall, the HPER Center and the Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center. Generous gifts to Wittenberg have also established scholarships and helped increase the size of our endowment.

Although it was unlikely that I would become a major donor through a single large gift, I realized that it was possible, especially with help from my husband Albert's Xerox matching funds, and through continuous, if fairly modest, gifts over a 40-year period to amass a giving total that is worthy of the term 'major.'

So this is my own personal challenge to my fellow alumni. At least once a year, look back on your college days, remember the places and people that are at the heart of your Wittenberg, and then get out your checkbook or, as I have done for the past several years, go online and make a gift to Wittenberg. In a few years, you'll have the satisfaction that comes from making a difference in the future of your alma mater and in the lives of young people who benefit from a Wittenberg education. Major donors are often defined as those who make a single large donation, but, given enough time, we can all give at a significant level."

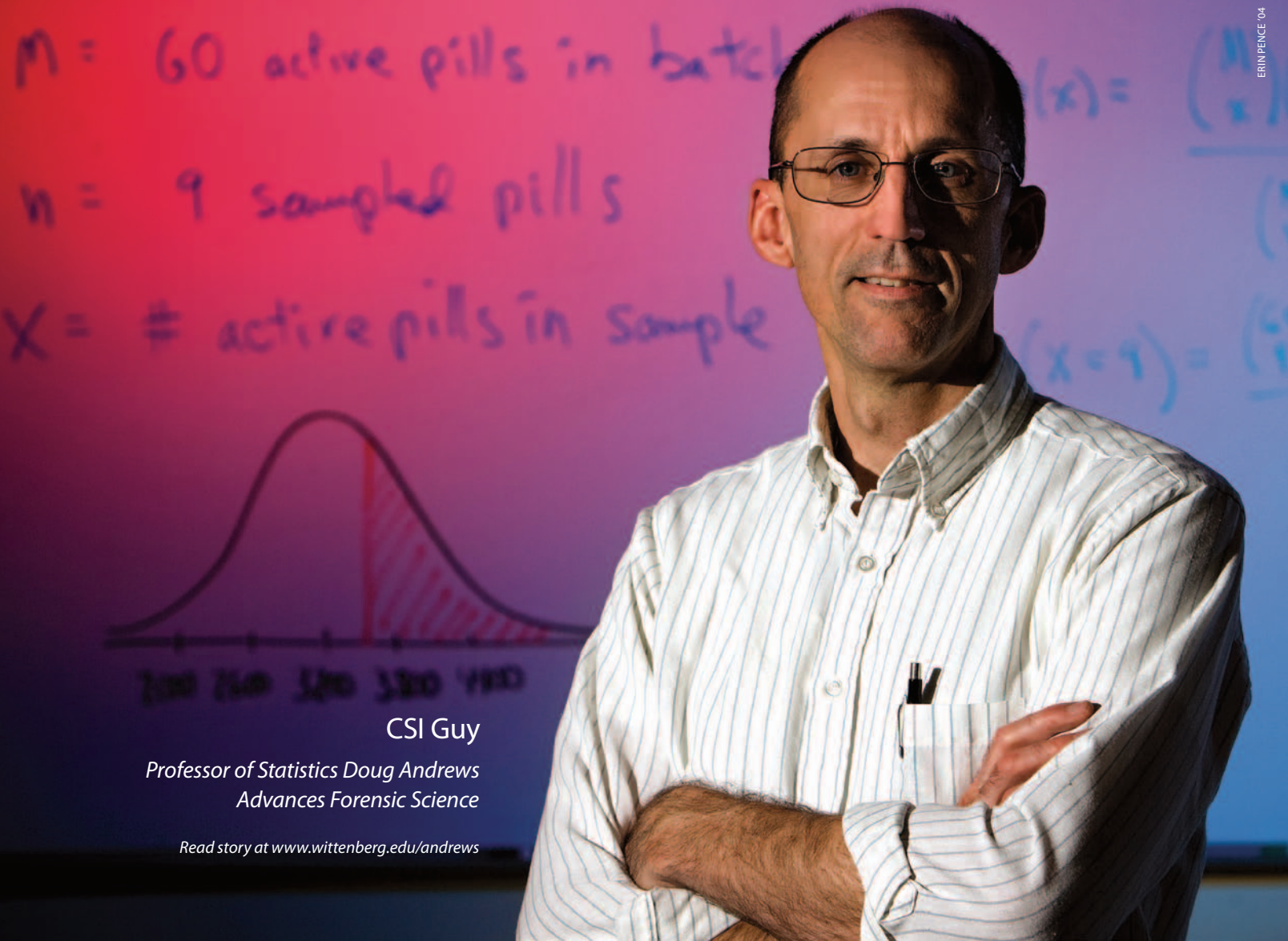
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