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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Navigating Uncharted Waters *Wittenberg, Our Students And The Economy*



As I began to write this column, I found myself thinking about all that has happened since I last shared my thoughts with you in the alumni magazine. In just a few months, the world we live in has changed in ways few of us could have predicted, and we now find ourselves in what I cautiously describe as “uncharted waters.” We, quite frankly, live in a time that presents extraordinary challenges to all of us both as individuals and as a broader community. As members of the Wittenberg family, I imagine you are asking yourselves two fundamental questions: “How is Wittenberg

faring in these uncertain economic times?” and “What can I do, as a member of this family, to help?”

I know that each of you has been touched personally by the changing economy and so has Wittenberg. I suspect that most of you look at your 401k retirement accounts and shake your heads (just as I do). You, too, have been bombarded with news about the ailing stock market, rising unemployment, major losses in college endowment funds and college affordability. You have also likely read stories about places such as Harvard or Stanford, where the loss in endowment income has resulted in major cutbacks in staff and faculty, and wondered about your own alma mater.

Yes, the Wittenberg endowment has also taken a significant hit, falling from a high of \$120 million this past summer to \$83 million this spring, resulting in nearly \$750,000 less revenue to fuel our annual operating budget of \$58 million. The good news is that we are not so endowment dependent as the Harvards of the world, so the hit to our operating budget is not nearly so great (although I have often said, give us Harvard’s endowment, and we will find a way to deal with the resulting problems). Nevertheless, the impact is real and will be felt not only this year, but for several years to come.

Our bigger concern, however, is ensuring that we retain our present students and attract new students in this challenging economic climate. This past month we announced a 2.9 percent tuition increase, our lowest increase since 1965. We have also developed an emergency loan pool for students who can’t find loans from any other sources, and we will be providing \$30 million in student financial aid this fall. We are also working diligently to keep university costs as low as possible by making significant cuts in our existing budget while preserving the quality of the educational experience for our students.

On the new student front, our admission application numbers are down slightly (consistent with national trends), while our deposits are up (bucking the national trend), but it is still very early in the process. If you know of students who are interested in college, please tell them about the life-changing impact of a Wittenberg education. Tell your own story. Tell them also that while we will never be the low-cost option with a 12:1 faculty/student ratio, we are a great investment with lasting value.

Just this past week, I learned that 93 of our present students have expressed concerns about their ability to stay at Wittenberg in light of changing family financial circumstances. Nothing would make me sadder than to see these students leave our fine university. This is where you can help! Your support through giving to the annual fund can ensure that these young people can continue to enjoy the same wonderful education you did at Wittenberg. So I am asking, perhaps even pleading, on their behalf that you give them this opportunity. Even a small gift makes a difference. We often refer to ourselves as the Wittenberg family, and I would ask you to respond like a family to those members of the Wittenberg family who need your help.

In these challenging times, I find myself using nautical phrases more often than ever: uncharted waters and following our compass (our strategic plan). The seas are rough; the headwinds are strong, but our young people can find safe harbor with your support. To navigate these uncharted waters, we need all hands on deck (all our alumni engaged). Please give. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Mark H. Erickson'.

Mark H. Erickson  
President

## Senior Class Selects TIME Magazine Managing Editor As Commencement Speaker

One of the nation's leading journalists, Richard Stengel, managing editor of TIME, has consistently brought perspective, depth, passion and energy to the world's largest weekly newsmagazine and all of his professional pursuits. On May 16, Stengel will share his story with the 426 Wittenberg seniors set to receive their diplomas as he presents the keynote address during the university's 164th Commencement Exercises.

The 16th managing editor in the history of TIME since its founding in 1923 by Henry R. Luce and Briton Hadden, Stengel oversees the award-winning newsmagazine with 25 million readers worldwide, as well as TIME.com, which draws 6 million unique visitors a month. In addition, Stengel manages

TIME's other brand extensions including TIME Style & Design and TIME For Kids.

Prior to his current post, Stengel served at different times as the magazine's national and culture editor as well as the editor of TIME.com. As a senior writer and essayist, he covered both the 1996 and 1988 presidential campaigns. Stengel has also written for *The New Yorker*, *The New Republic* and *The New York Times*.

A frequent television commentator on CNN and MSNBC, and author of several books, including a collaborative effort with Nelson Mandela on Mandela's best-selling 1993 autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, Stengel graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University in 1977 and played on its 1975 NIT-winning



basketball team. As a Rhodes Scholar, he studied English and history at Christ Church College, Oxford, England. ■

## Wittenberg Represented At Historic Presidential Inauguration



Kirsten Midgley '11, Marisa Perez '11, Cathy Speers Hasecke '97 and Ed Hasecke '97

Just two months after the historic 2008 election, Kirsten Midgley '11 became part of history as she joined with

a biology major, correctly predicted the results of all 50 states and the District of Columbia and then predicted the

popular vote percentage within a mere two percentage points in the first-of-its-kind election contest, organized by Assistant Professor of Political Science Ed Hasecke '97.

As the winner, Midgely received two tickets to the inauguration thanks to then Congressman Dave Hobson (OH-7th District) and Congressman-Elect Steve Austria.

Her attendance was the result of an Election Day prediction contest sponsored by the Department of Political Science and Office of Student Development. Midgely,

Midgely and her friend Marisa Perez '11 traveled with Hasecke and his wife to Washington, D.C., and employed Twitter to blog about the experience online. They then met up with President and Mrs. Mark Erickson, who also attended the historic event. ■

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## MLK Convocation Features Mary Frances Berry

The recipient of 32 honorary degrees and numerous social action and academic awards, Mary Frances Berry, groundbreaking educator, scholar and historian, presented the keynote address during the annual Witt Series-sponsored Martin Luther King Jr. Day Commemorative Convocation, Jan. 19.

Berry, who has led a distinguished career in public service, served on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights from 1980-2004, including a stint as its chair from 1993-2004. Between 1977 and 1980, Berry was the assistant secretary

for education in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. She has also served as provost of the University of Maryland and chancellor of the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Currently the Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought and Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania, Berry was one of the founders of the Free South Africa Movement. Berry has also been designated one of "America's Women of the Century," by the Siena College Research Institute and the Women's Hall of Fame. ■

## New Scholarships Support STEMM Fields

For the first time, Wittenberg is offering Choose Ohio First (COF) scholarships in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM) through a unique partnership with seven other Miami Valley higher education institutions participating in the Dayton Regional Collaborative.

The funding, first announced in June by the Ohio Board of Regents as part of the second round of the COF Scholarship program, is now available to students interested in attending Wittenberg. The COF is part of the Ohio Innovation Partnership (OIP), which was created by the Ohio General Assembly to assist Ohio colleges and universities in attracting and retaining the best and brightest students in academic areas critical to the state's economic development. The COF is one of three OIP-sponsored initiatives totaling \$400 million designed to fuel economic development statewide. Scholarships will range from \$1,500 to \$4,700 per year.

"The program is essential as Wittenberg continues to build its leading computational science program within its nationally recognized liberal arts program," said Eric Stahlberg, director of computational science. "These scholarships will open so many doors for students to experience STEMM-related disciplines while studying at a top liberal arts university." ■

## Sorority Grants Wish In Support Of Philanthropy



Chi Omega sorority recently proved that a small group can make a significant difference in the life of a child. For the first time in its eight-year partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the sorority raised enough funds to grant a child's

specific wish – a dream vacation to Disney World in Orlando, Fla. The recipient was seven-year-old Cambrie from Plain City, Ohio, who has been suffering from renal failure and underwent a kidney transplant last year.

Spearheaded by philanthropy co-chairs Laura Joseph '10, and Leslie Chasteen '10, the sorority raised \$6,100, \$100 more than

what was needed to grant a wish.

"I am just so proud of all my sisters," said Hannah Fox '09. "To be able to give such an amazing thing to such a special child felt surreal. [It] is a day I will never forget." ■



## A Family Affair

*World-Renowned Violinist Hilary Hahn Presents Tribute Recital In Memory of Grandparents*

Grammy Award-winning violinist Hilary Hahn shared her musical gifts with members of the Wittenberg and Springfield communities during a special Witt Series recital, March 3, sponsored by Margaret and Lanty Smith '64. The event was in memory of Hahn's late grandfather S. Wilfred Hahn, professor emeritus of mathematics, and grandmother Martha Anne Strowd Hahn, and included a brief tribute video to them at the concert.

Throughout his 26-year Wittenberg career, Will Hahn inspired students, colleagues and alumni with his passion for teaching and service to the mathematics department, the university and the Mathematical Association of America, both on the regional and national levels. His wife, Marty, as she was known to friends and family, was equally inspiring, having devoted her entire life to instilling a love of learning in students at Springfield's South High School as the school's longtime librarian.

Family and friends of the Hahns filled Kuss Auditorium to remember the late couple and



## Theatre Professor Receives Governor's Award

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to advancing arts education throughout the state, region and nation, Corwin Georges, professor of theatre and dance, and department chair, has been selected to receive the prestigious Governor's Award for the Arts in Ohio from the Ohio Arts Council. Since 1971, the Governor's Awards have been presented to individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the arts in their communities.

For more than three decades, Georges has educated and advised students and community members about the important role of the arts in schools and society. Outside the classroom, Georges has served in a variety of capacities as well, including on the State Arts Education Advisory Committee, The Kennedy Center's Alliance for Arts Education Network and multiple community-based arts organizations. In 2003, he was inducted into the Ohio Educational Theatre Association Hall of Fame. ■



ERIN PENCE '04



Steve Hahn, Lanty Smith '64,  
Hilary Hahn, Dale Hahn and  
Carol Hahn Cooper

share a part of their lives that meant so much to them – their talented granddaughter whom they passionately supported and in whom they took extreme pride.

Celebrated for her innovative interpretations, captivating stage presence and emotional sophistication, Hilary Hahn appears regularly with the world's leading orchestras and on notable recital series throughout Europe, Asia and North America. In the 2008-09 season alone, she will tour the United States, China, Korea, Germany, England, France, Belgium, Hungary and the Netherlands as guest soloist with, among others, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the San Francisco, Baltimore, Vancouver and Toronto symphonies, the Munich Chamber Orchestra, and the Budapest Festival Orchestra.

As part of the program, the Wittenberg Choir performed, and student research in mathematics was on display. Hahn also hosted a question-and-answer session with music students on March 2. ■

## Foreign Languages Awarded Mellon Foundation Grant

On the heels of receiving a sizeable federal grant to implement one of the most distinctive and innovative language-across-the-curriculum programs in the nation, Wittenberg has now been awarded \$30,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to extend its new federally funded program into the sciences and mathematics.

Last year, the university received a two-year grant in the amount of \$179,000 from the U.S. Department of Education, as part of its Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, to initiate a comprehensive restructuring of foreign language learning that will expand and embed the meaningful use of language in courses across the curriculum.

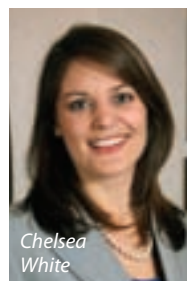
The first changes began last fall. Instead of traditional conversation and composition courses, students now choose from a set of courses that integrate language with learning in other disciplines, such as French Film and Culture or Russian Contemporary Issues. The result is that students are not just learning language skills; they are using language as a lens to see and understand other cultures better. The Mellon grant will now help prepare science students to be more competitive in a global economy. ■

## Annual Fund Welcomes Two New Faces

Chelsea White and Kristen Kelly '01 recently joined the Office of Advancement as assistant directors for The Wittenberg Fund, the sustaining fund for the university.

White received her bachelor's degree in communication and public advocacy from Ohio University in 2007, and she has completed the requirements of the International Corporate Media graduate program at Marietta College. In addition to managing Wittenberg's new phone center, White will guide the senior class giving program and assist with athletics fundraising.

Kelly, who earned her B.A. in management at Wittenberg, previously worked in the Office of Admission, first as a counselor, and then as an office assistant, where she helped with database management and communication efforts. In her new role, Kelly will manage The Wittenberg Fund's technological needs, including overseeing the phone center's software DialVision, distributing all e-mail communication to parents, friends and alumni, database management and updating The Wittenberg Fund's Web site. ■



Chelsea  
White



Kristen  
Kelly '01



## Professor Participates In New Fulbright Program

Already a recognized state leader in the number of prestigious Fulbright Awards earned by its faculty members, Wittenberg will also now be represented in a pioneering new program sponsored by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), a division of the Institute of International Education and the collaborating agency of the U.S. Department of State to administer the Fulbright Scholar Program.

Cynthia Richards, professor of English, has been nominated to serve as part of the inaugural class of Fulbright Ambassadors in the CIES' new Fulbright Ambassador Program. The new outreach effort aims to identify, train and engage a select group of Fulbright scholar alumni to serve as representatives for the Fulbright program at campus workshops and academic conferences across the United States.

In 2004, Richards received a Fulbright Award to teach at Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic, as part of a project titled "American Literature in Relief: A Cross-Cultural Perspective." ■

## Commitment to Community Service Earns Top Honors

Wittenberg has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll With Distinction for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. One of just 83 schools named to the 2008 Honor Roll With

Distinction, Wittenberg has earned recognition in each of the first three years of the program's existence.

"Our appearance on this list since its inception is evidence of the spirit of service that is a hallmark of a Wittenberg education," said Wittenberg President Mark H. Erickson. "I want to acknowledge the contributions of our students, faculty and staff, and to thank the many community partners who help make these service opportunities possible." ■

## Study-Abroad Options Discussed With Namesake



Following its strategic plan initiative to infuse the curriculum with international perspective, Wittenberg welcomed four distinguished guests from Wittenberg, Germany, Feb. 9, to begin a dialogue regarding a possible partnership to provide semester-long study-abroad programs for Wittenberg students.

Eckhard Naumann, Lord Mayor of Wittenberg, Germany, Christian Eggert, owner, Christian Tours Europe & Manager of Colleg Wittenberg, Helmut Keitel, architect and president of CAMPUS Wittenberg, and Jean Godsall-Myers, co-director of the ELCA Wittenberg Center, spent the entire day touring Wittenberg's campus, speaking with university officials, engaging with professors and renewing relations with representatives from the city of Springfield.

For more than 15 years, Wittenberg University has enjoyed a partnership with the city of Wittenberg, and in the 1990s, Springfield also entered into a formal Sister City agreement with Wittenberg, Germany. ■



With its vintage photos, Wally Witt-inspired mosaics, plasma TVs and games galore, a newly renovated gathering spot has quickly enhanced student life on campus.

Cleverly called Doppelgänger's ("unknown twin"), the former Game Room located on the lower level of the Benham-Pence Student Center now sports a user-friendly sound system, custom Wittenberg lighting over several pool tables, two Nintendo Wii consoles, a ping-pong table, an Xbox 360 with "Rockband," two skee ball machines, one full-sized Dance Revolution unit, various arcade games and comfy furniture where students can just kick back and relax with friends.

"The new game room is a celebration of the

## President Emeritus Pens New Book About Wittenberg

William A. Kinnison '54, president emeritus, has authored a groundbreaking book on the history of Wittenberg. Titled *Wittenberg: An American College*, the book seeks to tie together numerous historical documents and publications throughout the years into the most thorough overview of the university's earliest history ever published.

"Half of all the colleges founded before the Civil War did not survive. Wittenberg did," notes the book jacket. "This is the story of a college on the Ohio frontier that sought to Americanize millions of German immigrants and to Americanize the German Lutheran

Church. In spite of that, Wittenberg was caught in the anti-foreign prejudice of 'Nativists' who feared the influence of immigrants on American institutions.

The school prospered after the Civil War as America embraced German culture from classical music to the Christmas tree. The school again faced prejudice in the anti-German furor of World War I. Simultaneously, this is the story of students and faculty coping with the pressures of a nation going from the poverty of the rural frontier to the wealth of an urban-industrial society and how they and Wittenberg changed from 1842-1920." ■



## Witt Nation Inspires

Wittenberg's first-of-its-kind Witt Nation alumni tour last summer has not only become a sought-after conference presentation, but it has also inspired more than 50 colleges to inquire about the unique, technologically driven alumni engagement initiative.

To date, Linda Beals '87, director of alumni relations, and Bob Rafferty '02, director of new media and webmaster, have been invited to present at two regional conferences sponsored by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. Joined by two of Witt Nation's first three travelers, Ashley Petersen '07 and Ross Ballinger '07, Beals and Rafferty have discussed the requirements for launching a comprehensive tour, as well as the outcomes, including more alumni now engaging with the university and the preservation of alumni stories for generations.



## A Day At Doppelgänger's

*Game Room Transforms To Accommodate Other Side Of College Life*

less serious side of life at Wittenberg," said Student Senate president Jon Duraj '09 in his grand opening remarks, Feb. 25. "This room is a collection of not only some of the best games, but also a collection of student life from decades past."

Funding for the project came from the students themselves through their annual student fees, which are typically allocated for student-focused initiatives.

Members of Student Senate and the student body involved with the project then enlisted the work of architect Karen Beasley of Thomas and Marker Construction, the Office of University Communications and the Physical Plant to make their dream for the room a reality. ■

## Board Of Directors Approves Historic Tuition Increase

Wittenberg's Board of Directors recently approved a record low 2.9 percent increase in tuition for the 2009-2010 academic year – the lowest percentage increase since 1965. With room and board, the overall cost to attend Wittenberg this fall will increase by just 3.4 percent. To help students and their families, the university also expects to provide in excess of \$30 million in financial aid for the upcoming year, the largest amount of assistance in its 164-year history. ■

## New Science Outreach Effort Inspires Young Minds

Designed to expose area high school and home-schooled students to science and its many possibilities, Wittenberg has launched a Saturday Science program. Eight academic departments – biology, chemistry, computer science, geography, geology, mathematics, physics and psychology – are collaborating on the free program, which began Jan. 24 and is now running once a month throughout the school year.

Funded by a grant from Future Jobs, a regional workforce development program, Saturday Science features a public presentation by a Wittenberg faculty member on an accessible science topic. Students then take part in a hands-on science experience led by current Wittenberg students and their professors.

"The first time that a student sees science outside of a textbook can be a powerful experience – both for the student and the teacher," said Adam Parker, assistant professor of mathematics. "We hope that this outreach program will have a dramatic effect on both high school students from the Springfield area, as well as our current Wittenberg science majors." ■



## Campus Notes

## FACULTY



**Busarow**  
Professor of Music

**Dawson**  
Professor of Health,  
Fitness and Sport, and  
Head Men's Soccer Coach



**Dooley**  
Associate Professor  
of Art



**Dixon**  
Professor of English



**Martin**  
Professor of Health,  
Fitness and Sport



**Lenz**  
Professor of Geography

**Steven Bogaerts**, assistant professor of computer science, attended the “Rebooting Computing” summit in Santa Clara, Calif., in January, which brought together representatives from industry, government, higher education and K-12 education. Discussion focused on the current state of computer science as a field, and how to guide future directions in terms of education, professional practice and relationship to global realities. Bogaerts has joined the interdisciplinary collaboration working group, which is in the process of planning a future symposium and ultimately the submission of a National Science Foundation grant for curriculum development.

**Donald Busarow**, professor of music, has two forthcoming publications scheduled for this summer through Concordia Publishing House. The first is a set of 25 organ preludes on hymns as found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and *The Lutheran Service Book*. The second is a collection of 14 chorale preludes for organ and two treble instruments.

**Sheryl Cunningham**, assistant professor of communication, presented a paper at the National Communication Association’s annual conference in San Diego, Calif. The paper analyzed the visual rhetoric of a photograph taken of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi when she became the first female to hold that position.

**Steve Dawson**, professor of health, fitness and sport, and head men’s soccer coach, directed the girls soccer team at Troy High School during its trip to the United Kingdom last year. Dawson was also recently invited to contribute an article titled “I Volunteered to Coach a Travel Team, and My Child Was Not Good Enough to Make the Team. How Do I Break the News to Him?” to *Sporting Kid Magazine*, published by the National Alliance for Youth Sports.

**Kent Dixon**, professor of English, is currently on sabbatical writing. He has a story forthcoming in the *Antioch Review* and several translations online, including some on the work of Charles Baudelaire, Rainer Maria Rilke and the ancient Greek poet Sappho. Dixon will travel with **Mimi Dixon**, professor of English, this spring to conduct research for a screenplay on Homer, which he calls “*Shakespeare in Love* meets *Troy* meets *The Gods Must Be Crazy*.”

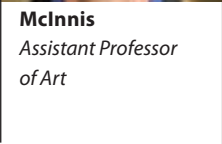
**Scott Dooley**, associate professor of art, mounted a solo exhibition, “Dichotomous Variable: Hand-Built and Wheel-Thrown Ceramics,” at Taylor University. The exhibition included a workshop and lecture for art students and community members. Dooley also had work exhibited in a two-person exhibition, “Sculptural Work in a Functional World,” at the Springfield Museum of Art in Springfield, Ohio, Jan. 16-Feb. 25.

**Elizabeth George**, associate professor of physics, has been asked to serve on the organizing committee for a national conference on teaching upper-level physics laboratories. The conference, sponsored by The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), will be held this summer at the University of Michigan, just before the national meeting of the AAPT. The goal of the conference is to bring together faculty and technical staff involved with intermediate/advanced undergraduate labs to present, discuss, and demonstrate their lab curricula, teaching methods and experiments.

**Darlene Brooks Hedstrom**, associate professor of history, participated in the first-ever colloquium on monastic archaeology titled “Ermitages d’Égypte au premier millenaire” held at the prestigious Institut français d’archéologie orientale in Cairo, Egypt. Her lectures discussed “The Monastic Remains in Sohag: The Legacy of the White Monastery” and “The Monastic Dwellings at John the Little’s Monastery in Wadi Natrun.” She also recently presented a paper at the Annual Meeting for the American Society of Church History in New York titled “Treading on Antiquity: Missionary Reflections on the Religious Landscape of Nineteenth-Century Egypt,” and she discussed “Monastic Archaeology: Asceticism Reconsidered” at the International Association of Coptic Studies in Cairo, Egypt.

**Ralph Lenz**, professor of geography, served on the Institute of International Education’s National Screening

## FACULTY

**Smith**Associate Professor of  
Communication**McInnis**Assistant Professor  
of Art**White**Director of Church  
Relations**Wood**Associate Professor of  
History**Yu**Professor of Political  
Science**Zaleha**Associate Professor of  
Geology

Committee for Southeast Asia in early December in New York. The committee met to choose Fulbright Award recipients from American student applicants for Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

**Thomas P. Martin**, professor of health, fitness and sport, has published two articles, the first, titled “Physical Best and FITNESSGRAM/ACTIVITYGRAM Resources Presented to Sri Lanka,” appeared in *UpdatePlus* magazine, and the second, titled “Fulbright Scholar Report: Physical Best and FITNESSGRAM Resources to be used in Sri Lanka,” appeared in *Future Focus* magazine. His own work, the “Martin Classification of Difficulty for U.S. State Highpoints,” was also highlighted in an article titled “Natural High,” which appeared in *GEICO Direct Magazine*. Additionally, Martin presented a paper during the annual convention of the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

**Daniel McInnis**, assistant professor of art, attended the Society of Photographic Education’s Midwest Regional Conference: “Imag(in)ing the Future of Photography, The Photographic and the Digital,” in Cleveland, Ohio. McInnis also had three works from his black and white series “Balance” accepted to the Roy G Biv Gallery’s winter Small Works Members Exhibition in December 2008.

**Jody Rambo**, adjunct instructor of English and poet-in-residence, has been awarded an Ohio Arts Council Individual Excellence Award for her work.

**Don Reed**, professor of philosophy, and Riley Stoermer ’08 co-authored the concluding “Overview” of a special September 2008 issue of the *Journal of Moral Education*. The special issue, which Reed guest edited, was titled *Toward an Integrated Model of Moral Functioning*. Reed also contributed a paper titled “A Model of Moral Stages.” At the November 2008 meeting of the International Association for Moral Education, Reed also led an invited panel session on the special issue, including the authors of the six papers in the volume.

**Matthew J. Smith**, associate professor of communication, recently began a two-year term as president of the Ohio Communication Association. The association promotes scholarship and effective teaching in the discipline of communication studies across the state, publishes a scholarly journal, and convenes an annual conference, in which several Wittenberg faculty, students and alumni have participated.

**Kristine Warrenburg**, visiting professor of communication, will present a paper titled “The Invisible Argument: Recognizing Race in Visceral Reasoning,” at Argument Cultures, a conference presented by the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation at the University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, June 3-6.

**Robert White**, director of church relations, presented a workshop titled “Relationships for Youth Ministry

Professionals” at the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in New Orleans in February. The workshop was developed from experience presenting such workshops to more than 4,000 youth, college students and adults throughout the United States during the past 10 years.

**Molly Wood**, associate professor of history, was invited to participate in the first annual Society for the History of American Foreign Relations Summer Faculty Institute at The Ohio State University last year. She joined a group of 12 faculty members from the United States and Europe to engage in common reading and a weeklong series of discussions on the topic: “The U.S. in Vietnam and Iraq: A Comparative Perspective.” She plans to develop a new course on this topic for Wittenberg’s history department.

**Bin Yu**, professor of political science, has published two articles, including “Making America Safe for the World,” in *Asia Times*, and “Embracing a Storm and Each Other? – Russian-China Relations,” in *Comparative Connections*.

**Michael Zaleha**, associate professor of geology, recently presented a paper at the Geological Society of America’s annual meeting titled, “Catastrophic release of sediment and water from Orland Reservoir into the Fawn River, northeastern Indiana, USA: assessment of flow, sediment dynamics, and deposit.”



## International Studies

### *New Degree Program Fuels Global Understanding*

Committed to infusing internationalism into the curriculum as per its strategic plan, Wittenberg's newly announced International Studies program not only gives students a competitive edge in the global economy, but it also reaffirms the distinctiveness of a Wittenberg education.

"This is an academic program that is so central to the mission and strategic



plan of the university," said George Hudson, professor of political science, department chair and director of Wittenberg's Russian and Central Eurasian Studies Program. "It is distinctive because it is so rigorous, and it is the logical culmination of an emphasis on international education and a variety of collaborative efforts on campus."

Hudson is one of several Wittenberg faculty members who saw a need and stepped in to fill it. But these individuals, including Associate Professor of Languages Tim Bennett, Associate Professor of Economics Larry Gwinn, Professor of Management Wayne Maurer, Associate Professor Languages Christine McIntyre, Professor of Political Science Bin Yu and Associate Professor of

Languages Lila Zaharkov, didn't just design a new curriculum during the last two years of planning. They have poured their hearts, souls and minds into creating a program that Hudson calls "bold" and "strongly interdisciplinary."

The major will offer three educational "tracks" – diplomacy, international economics, and global issues and cultures – that will prepare Wittenberg students for exciting careers and top graduate programs. It will have an emphasis in the foreign languages, including a requirement of fluency in at least one language other than English.

"Consultants who reviewed the program saw its emphasis on foreign language and using language as a lens to understand better world cultures to be

one of the new major's greatest strengths," Bennett said.

Revisions to the existing Global Studies program have helped shape the International Studies major/minor, including new foundational courses, greater emphasis on international experience and foreign languages, and the introduction of a new 300-level topics course that will count on faculty participation campus-wide. International Studies 300 will vary from year to year, but topics can include everything from global immigration issues, world cultures and cultural production, to international environmental studies, including botany or human disease.

The new degree program will replace the Global Studies program, although McIntyre, who previously served as the program's director, will now serve as the director of the International Studies program.

"Dr. McIntyre brings a long record of dedication to international studies thorough her roles in the former Global Studies program, developing and leading an array of Wittenberg summer study abroad programs, participation in the current Culture and Languages Across the Curriculum project, and last but not least of all, through her teaching in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures," said Provost Ken Bladh.

A program advisory committee and a faculty adviser for each of the three program tracks will also be established soon. ■

– Ryan Maurer



## In Service To Springfield Community Service Celebrates 20 Years

For two decades, Wittenberg has remained a recognized and award-winning leader for its commitment to service-learning on campus and abroad. In February, as the university celebrated the 20-year anniversary of its community service requirement, the campus reflected on the success and life-changing nature of the distinctive program, one that first began to take shape in the summer of 1986.

Originally known as the Office of Volunteer Services, the program, under the direction of Richard Scott, former dean of students, was initially managed by student assistant Jack Horne '87 before the university hired Randel Wolfe '84 to coordinate the new and evolving program.

"We held our first volunteer fair, and a couple 100 students showed up along with reporters from the newspapers," Scott said. "It was pretty impressive."

The following year President Emeritus William A. Kinnison '54 joined Campus Compact, an organization of college presidents committed to the development of personal and social responsibility of their students.

"I had attended a meeting of college presidents at the national level to discuss the benefits of service-learning to our students and our communities," Kinnison said. "Not only does it place our students in work environments gaining work experience, it also helps meet the needs of our community. It's a win-win situation."

Community service became an academic requirement in 1988, followed shortly thereafter with the hiring of

the program's first full-time director, Deborah Dillon. Within a year, Dillon had emphasized the importance of placing students in specific fields of interest to help spark their career goals, and she had acquired the "Communivan" to transport students to and from work sites.

The Community Workshop, as it was soon called, found a home in 105 Shoumlin and quickly became a beehive of activity. By 1995-96, however, 55

focused and on task. The plan worked, and on Feb. 13, 2009, during the 20-year anniversary celebration, the facts spoke for themselves.

To date, roughly 10,000 students have committed more than 260,000 hours in service to the Springfield/Clark County community. Some have discovered their passion in the experience and have since gone on to serve in the Peace Corps and other service-oriented fields. All



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percent of the junior class and 29 percent of the seniors had failed to complete all elements of the requirement. The university was then charged with developing a plan that would guarantee that students would complete their "community service in a timely fashion," according to its 1997 self-study for continued accreditation.

A task force was formed, and Community Service 100 was created and approved by the faculty. Then-director Greta Reames said that she felt the change would be positive for students, helping them stay more

have become more connected to the Springfield community.

"Throughout the years, our community partner list has changed," said the program's current director Kristen Collier '92, "but we have probably partnered with more than 75 different sites in the community."

"The results of our efforts are a true reflection of the positive impact our students have made in Springfield/Clark County and the commitment across campus to engage students in the community." ■

— Phyllis Eberts '00



## Comeback Athlete

### Women's Soccer Standout Featured In Training & Conditioning

Late in the Tiger women's soccer team's final 2006 preseason scrimmage, goalkeeper Jordan Bamberger '09 was involved in a collision that re-shaped her collegiate career. She had sustained a serious injury to her left knee, described as a varus stress by Assistant Certified Athletic Trainer Michaelyn Sebold.

"She had approximately seven to nine different structures damaged," Sebold said. "It was definitely the most traumatic knee injury we've seen here in a female."

Wittenberg and Cincinnati Reds Team Physician Tim Kremchek '73 analyzed the MRI tests the next day and delivered the grim diagnosis. A posterolateral corner reconstruction with a lateral meniscus repair was performed by Peter Cha, attending surgeon at Beacon Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine in Cincinnati.

Fast forward two years, and there was Bamberger with her teammates hoisting the 2008 North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) championship trophy. While the Tigers won 33 games and the first two NCAC Tournament titles in school history, Bamberger took a medical red-shirt in 2006 and then saw just 45 minutes of game action in 2007. In 2008, however, Bamberger led the Tigers to records of 11-4-6 overall and 5-2-1 in the NCAC and the NCAA Division III Tournament for a third straight year.

Sebold says Bamberger has "come full circle" after a rehabilitation process that tested both the student-athlete's will and the mettle of Wittenberg's sports medicine staff.

"Through the rehab, I wondered how much I could take," Bamberger said. "This season was worth everything I had

to go through. I feel like I came back from something that others may not have had to go through."

Sebold was so impressed by Bamberger's return to competitive soccer that she suggested a feature story to the editors of *Training & Conditioning Magazine*. Her story appeared in the December issue of the publication.

"This could have ended her career," Sebold said. "I don't know many athletes who would have done what she did every day and come back for more just to know she was going to be the back-up. I wanted Jordan to see her hard work would pay off." ■ —Ryan Maurer



ERIN PENCE '04

## Women's Soccer Makes The Most Of European Training Trip



The Tiger women's soccer team kicked off its 2008 season with an 11-day training trip to Europe. It must have been a good trip because the Tigers returned home and put together another outstanding

season, finishing 11-4-6 overall and 5-2-1 in the North Coast Athletic Conference and advancing to a third straight NCAA Division III Tournament.

The 30-person traveling party, which included 21 student-athletes – all upperclassmen – three student trainers, Assistant Certified Athletic Trainer Michaelyn Sebold, Assistant Coach Mandi Wroblewski, and Head Coach Norm Riker and his family, visited four soccer-crazy European countries in August 2008. The Tigers played games against local competition in three of

the countries before returning home to join the program's incoming recruits for regular preseason practices.

Riker said the trip focused on all the best aspects of varsity collegiate athletics—camaraderie, competition and educational experiences. Interestingly, Riker said that all 24 of the student-athletes and student trainers were making their first trip abroad. It was the second time that Riker has taken his team to Europe for a preseason training trip after the 2005 squad visited and played games in Germany. ■ —Ryan Maurer



## Swimming And Diving Teams Raise Awareness, Money For Cancer Research

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams recently joined college, high school and club teams across the country to raise awareness for cancer research as part of the third annual Ted Mullin "Leave It in the Pool, Hour of Power Relay."

The event was started three years ago at Carleton College, after Ted Mullin, a member of the men's swimming and diving team, died of a rare soft-tissue cancer called sarcoma. All donations raised are sent to the "Ted Mullin Fund for Sarcoma Research" at the University of Chicago.

The event, organized by men's team co-captain Robby McNeese '09, was an hour-long sprint relay in which team members swam 50-yard lengths of each different stroke. McNeese said the original goal was \$500, but the Tiger team members went above and beyond to finish with more than \$1,200. Nationwide, more than \$50,000 was raised by more than 6,000 participants. ■

—Ryan Maurer



## Volleyball Head Coach Captures 200th Career Victory

It was no ordinary celebration following the volleyball team's 3-0 win at Denison last fall. Not only did the Tigers put the finishing touches on another tremendous regular season and a perfect 16-0 North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) record, Head Coach Paco Labrador reached an individual milestone by capturing the 200th win of his career.

Labrador is in just his sixth year leading the Tigers, but in that time he has elevated the program into the upper echelon of NCAA Division III. Wittenberg has consistently ranked in the top five nationally in recent years as Labrador has guided the Tigers to a remarkable record of 203-27 at the conclusion of the 2008 season.

His winning percentage of .876 ranked No. 1 among active NCAA Division III women's volleyball coaches with five or more years of experience going into the 2008 season. It improved to .885 as the Tigers went 33-3 overall and reached the NCAA Division III Tournament for the sixth straight time under his tutelage.

—Ryan Maurer

## Wittenberg Wins Inaugural "Blood Battle" With Rival Wooster

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and Student Senate organized a successful blood drive on Jan. 30, collecting 79 pints of donations to win the first-ever "Blood Battle" competition with North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) arch-rival Wooster.

The results were announced a few moments before tip-off of the Feb. 14 men's basketball game against Wooster in Wittenberg's Pam Evans Smith Arena. After it was revealed that Wittenberg was victorious by a count of 79-60, Wooster's

director of athletics donned a Wittenberg hat for the first half of the game.

"The turnout for the blood drive was great," said Wittenberg SAAC Vice President Erin Slattery '10. "It's great to see that we can use the historic rivalry between Wittenberg and Wooster men's basketball to do something good for the community. I'm glad we were able to get this project going this year, and we have already committed to a second round during the 2009-2010 basketball season." ■

—Ryan Maurer



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# On the Banks

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Behind the Springfield Museum of Art and Carleton-Davidson baseball stadium, an unexpected sound emanates: the gentle gurgle of Buck Creek as it flows quietly through Springfield. Surprisingly, it seems few Springfielders even notice the nearly seven-mile creek, much less walk down to its banks. Industrialized, overgrown, Buck Creek is almost a forgotten resource. John Loftis '94 and Professor of Geology John Ritter want to change that.



# of Buck Creek

by Gabrielle Antoniadis



John Loftis '94

## How will it work?

A look at the proposed dam modification on Buck Creek

When it came to deciding how to restore more natural flows on Buck Creek for boating, Loftis hired the engineers at Recreation Engineering and Planning, who have designed similar projects across the United States. Because the Buck Creek dams still protect utilities, dam removal was not an option. Instead, the project will modify the dams by creating drop structures that redistribute the water's vertical drop into a series of graded drops and pools. These grade-control structures will shape the creek to more closely resemble its original pattern of pools and riffles. The result? Better and safer navigability, improved in-stream habitat and recreation opportunities, and continued use of the dams.

The project will modify four dams at the following sites: 1) Old Reid Park where Beaver Creek flows into Buck Creek; 2) the Carleton Davidson Stadium site in Mitchell Boulevard Park; 3) The Springfield Museum of Art; and, 4) Snyder Park.

When the modifications are complete, the creek's waters will be suitable for kayakers and canoeists. Recreational boaters will be able to do a full "town run" by putting in at Old Reid Park and taking out at Snyder Park. Or they can "park-and-play" by putting in and taking out at the same site.

In February 2009, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued its official 404 Permit allowing construction on the dams. Because of their direct connection to downtown revitalization plans, Loftis anticipates working on the Snyder Park and at the museum sites in July 2009 (construction must be completed during the low-flow summer months). The Beaver Creek and Davidson Stadium sites are slated for construction beginning July 2010.

LONG AGO, THE HEALTHY and vigorous waters of Buck Creek made for an ideal site to build the city that became Springfield. But time and industry have left their marks on the stream. Though it served the city well – supplying energy and drinking water – today the creek is a shadow of its former self, its essential character and flow altered by a series of dams.

For John Loftis '94 and John Ritter, professor of geology, the restoration of Buck Creek to a more natural state through the modification of four of the creek's low-head dams is not only a priority but a passion. Together, the two have worked tirelessly in hopes of eventually creating an attractive and unique community resource that will provide new recreational opportunities, enhanced stream habitat and outstanding environmental education opportunities for local schools and Wittenberg students. The project ties into existing plans by the city of Springfield to improve and expand urban green spaces and recreational opportunities.

"Communities across the country are looking to river corridors as a critical part of urban renewal plans," Loftis says. "And when this project is complete, it will put Springfield on the map as a recreation destination."

## Healthy stream, healthy city

The project is the brainchild of Loftis, an avid kayaker who envisions Buck Creek as a premier recreational waterway for canoeing and kayaking. But, he promises, it will be much more than a place for boaters. The project will enhance access to the river, create public gathering places along the stream, and generate much-needed economic opportunities. In short,

it will be a source of local pride, a place for all to enjoy.

“People are drawn to water,” he notes. “Imagine people taking their lunch down to the stream banks, for example. If you make it accessible and attractive, people will come, and the whole community will benefit.”

But how did a local kayaking enthusiast and a geologist from Wittenberg come together to work so passionately to restore Buck Creek? It started more than five years ago, when Loftis returned to his native Springfield after living in Colorado. Searching for a good local waterway to satisfy his kayaking hobby, he eventually realized he would need to create one. Fortunately, he had seen enough transformed rivers around the country to know that anything was possible.

Buck Creek turned out to be one of the most practical local sites to attempt such a feat: It has good water flow and an existing park structure around the creek.

And the project could take advantage of the growing national interest in dam removal and modification. So began the long process of obtaining a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which required a range of environmental impact studies. And that is where Ritter enters into the picture.

## science in service to the community

As chair of Wittenberg’s geology department, Ritter has spent considerable time in streams and rivers – just not in boats. More often, he is dressed in chest waders, standing in the stream to measure water quality or collect sediment samples. He has also conducted research on local streams; specifically, their recent history of change in response to human impact as part of a stream resource protection program. When he heard about Loftis’ project, he volunteered

to do the necessary monitoring work required by the U.S. Army Corps. He and his students completed the pre-project assessment of the creek’s habitat quality as part of the permitting process for construction work in the creek. And they have assessed the extent of wetland soils and habitat quality for the Indiana bat, a federally listed endangered species, along the creek corridor.

“By returning the creek to a more natural rhythm of water flow, we should improve stream quality and enhance habitat for fish and aquatic organisms. So, from an environmental perspective, the project is very exciting,” Ritter says. “Even more exciting is that it will serve as a model for other communities considering similar projects.”

It is also one example of the many educational opportunities Ritter envisions. To monitor the stream before, during and after the project, he and his students will use state-of-the-art equipment, including water quality



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– John Loftis '94

monitoring stations on the creek (to be installed this winter), a stream gauge station, and a weather station (on the roof of Wittenberg's science center). Ritter says the need for this kind of stream assessment is growing nationwide as more communities look to improve the environmental and recreational functions of local waterways through dam modification.

"The dam modifications, together with the distribution of monitoring equipment to assess their impact, make the project interesting to environmental professionals at the state and national level," he says.

But this information won't be just for select scientists. Local schools and the entire Springfield community will also be able to access the data via a Web site with real-time measurements of weather, rainfall, stream flow and water quality. Students, teachers and recreational users will be able to log in daily and monitor changes in the stream. It will offer a hands-on learning experience for local students and an opportunity for citizens to get back in touch with the creek. And it is these benefits to the community that get to the heart of the project and the reasons Ritter and Loftis are so driven to succeed.

Ritter was on a university strategic planning committee that explored how Wittenberg might expand its engagement and investment in the Springfield community. The newly launched Center for Civic & Urban Engagement is Wittenberg's tangible commitment to that goal. "Renewing the Core and the Creek" is one of the Center's four key initiatives.

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– John Ritter



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“The project epitomizes what we are trying to do at the Center in terms of providing a service to the community and improving the downtown,” Ritter says. “I like to think of the work I am doing with my students – and the resources it will provide to the community – as value-added to John’s [Loftis] vision of the creek as a recreational corridor.”

Of course, this sophisticated equipment will provide new and expanded research opportunities for Wittenberg students and will open up the possibility of collaborations between state and federal resource protection agencies and Wittenberg.

“Wittenberg can be a resource to these agencies and a catalyst for the exchange of ideas and information,” he says.

Calling Ritter’s hours of effort already spent monitoring water quality and the state of the creek “priceless,” Loftis is excited to be collaborating with his alma mater. He believes that Wittenberg’s investment in the project is a win-win proposition for both Springfield and Wittenberg.

## Building Local support

In addition to wading through the formidable amounts of paperwork and technical requirements for the project, Loftis has spent countless hours drumming up local support for the project. He has given presentations around town, met with private donors, and explored marketing opportunities. He intends to raise all of the money for the project through private, local sources – one dam at a time.

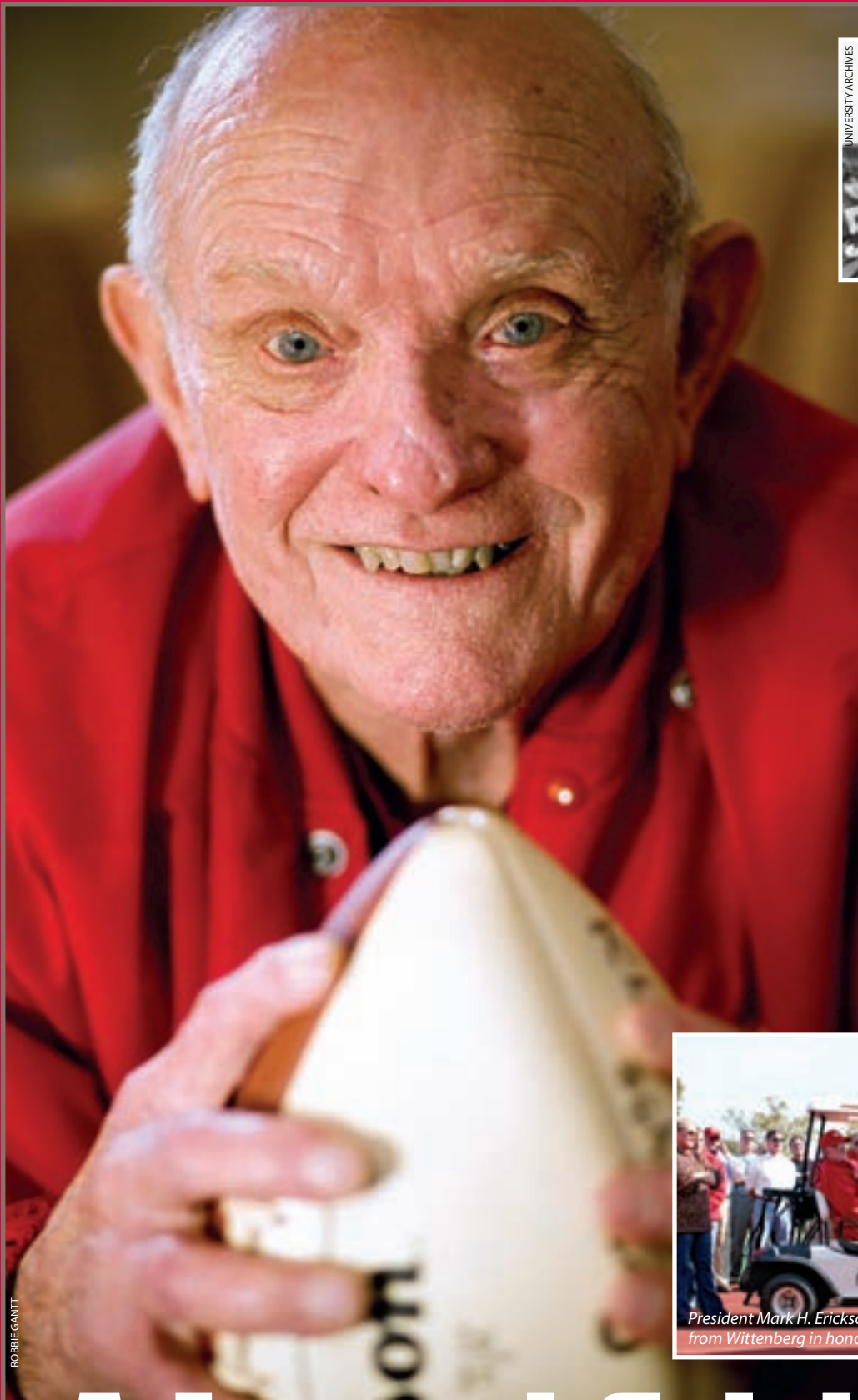
To date, the engineering phase has been entirely funded, and Loftis is now raising the money for the actual construction work. With the enthusiastic support of the city, the Springfield Conservancy District (which owns the land around Buck Creek), the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and National Trails Parks and Recreation District, Loftis is optimistic that the project will be a success.

“Many of the groups working on the downtown redevelopment have incorporated this project into their existing plans,” he notes.

All in all, it seems to be the right project at the right time. But Loftis’ vision extends beyond even the restoration of Buck Creek. He and his brother Kevin see the possibility for an annual river festival on the creek, the extension of city bike paths and the creation of a mountain biking system. Their plans to transform the limestone cliffs of Veterans Memorial Park (Cliff Park) into sites for bouldering (rock climbing without the aid of ropes and technical equipment) are already in the works. And Ohio state officials have expressed their interest in supporting these kinds of projects as part of their efforts to promote a healthy lifestyle.

“This project puts Springfield at the forefront of alternative recreation in the Midwest – no other city will match the outdoor recreational facilities available within an inter-connected urban park system corridor,” he says.

It seems fitting that a city founded on the banks of a creek and named for the area’s many springs should look again to its waters for renewal. By transforming Buck Creek into a vibrant feature of the Springfield community once again, Ritter and Loftis hope to bring people back to the water – to learn, to kayak, to bike, to climb, to walk, or to just sit and listen to the forgotten sounds of a healthy stream. ●



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UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

In 40 years as a coach, athletics administrator and professor at Wittenberg University, winning never got old for Dave Maurer or the student-athletes who still love him today. As a coach and an educator, Maurer was known for his ability to get more out of his students and athletes than they ever thought possible while connecting with them personally as a mentor and friend.



President Mark H. Erickson reads a proclamation from Wittenberg in honor of Dave Maurer, Nov. 1.

# A Legend Celebrated

Wittenberg Salutes Longtime Head Football Coach Dave Maurer

by Ryan Maurer



**D**ave inspired all of his student-athletes to be the best,” said President Mark H. Erickson. “In the process, Dave has literally shaped the lives of generations of Wittenberg graduates, preparing them for success on the field and in life.”

Maurer remains one of the most beloved Wittenberg leaders in the illustrious history of the university’s varsity athletics program, especially among the student-athletes he inspired from 1955-95 as a coach of the Tiger football, swimming, track and field, and golf teams. He led the Tigers to three football national championships and two runner-up finishes as the head coach and served as assistant coach for two other national title teams, earning national coach of the year honors twice, district coach of the year four times and conference coach of the year five times.

His career, which included 14 Ohio Athletic Conference football championships as a head coach and assistant coach and an .842 winning percentage, culminated with induction into the National College Football Hall of Fame in 1991, the first “true” NCAA Division III coach to garner such recognition.

To cement his legacy, Wittenberg joined together with numerous student-athletes and colleagues last year to celebrate the Hall of Famer’s countless contributions to the university, his unending passion for his work and his dedication to student athletes. The Nov. 1 event was aptly called Dave Maurer Day and was coordinated by the Committee to Honor Dave Maurer, which All-American offensive lineman Steve Drongowski ’74 chaired along with co-chairs Roy Allen ’63, Ron Duncan ’66, Jack Henkle ’62 and Tom Prior ’62. Additional committee members 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, Paul Valente and Head Football Coach Joe Fincham.

Together, they unanimously agreed not only to coordinate the special day, but also to spearhead a fundraising initiative to create a scholarship in Maurer’s name.

“I read through the tributes that Coach Maurer’s former players have been posting,” said McKinley, referring to a special Web site created to display video clips, photo galleries, news releases, a



*Student-athlete alumni, friends and colleagues celebrated Dave Maurer Day with their beloved coach.*

“Besides organizing Dave Maurer Day, the committee worked very hard to develop a permanent way of honoring Coach Maurer,” Allen said. “This will be an endowed scholarship, which means it will live on permanently throughout the life of the university, carrying Dave’s name and rewarding students who live up to the values of Dave Maurer and the students that he touched.”

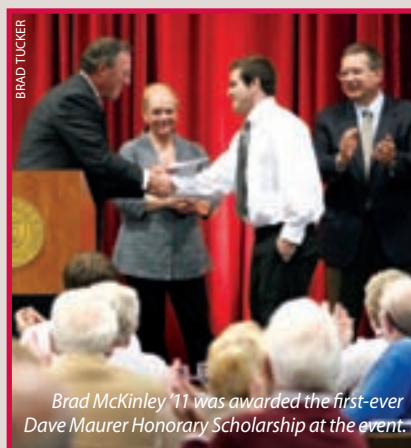
For the hundreds of former student-athletes, family members, friends and colleagues in attendance throughout the day as well as the first recipient of the new Dave Maurer Honorary Scholarship Brad McKinley ’11, the event will be forever remembered.

proclamation from Wittenberg and those from elected officials, and a page that now includes dozens of personal tributes. “I was struck by the impact he had on so many of them – time and again I read about how he turned boys into men. They have so much respect for him.”

“For a man who has given his life, his heart, and his soul to this university, I am not sure we can ever adequately express the deep gratitude and thanks of this university,” Erickson said at the moving evening tribute. “But we will do our best. On behalf of all Wittenbergers past and present, I thank you for the many gifts you have given to Wittenberg – the gifts of your time, your talent and your passion.

“As I have traveled around the world meeting with Wittenberg alumni, I always ask them to tell me about the person who had the greatest impact on their lives,” Erickson continued. “The name I hear more often than any other is Dave Maurer.

“Thank you Coach Maurer. I pledge to you that Wittenberg will do all it can to live up to the legacy you have provided and the standard you have set.” ■



*Brad McKinley '11 was awarded the first-ever Dave Maurer Honorary Scholarship at the event.*

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In January, the Wittenberg community comes together for a commemorative freedom march, a symbolic event organized to honor those who walked in the past for the freedom of disenfranchised people in the United States. The community also joins together each fall to affirm the dignity of every person and to promote an environment free from intolerance and persecution during the annual Unity March, sponsored by Concerned Black Students (CBS).

# A Time of Transformation

BY GABRIELLE ANTONIADIS

As Concerned Black Students (CBS) celebrates its 40th anniversary, *Wittenberg Magazine* reflects on the historic 1969 walkout and what it meant to those who were there, who followed and who continue to carry the torch today.

Protests. Demonstrations. Sit-ins. Walk-outs. As the nation grappled with a newly awakened moral conscience in the turbulent 1960s, these were the new tools of a generation seeking to illuminate the social problems of racial and gender equality. Campuses across the country became the crucible in which students struggled, debated and, often, created real change.

Wittenberg University was no different. Though Wittenberg had taken some real steps to address racial justice on campus in years past, the walkout of 1969 was a turning point for the university. Ron Woods '69, president and founder of CBS, says that the walkout represented a point at which Wittenberg had to look in the mirror.

"The university had to ask itself 'Do we watch from the sidelines or do we become part of the transformation?'" Woods says.

It is a mark of the university's courage, he says, that it chose to confront these issues and begin to respond to the challenges of racial equality. In the negotiations that followed the walkout, the university acknowledged that racism existed on campus and addressed specific demands in concrete ways. The students were satisfied and returned to campus.

In many ways, the walkout marked a new sense of purpose and identity for CBS. And, not surprisingly, the impact of participating in such a significant event was immediate and lasting for the students who were involved.

"For those of us who were there, it was a moment when we realized that social change was not just a theoretical proposition," Woods remembers. "It was something you had to be willing to commit to, organize for and make a sacrifice for."

Woods has carried that experience with him in his life and career. As a professor of African American Studies at Eastern Michigan University, he specializes in civil rights law and policy as well as African American constitutional and legal studies. And, as a member of Wittenberg's Board of Directors for more than seven years, he continues to play an important role in helping to shape Wittenberg as an institution.

"The walkout helped me see the importance of the continued need for institutional self-examination and growth," he says.

Woods' classmate, Levi Wingard '69, echoes Woods even as he remembers how difficult it was for him and others to decide to participate. After

the walkout, he recalls the almost immediate shift in culture and attitude at Wittenberg. Witnessing that change clearly empowered him going forward. After serving as a teacher, assistant principal and principal, Wingard went on to become the first African American superintendent of the Downing Town Area School District in Pennsylvania.

"I wasn't so sure at the time, but it resonates clearly to me now that peaceful activism can make a difference. We proved it to ourselves," he notes. "I learned to take a stand when something is wrong and that has served me well as a husband, a father, an educator and an administrator."



Janet Jackson '75

For those who came to Wittenberg shortly after the walkout, CBS continued to be a place for African Americans on campus to regroup, debate and gather – a kind of home away from home. Janet Jackson '75 remembers how very apparent it was to her and others that those students had put themselves and their education on the line for the students who would come after them.

“For us, there was a greater sense of urgency,” she says. “We knew the baton had been passed to us, and we needed to continue the work.”

An emeritus member of the Wittenberg Board of Directors, who also served on



ANDREW HOOD

Levi Wingard '69

the university's Alumni Board, Jackson has broken her own racial barriers by becoming the first African American woman to serve as a judge in Franklin County, Ohio. Today, Jackson is president and CEO of the United Way of Central Ohio, and when she, Woods and Wingard reflect on the past struggles and victories, they admit that 40 years ago, and even five years ago, they could not have imagined the world as it is today.

“Forty years out, it is a mark of progress that we cannot only elect an African American as president, but also celebrate it as a nation,” Woods says.

“The election of President Obama brings us full-circle; today I believe there is no opportunity that is closed to African Americans, or any minority anymore,” Wingard says. “But there is still a call to stay involved to make a better society and a better Wittenberg.”

This is the core principle that continues to motivate CBS and its current members today. Brittani Sterling '09, president of CBS, believes that cultural misunderstandings will always exist. That means that CBS will always have an important role to play in promoting awareness of diversity and encouraging discussion. For Sterling, remembering the walkout every year is personally inspiring, as well as powerful, because it forces people to be reflective.

“The walkout challenges me not to be complacent, and it makes me think about how I can do more,” she says. “In many ways, we still have a long way to go.”

Lauren Welch '10, vice president of CBS, has sensed a shift in attitudes and the willingness of more students at Wittenberg to be open to the experiences of minorities since the election.

“I think the election has changed this community's views,” Welch notes. “More people are trying to understand African American history, and I notice more people in class questioning their own views and tendencies.”

Welch and Sterling both stress that CBS is not just for African Americans today. They emphasize that CBS strives to include everyone and celebrate diversity of all kinds. With its long history on campus, CBS has also laid the groundwork for other groups on campus, standing as a kind of beacon to the entire community of the value of coming together for what you believe in.

As the audience for CBS programs broadens, Forest Wortham, director of multicultural student programs, the W.A.G.E. Womyn's Center and adviser to CBS, believes CBS still must continue to be vigilant in the quest to maintain equal opportunities for all. He also hopes the election of President Obama will help society return to the belief that education creates opportunity.

“Here is a man who got where he is today because he went out and got an education. He is a new role model and not just for African Americans,” he says. “In my mind, CBS has to continue to make sure that poor and disenfranchised young people of all backgrounds have access to higher education.”



Ron Woods '69

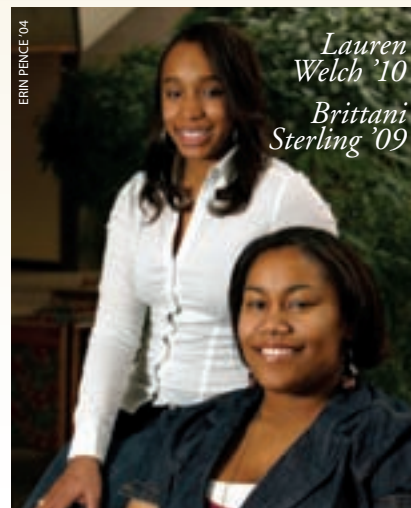
Woods agrees and also is excited by Obama's call to bring all ideas to the table.

“That is what a liberal arts education is about, that is what Wittenberg is all about – the passing of the light, the willingness to be courageous in embracing ideas,” Woods says.

The walkout of 1969 was a call for change, and it's a call that continues to bring students together today with many now asking how they can be united, while still celebrating the differences that make them distinctive.

It is a new way of looking at things. This became crystal clear for Jackson, who is now playing an active role with recruitment along with fellow CBS members, and whose son began his first year at Wittenberg this fall.

“His experience at Wittenberg is already so different from mine because society has changed,” she says. “But that doesn't mean race doesn't matter – it does. And we have to ensure that it stays on the agenda.” ■



ERIN PENCE '04

Lauren Welch '10  
Brittani Sterling '09

## Alumni Family Holds Festival In Memory Of Beloved Professor



Remembered as one whose “enthusiasm for the past enlivened her love for the present,” Margaret Sittler Ermarth ’30, late professor of history, mentor and friend, inspired her students and colleagues so much that they actually penned poems about her, including: “Teacher who walked across our lives, Shaped our deeds with careful loving hands, Mapped paths through tangled minds,” (“Mentor” by Robert Hartje ’78).

Ermarth also inspired her family, including her son Fritz W. Ermarth ’61, who hosted a centennial celebration in memory of his mother last fall. The event brought together fellow family members, friends and alumni whose lives were enriched by her warmth, values and integrity.

The first-ever Alumni Association for Distinguished Teaching Award

recipient in 1961, Ermarth went on to earn numerous other recognitions including Wittenberg’s top alumni prize, the Class of 1914 Meritorious Service Award in 1972, and the university’s prestigious Wittenberg Medal of Honor in 1977. Author of *Adam’s Fractured Rib*, which discussed the role of women in the Lutheran Church in America, Ermarth also served on the Wittenberg Board of Directors after her retirement in 1974, and she received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Gustavus College, where she taught before joining the faculty at Wittenberg.

Today at her alma mater, her memory continues to live on as an outstanding senior history major is presented the Margaret S. Ermarth Award at the Annual Honors Convocation. ■

—Phyllis Eberts ’00

## Special Alumni Events

April 5	<b>Springfield, Ohio, Alumni/Admission Reception,</b> sponsored by The Wittenberg Guild
April 19	<b>Chicago, Illinois, Alumni/Admission Reception</b>
April 20	<b>Dallas, Texas Alumni Event</b>
May 22-June 7	<b>Young Alumni Travel, Europe</b>
June 10-14	<b>Alumni College, “A River Runs Through It,” Springfield, Ohio</b>
June 18-21	<b>School of Music/Department of Music Reunion</b>
June 19	<b>Springfield, Ohio TGIF at the Polo Grounds Alumni Event</b>
August 3-7	<b>Alumni College at Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua, N.Y.</b>
Oct. 22-25	<b>Homecoming, Class of 1959 50th Reunion</b>

If you are interested in assisting with any of these events, contact Linda Beals ’87, director of alumni relations, at [lbeals@wittenberg.edu](mailto:lbeals@wittenberg.edu) or (937) 327-6374.



## Hilton Head Event Attracts Alumni

On Feb. 10, alumni gathered in Hilton Head, S.C. to reminisce and reconnect during a special alumni event hosted by Jim '63 and Anne Landis in their home, Michael '79 and Patricia Valentine Kristoff '79, and Eric '94 and Katherine Polk Todd '94. Those in attendance included President Mark H. Erickson, Harvey Peters '56, '59S '01H and wife Ruth, Fred '65 and May Reisz, Joan Miller Milsom '47, and Bill Frick '36 and wife Ruth. ■

## Alumni Reconnect In California

On Jan. 31, two dozen alumni gathered for a special event in San Diego at the home of Jennifer Vanica '76. Those gathered included William Boggs '68, Dan Kettlehake '86, Richard Doering '58, Emily Claytor Padgett '01, Susan Guzzetta '79, Sandra Pulaski Wisniewski '64 and President Mark H. Erickson. ■



## Alumni Gather In Cleveland

On Dec. 11, alumni and friends joined event host Martin Uhle '85 and wife Laura for a special evening in Cleveland. Those in attendance included President Mark H. Erickson, John Uhle '59, Scott Strawn '76 and Ann Brokaw '91. ■



## Alumni Travel To Beijing

More than 20 alumni headed to Beijing, China, last fall, as part of the university's Alumni College 2008 titled "Beijing, China and the Summer Olympic Games." The November trip was led by James Huffman, professor emeritus of history. ■



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'35 |

**Wayne E. Crotty** was inducted in the Lockland High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he resides.

'49 |

**David L. Berry** continues to live and paint in Albuquerque, N.M. He reminisces about attending kindergarten in Blair Hall in 1930 under the education department's practice teaching program. David returned to the same basement room in 1946 when it was a studio room for the art department.

'57 |

**Delphin T. and Marilyn Kohlhaas Shannon** '58 live in Kettering, Ohio. Del is a retired school psychologist. Marilyn retired as a senior program officer at the Dayton Foundation. She currently serves on the board of Graceworks Lutheran Services.



**Jim Blessing, Roger Cooper '57, Don Strobel, Phil Strobel '86, Bob Strobel and Chris Cooper '85** enjoyed a fishing trip to Kodiak Island, Alaska, in September 2008.

'58 |

**Donna Woods Parks** is a retired teacher who is a full-time volunteer at Forest Glen Health Center, Springfield, Ohio. Donna, who lives in South Charleston, Ohio, is also a pet rescuer and church organist.

'59 |

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'61 |

**Jane Woodward Hollinshead** lives in Levittown, N.Y., where she is active in the Red Hat Society and the Women's Club, and serves on the board of trustees for the Long Island Presbytery.

'64 |

**Patricia Williams Clouse** retired in 2007 after coaching four varsity sports at Wittenberg. She resides in South Vienna, Ohio

**Jozette Welsh Stubbe** owns Restoration Crafts in Hermitage, Pa.



**A campus reunion of choir members from the 1964 Witt European Tour included a game and tour of Wittenberg in November. Joanne Swingle Miller '66, Bob Mueller '66, Dick Buhl '66, Mary Alice Kmet Davidson '67, Cheryl Boringer Troyer '67, Glenn Troyer '67, Jim Updegraff '65 and Wendell Lutz '66** were among those in attendance.

'65 |

**Charles H. and Susan Bender Green** live in Phoenix, Ariz. Charlie is a public relations and recruiting representative with Arizona Project Challenge in Queen Creek, Ariz.

**Theresa Keilitz Perry** is president of Hailun Distribution LLC, Atlanta, Ga., an exclusive distributor of the Hailun brand acoustic pianos in the United States, Canada and Mexico. She lives in Stone Mountain, Ga.

'66 |

**Paul A. Williams**, Minden, Nev., is a senior planner with Nevada State Lands, Carson City, Nev.

'68 |

**Bruce N. and Dorothy Champion Baunach** '70 live in Westlake, Ohio, where Bruce works with Romine Marketing and Sales.

**Margaret Davidson Bonesteel** has moved to Austria after retiring from her position as associate director of project advance at Syracuse University in New York.

**Cynthia Venable Dubrouillet**, Longwood, Fla., is director of victim services with the Office of the State Attorney in Orlando, Fla.

**John Schwemlein** is executive vice president, branch manager with Janney, Montgomery & Scott, Chillicothe, Ohio.

'69 |

**Thomas W.D. Guthrie**, Ninde, Va., is an organist at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universal Church in Bethesda, Md.

**David M. and Julia Harner Helm** '68 live in Bay Village, Ohio. David is president and chief operating officer of Boxit Corp., Cleveland, Ohio.



## Barbara Mulhern Fowler '75 Serves As Mentor In The Business World

As a young woman in the 1970s, Barbara Mulhern Fowler experienced a life-changing moment when she received the results of her LSATs, and someone said, "I didn't know you were that smart." The Kappa Delta sister knew her days as a "space cadet" were at an end.

Following graduation, she went to Wake Forest School of Law in North Carolina to pursue her longtime goal of becoming a lawyer. She left Wake Forest with a law degree, a life partner, Tim Fowler, and the knowledge that she no longer wanted to practice law. Instead, a master's degree in taxation from New York University School of Law, and later a Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant designation from the American College in Pennsylvania, established her credentials for a business career.

She joined Prudential Insurance, where her genuine passion for mentoring made her responsibilities as its agency manager a perfect fit. A career move to the Prudential International division later resulted in relocating to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Fowler was responsible for the start-up of field operations, mentoring local executives, and recruiting and training the initial groups of agency managers.

Problem-solving, a hallmark of Wittenberg's liberal arts education, served Fowler well since neither she nor anyone at the Seguros Prudential office had experience in setting up a new company.

"I don't speak Spanish, so I used an interpreter," Fowler said. "They didn't criticize us for not learning their language; they graciously helped us communicate."

Fowler and her family lived in Argentina for more than six years, before moving to Warsaw, Poland, where she served as chief marketing officer at Pramerica Poland, again using interpreters.

A recent promotion to vice president of field training and development for Prudential International Insurance in New Jersey allows Fowler to continue using the skills that have brought her success and happiness.

"You need permission to mentor another," said Fowler, who recently served as the Department of Management's Executive-in-Residence. "There must be reciprocity, a partnership to mentor or supervise. The more you give without the obligation for a return, the more you get back."

—Phyllis Eberts '00

**Jane Burnside Hunt**, Evanston, Ill., is a realtor with Coldwell Banker, Wilmette, Ill.

**Charles V. Painter** of Dayton, Ohio, is a pre-calculus and algebra II teacher, and head boys and girls tennis coach at Beavercreek High School. He has marked his 500th career coaching tennis victory. The former head tennis coach at Wright State University, he is a member of the Dayton Amateur Tennis Association and Miami Valley Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame.

**Alan D. and Pamela Jackson Stewart** live in Vincennes, Ind., where Alan was named 2008 Citizen of the Year for his civic leadership in the community. As president of the Vincennes Community School Board, he co-chaired a successful effort to build a new middle school.

**'70 | David R. Borger** is co-founder, partner and director of research at Los Angeles Capital Management, a quantitatively oriented institutional money management firm. He lives in Simi Valley, Calif.

**Cinda Smith Borling** has accepted a position as a training manager on the corporate staff of Interiors by Decorating Den, Easton, Md.

**'71 | Gregory L. Gates**, Casa Grande, Ariz., is the senior executive with the Leavitt Group, Cedar City, Utah. He will provide guidance and deliver support to affiliated agencies in Arizona, Nevada and Georgia.



**Class of 1970 Gamma Phi Betas** attended an annual get-together called the "Sugar Pack Open" at Lake Leann, Mich. They included, Pam Neely Tomkins, Janet Frye Benedict, Gail Fuller Demattio, Linda Porter Visosky and Jan VanTillburg Morrison '69.



**Dr. Alan D. '69 and Pamela Jackson Stewart '69 and son Zachary '11** attended the presentation of Vincennes, Indiana's Citizen of the Year Award to Dr. Stewart on May 22, 2008.

**'72 | Robert T. and Christine McCutcheon Byrne** are serving as missionaries with the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. Robert will be an exchange pastor on loan from the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Chris will be a lay missionary. They will travel and serve the churches and institutions in each of the five districts of the J.E.L.C. They say that the liberal arts education of Wittenberg and the dedication of professors such as Eugene Swanger has blessed and enriched their lives in many ways.

**Lessly A. Goudarzi** is founder, CEO and managing director of OnLocation Inc./Energy Systems Consulting, Vienna, Va.

**'73 | Diane Giffin Flaherty** owns Dee Giffin Flaherty & Associates in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**William C. Kent**, Albuquerque, N.M., has retired as a southwest area vice president with Comcast Sound Communications.



**Madelyn Donnelly, 2**



**Aubrey Hall, 4-17-08**



**Claire, 4, Patrick, 6, and Maeve Greene, 1-9-07**



**Jude, 5-5-08, and Levi Hayes, 2**



**Ned Redpath, 4-13-08**



**Ella Gustin, 12-7-07**

## Li'l Tigers

**Madelyn, 2**, daughter of Michelle Diamonon Donnelly '87 and husband Mike.

**Aubrey Marie**, daughter of Adam '03 and Soraya Nayeبزاده Hall '02

**Clair, Patrick and Maeve Margaret**, children of Christina Schwab Greene '94 and husband Michael

**Jude Michael and Levi Andrew**, sons of Nicole Denis Hayes '02 and husband Andrew

**Ned**, son of Jason Redpath '01 and wife Heather

**Ella Jolene**, daughter of Tiffanie McQuinn Gustin '02 and husband Alan

**Kathryn L. Trent**, Emsworth, Pa., has been promoted to grounds maintenance supervisor at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Peter E. Wray**, Columbus, Ohio, is director of communications and editor of the *Bulletin* with the American Ceramic Society Inc., Westerville, Ohio.



**Barb Kendall Chapin '74** enjoys annual reunions with Gamma Phi Beta sisters (top) **Jody Beerbower Brumbach '74**, **Susie Smart Kienzle '74**, **Robin Burks Coleman '74**, **Robin Ames '75**, **Shelley Hellmich Zanjani '74** and **Beth Gray Bertus '74**.

'74

**Elizabeth McCarrell Armour** is founder and president of Armour Associates Ltd., a 15-year-old international chemical consulting firm in Hendersonville, N.C. She was featured in an article titled "Entrepreneurial Trailblazers," which appeared in *Chemical & Engineering News*, the publication of the American Chemical Society.

**Carla J. Johnson**, Savannah, Ga., is a manager for Second Chance, a training program that helps individuals with acquired brain injuries regain their academic, cognitive, independent living and vocational skills.

'75

**Don E. Lynam** is the executive vice president of Home City Federal Savings Bank, Springfield, Ohio.

'76

**Owen C. Griesemer**, Middletown, Md., is a cartographer with the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Silver Spring, Md.

**William J. Whitney** is director of marketing and contracts with Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling Inc., Houston, Texas.

'77

**Mary E. Tanner**, Springfield, Va., is a staff officer with the federal government.

**Gregory A. and Deborah Patten Zaebs** live in Hudson, Ohio. Deborah is president of Angle, Zaebs & Associates in Twinsburg, Ohio.

'78

**Janet Lawrie Hughes** owns Noteworthy Cards and Gifts in Malvern, Pa. Janet, a photographer, creates handmade note



**Sporting Wittenberg T-shirts**, **Joe Vanuch '75**, left second row, and former Tiger Assistant Football Coach **Dick Fahrney**, right second row, joined together to coach **The Rosenheim Rebels**, a German football team, last May.





**Nancy Williams Preston '76, Jordan Preston, Jack Elmore and Ellie Gillespie Elmore '77** enjoyed a reunion after Nancy and Ellie discovered their sons were fraternity brothers following their graduation from Elon University in May.

cards and customized greeting cards from her nature shots.

**Lawrence W. and Adrienne Conliffe James '75** live in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Larry is president and CEO of the Center for Multicultural Competence in Healthcare Organizations.

'79 |

**Jane M Bartley** of Glen Ellyn, Ill., married Scott Bredrup on June 15, 2007. Jane is a guidance counselor at Wheaton North High School.

**Mark A. Basil** has a private law practice in Cincinnati, Ohio, where his specialties are real estate, probate, estate planning and corporations. He is also the law director for the City of North College Hill.

**Janice Kersey Earheart** is director of finance with the Church Health Center in Memphis, Tenn.

**Karen Grano Peter**, Highland Heights, Ohio, is a customer fulfillment manager with General Electric, Cleveland, Ohio.

**David L. Titus**, Rocky River, Ohio, is director of shelter services with Mental Health Services Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

**Robert M. Whitelaw** is president and CEO of Casugel Pfizer Japan in Sagami-hara Kanagawa, Japan.

'80 |

**Donald R. Groff**, Silver Spring, Md., is with the National Capitol Poison Center, Washington, D.C.

'81 |

**Patricia Lawrence Bisker**, Ostrander, Ohio, is a technology education instructor with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, Columbus, Ohio.

**Christopher R. Michaelis**, Chesterfield, Mo., is vice president of sales for North America with Bayco Products, Wylie, Texas.

**Kenneth E. Urban** was awarded a Ph.D. in education from Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in May 2008. His dissertation was titled "An Evaluation of Persistence-Risk Identification Processes at a Technical College." He resides in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., where he oversees learning support activities at Mid-State Technical College.

'82 |

**Guy L. Gerbick**, Ontario, Calif., is interim vice president and dean of students at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California.

**Jeffrey P. Kinney and Rebecca J. Bourret** live in Natick, Mass. Jeff is a senior vice president with Wachovia Bank N.A., Boston, Mass.

**Janis Rhea Worley** of Hudson, Ohio, has been elected president of the Junior League of Akron, Ohio.

'83 |

**Christine Abell Brondel** owns Career Insight Consulting in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

**Nancy Mosbrook Gecking**, Strongsville, Ohio, received her M.Ed. in educational administration from Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, Ohio, in May 2008. She is an assistant principal for the Positive Education Program in Cleveland, Ohio. PEP is a separate facility program for students with severe emotional disturbances and children on the autism spectrum. Nancy has also conducted

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## Wedding Album



**Jennifer Bear '95** married Gregory Halsall on March 1, 2008, in Steamboat Springs, Colo. The couple lives in Denver.



**Shuly Cawood '91** married Preston McGee on Aug. 30, 2008. The couple lives in Johnson City, Tenn.



**Jason Goggins '97** married Diana Kuser on Aug. 2, 2008. The couple lives in Columbus, Ohio.



**Julie Frick '95** married John Schmidt on April 20, 2008. The couple lives in Blythewood, S.C.

## Corrections



Anne Ebert Rein '56, left, Marty Clark Cheff '56 and Helene Von Steuben Erhart '58 came to Wittenberg from different areas of Pennsylvania, pledged KD and recently discovered they all live in Colorado (not Columbus).



Witt friends reunited for the wedding of the daughter of Mark Inglis '79 and Stephanie Mayer Inglis '79 on June 23, 2007, in Fairfield, Conn.



**Ben, 2, and Samantha Norris, 4-17-08**



**Joshua Smith, 10-22-07**



**Margot Block, 4-21-08**



**Owen Hayball, 2-2-08**



**Paige, 4-18-07, and Abigail Swift, 7**



**Carter Kopp, 3-11-08**

## Li'l Tigers

**Ben and Samantha Emily**, children of Brett '96 and Kimberly Burnette Norris '96

**Joshua**, son of Greg '90 and Dianna Ford Smith '91

**Margot Elizabeth**, daughter of Gwen Roemer '01 and Trevor Block '02

**Owen David**, son of Ashley Patterson Hayball '96 and husband Geoff

**Abigail and Paige**, daughters of Michael and Pari (Perkins) Swift '99, Christmas 2008

**Carter**, son of Jessica Martin Kopp '02 and husband Ben

extensive work in the area of autistic spectrum disorders, including volunteer work with Autism Speaks.

**Lateef O. Shittu** lives in Nigeria where he is an economist, human capital development expert and a seasoned manager with more than 25 years experience in the private and public sectors.

**Meg Hanson Snyder** owns Copper Instincts, a home furnishings business in Patzcuaro, Mexico.

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**Mona Jones Lombardi**, Auburn Township, Ohio, is a senior project manager overseeing global initiatives with Jones Day in Cleveland, Ohio. She is also a certified personal trainer.

**David W. Rhudy**, New Canaan, Conn., is with the Schonfeld Group, a securities trading firm in New York, N.Y.

**Laura Smith Scaturo** is a teacher at Lincoln School, an early childhood learning center with the Westfield Public Schools in New Jersey. She lives in Cranford, N.J.

On May 2, 2008, **Steven K. Shaner**, Strasburg, Va., received a doctor of sacred music degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation, South Bend, Ind. He is minister of music and director of worship and arts ministries at Mt. Olive United Methodist Church, Arlington, Va.

'85 | **Scott A. Carlson**, Natick, Mass., is with the Winchester Public Schools.

**Mary Walker May**, Bath, Ohio, is a partner with Mindgrab Media, Akron, Ohio.

**Susan Church Sheffer Schwartz** of Scituate, Mass., is northeast sales director with the General Motors Acceptance Corp.

**Linda McCabe Silich** is a partner in the landscape design firm, Groundworks Landscaping

Inc., East Hampton, N.Y. The company was featured in the June 2008 issue of *Veranda Magazine*, a national home design and decorating magazine for their work at a large estate in Southampton, N.Y.

**David W. Jr. and Julie McCullough Stevens** '88 live in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, where Julie owns an eBay sales business.

'86 | **Bruce D. and Ann Matus Gordon** live in Portsmouth, N.H. Ann is the ESOL district coordinator with the Oyster River Cooperative School District in Madbury, N.H.

**Charles R. Manak** is a general counsel with Courtland Partners Ltd., Cleveland, Ohio.

**Jerry L. Metzker** of Oakland, Calif., is the development manager for Be A Mentor Inc., a non-profit organization that matches youth with adult guides and mentors in the San Francisco area. Jerry's play, *His Heart Belongs to Me*, is being produced in the Theatre Rhinoceros Studio.

**Lisa A. Starzynski**, Germantown, Tenn., is an architectural designer with A2H Askew Hargraves Harcourt & Associates Inc., Lakeland, Tenn.

'87 | **Michael F. and Liza Thomas Burger** '88 live in Ithaca, N.Y. Michael is the recipient of a new national fellowship from the TogetherGreen Conservation Leadership Program for his work as director of conservation and science for Audubon New York, Albany, N.Y.

**Michelle Diamonon Donnelly** and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of Madelyn, Nov. 14, 2006. They live in Petaluma, Calif. A property manager for CAC Real Estate Management Co. Inc., Michelle manages a high rise office building in downtown San Francisco, Calif.

**Robert C. Jr. and Sheryl Block Gartner** '85 live in the Village of Lakewood, Ill. Robert is in EVP field operations with Sears Holding, Hoffman Estates, Ill.



## George '84 and Judy Musil Huntley '82

### *Measure Success On A Different Scale*

George and Judy Huntley clearly demonstrate the power of Wittenberg's liberal arts education. They both found their respective careers thanks to caring professors and strong, well-rounded academic programs, and both still credit their alma mater with shaping their characters. Yet, Wittenberg did something else for the couple; it showed them the importance of engaging in life no matter the obstacles.

A successful businessman having worked at Price Waterhouse initially after graduation followed by work as a controller and chief financial officer for various firms, George, the current CFO of Theoris, has also devoted significant time and energy to the American Diabetes Association (ADA).

Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes during his junior year at Wittenberg – six months after his sister was diagnosed – George became involved with the ADA, serving as treasure of the Maryland affiliate shortly after graduation.

"I quickly learned the impact the ADA has on the lives of people with diabetes and their families who love and support them," he said.

He also learned the tremendous epidemic diabetes has become, and the impact it is having on the nation's health care system. Now chair of the ADA's national board of directors, George has lobbied for legislation at both the state and federal levels for research funding and safe-at-school programs. He and Judy have also spearheaded fundraising efforts on their own.

Together they have also tackled other challenges, including adjusting routines to accommodate George's diabetes, working through the passing of their fathers, and taking a leap of faith to move to Indiana after years of living on the East Coast.

"Each challenge, though, has taught me something about myself and others," said Judy, who is also a successful businesswoman, having worked at Arthur Young, in the non-profit sector and now as the only female division president at Saint Clair Press.

"It's amazing what we can do when faced with tough decisions," she said. "My greatest reward, though, is having the wherewithal to give back – to family, to friends, to special charities and to Wittenberg."

"Wittenberg's motto of 'Having light we pass it on to others' is a wonderful theme to live your life by," George added, "and we think of that phrase often."

– Karen Gerboth '93

**Christopher M. and Patricia Schreiber Hanlon** live in Scottsdale, Ariz. Christopher is an attorney with Carnahan & Perry PLC, Phoenix, Ariz. Patricia, a second grade teacher at Cooper Ridge Elementary School, was honored as an Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Scottsdale Charros.

**Donald M. III and Gail Schlossman Mewhort '86** live in Sylvania, Ohio. Don is president of Midland Title and Escrow Ltd., Toledo, Ohio.

'88 |  
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**Lisa Malenas Demarest**, Danville, Calif., is executive vice president with In Good Company Events Inc., San Ramon, Calif.

**Elizabeth Pauly Enochian** is a senior manager with Tahoe Partners, Chicago, Ill.

**Jennifer Plate Johnson** is a contracts administrator with Grubb & Ellis, Richmond, Va.

**Annette Kinn Jones** is with the St. Louis de Montfort School, Fishers, Ind.

**Dacotah J. Spurgeon** owns Tailwind Physical Therapy in Spokane, Wash.

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**Brian D. Buck**, Northfield, Ill., is with Watson Wyatt, Chicago, Ill.

**Wendell E. Donathan** of Somerville, Ohio, is a teacher/coach with the Franklin City School District.

**Wendy Osborn Horwitz** is a senior specialist with TS Tech North America, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

**Douglas E. Houser**, Westerville, Ohio, is with FirstMerit Bank, Columbus, Ohio.

**Robert F. Vaka** lives in Johns Creek, Ga. He is a vice president of investor relations with Equity Estates, Atlanta, Ga.

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*Reunion Weekend 2009*

**Anne R. Archer**, Pottstown, Pa., married Gabriel McMorro on March 29, 2008. They live in Pottstown, Pa. Anne, who received a master's degree in music from West Chester University in 2006, is pursuing another master's degree in music therapy at Immaculata University. She teaches music at two private schools and has founded a traditional Irish instrumental group.

**Lynn Godfrey Novak** and her husband, Thomas, welcomed the birth of their son, Henry David, on July 14, 2008. They live in Standish, Maine, where Lynn is director of donor research and corporate relations at Saint Joseph's College of Maine.

Joshua Michael was born to **Gregory D. and Dianna Ford Smith '91** on Oct. 22, 2007. They live in Batavia, Ohio.

**Neil T. Stewart**, Rising Sun, Ind., teaches music at the Academy of World Languages, a magnet school in the Cincinnati Public School District. It provides a diverse cultural climate and foreign language learning opportunities including Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Russian.

**W. Martin E. Zimmann** of Holland, Ohio, is pursuing a Ph.D. in American cultural studies at Bowling Green State University.

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**Bela A. Bernhardt**, Westerville, Ohio, is with the City of Columbus, Division of Police.

**Shuly X. Cawood** married Preston McKee on Aug. 30, 2008. They live in Johnson City, Tenn.

**Keith A. and Teresa Jerviss Eagle '92** live in Columbus, Ohio. Teresa is manager, MIS development with Netsmart Technologies, Dublin, Ohio.

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## Wedding Album

**Amy Nilson '07 and Jeremy Toffle '06** were married June 21, 2008, in Troy, Ohio. The couple lives in Englewood, Ohio.

**Jennifer Grossman '03** married Nathan Leopard on Nov. 3, 2007 at Christ Lutheran Church in Baltimore, Md. The couple lives in State College, Pa.

**Carrie Warvel '04 and Kevin Longley '03** were married July 1, 2006, in Weaver Chapel. The couple resides in Brookville, Ohio.

**Michelle E. Jacksier** has been promoted to assistant vice president, Web managing editor at Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago in Illinois.

**Virginia M. Mohlere**, Spring, Texas, is a scientific editor at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas. Her fiction and poetry have appeared online and



**Future Tigers Noah Gels and Will Morris took time with their coaches Matt Gels '92 and Sam Morris '91 after a recent game.**

in print in *MungBeing*, *Cabinet des Fees*, *Fickle Muses*, *Mythic Delirium* and *Goblin Fruit*.

**Samuel H. Morris**, New Milford, Conn., is a senior sales executive with Software Engineering of America, Franklin Square, N.Y.

**Dawn Rist Opal**, Wadsworth, Ohio, is a clinical director at Solutions Behavioral Healthcare Inc., Medina, Ohio.

On June 28, 2008, **Bethany L. Porter** married Rick Kennedy. They live in Prospect, Ky. Bethany is director of transportation with Ann Taylor.

**Theresa Bald Soltzberg**, Felton, Calif., is an organization development consultant with Granite Construction, Watsonville, Calif.

**Lance J. and Pamela Smith Styles** live in Dayton, Ohio, where Pamela is a senior human resources generalist with Paychex Inc.

**Joseph F. Young** and his wife, Marie, announce the birth of Jodine Dolores on June 30, 2008. Joe teaches and coaches at London High School in Ohio.

**Elizabeth Lane "Busy" Zachar** and her husband, John, welcomed their third son, Joseph Kieran, July 16, 2008. They live in Chicago, Ill.

'92 | **George D. Bennett**, an associate professor at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill., was the recipient of a 2008 research and artistic achievement award.

**Daniel B. Brubaker** is a special agent with USPIS, Las Vegas, Nev.

**Beth Reese Burgess** and her husband, Alan, announce the birth of Bailey, Aug. 23, 2006. They live in Norman, Okla. Beth is a facility manager with Convergys.

**Laurie Merges Campbell** and her partner, Elizabeth, welcomed

their son, Henry William on May 25, 2006. They live in Lakewood, Ohio. Laurie is a publisher's representative with Pearson Education in Cleveland.

**Kristina M. Fischbach**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is a business systems analyst with National City Bank, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Matthew M. Gels**, Ridgefield, Conn., is a regional manager with Oracle, New Haven, Conn.

**Emily Eberhart McCormick** and her husband, Keith, announce the birth of Margaret Ann on March 17, 2008. They live in South Lyon, Mich. Emily is a senior account consultant with Unum, Southfield, Mich.

**John C. and Kristen Nagle Mouritsen** live in Indian Trail, N.C. John is a pastor at Morning Star Lutheran Church, Matthews, N.C.

**Cara E. Paul**, Glendale, Calif., is a lighter/compositor with Walt Disney Animation Studios, Burbank, Calif.

**Tricia A. Sprankle** is an associate with Kohler & Smith Co. LPA, Columbus, Ohio. She practices in the areas of business law, tax law, estate planning, probate, tax-exempt organizations and real estate.

**Mark H. III and Jane Steeves Wainwright '91** live in Seattle, Wash., where Mark is director of marketing with Studio Meng Strazzara.

'93 | **Alexandra Cardenas**, Quito, Ecuador, owns IMAGINATION, a daycare center. She expresses appreciation for her Wittenberg education and its positive effect in her life.

**Heather Julian Corral** and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Henry on May 16, 2007. They live in Northfield, Ill. Heather teaches language arts with the Northbrook School District 28.



**Hubert Mooney '92, Dean Towers '89, Binnie Kurtzner '91, Amy Townes Hieronymus I '91, Gibson Smith '93, Patrick Simonton '92, Amy Hardin Dufer '91 and Cliff Hieronymus on vacation in Islamorada, Fla.**

**Leah Moorefield Evans** and her husband, Arthur, announce the birth of their second daughter, Adelaide Autumn, on Sept. 21, 2007. They live in Quito, Ecuador.

**Laura J. Hartquist**, Sherman Oaks, Calif., is a deputy attorney general in the criminal division of the California Attorney General's Office in Los Angeles, Calif.

**Rose-Marie Noone Janesz** and her husband, Thomas, announce the birth of their sixth child, Melissa Rose, on April 26, 2008. They live in Lakewood, Ohio.

**Steven P. Pearson** is a senior development associate at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.

**Katherine Blattner Szymcak** is assistant director of the Huntington Learning Center Inc., Oak Lawn, Ill.

**Jennifer Keller Taylor**, Calabasas, Calif., is a senior economic development analyst with the City of Santa Monica.

**Matthew T. Theis**, Lake Forest, Ill., is the account director at The Shamrock Companies, Buffalo Grove, Ill.

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**Julie A. Bauerle** has married Mark Anthony. They live in Sedalia, Ohio.

**Carlos S. Boetticher**, Cape Coral, Fla., is with Evans HCC, Fort Myers, Fla.

**Christopher A. and Laura Wilkins Cooke** live in Columbus, Ohio, where Christopher is director of strategic accounts with Digital River Promotion, and Laura is the assistant head of marketing & finance at The Wellington School.

**Eric C. Fischer**, Denver, Colo., is a financial planner with Triad Financial Group, Greenwood Village, Colo.

**Debra Kern Gaskill**, Enon, Ohio, has been named managing editor of the *Washington Court House Record Herald*.

**Christina Schwab Greene** and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Maeve Margaret on Nov. 9, 2007. They live in Scituate, Mass.

**D. Brian Hartwick** is a technical project manager with Keithley Instruments Inc., Solon, Ohio.

**Michelle Parrett Jackson** and her husband, John, announce the birth of Tyler Lee on May 7, 2008. They live in Columbus, Ohio, where Michelle is a scientific information analyst with Chemical Abstracts Service.

**Steven A. Koehrsen**, Delaware, Ohio, is manager of internal audit with Worthington Industries.

**Kate Kingsley Lund** and her husband, Theodore, announce the birth of twins, William and Brady, on Aug. 29, 2007. They live in Rowley, Mass.

**Heather Logan Melick** and her husband, Greg, announce the births of Logan, Jan. 14, 2006,

and Samuel, March 27, 2008. They live in New Albany, Ohio. Heather is an attorney with Luper, Neidenthal and Logan, Columbus, Ohio.

**Jennifer C. Parsons**, Lexington, Ohio, is an assistant volleyball coach at Ashland University.

**Adam B. Perry** is senior program director with Arts Midwest, Minneapolis, Minn.

**Gretchen Baer Radler** and her husband, Arr, announce the birth of Kiara Mae on Feb. 7, 2008. They live in Fairfield Township, Ohio.

**Christopher A. Rinehart**, Kilbourne, Ohio, is of counsel with Rinehart & Rishel Ltd., Columbus, Ohio.

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**Jennifer L. Bear** married Gregory Halsall on March 1, 2008. They live in Denver, Co. Jennifer is a claims adjuster with Safeco Insurance, Golden, Co.

**Karyn Bergstrom Cochran**, Fairborn, Ohio, teaches fifth-grade language arts and social studies at Rolling Hills Elementary School in Springfield, Ohio.

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**Laura O'Neill '96** married Derrick Buckspan on Aug. 18, 2007, in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. The couple resides in Portland, Maine.



**Carrie Laurell '98** married Anthony Buglio Sept. 27, 2007. The couple lives in Chicago, Ill.



**Amy Volk '04** married James Hall in Garfield Park in Indianapolis, Ind., on Aug. 22, 2008. The couple lives in Indianapolis.



**Natalie McChesney '96** married Barry Flightner in Carmel, Calif., on Sept. 29, 2008. Following their honeymoon in Hawaii, they made their home in Boston, Mass.





**Erin Fox Voight '95 and Ann Brokaw '92** celebrate seven of their senior students who came to Wittenberg in the fall of 2008. From left, Erin Voight, Catt Culley, Adam Pullar, Megan Shaughnessy, Laura Berkeley, David Rea, Laura Aylward, Ann Brokaw and Ashley Zkiab. Voight teaches AP English, and Brokaw teaches AP biology at Rocky River High School, Rocky River, Ohio.

**Dexter D. Davis**, Eagan, Minn., has been promoted to continuous improvement manager with the Target Corp., Minneapolis, Minn.

**Tyler M. and Leanne Kahl Dunlap '96** live in Perrysburg, Ohio. Tyler is vice president of communications with Premier Asset Solutions, Maumee, Ohio.

**Scott B. Evans** and his wife, Jane, are pleased to announce the

birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Laura, on Sept. 18, 2008. They live in Jersey City, N.J.

**Julie E. Frick** of Blythewood, S.C., married John Schmidt on April 20, 2008.

**Julie M. Gordon** married Johnathan Law on Oct. 28, 2007. They reside in Boston, Mass., where Julie is a human resources director at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

**Charity Komminsk Hinkle** and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their third son, Charles Frank, April 4, 2008. They live in Powell, Ohio.

**Allison Kessler Kroft** and her husband, Brandon, welcomed the birth of their second child, Lauren Grace, Sept. 13, 2007. They live in Chesterton, Ind.

**Brandon M. and Anna Frank Lambert '00** announce the birth of their daughter, Addison Wheeler, Aug. 6, 2008. They live in Springfield, Ohio.

**Elizabeth J. Orth**, Norcross, Ga., is director of customer impact with EarthLink Inc., Atlanta, Ga.

**Christina Reschke Potter** and her husband, Kenneth, announce the birth of Evan Nikolas on Dec. 26, 2006. They live in Sagamore Hills, Ohio. Christina, a German teacher with the Strongsville City Schools, received her M.A. in teaching from Marygrove College, Detroit, Mich., in 2006. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in teaching

English as a second language at Cleveland State University.

**Laura L. Sponseller** married Daniel MacDonald on May 31, 2008. She has been awarded a doctor of medicine from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, and will be serving her residency in psychiatric medicine at the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.

'96 |

**Marisa Dudack Betts** and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their third child, Maya, on July 3, 2008. They live in East Granby, Conn.

**Tracy L. Clements**, Medford, Mass., is a senior account manager with Financial Architects Partners and the producer of the *Boston Sunday Review* on 104.1 WBCN.

**Eric N. and Kelley Elder Columber** reside in Sedgwick, Maine. Eric is a member of Roy, Beardsley, Williams & Granger



**Tayten Swain, 4-11-08**



**Aubrey Yekisa, 5-20-08**



**Jake Schuckman, 9-24-08**



**Mallory Green, 5-9-07**



**Maryellen, 3, and Maggie McCormick, 3-17-08**



**Elizabeth Evans, 9-18-08**

Li'l Tigers

**Tayten Noelle**, daughter of Mary Woodruff Swain '02 and husband Sean

**Aubrey Elizabeth**, daughter of Brent Yekisa '03 and wife Amy

**Jake Alexander**, son of Tim Schuckman Jr. '02 and wife Heather

**Mallory Estelle**, daughter of Eric '98 and Leslie Kem Green '00

**Maryellen and Maggie**, daughters of Emily Eberhart McCormick '92 and husband Keith

**Elizabeth**, daughter of Scott Evans '95 and wife Jane

LLC, a general practice law firm in Ellsworth, Maine.

Ellison Blake was born to **Carrie Meyer Cubberley** and her husband, Mark, on June 10, 2008. They live in Celina, Ohio. Carrie teaches high school English with the Ohio Virtual Academy, Maumee, Ohio.

**Tracie L. Davis** is an assistant principal at South Loop Elementary School with the Chicago Public Schools in Illinois.

**Heather Browne Delouchry** and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of Drew on Feb. 3, 2006. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

In May 2008, **Marguerite Farricker Gleason** became a partner in the Carolinas Animal Hospital and Dental Clinic in Charlotte, N.C., where she practices general medicine with a specialization in dentistry. When she completes her dental fellowship, she will become one of only 100 board certified veterinary dentists in the world. Marguerite has been named Young Veterinarian of the Year at the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association Convention.

**Ashley Patterson Hayball** and her husband, Geoff, welcomed Owen David on Feb. 2, 2008. They live in Palm Desert, Calif.

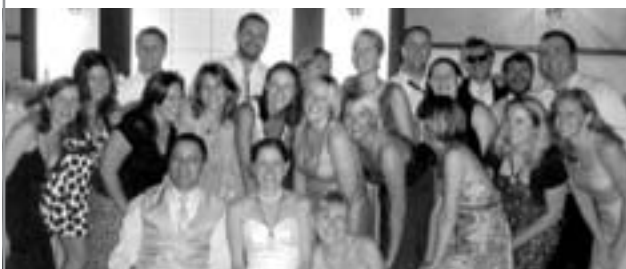
**Adam J. Houg** of Van Wert, Ohio, placed first in his age group in the 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard breaststroke at the Ohio Championship Meet for Masters Swimming.

**Jillan G. Lankford** married David S. Beebe on Oct. 28, 2006. They live in Mesa, Ariz.

**Natalie J. McChesney** married Barry Flightner on Sept. 29, 2008. They live in Boston, Mass.

**Eric C.** and **Kristen Bomberger Morgan** '97 welcomed the birth of their second child, Olivia Ann, on Aug. 16, 2007. They live in Indianapolis, Ind. Eric works in finance with Roche Diagnostics. Kristen is in global marketing with Eli Lilly and Co.

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**Lisa Schingledecker '00** and **Jonathan Baltes '99** were married in Fort Wayne, Ind., on June 28, 2008. The couple lives in Brookfield, Wis.

**Jill Bradley '03** and **Chris Taylor '04** were married May 24, 2008. The couple lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Angela Huff '02** and **Thomas Erat '00** were married in Toronto, Ohio, on July 28, 2007. The couple lives in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Tricia Hendricks '02** and **Justin Bitner '02** were married May 10, 2008, in Fort Wayne, Ind. The couple lives in Chicago, Ill.

**Mackenzie Hill '02** and **Matt Starkey '02** were married on May 25, 2008. The couple lives in Columbus, Ohio.

**Katie Burns '06** and **Brian Cataldi '07** were married Oct. 11, 2008. The couple resides in Gahanna, Ohio.

**Brett and Kimberly Burnette Norris** announce the birth of their second child, Samantha Emily, April 17, 2008. They live in San Diego, Calif., where Brett is an assistant attorney with the United States Department of Justice, Customs and Border Patrol.

**Laura A. O'Neill** married Derrick Buckspan on Aug. 18, 2007. They live in Portland, Maine. Laura is director of the University of Southern Maine Action Learning Center in Gorham, Maine.

**H. Matthew Reed** of Hamilton, Ohio, serves as staff attorney/magistrate in the Butler County Court of Common Pleas. He has been selected as the chair of the common pleas/appellate court practice area for the Ohio Association of Magistrates.

**Scott M. and Alexis Sandru Schwartz** '97 live in Troy, Ohio. Scott is an optometrist with Primary Eye Care in Sidney, Ohio.



**Matthew Theis '93 and wife, Christie, with daughters Brooke, 6, and twins Kenleigh and Caroline, 8, during spring break 2008.**

**Megan A. Shields** married Thomas F. Colt July 19, 2008. They live in Pittsburgh, Pa., where Megan is director of alumni relations at Sewickley Academy.

**Jonathan M. and Erin Fox Voight** '95 live in Rocky River, Ohio. Jon is a vice president of real estate syndications at KeyBanc Capital Markets in Cleveland, Ohio. Erin teaches advanced placement English at Rocky River High School.

**'97 | Jason M. Goggins** married Diana R. Kuser on Aug. 2, 2008. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

**Joel W. Grams**, Lakewood, Ohio, is an advanced financial adviser/chartered retirement planning counselor with Ameriprise Financial Services Inc., Westlake, Ohio.

**Ryan B. and Erin Roberson Hathaway** '04 live in Evanston, Ill. Erin is a senior associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Chicago, Ill.

**Robert M. Heine**, Westerville, Ohio, is manager of materials - LNA at Emerson Network Power, Columbus, Ohio.

**Raechael R. Marshall**, Wauwatosa, Wis., is a litigation technology specialist with Quarles & Brady LLP, Milwaukee, Wis.

**Gayle Stouder Sanders**, a registered nurse, lives in Springfield, Ohio.

**Evan F. Stefanik** is a managing consultant with Navigate International in Port Charlotte, Fla.

**Nienchtze Teng**, Longbeach, Calif., is an engineer with Martek Power, Torrance, Calif.

**Ryan T. and Charity J. Terry-Lorenzo** live in Salt Lake City, Utah, where Ryan is a scientist at Myriad Genetics.

**'98 | Arne E. Corneliusen** is founder and CEO with Norwegian Risk Consulting International, Oslo, Norway.



**William and Brady Lund, 8-29-07**



**Caroline Heft, 8-12-08**



**Olivia, 3, and Sophie and Charlie Lemon, 7-11-08**



**Carson Cusick, 10-16-08**

**Li'l Tigers**

**William and Brady**, twin sons of Kate Kingsley Lund '94 and husband Theodore

**Caroline Marie**, daughter of Bryan '01 and Lauren Jones Heft '01

**Sophie, Olivia and Charlie**, children of Tyson Lemon '00 and wife Sarah

**Carson**, son of Eric Cusick '03 and wife Brittany





## Serving Older Adults

### Abbe Linscott Lackmeyer '03 Leads In Gerontology Field

With the population of many nations – most notably the United States – graying rapidly, the work of Abbe Linscott Lackmeyer '03 and other leaders in the growing field of gerontology has taken on added importance.

Lackmeyer, a research associate at Miami University's Scripps Gerontology Center, is credited as a co-author on publications that examine ways to cope with the demographic changes under way in the country, including a 2008 article titled "Evolution of the Aging Network: Modernization and Long-Term Care Initiatives" that appeared in the *Public Policy & Aging Report*.

Lackmeyer returned to Wittenberg in January 2009 to discuss her research with sociology students. She even stepped in to teach two classes at the request of Professor of Sociology Keith Doubt.

"It was an honor to be asked to come back to campus and speak to a new group of sociology majors," said Lackmeyer, who resides in Cincinnati with her husband, former Tiger football standout Jim Lackmeyer '03. "I have such wonderful memories from my time as a student and the education I received at Wittenberg, which truly prepared me for my life as a graduate student and my position as a researcher."

Intent on becoming an occupational therapist at Wittenberg, Lackmeyer changed course to pursue sociology followed by work post-graduation in Jamaica with the Peace Corps. Lackmeyer then enrolled in the gerontology master's program at Miami, graduated in 2006 and soon began working as a project manager on a grant program in partnership with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

The three-year grant, funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging, led to several publications based on the results of the 2007 Aging Network Survey, which included results from the nation's 655 area agencies on aging and 243 Title VI Native American programs. Both the agencies and the programs provide services to older adults so they may remain in their homes and communities.

"It has been interesting to explore the ways in which older adults are served across the United States and the efforts that have been made to allow our aging population to remain comfortably in their own homes," she said. ■

—Ryan Maurer

**Amy Tuttle Fent** is with OIC of Clark County, Springfield, Ohio.

**Jennifer Meier Geistfeld** and her husband, Andrew, welcomed the birth of Christian Andrew, Aug. 31, 2007. Jennifer teaches with the Columbus City Schools in Ohio.

**Michael M. and Kristie Esterly Godina** '97 live in Stamford, Conn., where Mike is working at his family's business, Resinall Corp.

**Eric R. and Leslie Kem Green** '00 announce the birth of Mallory Estelle on May 9, 2007. They live in Maineville, Ohio.

**Nathaniel S. Grim**, Sterling, Mass., is a professional healthcare representative with Franklin S. Prizer Esq., Worcester, Mass.

**Chisholm D. Hofe** married Sarah Dangelas on July 21, 2006. Their daughter, Annaserra "Annie" Rose was born on Aug 22, 2008. They reside in Contoocook, N.H., where Chisholm is a contractor. He also converted and owns a railcar, which is rented through Caledonian Rail Lines for private journeys through the heart of New Hampshire.

**Todd L. Kilgore** is the business development manager with Copies For Less Printers, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Jason P. Kuhnle**, North Ridgeville, Ohio, and his wife, Kathryn, announce the birth of Grant Paul, Sept. 23,



**Future Tigers spent time in Disney World on a recent trip with their mothers Kristin Beckstrom Radcliffe '95 and Rebecca Radcliffe Anderson '96. They included Sophia Anderson, 5, Wynne 6, and Kaeden Radcliffe, 3, and Lilah Anderson, 3.**

2008. Jason is an investment product manager with NatCity Investments, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Carrie P. Laurell** of Chicago, Ill., has married Anthony Buglio.

**Matthew M. McKinnon**, Dublin, Ohio, is manager of tax advisory services at Schneider Downs, Columbus, Ohio.

**Chadwick M. Minnick** is an account executive with Pay Scale Inc., Seattle, Wash.

**Erin Dasler Shah** and her husband, Neal, welcomed the births of Mohan Eckhardt on July 26, 2006, and Anna Leela on Dec. 12, 2007. They live in Powell, Ohio, where Erin is a certified public accountant with Clark Schaefer Hackett.

**Kristin A. Spalding**, Salem, Mass., is a business systems analyst with the State Street Corp., Milton, Mass.

**Carrie Sir Louis Wagar** and her husband, Dan, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Joseph Patrick, on April 21, 2008. They live in Medina, Ohio. Carrie teaches science with the Green Local Schools.

**Ashley Paffas Waterfield** and her husband, Harry, announce the birth of Harry Lee IV on May 24, 2007. They live in Chicago, Ill., where Ashley is a vice president of recruiting with The Pace Group.

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**Isaac W. and Jayne Gerber Barnes** '03 own an organic farm in Williamsport, Ohio.

**Elizabeth B. Beirise**, Washington, D.C., is manager of exhibitions at Art Services International, a fine arts traveling exhibitions organization based in Alexandria, Va.

**Randy K. and Beth Foster Bollinger** live in Wake Forest, N.C., where Randy teaches AP human geography with the Wake County Public Schools.



**Anastasia Ball, 7-11-08**



**Piper Christman, 7-26-07**



**Calla Shaff, 4-15-08**



**Melina, 3, Maya, 7-3-08, and Colby Betts, 4**



**Cole Anderson, 6-9-07**

## Li'l Tigers

**Anastasia**, daughter of Christine Meunier '99 and husband Randall Ball

**Piper Julia**, daughter of Ryan '99 and Christin Beatty Christman '99

**Calla**, daughter of Courtney Drake Shaff '99 and husband Scott

**Melina, Maya and Colby**, children of Marisa Dudack Betts '96 and husband Kevin

**Cole**, son of Erin Coy Anderson '01 and husband Kevin

**Hilary A. Brenner** of Lyndhurst, Ohio, married James T. Hall on May 25, 2008. They live in Lyndhurst, Ohio. Hilary is an attorney with Broadway Finance, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Deborah J. Cassell**, editor of *Confection & Snack Retailing* magazine in Deerfield, Ill., serves as secretary of the Chicago chapter of the American Society of Business Publication Editors. She is also an active member of the Woman's Club of Evanston, where she resides.

**Ryan C. and Christin Beatty Christman** welcomed Piper Julia on July 26, 2007. They live in Mount Juliet, Tenn.

**Megan M. Goderre** is director of account service at HyperQUAKE, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Joshua P. and Rebecca Hofmeister Grunda** live in Eastlake, Ohio. Rebecca teaches middle school science and high school special education students with the Fairport Harbor Schools.

**Melissa Kolbe** is an assistant coach with the women's basketball team at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky.

**Laura Lewellyn Kelhoffer**, Reston, Va., is an associate with MarketBridge, Bethesda, Md.

**Christine L. Meunier** and her husband, Randall D. Ball, announce the birth of their daughter, Anastasia, on July 11, 2008. They live in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirate,



**Marvin Snyder '97, wife Denise and their son Jackson Nicklaus Snyder met Marvin's hero Jack Nicklaus at the 2008 Del Webb Father-Son Challenge in Orlando, Fla.**

where Christine teaches at the American International School.

**Wendy A. Miller** is an adult education instructor with the Columbus City Schools in Ohio.

**Brock C. and Heather Dahlberg Schmaltz** live in Blacklick, Ohio. Brock is the principal partner of High Stakes Public Relations, Columbus, Ohio. Heather is the director of state government relations at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

**Jennifer Ivory Secret**, Westerville, Ohio, is an intervention specialist at the Treca Digital Academy, Marion, Ohio.

**Courtney Drake Shaff** and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of Calla Elizabeth on April 15, 2008. They live in Corvallis, Ore. Courtney is the effectiveness monitoring specialist with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

**Michael T. and Pari Perkins Swift** welcomed daughter Paige Joyce on April 18 2007. They live in Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Michael is a lab technician with Capital Resin Inc. in Columbus, Ohio. Pari is the assistant state archivist at the Ohio Historical Society.

**Thomas J. and Rebecca Fineran Willcox** '98 live in Columbus, Ohio, where Becky is a senior merchandiser with Express.

**Brandt W. Young**, Chicago, Ill., is associated with Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

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**Andrew V. Custar** married Jennifer Ritchie on April 5, 2008. They live in Avon, Ohio. Andrew teaches and coaches at Columbia High School in Columbia Station, Ohio.

**Brian A. Feller** is an associate with the Huron Consulting Group, Chicago, Ill.

**Douglas A. Heyob** is a senior consultant with Sogeti, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Rebecca Richards Kopelman**, New Albany, Ohio, is a product manager with Chemical Abstracts Service.

**Tyson J. Lemon** and his wife, Sarah, announce the births of twins, Sophie and Charlie, on July 11, 2008. They live in Springfield, Ohio.

**Mark T. McKone** and his wife, Chelsea, announce the birth of Mia Grace on June 14, 2007. They live in West Dundee, Ill. Mark is an account executive with Canon Business Solutions, Chicago, Ill.

**Sky N. and Christina Heine Schelle '01** live in Indianapolis, Ind., where Christina is manager of the annual fund and special events with the Foundation for Lutheran Child and Family Services, Indiana Inc.

**Lisa S. Schingledecker** married **Jonathan E. Baltes '99** on June 28, 2008. They live in Brookfield, Wis. Lisa teaches English at Divine Savior Holy Angels School, and Jon is a regional vice president with Nationwide Financial, Milwaukee, Wis.

**Emily Brown Seyler** teaches at St. James Primary School in Great Britain Northern Island.

On June 8, 2008, **Kristen L. Sobczak** of Dublin, Ohio, received her doctor of pharmacy degree from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. She is serving her residency in ambulatory/community care at the Kroger Patient Care Center.

**Rafael E. Villamil** is a residence hall director at the State University of New York at Oswego.

**Frederick W. VonDerLage** is a project coordinator with the DLR Group, Seattle, Wash.

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**Erin Coy Anderson** and her husband, Kevin, welcomed the birth of Cole on June 9, 2007. They live in St. Charles, Ill.

**Matthew R. Brewer**, Chicago, Ill., is an associate managing director in the commercial lending division with The Private Bank.

**Justin B. Dilley** performed with the award-nominated Stone Soup Theatre Company at the 2008 Midtown International Theatre Festival in New York, N.Y.

**Ashley L. Drochter**, Mount Pleasant, S.C., is a radiochemist with GEL Inc., Charleston, S.C.

**Kimberly A. Gamble** is completing her residency for licensure in clinical psychology and lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

**Joshua D. and Erin Limmer Guerrieri** live in Atlanta, Ga., where they have founded the FitWit Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is to combat childhood obesity and educational inequality. In September, they were featured on the HGTV show, *Deserving Design*, where they were given a two-room makeover.

**Bryan A. and Lauren Jones Heft** welcomed a daughter, Caroline Marie, Aug. 12, 2008. They reside in Dublin, Ohio. Lauren is a senior analyst at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

**Sean P. Kelley**, Maineville, Ohio, is director of instrumental music at Glen Este High School with the West Clermont Local Schools in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is also pursuing his master's degree in business administration at the University of Dayton.

**Patrick K. Magee** married Amy Knowlton on Nov. 3, 2007. They live in Broadview Heights, Ohio.

While serving as a research fellow in a graduate partnership program at the National Institutes of Health, **Gretchen E. Nelson** earned her Ph.D. in biology/virology from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. She is currently pursuing her M.P.H. in epidemiology at Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

**Nikolaus J. Pavloski**, Nashville, Tenn., is with Wealthpoint Financial Group, Franklin, Tenn.

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## Wedding Album

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**Natalie Bajalcaliev '02** married William D. White on July 19, 2008. The couple resides in Dallas, Texas.



**Megan O'Neil '06** and **David Fleck '06** were married Oct. 13, 2007, in Weaver Chapel. The couple lives in Enon, Ohio.



**Julie Gordon '95** married Johnathan Law on Oct. 28, 2007. The couple lives in Boston, Ma.



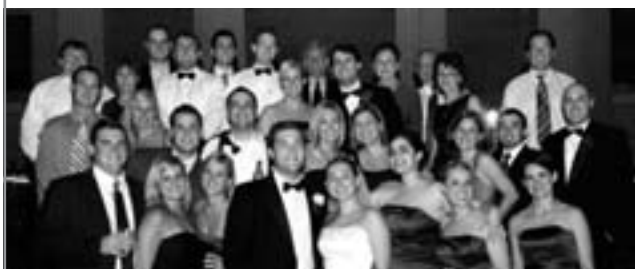
**Patrick Magee '01** married Amy Knowlton Nov. 3, 2007. The couple lives in Broadview Heights, Ohio.



**Karen Obce '06** and **Jeff Klukas '06** were married Aug. 18, 2007. The couple lives in Madison, Wis.



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**Megan Hoffman '02** married Pete Foradori Jr. in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, on June 7, 2008. The couple lives in Trent Woods, N.C.

**Abbe Linscott '03** and **James Lackmeyer '03** were married May 24, 2008. The couple lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Susan Beckley '04** and **Andrew Hart '04** were married Oct. 6, 2007. The couple lives in Lexington, Ky.

**Leah Krotine '04** married Paul Gradl on Oct. 6, 2007, in Cleveland, Ohio. The couple resides in Huntsville, Ala.

**Natalie Sobonya '04** married Matthew McAllister on July 12, 2008. The couple lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Santina Onorini '03** married Joshua Vanzant on Sept. 27, 2008. The couple lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Jason E. Redpath** married Heather McCallum on March 17, 2007. They announce the birth of their son, Edward "Ned," on April 13, 2008. Jason is an adviser with Merrill Lynch in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they reside.

**Brandon J. Schmitt**, East Elmhurst, N.Y., is a forester with New York City Central Forestry.

**Aaron L. Soldner** is a senior programmer/analyst with the Huntington Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio.

In May 2007, **Tiffany D. Tynes** received her master of education degree from Ashland University in Ohio. She is a fourth-grade math and science leadership specialist with the Columbus City Schools. She is pursuing her doctorate of education degree in teacher leadership at Walden University, an online university in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Alaine M. Voytko**, Springfield, Ohio, is a sales manager with Coca Cola Co., Dayton, Ohio.

**Ryan D.** and **Gretchen Nygen Walker** live in Columbus, Ohio, where Ryan is an athletic director with the South Western City Schools.

'02 |

On July 19, 2008, **Natalie Bajalcaliev** married William D. White. They reside in Dallas, Texas. Natalie is a banking attorney at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Administrator of National Banks.

**Trevor A. Block** and **Gwen C. Roemer '01** announce the birth of Margot Elizabeth on April 21, 2008. They live in Houston, Texas.

**Kristin A. Calvitti** is an RN, BSN at The Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio.

**Henry S. Conte** is the sports editor for the Troy Daily News in Ohio.

**Tiffany McQuinn Gustin** and her husband, Alan, announce the birth of their second daughter, Ella Jolene, on Dec. 7, 2007. They



## Finding Her Light

### Riley Stoermer '08 Follows Professor's Lead

Riley Stoermer quickly realized the difference between a Wittenberg education and a 300-student class size, online-driven education at a large state university. She transferred to Wittenberg her sophomore year and began building her future.

Stoermer had struggled with selecting a major until her junior year when she took a 300-level philosophy course, Ancient Medieval Philosophy, and loved it.

"I was told in high school that I would find one professor that would give me motivation to follow," Stoermer said. "For me that was Dr. Reed. I totally credit him. He challenged my mind and reality."

Spring semester her senior year, Stoermer worked as faculty assistant to Don Collins Reed, professor of philosophy. In the course of her job, she helped with final tasks involved in his role as guest editor for a special issue of an academic journal. Following graduation, he invited her to co-author the "overview."

Now following in her mentor's footsteps, Stoermer is working on her master's in philosophy at Durham University in England, where she is developing her own body of research. Yet, she credits the experience of working on the journal and with Reed in general with inspiring her to pursue this path.

"The journal is a combination of articles by six professors," Stoermer said. "Dr. Reed sent me all the articles to read, and we each wrote an overview to find common ground looking for the 'big picture,' a thread to connect them. I took clues from him and tried to find something in each article. We collaborated with what we found in a 20-30 page Word document with similarities pieced together like a puzzle."

Stoermer explained that it was an intense three weeks or more, day after day, on the phone, e-mailing back and forth, and striving to keep her head above water.

"I considered myself an okay writer, an okay student," Stoermer said. "But when Dr. Reed finished writing and gave his work to me to critique. He said, 'Tell me if you find any inconsistency, anything that I should fix.' He took my opinion seriously. It meant so much for my self-esteem. I had never been involved in any work of that scale."

*The Journal of Moral Education* Vol.37, No. 3, was published last fall, listing Reed and Stoermer as authors, but the experience will forever be life-changing. ■

—Phyllis Eberts '00

live in Kettering, Ohio. Tiffanie is a contracting officer at the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Fairborn, Ohio.

**Nicole Dennis Hayes** and her husband, Andrew, announce the births of Levi Andrew on Nov. 11, 2006, and Jude Michael on May 5, 2008. They live in Springfield, Ohio.

**Trica E. Hendricks** and **Justin M. Bitner** were married May 10, 2008. They reside in Chicago, Ill., where Tricia is the development officer with the Crossroads Fund. Justin is the associate director of marketing at Robert Morris College.

**Mackenzie S. Hill** and **Matthew D. Starkey** were married May 25, 2008. They live in Columbus, Ohio, where Matthew is employed by Information Control Corp.

**Megan A. Hoffmann** of New Bern, N.C., married Pete Foradori Jr. on June 7, 2008. Megan received her master's degree in pediatric nursing from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., in December 2008.

**Angela M. Huff** and **Thomas G. Erat** '00 were united in marriage July 28, 2007. They live in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Christopher R. Johns** is involved with municipal trading at Sweney Cartwright & Co., Columbus, Ohio.

**David D. Kim**, Skokie, Ill., has been promoted to trust officer at the Northern Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.

**Jessica Martin Kopp** and her husband, Ben, welcomed the birth of their son, Carter Jacob, on March 11, 2008.

**Matthew E. Pluck** is assistant clubhouse manager at the Portage Country Club in Akron, Ohio.

**Robert G. and Tracy Daly Rafferty** '01 live in Springfield, Ohio. Bob is director of new media/webmaster at Wittenberg.

Tracy teaches English with the West Liberty-Salem Schools.

**William M. Roebel** is an account executive with Total Quality Logistics, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Timothy R. Schuckman Jr. and his wife, Heather, welcomed the birth of their first child, Jake Alexander, Sept. 24, 2008. Tim has accepted the position of manager, business development with Global Language Solutions in Newport Beach, Calif.

**Christopher L. Silliman**, Arlington, Va., is an account executive with the American Office, Washington, D.C.



**Adam Houg Jr. '96 and retired associate provost Gary Gaffield met at the state championship meet for masters swimming. Adam took first place in both 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard breaststroke in his age group, and Gaffield took second place in both 50- and 100-yard breaststroke events.**

**Scott F. Snider**, Howard, Ohio, has been promoted to GIS supervisor of the Knox County map department in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

**Mary Woodruff Swain** and her husband, Sean, welcomed the birth of Tayten Noelle on April 11, 2008. They live in Pickerington, Ohio. Mary was promoted to a recruiter/trainer for Wireless Vision, Columbus, Ohio.



**Class of 1998 Gamma Phi Betas gathered with their children in Columbus, Ohio, to make preparations for their 10-year reunion. They included, first row, Audrey Allen, Claire Geistfeld, Madeline Hemmerick and Mohan Shah; second row, Meredith McKnight Allen and Anna, Jenny Snider Watson and Brayden, and Erin Dasler Shah and Anna; third row, Stephanie Foulk Hemmerick and Simon, and Jennifer Meier Geistfeld and Christian.**

'03

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**Christopher and Barbra Blair Baker** live in Gladstone, Ore. Barbra is a litigation paralegal with Fisher & Phillips LLP, Portland, Ore.

**Jill M. Bradley** has married **Christopher S. Taylor '04**.

**Eric D. Cusick** of Kettering, Ohio, and his wife, Brittany, proudly announce the birth of their first child, Carson Robert, on Oct. 16, 2008. Eric, a teacher at Beaver Creek High School, received his master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Dayton in January 2008.

**James B. Godbold** graduated cum laude from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis in May 2008. He is an attorney with Rudolph, Fine, Porter & Johnson in Evansville, Ind.

**Jennifer B. Grossman** of State College, Pa., married Nathan Leopard on Nov. 3, 2007.

**Adam D. and Soraya Nayebzadeh Hall '02** celebrated the birth of Aubrey Marie on April 17, 2008. They reside in Galloway, Ohio. Adams works for Pet Promise while pursuing his degree in marketing. Soraya

is a kindergarten teacher at Columbus Preparatory Academy.

**Whitney W. Hendricks**, St. Louis, Mo., married Phillip Payne, May 17, 2008. Whitney is a registered nurse at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

**Kristin J. Henrich** received her master's degree in library science from the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University in May 2008. She is the reference and instruction librarian and an assistant professor at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

**Goffrey J. Klimas**, Silver Spring, Md., is a trial attorney with the Department of Justice, Civil Tax Division in Washington, D.C.

**Jonathan D. Lampros**, Chicago, Ill., is president of Clean Air Systems, Lake Bluff, Ill.

**Abbe E. Linscott** and **James P. Lackmeyer** were married May 24, 2008. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Abbe is a research associate with the

Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Jim is a manager with Zins Plumbing.

**Lisa N. McMahon**, Hoboken, N.J., is a vice president with David Cronheim Mortgage Corp., Chatham, N.J.

**Fiona H. Neale-May**, Apollo, Pa., is assistant director of admissions at La Roche College, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Jay M. Nunn**, Charlestown, Mass., is an assistant treasurer-treasury and security services with JPMorgan Chase, Boston, Mass.

**Santina M. Onorini** of Cincinnati, Ohio, married Joshua Vanzant on Sept. 27, 2008.

**Sarah N. Reid** is program coordinator, global village, at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

**Kristine J. Webb** teaches special education students with the Indianapolis Public Schools in Indiana.



**Ethan, 4, and Lauren Kroft, 9-13-07**



**Henry Campbell, 2**



**Brayden, 4, and Devin Schwartz 12-1-07**



**Kiara, 2-7-08, and Eliana Radler, 2**



**Jodine Young, 6-30-08**

**Li'l Tigers**

**Ethan John** and **Lauren Grace**, children of Allison Kessler Kroft '95 and husband Brandon

**Henry**, son of Laurie Merges Campbell '92

**Brayden** and **Devin**, sons of Scott '96 and Alexis Sandru Schwartz '07

**Kiara Mae** and **Eliana Kathryn**, daughters of Gretchen Baer Radler '94 and husband Arr Jay

**Jodine Dolores**, daughter of Joseph Young '91 and wife Marie

**Steven P. Weldon** of Tulsa, Okla., is a second lieutenant with the U.S. Air Force serving at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas.

**Brent D. Yekisa** and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of Aubrey Elizabeth, May 20, 2008. They live in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

## '04 |

*Class Reunion, Homecoming/  
Reunion Weekend 2009*

**Nicholas P. Azar** of Las Vegas, Nev., has married Jill.

**Cristal Moser Baldwin**, London, Ohio, is a flight attendant with Chautauqua Airlines, Indianapolis, Ind.

**Brianne L. Barclay**, Los Angeles, Calif. is the author of a book, *Statistics in the Social Sciences: Inferential Statistics as Rhetoric in Sociology*. The book was based on her senior thesis while at Wittenberg, "the best school in the world."

**Susan J. Beckley** married **M. Andrew Hart** on Oct. 6, 2007. They live in Lexington, Ky.

**Stephanie M. Conway**, West Carrollton, Ohio, teaches Spanish at Northmont High School in Clayton, Ohio.

**Laura L. Drinkwine**, Alexandria, Va., is an associate editor with the American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

**Jennifer M. Emming** and **Timothy J. Daoust '01** were married July 8, 2006. They live in Kalamazoo, Mich., where Jen is an admission counselor at Kalamazoo College, and Tim is an assistant football coach at Western Michigan University.

**Joshua E. and Heather Davis Harmon** live in Wilmington, Ohio. Joshua is a code enforcement manager in the department of engineering & planning with the city of Springfield.

**Harold E. Ivery Jr.**, Amelia, Ohio, is an office manager with National City Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Leah M. Krotine**, Huntsville, Ala., married Paul Gradl, Oct.

6, 2007. Leah is a local sales manager with Clear Channel Communications.

**Nina M. Kuhar** coordinates special events with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Charlotte, N.C.

**Amanda L. Lewis**, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, is a special education teacher with the Northeastern Local School District in Springfield, Ohio.

**Elizabeth C. Magsig**, Arlington, Va., is a consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, Va.

**Caela B. O'Connell** is pursuing her Ph.D. in anthropology with a concentration in rural sustainable development and environmental degradation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During the summer of 2008, she researched the impact of fair trade on small banana producers and the environment in St. Lucia and the Dominican Republic.

**Kyle P. Prussing**, Lincoln, Mass., is a sales representative with Commonwealth Lacrosse, Boston, Mass. He is also the assistant men's varsity lacrosse coach at Concord-Carlisle High School.

**Roberta Rowland Raybold**, Binghamton, N.Y., has been appointed organist/choirmaster at Christ Episcopal Church, Cooperstown, N.Y. In addition to her church position, she teaches organ privately.

**Margaret R. Richmond** of Silver Spring, Md., is an international student adviser at the University of Maryland at College Park.

**Aaron C. Schmalzle** is a crisis stabilizer at Integrity Family Services, Milwaukee, Wis.

**Jason E. Seegert**, Atlanta, Ga., was promoted to manager in systems integration and technology consulting at Accenture.

**Sarah B. Simpson** is assistant director of alumni and director of special events at Purcell

Marian High School, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Natalie C. Sobonya** married Matthew McAllister on July 12, 2008. They live in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Natalie is a development communications associate/editor at the Cleveland Clinic, Beachwood, Ohio.

**Heather L. Stansfield** is a customer service representative at Fifth Third Bank, Toledo, Ohio.

**Amy C. Volk** and James Hall were married on Aug. 22, 2008. They live in Indianapolis, Ind.



**Kevin '98 and Brittnee Finnearty Lydy '99** traveled in Japan, including stopping in front of Matsumoto Castle in Nagano Prefecture, one of four castles designated as National Treasures of Japan.

**Brendan C. Wackenreuter** coordinates research policy and development with Save the Children, Washington, D.C.

**Matthew J. Werbach** is a freelance writer in Portland, Ore.

## '05 |

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Reunion Weekend 2009*

**Jennifer Baggett Basballe**, Fairborn, Ohio, is a personal banker with Huntington National Bank.

**Annie N. Boehm** is associate director of the fund for the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

**Susan E. Buckenmeyer** is student organization policy adviser at the University of Texas at Austin.

**Erica L. Calloway**, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, is a service coordinator with Early Childhood Resource Network and Help Me Grow in Worthington, Ohio.

**Elizabeth J. Claiborne** is with the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston, S.C.

**Adrianna L. Deppen** is at Clay Elementary School with the Cobb County Board of Education in Mableton, Ga. She lives in Atlanta, Ga.

**Gretchen A. Diehm** teaches history at the Arbutus Middle School with the Baltimore County Public Schools in Maryland.

**Jennifer M. Fleming** is director of closing and funding at Berlin Atlantic Capital AG in Atlanta, Ga.

**Jessica E. Hahn**, Orlando, Fla., is administrator of marketing with FSMTA, Winter Park, Fla.

**Stephanie Beery Herbert** has been promoted to senior accounting specialist with Exel Logistics, Delaware, Ohio.

In December 2007, **Stacey L. Josif** received her M.S. in biomedical sciences from the University of Toledo in Ohio. She is a physician assistant with the Columbine Family Practice in Littleton, Colo.

**Jennifer L. Kay** is employed by Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

**Geoffrey R. McGovern**, Binghamton, N.Y., has been awarded a Fulbright grant to study comparative law in Finland.

**Amanda M. Miller**, Loveland, Ohio, teaches preschool with the Mason City Schools.

**Abby N. Ryan**, Marietta, Ga., is with Hoitink & Associates, Alpharetta, Ga.

## '06 |

**Lenore A. Bamberger** is a testing technician at Sherwin-Williams, Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

**Kathleen R. Burns** and **Brian P. Cataldi '07** celebrated their marriage on Oct. 11, 2008. They reside in Gahanna, Ohio, where Katie teaches middle school science and math. Brian is a senior sales coordinator for TS Tech in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

**Hillary C. deRoo** works at Play, a creativity and innovation company in Richmond, Va.

**Stephanie L. DiPalma** married **Nathan W. Sears** on July 5, 2008. They live in Atlanta, Ga., where Stephanie is a sales associate at Fidelity National Title-National Title Services. Nathan coordinates inventory with Picture U Promotions.

**Jessica D. Fisher**, Grove City, Ohio, is a purchasing agent with Modern Medical Inc., Lewis Center, Ohio.

**Matthew R. Foster** is an account manager-AK Steel with MPW Industrial Services, Hebron, Ohio.

**Sarah S. Gearhart**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, has been promoted to associate director for STACK Media. In May 2008, she completed her third marathon.

**Crystal R. Groce** is a veterinary assistant at the Tates Creek Animal Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

**Bryan L. Heck** is the executive assistant to the manager of the city of Springfield in Ohio.

**David M. Herzog** performed in the one-man show, *George M. Cohan Tonight!*, at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

On Dec. 14, 2008, **Dana Hester Kapp** received her M.A. in city and regional planning from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. She is a self-paced lab instructor and adjunct faculty member at Clark State Community College, Springfield, Ohio.

**Gregory C. Loney** is a community psychiatric support service provider with Mental Health Services, Springfield, Ohio.

**Samuel R. McCabe** is an extension naturalist at the Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center, Yellow Springs, Ohio.



**Morgan Joffe '03, Yung Whi '07, Jessica Forsberg '04, Chris Heiliger '03 and Mike Dickson '05 recently met at Joseph's in Hollywood, Calif.**

**Karen M. Obee** and **Jeffrey E. Klukas** were married Aug. 18, 2007. They live in Madison, Wis., where Jeff is a graduate student and research assistant in the department of physics at the University of Wisconsin.

**Stacy A. Ogbeide** is a senior project assistant at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Megan M. O'Neil** and **David D. Fleck** were married Oct. 13, 2007. They live in Enon, Ohio. Megan is a legal secretary with the Madison County Prosecutor's Office. David is a deputy auditor with the Clark County Auditor's Office.

**Justin L. Prince** is an environmental specialist with the city of Orlando, Fla.

**Andrea Rossow** is an international luxury travel specialist with Alluring Americas Inc. in Stuart, Fla.

**Clinton E. Tiggs**, Westerville, Ohio, is a call center supervisor with Infocision Management Corp., Columbus, Ohio.

**Stacey R. Wharton** married **Brandon Marcum** on May 17, 2008. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

**Lauren E. Wilson** is an IT project manager with General Electric, Cincinnati, Ohio.

'07 |

**Frederick J. Bauer**, Avon Lake, Ohio, is a project manager with Revenir LLC, Lakewood, Ohio.

**Zachary D. Bitzer**, a financial representative with Fidelity Investments, Covington, Ky., is pursuing his master's degree at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Ky. He lives in Batavia, Ohio.

**Lauren R. Bouton** teaches English with the JET Programme in Japan.

**Matthew D. Corrigan** is with National City Bank, Chicago, Ill.

**Meredith B. Deitsch** is a marketing coordinator with Cooperative for Education, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Patrick D. Denbow** is an event coordinator with the Golf Channel in Orlando, Fla.

**Sarah M. Garber**, Cincinnati, Ohio, teaches science at St. Bernadette Elementary School in Amelia, Ohio.

**Sarah E. Garten** is a prevention coordinator with Project Woman, Springfield, Ohio.

**Thomas J. Hart Jr.** attends the University of Miami School of Law in Florida, where he has been named 2008 HOPE Fellow. He also works at the ACLU Florida office in civil rights advocacy.

**Jaime L. Langston** has married **Paul J. Quatman**. They live in



**Sally Brown '08 scaled the summit of an Alaskan mountain and proudly displayed a Wittenberg pennant during an expedition she completed following graduation.**

Westerville, Ohio. Jaime teaches music and choir at Wilson Middle School, Newark, Ohio.

**Glenn W. Leever** is serving with the Peace Corps in Costa Rica. A youth development volunteer, he teaches in the schools, coaches basketball teams and works with local committees.

**Mark J. Mandich** is a project engineer with Trident Surfacing Inc., Miami, Fla.

**Ashley Y. McGreevey** is with The DuPuis Group, Chicago, Ill.

**Megan A. Miller**, Chandler, Ariz., is financial adviser of the PASS program with Edward Jones Investments, Tempe, Ariz.

**Amy E. Nilson** married **Jeremy C. Toffle '06** on June 21, 2008. They live in Englewood, Ohio.

**Megan E. Rich** is a research assistant in the biological sciences department at Kent State University in Ohio.

**Trey A. Richardson**, Marysville, Ohio, is an environmental health and safety representative with Ashland Chemicals, Dublin, Ohio.

**Rebecca A. Sandlin** is employed by the Richland County School District #1 in Columbia, S.C.

**Sarah J. Shivler** teaches Spanish with the Springfield City Schools in Ohio.

**John L. Strawn** is a graduate assistant sports information director at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

**Stephanie R. Zorn** is an assistant athletic director with the Dallas Parochial League in Texas.

'08 |

During the summer of 2008, **Sally M. Brown** led a group on an expedition in Alaska.

**Matthew W. Lynch** is an assistant to the administrative director of the Center for Civic & Urban Engagement at Wittenberg, Springfield, Ohio.

**Dane V. Sandridge**, Wadsworth, Ohio, is a financial analyst with Sandridge Food Corp.



## In Memoriam

'23 |

**Frances Endly Baird** passed away April 21, 2008, in Ormond Beach, Fla. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she was a beauty shop owner, teacher and assistant principal who retired in 1970 as a social worker with the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home in Xenia, Ohio. A writer and quilter, she studied genealogy and loved cats. Survivors include a daughter, **Marjory Baird Otte** '46, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were a sister and brother-in-law, **William A.** '28 and **Marjory Endly Acles** '28, a brother, **John D. Endly** '36, and a son-in-law, **Richard W. Otte** '48.

'29 |

**Phyllis Millard Shauf**, Brownstown, Mich., died May 29, 2008. A member of Trinity Episcopal Church and Chi Omega sorority, she taught at Orchard School with the Monroe Public Schools for many years. A daughter, a son, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive.

**Berneice Kerrigan Smith**, formerly of St. Louisville, Ohio, died Sept. 2, 2007, in Berea, Ohio. She taught school in Licking County and with the Cleveland Public Schools before co-founding the Pipe Line Development Co., where she worked until her retirement in 1970. Her memberships included St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Berea Collectors Club, the American Association of Retired Persons and the Berea Historical Society. For her selfless and tireless generosity and her service to Berea, she was chosen the 19th winner of the Grindstone Award as Berea's Citizen of the Year for 1984. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, a sister and a niece.

'31 |

**Edith Gephart Springer** of Dayton, Ohio, died Dec. 11, 2007. A former teacher with the Dayton Public Schools, she was a member of North Riverdale Lutheran Church, Alpha Delta Pi sorority and College Women's Club. Surviving are a niece, a great-niece, a great-nephew, a great-great-niece, two great-great-nephews, including **Mark A. Herbers** '10, and a great-great-great-niece.

'32 |

**Edith Kuhns Lerro** died Sept. 25, 2007, in Dayton, Ohio. A registered nurse at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, she retired in 1984. Her memberships included First Lutheran Church, the Jonathan Dayton chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Dayton Women's Club and the Opera Guild of Dayton. A daughter, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive. Preceding her in death was a sister, **Charlotte Kuhns Sharkey** '34.

'33 |

Formerly of Brook, Ind., **Esther Bodenberg Crocker** died Sept. 18, 2008, in Frankfort, Ind. She served churches in Thorntown, Romney, Jackson Heights, Remington, Idaville and Burnettsville as a teacher, secretary and leader. A member of the United Methodist Women and Retired Ministers Wives Association, she is survived by a daughter, a son, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a sister, **Naomi Bodenberg Fox** '37, a brother, a niece, **Peggy L. Fox** '67, and a nephew, **Michael M. Fox** '73.

**Arnold H. Espich**, Louisville, Ky., died Jan. 24, 2008. A veteran of World War II, he served in Europe as a construction battalion commander and retired as a lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve. A licensed professional civil engineer, he retired from Hazelet and Erdal.

He was a long-time member of Second Presbyterian Church. Survivors include a son, two granddaughters, a brother, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Formerly of West Liberty, Ohio, **Isabell Johnson Lash** died Oct. 30, 2008, in Greensboro, N.C. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she taught English for many years at Graham High School. Surviving are a daughter, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two nieces, **Patricia Johnson Wright** '55 and **Elizabeth Walter Sexton** '77, and a nephew, **James L. Walter Jr.** '80. Preceding her in death were a brother, **Robert C. Johnson** '28, and a niece and her husband, **James L. Sr.** '51 and **Joan Johnson Walter** '52.

'34 |

Former teacher **Mildred Rearick Detre** died July 21, 2008, in Dover, Ohio. A niece survives. Preceding her in death was a brother, **Herman B. Rearick** '31.

'35 |

**Janet Brandmiller Mullane Bates** passed away June 29, 2008, at her home in Youngstown, Ohio. Her career included serving as a national flower show judge, a medical technologist and a real estate agent. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Alpha Xi Delta sorority, the Camp Fire Girls board of directors, the Junior League, New Century Literary Club, the GROUP and the Garden Club of Youngstown. She leaves her husband, two daughters, a son, nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, a niece, **Ann Brandmiller Hyer** '63, a nephew, **Barclay A. Brandmiller** '68, and a cousin, **Sarah R. Johnston** '88. Preceding her in death were a brother, **Barclay M. Brandmiller** '32, and a sister-in-law, **Elsie Parsons Brandmiller** '26.

Formerly of Clarence, N.Y., **Maxine Rossi Walters** died March 29, 2002, in Charlotte, N.C. A member of First Presbyterian Church and Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she

retired in 1978 after teaching elementary physical education for 19 years at Akron Central School. Surviving are a daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

'36 |

**Margaret Martin Cooke**, a longtime resident of Wyoming, Ohio, died there Oct. 19, 2006. Formerly a history teacher at Tudor Hall in Indianapolis, Ind., she was also once a member of the faculty at the Columbus School for Girls in Ohio. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming and the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area. Three children, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survive.

A former resident of Springfield, Ohio, **Katharine "Kay" Worley Lett** passed away Dec. 2, 2008, in Fairfield, Conn. Her memberships included St. Teresa Catholic Church and Chi Omega sorority. For more than 30 years, she volunteered at Mercy Medical Center. She is survived by a son, three grandchildren and a cousin, **Betty Rader Hoskins** '45. Preceding her in death were an uncle, **Donald T. Elliott** '27, and a cousin, **Jeanne Pedrick Brookhouse** '37.

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**Naomi Bodenberg Fox** of Newtown, Pa., died Oct. 30, 2008. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in Wyoming, Ohio, before moving to Pennsylvania, where she pioneered the idea of kindergarten in rural Adams County. She later became a first-grade teacher in the elementary school while being active in the Lutheran church and serving as a Girl Scout leader there. After moving to Bucks County, she was an elementary librarian with the Morrisville Schools until her retirement. A charter member of the Lutheran Church of God's Love, she was also active with the educational sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma. Surviving are two daughters, including **Peggy**

**L. Fox** '67, a son, **Michael M. Fox** '73, three granddaughters, a brother and a sister-in-law, Verdena Fox Mardis '42. A sister, Esther Bodenberg Crocker '33, and a sister-in-law, Jeannette Fox Hutchinson '33, preceded her in death.

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**Betty Wunderlich Leffel**, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died Aug. 1, 2008, in West Chester, Ohio. Her memberships included Oakland Presbyterian Church, Alpha Delta Pi sorority and the Forest Hills Garden Club. Survivors include a daughter, a granddaughter and two sisters-in-law. Preceding her in death were her husband, **Elwood S. Leffel** '38, and a sister-in-law, **Ruth A. Leffel** '51.

**Martha Tehan Patterson**, Columbus, Ohio, passed away July 29, 2008. A member of St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gamma Phi Beta sorority and the Canterbury Unit of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, she was a patron of Ballet Met, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and Riverside Methodist Hospital. Surviving are a daughter, a son, five grandchildren, including **Christopher D. Campbell** '00, a sister, **Mary Ann Tehan Klenke** '49, and numerous nieces and nephews, including **Edward J. Klenke Jr.** '73. A brother, **James N. Tehan** '35, and two sisters, **Catherine E. Tehan** '31 and **Georgianna Tehan Fischer** '31, predeceased her.

**Laura Parker Schofer**, Clearwater, Fla., died Aug. 9, 2008. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she lived in Ohio, Kansas and Hawaii before moving to Florida in 1969. She was an active artist throughout her life and helped established the National Miniature Art Society of America. Surviving are a daughter, two sons, six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a niece, **Mary Schofer Nichols** '60. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Paul L. Schofer** '36, numerous sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law,

including **Anna Schofer Bright** '28, **Martin L.** '42 and **Betty Weisner Schofer** '42, **Karl F.** '31 and **Margarette Hawk Schofer** '35, **John G. Schofer** '26 and **Henry K. Schofer** '39.

**Carol L. "Sunny" Sundberg** died July 15, 2008, in Spokane, Wash. During World War II, he served as a captain with the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Europe. An internist, he practiced medicine in Spokane until his retirement in 1984. His wife, four daughters and four grandchildren survive. He was preceded in death by his father, **Carl A. Sundberg** 1911, and a sister, **Rosemary A. Sundberg** '34.

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**Kathryn "Kitty" Loper Langen** of Glasgow, Mont., died Sept. 6, 2008. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she began her career in Indianapolis, Ind., as a buyer with L.S. Ayers & Co. She later worked in a war plant before moving to Montana, where she was active in the family sheep business, politics and community affairs. She was the first woman on the hospital board and served as a delegate to the Montana Constitutional Convention in the early '70s. Surviving are a daughter, three sons, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Kermit E. Shock** died Sept. 12, 2008, in Englewood, Ohio. A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church. He retired from Delco Products with 34 years service. Survivors include a son, three daughters, 11 grandchildren and a sister.

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**Norman C. Carey** of Springfield, Ohio, died Oct. 19, 2008. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and a life member of High Street United Methodist Church, he taught in the Springfield City Schools until he entered the U.S. Army during World War II. He served in Normandy with the 35th division as a rifle company commander,

where he was awarded two Silver Stars and the French Croix de Guerre, and attained the rank of major. Following the war, he spent 53 years practicing law in Springfield. A 33rd degree Mason, he was active with many professional, civic, and Revolutionary and Civil War organizations. He was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2004. Surviving are his wife, three sons, six daughters, including **Frances Carey Kaufman** '69, 23 grandchildren, including **Dale C. McFeatters** '00, and four great-grandchildren. His father, **Leslie E. Carey** '21, predeceased him.

**Margaret "Peg" Willis Miller**, Perrysburg, Ohio, passed away June 20, 2008. A member of Faith Lutheran Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she was passionate about bridge, golf, bowling and knitting. She is survived by a daughter, **Suzanne Miller Byerly** '68, a son-in-law, **John R. Byerly** '68, a grandson and two great-grandchildren. Her husband, **Harold W. Miller** '38, preceded her in death.

**David L. Withington** of Tulsa, Okla., died Sept. 5, 2008. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served as storekeeper second class with the U.S. Navy during World War II. At one time he worked in the oil business. His wife, two sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive. Preceding him in death was his brother, **William M. Withington** '38.

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Formerly of Centerville, Ohio, **Ruth Thomas Bair** died Sept. 22, 2008, in Prescott, Ariz. A member of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church and Chi Omega sorority, she taught for many years with the Centerville Public Schools before moving to Arizona in 1975. Surviving are three daughters, a son, eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, a sister, **Jean Thomas Stevenson** '42, a brother and a nephew, **Thomas G. Bair** '72. Deceased relatives include her

husband, **Harold D. Bair** '38, her mother, **Lurinda Naffziger Thomas** '31, her grandfather, **William H. Naffziger** 1890, a brother, **V. Douglas Thomas** '39, her father-in-law, **Dwight P. Bair** 1909, two uncles, **Caryl K. Naffziger** 1917 and **Luther O. Naffziger** '24, a sister-in-law, **Mary E. Bair** '35, and a brother-in-law, **George W. Bair** '40.

**Dorothy Day Cutler** of Washington Township, Ohio, died July 14, 2008. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she was active with numerous organizations, including the Women's Board, Children's Medical Center, the Dayton Women's Civic Club, the Dayton Federation of Women's Clubs, the Marie J. Kumlter Scholarship Loan Committee, the Children's Cheer Fund and the Advance Literary Club. She leaves her husband, two sons, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Delmer I. Dolton**, Dallas, Texas, passed away Dec. 25, 2007. During his 40 years of full-time ministry, he served congregations in Goliad, Colettoville, Harlingen, Houston and Yoakum, Texas. He is survived by two sons, a daughter and their families.

**Mary Chambers Hill** of Munson Township, Ohio, died April 10, 2004. A member of St. Luke Episcopal Church and Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she served in England and Germany with the American Red Cross during World War II. Her career included being a realtor, CRS and GRI with Smythe Cramer Realty and Dolores Knowlton Realty, working in advertising for Fuller, Smith and Ross, directing communications for the Chardon Local Schools and editing the *American Society for Metals* magazine. An active member of the community, she is survived by three daughters, three grandchildren, two sisters and a brother.

**Ada Margret Kommel**, Springfield, Ohio, died July 24, 2008. A well-known singer

and music educator, she taught at a number of colleges in Pennsylvania and Ohio, retiring as associate professor emeritus of voice from Wittenberg in 1985 after 30 years of service. She was a long-time member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and was active in a number of community music organizations, including the Ohio Lyric Theatre and the musical activities of First Lutheran Church. She was honored by the Vocal Arts Resource Network with a recital at the University of Dayton in 1996. Surviving are a niece, **Della Kommel Copeland** '64, a nephew and several cousins, including **Linda Stenzel Leonard** '79.

**Richard J. Reichhard**, Jerome, Idaho, passed away Aug. 16, 2008. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy as a dive bomb instructor based in New Mexico and Texas. He was director of the band and orchestra with the Moscow City Schools before beginning to farm. Much of the acreage around his farm was used as a park for children who wished to develop their creative skills. After retiring from farming, he was active in many community enterprises. As director of the Community Action Agency, he founded the first Head Start program in his area. His wife and a niece survive. A cousin, **Pauline DeRoche Pyers** '31, predeceased him.

**Robert E. Sneeringer** died Aug. 25, 2008, in Mansfield, Ohio. A member of First English Lutheran Church, Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and AMVETS Post 26, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II. He retired as a purchasing manager from Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Co. in 1987. Survivors include a son, a daughter, eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a step-brother.

**Florence Fraas Zoltner**, Gahanna, Ohio, died June 14, 2008. She was a teacher at Gratis, Eaton and Archbold High Schools, and for many years, she

served as a church organist. A sister-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews survive.

**42** | **Warren I. "Swede" Thomas**, Kalamazoo, Mich., passed away July 15, 2008. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II serving as a medic in the European Theater of Operations. He began his career in education at Waukegan High School and Olivet College before joining Kalamazoo College in 1956. A professor of physical education, he also coached cross-country, track and was an assistant coach in football and basketball. From 1966 until his retirement in 1980, he was the director of the career service department. A son, a daughter and a granddaughter survive. His wife, **Patti Sims Thomas** '42, predeceased him.

**43** | **J. Charles Cramer of Richwood**, Ohio, died Oct. 21, 2008. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army 262nd Infantry Regiment, 66th Division in the European Theatre. He began his career as a school teacher and principal of Byhalia-York School. Later he served as a missionary in McAllen, Texas, on the Mexico-Texas border for 16 years and in Honduras, Central America, for 15 years through World Gospel Mission. A former member of McKendree and Bethel United Methodist Churches, he was a current member of Marysville Church of the Nazarene. He also pastored at the former Mt. Pleasant Church of God in Mt. Victory. In 1995, he retired to Avon Park, Fla. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two brothers.

**44** | **W. Dale Koblenzer**, Wadsworth, Ohio, died Oct. 25, 2008. During World War II, he served as an officer aboard the U.S.S. Martin in the Atlantic

and Pacific fleets with the U.S. Navy. Later, he was employed at General Electric in Niles, Ohio, and retired after 30 years as labor relations director at PPG Industries in Barberton, Ohio. A member of Grace Lutheran Church and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he is survived by his wife, a son, three daughters, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A brother, **Frederick M. Koblenzer** '38, predeceased him.

**45** | **E. Edward Bare** died April 30, 2007, in Downers Grove, Ill. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired as an executive from U.S. Steel after 30 years. Surviving are his wife, two sons, a daughter, 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a sister.

**Phyllis Lauver Schmitt**, Alamogordo, N.M., died July 10, 2008. Before moving to Alamogordo, N.M., she lived in Melbourne and Louisville, Ky., Walton, Ind., and Dayton and Versailles, Ohio. She taught English at Versailles High School, and at Alamogordo High School and Chaparral Junior High School before retiring in 1978. A member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, she is survived by her husband, **Emmett L. Schmitt** '44, three daughters, including **Mary L. Schmitt** '69 and **Sarah Schmitt Hadfield** '71, a son, numerous grandchildren, including **Rebecca M. Ajer** '09, three great-grandchildren, a sister, **Miriam Lauver Anspach** '50, a brother, a sister-in-law, **Marjorie Snyder Lauver** '48, and numerous nieces and nephews, including **Cheryl Lauver Hinkle** '70 and **Robert K. Lauver** '75. Preceding her in death were her mother, **Mary Snyder Lauver Johnson** 1919, her father, **Orville B. Lauver** 1917, her step-father, **Edward R. Johnson** 1919, three brothers, **Robert G. Lauver** '42, **Hugh O. Lauver** '44 and **Glen A. Lauver** '53, and an uncle, **Harmon M. Snyder** 1917S.

**Helen Rorick Siefert**, New Washington, Ohio, died Dec. 11, 2007. She taught with the public schools in Bucyrus, Ohio, before going to teach for 30 years with the Buckeye Central Schools, retiring in 1981. Her memberships included St. John Lutheran Church, Delta Zeta sorority, Eastern Star Bucyrus Chapter 3 and Crawford County Retired Teachers Association. She volunteered with the Board of Elections, the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society. Her husband, two sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

**Ruth Mennen Tribby** died Sept. 25, 2008, in St. Petersburg, Fla. A member of Grace Lutheran Church and Delta Zeta sorority, she retired in 1989 after teaching business education at Dunedin High School for 16 years. She is survived by three daughters, a son and two grandchildren.

**Junivere Scifers Voedisch**, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Oct. 11, 2008. Beginning her career at Garfield Elementary School, she taught 42 years with the Springfield City Schools, retiring from Highlands Elementary School in 1982. She held memberships in the Ohio Retired Teachers Association and Delta Kappa Gamma Honorary Teachers Sorority. Surviving are a daughter, two nieces, including **Patricia K. Markoch** '79, and a nephew. Preceding her in death were a sister and brother-in-law, **William A.** '48 and **Margaret Scifers Markoch** '51, and a niece, **Valerie E. Markoch** '79.

**46** | **Sue Stirewalt** Lane of Salem, Va., died June 18, 2008. She served as a Lutheran missionary in India for several years and was on the board of directors of Lutheran Church Women. A delegate to the L.C.A. Triennial Convention, she also served several terms on the management committee of the board of World Missions (L.C.A. and E.L.C.A.) A member of Delta Zeta sorority, she taught seventh grade at Grove Hill Elementary

School, and at Page County High School in Shenandoah, Va., she taught English and was the yearbook adviser. In retirement, she was active at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and with Luthercrest. Surviving are a son, and several nieces and nephews. Her husband, **Marion P. Lane Jr.**, predeceased her.

**Marjory Baird Otte**, Willoughby, Ohio, died Sept. 13, 2008. A former resident of Columbus, Ohio, and DeLand, Fla., she was a teacher in the Southwestern City School District in Franklin County before her retirement. She was an active member of her community and a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, the Ponce de Leon Lighthouse Association and the James Thurber House Foundation. A daughter, three sons, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive her. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Richard W. Otte** '48, her mother, **Frances Endly Baird** '45, an aunt, **Marjory Endly Acles** '28, and two uncles, **William H. Acles** '28 and **John E. Endly** '36.

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**Walter C. Koehler Jr.** died Sept. 6, 2008, in Indiana, Pa. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he was ordained into the Lutheran ministry in 1950. He served churches in Beckley, W.Va., and Wesleyville, Glenshaw, Clairton and most recently Glassport, Pa. He retired in 1989. A trustee of Thiel College, he assumed many responsibilities within the Lutheran Church. Surviving are two sons, two daughters, five grandchildren, two sisters, including **Sarah Koehler Cook** '52, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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**Frances Tuttle Caldwell**, Ingomar, Pa., died May 19, 2008. She taught several years at Highland School before becoming a flight attendant with TWA. Her memberships included Hiland Presbyterian Church, Alpha Xi Delta sorority and TWA Clipped Wings. She volunteered for several organizations, including

the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Surviving are a son, a granddaughter, a sister, **Martha Tuttle Horner** '45, a nephew, **John T. Horner** '75, and cousins, **David C. Kirkwood** '42, **Ruth Swab Tuttle** '43 and **Mary Pancake Lynch** '51. Preceding her in death were her parents, **Millard H.** 1913 and **Ruth Cox Tuttle** 1914, aunts and uncles, **Fred B. Woosley** 1908, **Mabel Cox Smith** 1916, and **Robert A.** 1914 and **Angie Woosley Tuttle** 1913, and cousins, **Robert F. Tuttle** '42 and **Marjorie Tuttle Kirkwood** '42.

**Ivan H. Miller** died Aug. 28, 2008, in Brookfield, Wis. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he served with the U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Marines during World War II. He was an ordained Lutheran minister who served at Bethel Lutheran Church, Cicero, Ind., Trinity Lutheran Church, Niles, Ohio, First Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ind., St. James Lutheran Church, Marinette, Wis., and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fort Pierce, Fla. Following his retirement from the ministry, he became the community development director of the City of Marinette for 12 years and was awarded a key to that city. Retiring from that position in 1995, he served area churches on a fill-in basis. Wittenberg honored him with the "Outstanding Alumni" citation in 1999. Surviving are a son, two daughters, including **Louise Miller Durnell** '79, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a sister. His wife, **Vera Janicky Miller** '49, preceded him in death.

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**Lillian Sparling Gillhouse** of Springfield, Ohio, died June 20, 2008. During World War II, she served with the U.S. Army (WAC). She was a lifelong elementary school teacher who retired from the Northwestern School System. As the wife of a Lutheran pastor, she served churches in Temperance, Mich., Kettering, Columbus and

Springfield, Ohio. Surviving are three daughters, including **Susan Gillhouse Pasotti** '72, a son, eight grandchildren, including **Benjamin M. Hammond** '00, two great-grandchildren and a sister. Her husband, **Donald C. Gillhouse** '50, preceded her in death.

**John F. Hanley** died in Portland, Ore., May 30, 2008. A member of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was an anesthesiologist in Honolulu and Maui, Hawaii, for 31 years before moving to Portland in 1989. He was also an ordained Episcopal deacon. He leaves his wife, a son, three grandchildren, and a sister and brother-in-law, **John L. III** '55 and **Norma Hanley Zimmerman** '58. His father, **Stanley M. Hanley** '23, predeceased him.

**Paul M. Holmes**, Springfield, Ohio, died Sept. 27, 2008. During World War II, he served as a radioman second class with the U.S. Navy in the Atlantic and central and western Pacific. In 1949, he began his career with Clark County Landmark which expanded to include much of southeastern Ohio with Snyder and Associates. A lifelong Episcopalian, he was an active member at Heavenly Rest and Christ Episcopal Church. He is survived by his wife, two stepsons, including **James A. Roberts** '73, a stepdaughter, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His first wife, **Kathleen Ehman Holmes** '34, preceded him in death.

**Stephen R. Nagy** died July 2, 2008, in Elyria, Ohio. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific. An attorney, he was elected Elyria Municipal Court Judge in 1973, served two terms and retired in 1986. The Superior Judicial Services from the Ohio Supreme Court honored him with 14 awards during his career. Two daughters and two grandsons survive.

**Joan McGee Pittenger**, Pittsford, N.Y., passed away April 25, 2008. A homemaker, she had spent three years on an archeological dig in Palestine and taught Sunday school for 32 years. She also enjoyed gardening and bird watching. She is survived by her husband, **Wayne S. Pittenger** '52, two daughters, two sons, including **Mark W. Pittenger** '85, and eight grandchildren.

**Frank J. Pival** of Mansfield, Ohio, died Sept. 18, 2008. During World War II, he served as a medical laboratory technician with the 103rd general hospital in England. He began his career as a teacher at Johnny Appleseed Junior High School where he later became the first Mansfield City Schools counselor. In 1963, he transferred to Malabar High School as the assistant principal. He finished his career back at Appleseed as the school principal, retiring in 1977. Also the director of Ashland College Extension Courses in Mansfield, he was the principal cellist of the Mansfield Symphony for 11 years. Surviving are three daughters, 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a brother, **Joseph W. Pival** '51.

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A former commercial service engineer with Ohio Bell Telephone in Dayton, Ohio, **Kenneth P. Bader** died June 29, 2008, in Murrells Inlet, S.C. He served with the U.S. Navy Air Transport Service in Seattle, Wash., and the Aleutian Islands during World War II. Surviving are a son, a daughter, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death was his wife, **Dorothy Bahr Bader** '48.

**Max M. Bennett** died Feb. 1, 2008, in Fairborn, Ohio. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps. After the war, he served with the U.S. Air Force Reserves until his retirement as a colonel in 1984. He was a polygraph operator at BCI for 20 years and a claims adjuster with Nationwide

Insurance for another 20 years. His memberships included St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Dayton FOP, Lodge #44 and VFW Post #8437. Surviving are his wife, a daughter, two step-sons, three grandchildren, two sisters, and several nieces and nephews, including **Tracee Bennett Tipton** '85.

**Wilbert G. Liggins** of Urbana, Ohio, died Aug. 24, 2008. During World War II, he served as a staff sergeant with the U.S. Army Air Corps. He retired from Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Survivors include a son, a daughter, a grandson, and many nieces and nephews.

**Raymond R. Stasco**, Green Cove Springs, Fla., died Aug. 21, 2008. A member of St. Luke's Catholic Church and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was awarded the President's Medal by the National Safety Council for saving the life of a child while serving in the Philippines with the 12th Naval Construction Regiment. A teacher and football coach at Lee, Andrew Jackson and the Bolles School, he was principal at Forrest and Lee High Schools. Before retiring in 1991, he became an area superintendent. His wife, two sons, three daughters, eight grandchildren and three step-grandchildren survive.

**Robert L. Walsh** of Bartlesville, Okla., passed away May 28, 2008. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked in the supply and transportation department at the Phillips Petroleum Co., retiring in 1983. A Mason, he was also a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Elks Lodge. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, five grandchildren, three brothers, including **James F. Walsh** '50 and **Thomas E. Walsh** '53, and a sister. His father, **William A. Walsh Sr.** '23, preceded him in death.

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**Delbert J. Haefka** passed away Sept. 12, 2008, in Lorain, Ohio. After serving with the U.S. Army Chemical Corps during the Korean Conflict, he was employed by Firestone in Akron, Ohio, and North Carolina. He was with the Green School System for 30 years until his retirement. He was also a zoning inspector, township trustee and councilman for the Village and City of Green. His memberships included Messiah Lutheran Church, Phi Mu Delta fraternity, Friends of the Library, the National and Ohio Education Associations and the Educators Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, **Pearl Siegenthaler Haefka** '52, a son, a grandson, a brother and a sister.

**Walter C. Klank**, Dayton, Ohio, died July 4, 2008. During World War II, he flew P-51 escort and scouting missions over Germany with the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was shot down and spent more than six months as a prisoner of war. He later pursued a career as an aerospace engineer, inventor and the owner of several successful private companies. In addition to his many community interests, he was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church and the Miami Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America. His wife, two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren survive.

**Virginia Huffman Stroup**, Orrville, Ohio, passed away Oct. 12, 2008. She began her teaching career at junior and senior high schools in Louisville, Ky., before moving to Ohio to teach at Lutheran Community Services in Springfield. She became director of preschool classes at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, which was with the Springfield Board of Education. In 1971, she helped with the Neighborhood Center in Orrville until she became the director of the Wayne County Head Start program in 1974. Following her retirement in 1986, she was the craft director with Holland America Cruise Lines. Her memberships

included Augsburg Lutheran Church, Alpha Delta Pi sorority and the American Association of University Women. Surviving are a daughter, **Paula Stroup Ripepi** '80, two sons, including **Timothy L. Stroup** '79, two granddaughters, a sister, **Mary Huffman Maurice** '46, a niece, **Jean P. Maurice** '71, a nephew, **Martin W. Maurice** '73, and a great-niece, **Andrea L. Maurice** '04. Preceding her in death were her husband, **R. Paul Stroup** '49, a sister-in-law, **Irene Stroup Quelle** '32 and a brother-in-law, **William B. Maurice** '47.

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**Evelyn Warren Heil**, Springfield, Ohio, died Oct. 14, 2008. An artist and a teacher, she was best known for the adoption of a Vietnamese orphan portrayed as the "Baby in a Box" from a famous news photo of the war. Because of her child's learning difficulties caused by malnutrition and other forms of deprivation, she founded the Warren Center for Learning. A 60-year member of St. John's Lutheran Church, she is survived by four daughters, a son, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a sister and three cousins, **Ronald A. Mezger** '51, **Shirley Armentrout Litwin** '55 and **Richard A. Armentrout** '57.

**Janet M. Hoover** died Aug. 14, 2008, in Bethlehem, Pa. She was consecrated as a Lutheran deaconess in 1953 and served parishes in Nebraska, Wisconsin, Maryland and New Jersey. After studying gerontology, she worked with the elderly, retiring in 1992. In her retirement she remained active as a hostess for Historic Bethlehem tours, woodcarving and traveling. A niece and two great-nieces survive.

**Carolyn Leemhuis Lingenfelter** of Erie, Pa., passed away Nov. 16, 2008. She dedicated her career to the Millcreek Public School System, teaching music to elementary students and directing the McDowell High School and Intermediate School orchestras. In retirement, she pursued her interest in the

arts by painting in various media, playing the piano and attending performances by the Erie Symphony and Erie Playhouse. Several of her paintings received awards at exhibitions, and one is displayed at the Millcreek Township Municipal Building. A lifelong member of Luther Memorial Church, she is survived by a son, a granddaughter, a sister-in-law, **Marjorie Koons Leemhuis** '45, and cousins, **Susan Hirt Hagen** '57, **Stephen D. Hirt** '67, **Sarah Hagen McWilliams** '88 and **Andrew C. Hirt** '97. She was preceded in death by a brother, **Robert C. Leemhuis** '47, and cousins, **F. William Hirt** '47 and **H. Orth Hirt** 1911.

**David W. Roberts**, a lifelong resident of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, passed away Dec. 5, 2008, in Naples, Fla. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Farming the land was his passion and life's work. He was a member of the Moorefield United Methodist Church, the Disabled American Veterans and 4-H. Surviving are his wife, a son, three daughters, two grandsons, a great-granddaughter, a brother and a sister-in-law, **Suzanne Troxell Roberts** '58. Deceased relatives include two cousins, **Arthur R. McCreary** 1897 and **Clarence W. McCreary** 1904.

A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, **Joan Johnson Walter** was a long-time resident of Akron, Ohio, before relocating to Norman, Okla., where she died June 27, 2008. She was active in several volunteer organizations from 1952-2000, including the Junior League of Akron. Surviving are a daughter, **Elizabeth Walter Sexton** '77, two sons, including **James L. Walter Jr.** '80, four grandchildren, a sister, **Patricia Johnson Wright** '55, a niece, two nephews, including **Thomas W. Kaiser** '79, and an aunt, **Isabell Johnson Lash** '33. Preceding her in death were her husband, **James L. Walter Sr.** '51, her father, **Robert C. Johnson** '28, and an uncle, **Merrill F. Lash** '26.

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**Frances Dryer Davis** passed away June 30, 2008, in Austin, Texas. She was the women's editor at the *Fairborn Daily Herald*, and the club and furniture editor with the *Dayton Journal Herald* in Ohio before managing the AIDS and the University of Texas at Austin cafeterias. She loved painting, photography and writing. Two sons, four grandchildren and a sister survive.

**Robert E. Doxey** '57S, who during his retirement, was a supply pastor in area Lutheran churches and was known for his humorous impersonations of entertainer Victor Borge, died Nov. 7, 2008, in East Aurora, N.Y. After his ordination in 1957, he served for many years as a pastor in the Upstate Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He also served churches in Syracuse, Binghamton, Amsterdam, West Sand Lake and Fort Worth, Texas. A member of Dorm League and an avid tennis player, he is survived by his wife, **Lucille Schmidt Doxey** '57, three daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Verna Lanning Elliott**, Piqua, Ohio, died June 26, 2008. She taught music and elementary education for 11 years before joining her husband in operating Elliott's Greenhouse and Garden Center until their retirement in 1993. She was a longtime member of First English Lutheran Church of Wapakoneta where she served as its organist. Her other memberships included Kappa Delta sorority and the Koneta Chapter 385 of the Order of the Eastern Star. Her husband, a daughter, three grandchildren, two sisters and a nephew survive. Another sister, **Geneura J. Lanning** '44, predeceased her.

**Marcia Hickman Tookey** of LaCanada, Calif., died May 22, 2008. She taught at Fort Wayne High School in Indiana before moving to California where she served as president of the PTA,

the Town and Country Fine Arts Club, the LaCanada Republican Women's Club Federated, the Foothills Republican Club and the Thursday Club. She was the assistant to the California state party's executive director and was appointed to the national board of Republican Women Federated. Survivors include a daughter, two sons and a granddaughter.

'55 |

**Ann Charlesworth Campbell**, Millersburg, Ohio, died June 9, 2008. She enjoyed reading, writing poetry and activities at Castle Nursing Home where she lived for 22 years. A sister and two nephews survive.

'57 |

**Maurice H. Hanes** passed away Aug. 12, 2008, at his home in Murrysville, Pa. He began his career in semi-conductor research at Bell Labs in Murray Hill, N.J., but moved to Murrysville in 1972 to join the Westinghouse R&D Center, retiring in 1999 from Northrop Grumman. He authored many scientific papers and held numerous patents. An ardent conservationist, he was a member of the board of governors of the Westmoreland Conservancy. Additional memberships included Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He is survived by his wife, **Margaret Gold Hanes** '59, a son, three daughters, 12 grandchildren, three brothers, **Frederick W. Hanes** '48, **Eldon C. Hanes** '49 and **David F. Hanes** '59, three sisters-in-law, **Betty Haines Hanes** '50, **Carol Parmley Hanes** '50 and **Linda Gold Readey** '67, and two cousins, **Janet Weigle Witte** '49 and **Joy Westenbarger Uhler** '62. Preceding him in death were his parents, **Frederick M.** '41H and **Retta Fink Hanes** '20, and an aunt and uncle, **Lewis C.** '28 and **Frieda Fink Westenbarger** '26.

**Harry H. Yingst**, Marietta, Ga., died Dec. 3, 2008. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he

owned the Printing Express in Sandy Springs. He pursued fossil collecting, golf and chess following his retirement. His wife, three sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren survive.

'58 |

**Robert B. Lantz** '61S, Annapolis, Md., died July 5, 2008. An ordained pastor in the United Lutheran Church in America, he founded and served as chair of the board of the Maryland Institute of Pastoral Counseling Inc. The institute relocated to Annapolis, Md., from where he directed programs at the Baltimore City Hospitals, the Medical College of Virginia and the Memphis Medical Center. He taught pastoral counseling at St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C. His private practice dealt with professional, vocational and relationship issues. He also consulted with churches, seminaries and medical institutions. Certified as a Diplomate by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and by the Association of Professional Chaplains, he was a supervisor of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he served as a chaplain and first lieutenant with the U.S. Army Reserve during the Vietnam War. An avid sailor, he is survived by his wife, **Katherine Isenhour Lantz** '60, and a sister.

'59 |

**W. Robert Guthrie** passed away Oct. 10, 2008, at his home in Cedarville, Ohio. During World War II, he served as a corporal with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the China Burma India Theater. After 33 years, he retired as a principal/teacher from the Cedar-Cliff School System. His memberships included the Cedarville United Presbyterian Church, the Cedarville Volunteer Fire Dept., the Cedarville F&AM Masonic Lodge #622 and the Valley of Dayton Scottish Rite. He was actively involved in HAM radio, and enjoyed gardening, fishing

and woodworking. Three sons, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren survive.

**Edmond C. Peters** died Sept. 23, 2008, in Grove City, Ohio. A member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he served his country as a sergeant with the U.S. Army Air National Guard from 1959-65. He was a sales representative for several companies during his career. His passions in life were his 1956 Chevy Nomad, chocolate, jazz and a good joke. He is survived by his wife, three sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren, a brother, **Harvey S. Peters Sr.** '56, two sisters-in-law, **Ruth Weng Peters** '55 and **Patricia Moore Thomas** '54, and two nieces, **Deborah Thomas Sloss** '83 and **Gretchen Peters LaChance** '90. A step-brother, **Carl E. Thomas** '52, preceded him in death.

'60 |

**Wilbur M. Helsel Jr.** passed away July 13, 2008, in Lancaster, Ohio. A member of First Baptist Church and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he was a teacher and coach with the Columbus Public Schools for more than 30 years. He was named Junior High School Teacher of the Year in 1970 and retired in 1990. Surviving are two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren and a sister, **Phyllis Helsel Radugge** '59.

**Ronald L. Lancaster**, a Canadian Football League legend known during his playing days as the "Little General," died Sept. 17, 2008, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. A former player, coach and team executive of the Hamilton Tiger Cats, he was currently working as a color analyst on radio broadcasts and as the team's senior adviser to organizational development. Inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame, the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame and the Wittenberg Athletics Hall of Honor, he was also the recipient of the Wittenberg Alumni Citation Award. His wife, two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren survive.

'63 |

**Rheba Hanna Angle**, Bellefontaine, Ohio, died Feb. 8, 2008. Her career included teaching at Montgomery Township High School in Wayne, Loveland Junior High and High Schools, DeGraff High School and Bellefontaine High School. She retired in 1979. A member of the First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, she volunteered at Mary Rutan Hospital for more than 20 years. Surviving are a daughter, two sons, four grandchildren and a nephew, **Kevin W. Culp** '95.

**Herschel A. Grim** of Mansfield, Ohio, passed away Sept. 22, 2008. A teacher at Mapleton, Ashland and Ontario High Schools, he retired in 2001 after serving as president of the Ontario Federation of Teachers. He was recently a consultant for the Ohio Federation of Teachers' Health and Retirement. He also spent 25 years in funeral service at the Gilbert Funeral Home in Ashland, Lenhart Funeral Home in Jefferson, Finrock Funeral Services in Mansfield and Snyder Funeral Homes of Mansfield and Bellville, retiring in 2006. A member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and numerous professional organizations, he is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter, his mother, three brothers, including **Howard A. Grim** '65, and a sister and brother-in-law, **Juan J.** '65 and **Hazel Grim Acuna** '62. Preceding him in death was his great-grandfather, **Henry A. Markel** 1879.

**P. David Highmiller**, Springfield, Ohio, died Aug. 20, 2008. A member of Grace Lutheran Church, he was a U.S. Army veteran. He began his career as a credit sales manager with the Edward Wren Store. He then moved to Pomeroy's Department Store in Harrisburg, Pa., before being promoted to credit analyst with Allied Stores Corp. He retired as a

vice president with Uhlman's Department Store. A certified consumer credit executive from the Society of Certified Consumer Credit Executives, he is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, four grandchildren and two sisters. A brother-in-law, **Eugene W. Newell** '53, preceded him in death.

'65 |

**Daniel C. Brautigam**, Sidney, Ohio, passed away Feb. 23, 2007. A former business management instructor in the School of Community Education at Wittenberg and a retired plant superintendent with the Quincy Foundry, he retired from the field of journalism. He also owned and operated a tropical fish store in Pemberton for many years. His memberships included the United Methodist Church of Pemberton, the United Methodist Church of Lavonia, Ga., and Stokes Lodge #305. A Boy Scout master, he was an active volunteer. A daughter, eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren survive.

**Kenneth M. Cleveland** of Beaufort, S.C., died June 7, 2008. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he recently retired as CEO of the Low Country Medical Group. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, two daughters, a grandson, his parents, a sister and a niece.

**Glenn F. Laque**, Cincinnati, Ohio, died July 15, 2008. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he was a lifelong athlete who was an active player and avid supporter of handball in his area. He was the president of Spraying Systems, a company with offices in Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Charleston, W.Va. Surviving are his wife, **Carol Feiser Laque** '66, a daughter, two grandchildren, a brother, and several nieces and nephews.

'66 |

**David K. Wright** of Madison, Wis., passed away June 25, 2008. During the Vietnam War, he served as a sergeant with the U.S. Army, receiving two purple hearts and two commendation medals. An editor, photographer and a writer, he was the author of more than 40 books on a variety of topics, including travel, history and motor sports. His first book, a history of the Harley Davidson Motor Co., became an international best-seller in 1983 and over the next 20 years went through a series of reprintings and new editions. He also wrote books for children, including a four-volume history of the Vietnam War and biographies of John Lennon, Arthur Ashe and Frank Lloyd Wright. His wife, a son and a daughter survive.

'67 |

**Allen M. Grubert**, Bedford, N.Y., died Sept. 11, 2007. A former advisory systems analyst with IBM and a manager of supply/demand planning with the Town of Mt. Pleasant, he was retired. Surviving are his wife, **Owenita Schumacher Grubert** '69, a son and a daughter.

'68 |

**Daniel R. Glatz** of DelRay Beach, Fla., passed away Aug. 21, 2008. After assignments in Illinois and Texas, he moved to Florida to serve as assistant secretary, UCC filing and search services, with National Registered Agents Inc. in Tallahassee. He was retired. A member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he is survived by his wife, **Joy Phillips Glatz** '70, and his parents.

**Theodore Grinvalds** died June 16, 2008, in Springfield, Ohio. A timekeeper for Kelsey-Hayes from 1951-70, he taught Russian language and literature at Wittenberg from 1970-71 and was a clerk in products accountability at International Harvester until 1972. He returned to Kelsey-Hayes as a cost accountant, retiring in

1992. He is survived by his wife, **Silvija Dzelzkalejs Grinvalds** '59, a son, a daughter and five grandchildren.

**Dorothy Kline Packer** of Urbana, Ohio, died June 21, 2008. A teacher with the Salem Township and Urbana City Schools Systems for more than 36 years, she was a member of the Urbana Church of Christ in Christian Union, the Champaign County Retired Teachers Association and the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. Survivors include a daughter, a son, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers.

**Carl A. Prussing**, Lincoln, Mass., passed away July 18, 2008. A member of The Lutheran Church of the Savior and Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he founded the Kyler Corp., a management consulting firm. He was also a former partner with KMG Main Hurdman. In semi-retirement, he taught and tutored young people with a special emphasis on improving their written communication skills. He enjoyed reading historical books, watching baseball and lacrosse games, and spending time in the Finger Lakes region of New York. Surviving are his wife, two sons, including **Kyle P. Prussing** '04, his parents, a sister, and several nieces and nephews.

**J. Rick Whitbeck**, who died May 11, 2008, in Cleveland, Ohio, co-founded the Cleveland International Film Festival in the 1970s and served as its managing director in the early '80s. At one time, he was marketing director for Telos Production Inc., a video company. For more than 20 years, he was director of continuing medical education at University Hospitals and Case Western Reserve University. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he served with the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Vietnam War. His wife, two daughters, an aunt and several cousins survive.

'69 |

**Julian F. Hoffar**, Alexandria, Va., died Oct. 12, 2008. A senior partner in the law firm of Watt, Tieder & Hoffar in McLean, Va., he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Surviving are two daughters and a cousin, **Edward M. Stanko** '66.

'71 |

**Susan Thress Koehler** of Blue Ash, Ohio, passed away Sept. 5, 2008. During her tenure in the Peace Corps, she taught English to students in Tafresh, Iran, and traveled to India, Afghanistan and Pakistan. She was a teacher at Sycamore High School before becoming its student assistance counselor. For more than 30 years, she was a member of First Unitarian Church where she served on the board of directors, was president of the congregation and initiated several programs. Survivors include her husband, two daughters, five grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

**Linda L. Leasure** died Oct. 30, 2008, in Culpeper, Va. She began her career as a trial lawyer with the Department of Labor in Cleveland, Ohio. From 1979 to 2004, she served as a trial lawyer and later as an appellate lawyer for the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. Her interests included cooking, reading, animals, music, poetry and the performing arts. She will be lovingly remembered by her three sisters, two nieces, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

'72 |

**Mark S. Landwehr**, Perrysburg, Ohio, passed away Aug. 14, 2008. During his radio career, he used the broadcast name "Mark Stevens" on radio station

WPLO in Atlanta and stations WCWA, K-100 and others in Toledo. He provided disco specialty music for parties and dances and voice-overs for radio and TV commercials. He was also an announcer at World Cup Wrestling matches. Before working as an independent computer graphics designer, he provided legal research and computer software instruction to staffs of various law firms in Ohio, the University of Toledo and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. An avid amateur radio hobbyist, he received numerous certificates and awards for establishing communications with operators in more than 100 nations. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he is survived by his mother, a brother and sister-in-law, **John T.** '66 and **Janet Wick Landwehr** '68, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, **William A.** '70 and **Katherine Pollock Pasch** '70, and **Bruce A. Pasch** '73.

'73 |

**Kerry D. Anderson** of Chicago, Ill., died June 24, 2008. An attorney, he was an associate with Scholtz, Newell and Associates, before founding an executive placement firm. Surviving are his companion, his father, his mother, **Janet Downey Anderson** '48, a brother, three sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews. Two cousins, **Harvey H. Wanning** 1911 and **Nora E. Wanning** 1918, preceded him in death.

'74 |

**Douglas P. Dashine**, Washington, N.J., passed away Sept. 5, 2008. During his career, he owned and managed The Owls Nest, served as principal field supervisor with Realty Revaluation Inc., was a staff appraiser with Schmidt and Associates, owned Schmidt/Dashine Realty and was a state-certified tax assessor and general real estate appraiser with the State of New Jersey. His memberships included Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the National Association of Independent Free Appraisers and the Institute of Business Appraisers Inc. His wife, a son, a brother and a step-mother survive.

**Philip S. Peyton**, Eugene, Ore., died Oct. 16, 2008. He was a self-employed businessman who had worked as an educator, a wrestling coach and official. He is survived by his parents and two sisters.

'78 |

**Nancy A. Grabeman** passed away Sept. 15, 2008, at her home in Kettering, Ohio. A member of Epiphany Lutheran Church, she was employed by Bank One, G.E. Credit Card Service and Grabeman Appraisal Service. Surviving are her mother, four brothers, including Steven V. Grabeman '82, and several nieces and nephews.

'88 |

**Christine Kendall Vilem** died June 19, 2008, in Brooklyn, Ohio. She was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Her career included serving as national coordinator

of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program, as an analyst with Labat-Anderson Inc. and as a health educator at KAMA Health Discovery Center. Surviving are her husband, **Mark R. Vilem** '90, two daughters, her parents, a sister, a brother, and several nieces and nephews.

'92 |

**Brian D. Lee** of Sidney, Ohio, died July 16, 2008. An active member of St. Jacob Lutheran Church, the American Cancer Society and the Moose Lodge, he was employed in the purchasing department at Honda of America. He is survived by his wife, **Tamara Rakestraw Lee** '90, two daughters, his parents, two brothers, a brother-in-law, **Gregory A. Rakestraw** '71, a sister-in-law, **Ann Rakestraw Wydman** '73, a nephew, **Adam E. Rakestraw** '97, and an aunt, **Rosemary Rakestraw Pratt** '46. His father-in-law, **Russell E. Rakestraw** '50, predeceased him.



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Anne K. Mellor, April 13

### April

- 13 **Witt Series: Phi Beta Kappa Lecture, Anne K. Mellor** – 7:30 p.m. Bayley Auditorium
- 16-19 **Mainstage Production: Red Herring** – 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Chakeres Memorial Theatre, Admission \$4
- 17 **Honors Convocation** – 4 p.m. Weaver Chapel
- 18 **Wittenberg Handbell Choir Concert** – 4 p.m. Weaver Chapel
- 24 **Wittenberg Jazz Ensemble Concert** – 7:30 p.m. Ness Family Auditorium
- 26 **Joint Concert: Wittenberg Chamber Orchestra/Wittenberg Singers** – 3 p.m. Weaver Chapel
- 27 **Wittenberg Flute Choir Concert** – 8 p.m. Krieg Hall

### May

- 1 **Opera Studio Scene Performance** – 8 p.m. Krieg Hall
- 2 **WittFest** – 11 a.m. Myers Hollow
- 3 **Wittenberg Symphonic Band Concert** – 3 p.m. Weaver Chapel
- 5 **Baccalaureate Service** – 2:15 p.m. Weaver Chapel
- 16 **Commencement** – 1 p.m. Commencement Hollow

### June

- 10-14 **Alumni College**
- 18-21 **Music Reunion/Sports Camps**
- 7-9 **Volleyball**
- 12-14 **Girls' Soccer/Boys' Basketball**
- 11-12 **Junior High/Freshman Team Skills**
- 14-17 **Individual Skills Camp**
- 18-19 **Big Man/Point Guard Specialty**
- 20 **Varsity Team Shootouts**
- 25-26 **Varsity /Junior Varsity Team**



WittFest, May 2



Commencement, May 16

## Giving Voice To The Voiceless

*Journalist Spends Career Pursuing Less Traveled Path*



It was about 11 p.m. on Election Night when all the major news networks announced that long and hotly contested presidential election was over: Barack Obama, the junior senator from Illinois, they said, would be the next president of the United States.

That moment found me standing in a rain-soaked compound in Kogelo, a small village ensconced between ranges of hills near the shores of Lake Victoria deep in western Kenya. Eight hours ahead of American Eastern Standard Time, it was about 7 a.m. Wednesday morning there, and the small African village, which much like all of Kenya claims President Obama as its native son, was about to explode with jubilation.

It started instantaneously as members of the Obama family, joined by a caravan of villagers waving tree branches and Obama posters broke out in dance and song in their native Luo language. And like all the other journalists from every major news outlet around the world, I

jumped into the caravan – shooting pictures, jogging alongside the group with my flip video camera asking: “How does it feel?”

What does an Obama presidency mean for you personally as a Kenyan? What do you think it means for the world?”

In the midst of it all, my editor back at the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* was getting nervous. It was coming to 11:30 p.m. in the United States by then, and the cutoff deadline for the next day’s newspaper was midnight. That’s why I immediately knew who it was when I felt my BlackBerry vibrating: “I need your story by 11:50,” he said. I wanted to get in a couple more interviews but I had no time. As I ran to my rental SUV to start writing my story, it occurred to me that my story was going on the front page of what would most likely be a collector’s item because of the historic nature of the election.

I should have been nervous, but I had no time for that, either.

“Kogelo, Kenya,” I started my story: “The dancing here started early this morning when CNN International announced that Sen. Barack Obama will be the next president of the United States.” And within 15 minutes, I had my 700-word story about the ululating crowd in the village where President Obama’s father was born, and plans for a big village party where two bulls would be slaughtered later that day.

Looking back, I can’t help but reflect on how I came to be in that village on that day. So many experiences nurtured and prepared me for that moment, I

believe, but none more than the years I spent at Wittenberg. As a journalist, one must have the confidence of meeting a total stranger and making them comfortable enough to tell you often very intimate things about themselves.

Wittenberg not only nurtured that confidence in me – from all four years of working at *The Torch* – but it gave me room to formulate my core intellectual and social values. That is when I realized that I wanted to write for a living; to be a journalist that can give a voice to the all too often unheard and unseen people among us; to question authority every time and to speak truth to power.

It is an idealistic outlook on life that may seem romantic, but one that has guided me since I left Wittenberg. That is why I chose to cover Hunts Point, one of the poorest neighborhoods in the Bronx when I was a student at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. And when I started my first journalism job as a general assignment reporter at *The Toledo Blade*, in Toledo, Ohio, I focused my eyes on urban affairs writing about the blighted neighborhoods of North and Central-City Toledo; issues of poverty and the working poor; and on immigration and the ever changing face of Latino-Toledo, northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

And now, as a county government reporter at the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, I still believe my calling to this profession is inspired by that old newspaper adage: comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. ■ – *Karamagi Rujumba '02*

# A Call to Action

**A**s a recipient of one of Wittenberg's most prestigious scholarships, the Provost Scholarship, Catie Stipe '12 fully understands and appreciates the powerful difference scholarships can make in attaining a Wittenberg education. She believes this so much that she has joined The Wittenberg Fund phonathon team to help her alma mater with its own fundraising efforts.

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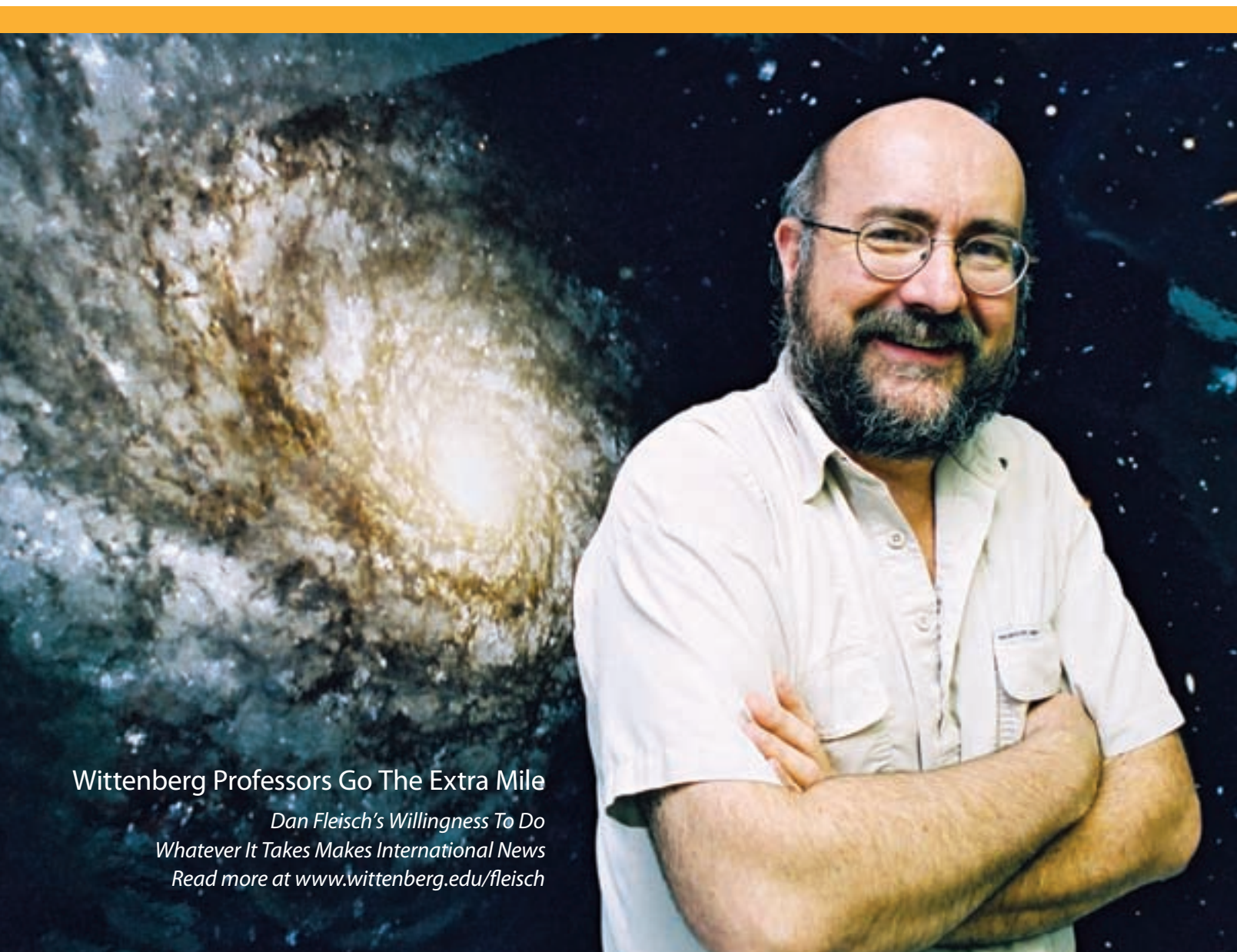
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