

Breaking a Silence on Domestic Violence







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President Mark Erickson To Step Down In 2012

Dr. Mark H. Erickson, president of Wittenberg University since 2005, has announced that he plans to step down at the conclusion of his seventh year.

ne of the greatest challenges and opportunities a president and Board of Directors must face is knowing when to pass the baton of leadership,' Erickson said. "After a great deal of contemplation and discussions with trusted and thoughtful members of the campus community, I believe that time has come. By making this announcement now, the Board of Directors has appropriate time to conduct a national search for the next president, and we can ensure that the current momentum at Wittenberg continues."

"Mark Erickson has brought outstanding leadership, strategic vision, unbridled energy and impeccable integrity to the role of president," said Steve Buchenroth '70, chair of the Wittenberg Board of Directors. "His passion for Wittenberg and commitment to our mission is unwavering. Simply put, Wittenberg is a much better place today than it was six years ago when Mark arrived. We have been blessed to have someone of Mark's caliber and ability lead Wittenberg."

During Erickson's tenure, Wittenberg has made significant progress in many areas, including:

Academics: A tireless cheerleader for the Wittenberg faculty, Erickson has often stated that he would put the Wittenberg faculty up against any faculty

in the country. Under his leadership, the faculty this year ranked #1 in the nation in the liberal arts category for most Fulbright Fellows, and ranked #11 in the country for Best Classroom Experience and #15 for Faculty Get High Marks by the Princeton Review. Physics Professor Dan Fleisch was also named the 2010 Ohio Professor of the Year. President Erickson often reminds visitors that Wittenberg has won more "Ohio Professors of the Year" awards than any other four-year college in the state.

Numerous innovative and interdisciplinary academic programs were also established during Erickson's tenure, including a new entrepreneurship program that features student-run businesses, a Mellon/U.S. Department of State-funded Languages Across the Curriculum initiative, a Screenwriters Institute, an East Asian Institute, new majors in international relations and financial economics, and minors in sports management and neuroscience to name a few. An investment fund was also created to seed programs and activities that flow from Wittenberg's strategic plan including several mentioned above.

Student Life: Wittenberg's scores on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which measure student engagement and satisfaction, have made steady and significant

improvement throughout Erickson's tenure and now outperform all of Wittenberg's peer comparison groups. Erickson also initiated a new program that engages more than 100 faculty and staff annually to assist new students as they move into their residence halls on the first day of college. A "studentfocused" president, Erickson lived in a student residence for several days after arriving at Wittenberg, and Princeton Review has described him as an "engaged president" in its annual publication.

Undergraduate Student Recruitment:

This year, applications to Wittenberg topped more than 6,100, the highest number in Wittenberg's history. As a result, the incoming class looks to be one of the largest and strongest classes in recent memory with greater geographic diversity and academic quality. Last year, the university enrolled its largest incoming class of African American students, and it appears on track to match that number again this year. New admission initiatives also launched under Erickson's leadership included an enhanced focus on transfer students, international recruitment, and the addition of admission counselors in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions.

Campus Enhancements & Restoration:

The campus also received a major "face lift" during the Erickson era. In addition to razing South and Hanley Halls, and building New Hall, Wittenberg also acquired the Springfield Museum of Art facility near campus, renovated Blair Hall, Recitation Hall, Commencement Hollow and the Student Center, enhanced technology and added a new boiler plant.

Regional Partnerships: Erickson is credited with creating a strong bond between Wittenberg and the City of Springfield, Clark County and the regional business community. On the Board for both the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Dayton Development Coalition, Erickson has created a vision that blurs the line between Wittenberg and the community, engaging students and faculty in the community, and inviting the community to partner with Wittenberg. He has also

worked tirelessly with state and federal governments to make the region a better place to live, work and learn, all the while strengthening the university and spurring regional economic development. The development of Wittenberg's Center for Civic & Urban Engagement is the most visible manifestation of the university's commitment to community service, civic engagement and economic partnership with the local and regional community. In recognition of his service, Erickson was named "Leader of the Year" this spring by Leadership Clark County.

Sustainability: Erickson has also been a strong supporter of Wittenberg's sustainability efforts. During his tenure, Wittenberg dedicated Clark County's first LEED-certified building (Blair Hall), instituted a campus-wide recycling program, opened a farmer's market and an Eco-House, and developed a strong and vibrant grassroots Green Wittenberg program. He also established an investment fund to fuel sustainability initiatives proposed by faculty/student research teams with cost savings reinvested in future sustainability projects. This past fall, Erickson signed the President's Climate Commitment as a culmination of these efforts.

Alumni Outreach: During his tenure, Wittenberg's award-winning, nationally recognized "Witt Nation Tour" engaged or re-engaged thousands of alumni, and Wittenberg has raised more than \$40M since 2007, including two endowed chairs and significant investments in the campus infrastructure. During the same timeframe, Wittenberg has also garnered more than \$5.8M in government support.

International Engagement: One of President Erickson's frequent refrains has always been: "Bring the World to Wittenberg and Wittenberg to the World." Under his leadership, the number of visiting Fulbright scholars, faculty Fulbrights and student Fulbrights all increased. Wittenberg also established the Wittenberg in Wittenberg program and the East Asian Institute, partnered with the Springfield Rotary to expand its service to orphans in Lesotho, developed several direct exchanges with foreign universities and broadened its Russian program to include Eurasia. Erickson also serves on the Board of IES Abroad, a preeminent study-abroad organization.

Prior to Wittenberg, Erickson served as the vice president for administrative and government affairs at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., and top adviser to Lehigh's president. Erickson earned his A.B. in American history from Princeton University, his Ed.M. from Harvard University and his Ed.D. in educational leadership from Lehigh University where he received the Matthew W. Gaffney Award for academic excellence. He also completed additional study in world religions and pastoral care at Harvard Divinity School.



Passing The Baton

Being the president of Wittenberg has not been just a job for me; it has been a calling. For the past six years, I have thrown my heart and my soul into this position, and I have loved every minute of it. I have felt so blessed to work with you, our alumni and friends, our remarkable staff and faculty, and our extraordinary students who make me proud every day.

Together, we have accomplished much during the last six years, and I look forward to working with you to accomplish even more in the year ahead. Please know that I plan to approach my final year with all the same energy and enthusiasm I have brought to prior years. Wittenberg deserves nothing less.

As I begin my final year and you commence the search for my successor, Wittenberg's 14th president, please remember the words I first stated in my inaugural address in 2005, "Nothing but the best is good enough for Wittenberg." This has been my mantra for the last six years, and it must continue to be yours, too, because our students deserve nothing less.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for welcoming my family and me into the Wittenberg family. Please know that this decision to step down was not one I came to easily. Lin and I love Wittenberg, and this university will always hold a special place in our hearts. We have been honored to work here. This is an amazing place, a place that truly makes a difference in the lives of our students and in the larger world in which we live.

With my deepest gratitude and fond regards,

Mark H. Eicho

Mark H. Erickson President

Duncan Named New University Provost



Christopher M. Duncan, dean of the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa., has been named the new provost at Wittenberg. Duncan began his new responsibilities on July 1.

As Wittenberg's second highestranking official and its new chief academic officer, Duncan will provide intellectual vision and leadership for the entire academic program.

"Chris' commitment to Wittenberg's mission, his outstanding people skills, strategic vision, and understanding of the liberal arts inspired all those who interviewed him," said President Mark H. Erickson. "He is a wonderfully engaging person and will be a great partner in leading Wittenberg forward. I am truly excited about welcoming Chris, his wife, and three children to the Wittenberg family, and confident that as our chief academic officer, he will successfully guide Wittenberg's strategic vision and positively shape our collective future."

A 1987 graduate of the University of Michigan, with a B.A. in philosophy and political science, Duncan went on to earn his M.A. and Ph.D. in political science with a focus in political theory from Wayne State University.

Alumnus' Annual Gift Supports Experiential Learning

Recognizing the gift of a life-changing education he received from Wittenberg, Louis Meyer Brown '01, from Chicago, Ill., has committed \$100,000 over 10 years in annual support for the university's psychology and history departments.

Brown, vice president of wealth management at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC in Chicago, worked with his family's foundation, the C. Louis Meyer Foundation, to provide the gift, which will be split evenly between the two departments. Founded in 1946, the foundation seeks to further public welfare through the relief of poverty and suffering, the advancement of education, the promotion of health and the extension of the influence of religion.

"In my studies at Wittenberg, the history and psychology departments had a meaningful impact on me and how I looked at the world," Brown said. "Both departments deserve praise for the education and dedication they provide to their students," he continued. "I look forward to seeing the departments and the university grow from the relationship with the C. Louis Meyer Family Foundation."

The annual gift helps extend opportunities for experiential learning for students in each department, including field trips, attendance at conferences and conference presentations.

International Expertise Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence Program **Connects Cultures**

edicated to preparing students for global citizenship, Wittenberg regularly finds ways to bring the world to its campus, including inviting international professors into the classroom through its Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence program.

Initiated by Keith Doubt, professor of sociology and department chair, the program recently welcomed Thea de Wet, head of the University of Johannesburg's Department of Anthropology and Development Studies. During her residency, de Wet taught an urban anthropology class on India, Brazil and South Africa, specifically focusing on the structure of three cities: Mumbai, India, Rio, Brazil, and Johannesburg, South Africa. All three cities share the aspect of a colonial past, which, de

Distinguished Alumnus And Judge Visits Campus



Judge William A. McClain '34, one of the most respected attorneys in the nation, returned to his alma mater, April 1, to visit with students in the McClain Black Culture House, renamed in his honor in 2004.

In addition to talking with students about their hometowns and how Concerned Black Students (CBS) formed, McClain also encouraged those present.

"He told us that we can accomplish anything if we really want it and try hard enough," said Jumar Guy '11, former CBS president. "He was the first African American judge in Ohio, and if he could do that at that time, then we can strive to do what it is we aspire to do." ■

Two New Members Join Board Of Directors

Albert K.W. Siu, vice president of learning and development at Parexel International, and Wendell Lutz '66, director of the Shared Radiation Facility at the University of Arizona Cancer Center and staff physicist for Southwest Veterinary Specialists, are the newest members of Wittenberg's Board of Directors.

An expert in international training, learning system infrastructure, leadership development, talent management and performance management systems, Siu

has served in several leadership capacities in the pharmaceutical industry as well as AT&T and Hewlett Packard. He earned his B.A. in psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and his Ph.D. in psychology from Purdue University.

A leader in cancer research, Lutz has been recognized repeatedly for his work, including being named a fellow with the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. An assistant professor of



physics at several institutions, including Harvard Medical School, Lutz earned his B.S. in physics from Wittenberg, his M.S. in physics from Purdue and his Ph.D. in nuclear physics from Purdue.



Wet explained, affected their organization, separating by race in Johannesburg and by class in Rio and Mumbai.

Prior to de Wet, the program welcomed Tseli Mapetla from Lesotho, who discussed gender and cultural studies, and Nina Vodopivec from Slovenia, whose primary research focuses on industrial workers in socialism and postsocialism, memory and gender studies, organization of labor and intercultural communication.

The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program is funded by the U.S. Department of State and managed by the Council of International Exchange of Scholars, a subsidiary of the New York-based Institute for International Education.

Music Professor Performs At Carnegie Hall

Sharing her love of music both in the classroom and on the stage, Assistant Professor of Music Jessica McCormack sets an example for her voice students as she performs throughout the United States, Canada and abroad, including a recent residency and performance at New York's famed Carnegie Hall.

Invited to sing during the Festival Anniversary Chorus performance of the Berlioz Requiem at Carnegie Hall, McCormack also was in residence for a week prior in preparation for the performance.

In addition, McCormack recently performed a recital as part of the Sanctuary Series at High Street Methodist Church, a guest artist performance at Central Michigan University, and on campus appearances with guest artists Elliot Figg, harpsichordist, and Alan August, tenor. She was also recently elected as the Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, Ohio State Chapter.

Restored Blair Hall Earns Gold Status

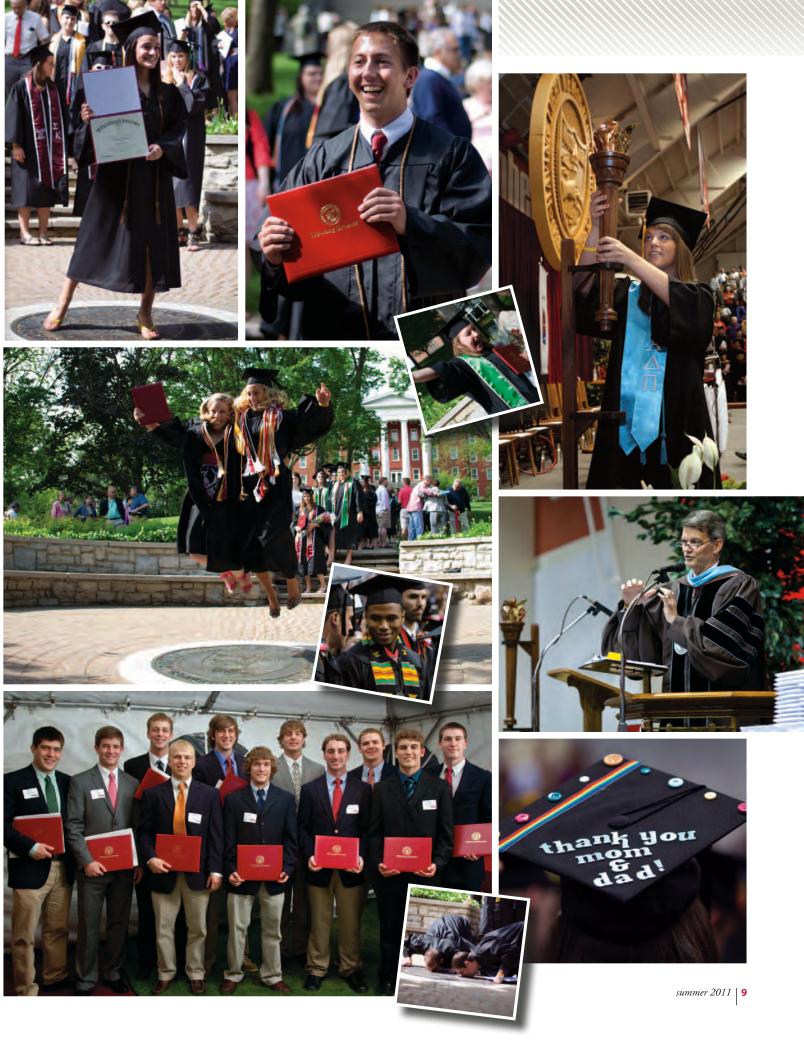


Committed to reducing its energy consumption by 20 percent by 2020, Wittenberg recently learned that the newly restored Blair Hall, home to Wittenberg's nationally recognized education program, has earned the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Gold recognition.

An internationally known green building certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED provides third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using green-focused strategies. Blair Hall is the first LEED-certified building in Clark County.

"Receiving gold status clearly reflects our ongoing commitment to sustainability," said President Mark Erickson. "It also sets the standard for future capital projects on our campus."







Jim Geiger, senior director of development and alumni relations at The Ohio State University, has been named the new vice president for university

Geiger Leads University Advancement

advancement at Wittenberg. Geiger began his new duties July 1.

"I am humbled that Dr. Erickson, the Board of Directors and the search committee have chosen me to lead Wittenberg in this important work," Geiger said. "Building on the strong traditions and relationships between the university and its alumni, friends and the Springfield community is an awesome responsibility. I am eager to begin partnering with the Wittenberg family to build an advancement program, which will position the university for

even greater success in the future."

With more than 15 years of external affairs experience, including campaign management, fundraising, alumni relations and executive management, Geiger oversaw all fundraising and alumni relations efforts for Ohio State's College of Arts & Sciences. Prior to Ohio State, Geiger served as the vice president for development at the Florida State University Foundation, before serving as vice president for institutional advancement at Capital University.

Estate Gift Supports Scholarships

As a public school teacher and principal, Diane Thall Arthur '59 devoted her life to making a difference in children's lives. With her passion and enthusiasm for drama, Arthur left her mark with colleagues and students in the theatre arena.

Following her passing in December, Arthur's legacy will continue to make a difference for countless Wittenberg students thanks to her estate, which

included a \$300,000 gift to her alma mater. The gift will establish an endowed scholarship fund, says Rick Stenberg, executive director of planned giving.

"The impact of Diane's generosity will affect the futures of our students for years to come by providing the additional assistance needed to allow many students to acquire a Wittenberg education," he said.

First-Ever Chief Marketing Officer Named

With more than 20 years of senior marketing communications leadership in both non-profit and corporate settings, Mark Sullivan will now lead Wittenberg's strategic marketing efforts as the university's first-ever chief marketing & communications officer.

Sullivan, who began his new duties July 1, previously served as the director of strategic marketing & communications at The Pingry School in Martinsville, N.J., an independent, K-12 co-educational, college preparatory day school founded in 1861. Prior to joining The Pingry School, Sullivan served as the director of communications for the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station, N.J.

In addition to his higher education expertise, Sullivan also brings extensive corporate experience to the post, having served

as the senior global manager for marketing communications for the Agfa Division of Bayer Pharmaceutical Corporation in Ridgefield Park, N.J. and with several advertising/public relations agencies.

"With its long history of excellence, intellectual engagement, outstanding academics, talented faculty and exceptional students, I look forward to being a part of the Wittenberg community and to expanding its national and global reputation even more," Sullivan said.

In his new position, Sullivan will provide leadership for university-wide marketing, including public relations and brand strategy, while also enhancing the university's image in ways that are consistent with Wittenberg's mission and strategic plan.



ourteen Wittenberg University students headed south, well beyond the sandy beaches of Florida, to spend spring break helping to build a new community of homes in El Salvador. The students, along with two parent leaders and Matevia Endowed University Pastor Rachel Tune, traveled with Thrivent Builds Worldwide, a partnership of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International. The homes will be part of the Getsemaní community in the district of Ahuachapán, which will ultimately consist of approximately 100 earthquakeresistant homes built by Habitat El Salvador. Thrivent has committed to build 15 homes in 2011.

"It was a lot of physical labor, and we were worn out at the end of every day," said Mikaela Ruppert '13 from Pierce, Neb. "But you felt

Sociologist Wins Prestigious Fulbright Award

One of the nation's top producers of Fulbright Scholars among bachelor's institutions, Wittenberg added yet another faculty name to the distinguished list of winners. Jerry Pankhurst, professor of sociology, will teach in the Republic of Estonia in spring 2012 on a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award.

Pankhurst plans to extend his groundbreaking research on the growing engagement of the Russian Orthodox Church in European affairs and related issues of religion and churches in European-Russian Federation relations while in Estonia.

"It is a great opportunity for me, personally," Pankhurst said. "Thanks to the Fulbright, I will have access to public records and persons directly involved in church and political affairs in Europe and Russia who will provide information for my research."

A noted author and recipient of several prestigious grants, Pankhurst will also teach in Estonia, the location for which will be determined later this summer.





Progressive Computer Science Program Earns Praise

After submitting what one National Science Foundation review hailed as a "dream proposal," Wittenberg's computer science program has received more funding and recognition after being named an "Early Adopter" of the NSF/Technical Committee on Parallel Processing (NSF/TCPP) Curriculum Initiative on Parallel and Distributed Computing.

"This work ties together strongly with our ongoing efforts in the NSF Accelerators to Applications grant," said Steve Bogaerts, assistant professor of computer science. "As early adopters, we will have additional venues both

for sharing our work with colleagues nationwide and for learning more of their efforts. This means excellent national exposure of Wittenberg as a leader in computer science education."

As part of the collaborative effort between Brian Shelburne, associate professor of computer science, Kyle Burke, assistant professor of computer science, Eric Stahlberg with the National Cancer Institute, and Melissa Smith with Clemson University, Bogaerts recently gave a presentation and shared a poster at the First NSF/TCPP Workshop on Parallel and Distributed Computing Education in Anchorage, Alaska, in May.

really good about what you were doing to help these families."

The trip was led by Bonnie and Joe Reilly, parents of trip participant Sarah Reilly '13 from Dublin, Ohio. Bonnie and Joe had already taken three trips with Thrivent Builds to El Salvador helping to build a similar community in Santa Ana known as Villa Esperanza. But they had never traveled with a group of college students. For them, it was exciting to watch how the experience changed the students.

"The person that left to go on this trip is not the same one that came back," Joe said. "It was truly a privilege to take this group of outstanding young people," added Bonnie Reilly. "I have hope for humanity because of these 14 young adults who did Wittenberg proud." ■

Best-Selling Author Headlines Koppenhaver Lecture

Recipient of the 2007 Book Sense Book of the Year Award and numerous other recognitions, Sara Gruen, author of Water for Elephants, was the featured speaker at the inaugural Dr. Allen J. Koppenhaver Literary Lecture, April 7. The event, presented through the support of the Ellen, Lloyd, Margaret, and Lanty Smith Endowed Fund for Wittenberg, served as the final event of the 2010-11 Wittenberg Series, and included a special reflection by Lanty Smith '64 and a tribute video to Koppenhaver, a distinguished professor of English who passed away in 1993.

Prior to her lecture, Gruen was awarded an honorary doctor of literature following an introduction by Professor Emeritus of English and General Secretary Emeritus Richard P. Veler '58.



Campus Notes



Choy Assistant Professor of Languages

Cline Professor of Chemistry



Dawson Professor of Health, Fitness and Sport





Hinson Professor of English





Associate Professors of Languages Tim Bennett, Leanne Wierenga, Tim Wilkerson, Fernando Blanco and Ruth Hoff participated in the College Roundtable Discussion: "Creating Transand-Interdisciplinary Foreign Language and Cultural Literacy Options: A New Approach to Foreign Languages Across the Curriculum" at the Ohio Foreign Language Association Conference, April 7-9, in Columbus, Ohio.

For the last four years, as part of a \$5-million-dollar research grant at The Ohio State University, Kathryn Calabrese, associate professor of education, has worked with OSU and the Ohio Department of Education to design and deliver professional development to early childhood educators across the state, including completing a redesign of the Preschool Literacy CORE Curriculum in 2008. The work has since led to a new design that incorporates information on English language learners and children with special needs. The new title, "Intentional Teaching: Language & Literacy Development for All Young Children," will begin statewide implementation in August.

Shelley W. Chan, associate professor of languages, has authored the book A Subversive Voice in China: The Fictional World of Mo Yan. She has also written several articles, translations and a conference paper this year.

Howard Choy, associate professor of languages, presented an invited lecture on "Cinematic Clinic: Narrative Therapy of the Postcolonial Heroes in 'Internal Affairs'" at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He also presented a paper titled "Writing Breast Cancer: Therapeutic Narratives by Women Writers" at the joint conference of the Association for Asian Studies & International Convention of Asia Scholars. In addition, his article, "Toward a Poetic Minimalism of Violence: On Tang Shu-wing's Titus Andronicus 2.0," was published in the Asian Theatre Journal.

Kristin Cline, professor of chemistry, presented a poster at the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy titled "The Effect of Glassy Carbon Surface Pretreatments on the Electrografting and Spontaneous Grafting of Aryl Groups" on March 14 in Atlanta, Ga. Kline's co-authors were Raymond C. Dudek, assistant professor of chemistry, Christa Snyder'11, Sarah Watson '12 and Ashley Zkiab '12.

Steve Dawson, professor of health, fitness and sport, and head men's soccer coach, coached the Team Ohio FC U-17 and U-18 soccer teams to the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association State Championship. Both teams represented Ohio South at the June 24-29 Midwest Regional Championships in Appleton, Wis.

Kent Dixon, professor of English, has placed a Cuba travel piece in the online British enterprise, American Tropics, resulting from a 2001 trip to Havana with faculty colleagues. Dixon also produced a short memoir, Telling Our Stories, and he continues to review submissions for Freak Lightning, a collection of short shorts he is co-editing.

Mimi Dixon, professor of English, has completed a children's novel titled Alexander's Book.

Associate Professor of Art Scott Dooley exhibited his ceramic art in the following juried venues during the spring semester: The Shoulders We Stand On, Nancy Markoe Gallery, St. Pete, Fla.; Fired, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, Ohio; Best Of 2011, Ohio Craft Museum (Postcard Award for Excellence), Columbus, Ohio, and Damn Right I Got the Blues, Mudfire Clayworks and Gallery, Decatur, Ga.

Trudy Faber, professor emeritus of music, gave a lecture/recital titled "Bach and the Dance" at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 18 with assistance from Brad Hall '05, who played Minuet by Rameau. Faber also performed a full recital on a Dobson organ at Lake City Union Church in Lake City, June 19, where Sylvia Fogart Streufert '81 assisted with the organ registrations.

Associate Professors of Physics Elizabeth George and Paul Voytas, along with colleagues at the University of Wisconsin, have published an article in the journal Physical Review C, which reports the results of a new high-precision measurement of the half-life of the radioactive isotope Gallium-66.

Jonathan "Randy" Green, director of financial aid, presented a session on interpreting financial aid letters to about 100 members of the National College Access Network, which seeks to "build, strengthen, and empower communities



Lenz Professor of Geography



Millen Professor of Religion



Associate Professor of Mathematics

Shelburne



Smith Professor of Communication



Associate Professor of History

Wood



committed to college access and success so that all students, especially those underrepresented in postsecondary education, can achieve their educational dreams." Green has also been named chair of OASFAA's Regulatory-Federal Issues Committee for 2011-2012.

In April, D. Scot Hinson, associate professor of English, presented a paper titled "'Down here, you're on your own': The Coen Brothers and Western Neo-Noir" as part of a panel on "Hardboiled and Noir in Literature and Film: Narrative Consumption and Generic Transformation" at the Popular Culture/ American Culture Association Annual International Conference, in San Antonio, Texas.

Ken Irwin, associate professor and reference librarian, made three presentations at the national meeting of the Association of College and Research Libraries in Philadelphia in March. Irwin presented on library applications of the jQuery Web scripting language and on the techniques for developing library interfaces usable from mobile devices.

Ralph Lenz, professor of geography, presented a paper titled "Ethnic Attitudes in Northeast Thailand" at the 2011 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Seattle in April.

After passing a certification examination, Kathryn McKee, university physician, has become certified to practice addiction medicine by the American Board of Addiction Medicine.

Rochelle Millen, professor of religion, presented the lecture "Spiritual Sisters: Reflections on Women and Religion" at Goucher College's sixth annual Myra Berman Kurtz '66 Seminar, March 21. Millen discussed the creation story in Genesis and its implications for women and men – across contemporary Western religious cultures.

Adam Parker, associate professor of mathematics, coauthored a paper with Susannah Engdahl '13 titled "Peano on Wronskians - A Translation" in the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) journal Convergence: Loci. This paper resulted from Wittenberg's Culture and Languages Across the Curriculum program, which enables students to obtain language credit by adding a project with a significant language component to a course.

Brian J. Shelburne, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, has published an article titled "Archimedes and the Parabola" in the April edition of the MAA Math Horizons. The article examined a famous proof by Archimedes showing the area under a parabola was equal to 4/3^{rds} the area of the inscribed triangle – a result easily proved today with the calculus, which lay almost 2000 years in Archimedes future.

Matthew J. Smith, professor of communication, was a featured speaker at the inaugural "Communication Week" at Youngstown State University on April 22, and a presenter at the Graphic & Novel Adaptations Film Festival at Lakeland

Community College in Kirtland, Ohio, on May 6-7. Smith discussed graphic storytelling as communication at both events.

Andy Tune, pastor to the university, presented a lecture titled "In God's Image? Science, Religion, and Our Understanding of the Human" last fall as part of the Fall Academy of Religion at the College of Wooster.

Molly Wood, associate professor of history, was elected vice-president/president-elect of the Ohio Academy of History. She was also appointed to the Teaching Committee of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations. In March, she also presented a paper on her current research, the admission of women into the U.S. Foreign Service in the 1920s, at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting.

Michael Zaleha, associate professor of geology, presented two papers at the Geological Society of America annual meeting in Denver. The first, coauthored with Cody Parsell '11, was titled "Exceptional bedding-surface exposure of shallow-marine carbonate sand waves (dunes) in the Cedarville Dolomite, Silurian, west-central Ohio, USA: new insights into mid-continent deposition during the Silurian." The second, coauthored with Kathryn Drago '11, was a poster titled "Resolving gravel point-bar, overbank, and glaciofluvial deposits using electrical resistivity ground imaging (ERGI), Mad River, west-central Ohio, USA."



East Asian Excursion

New Study-Abroad Option Enhances Global Understanding



uilding on Wittenberg's strategic Boal of infusing the curriculum with international perspective, the East Asian Institute has collaborated with the Department of Business to offer an annual Global Business Immersion program in Hong Kong. Designed as part of a broader global citizenship program, which offers a range of courses, experiences and experiential learning opportunities, this new study abroad option allowed 14 students to engage fully in Hong Kong's culture and business world, May 15-June 12.

Upon their arrival, the students checked in at Youth Square in Hong Kong with Associate Professor of Languages Shelley Chan, Assistant Professor of Languages Howard Choy and Visiting Assistant Professor of Business Imane Khayat to begin the month-long program. Topic courses including "Introduction

to Business Chinese and Hong Kong Culture" and "Global Business in China," along with field trips to local companies, towns, economic institutions and historical/cultural sites, defined the students' experience, along with lectures and seminars by expert speakers from different economic and cultural institutions.

Chan, Choy and Khayat also created an interactive learning environment by adopting a content-based and task-oriented approach, which emphasized both knowledge and accuracy, and allowed students to experience a steady expansion of their Chinese language skills. The program carried six semester credit hours.

"The Hong Kong summer program has been one of the best experiences of my life and will forever have an impact," said Erica Cartharn '13 from Crete, Ill. "My time in Hong Kong has allowed me to gain a better understanding and appreciation for the Chinese culture."

From helping students understand the issues faced by international businesses, as well as global ethics, cultural diversity and how best to enter international markets, the program also sensitized participants to the challenges American enterprises may encounter when conducting business in China.

"There aren't many places that can rival the fast-paced and colorful lifestyle of Hong Kong, and we had a whole month to explore just about every aspect of this booming metropolis," said Haley Beckett '14 from Norwalk, Ohio. "This trip was a perfect way to experience a foreign culture while feeling close to home in the company of my classmates from Witt."

As part of the experience, students worked in groups to complete business site journals graded on the quality of writing and organization. Each student also completed a graded business report with an observation of Chinese economy and globalization, an analysis about doing business in China and recommendations for American managers who want to conduct business in China. Additionally, each group was assigned one case or theme to present to the class followed by a Q&A session with students asking the questions to ensure class participation.

"Hong Kong was an eye-opening experience. Besides being a trade center in Asia, it is surrounded by some of the most beautiful land in the world," said Lane Craig '13 from Pataskala, Ohio. "The opportunities that are available in the Wittenberg program are second to none; from meeting successful Wittenberg alums to having a Q&A with the head economist of Hang Seng Bank, you get to learn from those who have the experience and are successful, something a textbook can never provide."

-Phyllis Eberts '00



Lifelong Learning

Alumni College Extends Classroom Experience

he year was 1934 when Professor H.J. Arnold first helped to launch Alumni College during Commencement week activities. The ambitious program required returning alumni to attend 20 classroom lectures taught by their former professors during a two-day timeframe. An address by President Rees Edgar Tulloss and a lecture by Dean of the College Charles G. Shatzer were scheduled during chapel periods.

In 1939, a Torch article announced the speakers for the Fourth Alumni College, which was pared down considerably from the inaugural year. The program included an illustrated lecture on "Touring in Pennsylvania Dutchland," a panel discussion, "Is Business Progress Being Retarded by Centralization of Authority?" and a roundtable discussion on home economics. A second day offered

lectures on "Ohio as a Vacationland" followed by a lecture and discussion on

No additional references to an Alumni College could be located up to and during the tenure of President Emeritus William A. Kinnison (1975-1995).

"I don't recall if we used the phrase 'alumni college,' but we did have such events for alumni in connection with Alumni Weekend, Homecoming or similar occasions, which brought alumni to campus," Kinnison said. "We also brought alumni back to make presentations to undergraduates about their experiences in getting oriented in the world of work."

Gil Belles '62 attended the first modern alumni college program in 1998 developed by Kristy Kohl McCready '01H, director of development and constituency relations. McCready continued coordinating annual Alumni Colleges until 2002.

"I went to the first modern alumni college in 1998 primarily because Dr. Hartje, my advisor and U.S history professor was one of the presenters," Vern Sponseller '58 said. "I had a wonderful time and went home and told my wife (not a Wittenberger) that she had to go next time. We have been to all those since that time except two and even brought our daughter Laura Sponseller '95 to one of them."

From 2002 until 2008, no Alumni Colleges were held, but Barb Mackey, assistant director of alumni relations, re-established the program upon her arrival in advancement. The first year for the lifelong learning program included classroom experiences in the summer college program and an alumni travel option to China during the Winter

For the next three years Alumni College included a campus component with distinguished professors speaking in June and a program at the Chautauqua Institution in western New York State in August. Alumni College programs have also taken place in Sarasota, Fla.,

"The one that stands out most was three years ago [as it was designed around] a specific theme based on water," Sponseller said. "We learned to fly fish, waded with hip boots in the river, hiked Clifton Gorge and watched A River Runs Through It. It was also a joy this year to see Dr. Hartje back again in great form." ■ -Phyllis Eberts '00





Hall Of Honor Class Announced











Julien Lazarus '99, left, Danielle Rogers Good '93, Steve Hanneman '70, former coach Dick Fahrney and Keith Ayers '60 will be inducted during Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 21-23.

Keith Ayers '60, former coach Dick Fahrney, Steve Hanneman '70, Julien Lazarus '99 and Danielle Rogers Good '93 have been selected to join 189 other Wittenberg greats in the Athletics Hall of Honor. Induction will take place during Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 21-23.

Ayers was the Tigers' pitching ace between 1957 and 1960, during which time he posted a 21-3 career record and led the Tigers to four-year records of 43-9 overall and 40-7 in the Ohio Athletic Conference. Ayers was also a member of the first-ever All-OAC team in 1960.

Fahrney made his mark at Wittenberg as a coach in three different sports between 1967 and 1976. He coached the offensive line for the football team, helping the Tigers to three national championships and a 74-14-2 record while coaching six first-team All-OAC linemen. In lacrosse, he started the varsity program in 1968 and guided the Tigers to a 40-39 record while coaching 22 all-region honorees and two All-Americans. Fahrney then led the Tiger baseball team to an 11-5 record in 1976.

Hanneman won two OAC outdoor hurdles titles and earned four All-OAC awards (one indoor and three outdoor) during his collegiate track and field career. Hanneman earned team MVP honors in 1970 after serving as a team captain during his senior season. He lost just two regular season high hurdles races, and he was a member of a school-record 440-yard relay team.

The 1997 North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Male Swimmer of the Year, Lazarus won conference championships in the 100-yard breaststroke four straight years and the 200-yard breaststroke three years in a row. Nationally, Lazarus earned a program-best 11 All-America honors. He placed second nationally in both breaststroke events at the 1998 NCAA Division III Championship meet, the best finish ever for a Wittenberg swimmer – male or female.

Rogers Good is the women's basketball program's record-holder for season rebounds (303), season blocked shots (37), career rebounds (1,078) and career blocked shots (122). A three-time All-NCAC honoree, Rogers Good also is one of just seven players to finish her career with more than 1,000 points.

– Ryan Maurer

A Spring Break Trip To

Tom Atchison '82 says he simply made a connection, putting Wittenberg men's and women's golf head coach Jeff Roope in touch with his friend, Stuart Cavcey, a golf club manager in Hilton Head, SC. Roope and his studentathletes would say Atchison did much more.

By reaching out to Roope, Atchison started the ball rolling toward a perfect spring break training trip for the Tiger teams. Less than two months later, the men won a second straight North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) championship en route to 21st place in the NCAA Division III Tournament, while the women finished second in the NCAC. Both teams finished the 2010-11 season ranked in the top 20 nationally.

Cavcey, whose daughter Amanda is a member of Wittenberg's class of 2012, arranged for Tiger studentathletes to stay with club members to help keep trip costs down and took care of arranging tee times for the teams to play practice rounds. His efforts allowed Roope to focus on his team's preparations for the stretch



Men's Lacrosse Enjoys Stellar Season

Wittenberg men's lacrosse put together the best season in program history in 2011, opening the season with 11 straight wins en route to a 14-2 overall record. Wittenberg finished in a three-way tie for first place in the NCAC and earned a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament for a second straight year. The Tigers hosted and won its first-ever national tournament game before bowing out against sixth-ranked Dickinson.

The next day, the team's 11 graduating seniors, including Wittenberg's first-ever NCAC Men's Lacrosse Player of the Year Mark DeOliveira (pictured), received their diplomas in a special ceremony hosted by President Mark H. Erickson. For all the details on the program and the success enjoyed in the 2011 season, log on to www.wittenberg.edu.

Remember

run of the long college golf season.

Atchison, who qualified for the NCAA Division III Tournament four straight years, went on to make some news of his own in June. The head professional at Congress Lake Golf Club in Hartville, Ohio, Atchison qualified for the Senior PGA Championship, finishing 104th after missing qualification for the PGA Championship by one shot an agonizing four times before his 50th birthday.

Atchison, who was inducted into Wittenberg's Athletics Hall of Honor in 2005, said he is thrilled to see Wittenberg's recent success on the links, and he credits Roope with keeping alumni connected. Prospective student-athletes who have visited with Roope have told Atchison that Wittenberg's program is as "classy, sharp and organized as any Division I program." He hopes the affordable, productive spring break trip to Hilton Head will be an annual event. ■

– Ryan Maurer

Pam Evans Smith '82 Inducted Into Hall of Fame

For the fifth time in the six-year life of the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame & Museum, Wittenberg was recognized in its prestigious ranks. Legendary late basketball coach and athletics administrator Pam Evans Smith '82 was among 19 players, coaches and officials, in addition to six teams, from around the state honored at the 2011 induction dinner and ceremony, May 21.

Smith's selection places her with Don Henderson '54, Frank Shannon '40, Eldon Miller '62, Al Thrasher '64 and Ray Mears, who coached the Tigers from 1956-62. In addition, the 1961 Wittenberg men's basketball team, which captured the university's first national championship in any sport, and the 1977 national championship men's basketball

team were both inducted in 2006 as part of the inaugural Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame & Museum

induction class.

"I can think of no one finer and more deserving than Coach," said Sarah Jurewicz '98, who succeeded Smith as the head coach of the Tiger women's basketball team after finishing her playing career 10 years earlier as the program's all-time leading scorer. "She was a gift to my life, as I know she was to so many others during her amazing

Smith, a 1999 Wittenberg University Athletics Hall of Honor inductee, earned North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Coach of The Year honors seven times during her 21-year career at the helm of the Tiger women's basketball program. She compiled a 401-170 career record, along the way leading the Tigers to eight NCAA Division III Tournament appearances, twelve 20-win seasons and 11 NCAC regular season championships.

woman administrator, also enjoyed a record-breaking career as a player in the Wittenberg Red & White. She passed away in June 2007 following a lengthy battle with cancer. ■ – Ryan Maurer

Smith, who served as associate director of athletics and senior



From music to city management, Rob Baker, professor of political science, inspires students to pursue public administration and help make government

by Karen Saatkamp Gerboth '93 portrait by Erin Pence '04

As a middle school student growing up in southeast Missouri, Rob Baker watched the news with an intensity that proved in sharp contrast to his peers. The news, he discovered, always seemed to show people making important decisions, and for Baker, that realization ignited a love of politics.

"Nothing happens in the world without politics," he says. "Successful people understand that politics affects every place, every arena."

Baker's remarkable ability to help his students understand and appreciate this fact, and then go out and play an active role in public administration and politics clearly captured the attention of colleagues, alumni and students who recently nominated him for Wittenberg's top faculty prize, the Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching, which he received in April.

Established in 1960, the award recognizes superior classroom teaching at Wittenberg, a field Baker had actually not planned to pursue in college.

"I was a music major at first, having played the trombone for years," he says. "I just couldn't write music well enough to make a living at it."

With his constant engagement in news of the day - he even debated his neighbor friend at the age of 8 over his family's political preference during the 1968 presidential election - Baker soon found himself gravitating away from music and toward politics, specifically at the local level.

"I had worked on the campaign of a friend who was a Boy Scout leader, and I enjoyed that," he recalls.

A few years later while an undergraduate at Central Methodist College, Baker found himself presented with a unique opportunity in city management. His senior year, the city of Slater, Mo., current population 1,926, offered him a paid internship.

"As a 22-year-old thrown into city management, I saw the benefits of that experience," Baker says. "It helped me to learn to negotiate issues and find solutions."

That experience, combined with later work as Slater's official acting city manager and a teaching assistantship while in graduate school, forced Baker to re-evaluate his life goals.

"As I examined it all, I decided to enter the Ph.D. program and go full-time into academia," he says. The decision included selling his prized trombone and turning down the official city manager position in Slater.

Now in his 25th year at Wittenberg, Baker has never looked back on his decision to teach, nor has his gratitude waned with respect to having the chance to teach at Wittenberg.

"The political science program at Wittenberg provides a wonderful wellrounded experience for students, giving them an advantage in graduate schools and in the workplace," Baker says. "We also try to do different things in the classroom."

For Baker, John Dewey's quote, "We learn best by doing," has influenced his own style of teaching.

"Hands-on learning helps students see how it all works as active participants in the process," he says.

With that in mind, when the university built Hollenbeck Hall, which houses the political science department and all the

humanities, Baker specifically requested that one classroom be designed to resemble a legislative chamber or city council forum in order to enhance the simulations he conducts in two of his

Baker also started engaging students in the concept of bureaucracy.

"One of my greatest delights is to hook students into the notion that in spite of its problems, bureaucracy can actually be a force for progressive change, and to open their minds to the role and power of it," he says.

In addition, Baker, along with his colleague Jeff Ankrom, professor of economics, started the first-ever local government internship program to change a trend he was seeing.

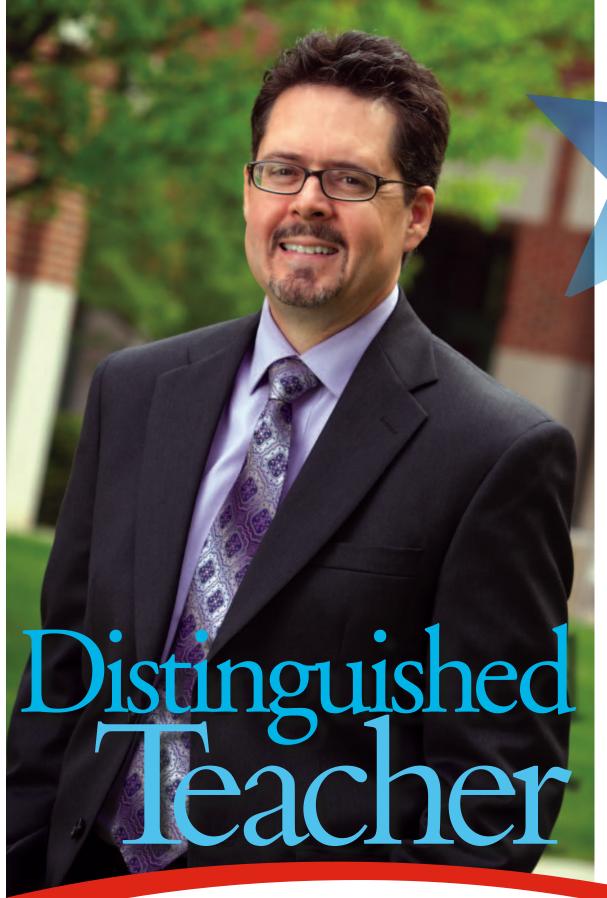
"There was and continues to be a generational crisis in local government as more people retire and fewer young people pursue the field," he said.

Following the local program's success, Baker worked with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) to bring the program under its wings. The first ICMA Local Government Management Program took place in 2005, and Baker and Ankrom continue to play leadership roles in the eight-week program, which took place in Amery, Wisc., this year.

Consisting of an internship component and a class/seminar component, the program places students as interns in a host local government department where they are given one or more projects to complete by the end of the program. Previous locations include River Falls, Wisc., Meredith, N.H., and Fernandina Beach, Fla.

Add to his teaching and hands-on field experiences with his students Baker's own return to the trombone - for his 50th birthday his wife bought him a trombone so that, in the words of his high school choir teacher, he "would never let music out of his life" - and the well-rounded approach to living clearly defines Baker as much as it does his students.

"I love it here."



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Bio

Hometown:

Bonne Terre, Mo.

Education:

B.A., Central Methodist College (1982)

M.A., University of Missouri (1984)

Ph.D., University of Missouri (1987)

Joined Wittenberg in 1987

Additional Honors:

Omicron Delta Kappa Award for Excellence in Teaching (1990)

Central Methodist College Young Alumni Award (1994)

Outstanding Service to Springfield Award (2004)

Books:

Readings on American Subnational Government

The Lanahan Readings in State and Local Government

Fun Facts:

Plays in Wittenberg's jazz band

Sings in Springfield Symphony Chorale

Enjoys Good Reads website

Loves golf

Seeking the perfect balance between academics and athletics, Wittenberg has launched the only NCAA Division IIIendorsed program of its kind, the Tiger GA²ME Plan – a move that not only keeps the competitive edge alive for a lifetime, but also positions Wittenberg scholar-athletes for future success.

by Ryan Maurer





Wittenberg scholar-athletes have long had the upper hand on opponents, as evidenced by the university's well-known reputation as a small college athletics powerhouse and the overflowing trophy cases throughout the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Center. Now, the university wants to extend its athletic reputation even more by formalizing its commitment to enriching and preparing scholar-athletes for victories on the playing field, in the classroom and in an increasingly global community after graduation.

"Wittenberg's strategic plan, Distinctively Wittenberg: A Vision for Excellence, called for the development of the model program for Division III athletics with a focus on great academics and great athletics," said President Mark H. Erickson. "This is that model program."

"Wittenberg has been committed to wholeness of mind, body and spirit since its founding more than 160 years ago," added Director of Athletics and Recreation Garnett Purnell. "The Tiger GA2ME Plan affirms that commitment by ensuring that studentathletes have access to the tools they need to succeed while in college and in life."

With an equal emphasis on the scholar and the athlete, the Tiger GA2ME Plan is based on four initiatives: the creation of Global education opportunities (G); aiding of professional development via a unique, university-wide Academic support network while competing at the highest level of NCAA Division III Athletics (A2); providing connections to alumni Mentors (M); and encouraging personal Engagement and growth through character-building service projects and campus activities (E).

"I was attracted to Wittenberg as a scholarathlete by the opportunity to join a vibrant college campus community that offered more than just the opportunity to shoot the basketball and study for exams," recalled Women's Basketball Head Coach Sarah Jurewicz '98, who was a member of the task

force that developed the Tiger GA²ME Plan. "Even though I knew that I was going to be a member of the women's basketball team, I wanted more out of my college experience. I got that at Wittenberg.

"Still, there is clearly more that we can do to develop each student to his or her fullest potential. The Tiger GA²ME Plan is the next step in committing ourselves as a university to the development of the whole person."

Not coincidentally, Jurewicz is one of four Tiger coaches leading her team abroad this year, as NCAA regulations permit once every three years. She is taking the Tiger women's basketball team to Italy in August, combining playing opportunities against quality European competition with exposure to a different culture as well as participation in a community service project. The three other Tiger teams heading abroad in search of cultural, team-bonding and additional training opportunities include women's soccer, which will spend two weeks in The Netherlands, Belgium and France in August, men's soccer, which will travel to England in August, and men's basketball, which will head to Canada during fall break in October.

Along with the global aspect, Purnell has also led efforts in recent years to enhance the academic support system that surrounds Wittenberg scholar-athletes, and grade reports in recent years indicate extraordinary success in that area. Still, he knows that more can be done to identify students in need of extra assistance, to help incoming scholar-athletes adjust to the rigors of college academics, and to point scholar-athletes in the right professional directions despite their hectic playing and practice schedules.

That is where perhaps the most unique aspect of the Tiger GA2ME Plan is introduced. Assistant Director of Athletics for the Tiger GA²ME Plan Ali Teopas has been working tirelessly to connect scholarathletes with alumni mentors, who can

act as guides through the early part of the academic and athletic process.

Alumni mentors are asked to follow the careers of the scholar-athletes, keeping in touch with them as often as possible to provide support, a sympathetic ear or perhaps even a voice of reason. In turn, the network of Wittenberg alumni making connections after graduation hopefully will grow more active and more diverse.

Before scholar-athletes have their day in Commencement Hollow, however, they must first complete the universitymandated community service requirement. Since being a Wittenberg scholar-athlete is privilege, more must be expected, so teams are encouraged to participate in meaningful service projects and campus activities.

In recent months, for example, the Tiger softball team adopted an elementary school class to act as mentors to the children, the women's soccer team visited children stricken with serious illnesses at Dayton Children's Hospital, and the men's and women's tennis teams have hosted free clinics to introduce young people to the sport and encourage physical fitness. Those are just a few examples of Wittenberg scholar-athletes and coaches extending their influence in the community.

"Implementing the Tiger GA2ME Plan has been a fantastic experience, and I am pleased to see our scholar athletes making an impact in the community, traveling the globe and preparing themselves for life after college," Teopas said. "This program encapsulates the best of NCAA Division III and college athletics in general, and I am eager to see the impact it makes on Wittenberg University and its outstanding scholar athletes."

It all adds up to the kind of plan that doesn't just win games, it scores in life as well. ■

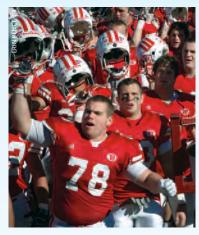
To become a mentor or learn more about the Tiger GA²ME Plan, go to: www.wittenberg.edu/gameplan













Breaking a Silence

There is one stereotype of what á woman experiencing domestic abuse looks like: maybe you think she 'is uneducated, maybe you think she is weak or lacks confidence, maybe you think shé is poor. Most likely, you don't think she could be your friend.

By Gabrielle Ántoniadis

ecky Patterson '91 was an English major with an education minor. She was kind, smart and funny. She was a teacher, a writer, an artist, a mother of two - and she was a victim of domestic violence. Because it was her husband's first and last act of physical violence, her

friends and family could not have conceived of her life ending this way.

"If any of us had known what we know now, we would have carried her out of that house," says Becky's best friend and fellow Gamma Phi Beta sister, Bethany Porter Kennedy '91.

Mourning her death, her friends discovered that just as there are stereotypes about who is in abusive relationships, there are also misconceptions about what constitutes intimate partner abuse. They learned that often – as was the case with Becky - violence is *not* immediately part of the picture. An abusive relationship frequently begins with a pattern of controlling or demeaning behavior of one partner to another.

Now some of Becky's friends and family are taking steps to turn the tragedy of her death into something that might change or save another person's life.

"That is what Becky would want," Kennedy says. "She would want to help other women."

After Becky's death, Christine Updegraff DeZarn '87 found herself having open conversations with women that, she says, "we unfortunately never had until tragedy had already struck." It motivated her to create an awareness program specifically designed for college women. She says she remembers that in college, she was certainly "aware" of the issue of domestic violence, but for she and most of her friends, that was something that happened to "other women."

"Some of us even volunteered at shelters, but

we never dreamed of it as something any of us would ever experience," she notes. "I developed this program to break down those misconceptions and help college women understand that anyone, from any walk of life can find themselves in an abusive situation."

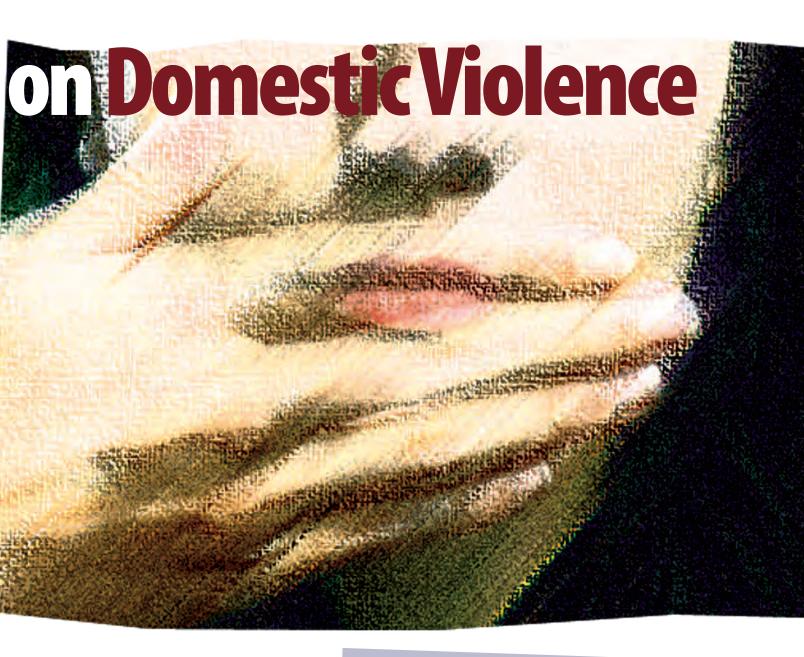
But DeZarn does not want young women to be discouraged by what they learn - she wants them to walk away empowered.

"This is about prevention. I want them to see the behavior that leads up to violence, and I want them to understand that it is something that they can learn to avoid in their lives."

While she has presented the program in her home state of Georgia at Emory University, she wants to refine it and create a standard program that can be presented to colleges across the country by anyone interested enough in starting the conversation about intimate partner abuse.

"This was my response to Becky's death," DeZarn says. "I was not an expert in this field, but in life we are often faced with the choice of doing something imperfectly or doing nothing at all. I had to do something."

Another Gamma Phi Beta sister and classmate, Amy Krosnosky Demchak '92, was also moved to do something after Becky's death. With two young daughters of her own, she turned her attention first to elementary-age students. Working with parent volunteers at her daughter's school in Terre Haute, Ind., she hopes to build on an existing program where fifth graders travel to Indianapolis to the Ruth Lily Education Center for classes on reproductive health. (The Ruth Lily Center provides age-appropriate instruction on health topics ranging from nutrition to violence prevention to peer pressure.) She and her daughter's class teacher will evaluate a course on healthy relationships and then build a case to include it when the class travels to the Lily Education Center. If Demchak receives approval



and funding for the new course for the 2011-2012 academic year, she will forge ahead and begin working with her other daughter's middle school.

"I have 10 and 7 year-old daughters, but this was not an issue that was on my radar before," she says. "I am absolutely doing this because of what happened to Becky."

Sparking Conversations on Campus

But what about today's students? What kinds of discussions about the relationships between men and women or women's issues are happening on campus? It turns out there are quite a few opportunities to explore these complex topics.

If you have ever walked through the student center in October, for example, and seen T-shirts hung throughout the building, you have seen continued next page...

Resources

If you believe you or someone you know is in an emotionally, physically or sexually abusive relationship, please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH): 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE). The NDVH provides anonymous and confidential help and provides crisis intervention, information and referrals to victims of domestic violence, perpetrators, friends and families.

Locally, Project Woman is a domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and intervention program serving Clark, Champaign and Logan counties in Ohio. Their 24-hour crisis line is: 1-800-634-9893. Project Woman also operates a 16-bed shelter.

the Clothesline Project - a joint project of the Wittenberg Womyn's Center and Project Woman, a domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and intervention agency located in Springfield. (The Clothesline Project started in 1990 in Massachusetts as a vehicle for women affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating or writing on a shirt.)

Meredith Zajac '13 has been excited to see activities on campus that provide opportunities for women and men to better understand women's issues. She is a member of the Confidence Coalition, which launched at Wittenberg in February 2010. Begun in 2009 by the Kappa Delta Sorority, the Confidence Coalition is a national alliance of organizations and companies committed to promoting self-esteem and confidence among girls and women. Brought to Wittenberg by Esther Mast '10 last year, Wittenberg was the first college to become a member of the national Confidence Coalition. This year, what started as a week of awareness activities has grown to a full month (during Women's History Month) of events.

"Since Esther started the Coalition last year, it has just taken off," Zajac says. "What is appealing about the Coalition events is that each highlights a different aspect of being a women - it's all about the whole woman."

But, given the national domestic violence statistics (see box, page x), drawing attention to that issue is clearly an important part of the Coalition's work. Of the several outreach activities it sponsored this year, two focused

specifically on violence against women. For Zajac, the very different events were effective and moving in their own ways.

"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" challenged men to literally step into a pair of women's shoes in order to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault. More than 100 Wittenberg fraternity men participated, many of them donning heels, platform shoes and strappy sandals to express their support. Zajac thinks that this light-hearted approach to a deeply troubling topic brought more men into a conversation that they might never have had or thought about having.

"For change to happen, we have to educate men too," she says. "This was one way to do that."

"Take Back the Night," which Zajac helped plan and organize, included a speaker from Project Woman and the opportunity for women to share their experiences of abuse. Afterwards, the group of nearly 120 participated in a walk and candlelight vigil on campus. With deans, faculty, staff and students, as well as members of the Springfield community attending, the event was powerful proof of how the issue crosses all lines and touches people from every community.

"I saw the spirit of Wittenberg come out - the support and trust in that group was an amazing thing to witness," Zajac says.

It is not necessarily a surprise to hear that Wittenberg students are creating campus events and organizations like the Confidence Coalition - it is, after all, part of the Wittenberg mission to develop "wholeness of person" and to challenge students to "...lead personal, professional and

"This is about prevention. I want them to see the behavior that leads up to violence, and





civic lives of creativity, service, compassion and integrity." With leading experts in women's history and gender studies and a Womyn's Center dedicated to raising awareness of women's issues, Wittenberg has a history of engaging students, faculty and community members in meaningful dialogues relevant to women.

Recently, that became a topic for the Center for Civic & Urban Engagement at Wittenberg. When the Advisory Council of the newly created Women's Partnership Funds at the Springfield Foundation wanted a complete picture of the state of women in Clark County, the Center was there to help. It recruited Wittenberg student Maranda Moore '10 to conduct research comparing Clark County women to national and state statistics in the areas of safety, education, childcare, healthcare and financial stability.

The completed report, "The Status of Clark County Women," provides valuable baseline research that will guide the future work of the Women's Partnership Funds. The Women's Partnership Funds aims to address the "root causes" of women's problems by establishing an endowment fund that will build a permanent source of funds for local programs that already address some of the biggest challenges facing women in the community.

"Some of the Clark County statistics from the report, particularly domestic violence and teen pregnancy, just jump off the page," says Stephanie McCuistion, administrative

is Domestic

Domestic violence can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner.

Abuse is physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure or wound someone. Read more about the warning signs of abuse at: http://www.thehotline.org/geteducated/what-is-domestic-violence/.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, gender or socioeconomic background. It can happen to couples who are married, living together or who are dating.

(Adapted from the National Domestic Violence Hotline)

The Face of Domestic Violence

According to a 2008 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 1/4 of all women in the U.S. report that they have experienced domestic violence.

On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country every day.1

Nearly 7.8 million women have been raped by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime.2

In Clark County, Ohio, 10.4 per 1,000 women experience intimate partner violence, the highest rate in Ohio.3

¹Bureau of Justice Statistics (Feb. 2003). Crime Data Brief, Intimate Partner Violence, 1993-2001.

²Extrapolated from the National Violence Against Women Survey (NVAWS) and U.S. Census population. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (2003). Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States. Atlanta, GA.

³ "Status of Clark County Women," 2010, The Center for Civic and Urban Engagement at Wittenberg University.

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director of the Center (see box, above).

McCuistion, who is herself a member of the Advisory Council of Women's Partnership Funds, says that Center will continue to play a vital role as they decide where to channel funds in the future.

"The Center is well-suited to helping harness Wittenberg resources to better understand women's issues here in Clark County. That information will help the Women's Partnership Funds make informed decisions about how to help women," she says. "I am so proud to be part of both organizations as we work together to build a stronger community."

On the heels of the tragedy of Becky Patterson's death, the varied efforts of the Wittenberg community - its alumnae, students, faculty and staff - seem even more urgent. It is painful to

contemplate the truth about domestic violence, but in knowledge and understanding lies hope for change – and prevention.

On May 1, 2011, Becky's parents, children, family and friends gathered at the Gamma Phi Beta house at Wittenberg to pay tribute to her and establish a memorial bench, plaque and perennial garden in her memory. Kennedy led the service.

"I try to make sense of this tragedy, and there is no sense," she said.

Her emotions still raw, Kennedy herself is searching for her own way to raise awareness, but still finds the issue difficult to talk about: "My hope is that Becky's story will help another woman understand the warning signs of domestic abuse. Then she might have a better chance of walking away before it is too late." ■





Witt Nation Welcomes New Students During 2011 Tour

n keeping with the friendly, engaging environment at Wittenberg, the 2011 Witt Nation tour will personally welcome incoming students from around the country and close to home. The tour, which kicked off July 5 and concludes Aug. 14, will include a number of receptions hosted by Wittenberg alumni to welcome new students and their parents to the Wittenberg community

> prior to the start of classes in August.

"It made sense to use Witt Nation to welcome students as the philosophy behind Witt Nation has always been to connect with Wittenberg alumni and share the Wittenberg story," said Linda Beals '87, director of alumni relations. "We are thrilled to be partnering with admission in this unique way to ensure that our incoming students see firsthand the power of the Wittenberg experience."

To follow this year's tour, another new website has been developed, which includes all the stops and information on participating. Visit www.wittenberg. edu/wittnation to see where the Witt Nation roadies will travel on the 2011 Tour. ■

First All-Greek Reunion Set For 2012

Knowing the power of affinities among Wittenberg alumni, the Office of Alumni Relations is planning the first-ever All-Greek Reunion June 21-24, 2012, All

sororities and fraternities will be invited to return to campus to participate in what Linda Beals '87, director of alumni relations, calls "an event to remember" in 2012.

For more information, or if you would like to assist in the planning efforts, call Beals at (937) 327-6374 or e-mail her at lbeals@wittenberg. edu. ■

New E-Newsletter Keeps Alumni Connected

In an effort to keep Wittenberg alumni informed of campus events, faculty accomplishments, student successes, strategic initiatives and new faces in the Wittenberg family, the Office of Alumni Relations has started a monthly



e-newsletter, which is sent to all alumni for whom the university has an email

"We want our alumni to want to engage with Wittenberg in new and fun ways each year," said Linda Beals '87, director of alumni relations. "This e-newsletter is just another way to achieve that as well as allow our alumni to connect with fellow alumni at the same time."



2011 Alumni Book Club Summer Selections

Faculty Distinguished Teaching Award recipients recently provided their top summer reads. They include:

In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick, recommended by Rob Baker, political science

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen, recommended by Charles Chatfield, history

Island Beneath the Sea by Isabel Allende, recommended by Trudy Faber, music

1861: The Civil War Awakening by Adam Goodheart, recommended by Robert Hartje, history

Dancer by Colum McCann, recommended by George Hudson, political science

The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver, recommended by Jim Huffman, history

Other suggested reading by faculty and staff can be found online under alumni and friends.





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Charles L. Bushey, Lake Oswego, Ore., currently holds first place for his age group in Master Swimming's national annual contest of "How Far Can You Swim in One Hour."

′51 |

Charles R. Kellar is a resident of The Retreat at The Lakes at Litchfield, a retirement community in Pawleys Island, S.C. Chuck, whose career included sketching designs for American Greetings, was one of two artists featured in an art show at the retirement community.

'52 |

Janet Hart Heinicke,

Indianola, Iowa, attended the 30th triennial conference of the International Federation of University Women, where she served as program convener (chair) of Women Graduates-USA. As chair she coordinated a survey dealing with issues that are the program priorities for the organization. Her painting, Untended Grape Vines, will be displayed

at the annual exhibition sponsored by the Iowa Water Color Society.

Edith Kellar Mahaney

retired as executive director of the Sullivan Munce Art Center, Zionsville, Ind. The center's gallery space was dedicated and named for her in tribute to her efforts to preserve and cultivate the arts during her tenure. A collection of her paintings were exhibited there in the fall of 2010.

'59

John M. Chowning, Palo Alto, Calif., an American composer and musician, is a professor at Stanford University, who invented FM synthesis.

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Carole Trautwein Williams retired in 2009 from her position as director of human resources at Fountainview, a senior living facility in West Palm Beach,

Fla. She is living in Royal Palm Beach, Fla.

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A. Gilbert Belles, a retired faculty member from Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill., is a recipient of its 2010 honorary alumni award.



Three champions and "one hacker" met on the Albright Tennis Complex at Wittenberg for a little tennis and a lot of reminiscing. They included: John Schwemlein '69, Roger Beach '65, Mike Senich '72 and Wendell Lutz '66.



The upper east concourse of the renovated University of Michigan football stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich., has been named in honor of retired athletic director, William C. Martin.

interned.

John P. McDaniel,

Highland, Md., is chief executive officer of the Hickory Ridge Group, a private healthcare advisory and development organization. He also serves

on the board of advisors of JPB Enterprises, a private investment and strategic business services company.

'65 I

Gary L. Yoder retired as principal of Utica High School in Ohio. He now lives in Sanford, N.C.

'67

Jan J. Younger is professor emeritus of communication and theatre arts and was associate dean of the honors program at Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio. He has published numerous articles, written two plays and lectured in the United States and the United Kingdom on the topic of presidential humor. In 2010, he presented the Community of Scholars lecture, "Political Humor: A Significant Part of Lincoln's Greatness" at the University

of Southern Indiana, Evansville, Ind.

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Arthur G. Meyer is the general counsel and senior vice president of corporate and regulatory affairs with the Dayton Power and Light Co. in Ohio.

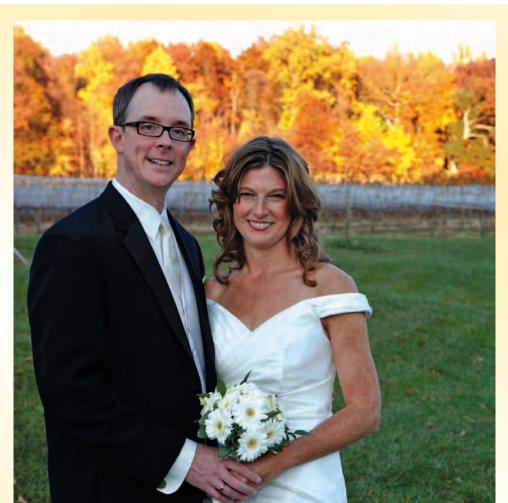
'75 |

Daniel L. Rimstidt is president of Strategic Energy Resolutions Inc., Loveland, Ohio.

Stephen A. and Robyn Koch Schumaker, 77 live in Springfield, Ohio. Stephen is deputy attorney general for law enforcement with the Ohio Attorney General's Office.



Bob Rohde '67, Stanley Dice, Cora Dice, Patti Briner '79 and Mary Kay Gramly Rohde '67 met in Lancaster, Pa., during Patti's annual spring trip to visit the Dices, former Wittenberg professors.



Wedding Album

Amy Tatman '90 married Daniel Robins on Nov. 7, 2008. The couple lives in Chicago, Ill.



Jonathan Newcomer '05 married Amanda Reinstadtler on July 10, 2010 at Greystone Fields in Gibsonia, Pa. The couple lives in Ocoee, Fla.



Linda Stuntz '76 Leads in Energy and Environmental Law

Recognized as one of the "leading energy lawyers in the nation" by the Legal Times in 2005, Linda Stuntz has never shied away from a challenge. As the founding partner of the Washington, D.C.-based law firm of Stuntz, Davis & Staffier, Stuntz has a long history of legal work in the area of energy and environmental regulation, including service to the nation as deputy secretary of the United States Department of Energy under President George H.W. Bush. She held that and other senior policy positions at the department between 1989 and 1993, playing a principal role in the enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

"I've been fortunate to work in government with leaders who cared about the right policy and tried to make the politics work for that," Stuntz said. "I've also been fortunate to work with clients who are innovators and who have included me as a member of their teams for the long term, rather than merely a hired gun."

Stuntz, who helped to develop the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, was also active in the implementation of amendments pertaining to acid rain and alternative fuels programs. Additionally, she has worked extensively on potential global climate change and energyrelated measures to minimize greenhouse gas emissions.

After graduating with honors from Wittenberg and then earning her law degree with honors from Harvard in 1979, Stuntz became an associate minority counsel and minority counsel to the Energy and Commerce Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1981-87.

More recently, Stuntz has served on numerous boards of directors, including Wittenberg's, and she served as chair of the Electricity Advisory committee to the U.S. Department of Energy in 2008 and

"My work in energy and environmental law has always been interesting to me," Stuntz said. "As I've told my own kids, no job that you are paid to do will ever be fun 100 percent of the time, but you need to find something that engages your interest, that makes you want to do your best work, and allows you to work with people who share those views," she said. "I've been able to work in a field that I'm passionate about." - Karen Gerboth '93

'76 I

Mark S. Algren, Lawrence, Kan., is the director of the Applied English Center at the University of Kansas.

Brian Aschenbrenner,

Dayton, Ohio, goes by Brian Brenner in his career performing tributes to Elvis Presley and Wayne Newton.

Michael D. Capellas is the chief executive officer of Acadia Enterprises LLC, Dallas, Texas, and leader of the Virtual Computing Environment coalition.

'77 I

David W. and Nancy Beitman Hertzog live in Champaign, Ill. Nancy is director of the Robinson Center for Young Scholars at the University of Washington in Seattle.

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Eugene B. Lewis is an attorney with Chester, Willcox & Saxbe LLP, Columbus, Ohio. He is included in the 2011 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

'80

Brian M. Agler, head coach of the Seattle Storm Basketball Team in Washington, is the recipient of the 2010 WNBA Coach of the Year Award. He lives in Westerville, Ohio.

Richard A. Dove, Dublin, Ohio, the assistant administrative director for the Supreme Court of Ohio, is a fellow of the Ohio State Bar Foundation. Membership in the foundation is an honor extended to those who adhere to the highest ideals of the

legal profession and are dedicated to serving their communities.

Richard W. and Debbie Heintz Pretorius are living in the Dayton, Ohio, area. Richard is chair of the department of family medicine at the Wright State University's Boonshoft School of Medicine.

'82 |

J. Ronald and Jenny Grooms Menning live in North Sutton, N.H. Ron is senior vice president, Asia Pacific with The Timken Co.

'83 l

Michael L. Essex, Chesterfield, Mo., is managing director of equity capital markets origination with BB&T Capital Markets.

Jennifer Kraft Hunter, London, Ohio, is a selfemployed CPA, serving both the public and private sector.

Andrew S. Linn is president of Inside-Out Homecare LLC, Alpharetta, Ga.

'85 I

Former mayor of East Aurora, N.Y., David J. **DiPietro** is seeking the 59th state senate seat. He is the owner and operator of Sparkle Cleaners, a dry cleaning business with three plants.

Glenn P. Sullivan is a radiation safety officer at Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

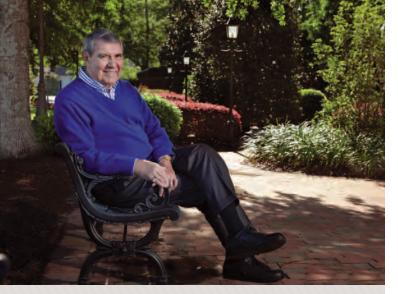


Wedding Album

Michelle Fritz '04 married Ryan Lusmann on Dec. 20, 2009. The couple lives in Algonquin, Ill.



Heather House '03 married Stephen Loas on July 25, 2009. The couple lives in Worthington, Ohio.



Perk Robins '52

Takes Development to New Levels

After a tremendous collegiate career as a Wittenberg scholarathlete, Hugh "Perk" Robins thought his future was in professional baseball. Following a two-year stint in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, he signed a professional contract with the Cincinnati Reds in 1954.

Assigned to the Reds' minor league affiliate at Colonial Heights-Petersburg, Va., Robins dream was cut short by a knee injury after batting .389 in his first 12 professional games. Well-prepared for life after athletics by Wittenberg baseball and basketball coach Howard "Red" Maurer, a new door opened for Robins in what he calls "the friend-raising business."

Mentored by Wittenberg President Emeritus Clarence Stoughton, University Relations Vice President Emerson Reck and Planned Giving Director Roland C. Matthies, Robins began his career in higher education as assistant director of admission and then as alumni secretary at Wittenberg. In 1967 he became director of development at Ball State University and later executive vice president of the Ball State University Foundation before moving to the University of Georgia (UGA).

This spring Robins, who was inducted into Wittenberg's Athletics Hall of Honor in 1986 in recognition of his prowess in both basketball and baseball, was presented the 2011 Friend of UGA Award for his contributions as vice president for development and university relations from 1973-1989 at the institution.

Most people would have been content with a career that won the United States Steel Foundation National Award for Alumni Giving at three different universities, but not Robins. In 1989 he accepted the challenge to build a nationally recognized advancement program for Georgia Southern University. Upon accomplishing this final goal, Robins retired as vice president from Georgia Southern in 1998.

"Few people attain greatness, but we all can associate ourselves with something that is great," said Robins, who now resides in Statesboro, Ga., with his wife of 58 years, Mary Lou Rutz Robins '54. "I have been privileged to serve four great institutions, and all of this was made possible by the education, experiences and relationships that Wittenberg provided."

– Ryan Maurer

'86

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'90

Cynthia Wetzel Lentol

is an actress and model living in Canton, Mass. She appears in the movie Company Men and in an episode of the ABC medical drama Body of Proof. Some of her other acting credits include appearances in movies Ghosts of Girlfriends Past, The Departed and in the television show Providence. Cindy has worked in commercials for Ocean Spray, Dunkin Donuts, Subway and Papa Geno's. Her print work includes advertisements with Reebok, Macy's and Pampers, and she has done voice-overs for Foxwoods, the 99 Restaurant, Arby's and U.S. Cellular.

'91 |

Robb D. and Cinnamon Moore Van Putte live in O'Fallon, Ill. Robb, associate professor of biology at McKendree University in Lebanon, Ill., chairs the science and mathematics division, teaches biology and honors courses and advises its Sigma Zeta science honor society. He was awarded the Harvey C. and Winifred Pitt Professorship in Biology. Cinnamon is an associate professor of biology at Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, Ill.

'92 |

Patrick M. Deering,

Batavia, Ill., is with Recorded Books, Prince Frederick, Md.

Kevin W. and Laura Silvestri Wieland '93 live in Cherry Hill, N.J. Kevin is the general manager of Ensinger Cast Nylon, Grenloch, N.J. Laura has published her first children's book, The Magic Igloo.

'96 |

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Margaret "Molly" F. Clowes, Westerville, Ohio, is pursuing postbaccalaureate certification in the paralegal studies program at Columbus State Community College. She works at Greenfield

'97 |

Products.

In June 2010, James E. **Brock III** married Lindsay F. Grow. They live in Coldwater, Mich. James is a vice president with Middleton Moldings.

Sara M. Grohl is director of emerging regulatory issues with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Washington, D.C.

Jean E. Pretz is an associate professor in the department of psychology at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania.

'98

In 2009, James T. Nation graduated from the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, North Brunswick, N.J.

Stacia A. Rastauskas married Stephen Bretherton on June 30, 2010. They live in Falls Church, Va.



Trish Felker Wade '83, Anne Felker Osovski '90 and Liz Felker Farmer '80, daughters of Mary Anne Felker '53, gathered together at their brother John's change of command in the United States Coast Guard.

Anna Hogan, 4-21-10



Cora Kienle, 7-13-10

Li'l Tigers

Anna Elisabeth, daughter of Brady '06 and Allison Hogan '06

Cora, daughter of Elizabeth Hines Kienle '04 and husband Brien

Joel S. Hoffman is vice president of transaction advisory with UGL Equis, Chicago, Ill.

J. Robert Linkhart Jr., Springfield, Ohio, teaches biology at Kenton Ridge High School. He is also in his 10th year as an assistant football coach at Wittenberg.

'00

Jennifer Schwabauer DiMascio has graduated from the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in North Brunswick, N.J.

Sky N. and Christina Heine Schelle '01 welcomed Reed Ara and Maisie Annabelle on April 7, 2010. They live in Indianapolis, Ind.

'01

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Nicole C. Manley works in the drug chemistry section with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Raleigh, N.C.

Danielle B. Paglino married Stephen A. Belin on Oct. 24, 2009. They announce the birth of their son, Jackson Lammot, on Aug. 23, 2010. Danielle and her family live in Louisville, Colo.

In May 2010, Victoria A. Parisi completed her Ph.D. in microbiology with a concentration in petroleum microbiology and oil spills at the University



Paul H. McConnell '87

Remains Committed To Public Service

Lt. Col. Paul H. McConnell'87 (above left) has seen many sides of war. As a U.S. Marine, he served as an infantry officer for four years and was part of a team that liberated Kuwait City in Operation Desert Storm. After returning from action, he went to law school, but found he couldn't stay away from the Marines.

"What I thought would be a four-year commitment turned into 14 years," he says.

He worked for the Marines as defense counsel, prosecutor and trial judge, and even presided over two U.S. Army Abu Ghraib cases while with the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary.

Though he returned to civilian life to become an assistant U.S. attorney for Connecticut, he remained in the Reserves. Eventually, he seized an opportunity to go to Afghanistan as part of Stability Operations Section, a team responsible for helping Afghans rebuild their war-torn country.

There, as Operations Officer for Regional Command Southwest, McConnell oversaw work to create new infrastructure to enable Afghans to successfully run these institutions on their own. His team helped establish cell phone coverage, cleaned canals and improved irrigation, distributed wheat seeds to replace poppy production, and trained and mentored Afghan civil sector employees, among other duties.

"The Afghans were enthusiastic and supportive of our presence," he said. "And they were grateful for the security we provided and to have the schools open again after the Taliban had shut them down for years."

McConnell said he was surprised at how relatively peaceful many of the locations were in Helmand Province. In less than a year, he said, "there was no evidence of the Taliban in the center of the district, hundreds of small schools were open, and people were voting in elections."

Journeying to a war-torn region is not everyone's way of making a difference - the hardest part was being away from his wife and two children - but for McConnell, public service is a deep calling. He believes Wittenberg encouraged him to push his boundaries in this way by encouraging personal exploration.

"Wittenberg was an opportunity to develop intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. This opportunity, along with the successes and failures I realized while at Wittenberg, is the foundation for what led me into the Marine Corps – and ultimately toward a career in public service." ■

- Gabrielle Antoniadis

of Oklahoma. She is a postdoctoral researcher at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

'02 I

Chad S. and Karen Pinkerton Mossing live in Troy, Ohio. Chad is the head boys' basketball coach at Northeastern High School, Springfield, Ohio.

Paula Hauser O'Brien and her husband, John, announce the births of Robert John on Jan. 8, 2008, and Thomas Michael on Sept. 24, 2009. They live in Columbus, Ind.

Michael J. Pickarski,

Galloway, Ohio, served as the head linesman at the Division III football state championship game in November.

Karamagi Rujumba is with the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation in Pennsylvania.

Matthew E. Stewart is a senior scientist with Nano-Terra Inc., Cambridge, Mass.

'03 I

After recovering from acute myelogenous leukemia, Nathan R. Hawkins is resuming his work toward his master's degree in environmental science at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Heather L. House married Stephen Loas on July 25, 2009. They live in Worthington, Ohio.

Kevin M. and Carrie Warvel Longley '04 live in Brookville, Ohio. Carrie, who was selected for the Emerging Artists: Ohio Connections exhibition in 2010, received her master of fine arts degree in ceramics in 2009 from Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. An exhibit of her works of ceramic and mixed media sculptures was featured in the Ann Miller Gallery at Wittenberg in fall 2010.

Shawn P. Martin is with the Cincinnati Ventilating Co., Florence, Ky.

Kari Grimme O'Diam,

West Alexandria, Ohio, is a teacher at National Trail Elementary School.

Santina Onorini Vanzant is with the Union Savings Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio.

'04 I

Valerie Fidder Doersen and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of a son, Charlie, on June 30, 2010. They live in Mayfield Village, Ohio.

Michelle M. Fritz married Rvan Lusmann on Dec. 20, 2009. They live in Algonquin, Ill.

In August 2009, Elizabeth A. Hines married Brian Kienle. They announce the birth of their daughter Cora in July 2010. Liz works for the City of Thornton, Colo.

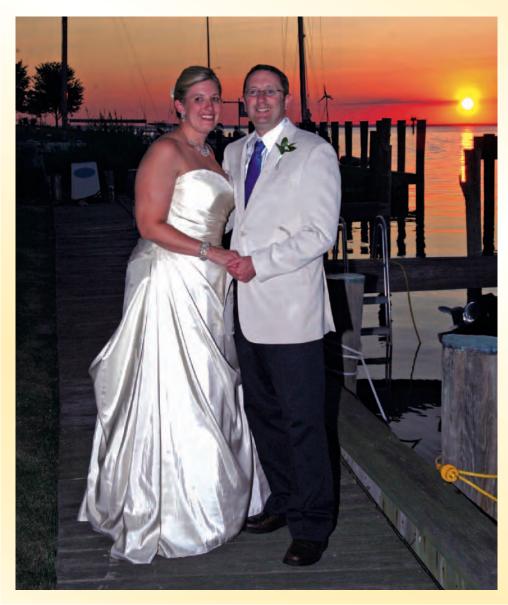
Nicole M. Norcia is with Reminger Attorneys at Law, Columbus, Ohio.

Matthew T. and Jaime Palumbo Simon live in Bellefontaine, Ohio, where



Wedding Album

Claire Dickman '08 married Rob Linkhart **'99** on June 5, 2010 at Weaver Chapel. The couple lives in Cleveland, Ohio.



Stacy Rastauskas '98 married Stephen Bretherton on June 30, 2010 on Tilghman Island, Md. The couple lives in Falls Church, Va.



Wendy Storch Paskoff '91

Leads Coldwater Creek's E-Commerce Line

For Wendy Storch Paskoff, art has always played an integral role in her life, although she never considered it as a career until Wittenberg.

"As a student, I really wanted to take an art history class, but there were never any openings," she said. "Finally, I approached the professor to inquire about it. She indicated that it was a class required by art majors and, therefore, it filled quickly. On a whim I declared art as my major, took the class and loved it."

From then on, Paskoff found numerous outlets for her creativity and interest in the field, including serving as a student designer for Wittenberg, followed by a post-graduate job at a large Michigan-based printing company.

Those experiences then led her to a Columbus-based public relations firm where she was charged with building a small creative services department. With the advent of the Internet a few years later, Paskoff knew she needed to be in that world, so she accepted a designer position with American Online and eventually moved her way up. By 2006, Sandpoint, Idaho-based Coldwater Creek came calling, and Paskoff accepted a position with its e-commerce group.

"I currently art direct all the creative that is on the Web for Coldwater Creek and manage a team of designers," she said. "My group's responsibilities include everything from e-mails, to site updates, to online advertising creative. In addition to directing design I'm included in a lot of meetings with executives and get to see firsthand how the e-commerce projects intersect with the tri-channel business of catalog, retail and Web."

Looking back, Paskoff insists that Wittenberg's educational approach made the difference in her success.

"My graphic design teacher made a comment to our senior class as we started putting our portfolios together: 'Don't be intimidated, employers are going to want you. Students from a liberal arts education are well rounded and intellectually flexible. You are a wanted commodity.' He couldn't have been more right. Every step in my career path has been a new and challenging opportunity because I just wanted to learn a new art form, a new technology or simply have a new adventure."

- Karen Gerboth '93

Matt is an advisor with Hill & Hamilton Insurance. He also volunteers with many community and industry organizations.

'05 l

Aaron A. Davis, Baltimore, Md., works in HIV/ AIDS prevention with the Maryland Dept. of Health.

Ashley Lands Eick, New Philadelphia, Ohio, is the sports director at the Tuscarawas County Y.M.C.A.

Christyn C. Hegele married Hans Koschmann on June 28, 2008.

Jonathan D. Newcomer, Ocoee, Fla., married Amanda Reinstadtler on July 10, 2010.



Paige Armstrong, 6-18-20

Li'l Tigers

Paige Christine, daughter of Trevor '07 and Mary Workman Armstrong '07



Jackson Belin, 8-23-10

Jackson Lammot, son of Danielle Paglino Belin '01 and husband Stephen



Wedding Album

Christyn Hegele '05 married Hans Koschmann on June 28, 2008. The couple lives in Lee's Summit, Mo.



Colleen Keppel '07 married Brandon Flayler in Weaver Chapel on Oct. 17, 2009. The couple resides in Athens, Ohio.

Ruth E. White is an account specialist II, client services, policy service with Aflac Worldwide Headquarters, Columbus, Ga.

'06

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Brady J. and Allison Hogan Hively announce the birth of Anna Elizabeth on April 21, 2010. They live in Bexley, Ohio.

Ellen R. Peterson is a postdoctoral associate in the mathematical sciences department at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

'07 l

Trevor S. and Mary Workman Armstrong announce the birth of Paige on June 18, 2010. They live in Seville, Ohio.

Katherine E. Barrett married Michael W. Brewer on July 17, 2010. They live in Powell, Ohio. Katherine is a candidate for juris doctor at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

Jamie L. Bockelman, a registered nurse at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio, is pursuing a master's degree in nursing at Case Western Reserve University.

Jena Bucchop Campbell, Port Aransas, Texas, is a

graduate research assistant while pursuing her Ph.D. in marine science at the University of Texas at Austin. She was the recipient of the Walter B. Jones Memorial Award for excellence in coastal and marine graduate study bestowed by the NOAA in June 2010 in Washington, D.C.

Colleen C. Keppel and Brandon Flayler were married on Oct. 17, 2009. They live in Athens, Ohio.

Kevin R. Magley, Great Falls, Va., is a senior actuarial associate in pricing and product management with the Geico Corp., Washington, D.C.

Mark A. O'Brien is the author of a children's story titled The Robot about a lonely robot looking for love. It was written under the pen name of Mark Allen. He lives in Shavertown, Pa.

'08

Claire M. Dickman and John R. Linkhart Jr. '99 were married June 5, 2010. They live in Cleveland, Ohio.

Robert C. Moore is project development editor of the academic and professional group with Cengage Learning/Custom Solutions, Mason, Ohio.

Stephanie M. Simiola,

East Haven, Conn., married Christopher Dinnen on March 28, 2009. Stephanie is a research coordinator for the department of psychiatry at Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

'09 I

Blake E. Birner,

Chesterfield, Mo., is a financial advisor with the Cornerstone Financial Group, St. Louis, Mo.

Brittani A. Sterling married William Gholson on April 26, 2010.

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Emily M. Ellermann is an English teaching assistant at the Lycee la Martiniere Duchere High School in Lyon, France.

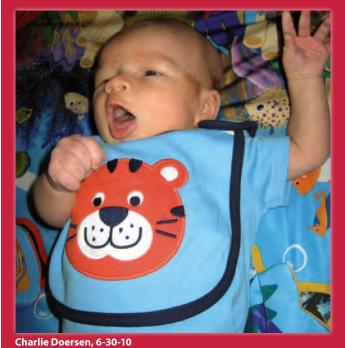
Robert W. Ritzi III is an assistant media planner/ buyer at Fahlgren in Columbus, Ohio.



Reed Ara and Maisie Annabelle, 4-7-10



Robert, 2-8-08, and Michael O'Brien, 9-24-09



Li'l Tigers

Reed and Maisie, son and daughter of **Sky '00** and **Christina Heine Schelle**

Hauser O'Brien '02 and husband John

Robert John and Thomas

Michael, sons of Paula

Charlie, son of Valerie Fidder Doersen '04 and husband Christopher

In Memoriam

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David E. Detrick, formerly of Dayton, Ohio, died May 12, 2010, in Naples, Fla. He retired from his position as chair of the board with Gem Savings Association, now National City Corp., after 48 years of employment. His community activities included serving on the boards of Sinclair Community College, the Oakwood Schools, Dayton Metropolitan Y.M.C.A. and Miami Valley Hospital. He was a member of Naples United Church of Christ, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, The 49 Club and Riverview Lodge No. 717 F.&A.M. Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Lodge.

'33

John B. "Jack" Wilbirt,

formerly of Akron, Ohio, and Port Richey, Fla., died June 22, 2009, in St. Petersburg, Fla. A member of King of Kings Lutheran Church and Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he retired in 1976 from his position as an appraiser with the Federal Housing Administration, Cleveland, Ohio. He enjoyed golf, bridge and ballroom dancing.

'35

Esther Norman Dix, formerly of Zanesville, Ohio, died Oct. 23, 2010, in Winchester, Va. She taught elementary students and many teachers in workshops at Zanesville area colleges during her 38 years as an educator. She was named a Jennings Scholar for outstanding and creative teaching. After her retirement, she worked as a receptionist and school tour guide at the Zanesville Art Center and as a volunteer at Bethesda Hospital. Her memberships included Grace United Methodist Church,

First Presbyterian Church, the Muskingum County Community Foundation, the Beaux Arts Club, the Pioneer and Historical Society, and the All Around Club.

′37 |

Helen Culp Kildow,

Roseville, Ohio, passed away Oct. 22, 2007. She retired as an elementary school teacher with the Franklin Local School District. Her memberships included St. Paul's United Methodist Church, the Roseville City Council, the Progress Club, WSCS, Republican Club, Eastern Star, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post No. 71 and Pythian Sisters. A co-founder of the Roseville Historical Society, she volunteered at Secrest Auditorium, Christ Table and at the Welcome Center of Zanesville.

'38|

Charles J. Ballard of Flint, Mich., and Sun City West, Ariz., died July 10, 2006. During World War II, he served as a lieutenant with the U.S. Navy. He worked for two years for the Robertson Steel and Iron Co., Springfield, Ohio, before joining American Airlines from where he retired after 35 years as a sales manager. Following his retirement he was with Ken Meade Realty in Arizona.

′39 |

Louise Loveless Bradley,

formerly of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, died May 4, 2010, in her home in Urbana, Ohio. She taught for 26 years at Mechanicsburg Elementary School. An avid Ohio State University football fan, she was a member of Mechanicsburg United Methodist Church and the Caroline Chapter No. 39 Order of the Eastern Star.

Katherine Link Smith of Springfield, Ohio, passed away Oct. 5, 2010. She was a former owner of Guild Galleries in Urbana, Ohio. Her memberships included St. Teresa Catholic Church, Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Sky Terrace Guild of Mercy Hospital Women's Auxiliary. She dedicated many years to the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, promoting fundraisers, developing the Children's Symphony Program, serving as president, vice president and trustee of the board of directors. She was recognized as emeritus trustee.

Jane Folkerth Stuart, San Diego, Calif., died March 2, 2010. She taught four years in Ohio before moving to San Diego, where she taught at Euclid, Chollas, Horace Mann and Pacific Beach Junior High Schools for 27 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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John W. Hallauer died July 10, 2010, in Wauseon, Ohio. He taught at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, before going to the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. For more than 20 years, he was head of its theatre department until his retirement in 1973. He spent 15 seasons as an actor and director with the Nutmeg Summer Theatre in Connecticut. Following his retirement, he was an actor-director at the Toledo Repertoire Theatre. He was a member of the Christian Disciples of Christ Church.

Louise Klinger Knepper,

Cincinnati, Ohio, died Sept. 1, 1981. At one time she was a teacher at Emerson Junior High School, Dayton, Ohio.

Josephine Drake Resler, Sidney, Ohio, passed away

Nov. 23, 2010. A dedicated teacher, she held positions at the Elizabeth Township and Lostcreek Township Schools in Miami County and Graham South in Champaign County before ending her 35 years in education at the New Carlisle-Bethel School District in Clark County. Following her retirement, she enjoyed traveling and spent many summers in Fort Myers, Fla. Her memberships included Cove Springs Church, the Farm Bureau Council and several retired teachers organizations.

John E. Smith, La Porte, Ind., passed away Sept. 21, 2010. During World War II, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army with the British 8th Army in Africa. A businessman, he owned Smith Heating, John E. Smith Furniture and Hoosier Realty. His memberships included La Porte Presbyterian Church, First Christian Church, Dorm League, V.F.W. No. 1130, American Legion Post No. 83, La Porte Lions Club, Hunt Club, and Shoe and Slipper Dance Club. He was past president of La Porte County Realtors Assoc., founder of La Porte Multiple Listing Assoc. and past president of the American Tuberculosis Assoc.

Lavonne Waggoner Tiffany died Aug. 23, 2010, in Palm Bay, Fla. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she was a real estate sales representative for 20 years in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area before her retirement to Florida.

Edwin E. Goddard,

Johnstown, Pa., died May 18, 2010. He was employed as a personnel director at HRM, as a director at Penn Traffic and at the Somerset County Area Agency on Aging and

Administration of Children and Youth Services. A World War II U.S. Navy veteran, he was a member of St. David's Lutheran Church, the 4-H Development Fund, Conemaugh Township Rotary Club, Conemaugh Lions Club and Goodwill Industries.

Evelyn Oelrick Kabat,

formerly of Lyndhurst, Ohio, passed away Nov. 7, 2010, in Meadville, Pa. She was an administrative assistant in the pupil services department of the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Board of Education for 20 years. An active member of Lyndhurst Community Presbyterian Church, she founded East Side Ministries, dedicated to bringing the gospel to mentally challenged persons. She enjoyed sewing, traveling and golf.

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June Bower Fuller, formerly of Midland, Mich., died March 8, 2010, in Sparks, Nev. She retired as a secretary with Dow Chemical USA in May 1994.

Margit Blochova Heskett of Bowling Green, Ohio, passed away Aug. 13, 2010. During World War II, she served as an occupational therapist with the U.S. Army. She taught at the public and parochial schools in Springfield, Ohio, with the Fairborn City Schools and at Antioch College, Wittenberg University and Bowling Green State University. She wrote two books, Margit's Red Book and A Personal Memoir.

Barbara Fritsche MacKinnon died in her home in Toledo, Ohio, on Aug. 10, 2010. A member of Hope Lutheran Church, she was employed at Willis-Overland Jeep during World War II. As a homemaker, she excelled in sewing, entertaining, cooking and gardening. She enjoyed

traveling, playing golf and decorating for the Christmas holiday.

Betty Todd Trost passed away Feb. 4, 2008, in Rochester Hills, Mich. A member of the First Church of Christ Scientists and Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she volunteered at the Christian Science Reading Room for many years. As an ardent gardener, she also enjoyed volunteering in the House and Gardens Auxiliary at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She was an accomplished tennis player who won many tournaments in Ohio, California and Michigan.

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Alvie A. Bentley, formerly of Miamisburg, Ohio, died Aug. 17, 2010, in Springfield, Ohio. A World War II veteran, he retired in 1979 after 25 years teaching social studies, health and physical education and coaching basketball with the West Carrollton Schools.

Betty Dils Horne, formerly of Washington, D.C., and Ellerton, Ohio, passed away April 18, 2010, in her home in Melbourne, Fla. A member of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, she taught at schools in Ohio, California, Oregon, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Colorado and Guatemala She was one of 10 alumni who continued a round robin letter begun upon their graduation from Wittenberg.

Jane McCroba Kirkpatrick died Nov. 15, 2008, at her home in Clyde, N.C. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Hazel Evans Nation,

Columbus, Ohio, died Feb. 18, 2002. A homemaker, she was one of 10 alumni who continued a round robin letter begun upon their graduation from Wittenberg.

Janet Nichols Robinson,

Toledo, Ohio, passed away Sept. 11, 2010. She worked as a dietitian while living in New Jersey and Connecticut, serving as the head of the department of dietetics at Bridgeport Hospital. A member of Delta Zeta sorority, she loved spending time in the Adirondack Mountains and on Jekyll Island. Her interests included weaving, needlework, bicycling, canoeing, swimming, hiking and golfing.

Margaret "Peg" Robinson Wilt, Cleveland, Ohio, died Oct. 25, 2010. Pursuing her commitment to healthcare, she was the evening supervisor of nursing at the University Hospitals of Cleveland for more than 20 years and director of nursing at the Margaret Wagner House. Later, she became the school nurse for the University School. An avid traveler, she learned tai chi and reflexology in Beijing, China, while on a grant from the Eisenhower Foundation. During her travels, she also distributed nettle pointed crosses and United States Flags that she created and swam in all of the world's oceans. She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church and Kappa Delta sorority.

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Richard W. Powell '73H, a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and a former member of Wittenberg's board of directors, died Aug. 29, 2010, in Toledo, Ohio. Ordained as a Lutheran pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1945, he served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Brookville, Ohio, and Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio. He was director of Christian

education and youth work with the Ohio Synod and director of development for Hamma School of Theology at Wittenberg and Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. Following his retirement he was a visitation pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor, Ohio. Wittenberg bestowed an honorary doctorate on him in 1973.

Dorothy Manfull Reed,

Salinas, Calif., died Oct. 30, 2010. A homemaker, she enjoyed playing tennis and bridge, traveling throughout the United States, reading and cooking. She was a member of Junior League.

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Mary "Chris" Huffman

Maurice, Warren, Ohio, died July 3, 2010. She taught her entire career at East Junior High School with the Warren Schools. An avid traveler, she had hosted 49 high school exchange students and teachers from 26 countries and five continents. Her memberships included St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Chi Omega sorority, Y.W.C.A., Someplace Safe, Green Thumb Garden Club, Trumbull County Retired Teachers, Ohio Retired Teachers, Monday Afternoon Club, Fortnightly Book Study Club, Trumbull County Historical Society, Warren Republican Women's Association, Warren Civic Music Association, Upton Association, National Packard Museum Association, AAUW, Trumbull Art Guild, Trumbull County Educational Service Center, Trumbull Mobile Meals and the Red Cross.

Jeanne Harris Simpson,

Tacoma, Wash., passed away June 16, 2009. A homemaker, she dedicated her life to her 12 children and opened her

home to foster children for more than 45 years. She was a member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church.

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R. Henry Campbell, Marble, Pa., passed away July 11, 2010. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the Masonic Temple, he was responsible for a chemical warfare platoon with the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II. He taught math and science, and coached boys' basketball for six years at Urbana High School in Ohio, before becoming Champaign County Schools, superintendent. Later, he was principal at Greenon High School before assuming the position of superintendent of Clark County Schools. He retired in 1976 to buy and remodel homes, play golf and enjoy needlework.

George M. Parr Jr. died Nov. 21, 2007, in his home at Seven Lakes, N.C. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps. He retired from the General Electric lamp division after working there for 34 years.

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Nancy Bristle Manos,

Arlington Heights, Ill., died May 29, 2010. She taught first grade for 25 years with an open classroom approach at Greenbrier and Olive-Mary Stitt Schools with the Arlington Heights District 25. After retiring, she served as a literacy tutor for children in Chicago, as well as teaching English as a second language to adults. For more than 25 years she was an active member of First United Methodist Church serving in many capacities, including participating in missions in the United States as well as in Chile and Senegal.

Katherine Keen Rook

died July 17, 2010, in Ashland, Ohio. A member of the Lutheran Church, she worked as an accountant's assistant with John A. Souder, Accounting, and as a secretary with the Starkey Glass Co.

Joseph C. Brucker,

Springfield, Ohio, died Oct. 26, 2010. He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps as a B-25 tail gunner during World War II. An attorney for 58 years, he worked in the Springfield City Solicitor's office and was assistant Clark County prosecutor for 26 years before retiring. He was an avid fisherman and a member of St. Teresa Catholic Church and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Shirley Vail Grimes,

Springfield, Ohio, died May 3, 2010. After many years of service, she retired as an executive secretary from Robbins & Myers Inc. Her memberships included Chi Omega sorority and the Ladies Auxiliary at Community Hospital.

Joyce Weiser Leichman,

formerly of Hamilton, Ohio, passed away on Nov. 13, 2010, in Springboro, Ohio. A member of Delta Zeta sorority, she taught physical education at Fairmont High School, Dayton, Ohio, before becoming a physical therapist at Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, Ohio. In 2003, she was inducted into the Wittenberg Athletic Hall of Honor.

Reta Riecken Lashley Wilson

of Kettering, Ohio, passed away Oct. 17, 2010. An artist, she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and Ladies Auxiliary V.F.W. Post No. 9927. She was also a volunteer with Cox Arboretum.

Herman W. Witthoft,

Putnam Valley, N.Y., passed

away Oct. 31, 2010. During World War II, he served as a corporal with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Pacific. He retired as a senior principal appraiser from the department of equalization and assessment with the State of New York after 35 years. His memberships included Christ Our Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Phi Mu Delta fraternity, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 42, and Sons of the American Revolution. He was a trumpet player, conductor and concertmaster with the Ghent Band and founding member and leader of the Bavarian Pretzels, an authentic German music band. Following his retirement, he became an avid gardener and pursued his hobby in genealogy research.

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John Bartos, Redlands, Calif., died Aug. 15, 2010. A U.S. Navy veteran, he was an ordained American Baptist minister. He served on several city and state boards in missions, provided leadership to local clergy groups, ministered to needy, migrant workers and prison inmates, was interim chaplain at UCLA, and was a pastor to those in hospitals, nursing homes and numerous churches.

Jack H. Engle, formerly of Bellefontaine, Ohio, died June 6, 2010, in Springfield, Ohio. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps as a nose gunner and bombardier in a B-24. He flew 22 missions in the European, North African and Italian campaigns. He was a superintendent of taxation for the City of Bellefontaine and was a branch manager/ vice president with the Bellefontaine National Bank and Huntington National Bank. He retired in 1988. His memberships included Faith in Christ Lutheran Church, the Exchange Club, the Jaycees, the American Legion, V.F.W. and a life member of the BPOE No. 132 Lodge where he was a past exulted ruler and trustee.

Mary E. Grant, Cleveland, Ohio, passed away Sept. 25, 2000. For more than 36 years, she had served as a teacher with the Cleveland Public Schools.

Howard W. Grote, Winston-Salem, N.C., passed away May 12, 2010. A navigator with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, he flew 15 missions over Germany. He was also a veteran of the Korean War. Before retiring from Reeves Brothers in Cornelius, N.C., he was employed by B.F. Goodrich in Akron, Ohio. He was an active member of Parkway Presbyterian Church.

Albert E. Hollowell Jr. of Dacula, Ga., passed way July 10, 2010. A member of Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church and Phi Mu Delta fraternity, he was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. He devoted 35 years of service as an executive with the Y.M.C.A. in Columbus, Ohio, Indianapolis, Ind., Naperville, Ill., and Atlanta, Ga. In retirement, he enjoyed traveling and managing an antique business.

Julianne Myer Meyer,

Old Mission, Mich., died Oct. 13, 2010. She taught school in New Philadelphia, Silver Spring, Md., Quito, Ecuador, Saigon, Vietnam, Buenos Aires, Argentina and in the Canal Zone. She was acknowledged as a master teacher in Argentina, and she served on the board of directors for the National Museum of Panama.

Following her retirement, she moved to Old Mission, Mich., where she became active in the Congregational Church and the Old Mission Women's Club. She was also associated with the Peninsula Township government for a number of years and volunteered at Munson Hospital. She played an important part in the establishment of the Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society and wrote several books on the history of the area. She was instrumental in the saving and reconstruction of a log home, which is on the State Register of Historic Sites.

Florence Means Mitchell, East Liberty, Ohio, died May 21, 2009. She was a member of

Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Barbara Nuss String, Pepper Pike, Ohio, died Oct. 20, 2010. A homemaker, she had a passion for travel, which took her to all 50 states and most major countries around the world. She was a member of St. Christopher's-by-the-River Episcopal Church and Chi Omega sorority.

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An active member of First Christian Church, Dottie Shough Chandler of Springfield, Ohio, died May 28, 2010. Her career as an elementary school teacher began at Boone Station and Emerson before she became principal at McGuffy and Snyder Park. As a reading specialist, she initiated the Federal Reading System at Frey Elementary School before finishing her career at Kenwood Elementary School.

Carolyn Snook Combs,

Springfield, Ohio, died Aug. 11, 2008. A member of the Lutheran Church, she retired with more than 30 years of service as a supervisory budget analyst from Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Louis W. Fritz, formerly of Ashland, Ohio, died June 20, 2010, in Bonita Springs, Fla. A member of First Baptist Church and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He owned the Lou Fritz Cadillac-Buick dealership in Ashland, Ohio, before becoming the first director of economic development for Cuyahoga County. He was also an adjunct professor at Ashland University. For his outstanding contributions to the economic development of the State of Ohio, he was appointed by the governor to the Executive Order of the Ohio Commodores.

Kenneth E. Johnson, Huron, Ohio, died May 26, 2010. Owner of Pet's Own Stores in Parma and Cleveland, he was known for breeding special colors of parakeets and canaries. His memberships included Phi Mu Delta fraternity, the American Legion and the Huron Eagles Club. He enjoyed raising dogs, gardening, swimming, boating, fishing and classical music.

Emma Cocklin Schreck,

formerly of Goshen, Ind., died Sept. 14, 2010, in Seattle, Wash. During World War II, she served with the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in England. As the wife of a Lutheran pastor, she lived in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. She chaired a women's self-help group in Terre Haute, served in literacy programs in Kokomo and tutored elementary school children in reading in Goshen. She volunteered at the Lutheran Church and loved to travel and participate in Elder Hostel trips.

Donald E. Edwards, of Millcreek Township, Pa., passed away Oct. 6, 2010. During the Korean War, he served with the U.S. Marine Corps. He taught at Gridley Middle School with the Erie School District for 38 years until his retirement in 1992. His memberships included New Hope Presbyterian Church, Phi Mu Delta fraternity, Tyrian Commonwealth Lodge 362 F&AM and Scottish Rite Consistory Valley of Erie.

Jack A. Ludwig, Lenoir, N.C., passed away May 17, 2008. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in Italy. He retired as a senior vice president of Broyhill Furniture after designing some of the most popular furniture collections and accumulating many sales awards. His memberships included First Presbyterian Church and the St. Andrews Masonic Lodge from where he was awarded his 33rd degree designation. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award in 1977 for his contributions to his community and was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel for his strength of character, leadership and dedication to the welfare of others.

Shirley Gilbert Wolff,

Newcomerstown, Ohio, died Nov. 4, 2010. A devoted Navy wife for 26 years, she was active with the Officers Wives League, Red Cross and Toys for Tots. Following retirement she remained active as a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Delta Zeta sorority and the Lions Club. She was also a volunteer at nursing homes.

Lloyd C. Dunne, Collinsville, Ill., died Nov. 28, 2008. During the Korean War, he served with the U.S. Army. A retired school teacher from Collinsville Unit 10, he coached football and taught in Ohio and Illinois for more than 35 years. He was inducted into the Illinois High School football Coaches Hall of Fame in 2006. His memberships included Lord's Lutheran Church, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Marian Danekind Hanson died April 1, 2001, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, she was at one time a personnel representative with Midwest Technical Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Robert W. Hilty, 57S, Huron, Ohio, died Oct. 29, 2010. He served 20 years as a minister at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Massillon, Messiah Lutheran Church, Lyndhurst, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Elyria, Ohio. In 1979, he began pursuing his love of painting and by 1983 he was named "Artist of the Year" by Ducks Unlimited. His art has been carried in 200 galleries across the United States. He also taught painting at Bowling Green State University-Firelands College, Huron, Ohio, and gave private lessons at Sand Hill Studio, his home studio for 25 years. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Ruth Searl Leuby of Lima, Ohio, died Sept. 22, 2010. A professional home economist, she was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She had been a substitute teacher, a volunteer at the

Y.W.C.A. and co-chair of Meet and Greet at Kendal.

Thomas L. MacAdam passed away Oct. 9, 2008, in Pahrump, Nev. A Lutheran minister for more than 50 years, he served two churches in Manchester and Cambridge, Ohio, before joining the U.S. Navy in 1969. He served as a chaplain in West Pac on the USS Juneau and the USS Sacramento. He retired from the military in 1989 and was called to serve as pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Goldendale, Wash., retiring in May 1997. Moving to Nevada where he could play golf year round and volunteer with the No to Abuse Program and the Kiwanis Club, he was again called to serve five years as pastor for Saved by Grace Lutheran Church. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

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Charles E. Buchy, Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away Aug. 29, 2010. He spent a 30-year career as a chemistry and physics teacher at Madeira High School. Following his retirement from teaching, he worked as an analytical chemist for 12 years at Procter and Gamble. He served as trustee and chair of the board for the Dayton Masonic Learning Center for Children. His memberships included Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Phi Mu Delta fraternity, Greenville Masonic Lodge, the Valley of Dayton Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Antioch Temple Shrine. He was coroneted an honorary 33rd degree Mason in 2000.

Louis C. Reiss Jr., Wantagh, N.Y., died Oct. 6, 2010. A member of Christ Lutheran Church and Dorm League, he served with the U.S. Army as a psychiatric social worker at Fort Knox Kentucky from 1955-57. He retired as regional supervisor after 35 years with the Nassau County Recreation and Parks, East Meadow, N.Y. He also retired from South Oaks Hospital.

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D. Randall Fisher, London, England, died March 25, 2010. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he was at one time the deputy head tutor at Speedwriting LTD. In 1999, he was named a Freeman of the City of London.

Thomas R. Garrison, Mansfield, Ohio, passed away Nov. 17, 2010. He taught biology and history at Mansfield Senior High School for several years before working in the family business, Richland Electric. He retired as a journeyman electrician and vice president. His memberships included Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and I.B.E.W. Local No. 688. He enjoyed boating, fishing and playing darts.

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Dennis D. O'Keefe, Santa Fe, N.M., died Nov. 16, 2010. A medical doctor, he was board certified in emergency medicine, and general and colon/rectal surgery. He was a fellow and conducted cardiorespiratory research at Massachusetts General Hospital for many years. Before moving to New Mexico, he was an emergency room doctor at Lawrence General Hospital and several other hospitals in the Massachusetts and New Hampshire area. During the Vietnam War, he served as a major with the U.S. Army in San Antonio, Texas, teaching Green Berets emergency field care. An avid horseman, he trained Olympic

Pentathlon horses for the 1968 American Olympic team. His memberships included Christ Church, Hamilton-Wenham, Mass., Grace Episcopal Church, Lawrence, Mass., St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Santa Fe, N.M., and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

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Noel C. Huston died Oct. 25, 2010, at her residence in Elida, Ohio. Her career included working in the bacteriology laboratory at the Cleveland Clinic, and teaching with the Cridersville School District and the Elyria Board of Education from where she retired in 1992. She also owned a printing company for 14 years. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she volunteered with the Red Cross.

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Allen L. Harshbarger died Nov. 2, 2010, in Springfield, Ohio. He was employed with Ohio Bell Telephone Co., in Dayton, Ohio, before transferring to AT&T Headquarters in New Jersey. After retiring, he moved to Sarasota, Fla., and worked for GTE in Tampa as well as working with a START-UP business program with the University of South Florida. His hobbies included radio control model airplanes, photography and golf.

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Anita Forbeck Smetters Blazek, formerly of Upper Arlington, Ohio, passed away Sept. 11, 2010, in Marysville, Ohio. A medical technologist, she managed several hospital laboratories in Ohio. She founded and was president of Key Financial Services Inc., a life and health insurance agency for 25 years. Her memberships included Advent Lutheran Church, Alpha Xi Delta sorority, Columbus Life Underwriters, the Columbus Chapter of CLU, the Upper Arlington Chamber of Commerce and the Assistance League of Greater Columbus. A lover of nature, she spent many weeks in the Arctic studying the plants, animals and climate change. She also traveled extensively in Alaska.

Christian J. Boehlefeld of Davis, Ill., died May 9, 2010. a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he was a teacher. He taught and coached athletics in Ohio and with the Durand Community Schools. He coached boys and girls varsity basketball, advised academic bowl teams, as well as CLOWNS and Prep and Kids Care programs. After his retirement from Durand High School in 2001, he remained active as a substitute teacher.

James T. Dove, Springfield, Ill., passed away Nov. 7, 2010. A cardiologist, he founded and was president emeritus of Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants. A nationally known leader in health care, he was president of the American College of Cardiology and a clinical professor of medicine, division of cardiology at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. He received numerous honors from Boy Scouts and the Springfield Rotary Club. In 1992, the Illinois chapter of the America College of Physicians named him Outstanding Clinician Laureate. The conference center at the Prairie Heart Institute is named for him. In 2001, he established the Dove Scholarship at Wittenberg. In 2008, he received an Alumni Citation Award from Wittenberg. Recently he was named the 2010 State

Journal-Register First Citizen for his contributions to the community. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and the Wittenberg Board of Directors.

Robert E. Garlough,

Fairborn, Ohio, passed away Oct. 19, 2010. A teacher for 12 years with the Shawnee Local and Bethel Local School Districts in Springfield, Ohio, he concluded his career as a meter reader with the City of Springfield in 1996. He was also a bookkeeper for 21 years with Beardshaw General Tire Co.

Mary Swaney Huff, Apache Junction, Ariz., died Dec. 10, 2007. During her career, she taught at the Springfield City Schools in Ohio and the Apache Junction and Superior Public Schools in Arizona. She was a member of the Church of Christ, Delta Kappa Gamma sorority and numerous professional organizations.

James W. McDorman

'65S, Boardman, Ohio, died June 30, 2010. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he served with the National Guard. He recently celebrated the 45th anniversary of his ordination into the Lutheran ministry. His parishes included Iglesia Lutheran Cristo Rey, San Nicolas, Argentina, and Salem Ellerton Lutheran Church, Miamisburg, First Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Zion Reedsburg Lutheran Church, Wooster, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, New Carlisle, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Georgetown, and Good Hope Lutheran Church, North Lima, Ohio.

Laurel Leopold Spicer,

Carmel, Ind., died Sept. 3, 2010. She was a partner with Carey Spicer & Associates in the golf industry. Her memberships included College Park Church, Chi

Omega sorority, the Women's Bible Study Truth Project, Brookshire Neighborhood Assoc. and the Hamilton County Republican Party. She also served as vice precinct committee person for Brookshire No. 1.

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Jessie Thompson Freis,

Orinda, Calif., died June 26, 2010. At one time she was a teacher with the public schools in San Francisco, Calif., and an editor with the Wadsworth Publishing Co., Belmont, Calif.

Gerhardt E. "Gay" Mengers, Alliance, Ohio, died Aug. 11, 2008. Ordained as a Lutheran minister in 1962, he served numerous parishes in Ohio, including Good Shepherd in West Milton, Mt. Moriah in Berlin Center and St. John's in Covington. He retired in 1994 from Calvary Lutheran Church in Chillicothe. In retirement, he served as interim minister at Emmanuel in New Philadelphia, Grace in Steubenville, Israel in Paris, Honteros in Youngstown and Trinity in Carrollton.

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Ellen Danzeisen Jackson

of Whitehouse, Ohio, and Leesburg, Fla., died Feb. 17, 2010. She worked for Buckeye Cable System, Toledo, Ohio, for 30 years, retiring in 2002 as director of marketing and programming. She was president of the Ohio CTAM chapter and the first recipient of the Great Lakes Cable Regional Marketing Award in 2003. She served on the advisory board of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition of northwest Ohio/southwest Michigan. Her memberships included First Baptist Church and Maumee Valley T-Bird Club.

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Roberta "Bobbie" Robson **Brennan** passed away July 8, 2010. She retired in 1995 as assistant to the operations manager with the Eastman Kodak Co., Oak Brook, Ill. Her retirement in Naperville, Ill., Savannah, Ga., and Dublin, Ohio, included pursuing her love of golf, travel, art, food and wine. Her memberships included St. Brigid of Kildare Church and various art leagues.

John W. McCoy, formerly of Troy, Ohio, died Aug. 26, 2010, in Surfside Beach, S.C. From 1953-55, he was a first lieutenant with the U.S. Army at Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Sill, Okla. He taught and coached baseball and basketball at Miami East High School and served as principal of Staunton Elementary, before becoming assistant superintendent for the Troy City Schools. His memberships included Trinity Presbyterian Church, the Lions Club and Heron Point Golf Club.

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David E. Cressman, formerly of Camarillo, Calif., died Nov. 13, 2010, in Thousand Oaks, Calif. An electrical engineer, he worked at Industrial Nucleonics and Intec Corp., before going to Teradyne Corp. in 1979. He retired from there as a product manager of the VLSI and memory test divisions in 2000. An active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, he enjoyed living on a ranch with his horses.

Ferd E. Gaulke III passed away at his home in Bay Village, Ohio, on Nov. 1, 2010. At one time he was a district manager with SBC. A member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he was an avid golfer and baseball and football fan.

Elsie Roeandt McDermott,

Ranchos Palos Verdes, Calif., passed away Oct. 21, 2010. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she worked as a school social worker in Michigan, at a children's hospital in Texas and as a medical social worker in California. She retired from St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach, Calif., where she had worked for more than 20 years.

Marsha Young Randall of Sun City Center, Fla., died Aug. 25, 2010. Formerly of Ohio, she taught with the Columbus City Schools and the Greenon Local School District. She retired as director of the Clark County Literacy Coalition in Springfield. Her memberships included Bethel Lutheran Church and Kappa Delta sorority.

Karyne Lather Carey,

Mansfield, Ohio, passed away July 20, 2010. She retired in May 1997 after 30 years as an English teacher with the Mansfield Madison Schools. From 1997-99, she taught English at the Institute of Technology and Business in Nakhodka, Russia, as a Peace Corps volunteer. She was a member of the First English Lutheran Church.

Earl M. Heskett, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Sept. 9, 2010. During World War II, he was a fireman first class with the U.S. Navv in the Philippines. He was a chemist at the Ohio Steel Foundry before becoming a teacher, coach, bus driver and principal at Rockway Elementary School from 1957-72. He then became principal of Reid Elementary School until his retirement in 1986. He continued to serve the Clark County Education Office until he retired again in 1996. His memberships included Northridge and

Columbus Avenue United Methodist Churches, the Springfield Emmaus Community, Clark County Retired Teachers Assoc. and the Y.M.C.A.

Mary Evelyn Bean Lough, formerly of Dayton, Ohio, died Sept. 7, 2008, in Lakeland, Fla. A middle school teacher for 25 years, she most recently taught at Pasco Middle School in Dade City, Fla. She attended Christ Lutheran Church and was a member of the National Education Association.

Nancy Brush Killoran, Eagle River, Alaska, passed away Nov. 10, 2010. Her career included working as a writer for the Anchorage Times, followed by a position in public relations at the University of Alaska at Anchorage. She retired as marketing director for Anchorage Public Transportation. A member of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church and Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she dedicated a significant amount of her time to other organizations.

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Richard I. Learned,

Meredith, N.H., died Aug. 25, 2010. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. A Lutheran minister, he served parishes in Elmont, N.Y., and Woonsocket, R.I., before moving in 1981 to Laconia, N.H., to develop the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Following his retirement as pastor emeritus, he was active in many areas of elder services, including the Belknap County Area Committee on Aging, Service Link and the New Hampshire Mental Health Commission. He served as a voice for senior citizens in his newspaper column "Under

the Bridge" in Foster's Sunday Citizen, the Nashua Telegraph, the Concord Monitor and Claremont Eagle Times. For his service, he received the Joseph D. Vaughn Award in 2000 from the New Hampshire State Committee on Aging.

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Catherine Uhl Byrne passed away May 16, 2010, at her home in Fort Collins, Colo. She taught elementary music and English as a second language at Oakwood Elementary and Harris Bilingual Schools in Fort Collins, Frankfurt International School in Germany and the American Embassy School in New Delhi, India. Her memberships

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included Plymouth

Congregational UCC and

Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

James D. Brower passed away at his home in Oregon, Ohio, on Sept. 10, 2010. He was a manager with the Oregon Banquet Room for more than 14 years and was more recently, a substitute teacher with the Oregon City Schools. He enjoyed singing, sailing and traveling. His memberships included First St. Mark's Church, Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, Toledo Sailing Club, Bavarian Sports Club, Oregon Community Theater, Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society, Mason Paragon Lodge No. 0788 Scottish Rite and various other civic projects.

John M. Kepner Jr., Shasta Lake, Calif., died Sept. 23, 2007. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he retired from Gateway Unified School District after more than 20 years of service as a school bus mechanic. An active member of St. James Lutheran Church, he enjoyed performing with a barber shop quartet and a bell

Allan M. Radinsky, Ross, Pa., died Jan. 29, 2009. A member of St. Alexander Nevsky Church and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he was a mental health services professional. He founded and was chief behavior analyst of Just Life Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ann Wayson Locher,

formerly of Sylvania, Ohio, died June 6, 2010, in Portland, Ore. A clinical nurse specialist, she cared for those impacted by HIV. She opened the first grant-funded HIV testing clinic in northwest Ohio in 1985 and coordinated the Ryan White Program at the University of Toledo Medical Center in 2000. For her decades-long career as a pioneer in HIV care, she was recognized with several awards, including the Ohio Department of Health AIDS Service Award, the Ruppert Scholarship for Academic Excellence, the University of Toledo Distinguished Achievement in Nursing -Outstanding Alumni Award and other awards for health education. She was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

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Debra Brennan Nemetz,

formerly of Harrisburg, Pa., passed away in her home in Chatham, N.J., on June 28, 2010. In Pennsylvania, she taught at a private kindergarten and worked at several interesting shops. After moving to New Jersey, she volunteered at the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center. She loved camping, hiking and leading her daughter's Girl Scout troop.

Candace C. Bean died May 10, 2005, in her home in

Cincinnati, Ohio. She was a member of the High Street United Methodist Church.

James S. Johnson, Oak Ridge, Tenn., passed away Sept. 9, 2010. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

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Douglas F. Brown, a former employee of Bank One, died Sept. 23, 2009, at his home in Columbus, Ohio.

Henry A. Carter, formerly of Fairborn, Ohio, died Dec. 26, 2005, in Warsaw, Ind. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 29 years of service.

William P. Fisher died May 27, 2010, in Philadelphia, Pa., where he was most recently a legal assistant with Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP.

Rebecca Patterson Bibart,

Westbourgh, Mass., died Nov. 18, 2010. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she taught English at El Camino High School, San Francisco, Calif., and at Quakertown High School and Sauderton High School in Pennsylvania. Most recently she was a yoga instructor at the Westborough Tennis and Swim Club and served as an assistant at the Westborough Public Library. She was an avid reader and enjoyed the outdoors.

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Devon M. Ratchford,

Thornville, Ohio, died Sept. 3, 2010. A member of Broad Street Presbyterian Church and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he was a physician assistant with the Diley Medical Group in Pickerington, Ohio.

Brian H. Sampson, Lancaster, Ohio, passed away Oct. 22, 2010. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and a teacher and coach at Lancaster High School.









July

6-10	Volleyball Camps
11-15	Boys' Soccer Camp
17-20	Boys' Basketball Camps
22	Upward Bound Banquet
25-26	Girls' Basketball Camps
29-30	Girls' Soccer Camp
29-31	Volleyball Clinics

August		
18-21	New Student Days	
22	Fall Semester Begins	
25	Student Involvement Fair	
31	Wittenberg Series Event – 11 a.m. Weaver Chapel, Opening Convocation, New Wittenberg Provost Christopher M. Duncan	

September

23-25	Family Weekend
22	Wittenberg Series Event – 7:30 p.m. TBD, Leventhal Lecture, H.W. Brands
23	New Student Showcase (tentative) – 7:30 p.m. Springfield Center for the Arts at Wittenberg

October

10	Wittenberg Series Event – 7:30 p.m. TBD, Kinnison Lecture, Ronald Grigor Suny
17-18	Fall Break
21-23	Homecoming Weekend
20	Wittenberg Series Event – 7:30 p.m. Second City, TBD
30	Wittenberg Series Event – 7:30 p.m. Weaver Chapel, Festival Choral Eucharist for Reformation



Global Engagement

Alumnus Recalls Life-Changing Event

his summer marks the 50th anniversary of a "defining moment" in my life as a student. From June 8 to July 23, 1961, I toured eight countries in central Europe (and the East sector of Berlin) with the 65 voices of the Wittenberg Choir on its first international tour.

Like me, many of the choir members boarded a plane for the first time. Like me, most of us also counted Canada and Mexico as our "international" experience. All of us worked hard for 18 months raising money for our individual expenses and for the choir tour treasury.

Our official name back then was the Wittenberg A Capella Choir. We had no pianos, organs, drums, guitars, or even pitch pipes. There were always two choir members who had perfect pitch who quietly prepared us for each number. Our choir had a national reputation from performing weekly on the Protestant Hour radio program, from our annual regional tours and from our record albums.

Any student, regardless of major, could audition with then choir director Dr. L. David Miller. These sweat-provoking trials were rigorous and highly competitive, and following one's selection, the choir would rehearse six days a week in the largest classroom in pungent, odoriferous Koch Hall and its chemistry labs.

Every spring we would then take a 10-day tour to various regions of the country, singing concerts in host churches whose members fed and housed us. But those tours hardly prepared us for the intimidating prospect of spending six-anda-half weeks singing in eight countries and living out of one suitcase.

Our accommodations ranged from a nunnery in Venice, which had locks on the shower rooms, to swanky mansions of prominent citizens. Six nights in a row we had the exact same church supper menu in six different cities.

At one point, one of our sopranos became ill in Brig, Switzerland. Chaperone and "nurse" Margret Kommel, voice professor, stayed with her at a hospital. They both missed all of northern Italy, rejoining us in Liege, Austria. Jack Hinkle '62 and I stayed overnight with the widow of the brewmeister of the Ulmer Munster brewery overlooking the Cathedral in Ulm. Almost every day we performed impromptu and informal concerts in town squares, attracting huge crowds and often free lunches.

My most spine-tingling concerts were in the largest and grandest cathedrals in every country (England, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, and Germany). We nicknamed this the Church Tour of Europe. On many occasions, Dr. Miller would get permission to play something on a

majestic old world pipe organ.

Our final four concerts were in Berlin, two in the American West sector, and two in the Soviet controlled East. The dramatic real-world finale to our otherwise fantasy experience was learning three weeks after we returned home that on August 13, a wall rose overnight dividing Berlin and putting the Marienkirche, our concert venue, off limits for 30 years.

My participation in the first European choir tour as a squeaky first tenor the summer before my senior year infected me with a travel bug and equipped me to accept international travel as a highly desirable and educational necessity. I eagerly accepted the invitation of the Director of International Studies at Western Illinois University to lead academic study tours to Europe and Latin America for 10 summers. Over the years I was able to revisit almost every city and church introduced to me the first time with two busloads of singing choir mates. I've added 30 more countries to the eight we toured, but I see them all through the eyes of a Wittenberg student.

-A. Gilbert "Gil" Belles '62





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