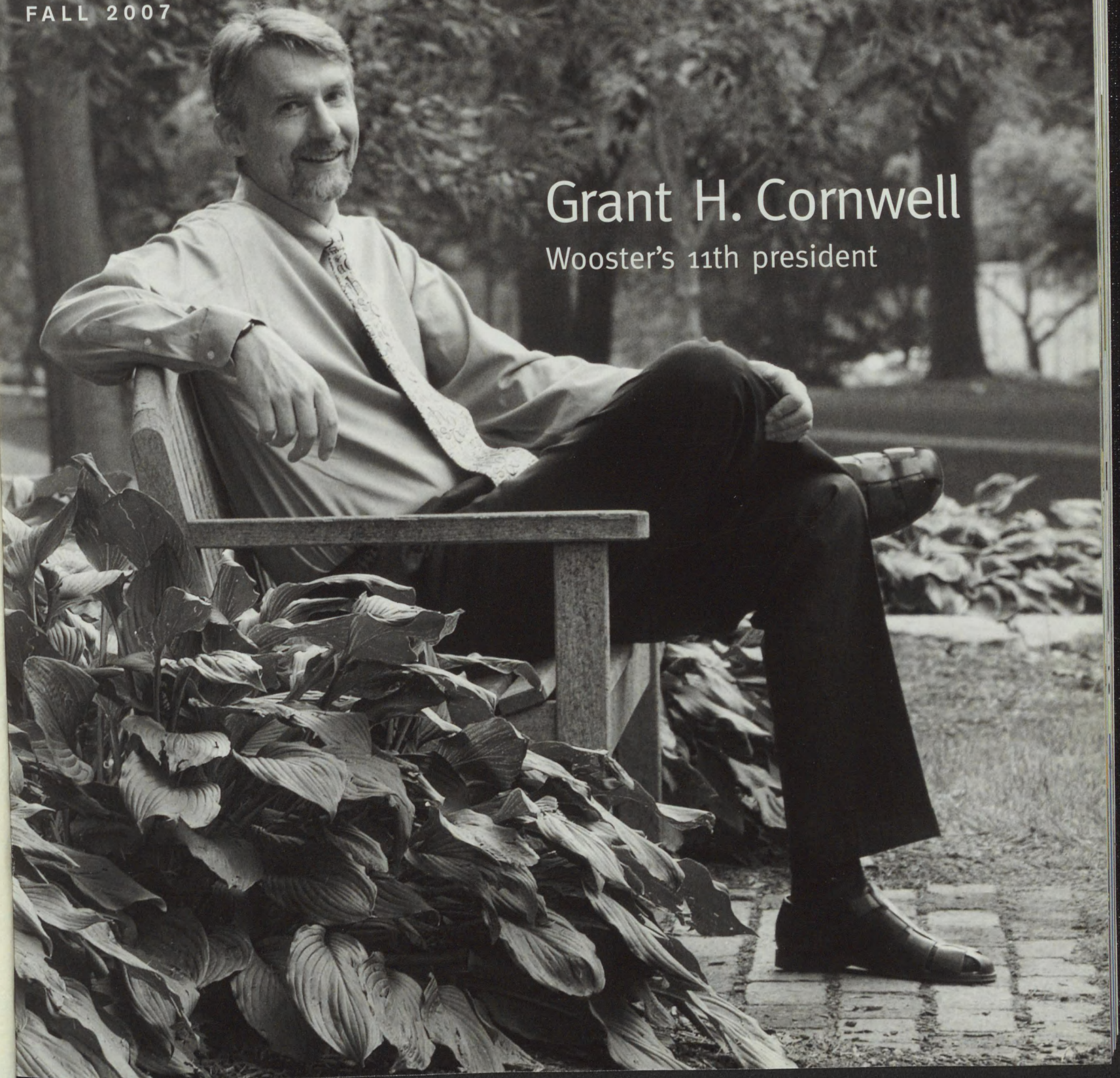


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Metabolizing theology

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Sometimes when I'm simultaneously working on different stories for the magazine, ideas push up against their margins, eager to go skittering into somebody else's story. The elegant word for this process may be "cross-disciplinary," but sometimes I think of it as "idea spill-over."



PHOTO Pat Doyle

Here's an example: Darla French '02, who is working on ways to keep the ash borer from wiping out the American ash tree, told me about her research (pg. 4). She grinds up tissue from a tree and dumps it into a gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer, which allows her to isolate key molecules that are involved in the tree's metabolism—that most essential process that makes life possible.

At the same time I was learning about Darla's work, I was interviewing three Wooster alumni about the roles of women in different Christian traditions (pg. 19). All three of them told me that the subjugation of women throughout the centuries had less to do with theology, and more to do with socio-economic influences.

And all of a sudden, the stories bumped into each other, and I got an image of a theological chromatograph. Let's say, for a minute, that we could dump the world's religions into a chromatograph that would grind them up, and separate their key components. What would come out would be those essential metabolic processes that religions hold in common and that allow them to live, like love, respect, caring for one another, the Golden Rule.

We would not throw ideas of scarcity into our theological beaker. We would assume that there is plenty of God to go around.

The pure ideas that would come out of our chromatograph would not be capable of starting a war, or oppressing a race, or subjugating a gender. But as soon as they flow into real life, they lose their purity. Real life means real scarcity. Not enough water, not enough land, not enough food. Not enough love, or power, or authority. Not enough houses, or weapons, or jobs.

And so real life scarcities shape our religions. And vice versa. There's no way around it, is there?

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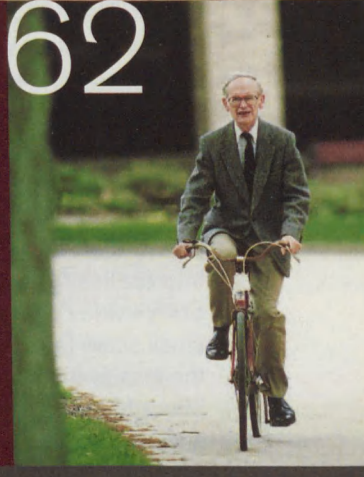
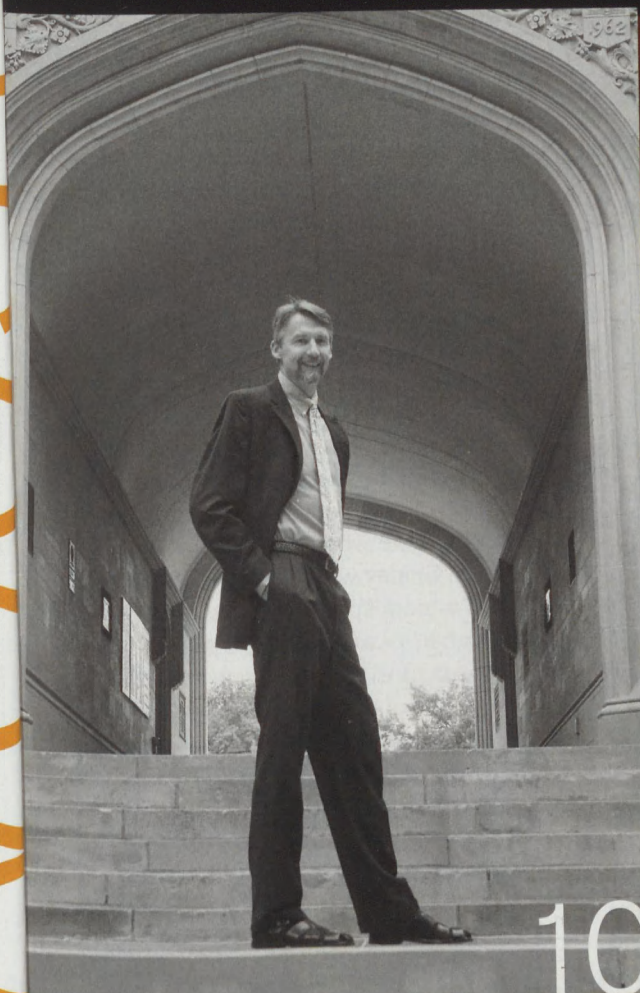
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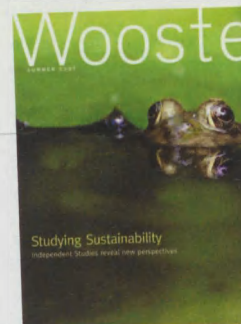
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"Listen for differences. Seek them out. Don't surround yourself only with those who see the world as you do. It is the multiplicity of points of view that makes truth a collaborative project." ... Grant Cornwell

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS



Mailbox

Studying Sustainability

I'd like to thank Steven Schott and Kalyn Kappelman for their contributions to the "Studying Sustainability" coverage in the summer 2007 issue. As an elected official in a small New England mill town, I sometimes find myself at odds with our local river advocacy group. This is particularly distressing, as I consider myself fairly conscientious when it comes to environmental issues. (My junior I.S. was titled "The Role of Christianity in the Environmental Crisis!"). Steven and Kalyn did a wonderful job articulating the complexities of class and economic viability as affected by environmental policies. Each has provided helpful language to better articulate my resistance to proposals in which all perspectives have not been considered.

SALLY BUBIER '78
MAYNARD, MASS.

The last issue was terrific, but that is not surprising, as each one seems better than the last! Of major interest to me, since returning to Wooster, were the topics chosen in the I.S. program, namely, Steven Schott's on eco-roofs and solar panels (because of my own continuing interest in a "green environment"). Also, Emily Irvine's on the re-emergence of small-scale farming. I have long regretted the loss to the large corporate takeover throughout the country. Any of us who have experienced life on a family farm have seen this change take place. Recently, on trips through the Wooster area, I was gratified to find that much of the surrounding countryside is still farmland and astounded at the changes at the Agricultural Center (OARDC) in the 65 years since I left campus! I hope Wayne County retains this character for many

years. Lastly, your editorial on gardening and community struck home, as I left in Cleveland Heights a friendship garden that I had tended for years. One supplied by numerous friends, family members, neighbors, new- and old-passers-by, and migratory birds! Now I can only hope that a few plants will survive through the years without me.

MARY HUGHES '41
WOOSTER, OHIO

Mothers, daughters, and I.S.

A few mornings ago, I awoke still troubled by a terrible, albeit, familiar, dream: It's the day before spring break in my senior year, and I haven't yet started my I.S. I haven't even picked a topic. I'm totally panicked.

I got out of bed and went right to the closet where the old tormentor is kept. I sat down. I shuffled through the pages. I called in my six-year-old and showed it to her. We read some of it together. It was the warmest connection we'd had in days.

My I.S. topic? The interpersonal relationship between mothers and daughters.

The cost of suffering through I.S.? Nineteen (and counting) years of I.S.-induced post-traumatic-stress disorder. The cost of sitting down and sharing the paper with my daughter? Priceless.

Thank you, Wooster. (And thanks, too, to Dr. Amos Kiewe, wherever you are.)

MAURA SALINS GREENMAN '88
POTOMAC FALLS, VA.

Preeminent Performance

As a Wooster theatre alumna, I was pleased to read the feature, "Preeminent Performance," in the Summer 2007 issue of *Wooster*. I consider my theatre degree from Woo one of the best assets

in my professional arsenal. Indeed, it was at Wooster that my slim talent for performance took shape, in bit parts in *Three Sisters*, directed by Alexander Brietzke, *The Tempest*, directed by the beloved Raymond McCall, larger roles in *The Children's Hour* directed by fellow theatre major Greg Licht '98, *The Vagina Monologues* with the Women's Theatre Collective, an evening of women's theatre with the same group, and finally my own Independent Study, a one-woman performance of poet Anne Sexton's *Transformations*, mentored by Professor Shirley Huston-Findley. Our favorite and eccentric professor, Dale Shields, taught us acting and directing. He had two mantras: "Make it Real," and "Throw the piano out the window!" By requiring us to memorize Hamlet's speech to the players, "Speak the speech, I pray you..." he taught us the essentials of performance.

It was Dale who taught me how to act, and Shirley who taught me that theatre is a team sport.

CHERYL R. FARNEY '00
CHICAGO, ILL.



Brooklyn Bowling, daughter of John and Susan Albers Bowling, '97s, prepares to attend a Wooster event.

What a surprise! When I took the summer issue of *Wooster* from my mailbox, it fell open to its center pages, and there was my 20-year-old face right in the middle of the 1945 modern dance group photo. Other faces are familiar, but I can't come up with names. Are any of you out there? I'm not sure the modern dance program did as much for the war effort as the '45 *Index* claims, but it did a lot for me, and Miss Lowrie was its inspirational leader. She was one of an outstanding group of strong women on the Wooster faculty in those troubled days.

WILMA CONOVER REED '46
BELLEVUE, WASH.

Firefighting memories (continued)

I read Carl Robson's recounting of the Wooster firefighting crew (*Wooster* summer '07) in the summer of 1962 with great delight. I can add two names to his list: my own and Jim Kew '63.

Jim Bode, Jim Kew, Tom Reinsma, and I took a "drive away" car from Chicago, dropped off Jim K. and Tom in Pocatello, delivered the car to Boise, got another to Seattle (saw the World's Fair), then worked our way back to Missoula, where most of us settled into the top floor of one of the University of Montana fraternity houses to await the first fire. But it had been a very wet spring.

We all looked for jobs, and I quickly learned that throwing bales of hay was not high on my list. I headed off to White Sulphur Springs with five or six others to load airplanes to spray the forests for spruce budworm with a mix of diesel fuel and DDT. We never did get paid, but we had free room and board and a close view of the WWII vintage aircraft and their

pilots—a colorful lot. We got back to Missoula hours before we got the call for the Upper Alder Ridge fire.

As I recall, we did not climb straight up the mountain as Carl wrote—we dug a fire line straight up the mountain! I remember how quickly our communication skills improved. Our vocabulary consisted entirely of four-letter words, varying only in inflection and pitch, yet we were able to convey as complex a thought as we could muster given the heat, work, and falling snags and rocks.

The fire paid well. But the likelihood of another was slim, and many of us headed out to other adventures. Jim Kew and I decided to hitchhike to the Grand Canyon, but after two days of little progress, he headed back to Missoula. Both he and Tom Reinsma bought Honda scooters and drove them the 1,500 miles home (think August, South Dakota, a bicycle seat, and a top speed of 50 m.p.h.). I heard the scooters were sold well before Jim and Tom returned to Wooster.

I still have my firefighting boots, my helmet, and a few other souvenirs from that summer. It paid for a stereo and a subscription to the RCA Victor Record Club. But most of all, it was a wonderful adventure.

I don't think my firefighting had anything to do with my son, Mark, moving to Missoula for grad school in geophysics more than 30 years later. But who knows....

BRIAN O'RIORDAN '65
BRECKSVILLE, OHIO

The Forever Onward Class

When I began my term as president of the Class of 1947, some wit commented, "Congratulations! You've just become

president of the Downhill, Check-out Class." "Forget it," I said, "you just don't know the Class of '47! We're the Forever Onward Class."

Thanks to Stan and Flo Kurtz Gault, '48s, for helping make this come true. At our opening event, we were honored to have two Stans present—President Stan Hales and Stan Gault. Sally Patton introduced Stan Gault, who had begun college as a member of our class in 1943. World War II had other things in mind for him and most of the men in our class, and he ended up a member of another class. Stan assured us that he hadn't forgotten us, however, and that he and Flo, in honor of our 60th reunion, were giving \$60,000 to begin a Class of 1947 Scholarship Fund. Our reunion was off to an auspicious start.

Thanks also to the alumni staff. Sandy Nichols, Sharon Rice, and their assistants and student helpers were a joy to work with throughout the event. The debate on cloning is moot. How else to explain Sandy's presence at almost all of our class gatherings? And how ever did Chef Ken pull off the Friday night class dinners so unflappably following an electrical outage an hour or two before serving?

It was a reunion to remember, and we missed those who couldn't make it. To Don Swegan, the new class president: Forever Onward!

VIVIAN DOUGLAS SMITH, OUTGOING
PRESIDENT, CLASS OF 1947
FALLS CHURCH, VA.

CORRECTION: In the last issue, Shirley Seidel Allan should have been identified as the Class of 1957 rather than the Class of 1958.



Oak Grove

HAPPENINGS AROUND CAMPUS

Oak Grove

Beating the beetle

On campus

There is little question that the emerald ash borer will soon be an unwelcome guest on campus. The little, metallic-green beetle that is spreading through the United States, leaving millions of dead ash trees in its wake, has been identified in 31 counties in Ohio, including one just north of Wooster.

Mark Niemczyk, campus horticulturist, is pessimistic about the future of the ash tree in the United States. "In the long term, the insects win. It is impossible to apply widespread protection, but you can protect ash trees on a specific property."

If you narrow your turf and commit to an annual treatment, you can beat the beetle, says Niemczyk. And that's just what he and his colleagues will do for a selected number of trees from the campus collection of about 230 ashes. Most prized are the huge ashes in the Oak Grove. "Losing them would make a significant change to the tree canopy. Graduation wouldn't look the same," says Niemczyk.

The good news is that a systemic chemical that is injected into the ground will effectively protect a tree. The bad news is that the treatment costs \$40 per tree, each year. And for how long? "Forever," says Niemczyk. "You have to commit to the treatment ad infinitum. And we're ready to do that."

In the laboratory

Darla French '02, a Ph.D. student in Purdue University's Interdisciplinary Life Sciences program, is researching an important question: Why is the Asian species of ash tree resistant to the emerald ash borer? The voracious beetle that arrived in the United States from its native Asia about five years ago has wiped out more than 20 million American trees, which, had they been growing in Asia, would probably still be living. "In Asia, the beetles are secondary opportunists—they eat only trees that are already dying out," says French. "But in North America, they eat both healthy and diseased trees."

In order to compare Asian and North American ash trees, French grinds up tree tissue and dumps it into a gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer. "Maybe Asian trees have a compound that kills borer development, or maybe North American trees have something that's especially tasty to borers that Asian trees don't," she says.

French, who earned a B.S. in biology from Wooster and an M.S. from Purdue, is one of only a few scientists tackling the ash borer challenge in this way.



Without treatment, the Oak Grove's huge ash trees could be destroyed by the emerald ash borer. Photo by Emma Powell

Breakfast in the Oak Grove

Harry, a young red-tailed hawk, spends his days in the Oak Grove for one very good reason. "City squirrels are stupid," says Mark Niemczyk, campus horticulturist. "Our campus is a smorgasbord." Harry appears undisturbed by his human admirers, who crowd as close as they dare. But admiration turns to dismay when they see that Harry's breakfast is a black squirrel. It's not uncommon for hawks to visit campus, says Niemczyk, although Harry has been unusually visible this summer and fall.



Mark Niemczyk, who dubbed this campus resident "Harry," (carefully) photographed him in early September.

Discussing the environment with Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

"Every locale has stories to tell the world... . Though much of this book is taken from where we live, it not about a particular river. It is about a people defending the place in which they live. It is about how they did it and your right to do the same. We welcome you to join the battle."

...from *The Riverkeepers* by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and John Cronin

Students, faculty, and staff crowded into McGaw Chapel in late September to hear an address by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., part of the Wooster Forum series "Green Footprints on the Blue Planet." This year's text for all first-year students was *The Riverkeepers: Two Activists Fight to Reclaim Our Environment as a Basic Human Right* by John Cronin and Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Sniffing out explosives

Paul Edmiston, associate professor of chemistry, has developed a sensor that can detect miniscule traces of TNT and other explosives. Because of the sensor's perfect reliability, it could have a major impact on bomb detection and the prevention of terrorist attacks.

Through an \$800,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, Edmiston has expanded the project to collaborate with experts from the Georgia Institute of Technology to harness the technology and develop a unit that could be used in public areas such as airports, subways, sports arenas, and convention centers.

The appeal of Edmiston's sensor is its reliability and its sensitivity. Current screening devices in airports, for instance, are not nearly as precise as the unit Edmiston has developed. "We have a very sensitive platform that uses a light source to produce wave guides," he says. "It is sophisticated but surprisingly inexpensive to construct."

Now that the technology is in place, Edmiston envisions future applications, including the precarious detection of landmines. "We are building 'noses' for other types of explosives," he says.

When complete, the sensor will likely resemble a household smoke detector.

Nocturne Update

The College of Wooster's production of *Nocturne*, which was one of four shows chosen from a field of 400 entries to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., last April, received additional honors and awards at the Center's 39th annual festival. Shirley Huston-Findley, associate professor of theatre, was honored as Outstanding Director, Patrick Midgley '07 was named Outstanding Actor, and Chuck Findley received the Outstanding Sound Designer Award.

Ansley Valentine, associate professor of theatre at Wooster, was named co-vice chair of the theatre festival's Region III, which includes Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

"Green" printing

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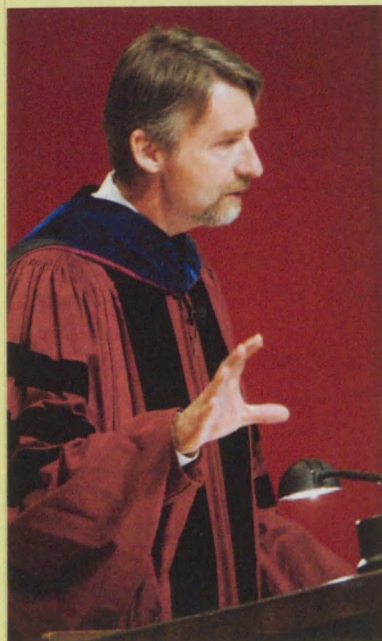


Alternatively stately and rambunctious, first-year students jostled their way into McGaw Chapel to listen to welcoming speeches from the College's administrators. A week later, faculty, friends, staff, and black-robed seniors filed in to listen to the new president deliver the College's 133rd convocation speech.

Liberal education and social responsibility in this global era

AN EXCERPT FROM THE AUG. 18, 2007 CONVOCATION
ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT GRANT CORNWELL

In every culture, every age, being a student is a noble social position. But it comes with expectations. What are the responsibilities of being a student? I will mention three.



First, as students you have the responsibility to seek knowledge and cultivate understanding. These are not passive endeavors. A liberal education is not something we or anyone else can give you. It is not something you get just by showing up. Seeking knowledge and cultivating understanding are hard tasks and call for all of the focus, determination, and seriousness of purpose you can muster...

Part of the meaning of "liberal" in liberal education has to do with liberating oneself from the confines of one's personal

experience. There is no better way to do this than by learning to listen, speak, and collaborate with those who come to the project with different backgrounds, different identities, and different existential commitments...

This is why diversity is constitutive of excellence for a liberal arts college. And this is why we have an obligation as an institution concerned with excellence to strive to become a much more diverse and inclusive community of learners. The mandate is implicit in our mission...

The second responsibility you have as a student is to make meaning of your liberal learning. Meaning is the narrative that gives purpose to knowledge and understanding...

Without a sense of purpose, you can move through the curriculum, checking off requirements and mistakenly think that you are fulfilling the mission of this college...

The third responsibility of being a student is to put your learning to work in the world. This is how you justify the resources invested in your education. This is how you pay off on the privilege of these four years. You need not wait until you graduate...

I am encouraging you to become intellectual activists. I am encouraging you, by your own will, to reach beyond this campus community and engage in global, collaborative knowledge formation as a kind of activism to address the world's most pressing issues.

For the full text, go to:

<http://www.wooster.edu/president/convocation/2007.php>

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Alumni News

WOOSTER ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

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Scots in Service goes international

On Sept. 29, alumni living in London participated in the seventh annual Scots in Service day. They joined more than 800 alumni in 25 U.S. cities who spent a fall day working for others and reconnecting with each other. Homeless shelters, parks, food banks, and retirement communities were all venues, as alumni applied their collective elbow grease to preparing meals, painting bleachers, picking up litter, clearing brush, and planting trees.

In London, Will Cook '94 coordinated a crew that helped to transform an inaccessible woodland area in

Belsize Wood into a usable part of the nature preserve.

Scots also showed up for work in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Dayton, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Minneapolis/St. Paul, New Jersey, New York City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Raleigh-Durham, Rochester, Saint Louis, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and Wooster.

Will Cook '94, London, coordinated his city's Scots in Service.



Erin Toohey takes new post-grad internship

Erin Toohey '07, Massillon, Ohio, has taken a two-year internship with the College as a development and alumni relations assistant. The new position is beneficial both to new graduates and also to the Alumni and Wooster Fund Office, says director Sandy Eyre Nichols '94. "Young

alumni who take jobs with us want to move on, up the professional ladder," she says. "This new, two-year internship is a stepping stone to success."

Toohey, who worked for four years as a student assistant with the Alumni Office, helps to plan regional and campus events, works with special alumni constituency groups, and assists in fund-raising communications. A graduate in archaeology, with an anthropology minor, Toohey says she hopes to go to graduate school and perhaps eventually work for a nonprofit museum or historical society. "My job working with Wooster's alumni is teaching me how to stay in touch with people who are essential to the success of an organization," she says.

Black Alumni Reunion

Jennifer Smith '83, president of the Black Alumni Council, has seen changes since she was a student here in the early '80s. "I remember going to the Student Activities Board and explaining why we needed financial support to recognize Martin Luther King's birthday. If we had wanted to put on an ice cream social,

we wouldn't have needed to explain. Today, a celebration and recognition of King's birthday is an integral part of the school."

Smith and other Black alumni reconnected during Homecoming for the first Black reunion since 1992. A panel discussion with President Grant Cornwell provided an opportunity to reflect on changes, challenges, and opportunities. Another weekend highlight was a tour of the Harmon and Harriet Kelley Collection of African American Art Works on Paper in the Sussel and Burton D. Morgan Galleries at the Ebert Art Center. For pictures from the event, go to <http://alumni.wooster.edu/bac/>.

Alum creates winning ad

When CNN and YouTube asked Democratic presidential candidates to create a 30-second video to be aired during the first, mid-summer debate, the Clinton campaign took the request to its supporters and asked them to create and submit their own videos. Just a day before the deadline, Zachary Goode '99 spotted the challenge and spent a few hours and about \$20 to prepare his award-winning ad. The ad (online at <http://www.hillaryclinton.com/bythenumbers>)—selected by the Clinton campaign—features story boards printed with persuasive statistics, Edvard Grieg's driving music from "In the Hall of the Mountain King," and a simple closing message.

Goode, who is post-production supervisor for the University of Southern California's Shoah Foundation Institute, majored in sociology and wrote his Wooster Independent Study on changing portrayals of Vietnam veterans in major motion pictures. He earned an M.F.A. from Chapman University; his thesis film, *Look Away*, was screened at numerous film festivals around the world.

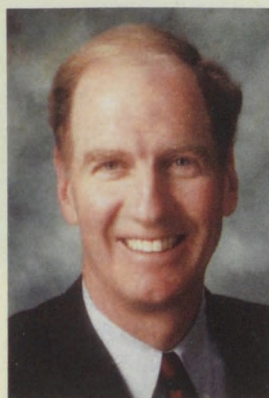


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Presidents in the trenches *We contacted five alumni who serve as presidents of colleges or universities and asked them for greetings and advice for the College's new president, Grant Cornwell.*



TOM WILLIAMSON JR. '68,
*President, Westminster College,
New Wilmington, Pa.*

One of the nicest things about being a college president is that sometimes your travel puts you in touch with people from your past. Several years ago, at a national meeting of presidents, I was pleasantly surprised to see G. T. "Buck" Smith '56, who had recently become president of Bethany College. As we stood talking with other presidents, I recalled our first meeting in 1965, when I was a freshman and he was an administrator at Wooster.

As we chatted on the brick walk near Kauke, I asked him what he did for the College. He explained that he was the director of development. I nodded knowingly. But as I walked away, I can remember thinking, "I wonder what a director of development does?" Now I know.

Good wishes, Grant!



ALLEN K. EASLEY '70,
*President and Dean, William
Mitchell College of Law,
Saint Paul, Minn.*

One of the most helpful things I have learned as the leader of a college is that true momentum comes not from everyone working harder, but from everyone working smarter, and from

everyone working together as a tightly knit team. An institution of higher education thrives because of the contributions of many individuals. The president's most important responsibilities are first, to help create an environment where individuals are encouraged to achieve their maximum creative potential, and second, to help find the synergies in those individual contributions that can result in maximum benefit for the institution. Every institution should at least be the sum of its parts, but an institution built on the synergy that comes from creative individuals working together will be greater than the sum of its parts. When that happens, the institution gains traction and momentum. And wonderful things start to happen.



G. T. "BUCK" SMITH '56,
*President, Bethany College,
Bethany, W.Va.*

Once, over a late evening "chippy cheese" at Wooster's Green Leaf Restaurant in the mid-'60s, Wooster President Howard Lowry reminded me, "An institution rises or falls by its appointments." Little did I realize what a helpful lesson this would turn out to be.

Later, at Chapman College and now at Bethany, taking utmost care in every appointment, whether with the board of trustees, faculty, staff, or by personally interviewing every prospective student who visits the campus, has made all the difference.



CHARLES RUCH '59,
*President, South Dakota School
of Mines and Technology,
Rapid City, S.Dak.*

Dear President Cornwell:

Congratulations on your election as the 11th president of The College of Wooster. As an alumnus, I am so pleased that you will be leading my alma mater into the next decade. As a

president of two universities for the past 14 years, welcome to the academic presidency. As Harvard president Charles W. Eliot wrote in the late 19th century, it is a "profession that has no equal in the world."

As you have moved into your new role, you've probably noticed that your life has changed. I know mine did. A thought about three most noticeable changes.

First, your daily life is now not your own. Gone are the afternoon retreats into intellectual reflection and scholarly work. Daily interactions with students, either in or beyond the classroom are a thing of the past. Instead, yours is a life of endless meetings, rarely two on the same topic, and many scheduled by others. Each new day brings a plethora of topics, issues, and conflicts, articulated by an ever-growing number of petitioners. Relax and enjoy. From this chaos emerges energy, direction, and institutional enhancement.

Second, sometimes it feels like the whole world is sending you a message. Make liberal use of three communication defenses—delete, shred, and toss. An occasional unannounced walk around campus provides for great communication. Visit with a staff member from maintenance, the power plant, or the bookstore. Such opportunities provide a rich understanding of campus life and climate. And as an added bonus, getting out of the office is good for the cardiovascular system.

Finally, you notice that your culinary style is different. My record on the "rubber chicken circuit" is seven consecutive dinners with

chicken as the entrée. Learn to enjoy chicken and savor the occasional evening at home with presidential "soul food." Mine is a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and chicken noodle soup.

As I reflect on my years in the presidency, these are small adjustments. On those days when I can encourage a student to continue with serious study, assist a young faculty member getting started on a truly imaginative project, encourage a staff member to try new ways to serve the institution or, yes, convince a patron to make a considerable tangible investment toward the future of my institution, I truly understand why our work "has no equal in the world."

Best wishes on your presidential journey. Wooster is in good hands.




MIM PRIDE '70,
*President, Blackburn College,
Carlinville, Ill.*

As I travel across the country, a discovery that has been the most helpful (and unexpected) to me is the understanding that most human beings rise or sink to the level of my expectations. I don't think that I am either naïve or careless. I find that when I treat people with respect and expect the same,

almost all of the time the response is positive. Unfortunately, the reverse is also true.

My travels take me across the country, at all hours of the day and night, and in all kinds of weather. I have been lost and alone in some pretty frightening places. I have found that a sense of humor may be a president's most valuable characteristic.

Teacher, 11th College of Wooster president,
husband, sailor, philosopher, basketball player,
father, professor, cook, scholar 

Grant H. Cornwell

By KAROL CROSBIE

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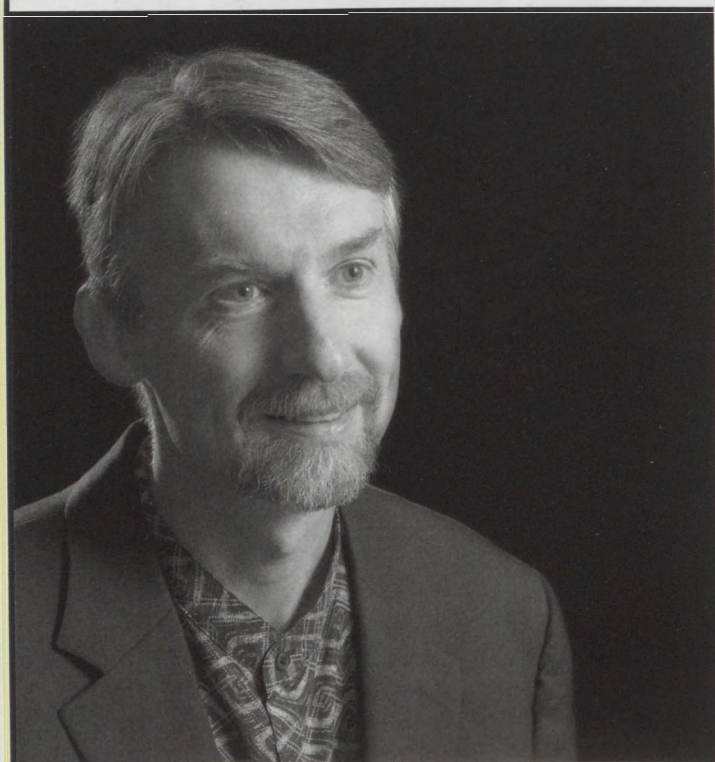
“Listen for differences. Seek them out. Don’t surround yourself only with those who see the world as you do. It is the multiplicity of points of view that makes truth a collaborative project.”

Thus Grant Cornwell addressed the students of The College of Wooster, at his first convocation.





he ability to listen for differences is one of the leadership qualities Grant Cornwell brings to his new position, and a central defining value of his life. At an early age, he discovered that the points of view that he learned during his summer jobs in northern Minnesota were different from those of his neighbors in New Canaan, Connecticut.



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Watching his father, Grant observed how careful listening can result in understanding what a customer needs. He tells the story of his grandfather, George Cornwell, a piano salesman in upstate New York, who hired a young assistant to help him with his business. The assistant, Thomas J. Watson, soon left the piano business to start his own company, International Business Machines, and asked his former boss to join him. “Nah,” said Grandfather Cornwell. “It will never amount to anything.”

But Thomas Watson didn’t forget the Cornwell family, and when his company, IBM, began to blossom, he hired his former boss’s son, Grant Cornwell, Sr., who became the company’s top salesperson for many years. For Grant, Sr., IBM stood for excellence, integrity, respect for others, and the importance of service. Grant was reared on his father’s aphorisms: “Plan your work and work your plan.” “Ninety-nine percent of a job is getting started.” “Persistence overcomes resistance.”

From his mother, Grant gained an early and ongoing love of science. A graduate of Skidmore College, she was working as a research chemist with plans to go to medical school when she met Grant’s father and chose to forego a career in medicine in favor of raising a family. Influenced both by his mother’s encouragement to consider becoming a doctor and his own love of nature, Grant decided to major in biology at his father’s alma mater, St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York.

On the first day of orientation, Grant and the other first-year students took part in the college’s time-honored ceremony. They lit candles, sang the alma mater, and held hands to form a circle around the quadrangle. The person holding his left hand was Peg Kelsey. But more about that later.

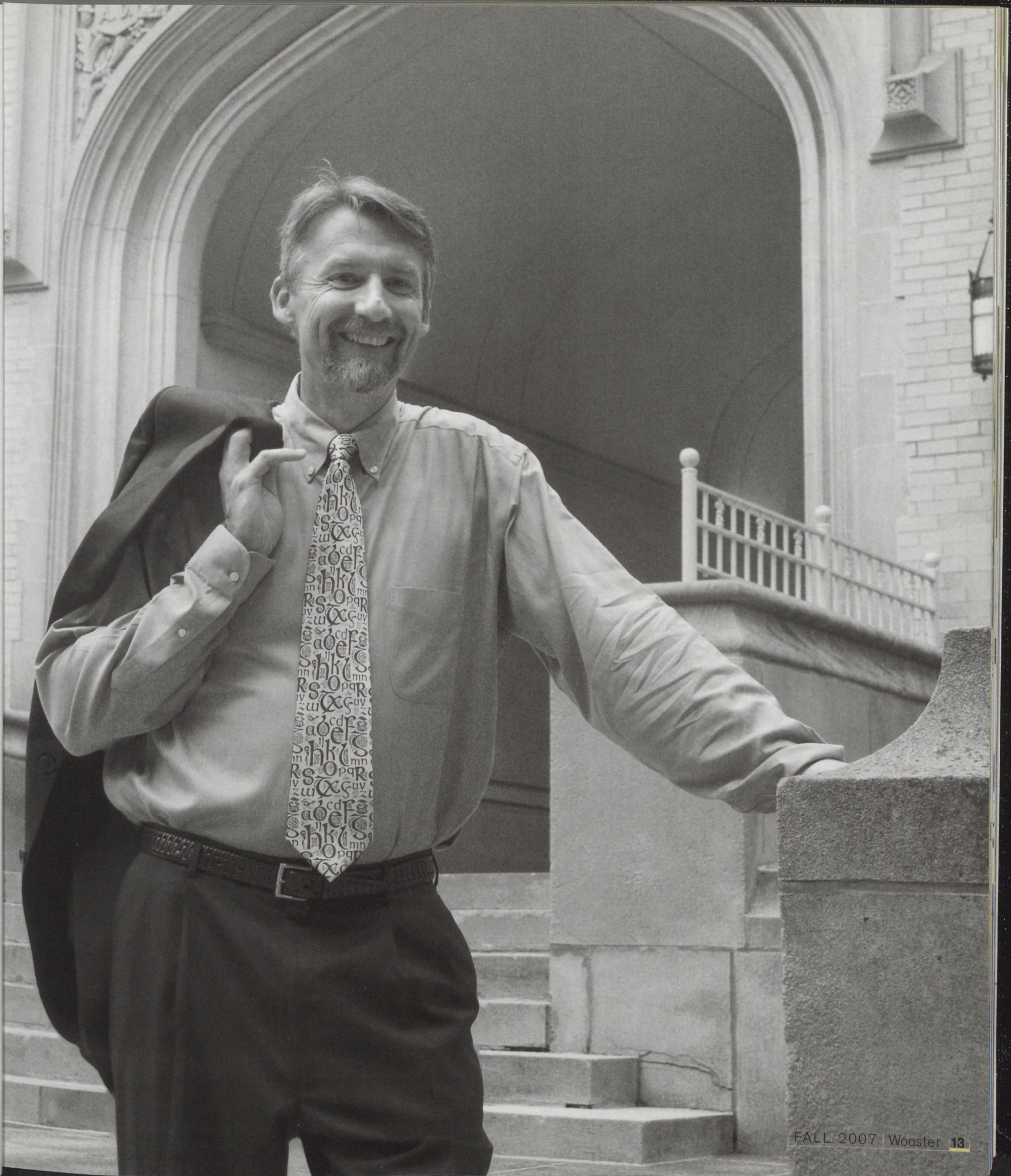
Grant quickly completed most of the requirements for his biology major but found that science wasn’t answering questions that were deeply important to him: How do humans find meaning? What is our purpose? How do we know what we know? Why do we do the things that we do? Grant plunged into all that a liberal arts education offers—studying Shakespeare, Buddhism, government, and religion. But his favorite subject was philosophy, and soon he had a second major.

In the summers, he worked on a black bear project in northern Minnesota, studying the habitat he had so loved as a youth. And to test his second interest, he worked as an orderly at a hospital.

Graduation day came and went, and Grant’s future seemed foggy. Should he go on to study philosophy? Medicine? Biology? To sort things out, Grant went to Germany, where he studied German and the writings of the existential philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, and made elaborate plans to propose to Peg. A New Year’s rendezvous in Paris was the perfect setting for romantic persuasion: “I’m ready for this commitment,” he told her. “That’s great, Grant,” Peg replied. “I’m not.”


But things soon got sorted out. Peg eventually said “yes.” Grant found the perfect graduate program for his interests at the University of Chicago. The young couple lived in Evanston, near Peg’s job as a commercial lending officer for Chemical Bank.

The study that followed and the ideas it generated formed the basis for Grant’s own personal philosophy. For his dissertation, he looked at definitions of



“Our house is full of tall boys. And I love it.”

Peg Cornwell

 *Profile*

The Cornwell Family

Grant, 6 feet 5 inches, 17-year-old Kelsey at 6 feet 5 inches, and 14-year-old Tosh, at 6-feet-and-still-growing, relate in many ways, but basketball can not be overstated. Kelsey, who is searching for a college where he can study archaeology and play Division III basketball, is confident that he is now a stronger player than his dad. “I’ve surpassed him,” Kelsey crows. “He’s on the down hill.” His dad agrees.

That, however, does not stop dad from coaching. “He loves being our coach,” says Kelsey, “whether we want him to or not. He’s been our coach since we were little, and he just loves it so much.” But if hoops advice from the sidelines is always forthcoming, his dad “knows when to back off,” on the college search front, says Kelsey. “He tells me to focus my choices, but he makes it clear that it’s my choice.”

Being able to navigate their lives and being equipped to embrace opportunities by keeping their options open—those are essential skills that Peg says she hopes she and Grant have taught their boys. Peg, who has directed a leadership academy for students at St. Lawrence University for the past six years, practices her ideas of leadership both at work and at home. “For me, leadership is not hierarchical. It is about people who come together in a reciprocal relationship to achieve a common goal.”

Playing basketball, cooking Jamaican and northern Italian food together, hiking, mountain climbing, and hanging out at home with Pumpkin and Jack, the two orange cats—these are important ingredients of Cornwell esprit. But nothing, say its four members, is more important than sailing. Their dad, whom they dub “an old salt,” taught them to sail when they were young, and the boys say they’re proud that they can crew successfully. When the family goes sailing, cell phones stay home. “Sailing requires absolute focus all the time,” says Tosh. “And because everything else leaves your mind, it’s the most relaxing thing you can do.”

Favorite destinations are the Virgin and Grenadine Islands and the northeastern seaboard. “I love the way you can make the sails and the hull work with the wind to move through the water,” says Grant. “I think it’s beautiful, fascinating, and always challenging. I’ve taught my boys to be sailors because if you’re a sailor, you know how to respect nature. You know how to work with the elements in a strategic and tactical way. You know how to fix things. You know how to become generally competent. You know how to navigate.”

Teaching their boys the art and science of navigation in all areas of their lives is important, the Cornwells agree. But nothing is more important than teaching compassion. “The most important thing I want them to learn is to be kind and respectful,” says Peg. “That’s what I want for them.”

- ▶▶ Grant, Peg, and their late son, Tanner.
- ▶▶▶ Cornwell sailors
- ▶▼ Grant and sons Tosh and Kelsey





Grant was one of the main architects of an innovative program for first-year students that combined interdisciplinary courses, a living and learning component, and an integration of writing, research, and oral communication skills.

human goodness and to what extent they included duty to others. He read Aristotle and the early Greeks, who believed that wisdom and goodness are the only routes to happiness. But the Greeks' code of ethics did not include a developed concept of human rights. "What do I owe you, or what do I claim from you?" were not part of their moral thinking. Grant turned to the philosopher Immanuel Kant, who believed that all humans have intrinsic dignity and deserve respect.

Kant's idea that a just and ethical life is one in which you respect the rights of others had great power, Grant believed. But he also thought that Kant's philosophy took humans only so far. "It's not enough. It misses matters of the heart." Today, his personal beliefs are shaped by an added dimension. "Along with a respect for human dignity, I place a high value on compassion, well described in Buddhist thought," he says. "It is so important to understand that each person you encounter every day is struggling with issues that are below the surface. It is important and valuable to lead with compassion for the circumstances of others."

Tanner, Grant and Peg's first son, left them with a deeper understanding of compassion. Their bright, happy three-year-old was diagnosed with leukemia in 1989, and for three years the family and its doctors battled the disease. "It was a time of great meaning and significance," says Grant. "Although there was terrible sadness, it was not a depressing thing to live with, because Tanner brought such joy to life. Caring for him and each other was very, very difficult for Peg and me, but also very meaningful."

Toward the end of his life, Tanner sat in his log cabin—one of his favorite Christmas presents, set up in his grandparents' living room—and brought smiles to the people he loved. "He was just such a cool kid, more soul than body," says Peg. "We had a great time together. He lived more in his six years than most people do in 60."

In addition to the values of compassion and a respect for human dignity, Grant names a third value—justice—that has great meaning for him. "I think a part of everybody's life's work should be an awareness of the unequal distribution of power and privilege. As world citizens, we should be working toward ways to address inequalities at community, local, national, and

global levels. Power and privilege should always be used to eliminate inequalities. That's what justice means to me."

As a faculty member in the philosophy department at St. Lawrence University, a position he landed in 1986, Grant's scholarship and teaching focused on ethics and social justice. He became particularly interested in comparing and analyzing racial dynamics in different multicultural societies, which he studied in Kenya, India, and throughout the Caribbean. In 2001, he took a sabbatical on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts to study how Kittitians understand their history of sugar and slavery, and how they represent it in the collective story of their nation.

Their year at St. Kitts gave the entire Cornwell family the opportunity to experience cultural diversity. As the only two white American children in a West Indian school, sons Tosh and Kelsey experienced differences in race and culture, power and privilege.

At St. Lawrence, Grant served as the associate dean of the interdisciplinary first-year program, chaired the philosophy department, helped develop a new major in global studies, and was appointed vice president and dean of academic affairs. As both an educator and administrator, he advocates for and practices the belief that problems are best solved when a variety of disciplines are consulted and when many cultures are represented. He has found great inspiration in what occurs when people of different disciplines, races, or cultures come together. "You listen for differences and draw upon them to create something new. The skill of integrating multiple perspectives into a synthetic whole should be one that every liberal arts graduate goes away with. The world needs that," he says.

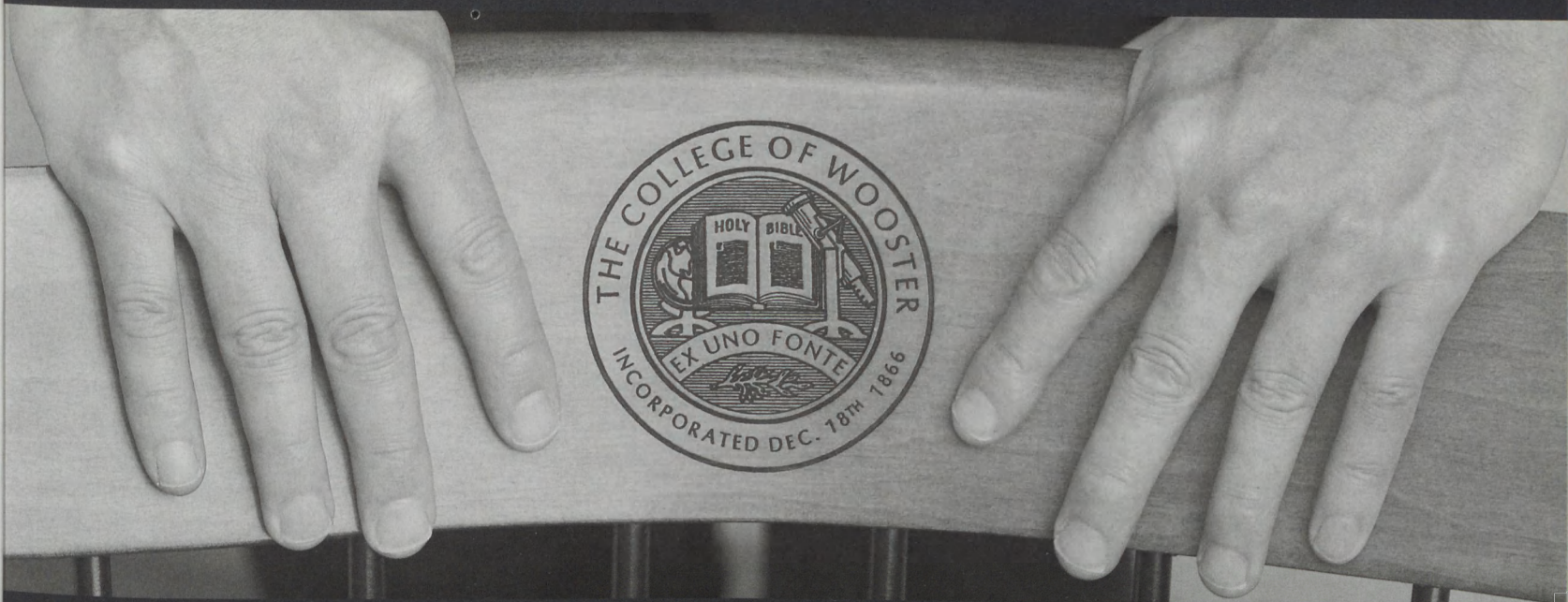
Grant's 20 years at St. Lawrence gave him the opportunity to do what he loves best: put philosophical ideas into practice. He was one of the architects of an innovative program for first-year students that combined interdisciplinary courses, a living and learning component, and an integration of writing, research, and oral communication skills. "Today, the model has become a best practice for many liberal arts colleges, but 20 years ago it was experimental," he says.

The work was fulfilling, and St. Lawrence, his alma mater, was close to his heart. And, although he thought he might some day like to lead a liberal arts college, he wasn't really finished being dean when the Wooster presidential search began.

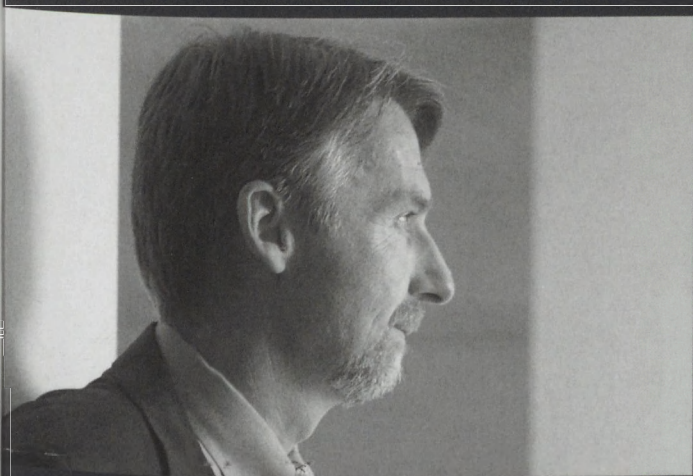
"Usually when a search consultant would say, 'Would you consider this presidency?' I'd say, 'No, I'm too busy.' But when Wooster came on the horizon, I said, 'Yes, let's talk about this.'"

"Like so many professors, I knew about the outstanding quality of Wooster's distinctive curriculum. I have always had great respect for the academic integrity of the College, its vision, and its sense of purpose. It's a place I believe in deeply."

As he watches his first school year at Wooster unfold, his high opinion of the College has been reaffirmed, says Grant. "It's a gift for me to be able to join a college of this quality and help lead it into the next era of prosperity."



Grant H. Cornwell



Save the date

*Alumni are invited to the inauguration
of Grant Cornwell, The College of Wooster's
11th president, Saturday, April 26, 2008.
Details will be forthcoming.*

Dear Friends,

As I write these words, the new academic year is just getting underway at Wooster. For those of us fortunate enough to work at a college, this is always a wonderful time, filled with high energy, hope, and the promise of new beginnings.

For me, it is doubly so this year. Though I arrived on campus earlier this summer, it is only now, as our students return and classes begin, that Wooster comes fully alive. Peg and I feel truly blessed to be joining this community of teachers, scholars, and learners, a community that has been engaged in liberal inquiry since 1866.

And because liberal learning is lifelong learning, it is most certainly a community that includes every one of you. I had the opportunity to talk with many alumni during the presidential search process, both to those who had a formal role and to many others I ran into when my candidacy became public. Of course, since my appointment, I have been in conversation or correspondence with many more. I could not be more impressed with the intelligence, values, and sense of commitment of Wooster's alumni. Clearly, this is a college that has been changing lives for a very long time, and I am proud to be part of it.

Like any college, we face some challenges in the years ahead. We must strengthen our position in the admissions marketplace, because until we do, all our other aspirations for Wooster will be difficult to achieve. And we must redouble our efforts to create a more diverse academic community, because it is through engagement with perspectives formed by a rich diversity of experience and heritage that liberal learning flourishes.

But thanks to the dedication, hard work, and generosity of countless men and women who throughout its history have held this college dear, Wooster has a solid foundation upon which we can build our future together. I encourage you to come back to campus whenever you can. I look forward to meeting many of you in the months and years to come. And I thank you for welcoming Peg and me into the Wooster family.



EQUIVAL
CALL



By KAROL CROSBIE

The research, teaching, and ministry of three Wooster alumnae reveal a deeper understanding of women's role in Christianity.

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THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK, SLAVE NOR FREE, MALE NOR FEMALE, FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.

GALATIANS 3:28

author, *Her Story: Women in Christian Tradition*

BARBARA MACHAFFIE '71



On the one hand, authors of the Bible lived in a culture that devalued women. But on the other hand, Jesus is never portrayed as treating women as though they were inferior to men.

On the one hand, medieval women were denounced as wicked and without value. On the other, they were elevated, idealized, and adored in the symbol of the Virgin Mary.

On the one hand, the Protestant reformation brought a new emphasis on women as obedient wives and devoted mothers, not as seducers and corrupters. But on the other, the reformation also meant that women lost the monastery as a sphere of female power and autonomy. They were not given opportunities to teach, preach, or govern in the reformed congregations. But, on yet another hand, women found ways to expand their domestic roles, achieving new power in the areas of social reform, mission work, and women's suffrage.

If Barbara MacHaffie were to chart a graph that reflected women's journey through Christian tradition, it would rise and fall with as many peaks and dips as an irregular heart beat. MacHaffie, who recently retired after 20 years as professor of religion at Marietta College, wrote *Her Story, Women in Christian Tradition* (Fortress Press) in 1986 and released a new edition in 2006. MacHaffie embraces ambiguity. In fact, she says if there is one thing she wants her students to understand about women's role in Christianity, it is that it is full of surprises and questions.

Ironically, the publisher that had initially commissioned *Her Story* failed the ambiguity-tolerance test in the early 1980s. Westminster John Knox Press wanted a "different kind of book," remembers MacHaffie. "They thought I was too gentle with the church and with Christian traditions. I tried to present a balance between women as victims and women as agents. They wanted more of an indictment of the church." Westminster rejected the book, but Fortress Press picked it up and has sold more than 30,000 copies, including a CD-ROM and a companion book of primary source readings.

MacHaffie, who earned a Bachelor's of Divinity and a Ph.D. in ecclesiastical history from the University of Edinburgh, fell into her area of expertise by way of academic duty. Her first teaching job was at



Photo by Matt Dilyard

Cleveland State University, where she was the religion department's only woman faculty member. "They needed a course about women in religion, and they said, 'Oh, here's Barbara. She's a woman. She can teach it.'"

College classes that ask more questions than they answer and challenge long-held beliefs can be rough. But today's students seem to have a harder time with Biblical ambiguity than her students of past decades, says MacHaffie. "I want students to realize that they have to get to know a faith community when they want to investigate views on the role and status of women. They're complex animals, these faith communities."

Her own understanding of the complexity of religion first came when she was a student at The College of Wooster, says MacHaffie, who was raised in a fundamentalist Presbyterian church that promoted a message about the role of women that was contrary to her own.

"Coming to Wooster and realizing that Christianity didn't need to be this way, that there were critical ways of looking at the Bible while still remaining within the Christian community was so wonderful for me. If I hadn't had the kind of social awareness that was represented on this campus, I could very easily have gone right out the door of the church, as a young adult."

professor of Old Testament and director of Ph.D. studies,
Princeton Theological Seminary



KATHARINE DOOB SAKENFELD '61



Perhaps with enough study and enough meticulous historical analysis, Christians can be unified in their interpretation of the Bible.

Well, probably not. No way, actually. We can never completely escape our own cultural perspectives. That's the message Katharine Doob Sakenfeld introduced in 1975, when she and a colleague created Princeton

Theological Seminary's first course that used

a feminist perspective to interpret scripture. Back then, almost no one in the Presbyterian church had heard a female minister preach, and there were no women in Sakenfeld's elective classes.

Women and men who want to understand more fully what it means to be in God's image will approach the Bible's diverse prose and poetry with "radical suspicion," says Sakenfeld, an ordained Presbyterian minister who has taught at Princeton Theological Seminary for 35 years. Looking closely at the culture in which the text was written reveals biases that are important not only for women, but for all minorities, she says. "And when you begin to incorporate ethnicity and economics, as well as gender, you can help students see how all of these pieces are interconnected."

Today, Sakenfeld's classes are equally divided between men and women, and her research has expanded to include differences in the way women from different nations and with different socioeconomic experiences interpret Bible stories. Her book, *Just Wives* (2003, Westminster John Knox Press), gathers examples of how white, Hispanic, African, and Asian women respond to the stories of Old Testament female protagonists.

Sakenfeld also studies the importance of language differences in translations of the Bible. English patterns, for example, that refer to questions of gender, may appear quite different in Thai, Korean, or Swahili, and none may match precisely the grammars of Hebrew or Greek languages used in the Bible. "It is impossible to neatly separate what equals culture and what equals Christianity," says Sakenfeld.

Thirty-five years after she began her pioneering work in this area, Sakenfeld continues to counsel young women who feel unsupported in their decision to pursue the ministry. But she says she is optimistic. "Women are taking a significant role in ordained leadership and are continuing to tackle issues of gender, race, and class."



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*first female bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran church*

ELIZABETH EATON '77



Photo by David Stuart



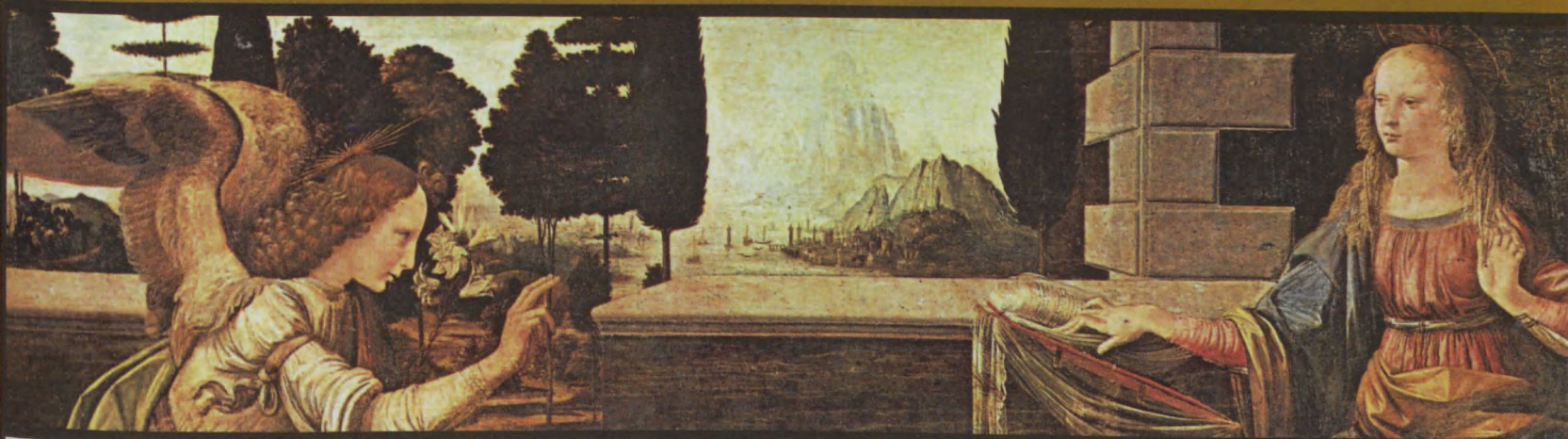
In preparation for her new job as bishop, it was time for Elizabeth Eaton to say goodbye to her congregation at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Ashtabula, Ohio, where she had served as pastor for 15 years. High on her list of folks she would miss were the Messiah Messengers (called the M&Ms), members of the children's choir. She told them that

they would be in good hands with their new interim pastor, the Rev. Rod. ... But here she was interrupted by a child who squawked, "What!? Our new pastor is a *boy*?"

Eaton remembers giving the same kind of internal squawk when she arrived at Wooster in 1973—the same thing, except very different. She had been brought up a Lutheran, a denomination that did not begin ordaining women until 1970, and had no experience with women ministers. The associate pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church on campus was Cindy Jarvis, a minister who would have a profound effect on Eaton not only because of her gender, but also because of her *modus operandi*.

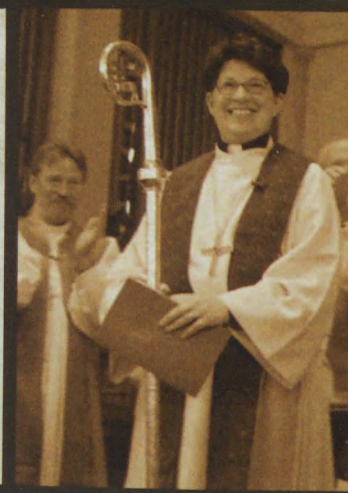
"I had this long list of existential questions for Cindy, and I remember being so impressed with the fact that she didn't answer any of my questions, but instead allowed me the space I needed to come to my own, deeper understandings. That was when I started to think that maybe I wasn't supposed to be a band director," said Eaton who earned a bachelor's from Wooster in music education.

Eaton is blunt about her discomfort with questions about breaking through the stained glass ceiling to become one of only seven female bishops in her denomination in the United States. "It's my least favorite question," she says. Like any underrepresented minority, she says she wants to be valued on merits apart from her gender. She was surprised, she says, at the attention her appointment received. She has always felt supported in her career by her family (she is married to an Episcopalian priest) and by the Lutheran denomination. Apparent Biblical contradictions regarding women in the ministry are not



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ELIZABETH EATON



problematic for her denomination, she says, because “Lutherans have never insisted on holding up a standard of Biblical inerrancy. The Bible’s text must be considered in its entirety.”

For example, there is more scriptural text to support slavery than passages that preach against it. “But when you look at all scripture and its message that all humanity is created in the image of God, it’s not possible to say that one person has the right to own another.”

Using male language to describe God does not bother her, says Eaton. “Humans are not capable of understanding who God is. Certainly, our language—particularly English—is too small.

“When people use the maleness of God as a bludgeon or use specific scripture to out-argue somebody else, it’s just a sign of human brokenness. We’re not going to understand this, and if we try to use scripture as a weapon against each other, we’ll fail. It’s unhelpful. I mean, who was the best at that in the New Testament? Satan! He could quote scripture, pretty accurately, too, as it turns out.”

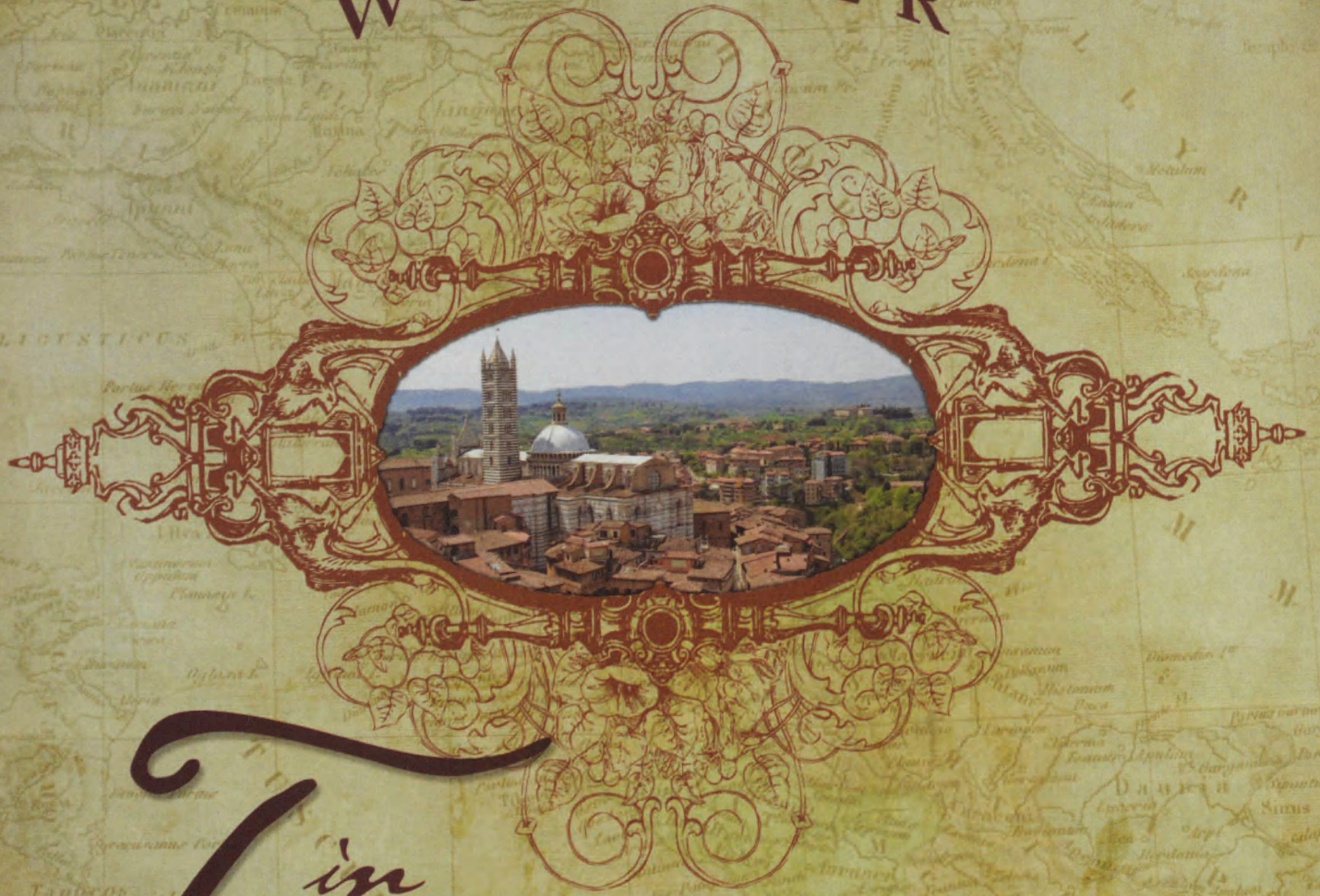
Her six-year appointment as bishop will not be without its challenges, she says. For example, in keeping with goals of ecu-

menical cooperation, she meets with bishops from local Catholic and Orthodox districts. “They seem like wonderful men, and they treat me with respect. But here’s the problem: The bishop is supposed to be a unifying symbol for the whole church. Their denominations don’t ordain women or recognize that women can be priests, so clearly a woman bishop is not a unifying symbol for them. They’re bound by their vows to uphold the teachings of their church, and I’m bound to uphold mine.”

She has the greatest respect, Eaton says, for people who remain in their congregations, despite theological conflicts and doctrinal disconnects. “The Church isn’t a democracy, and that’s a tough thing. I have tons of respect for folks who find themselves denied something that they’ve been called to do, but still keep working and praying in their denomination. I didn’t have to do that. I don’t know what that would be like. But there is a huge amount of integrity to people who say, ‘This denomination is my home, and whether I agree with everything it has to say or not, it’s still my home.’”

“That’s a hard thing to do.”

WOOSTER



in
Tuscany

*A unique living and learning experience
created just for Wooster students*

By KAROL CROSBIE



One of the goals of the trip was to submerge the students in the history of the country, and the experience began every morning, when they opened their eyes.



Imagine for a moment

that you are a citizen in Siena, Italy. The year is 1348 and life is good. The economy is flourishing, and the population, now at 55,000, is expected to continue growing. Construction has begun on a new cathedral that will outshine one in neighboring Florence.

And then darkness falls. In a matter of months, the Black Death kills half of Siena's residents. By the time the plague has spent its fury, the majority of your friends and neighbors have perished.



The walls of the doomed cathedral still remain, and it is here, during a research trip to the Tuscany region in 2005, that things clicked for Madonna Hettinger, professor of history. If Wooster students were to truly understand the plague as a physical experience, using their senses as well as their intellect, they must come to the walled city of Siena. They must come not as tourists, but as community participants.

Her proposal that the College develop a summer living and learning program was enthusiastically embraced by the administration. Enrollment in the College's on-campus summer courses has plummeted, and the College is actively developing opportunities to study abroad in the summer, said Shila Garg, dean of the faculty and chair of the International Education Committee. The summer courses are especially useful for science majors, whose classes often prevent them from studying off-campus during the school year. Hettinger's Wooster in Tuscany program now has two sets of alumni, from the summers of 2006 and 2007.

PHYSICAL LEARNING

Negotiating their environment by living independently was essential to the experience, but finding apartments for 20 students was no easy task. In Italy, success does not come through phone calls and e-mails, but through building relationships. At the end of 18 months, much of it spent with on-site friendship building, George

Vermander, class counselor and Hettinger's husband, had secured four apartments. One of the goals of the trip was to submerge the students in the history of the country, and the experience began every morning, when they opened their eyes. Two of the apartments were in former palazzos (palaces), complete with ceiling frescoes, marble floors, and 400-year-old furniture. The simpler apartments included the former home of a schoolmaster and a twelfth century house with an Etruscan well in the backyard.

And how was it that such treasures were entrusted to a bunch of young Ohio students? The basis for the trust was well-founded, say Hettinger and Vermander, but it did not come without scrupulous preparation. The students began learning about Sienese culture at regular meetings on campus throughout the spring semester before they departed. They learned, for example, that when you shop in Siena, it is not appropriate to enter a store and ask, "Where is the pepper?" First you must greet the proprietor. And then you must greet the other customers and inquire after their health. Only then may you ask, "*Dov'è il pepe?*"

At one of their orientation classes, a pile of suitcases of different shapes, sizes, and portability awaited the students. Vermander, who had carefully filled the bags with various assortments of books, asked the students to take their suitcases on a tour of Kauke Hall and across the brick paths of the Wooster campus. "All of the bags weighed less than 50 pounds,



◀◀ Most of the buildings of Siena were built in the 1700s. By law, new buildings must be built of stone. ◀ As they have since the Middle Ages, *contrada* (neighborhood) members show their civic pride by marching in their traditional colors ▶ For their final class project, members of the class of 2006 role-played a group of pilgrims.

Photos by George Vermander



The Black Death mystery

Scientists who have been “absolutely certain” for 100 years that the Black Death was the bubonic plague, originating in rats and transmitted by fleas, no longer agree about the cause of the disease, said Madonna Hettinger, professor of history. “Debate is very hot right now. Scientific and historical evidence is challenging past wisdom. One of the new suspects is anthrax. Today, teaching about this disease puts me in a position similar to that of the medieval people, who, not having a clue about what the illness was, believed that the wrath of God had descended on them.

“An awareness of our own vulnerability to the world’s next epidemic makes studying the Black Death a humbling experience. But at the same time, it is a topic that inspires, as we see physical evidence of humans’ resilience.”



the maximum airline baggage allowance,” said Vermander. “The class experienced how it feels to take various weights up and down stairs and over cobblestone roads. They learned that they don’t really need all the things they have in their closets.”

On the long plane ride to Rome, Hettinger recommended that her students begin to immerse themselves in the medieval mind-set by reading *The Name of the Rose*, by Umberto Eco, to prepare for class work. In addition to the history course “Plague in the Towns of Tuscany,” the program also included Hettinger’s interdisciplinary course, “Mystics, Popes, and Pilgrims,” a study of how the hierarchy of the western church was challenged by Christians who believed that salvation would come by sacrificing worldly goods and through extreme physical hardship.

The medieval laboratory that awaited them was never contained by four walls. Hettinger, who has a strict personal code about not disrupting the sanctity of a church, museum, or library, gave all of her lectures outdoors—on the streets, on the steps outside of cathedrals, and in the marketplace. She gathered the students outside of a building and summarized the general concepts and questions she wanted them to look for. “Instead of a group of 20 people, pointing and staring, we had small groups, who spoke quietly and questioned deeply. Our students walked lightly on those old stone streets,” she said.

No matter where they studied, class members were never far from the Black Death. “When you’re living in a city where it happened, confined by the same walls, and living in the same buildings, you feel it in your bones,” said Hettinger. “On a beautiful day, you think you’ve left the plague behind you, because the sun is shining and you’re out for a walk with your friends, behind one of the oldest hospitals in the western world. And then someone stops and says, ‘We’re standing on the burial pit.’”

Essential to any study of infectious disease, said Hettinger, is an understanding of the consequences of living in close quarters, and how lines between private and public lives dissolve when the public interest is at stake. The Wooster students, whose living quarters were no different from their Sieneese neighbors, learned about the Italian experience by living it.

“In Siena, you know your neighbors’ lives intimately,” said Hettinger. “You know what they are having for dinner, when they eat, when they sleep, who their company is, and what they’re watching on TV. And yet, there is a great respect for privacy. So it was a comical, but a very telling experience when one of our students didn’t pin her clothes on the line tightly enough, and she had to visit the family who owned the balcony below, in order to reclaim her pants.”

As the cocoon of their American life receded, the students submerged themselves in Italian life. Siena is built on three substantial hills, and its narrow streets are almost entirely pedestrian. The Wooster students developed new muscles for negotiating their new city. On their daily shopping trips, they

◀ The pattern of nine triangles in the brickwork of the Piazza del Campo represents the government of the Council of Nine that ruled the city during the height of its medieval glory — and during the first outbreak of the plague.

◀ ▽ Classes were often conducted on the streets of Siena.

▶ Lynette Mattson '08 captured the beauty of Siena's narrow streets in this photo.

Photos by George Vermander



learned that making a connection with the person selling the tomatoes and peppers was as important as what they did with the tomatoes and peppers. They also learned that they could do amazing things with produce that didn’t come from a box, and every evening the students cooked for each other.

“I’d stop by and see gorgeous salads and fruits on their tables,” said Hettinger. “They took great pride in the meals they prepared for one another. They were good to each other in so many ways. I’m terribly impressed by that ‘Wooster thing.’ Now I really understand why Wooster alumni meet other Wooster alumni all over the world. There’s something that connects them very deeply.”

Their fellow-apartment mates were also their partners for the final class project. Each housing group—the Giglio girls, the Castelvecchio crew, and the Sarrocchis—presented a class to their peers. There were few limits on creativity. A section of the 2006 class, for example, organized a role-playing pilgrimage for their classmates, to illustrate the hardships of the medieval pilgrims they had studied. As they visited appointed shrines, the student who was assigned the role of an unwed mother tenderly carried a stuffed animal through the streets of Siena, and the “blind” pilgrim wore a blindfold. “All I said,” remembers Hettinger, “was ‘Don’t let her fall! The trip is almost over—we don’t want to go to the emergency room!’”

On the night before their final day in Siena, the students from the 2007 class told Hettinger they were worried that the friends they had made wouldn’t know what to think, if they suddenly disappeared (as if some disease had wiped them out). And so they made the rounds, saying goodbye to the *pizzaiolo* who had invented special pizzas just for them, to the grocer who always threw in extra cherries, and to the lady who walked her dog and always said “*Buongiorno*,” to students who were taking their morning run.

“Far from being the ‘ugly Americans,’ in three weeks, our students became the special ones,” said Hettinger. “I did Tuscany” is not an expression any of our students would use. They learned that travel and learning are all about making human connections.”



The Geology Club heads out into the field, 1961.

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1934

Elizabeth "Libby" Lapham Wills

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Mary Lewis Ferry now lives near a son and his wife, in an assisted living apartment at One Wyngate Dr., Parkersburg, WV 26104. She enjoys summer stays at a Michigan cottage with family and friends. A broken hip, now repaired, meant moving to various facilities for the right care. Mary retains a "strong mental spirit," according to her family.

Mary Yunck Cort died on May 10. Her son, John, sent the sad news. Class condolences were sent to him, for all of Mary's children. Mary was always proud of their interesting jobs. She didn't finish at Wooster but transferred to Simmons College.

Friends here at Breckenridge Village from the Classes of '42 and '43 say that they saw no '34ers at Alumni Weekend in June.

Mildred Schuenemann Johnston wrote at length. Some physical ups and downs slow her a bit, but she still sews, drives, and sings in her church choir. She has given up some volunteer jobs, including her long involvement with the university's Life Long Learning program.

Beryl Young Denny says she still goes to Florida in the winter. She has eight grandchildren, 24 great-grands, and four great-great-grands! (Is that a record?) Beryl sympathizes with "how hard it is to get news"! Now readers, take up your pens and send your news!

Rebecca Schmidt (development) writes that the 1934 class scholarship for 2006-07

was awarded to James Edusei '07 from Accra, Ghana, and Janak Upadhyay '09 from Geneva, Switzerland. A total of \$27,890 was awarded. The principal of the fund is \$317,322, with a market value of \$560,184. It's great that our gift is helping this generation. May they love the College as much as we do!

1935

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A Wooster *Daily Record* article informs us that Ohio's governor, Ted Strickland, visited the free clinic in Wooster begun by and named for our own **Viola Startzman**. The governor was promoting plans for expanded health care coverage. He toured the clinic and spoke with Vi, as well as the clinic director and patients and their families. There's a video of this event, www.the-daily-record.com/news/article/2016612.

1936

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1937

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I (Mollie) am pleased to report to you that

six of us made it to the campus for our historic 70th reunion (see photo, p. 35). I was the sixth to arrive on Saturday, escorted by my daughter, Margaret '71. Even more remarkable, three of us made the traditional walk on Saturday morning, carrying the '37 banner, leading the Parade of Classes. No golf carts for us!

Norvin Hein came from the greatest distance. At the Hein family Christmas gathering last December, Norvin's son, Christopher '79, visiting from San Diego, asked his dad if he needed a chauffeur for an errand. Norvin responded that he needed someone to drive him to Wooster in June. Chris flew from San Diego to Bethany, Conn., drove Norvin to his sister's house in Navarre, Ohio, and escorted him to Alumni Weekend.

Esther Amstutz Edeburn knew that driving from Ashtabula was not a good idea, so she was overjoyed when her sister, who lives in Rittman and had not been on the campus since Esther's graduation, picked Esther up and drove her to Wooster, stayed for the weekend in Bornhuetter Hall, and drove her home.

All three of **Dorothy Johnson Knight's** children—Amy Knight Goffee '74, Coleman, and Judy—came with her, staying in Luce Hall. Dorothy is wheelchair bound, and her children did a great job of getting her to all of the events.

Mariam Siegfried McDonald's son, Marll '64, picked her up on Saturday morning in Poland, Ohio, and escorted her to the Alumni Meeting and the class luncheon.

Bob Andrews drove from Farmerstown on Saturday to meet us for the walk from Lowry Center, to Kauke, through the arch, then to Scheide. Over the years, Bob has not officially registered for the reunion but usually appeared to walk with the late **Roger Van Bolt** and me.

Bob and Roger were in the same section in Douglass Hall as freshman and remained friends until Roger's death, exchanging letters about every two months. After deciding to attend the Saturday reunion events this year, I wrote to Bob and asked him to join us for the parade. He and I then explored the beautifully renovated Kauke Hall.

If you do not have a computer, surely you know someone, a relative, friend, or neighbor, who can locate for you the reunion photos. On the College Web site, click on Alumni and Friends in the left column, then Alumni Events, Alumni Weekend 2008, Alumni Weekend 2007, and 2007 Photo Gallery. Photo number two shows Dorothy and son Coley in the lower right. Photo 27 has me in the middle, to my left is daughter Margaret, between us is Norvin. Behind him are Amy Knight Goffee and her brother, Coley Knight. On my left is Bob Andrews, and behind him, Chris Hein. Photo 51 is Dorothy Knight and her grandson, Nicholas Coleman Goffee '02.

At the business meeting, we elected officers for the next five years: Mim McDonald, president, and Esther Edeburn, vice president. I (Mollie) will continue as secretary. Norvin is treasurer. There are two new addresses to report. **Luella Sillaman Moffat** has moved to an assisted living facility at 207 Ottawa St., Rm. 111, Johnstown, PA 15904. A chat with her, at (814) 262-6027, will brighten your day.

Bob and Betty Wertz Schultz have moved to 785 E. Reagan Pkwy. #283, Medina, OH 44256, near one of their sons.

Three deaths have occurred since our last report: **Britta Johnson Rubens** died on May 12, **O. Wayne Welty**, our official class poet, on May 7, and **Fred Shibley Jr.** on April 4. All three loyal alumni will be missed.

1938

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1939

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Marguerite Lane Bowden writes of a family gathering to celebrate the marriage of Jacob Bowden, son of Joe '66, to Gen Coe. The actual marriage took place in Hawaii in Sept. 2006, and the family celebrated the couple's nuptials in Michigan this July. On July 28 the son of Margie's son, Rich, was to marry Amanda Blazik in Dayton, Ohio, where Margie lives. Margie has 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Marguerite enclosed the annual report of the Class of 1940 College Scholarship Fund. In 2006-07 our fund made its award to Patrick O'Donnell '08 from Cincinnati. It is remarkable that our gifts now total almost \$50,191, with a market value of \$71,269.

In recent issues, I have used this space to tell you about '40ers who've received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Besides **Ernest Campbell**, who received this honor along with his wife, Alfreda Gabriel Campbell '41, for outstanding service to humanity, there are two others whom I haven't brought to your attention. Marguerite Bowden and **Eric H. Boehm** received their awards in 1990 during our 50th anniversary weekend. That was a fun occasion, when many classmates made a special effort to return to Wooster. Seeing two classmates receive such honors made our time even more pleasant.

Marguerite received the DAA for outstanding service to Wooster, service that began almost as soon as she graduated and continues to this day. She still serves as class president, and we're all grateful.

Marguerite makes it a practice to get back to the College at least once a year, but since Eric lives in Santa Barbara, Calif., one cannot expect him to do that. As a result, some of you may not know Eric as well as you would like to. I'll include some biographical information from the Web and the material that he sent to the Alumni Office before our 50th reunion.

Eric received the DAA for outstanding accomplishments in his profession. He came to the U.S. from Germany in 1934, at the urging of relatives in Youngstown, Ohio. They were concerned about him and his family because of Hitler's rise to power. Eric graduated from Wooster with majors in history and chemistry. He earned a master's in international relations from Fletcher School of Law (1942) and a Ph. D from Yale U (1951).

While at Yale, Eric wrote a book, *We Survived: Fourteen Histories of the Hidden and Hunted in Nazi Germany* (Westview Press, rev. ed., 2003). This work was recently republished, with a new introduction. One reviewer states that it is a fascinating history of the era.

After he completed the master's, Eric enlisted and became an officer in the U.S. Air Force. He was the interpreting officer at the arrest of German Field Marshall Keitel. Eric

met his future wife, Inge Pauli, while in Berlin; they married in 1948. Of their four children, two sons are living. Inge died in 2001.

Wooster awarded Eric an honorary doctorate of literature in 1973 for his pioneering work in bibliography and information science, introducing computers to the humanities.

The questionnaire sent to alumni at the time of their reunions asks about favorite Wooster memories. Eric stated, "Having lived in the U.S. for only two years (before college), Wooster embodied my Americanization." He valued the mentoring he received from Aileen Dunham (history) and other professors, such as John Chittum (chemistry).

Eric and I had a pleasant talk by phone on July 2. He told me of a relatively new project, designed "to encourage persons, companies and organizations to review their past performances, as reflected in their lives and histories, in order to evolve maturing lessons for posterity." Eric is pursuing this effort enthusiastically.

He has a grandson at the U of Washington in Seattle. If Eric comes to visit his grandson, I may get to see him.

1941

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We have a new address for **Marian Roller Chilson**: 1069 Klotz Rd. #42, Bowling Green, OH 43402. She now resides in an assisted living facility apartment near her son, David. Many of us will have much in common to discuss with her, since this is the trend!

I (**Mary**) enjoy our new digs here at Sunrise of Wooster, finding not only former classmates and long-time Wooster residents, but also former Clevelanders—and many members of the Noletti family. Most '41ers were well-acquainted with Carlo and Niccolina and their 17 children, from visits to their farm or seeing them working around campus. I recently discovered that a resident here is Carlo's niece and my co-worker in the Flower Club. And the guitar-playing singer who entertained us on July 4 is Carlo's grandson. I attended the wedding of this fellow's mother, who just turned 85. I was sorry to hear that his Uncle Louie, whom I had dated, had passed on.

Alfie Gabriel Campbell stops by, often with a relative or two, including son Gabriel, his wife, Lynn, and Alfie's niece, Kim (the daughter of Kay and Sam Kipp '39). **Martha McDowell Dutton** and



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Marian Smith Jaffray joined us once.

I heard that **Joan Campbell Browne** had a terrific trip out west with family, visiting Mt. Rushmore and other national parks. A new treatment has much improved her macular deterioration.

Margie Swartz Dean wrote a glowing report of attending a gala where a doctor played an all-Gershwin concert on a "mighty" Wurlitzer organ in his living room, designed by his architect wife. Later, ice cream was available to about 100 guests. A repeat performance this year will provide a Cole Porter program. Margie's family planned to spend August at their cottage in Canada.

Mary Liz Johnsten Ellis wrote of trips to the 50th anniversary of the church in El Paso that the late Paul Ellis '40 served, then to Iowa for a granddaughter's graduation, and to California to a memorial service for the oldest brother of **Margie McNiece Ellis**. He died after a severe stroke. Just last year a family reunion celebrated his 90th birthday! We send our sympathy to Margie as she becomes the head of her family. Mary Liz, now very much at home in Cleveland, has passed her driver's test—good for four more years!

Sid and I thoroughly enjoyed the Ohio Light Opera's *The Sound of Music* at Freedlander Theatre. It was like being back on campus! The OLO was the summer mecca for many, among them **Bob and Dorrie Bennett Haring** and son John. They attended three shows. Alfie Campbell, Jim '42 and Sally Bean, Sid Burke, and I joined them for dinner one night, then progressed to Alfie's for assorted desserts and quite a few hours of animated talk, laughter, and scholarly dissertation on a variety of subjects (you can imagine!).

We heard that **Dean Mordhurst** is alive and kicking, sending letters to the editor of his local paper. Why not send some our way, Dean? **Len** and I will accept e-mail, snail mail, phone calls, whatever.

An entertaining letter arrived from **Bob Laubach**, describing his adventures in 2006. Some highlights were trips to Dubai, Jamaica, Spain, Greece, and even Ohio (for his 65th Wooster reunion and a visit with his daughter in Columbus). Bob's still active in ProLiteracy Worldwide. When he sat with Barbara Bush at a fund-raiser for the Bush Family Literacy Foundation, she heard his name and said, "Oh, I know you, Bob!" Bob's address is 226 Stratford St., Syracuse NY 13210.

Anne Carson Snyder and I (Len) survived some home renovation and are ready to enjoy the front porch and catch up on reading.

1942

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It's time for a report on our 65th reunion. We missed all of you who were not there with us. We started with the Scots Forever dinner on Friday night at the Wooster Inn. The following enjoyed a delicious meal: **Bob Geddes** and his daughter; **Tom Crow** and his wife; **Margie Hall Ridge**; **Jerry Stryker**; **Dorothy Robins Mowry**; **Kenner Hawkins** and his wife; **Jim Bean** and his wife; **Dorothy Foote Mishler**; and I (**Celia**). Mary Neagoy '83, president of the Alumni Association, was our speaker. We walked across the street to our "lounge for the weekend" in Bornhuetter Hall, on the corner of Wayne and Beall.

Saturday morning was beautiful. After the Alumni Association meeting, we lined up for the Parade of Classes. **Betty Shreve Bircher** and **Ginny Lee Bigelow** arrived to join us, some walking, some riding in golf carts. The route was lined with cheering and clapping alums. I was proud of the Class of '42.

Our luncheon was held at the Wooster Inn. There **Gene** and Mary Jane **Beem**, **Chuck Marcy** and his sister, and Barbie Sharp joined us. Our speaker was Richard Figge (German, emeritus). He entertained us with stories and events that took place 65 years ago—stories about us! We couldn't have had a better speaker. At the business meeting that followed, we elected Dorothy Mowry and Jerry Stryker as co-presidents. I will continue as class secretary. A letter written by **Scotty Halkett** concerning his interest in health care was read. Even though it was a small group, we enjoyed being together on campus again.

1943

We need a class secretary. Any volunteers?

1944

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Male call this issue went to **Bob Hamilton** in Springfield, Ohio. The last time I (**Russ**) phoned him via the "male call" route was in Oct. 2000. Usually I start off by asking the person I've selected how they're spending their time these days. Bob replied that he's taking care of his wife, who was a victim of a serious automobile accident. We all wish both of the Hamiltons our very best. Just about all of us have encountered serious problems of one sort or another. The "golden years" look a lot less

golden when you're viewing them from inside. About all we can do is keep on "hanging in there," since the gold is sometimes brass.

Bob had made regular trips to Arizona but hasn't done so for about three years. Good news comes from the grandchildren side, however. Bob says that his three are all doing well. One is working on a master's degree at Bowling Green State U.

Bob last got to Wooster a couple of years ago to visit a cousin. He has fond memories of campus life, especially playing in the Scot band.

I (**Russ**) had a chance to visit Wooster myself during Alumni Weekend. No other '44ers made it this year. However, the Class of 1942 adopted me for the weekend, and I attended their class reception. I spent most of my time that evening with Ken Hawkins '42 and his wife, Bessie. I was again billeted in Bornhuetter Hall.

Once again I had the pleasure of meeting Dave Thomas '07, the grandson of **Betsy Warner** and the late **Bob Thomas**. A most impressive young man, he was driving one of the carts that transported alumni. He reports that Betsy is doing well.

I saw the wall of memorial bricks outside of Kauke Hall and located mine, honoring Professor Eberhart. I also briefly and accidentally joined Brad Cors (development), as he led a walking tour of the campus.

John Bender again had to miss one of his favorite avocations—the senior games—due to a conflict with a grandson's wedding. He's improved his times on all four swim strokes. Look out, seniors! Here comes our John! John's tennis coach (his 13-year-old grandson) has improved John's game. This grandson is the number one seed in the area for his age group. John's wife, Lois, has been getting excellent medical help for her eyes. At last report, she had one more eye operation to go.

Class Notes

Class Notes are compiled from reports by class secretaries, news articles, press releases, and letters and e-mail to the Alumni Office or the editors. While we edit for content and space, we try to include a bit from each piece of alumni news that we receive.

We do not report upcoming events such as future trips, engagements, or pregnancies.

Note that the copy deadline (p. 61) is **two months** or so before the magazine is mailed. If you do not see a note that you sent, please contact the assistant editor, Jimmy Wilkinson Meyer, or your class secretary.

We aim to please!

The prognosis remains hopeful.

Sad news from **Bob Johnson**. He lost his youngest son to renal cancer in May. His other children were a source of pride, however. They were caring and helpful and kept Bob's work and worries down to the bare minimum. Bob is now back to his routine. He takes a two-mile walk on a nearby bike path a couple of times a week. That serves double duty, because he's able to do some birding at the same time.

Bill and Pat Workman Foxx enjoy the green grass of Chester County, Pa. Pat lost a beloved sister in May. At the memorial service, Bill was amazed and pleased at the eloquence of some of their children. He's apparently recovering well from the January implantation of radioactive seeds for a prostate malignancy. He and Pat are looking at retirement homes. There's a waiting list for their first choice, but they'll use the time downsizing their "enormous load of junk."

Ben Kline checked in with his usual wishes for "Joy! Peace! Hope!" He says he's continuing to hang in there but adds that it's sometimes by his fingernails. He is still showing up, though.

Don Coates reports a busy year. In January he cruised to Patagonia and Antarctica. In June he cruised the Danube River to the Black Sea by riverboat. In July a big reunion in Binghamton, N.Y., celebrated his 85th birthday.

As noted in our last column, **Jim Thompson** is the archivist at his church. The church's 2007 book, *150 Years at Plymouth Congregational Church*, won an award from the Congregational church's headquarters in Boston. Congratulations are due. Jim is now working on a book celebrating the church's longevity at the same location, to be called, *100 years at 19th and Nicollet*.

Jim says he is getting slower and slower but forces himself to walk regularly.

Keep well, all of you. Send us a note!

1945

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Please note my (Swanee's) e-mail address, printed incorrectly in the last issue. Send news!

I had a wonderful catch-up chat with **Edith Kunneke Julson**. Edith has been a widow for seven and a half years and was then moving from her St. Paul, Minn., home of 50 years to 6309 Burnham Cir. #321, Inver Grove Hgts., MN 55076.

Edith delivers for Meals on Wheels and volunteers at other places, as well as at church. She and three sisters-in-law have a great time traveling together, from Maine, to California, to the Caribbean. Edith says she hasn't been back to Wooster since our 50th reunion. Plan to attend our 65th, Edith!

Al Kean keeps up with long-time friend **George Bell**. George is usually amazingly upbeat, in spite of impaired sight due to macular degeneration. But in July he suffered a tragedy. George's second son, John (age 55), was killed, struck by a car while riding his bicycle. John was a thoracic surgeon in Lynchburg, Va. Al says that George mentioned that condolence letters told of John's deep caring and dedication. George's other three sons live nearby in Columbus. We send our belated sympathies, George.

Jean Ann Pierce Gow writes, "The most newsworthy but frightening event for us lately was the student massacre at Virginia Tech. Our grandson, Rob (the younger son of daughter Andrea), is a senior in engineering there. He e-mailed us instantly after the murders in the dorm that he was OK, though scared....What a terrible tragedy for the school and all of the families involved, including that of the assassin. We're particularly proud of VA Tech and the students who handled the intrusive publicity appropriately and with poise."

Sadly, I must report two deaths. Word was just received of the 2006 death of **Jane Treadwell Ellis** of Shepherdsville, Ky. **Harriet Stoner Hanson** died in Durham, N.C., in February (see In Memoriam). I had lost contact with Jane and Harriet. We send our deepest sympathies to both families.

1946

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A note from Calvin Ishida tells of the sudden death of his brother, **Julius Ishida**, on Apr. 8, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Chicago. We send our belated condolences.

Our belated sympathy also goes to **Priscilla Allgyer Johnson**, on the death of her husband, William D. Johnson '45, July 2, 2006.

In a telephone call to **Virginia Strubbe Mayberry**, I (Sally) learned that her husband, Richard Mayberry '48, had been in a nursing home for six months, and that Virginia was diagnosed with a heart attack. Our best wishes are with both of you!

Oley '45 and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary (June 13) with a Mediterranean cruise, starting in Venice and ending in Barcelona. We marked the actual day by climbing to the top of the Acropolis! We're sure that many other '46ers have celebrated anniversaries this year. Please share with us—how did you observe your special days?

1947

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Welcome to the 61st year of the Class of '47! Blessings on the 23 who were able to attend our reunion, and condolences to those remaining 120 of us left at home.

We're counting on you all to share your news for the next five years, no matter how trivial. Case in point: All 37 cars of the Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey circus gave us a thrill in June when they were shuttled onto our local side track. Oh, memories!

We are saddened to report that **Julie Carson Condit** passed away on May 29 in Canton, Ohio, after a long illness. We have missed her, these past few reunions. We'll never forget her gracious personality and friendliness to all.

A bit of news needs correction: **Joyce Roberts White** is married to Robert White '54. They celebrated 59 years together in March. Their son, Warren, is a professor at DeVry U in Columbus, Ohio. My (Cornie's) apologies for earlier misinformation.

Tom Maxwell was unable to attend our reunion as planned. But here are brief notes describing the wildlife he saw on a trip to the Pantanal of Brazil in 2006, "While on horseback, (we saw) leaf cutter ants and red fire ants. By truck on a nighttime ride, packs of capybara; on a motor boat trip, birds of all kinds and agouti. (Capybara and agouti are South American rodents)." Tom also named the zebu (a Brahman bull) and a bull water buffalo, which almost buffaloes his tour group, save for a hat-waving guide.

Gloria Heym wrote a thank-you note for "all 60 years of class notes." At least four people—**Marilyn Cordray Lilley**, **Don Swegan**, **Gwen Mackey Jones**, and **Dale Blocher**—beside the current secretaries have shared the privilege of this office.

And a huge thank you to our ex-president, **Vivian Douglas Smith** and her husband, Dave, for all of their hard work and organizing. Viv took the job reluctantly but gave it her best, leading to a successful reunion. The College, too, went all out to make it a great occasion. Even the Scots Forever dinner, which had to be changed to chicken salad sandwiches when a thunderstorm put out the electricity on campus, was a great celebration.

The early arrivals met to enjoy a buffet at Gault Alumni Center, where President Stan Hales joined us. The class luncheon was held Saturday at Ebert Art Center (formerly Severance Gym). Paul Gaus (chemistry) spoke about writing five Ohio Amish mysteries.



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Clare Adel Schreiber was the guest of honor. At the meeting after lunch, we elected Don Swegan as president.

Several people who had planned to come could not. **Marilyn Anderson Williams** was in the hospital with pneumonia. She recovered quickly but was disappointed not to be with us, as was **Linda Welles Ellsworth**, who was struggling with bursitis.

Martha "Kentuck" Stoll Ballard '49, who was in our class for three years before illness forced her to drop out of college for a while, joined us from Florida. Her roommate at Bornhuetter Hall was daughter Beth Ballard Crawford '77, on campus for her 30th reunion.

We look forward to your letters, Christmas and otherwise, to fill our 2008 columns.

1948

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Duncan McCune e-mailed me (Mel) a great family update. "It was 60 years ago this summer that Mary and I spent our first year of marriage in the Taylor housing units, now long forgotten." The McCunes have two children, Anne '78 and Thomas '75, and their only granddaughter is Callie '10! M. Lu McCune, Duncan's sister, passed away in 1982.

Duncan retired after 33 years in the steel industry in the Pittsburgh area. Five years ago, the McCunes moved to Holland, Mich. "If all goes well, we'll attend the reunion next year," Duncan concludes.

Kathy Lautenschlager Haun says she has "worn many hats these past 60 years," including schoolteacher, stay-at-home-mom, real estate agent, and her professional choice—architectural wood sculptor. Kathy's husband, Jim, died in January. She enjoys her three children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Kathy says, "There are three of us left who began a round robin (letter) in 1948": **Ann Dorfman**, **Eileen Johnson**, and Kathy. After **Jean Hockett Toth** passed away, Jean's husband joined the group. The robin is still flying!

A message from **Jim Preble** informs us that he is retired, his "travel days are over." He's "playing bridge, singing in the chorus, reading quite a lot," in Montpelier, Vt.

I (Mel) received a new address for **Elaine Bornhuetter** from **Vivien Pigossi Onofrio**. Elaine has moved to Green Brooks Manor, 303 Rock Ave., Green Brooks, NJ 00812.

When **Jeannie Harris Kaidy** retired as a mental health counselor 25 years ago, she "took to the road" and found her second home

in Ireland. She and **Jij Chaffee** happened to meet in Dublin, and they now keep in touch. Other classmates whom Jeannie has seen over the years include **Esther Stottle Harris**, **Margaret Hagen Wilburn**, **Norma Allen**, and **Ruth Neff Daniels**. "Hoping we can all get together for the 60th next year," Jeannie says. (And I say, "Amen.")

Golf, volunteering, and travel keep **Bob Anderson** busy. He and his wife, Betty Evans Anderson '50, made frequent trips to Wooster to watch their grandson, Andrew DeBord '05, play soccer and lacrosse. Their oldest son, R. Scott '76, also graduated from Wooster.

Except for a heart attack two years ago and a torn rotator cuff, **Dick Hollingsworth** is doing great. He's pleased to have his youngest daughter, her husband, and their three children back in Fort Wayne, so that he can enjoy those grandchildren. He still volunteers at the hospital and plays euchre and bridge.

A small but important correction to the spring column comes from **Jim Holroyd**. It's not Jim's son-in-law who graduated from seminary, but his eldest grandson, Richard Poole '03. Richard recently accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church of Rockdale, Tex.

The class extends its sympathy to **Martha MacMillin Cull** and family on the death of her husband, **David J. Cull**. And another note of sympathy goes to the family of **Harold McComas**, who died in mid-August. Harold and **Hazelyn Melconian McComas** set up a scholarship at Wooster. Contributions may be sent to: Office of Development, The College of Wooster, 1189 Beall Ave., Wooster, OH 44691.

Lance Shreffler wants to help us create an experience for the 60th reunion next June. "I've just read the summer issue of *Wooster*, and it left me excited about what we may be able to do for future Wooster students," he says. "I was taken by the reports from a variety of students as they participated in Independent Study." Lance encourages you to read the I.S. reports. He says they made him "want to re-enroll at the College and participate in I.S." The descriptions also inspired him to action.

"One thing we might do is invite prospective students to enroll at Wooster. Share with students who will soon graduate from high school what you found in the summer issue of *Wooster*. Better yet, invite a prospective student to campus for a weekend, to experience the setting, facilities, and events. Talk with parents about what their offspring can expect from being Wooster students.

"My hope is that in June of '08 that we will have a more exciting time by sharing what we have done not only to encourage future students to enroll but also to take advantage of what the College has to offer us." Lance suggests that if you live close to campus, take

advantage of campus arts events. "We might also share at our reunion some of the arts, for example, the film created by Chris Stropoulos '93 that received national attention.

"In another direction, one 2007 I.S., 'Civic Capacity and Sustainability,' speaks directly to a concern of my city, Columbus. I intend to pursue that issue with local government." If you're intrigued by these suggestions, contact Lance at mlshreffler@sbcglobal.net or 78 Blenheim Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43214.

1949

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1950

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As I (Jay) "bask" in 115 degrees, it's nice to contemplate your holiday letters full of cold, snowy news! **Clint and Willie St. Clair Rila** trekked to Alaska in Mar. 2006, spending 10 days at an Elderhostel in Fairbanks and Coldfoot, 65 miles above the Arctic Circle. The first night, it was minus 27 degrees, but they say that's nothing they haven't seen in Iowa! They continue to be busy with church, a garden, Meals on Wheels, Rotary, Habitat, and dance club. The Rilas traveled to Texas to visit their daughter and Ohio for a grand-nephew's wedding. Clint returned to Alaska with son Chuck in September for what has become an annual canoe trip.

John "Crif" and Kate Gurney Crawford's belated greeting told of five heavy snowstorms in Colorado. Their Christmas trip to see son Jay in Texas was delayed by one storm, and they just returned to Boulder before the next! Other visits went better—a fall trek through a "maize maze" with Minnesota daughter Lydia. In August they had an 80th birthday celebration for Crif with his siblings in Ohio. They spent last Thanksgiving with daughter Laura in Connecticut.

In response to a postcard that I sent from my Nova Scotia trip in Sept. 2006, telling of my visit to the College of Piping, Drumming and Dance, **Ellie Morris McMillan** sent an interesting note. Their granddaughter (18) has been interested in Scottish dancing since she was 10. Last August she went to a competition in Scotland with her school's pipe team and drum band. The band returned as junior world champion! Ellie and Hugh MacMillan '49 still volunteer in a variety of places and enjoy weekends at their Galveston home.

Bob Lawther called in reply to my thanks for so capably handling **John Allen's** obituary (see Spring '07). Bob updated me on the



<<WOO '05s IN ANN ARBOR
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Ali Nau, Nick
Novak, Amanda Bonus, Deval Mehta,
Laura VanVoorhees, Emily Ritter

<70TH REUNION, '37s
L TO R Esther Amstutz Edeburn, Mollie
Tilock Van Bolt, Mim Siegfried
McDonald, Norvin Hein, Dorothy Knight
Johnson NOT PICTURED Bob Andrews

progress of the malpractice suit on which he wrote an opinion in 2004. He had granted a new trial, which was denied. The case has been wending its way, slowly, through the courts. Bob was chuckling that day. He'd heard an update on the suit in the national media—heard himself referred to as a “fine fellow” by a colleague—whom Bob had met only once!

1951

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This note got left out of the last issue, by mistake. Our apologies! **Bob Zimmerman** sent a note, typically “Z.” He wasn't sure how many folks would care about how he felt upon reaching the headwaters of the Missouri on a bitter April morning or upon hearing the Cleveland Orchestra perform Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* in Miami in January, with Franz Welzer-Moest conducting. He had not heard the *Ninth* performed since Apr. 1951, when Richard Gore (music), **Bill Holmes**, and Bob went to hear the symphony in Severance Hall, with George Szell wielding the baton.

Bob says that though sailing, canoeing, and hiking seem to be in the past, he remains an old biker (with the occasional wreck). He hasn't been on campus since 1960 but keeps pictures of his old College in his office.

How many of the rest of us also do that? **Sam Bachtell** writes, “In the spring, my friend, Joan Ackerman, and I traveled to California. She stayed with her granddaughter in Oakland, while I went birding along the coast, north of San Francisco, and in the wildlife refuges along the bay. We spent a day in the renovated DeYoung Museum and sampled

some of the fine restaurants of Berkeley.

“My son, Tom, has been the primary caricaturist for the *New Yorker's* “Talk of the Town” section for many years. The current online version displays 26 of his cartoons of George Bush, dating from 2000. I've been living close to the announced closing of Antioch College next year and its reopening in 2012—a traumatic experience for all in Yellow Springs.”

Answering my (**Janet's**) own request for a message about current “doings,” I'm writing from St. Paul. I'm visiting son Stephen and grandsons Henry and Ben. Generally this means folding laundry, yelling support at Little League games, and enjoying birding while floating gently on the Mississippi River—a bit different from my January “doings” each year.

As a member of a small group of volunteers working with *El Porvenir* (check out *El Porvenir* on the Web.), I've become fairly expert in the construction of latrines (*lavenderos*). At the request of a rural community in Nicaragua, we help the residents build a well and latrines over a two-week period. My other volunteer work includes a long-time association with Hospice of Northwest Ohio and helping with the local library's historical collection and a semi-monthly newsletter written by and for death-row inmates. In between, there's house care, gardening, or meetings.

Herb Anderson and **Dave Dowd** thought it would be a fine idea to extend a warm letter of invitation to **Price Daw** in New Mexico, asking him to join them in Naples, Fla., for a week in the sun. Price accepted and a date was set. Lively conversation on heady topics, interspersed with recollections of pranks perpetrated at the College's indulgence, were followed by fine meals prepared by Joyce Dowd and Mary Lou Smyser Anderson '54. Arguably the best athlete in the Class of 1951, Price did not join in a round of golf, though the gathering site was a golf community

I (**Max**) confess that I've neglected my secretarial duties. I thank Jan for taking over. Some family medical issues are being addressed here in Bay Village, taking some time and energy. We still want and need your input. Please, drop us a line or an e-mail.

1952

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We have learned of the death of **Paul Steiner**. The class extends its sympathy to his wife, **Marge Kunart Steiner**, and the family, scattered throughout the U.S. Marge writes, “We were blessed to have two sons and a daughter who excelled in leadership, athletics, music, and academics, and five grandchildren who are following in their footsteps.”

At our 55th class reunion, we enjoyed seeing friends from yesteryear. After dinner on Friday, President Hales gave us an update on the College. At the luncheon on Saturday, we elected **Roscoe and Beth Eaton Swartz** as co-presidents. **Warren Swager** and I (**Nancy**) will remain as secretaries.

As a student at Wooster, **Ann Strouse Fox** took a geology course and was hooked. She and her geologist husband have traveled to many countries in search of oil. Their children have grown up in such places as Pakistan, Libya, Amsterdam, and Edinburgh. Ann gave us a fascinating overview of their travels at our luncheon.

Diantha White Horton says she and husband Bill continue to enjoy life near family in Roswell, Ga., a northern suburb of Atlanta. “We're extremely active in the Unitarian Universalist congregation nearby, a source of joy and stimulation,” Diantha writes. “I'm in



ClassNotes

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

The anniversary of meeting in Holden Hall
L TO R Jori Ellis '85, Deb Earley '84,
Lisa Davies Winter, Laura Davis, Cynthia
Newcomer, Susan Prophater, '85s



touch with my Wooster roommate, **Charlotte Murphy Sherman**, who lives in Austria for part of each year. An intrepid traveler, two years ago, she traveled around the world in three months, her only luggage a carry-on. I'm also in contact with **Jane Abernethy**, who's in nursing care in a retirement community near Philadelphia. I'd love to hear from classmates at dianthahorton@bellsouth.net."

1953

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Retirement has kept **Ivan Preston** busy. His latest feat is representing the U of Wisconsin in a program with a university in South Korea. The schools exchange information that keeps both moving forward. Ivan claims that a goal is to taste some "Seoul food" in Korea.

Traveling in the opposite direction, **Jean Bangham** was in Iceland, hiking with an Elderhostel program. The good news is that she saw many glaciers, even as word circulates about their disappearance worldwide. Jean also saw geysers and lots of birds, especially puffins.

Other birdwatchers are **George** and **Polly Bender**, while working on their "new cabin in the beautiful hills of southeast Ohio," George writes. "Last week we sat on the front porch and saw a pileated woodpecker and a pair of indigo buntings." George still pursues ceramics, mostly on a wheel, and had a bowl in a juried show in The Little Art Gallery in North Canton, Ohio. The Benders will visit their grandbaby and family in Lewiston, Idaho, after spending some weeks in Tucson with another daughter and her husband.

Also on the move in late April were **Ethel Toth** and "Mac" **McGhee**. They arrived in

Lake Tahoe, Nev., at a timeshare exchange and woke up the next day to eight inches of snow. "Our daughter, Shari, and her hubby were with us, and for the first time in over 50 years, I had a snowball fight with the kids," Ethel writes. Back home in Florida, they planned to stay put for the summer and enjoy their home—without the snowbirds. Ethel has plenty to keep her busy, what with sending packages to Iraq for the troops, including large donations of paperbacks.

Tom Angerman finally gave up, as he says, "divine right" as the general partner of the family partnership. He's surviving life's aches and pains, with "age taking its toll on my memory." Tom's wife, Nancy, faces bone operations on her leg in the months ahead as corrections for childhood polio.

Everglades Encounter (Author House, 2006) is a cautionary tale written and illustrated by Dr. Dee, known to us as **Rich Doerbaum**. The book is aimed at readers ages 10-14. The story of Marvelous Manybucks, Swampy, Ajaja, and Largo, however, is thought-provoking for all of us who'd like to preserve our country's cherished wild places. Rich writes, "This tale has humor and action for the young at heart," as it solves a problem of major concern to the Everglades. Rich's penciled illustrations are beautifully drawn. Children in one of Rich's churches gave him his *nom de plume*. He and Kathy are retired in Naples, Fla.

Rich reports that last January, **Tom Hughart** convened a luncheon meeting, which is becoming a tradition, for '53 classmates and their spouses who winter in Florida. **Ron Price, Bob Atwell, John Smith, Arden Brock, Dick May, Dorothy Schirtzinger, Gordon Taylor**, and the Doerbaums reminisced about college days and discussed the present.

In a test run that I (**Don**) gave the e-mail addresses that I got from the Alumni Office, I found about half of them to be incorrect. If

you get a chance, drop me a word or two with your current e-mail address to reconnect. Or, like **Fred Wollerman**, send me an incredibly funny joke or a somber opinion piece about the world at large. I prefer the jokes. **Marcia Klerekoper Orr** daily provides me with wifely somber opinions as she reads and listens to commentaries.

I (**Don**) was fortunate enough to sing in a chorale that presented the premier of a compressed version of Leonard Bernstein's *Mass* in Disney Hall. It was even more enlivened when the computer containing all of the countless settings for the organ crashed, leaving the organist, a friend of mine, to wing it through two incredibly difficult numbers in the first half of the concert—the technical age!

Don't forget, our 55th reunion is next year! Plan ahead and save the dates, June 5-8, 2008.

At press time, we learned of the August death of **Mark Allen** in New Milford, Pa. We send our condolences to **Pris Gallinger Allen** and her family.

1954

Gordon Hall

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Please take note: About 18 months from the time that you receive this issue of *Wooster*, we shall be gathering on campus for our 55th class reunion. Put a note on your calendar declaring your intention to be part of the event with your Wooster friends. Class presidents **Ross and Cynthia Stetson Gooch** request that you begin collecting photographs, newspaper articles, etc., relative to our class. If you wish, send them to **Gordon Hall**, who has started a cache of such items.

Sylvia Ramsey Morse notified us that her husband of 53 years, **Phil Morse**, died of kidney failure in Feb. 2007. Phil had under-

gone dialysis prior to having a kidney transplant nine years ago. The last time I (Don) chatted with Phil, he seemed content with the future, especially with their two sons to carry on his business. Sylvia points to the 53 years of traveling and golf that she and Phil shared. That's par on any course. But Sylvia is finding it difficult to put her life back together. Two sons and four grandchildren in the area provide support.

Dyke Kanai can now be reached at dkanai@msn.com. He must be busy in Golden, Colo., since that's all he wrote.

Hugh and **Bev McCullough** had a supper visit with **Jack** and **Judy Yoder Webster** in Glen Ellyn, Ill., in May. They attended the Wooster Club of Chicago to hear Stan Hales discuss the present state of liberal education. Two of the Websters' children have taken over the running of their business.

Judy co-authored a book, *Glen Ellyn Public Library: The First Century 1907-2007*. The two authors met at a creative writing class and learned that library officials were looking for volunteers to tackle the project. Judy's experience is as a teacher and social worker. The women wrote alternate chapters in nine months—frustrating, challenging, and fun, Judy says, adding that I.S. was great preparation. A newspaper article gives ample evidence that the book is interesting to area residents. The Illinois Historical Society honored it with an "excellence award." The article will be available for viewing at our reunion!

A note comes from **Betty Roulston Cameron**, who's lived near Edinburgh, Scotland, for many years. Her husband, G. Gordon Cameron, is a retired minister. They have lived their religion in many places. They see Betty's sister, Katherine Roulston Williams '51, on occasional visits to New York.

I'm sure Betty would be very pleased if someone from the Empire State would organize a mini-reunion. I (Gordon) will give any assistance to potential organizers anywhere—addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails.

Diana Bond Holtshouser wrote that she and **June Zartman Shanabrook** enjoyed a wonderful three weeks in Spain and Portugal last March. They made day trips from Lisbon and Tavira, Portugal, to churches and castles and learned much about Portuguese discoveries and accomplishments. The highlight of the Spanish portion of the trip was crossing the Strait of Gibraltar to Morocco, where Diana "got to ride a dromedary" (an Arabian camel.) When returning to Spain, they had a wonderful view of the Rock of Gibraltar. Diana fondly recalls seeing it on trips to and from India in "pre-Wooster" years.

Bunny Hughes Hannum brings us news via her 2006 Christmas letter. After 42 years in a five-bedroom home with a basement and

garage, Bunny moved five miles to a newer condo, at 21 The Orchard, Fayetteville, NY 13066. The place took her breath away—she was emotionally drawn to it. Months of repairs and packing at her former home preceded waiting for a buyer—who committed to purchasing her home at first sight.

Bunny still loves working 30 hours a week in adult education and playing duplicate bridge. She recently joined a Curves group and travels extensively. Bunny would enjoy hooking up with a compatible female for future trips.

Jean McFadden Willenberg enjoys living with her younger stepdaughter and working in the field of nutritional advice. Her four children live in three Western states.

1955

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An e-mail from **Milt Khoobyarian** says that at the 1957 class reunion, he had a chance to visit with **Bernie** and **Leila Staub Davis**, '57s, **David** '57 and **Anne Gurney Dungan** '59, and **Pat Wise Strickler** '57. He also saw **Jack** and **Carolyn Pursell**, **Jim Bader** '56, **Howard Leister**, and **John Gardner** '57. Milt says that today's campus is beautiful, but he was disappointed that The Rock is sunk a few feet below the surface. He was impressed with **Bornhuetter Hall** and the use of the cubes with windows for study areas.

Dave Shields reports that he and **Sue Taggart Shields** '56 are moving to Denton, Tex., in October. Their new address is 5708 Eagle Mountain Dr., Argyle, TX 76226. **Dave** says, "Our part of Denton is served by the Argyle post office, which explains, as best I can, the address. We decided that it was time for us to live close to one of our children, and our son **Kirk** and his family live about 20 minutes away from the new house. Selling our old house is an ongoing adventure, but construction on the new place seems to be moving right along. Since we'll be close to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, we will be glad to have visitors anytime—although we assume most will not want to come in July! We already know of one Wooster alumna who lives there and hope to find more. I find myself missing those reunion committee meetings. Who would ever suspect me of missing attending meetings?"

I (**Nancy**) went on a cruise in April to attend the annual convention of the U.S. Singletons. As a national officer, I feel obliged to attend the conventions—even if it does force me to go on a cruise! We went from Port

Canaveral to Nassau, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten. The highlight for me was the chance to go parasailing while in Nassau.

After only three weeks at home, I took off again for a 12-day trip to Wales. We started at the southeast corner and toured clockwise around the south, west, and north. In addition to seeing many castles, a few highlights were a trip down into a coal mine, attending a rehearsal of *Cor Pendyrus* (a great men's chorus), and attending a church service at St. David's.

1956

Pat Young

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Jim and **Sheila McIsaac** '57 **Cooper** were on campus for the Class of '57 reunion. Since it was also the Coopers' 50th wedding anniversary, they celebrated with a luncheon for family and friends at the famous Bliss Cafe in Dalton! **Jan Douglass Grim** owns the cafe.

Alan "Ebe" Blakeman says he continues to work at the welcome center in Montpelier, using his high school French and Dr. Schreiber's German. Alan and his son explored old haunts from Alan's childhood in Newark, East Orange, and Paterson, N.J., and Alan and his wife made their first trip to Florida. The day they left Vermont, Alan shoveled nine inches of snow from their driveway.

A special surprise awaited Alan on returning home. He was named "Montpelier Citizen of the Year" by the local Rotary Club. Many of his family attended. Alan is also co-president of the local Kiwanis, which is growing in membership. He wishes he could have been at the 50th reunion last year. His grandson graduated from Montpelier High that weekend, and there was a special message for Alan at that ceremony. He concludes, "The grandkids keep 'we-uns' busy."

I (**Pat**) enjoyed attending the high school graduations of two granddaughters this spring. The first one was in Dallas, for **Chelsea**, my son, **Tom Beckstein's**, daughter, and the second was in Cleveland for **Alexandra**, the daughter of my daughter, **Nancy Titus**. It was impressive to hear the names of many different nationalities in those graduating classes.

In the Dallas area, I took in some tourist attractions, from the J.F.K. Museum to **Mickey Gilley's**. I didn't ride the mechanical bull, though it looked like fun!

1957

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ClassNotes

>CELEBRATING 40TH BIRTHDAYS

L TO R Beth Kampmeier Palmer, Sally Closser Maxwell, Libby Black Yoskowitz, '89s



>>WEDDING OF CATHERINE SWARTZ '98 & MARK D'CRUZ, MAY 27, 2006

L TO R David Swartz, Asad Khan, '93s, Sandy Kozera '98, bride, groom, Anthony Kokocinski, Brad Proper, '98s



On a beautiful weekend in June, 92 classmates attended all or part of our 50th reunion weekend. It was a wonderful event, lots of activities yet time for reminiscing and making new friends. Most of us stayed in Luce Hall. The adventures began as we encountered classmates who got lost while negotiating the maze of this unique dorm!

Les Hauschild was presented with the John D. McKee Alumni Volunteer Award for extensive service to the Alumni Association and the College. Les chaired the 50th reunion committee and spearheaded the fund-raising efforts, which enabled our class to contribute \$1,461,532 in gifts and pledges. The final endowment tally closed at \$1,005,904.

Others planning committee members were: **Elizabeth Carswell Richards, Kay Demmon Cilimburg, Ruth Smyth Klein, Anne Mayer, Ken and Louise Byers Plusquellec, Robert Rafos, and John Sharick.** Until his untimely death, **Robert O'Meara** also served, along with **Selma Hokanson O'Meara.**

During our class meeting, conducted by president Ruth Klein, Ken and Louise Plusquellec were elected as co-presidents. A few days after the reunion, they sent us a letter outlining the details of the fund-raising efforts. Hopefully you all received that letter.

(An aside—Ken and Louise celebrated their 50th anniversary in August!)

After a delicious dinner, our speaker was none other than **Will Lange**, notorious Night Climber and an excellent, well-known teller of tales. He had us all laughing. Will is noted for his contributions to public radio and TV in New England.

At Saturday's luncheon, President Stan Hales entertained us with stories of the accomplishments of class members and recounted the mischievous activities of others. For Sunday's church service, **Robert W. McQuilken** was the guest minister.

Some classmates traveled long distances. Donna and **Jack Scaff** his wife came from Honolulu. A practicing cardiologist, Jack has developed an interest in the physiology of endurance training. He and Donna, also his nurse and business partner, opened a clinic to promote an active lifestyle for cardiac health.

Nancy Frank Lehman came from Germany, bringing a picture of a group of us taken in 1954, when we were in the Sharks Club together. Thanks, Nancy!

Most of those present lived in the Midwest or on the East Coast, but Texas was well represented, by **Alice Kresensky Cunningham, Marlene Wyant Haskell, Anne Eubank Jolliff, Barbara Randall Nye, and Sue Allen Stefanek.**

Fritz Guenther drove to Wooster from Nebraska. After the reunion he continued to the East Coast for reunions with family.

Thanks to Kay Cilimburg, there were many items of memorabilia on display in our dorm. Kay encouraged us to take what we wanted.

Among the papers was a copy of an obituary for **Gordon Wright**, stating that he was found dead on the porch of his cabin in Indian, Alaska (see In Memoriam). His absence was noticed when he failed to pick someone up at the Anchorage airport.

If you missed the reunion and want to reconnect with classmates and friends, contact me (**Anne**) for addresses or phone numbers.

1958

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Tish and **John Bayer** evaluated the cost of living in their Bay Area (Calif.) home in rela-

tion to their impending adjusted income after retirement and figured that it was an opportunity to do something new. They ended up in Washougal, Wash. "It's beautiful, with gorgeous 100-ft. pine and fir trees, a view of the Columbia River, a partial view of Mt. Hood, and the lively, progressive city of Portland only 25 minutes away," John writes.

For the past seven years, John has traveled to El Salvador with a small NGO, South Bay Sanctuary Covenant. They raise money to fund projects to help the residents become more self-sufficient. John is also on the board of Spirit in Action, which gives micro-grants and micro-loans to people in Africa trying to start small businesses.

Congratulations to **D. J. Hartman Landis**, who was awarded the Knights Cross of the Order of Merit, one of the highest honors that the German government awards to non-Germans. It's often given to foreign dignitaries and government officials. D. J. was honored in Philadelphia on July 6.

D. J. explains, "On our 25th anniversary, my husband, Dick, and I had our starter house, no children, and a dog." The Landises, who are of German descent, decided to invite a German exchange student into their home through Youth for Understanding. D. J. taught elementary school, but neither she nor her husband knew anything about teenagers.

They were apparently well-suited for the task. Fifteen of their 22 "sons" contributed to the award application. "I got outstanding letters," the protocol officer with the consulate in New York told a news reporter. "We knew exactly what this couple has done together to build bridges." The award can only be given to one person, but Dick obviously shares the honors.

After retiring from teaching, D. J. worked in the office of her state representative. She again took a leap of faith and ran for mayor of her hometown, New Cumberland, Pa. (pop.



**WEDDING OF CARLA RADFORD '04
AND SETH FAIR '05,
JUNE 2, 2007**

L TO R Groom, bride, Meredith Cull Fair '74, Stephanie Wedryk, Jack Spence, '06s, Melissa Johnson '04, Don Fair '74, Julie Fair Nato '82

7500). She's now in her ninth year of service and proud of the town. "We have so much going on."

Mayor D.J. greets you with a smile at www.newcumberlandpa.com. She'd love to come to the reunion next year, but it coincides with high school graduation, and she'll be there to present the diploma to exchange student #22. This past summer, #15 was to come back to marry a girl whom he'd met on his first day at the Pennsylvania high school.

Susan Jamison-Trent went to China last year, traveling down the Yangtze by riverboat. She planned to attend the 65th Jamison family reunion in Lancaster County, Pa., this summer. "I'm now one of the second oldest generation," she comments.

Nancy Calderwood Carleton spent three weeks on an adventure. A small boat (100 passengers) took the group through the Scottish islands, then the group traveled cross-country to Glasgow and Edinburgh. The trip ended with bird watching in the Highlands. Scientific and naturalist experts made it engaging and informative. As the travelers stood at ancient stone circles, they heard how, after the Reformation, some clerics saw the circles as pagan relics. The clerics built fires around the stones then poured cold water on them to fracture the stone and reduce it to rubble.

In Edinburgh Nancy visited the Scottish Genealogical Society. A volunteer helped her examine the microfiche indexes of old parish records for information on her great-grandfather, who was the first of her family to come to this country from Scotland. She found the marriage banns of his parents and birth records for most of his siblings, including 11 sisters—one named Nancy!

"Environmental consciousness seems much more pervasive there," Nancy concludes. "It's just part of the culture and how people live. They don't have vast empty tracts of land on which to build landfills." She marked her luggage with MacLeod tartan-trimmed tags, but says, "I was dismayed to learn, in my preparatory reading, that the original Leod was a Viking raider who sold nearly all of his land to cover his gambling debts!"

Reunion update. June 5-8, 2008: By the time you receive this, we'll have our Reunion '58 page up and running on the College Web site, with a list of attendees and reunion news. The link is alumni.wooster.edu/reunion/classes/1958/. If you'd like to add your name or post a note for a long-lost classmate, send the information to me (**Anne**).

1959

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We received a note from **Judy Clawson Hyde**, telling of her enjoyable visit to the 50th Wooster reunion of her husband Dick Hyde '57. Judy was impressed with the wonderful job that the College does in handling such events and picked up some good ideas for our reunion in 2009. She enjoyed visiting with other classmates who married into the Class of 1957—**June Krejcu Carter** and husband Mike '57, **Ann Galehouse Sweeney** and Jack '57, and **Jonnie Gurney Dungan** and Dave '57.

Congratulations to **Susan Anderson**

Coons! Her recent book, *The Lighthouse Mouse* (Vinland Press) was awarded the Bronze Medal in the gift book category of the Independent Publishers Society of America's annual contest. Susan's book was illustrated by Patricia Anderson Undis, a Transparent Watercolor Society of America signaturd artist. Susan attributes her work as a writer to the discipline developed in I.S.

In March **Tom and Judy Agle Ward** joined **Nancy McCarthy** and her husband, Bruce Herzog, on a fascinating journey to India. They went to photograph tigers in their natural habitat and were deeply immersed in Indian culture. Days spent in wildlife reserves in Assam and central India produced sightings of wild elephants, the unusual one-horned Indian rhinoceros, gorgeous peacocks and other birds, and deer, wild boar, jackals, and tigers. Riding domesticated elephants, the travelers were rewarded with close sightings and good photos of tigers and rhinos.

The trip also included visits to the elaborately carved temples of Khajuraho, the beautiful ancient city of Fatepur Sikri, and the Taj Mahal. It concluded with stays at two picturesque hilltop fort-palaces. The maharajas have converted these into elegant hotels, where guests can stand on the ramparts and survey the plains and village life below.

Dick and **Joan Bowser DeLon** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a wonderful cruise. They sailed from Florida through the Panama Canal and ended up in California, with several stops on the way. They had a great time and at the end, thought their celebration was over. However, after they returned home, their kids surprised them with a terrific party. The best part was seeing most of the people



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whom they know and love in one spot.

Frank and **Jean Knorr** were among the guests. The two families have a 40-year acquaintance. The DeLons recently moved into a condominium, partly influenced by a visit to **Don "Cash"** and **Dolores Register** in their new condo.

Speaking of Cash, he visited **Tom Dingle** in Denver in May and challenged him to a 10-yard dash at our 50th reunion, to prove once and for all who was and is the fastest. An event not to be missed!

Muriel Rice Roberts met **Suzanne Reed Null** at the annual General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Church, held in Portland, Ore., in June. (They wonder how many other Woosterites have ended up as UUs.) Suzanne and **Jim Null '60** moved to Houston in 1964. Sue earned an M.A. in Spanish (her Wooster major), taught for a few years, and then stopped to have children. She later returned to teach ESL (English as a second language) at Rice U.

After retiring this year, the Nulls moved to Brevard, N.C., near forests, waterfalls, and UU services that open with folk singing and guitars. They have three daughters and a Korean son. Daughter number one lives in Paris with her French husband and four bilingual children. Daughter two is a lesbian and lives in rural northern Pennsylvania. She and her partner just adopted a little girl.

Daughter three lives in South Carolina and is a white-water rafting guide; she and her husband just had a baby girl. Sue and Jim's Korean son is a young gay man who needed a supportive family. The Nulls have spent the last 13 years actively involved in working for understanding and equal rights for GLBTs (gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgenders). In 2004 they were chosen by the Houston community as honorary grand marshals for the Pride Parade.

Eugene Bay came out of retirement to take a temporary position as president of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. With enrollment down and financial struggles, the school needed someone to stabilize things, a news article tells us. Apparently Gene did just that. Over a year after he accepted the post, the reporter states, "...no one seems to be talking about finding a permanent replacement...."

1960

Vicky Fritschi

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Ellie Elson Heginbotham wrote that, when she and her husband were attending a friend's graduation ceremony in Milwaukee, they were pleasantly surprised to find that the front page of the program was devoted to a picture and

Undefeated, Forever

by Mark Nicholas '75

Appalachian State's 2007 victory over Michigan and Akron's 31st in a long string of Ohio school losses to Ohio State University got me to thinking about when Wooster was a football powerhouse: 1890—undefeated and unscored upon going into the season's final game, which Wooster won, after giving up two safeties to Washington and Jefferson (or was it one to Washington and one to Jefferson?); 1920—undefeated and unscored upon going into the final game, which they won, giving up a field goal to Mount Union College.

It got me to thinking about Wooster intramural football in 1971. That fall I organized a flag football team for Andrews Hall, then a freshman men's dorm. We were undefeated and unscored upon going into the final game against the sole section team in the otherwise freshman league. They were also undefeated and unscored upon.

It was tense, one of the most exciting days of my life. We were psyched. Walking down the hall before the game, I looked toward the room next to mine, on the Wayne Avenue end of Andrews' second floor. I saw teammate **Jim Clough '75**. His door was open, and he was sitting on a wooden desk chair in the middle of the room, just staring into the hall. I nodded to him, indicating that I, too, was thinking about the game and nothing else.

No one scored until the final seconds, when First Section scored. This was in large part my fault. I was playing too deep at safety, out of fear of giving up a very long pass. I was thinking, "Bend but don't break." This thinking led to their completing a long pass (instead of a *very long* one), which led to a touchdown. We got the ball back, 19 seconds to go.

Like Boise State University in the 2006 Fiesta Bowl, we'd practiced a trick play but never used it. Theirs was the old Statue of Liberty play, ours was the old Sleeper play. The College of William and Mary outlaws this play in their flag football rules, but there was no rule against it in 1971 flag football at Wooster. **Dave Gibian '75**, the "sleeper," lined up very, very wide left, just barely in bounds. All of the guys on our team who weren't on the field crowded around him, just barely out of bounds.

The snap was made to quarterback **Ned Hostetler '75**, who lateraled to halfback **Tony Alford '75**, who fired a deep pass to Dave—now far behind any First Section defensive. As the ball sailed through the air, right on target, I kept saying, "Don't drop it. Don't drop it."

He didn't. We tied the score. They returned our kickoff for a touchdown, but it was nullified because of a "roll block" (leaving your feet when blocking). And the score remained tied.

Vince Lombardi was wrong. This game had been much better than kissing your sister (though I can only guess what that is like).

Maybe, when Wooster tied Ohio State in 1924 and became the last Ohio school to *not* lose to Ohio State, those Scot players felt the same way.

biography of **Jane Morley Kotchen**. Jane received the Distinguished Service Award that day from the Medical College of Wisconsin. She is a professor of population health and director of epidemiology there and developed its master's program in epidemiology. Jane received the school's Graduate Student Association Outstanding Award in 2005.

As for her own family, Ellie writes, "All is well with us: teaching, writing, caring for my aging mother, serving on various boards, and visiting children and grandchildren fill every day with meaning."

After 40 years as class secretary, **Nancy Brown Tyburski** is relinquishing the post to **Vicky**. Send Nancy a big thank-you for her devotion and hard work, nancyty4@aol.com.

1961

Larry Vodra

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When **Marilyn Peacock Stranahan** and **Hugh Burtner** married a few years ago, wedding guests included **Jim and Judy Walker Scott** and **Dick** and **Mary Soule '62 Smythe**. Some of the conversation that evening included lavish praise from the Smythes about a recent trip to the Galapagos Islands. On this recommendation, Jim and Judy took a similar trip last winter and are now willing to talk for hours to anyone interested in their experiences.

Now fast forward to last July. **Carole Rosenzweig Massart** and her husband traveled to the Wintergreen Resort (high in the Virginia mountains, about an hour west of Charlottesville) to participate in a butterfly census. Running the program were none other than **Dick** and **Mary Smythe**! They've done this census for eight years. Carole reports that **Dick** did an excellent job of teaching volunteers of the Nature Foundation about the local butterflies, their life cycles, etc. **Dick** is a

retired researcher and administrator with the U.S. Forest Service. He and Mary live in Fairfax Station, Va., but will move to Wisconsin soon. They have two daughters, Kathleen '88 and Laura '90.

GINNA CASTO TURNER (formerly Ginna Siskowic) writes that she is remarried, and her husband is a "true blood Scotsman." Ginna can now claim some true Scottish heritage, other than having attended Wooster! She and her husband are in the midst of a seven-year Bible study course with a retired UCLA professor. They toured the Holy Land last autumn, and this December they'll follow the steps of the Apostle Paul in Turkey. They also do missionary work, including a trip to Swaziland two years ago and Eastern Europe last August.

DAVE REX offers an interesting suggestion. He has just completed a course on CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), a nationwide program that trains neighbors how to serve for up to 72 hours as the EMS, law enforcement, or fire protection in the event of an emergency such as a flood, hurricane, earthquake, or blizzard. The program doesn't train you to be a police officer or firefighter, but to work as an individual or as a team member with neighbors in case of such an event. Dave says, if you're interested, find more information at www.citizencorps.gov/cert. He says the program is also a good way to meet new neighbors!

Last year **MARY MADDEN MCKEE** had a knee replacement for her left knee. It was a "unisex" knee. Since then, researchers have developed separate artificial knees for women and men (turns out that we have different knee structures). On June 25 Mary had a female model installed in her right knee. She says it's much better, less pain and more flexibility. Within a month she was playing nine holes of golf daily. She'll be able to dance at the three weddings she has this year. Mary wants to hear from others in the New Knee Club, at h4mmckee@sbcglobal.net.

BUD MORACK is trying to keep his mind alert, both by teaching himself Spanish and by brushing up on his German for a trip down the Danube. He volunteers at a local hospital, where he feels as if he is helping people but does not have to be "theologically correct." Last spring Bud and his wife, Leona Porter Morack '63, traveled to Mesa, Ariz. There Bud officiated at the wedding of their youngest daughter, Elizabeth. Like many of us, he attended his 50th high school reunion last summer. He won the "thinner than when you were in school" award!

As I (**Larry**, your Humble Scribe) keep requesting, if you haven't heard from me via e-mail recently, please send me your current address. This way we can keep in touch.

Thanks. Have a great autumn!

1962

NEW! Jane Arndt Chittick
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NEW! Genie Henson Hatch
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Bill Keeney writes, "I retired in 1994, after 23 years with Bristol-Myers Squibb's Mead Johnson Labs. My final position was national director for the Women's Healthcare Division. While I was with Mead, I did pulpit supply work in western Ohio and the Evansville area, after we relocated to Indiana. After retiring from Mead, I served the Newburgh Presbyterian Church for seven years and the Dale congregation for a year as an interim. I then retired from the denomination.

"I do a little supply preaching but mostly devote my energies to the pastoral care team at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Evansville. I also give some efforts to Bill's Marketing Service Inc., a company that I formed when I retired, to keep me busy and supplement our income. I'm an independent manufacturer's representative for several companies in the commercial building industry. The neat thing is, I can manage this responsibility with a cell phone in my pocket and a computer in the car.

"**Nancy Pickersgill Keeney** retired in 2000 to give her time to knitting and quilting groups, the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, and volunteering as a teacher's aide. Both of us are well and, as you can see, active."

At our class meeting at the reunion, **Kitty Johnson Kelly** and **Dave Danner** were reelected as class co-presidents. We appreciate their willingness to do this again, especially preparing for our 50th reunion. They did a wonderful job of leading us for the 45th. Thanks also to **Linda Park** for her many years of being class secretary, in charge of our class notes. She did a marvelous job. **Genie Henson Hatch** agreed to take on the secretary responsibility, with the aid of **Jane Arndt Chittick**. Please send information to either of us. We want to hear from everyone.

Thanks to **Bill Keeney** and **Arthur and Elaine Rado Reynolds**, two items commemorating our 45th reunion are available: a Web site of reunion photos (picasaweb.google.com/cow62reunion45/CollegeOfWoosterClassOf62Reunion45) and a copy of the speech given by **Gordon Tait** (religion, emeritus) at the class luncheon. Contact **Bill** at billkeeney8211@yahoo.com, and he'll e-mail you a copy of Dr. Tait's presentation, comparing "our" Wooster to that of today.

Elaine Reynolds has been a sales executive and photojournalist for over 30 years. She

married **Larry Spalding** in 1966; they have two children, **Tim** and **Linda**. **Elaine** and her second husband, **Arthur Reynolds**, live in **Lake Toxaway, N.C.** They love travel, photography, music, writing, and nature. **Elaine** has begun work on an anthology of stories and quotations of **Dr. Gore's** years at **Wooster**. She states that she'd love to open the project to all who may be interested in sharing. Contact her at eraynolds@citcom.net.

After retiring from a career in community development with the City of Cleveland, **Linda Park** says that she spent a short stint with a right-of-way consultant. Currently she's a retiree who's busy with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, helping on their national "Save the Water" campaign. She's also active with the local anti-war movement and at the farmers' market.

J. "Tim" and Pat Anderson Peters have moved from their home of 30 years in Michigan to a golfing/lake community in Greensboro, Ga., for the winter and Chautauqua, N.Y., for the summer. They enjoy travel, golf, family, music, and reading. **Tim** practiced law in Kalamazoo, Mich., for 30 years. **Pat** taught junior high school English and civics briefly before having children. Then she taught Suzuki piano and Kindermusik.

J. Michael Miller retired in 1993 after 31 years with the U.S. Navy. Since then he's worked as a director at LSI in Jacksonville, Fla., and as adjunct faculty for the Naval War College. In May 2007, he retired from LSI but continues to teach national security decision making at the Naval War College. **Michael** is doing more ocean kayaking and following up on a desire to become a better artist, using his "senior" status to take courses at the U of North Florida. He says he also plans on becoming a world class senior tennis player—or not.

Karl E. Anderson lives in Galveston and is on the faculty of the U of Texas, medical branch. He's busy with teaching, patient care in gastroenterology and internal medicine, and doing research, mostly on porphyrias, a group of rare diseases. He is also involved in clinical research training programs. His daughter is **Gillian Carol '09**.

On his way to **Wooster** last fall, **Karl** stopped in Kentucky for a good visit with **Elinor** and **Tom Rambo**. **Karl** and **Tom** were classmates in **India** before **Wooster**. **Karl** and his wife, **Patty**, enjoy traveling.

1963

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Lynne Larson Cleverdon has retired, effective June 30. Her new e-mail address is



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WEDDING OF BECKY URBAN '03 & TED WAGENER '02, OCT. 14, 2006
 L TO R, BACK ROW Matt Breznai, Tom Johnson, '01s
 MIDDLE ROW Jon Raessler, Greg Lambert, '01s,
 Todd Seney '99, Sarah Sobel-Poage '02,
 Kaushik Rathi '00
 FRONT ROW groom, bride



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Deborah Elwell Arfken has been dean of the graduate school at the U of Tennessee-Chattanooga for 14 years. She is a tenured professor in the department of political science, public administration, and nonprofit management. In 2006 Deborah presided over the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools. She had the opportunity to dust off her Herr Schreiber lessons while attending a seminar on European graduate education innovations in Germany last summer.

In 2004 **Sharon Cooley Czaika** retired from teaching high school biology in Mississippi and moved to Tawas City, Mich., with husband Joe to take over the family blueberry farm. In addition to tending over 3,000 blueberry bushes, she and Joe are Master Gardeners. Joe plays the French horn in local community bands, and Sharon has ended a 50-year piano playing hiatus. They've traveled to China, Great Britain (while a daughter was at Oxford), and Australia, among other places.

1964

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Geraldine Rahrer McMurtry, gerianjohn@verizon.net, writes, "My husband, a research scientist in animal growth and nutrition for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and I are planning to go on a Mediterranean cruise in September. I'm using that as an incentive to learn Italian, since we'll be in Italy for several days. I'd love to hear where **Katherine Steenrod** and **Margaret Miller-Groghan** are and what they're doing."

1965

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Brian O'Riordan, bkor1@aol.com, replied to our spring note: "I need to correct the statement about me. I'm not retired—from the Air Force or anywhere. I did fly airplanes for five and a half years, but I got an M.S.I.A. from Purdue U, worked in several large companies, then formed a consulting company that deals with technology transfer and new technology commercialization. I've been doing that for about 20 years."

Harvey Bell, harveybell@aol.com, sent a brief e-mail. He lives in Rohnert Park, Calif.

Tom Ewell, tewell@whidbey.com, writes, "After serving as a Wooster-in-India representative (1965-67), I did anti-war work, taught, and did graduate work in seminary and social work. I settled in Maine, where I was on the staff of the New England Quakers and then executive director of the Maine Council of Churches for 20 years, until 2005.

"Last year my wife, author Cathy Whitmire, and I retired/rewired to Whidbey Island, Wash., where we are engaged in 'strategic peace building' and non-violence training, out of our Quaker tradition."

Education is the word for **Ruth Farr Banner** and Jim, banfam3@comcast.net. They write that Ruth began teaching early childhood education classes at nearby Bethel College during the past academic year. She dug in with her usual energy and enthusiasm to give her students a quality learning experience. Ruth also served on the pastoral search committee for City Chapel, while she and Jim hosted the interim pastor and his wife on weekends. She works occasionally on curriculum and teaching for Home Management

Resources and did homebound tutoring of a high school girl this spring. The Banners live in South Bend, Ind.

Of late, we (**Chuck and Lill**) have not received much news from classmates. So, sit down at that keyboard, and send us something to write about. We'll continue to send e-mail newsletters, but we can't do that if we don't hear from you. Let's stay connected, '65ers!

1966

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Walt Hopkins reports on the recipients of our scholarship fund, "In the last academic year, Class of 1966 Scholarships were awarded to Pritesh Karia '07 from Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania, and Seth Stuck '08 from Cumming, Ga. A biochemistry and molecular biology major, Pritesh says that he knows he made the right decision in choosing Wooster. Seth is majoring in philosophy and is a sprinter on the track team. He spent a semester with the Philadelphia Center's urban experience.

"Our class fund gifts now total \$160,232, and the market value is \$298,709. The amount awarded last year was \$15,990."

1967

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NEW! Nancy Lukens-Rumscheidt
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After a memorable 40th reunion, attended by nearly 50 classmates and numerous spouses, these greetings and notes come via your new

class secretaries, **Rosemary Capps Merchant** and **Nancy Lukens-Rumscheidt**. We begin by saying thanks to **Sara "Scottie" Bradley** for serving as our secretary for we-don't-know-how-many years!

We asked those who attended the reunion to share some life updates and reunion stories, and the harvest is plentiful. Of course we did nothing at the reunion but talk about those of you who weren't there, so you can set things straight by writing to us!

Despite the power outage that darkened Lowry Center during the All-Class Dinner on Friday night, we found each other, and the celebrations went on from there. We all thank class president **Doug Topping** for his hard work in organizing our events, and **Sara Patton** (development), who hosted us on Saturday for a wine-tasting presided over by the chef of the Wooster Inn. There we had the chance to meet many retired faculty. Pneumonia kept **Floyd Watts** (history) from joining us, but he was his witty and sardonic self when I (Nancy) visited him in the hospital.

Emily Albu, emalbu@ucdavis.edu, writes, "Wonderful to see Wooster friends. A highlight of Alumni Week was meeting **Jack Boyle '08** and his mother, **Karen**. Jack is the son of our late, much-missed classmate, **Wade Boyle**, who died in Oct. 1993 (see the Winter 1994 *Wooster* for Wade's obituary). **Ed Piper** arranged the get-together with some other classmates—**Rosie Merchant**, **Art Seaman**, **Kathy Rhodes Hyzer**, and myself (see photo, p. 44). Jack is a writer, like his dad, and seems like Wade in many other lovely ways. What a tribute to his remarkable mom that Jack and his two brothers have become such accomplished young men."

David Alger, david.alger@comcast.net, and **Sally Cheaney Alger '68** from Tacoma, Wash., say they had a wonderful time at reunion. They got together off campus for a picnic and an evening of stories and catching up with **Ron Larson** and his wife, along with **Tim** and **Sandi Weaver '66 Weckesser**. Dave writes, "Both of us were so pleased that we attended Alumni Weekend. It was very special to see so many friends. If you happen to see **Jenny Coddington Smucker '68**, tell her that Sally was disappointed that she did not get to see her. Sally works with the Pierce County Library and spends her free time painting. Find me at www.associatedministries.org."

Tim Weckesser, tweck@sino-consulting.biz, says, "I'm occupied with my own company, Sino-Consulting Inc. (www.s-c-i.com). We have offices in China, and I travel there frequently. **Sandi** retired in July from Fox Chase Cancer Center, after 20 years as vice president of institutional advancement. She's raised over \$200 million to fight cancer... We're doing well, thank whatever gods may be."

Eve Stevens Heidtmann and husband **Denis**, evdenev@dslnorthwest.net, report: "It was fun seeing you all at the reunion. I left feeling like all of my conversations were unfinished—I could have used more time with everyone. I was surprised at how good it felt to be back at Wooster and see so many familiar faces. We shared an important four years there, and it bonded us in ways I hadn't fully realized. Everybody seemed so open at the reunion. There was no need to break the ice—we were comfortable together right away."

"I assumed it would be five to 10 years before I would have the chance to continue these conversations, so I was surprised to run into **Susanne Johnston Leggett** again four days later at the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario!

"Denis and I are back home in Portland, Ore., and I'm back to work, tutoring children (K-8) in reading and math. Some just need a boost, others have learning disabilities. I enjoy the detective work involved in figuring out what's going on with a new student and the variety of needs. From one student to the next, I can jump from beginning reading to algebra and back—a form of mental gymnastics."

Sue Hellegers Jones, susan.jones612@earthlink.net, writes: "It was so good to see so many from the Class of '67! In 2005, after 16 interesting years of administrative work at Carnegie Mellon U in Pittsburgh, I quit my job and moved to Ithaca, N.Y., to be family to my aunt and uncle. Ithaca is both a place of natural beauty and a political environment in which to thrive, as reflected in two bumper stickers: 'Ithaca is Gorges' and, since 1999, 'Ithaca is not George's!'"

"Hoping to hold on to family property on the island of Grand Manan, New Brunswick, has also been a major consideration. The last three years I have spent six to 10 weeks per summer caring for our two dwellings. I can now indulge my love of woodworking and allow myself to spend significant time with friends and family, enjoying one of the most beautiful spots on earth. I'm doing cedar shingling, replacing and restoring windows and doors, and trying to maintain the once-spectacular flower beds...For anyone coming this way, please visit. My number in Canada is (506) 662-8847."

From Stamford, Conn., comes this from **Henry Hoffmann**, henry@optonline.net, "My wife, **Nancy Crabtree Hoffmann '69**, and I really enjoyed the reunion. It was especially meaningful to me because two of the former 'Allis House 5' were there besides myself, **Ed Piper** and **David Vellenga**. The three of us, plus **David Johnson** and **Peter Robinson**, lived over assistant dean of men **Howie King's** garage in Allis House in our freshman year. We lived together off campus in the following

Wooster is Everywhere

You never know where you'll run into Wooster folks. While on her first hot air balloon ride in Sedona, Ariz., **Susan Jamison-Trent '58** met **Linda Merritt Royalty '60**—in the balloon. The common ground did not end there, however. It turns out that, only a few years apart, the two had occupied the same Miller Manor room—and the same top bunk!

They had fun remembering that this room had the only private student bath on campus. ("Does it still?" they wondered.)



OTHER BUNK MATES
TOP Margy Luce, Sally Steidman, '57s
BOTTOM Sue Swarts '56, Jan Wiegert '57

Susan recalled turning on the dribbling water, going to breakfast at Holden, and coming back to the tub, which was still only partially filled.

years, too, so became close friends.

"David was unable to attend but returned home to Columbus on Sunday night, so Nancy and I visited him on Monday. He's a full professor of biology at Ohio State U, specializing in fisheries. On Saturday, because my wife Nancy knew **Linda Marsh Saif '69**, one of the Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, we spent a few hours at a party at the farm that Linda and husband **Mo** have outside of Wooster.

"In terms of 'life update,' my volunteer efforts in retirement have been concentrated on the Red Cross Disaster Action Team here in Stamford and now, the Barack Obama Presidential Campaign. My top priority continues to be helping daughter **Kristin** with her music career (www.kristinhoffmann.com), frequently at the last minute. This usually means being a roadie or a "go-fer!"

"Nancy's still working, so I've become a househusband...I've also tried to establish some friendships with men who are in synch with my take on manhood, which does not include macho stuff or spectator sports. Underlying it all, I'm living more meditatively and less stressfully than earlier in my life."

From North Carolina comes this "Hello,"



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>CLASS OF '67 AT REUNION

L TO R Emily Albu, Kathy Rhodes Hyzer, Rosemary Capps Merchant, Ed Piper, Art Seaman

>>WOO MINI-REUNION

L TO R Kassie Arnold Imm '99 & Alanna, Drew & Connie Piontkowski Levine '00



from **Phil Taylor**, philt1@earthlink.net. "I went to the U of Connecticut for a Ph.D. in history. After finishing the class work, I was ensnared in the great lie: 'I will finish my dissertation while I work at a real job.' After 36 years in the financial services industry and a tour in Vietnam, I gave in to my passion and started full-time as a construction site supervisor for Our Towns Habitat for Humanity.

"Habitat has been a wonderful second career, as I'm combining my passion of building decent homes for families who otherwise would live in substandard housing (the horror stories I could tell about nefarious slumlords!) and my love of construction with skills in management and mentoring. It's wonderful to look forward to going to work these days!

"I had a great time in Wooster, catching up with so many friends and faculty. My wish is that all classmates will attend future reunions. Feel free to contact me!"

Doug Topping reports, "I retired in 2004, after 25 years as a toxicologist at Kodak and still live in the Rochester, N.Y., area. I do a bit of consulting, am on the board of a history museum, and sing in several choirs. I also enjoy doing Wooster things, such as my trip to Germany with the Scot basketball team several years ago and my agreement to be class president for a *seventh* five-year term!"

Mark Wynn, markwynn@comcast.net, agrees, "It was a joy to see so many friends at the reunion. We had a great time with everyone." He adds, "I'm still working, doing R & D for Medicare. I manage a batch of demonstrations of ways to improve health care programs, such as paying bonuses for hospitals that improve their quality. I run another program to improve the quality and efficiency of large physician group practices. One project got the national Baldrige Award last year for outstanding quality in service organizations.

"My wife is a health care services researcher

for the Rand Corp., and we live near Columbia, Md., and plan to stay in the area."

Niccole Cook Atwell '00, assistant director of annual giving at Carnegie Mellon U, sends us the sad news that **Bill Brown** died suddenly in mid-July, after surgery. Bill had taught biology at Carnegie Mellon since 1973, chairing the department since 2000 and recently serving as assistant to the dean. Niccole writes, "He did so much for CMU and will be deeply missed. I recently met him, and he was excited to know that another Wooster alum was here on campus." We send our condolences to Bill's wife, **Linda Scott Brown**, and his family. CMU will hold a campus tribute this fall.

Finally, a word from each of your secretaries. I (Rosie) retired two years ago from teaching deaf first graders full-time—though I still help out two days a week. One of the many wonderful things about retirement is being able to do things like attend reunions. Because of the school calendar, this was only the second time I've been back to Wooster. I was deeply struck by my sense of connection to the people and the place, even after so many years.

"My husband, John, and I enjoy family, travel, golf and various organizations. We migrate from California to Maine each summer, and it was a joy to share a day there with Nancy as we brainstormed about class notes. There are many Wooster connections on this island, including Susan Stranahan '68 and (The Rev. J.) Barrie Shepherd, a former Wooster chaplain and pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in the '70s.

The reunion was very rich for me (Nancy), as I revisited multiple layers of Woo connections, this time with my husband of two years, Martin Rumscheidt. I returned to Wooster to teach German (1972-85), adding new ties with students, faculty, and the community.

On Friday afternoon we visited with Nancy

Homans '77 and her husband, former Woo faculty member Garry Hesser, with whom I had been in house church group. Saturday, while visiting former Quinby Ave. neighbors, who should drop in but Mady Miller Noble '65, whom I had last seen in the early '80s!

Conversations brought home how protected we were in the '60s, especially the women, and how little many of us understood of the civil rights movement, Vietnam, and the cultural shifts that defined our generation and transformed the campus a year later. I was also reminded of how well Wooster teaches its graduates to keep on learning, and noticed, as did Martin, what interesting people we are!

Help us update the class list by sending your contact information, especially if you have not updated the Alumni Office recently. Please write!

1968

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Steve McDonald says that he has moved from Ohio to Tucson, where he works full-time at a restaurant and dabbles in Internet stock trading. Last December, Steve had three stints put into his arteries.

We're glad to hear that Steve's mother, Marge McDonald, turned 91 this year. Steve hates to see a blank hole in our column, as do we all. Thanks for writing, Steve!

1969

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Carol Burland Loats has taught at Colorado State U-Pueblo since earning the Ph.D. in 1993. She was recently honored by

the CSU System's board of governors.

According to a news article, Carol received the Excellence in Teaching award, given annually to a top professor at both CSU-Pueblo and CSU-Fort Collins. Carol teaches history and is coordinator of the women's studies program at CSU-Pueblo. She also organized the successful Young Women's Real World Conference.

1970

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In April a *Seattle Times* article featuring the curators of the Seattle Art Museum (SAM) included **Julie McHenry Emerson**. Julie established SAM's decorative-arts department in 1981 and is its curator. Previously she was a consulting curator for the Smithsonian Institution and SAM's in-house curator for several traveling exhibitions. In 2000 she co-curated "Porcelain Stories: From China to Europe," with SAM director Mimi Gates.

In the spring of 2006, nearly a year after **Joella Good Newberry's** retirement from teaching in the Boulder Valley Schools, she and Roger Newberry left Colorado for South Carolina. They had plans to build on Joella's maternal grandparents' land in Mountain Rest. But Joella found herself driving to North Carolina for weekly rehearsals of the Brevard and Hendersonville Community Bands. After six months in Joella's grandmother's falling-down house, the realization dawned that western North Carolina was where the Newberrys were drawn for cultural events, art festivals, hiking, yoga...everything! One Friday night, mattress strapped to the top of the car, with books, clothes, and the dog piled into the backseat, Joella and Roger ran away and moved into a rental in Black Mountain, N.C.

After exploring the area, the Newberrys landed in Hendersonville and launched their adventure. Joella has been elected to the boards of both community bands, as well as Kids Voting of Henderson County. She's setting up art space at home for stained glass and painted furniture endeavors and plans to volunteer as an adult literacy tutor.

Joella concludes, "Remember how it felt, leaving college with the unlimited possibilities of youth stretched ahead of us? After 35 stable years in Colorado, this feels just as exciting, youthful, and mind-boggling. Our addresses are joella.newberry@gmail.com and 206 Mockingbird Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28792."

Deborah Burnham writes, "I'm now the associate undergraduate chair of English at the U of Pennsylvania. The job is primarily advising undergraduate majors, though I'll continue to teach, mostly 19th- and 20th-century

fiction and poetry.

"My daughter, a serious endurance athlete, has gotten me to train for several walking marathons and half marathons. I'm about to end two years as the president of our neighborhood civic association. It's been a useful political education, dealing with theft, assault, planning grants, City Hall, and potholes. The neighbors are critical, smart, and committed to the realities of urban life. I was lucky to have their guidance." Find Deb at dburnham@english.upenn.edu.

1971

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1972

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A wonderful time was enjoyed by 30-something faithfuls at our 35th reunion, joined by several groupies from '71 and '73. Not that all '72ers aren't faithful; it's just that there were only about 30 of us at the reunion. I (**Jay**) can name names. The highlights of the 10-minute class business meeting on Saturday, conducted by yours truly: your new class president is **Don Barlow**, and your old but continuing secretary is me, Jay. Democracy in action.

So what did most of you miss? Well, if you haven't been on campus since our 25th (or before), I can tell you that capital investment has moved the campus up quite a few notches, while retaining tradition. Kauke Hall has been completely renovated in a notable way, not the strictly "form follows function" of 1968. Starbucks between classes, anyone? A new admissions center will greet you when you bring that son, daughter, niece, nephew, or neighbor for a visit, as will other new academic and residence buildings and renovated old favorites.

To be fair, some things don't change. Class of '72 folks who chose to stay on campus, as did yours truly, overnights in Douglass Hall. Tradition still reigns—it hasn't changed a whit, other than swiping a security card to get in.

What else hasn't changed? Coccia House pizza, for one; we had that for lunch on Saturday. Danner's is still on Bowman Street, but it might now be a biker bar. Remember those \$1.00 "steak" sandwiches and cheap pitchers?

In general, the Class of '72 eschewed the formal trappings of country club dinners, professorial lectures, and dining with the president, in favor of pizza, hot snacks, beer, and undistinguished wines, in the interest of maximizing opportunities for good conversation and good memories,

enjoyed in abundance.

As a class distinction, we have a 1972 tree. It's located in the little swale north of the library. Quite "green" of our class, it is funded in perpetuity, both in terms of planting and maintenance. The College is grateful for the gift. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Finally, I received the usual promises of "I'll write, really," followed by personal threats from me that, as I approach retirement, I'm considering both the writing of fiction and liberal use of false attribution and *nom de plume*. You have been dutifully warned.

I do hope that you will consider attending our 40th. I assure you a weekend well spent.

Gary Manning updates us, "I've lived in central Washington State for over 20 years—first in Yakima and, for the last 12 years, in Ellensburg. I work at the Yakima Wastewater Treatment Plant. I went back to school at Central Washington U to study chemistry, physics, and math, with hopes of being a high school science teacher. Basically the classroom-management skill set eludes me—so I'm not going to be a teacher. Moving on...."

"I live on 20 acres six miles east of Ellensburg, near the town of Kittitas. Along with two other people with adjoining 20-acre parcels, I grow Timothy-grass. This year's crop was planted last fall. If we have a good yield of hay, I hope to use some of the income to finish my 32-ft. diameter yurt. It's supposed to function as a greenhouse, wood-workshop, and guest room. I'd like to learn to raise honeybees, because honey is good for us and because it'll be something to keep me busy and provide extra income. (Can retirement come too soon?)"

Lisa Zwanzig Lundgren received the U.S. Public Health Service's Chief Nurse Officer Award for her work in preventing vector-borne diseases. Lisa is a public health analyst for Northrop Grumman's Information Technology sector. A news article reports that Lisa was selected for the honor based on her work on the public impact of the West Nile virus, volunteering for a clinicians' information hotline during the 2004-05 flu vaccine shortage, and developing educational materials on the Japanese encephalitis virus vaccine.

1973

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Richard Aubrey, raubrey@pacbell.net, writes, "I'm trying to catch up with classmates, especially those on the West Coast. My family moved to Moraga, Calif., last year. I still work for Bank of the West (BNP Paribas US Retail Bank). My oldest son is a



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senior at U of California-San Diego, number two son is at Diablo Valley College, and our daughter is a sophomore at Camplolindo High School. My wife, Rhonda, and I celebrated our 24th anniversary. I'd love to hear from Fourth Section brothers."

1974

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Wendy Burnard Barlow traveled with her harp to Washington, D.C., in July. She was a guest of the French embassy as they celebrated Bastille Day with the French ambassador. Wendy later received a letter from the embassy, thanking her for her "brilliant music performance."

1975

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Frank E. Morgan is the new superintendent of the Kershaw County School District in Camden, S.C. Frank's previous posts included director of curriculum development and program analysis for Albemarle County Schools, and superintendent of the Goochland County School District. Check out www.kershaw.k12.sc.us/superintendent_morgan/.

In June **Mary Beveridge** was appointed to the Missouri State Historical Records Advisory Board, a news article tells us. Mary is the manager of the Missouri Valley Special Collections of the Kansas City Public Library.

1976

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A news article reported that the Kellogg Co. elected **Robert A. Steele** to its board of directors. Bob is the vice chairman for global health and well-being at Procter and Gamble. He has been with P & G for over 30 years.

Also in the recent news was **Karen Havholm**. In May Karen was named assistant vice chancellor for research and director of the Center of Excellence for Faculty/Student Research Collaboration at U of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Karen served in the post in an interim role and was selected after a national search. Karen teaches geology at the university, having joined the faculty in 1993.

Gregory Marvin, gmarvin1@nc.rr.com, writes, "Our daughter, Lindsay, graduated in May with honors from the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music in music education. She and her high school sweetheart (a May U

of North Carolina graduate) were married and live in the Durham area. **Don Berkey** and his family attended the wedding.

"Our son, Michael (15), is a percussionist with the Athens Drive High School band. Yes, we are Band Parents!"

Don Frederico, donald.frederico@gmail.com, says he's been appointed to a three-year term as chair of the board of editors of the *Boston Bar Journal*. "The journal is the premier publication of the Boston Bar Association and publishes practical articles concerning timely legal issues, authored by lawyers, law professors, and judges," Don explains. "I've served on the board for the past three years and find it rewarding, enriching, and a lot of fun."

1977

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Bob Dyer, our class president says, "Many thanks to the reunion planning committee for making our 30th reunion one for the ages. I've communicated with many classmates since Alumni Weekend, so I'll refrain from long comments. Suffice it to say that Lucious was in top form—they tore up the stage. And many classmates enjoyed beer ball at Galpin Park."

I (Bonnie) was recently asked to play violin at the Presbyterian Church in Rocky River where, to my surprise, Jon Fancher '78 was the minister. He delivered his message extremely well, on a high intellectual level. I guess it didn't hurt that he was a theater major at Woo.

This year my dream came true. After playing in orchestras for 41 years, I was asked to sing with some of them. In the fall, I sang "Concerto for Coloratura and Orchestra" by Gliere, in the winter, "Exultate Jubilate"; and in the spring, an aria from *La Wally* by Catalana. This was lots of fun (lots of work!).

In late May **Beata Wiggen** sent "warmest greetings" from Germany. "While you are celebrating the 30th reunion, I'll be thinking of you. I've had to tackle a bout of breast cancer. Never expected that to happen to me, the healthy, active, perfect-weight, yoga-teacher, positive-personality me—but it *did* happen. I was operated on in January and had no metastases. Still the doctor ordered chemotherapy, as one of the tests indicated an increased statistical probability (we know about that from Woo stat courses) for future metastases. So I'm following a series of six chemotherapy treatments—five I've already mastered. I got lucky and suffered a minimum of side effects (just the fatigue days). But I am absolutely bald!

"I hope to return to work in early July. I still work in Duesseldorf for the cultural/information TV platform (www.dctp.de). But after 18 years as the director of information, I've cut

my hours to allow a second life in Holland, where I opened a gallery for modern art from Nepal. At www.chautara.nl, you can learn more about my life in the arts and beautiful Holland. So life is good, if a bit bumpy." E-mail Beata at wiggen@dctp.de.

Unfortunately I (Bonnie) also missed this reunion. Please write, even if you don't know me. I'll try to get in touch with you, too.

1978

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South Carolina Lawyers Weekly notes that **Helen Hiser** joined the law firm of McAngus Goudelock and Courie, LLC, this past summer. Working in the Charleston office, Helen will focus on utilities and insurance law as well as energy regulation.

1979

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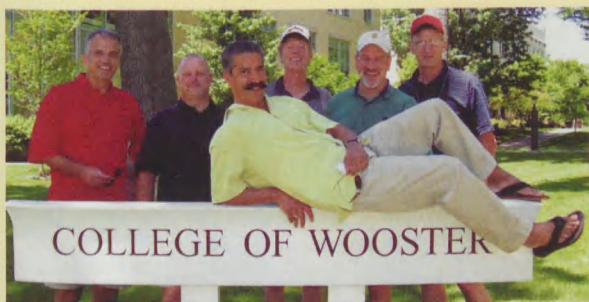
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Greetings, classmates. I (**Jennifer**) am completing the last two weeks of an incredible summer camping trip. My two boys (15 and 12) and husband are still talking to me. We were blessed to have this opportunity. It was highlighted by seeing Paul Lugg '80 and his family in Minnesota.

John Reich reports that, on July 6, he married Kathryn Craft in a small family ceremony in Port Ludlow, Wash. "We live in Seattle, where I have been a residential real estate agent for 24 years," he writes, "and Kathy owns and operates a commercial architecture firm." Find John at jr4homes@aol.com.

Chris Pritchard's book, *101 Strategies for Recruiting Success* (American Management Association, 2006), has been well received. He's not the only author in the family. **Gayle Vickery Pritchard** notes, "My book, *Uncommon Threads: Ohio's Art Quilt Revolution* (Ohio University Press), appeared last December. I had a whirlwind tour in Washington, D.C., for the kick-off, including a live appearance on NPR's "Diane Rehm Show," a packed lecture at the Textile Museum, and an unforgettable evening at Restaurant Nora. See www.gaylepritchardart.com for other events. I'd love to see some Wooster faces in the crowd!"



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L TO R Ed Gilliss, Ernie Fischer, Sam Sisodia, Dale Osterman, Bruce Shaw, Dave Roberts

<WEDDING OF TRACY WARD '02 AND ETHAN DAVIES, MAY 19, 2007

L TO R Julie Raffay, Chris Liao, '02s, bride, groom, Lydia Kruse '02

1980

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We sadly report that **Jay Baker** died on Aug. 1 (his 49th birthday), after a long battle with cancer. We send our condolences to his family. A few friends wrote the following, "Jay gave it a beautiful fight—true to form. He never gave up, retaining his sense of humor and optimism, enjoying every moment he lived, and giving more of himself in his time of need than he ever expected in return. Jay was a big man, with a love for people, fun, and sports, with a big heart and booming laugh. His presence filled a room..."

"Words cannot express the deep sorrow we know you will share with us in no longer having him here in our futures, but we can say for certain that we have all been blessed immeasurably for having had him in our pasts. And still his spirit lives fiercely on in memory and love."

1981

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Mark Petersen, mapetersen@mho.com, sends a note, "It seems like it was only last summer that I was 19 and spending my first summer on my own. But it really is 2007, and I really am a few years older, with much less hair, a few more pounds, and, hopefully, a little more wisdom. I'm doing well in Littleton, Colo., married to Marlene Vaz, my better 90%. I met her several years ago while on an assignment in Brasil. I'm still a geo at work and at heart—vice president of exploration for

Metallica Resources Inc., an emerging gold producer active in the Americas. 'Studying' Spanish in Bogotá in 1979 really paid off. I look forward to hearing from Woo friends."

Matt Morra, mmorra@uidaho.edu, writes: "I've been researching and teaching at the U of Idaho in Moscow for almost 21 years. My wife and I have two children, Brian (17) and Erin (19). I still run and cycle. I'd welcome a visit from old Wooster friends."

Here's a report from **Linda Mortensen Hill** of Lancaster, Ohio, linda_v59@hotmail.com. "We've been grilling out to celebrate all summer, and it's not even July 4th yet. First, my oldest, Marshall, and his fiancée, Rachael, graduated from Kent State U as education majors, one to teach music, one to teach the gifted, both *summa cum laude!* Second, they were married one week later, and both got teaching jobs in Fayetteville, N.C. Third, my youngest, Jacob, graduated from high school with honors and is doing a summer Rotary exchange in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. We'll be in Wooster in August. Jacob is going to be a Scot, Class of 2011. We're excited and hope to read about him in the soccer stat books soon."

And lastly, a sad message. We regret to inform you of the July passing of **Wendy Hunter Beintemain**, after a long battle with cancer. **Gordon Engelhard** remembers, "Wendy was an English major and lived for several years in Babcock Hall. She was one of the most positive people I've ever known, with a smile and a twinkle in her eye for everyone. One of my endearment names for her was 'cricket': her enthusiasm for life reminded me of Disney's Jiminy Cricket. She will be greatly missed."

Karen Gillis-Wilson writes, "One of the things I loved and appreciated most about Wendy was her gentle spirit. In good times and bad, Wendy had a calmness—a peace—that was reassuring. Not that she didn't have fun with the usual crazy college antics, she just also had a gift for gracefully balancing the group and being a friend, constant and true. It

was at our 10th reunion that I last saw Wendy—around the time that she was first diagnosed. I remember her e-mailing me afterward about the news.

"Even in the face of a scary, life-changing obstacle, she truly seemed to possess that same quiet resolve and positive determination that I remembered. I know there must have been tough times, but Wendy's approach to living her life has had a meaningful impact on me."

Many other remembrances have come in. From **Jen Longworth**, "How upsetting to lose such a wonderful friend." And from Mark Petersen, "Remembering Wendy, I always smile at the warmth and genuine down-to-earth friendship she shared with everyone." **Char Reed Lyons** agrees, "She made you feel as if you were the only person in the room... Look for this trait, and you will be rewarded when you find it."

Wendy holds a prominent and perfect place in our memories of Wooster and those years. It's hard to accept that she is gone. Our hearts go out to her family and her many, many friends.

1982

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Laura Mihuta Grimm writes, "Wow! We had beautiful weather for our 25th reunion. Some of us may look a bit older and have real jobs and children now—but we're still fun to hang around with! It's magic to think that, many years ago, we were lumped together in freshman housing and classes. We made life-long friends and special memories. The reunion was a great time to get together, remi-



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nise, and get caught up on each other's lives.

"**Barb Brown, John Shafer, and Susan Lancaster Toner** will remain our class secretaries. **Ann Mowery** and I are your class co-presidents. Thanks to **Linda Burgoon** and **Katie Blood Duke** for heading the fund-raising committee. Under their leadership, our class was able to give a gift of over \$50,000 to the College, split between The Wooster Fund and a scholarship for an incoming first-year who has ties to the Class of '82 and financial need. I live 15 minutes from Wooster. Please send an e-mail if you're nearby, dltn_grimm@tccsa.net. I'd love to see you."

It was so good to see everyone at our 25th reunion! (If you weren't there, we missed you.) The food wasn't as good as we remembered, but the company, of course, was the best. It was a heartwarming reminder of how glad I (Barb) am that I attended Wooster and still know so many wonderful people.

Main topics of conversation included: second (and third) careers; dealing with aging parents; dealing with our aging selves; and kids. Many classmates have teenagers, who are looking at colleges. **Elaine Turley Shoger's** son is Erik '08; **Debbie Taylor Valencia's** daughter, Laura, will start at C.O.W. in 2008.

I spent time with **Chris Baker Taich**, who lives in Sunnyvale, Calif., with her husband and two teenagers, and creates and manages bereavement programs in the Bay area, and **Jennie Parrish Rakos**, a children's textbook editor living in New Jersey with her husband and daughter, Chloe, who came along to the reunion.

Jennie and I discovered that we have the same recurring nightmare of going to Lowry Center to pick up mail...and either forgetting the combination to the mailbox or realizing we hadn't picked up our mail in months. Does anyone else have a Wooster nightmare?

David Ward was busy this summer being "the model of an excellent major-general" (according to *The Star Ledger*) in the *Pirates of Penzance* at the New Jersey Opera (njot.org).

Alice Ann Stuart, aastuart@charter.net, moved to Nashville from Maryville, Tenn., to take a position as associate faculty member at the Vanderbilt U School of Nursing.

Look for more regular e-mails from me (Barb) in the coming months, prodding you for news. At the reunion, I caught up with a number of folks in passing, but I'd rather have your news and contact information in writing.

1983

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By now you have seen the postcards reminding you of our 25th reunion, June 5-8,

2008. Mark your calendars now and start making plans. Woo hotel space is limited!

Shelly Goering sent the following news, "After many happy single years, I got married! Michael Maloney and I tied the knot in Niagara Falls on July 7. We live in my house in Berea, Ohio. Although Michael, a Penn State alum, hails from Erie, we've visited Wooster several times. He's now a devoted Coccia house fan.

"My most recent job was chief compliance officer at McDonald Investments Inc. in Cleveland. My position was eliminated when the company was sold, and I'm taking the summer off and enjoying married life. I'd love to hear from long-lost Wooster friends, at sgoering@wowway.com."

Mark Giuliano updates us, "Since 1999 I've lived in Atlanta with my wife, Judy, and children Michael (14), David (11), and Erin (8) and have grown accustomed to life in the South. Trying to keep up with the kids and their activities keeps us busy. I've been with the FBI for more than 19 years and presently serve as the assistant special agent in charge of national security for the state of Georgia. I spent the winter in Afghanistan as the FBI's On-Scene Commander, overseeing a large team of agents and analysts supporting DOD in its ongoing counterterrorism mission. I'd love to hear from some of the old crew at mark.giuliano@ic.fbi.gov."

Tyler Shores sent a quick note to remind me that he was still teaching and that he and Michelle were still married, after 21 years. Find Tyler at shoresemail@yahoo.com. He claims that Second Section of Armington rules. (Was he referring to our freshman year when we thought living in a concrete cinder block cell was really cool? Or could it be those lacrosse games in the hallway?)

1984

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According to a news article, **Gary Ferner** is the new pastor at Fairmount Community Church in Syracuse, N.Y. He has been in the ministry since 1996. Gary told the reporter that the best part of his job is "helping people see the hidden joy in everyday life and find their own unique journey in faith."

1985

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Reunion is our theme this issue. We'll begin and end with reunions of different sorts. Five '85ers living in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area gathered at a restaurant with their partners and kids to celebrate their 25th anniversary of meeting in Holden Hall (see photo, p. 36). They found their "New People" book adjectives from 1981 still timely.

Lisa Davies Winter, self-described as "overly ambitious and underly motivated," loves life with her daughter (13), boyfriend, and a menagerie of animals. She's worked on motor freight transportation issues for over 20 years. Contact Lisa at winter@nmfta.org.

Still "crazy" yet "serious" after all these years, **Laura Davis** lives with her partner, Deb Earley '84, an acupuncturist, and their two teenage sons. Laura's devoted her career to sexual and reproductive health issues and currently works at Advocates for Youth. Write to her at laura@advocatesforyouth.org.

"Interested in almost everything," **Jori Ellis**, joriandave@aol.com, is a licensed clinical social worker supervising a mobile crisis team. She enjoys her husband and three children and is working toward a black belt in Karate.

The "maidly" **Cynthia Newcomer** works in HIV/AIDS education and studies dance and movement for healing and social change. She enjoys watching her girlfriend tend their garden in the historic Greenbelt Homes cooperative. Contact Cindy at cjnewc@igc.org.

Susan "Sporty" Propater is a librarian at the U.S. Export-Import Bank. She and her partner, Tara, just bought their first house in Alexandria, Va., where they frolic with their two pugs. Reach Susan at susan.propater@exim.gov.

Various folks keep in touch with Dave Thompson '86, a teacher living in Pittsburgh with his wife and son, and **Mark Herzberg**, who works for USAID and lives in Jerusalem, Israel, with his wife and son. Contact Mark at m_and_m@netvision.net.il.

After nearly 25 years, **Shah Hasan**, director of the M.B.A. program at Otterbein College, recently reconnected with his first-year Woo roommate, **Taco Dijk**. Taco attended Wooster for one year, visiting from the Netherlands. "I'm not sure how the housing office put us together," writes Hasan. "I remember requesting a preference for a room on the highest floor and some consideration for my age (I was nearly 24 when I arrived at Wooster). In what turned into a blessing, I got a room instead in the basement of Kenarden with Taco, who I'm pretty sure was the youngest in the class." Taco lives outside of Amsterdam with his wife, daughter (13), son (8), and a canary. Taco would love to hear from old friends at thdijk@yahoo.com. Find Hasan at shasan@otterbein.edu.



WEDDING OF KRISTY SCHAVOLT '00 & DENNIS MISKIMEN, SEPT. 2, 2006

L TO R Nickie Martino, Adrienne Ferraro, Anna Jenks, Jill Miller, '00s, bride, groom, Aaron Glasgow '98, Jennifer Gladden Glasgow '00, Rachel Renkes '02, Elizabeth Baumann Conner '01, Nikki Miller, Katie Tissue Ribovich, '00s

David Boop is the new director of career planning at Arkansas Technical U in Russellville. "I never thought I'd move to the South," says Dave, "but we're making a career of it, with 12 years in Georgia and now on to Arkansas." **Cheryl Trautmann Boop** will stay in Athens, Ga., until their house sells. She continues to work as a pediatric occupational therapist at Athens Regional Medical Center. "I just got back from volunteering at Camp Dost (a camp for kids with cancer) in Millville, Pa., with **Becky Sears Drumheller**," she reports.

Becky is a child life specialist at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa. She and her husband have two daughters. "The Wooster connection is incredibly strong between our families," says Cheryl. "My mom, Patricia Murray Wiedner and Becky's aunt, Gail Waters Allen, '60s, were Woo friends." Find Dave and Cheryl at cherylboop@hotmail.com.

Sarah McGraw Krushinski and her family traveled a lot this past summer from their home near Pittsburgh. "In June I went solo to Chicago for an arts conference on the outskirts of the city, at Willow Creek," Sarah says. "It was an inspirational weekend for artists in ministry." After a family trip to historic Williamsburg and Virginia Beach in July, Sarah and her daughter, Helen, went to Arkansas to visit relatives.

"Of course, we will make the summer trek to Wooster to catch three shows at the Ohio Light Opera, where my sister, Laura McGraw Neill '89 (OLO's manager/producer), and her family live." Catch up with Sarah at mcgrawactor1@aol.com.

Brent Richard Jones wrote in May, "I have another daughter! Brianna 'Bree' Rosemary was born on Apr. 28. She's is still trying to adjust to life on the outside. Big sister Katharine "Kate" Elizabeth (4) is excited but

wonders why mommy and daddy won't let her change diapers—sometimes daddy wonders the same thing..." Congratulate Brent at jonesb@learningunlimited.org.

A news article tells us that **Walter D. Bay** is the new corporate vice president, general counsel, and secretary at Arthur J. Gallagher and Co. Walter has over 20 years of business management and legal experience. Walter's recent posts include general counsel/secretary for GE Commercial Distribution Finance.

We (**Katie Hopper and Barry Eisenberg**) traveled to eastern Kansas with our kids (Emma, 14 and Aaron, 9) in July for a wedding and an anniversary celebration that served as a family reunion. It was also a Wooster reunion.

Celebrating their 50th anniversary were Katie's uncle and aunt, Warren '52 and Carol Lee Swager. Other Woosterites present were Katie's parents, Henry and Alison Swager Hopper, '58s, another uncle, Alan Swager '57, aunt, Julia Swager '62, and cousin, Becky Swager McKee '80. The Swagers who went to Wooster are all children or grandchildren of Alice Robertson Swager '25. We all wonder if a great-grandchild will continue the legacy.

1986

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My (**Jane's**) co-secretary, **Margo**, is enjoying her summer (without e-mail) in Nova Scotia, where she has a home. It is a lovely spot on this earth, and I am envious of her R & R with family and friends.

It is with a heavy heart that I share the

news of the passing of Jennifer Hoskin Grosel '89, **Doug Grosel's** wife. According to Doug, Jen fought a courageous battle against breast cancer. Doug is now left to raise their three sons. Contact him at doug@grosel.com. A memorial fund has been established in Jen's honor (see 1989 column).

The *Akron Beacon Journal* noted that **Scott Piepho** lives in West Akron and has a law degree from the U of Virginia. Scott is a field-organizing consultant for the Ohio Fair Schools campaign and a community activist.

Also in the news, **Doug Dubin** was named creative director for Sterling Consulting Corp. He'll provide strategic and creative direction for the firm's clients. Doug was recently the executive producer of the media production company, Red October Productions.

Brett Baker sends, "Greetings from Fort Myers, Fla. Life is good, less a hurricane or seven. Our oldest daughter is a junior at Florida Gulf Coast U (having changed majors twice and schools three times). We have two at home, a boy (13) and girl (10). I'm still selling pizza, but we went from 10 stores to three in 1997 (400 employees gets old). In May we were recognized as one of the top franchises in the Domino's Pizza system. For those of you keeping track, I attended my 59th Buffett concert this year. Visitors are always welcome."

1987

NEW! Emilie Storrs
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Greetings from your new class secretary! I (**Emilie**) had a wonderful time at our 20th reunion. It was good to see so many of you and catch up, visit the campus, and tear up the dance floor! Put a "save-the-date" post-it in your advance calendar for June 2012, when



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we'll have our big 25th reunion!

I've had the opportunity to catch up with two other classmates. **Nancy Degener** works at the law firm of Allen & Overy in NYC and lives in northern New Jersey. She breeds and shows Oriental shorthair cats. See her furry friends at www.operakatz.com. Nancy has a knitting blog, sockaholic.blogspot.com.

Ruth Durkee writes, "I have joined the ranks of school administrators at one of Vermont's 16 regional technical centers. Our school serves students from seven high schools. They apply to spend their junior and/or senior years with us. We also offer a range of continuing education and workforce development/job training programs. I oversee everything scheduled after school hours, supervise evening teaching staff, and work with adult learners. I love it, and I have much of my summer free to enjoy the Adirondacks (where I am as I type).

"I still use my legal training, primarily within the technical education community. Last year I also did several workshops for educators on state harassment and bullying laws, a project funded by the Vermont Human Rights Commission. Last fall I bought a 1929 arts and crafts bungalow—love at first sight."

Ramin Abhari was sorry to miss the reunion and provides a brief overview. "After graduating as a chemistry major, I went to graduate school in NYC for an M.S. in chemical engineering. I met my wife, Anne, there. She was a French tourist. We got married in 1991 in her hometown in the French Alps. **Ned Fortana** was my best man. My sister, Roya '85, and her husband, John Bromell '86, were also there to celebrate.

"I've worked as a chemical engineer since graduate school—four years with W. R. Grace in Baltimore, four years with G.E. in France, and seven years with Exxon Mobil in Baton Rouge and Houston. About three years ago I joined a small startup company, Syntroleum, and moved to Tulsa.

"My colleagues and I are developing and commercializing synthetic fuel technologies—including biofuels. It's exciting doing research and engineering for a small company—the same type of empowerment that I felt upon entering Wooster after graduating from a large high school (over 3,200 students).

"Anne and I have three sons, Rod (14), Shawn (12), and Julian (6). Rod and Shawn are into music, playing various instruments. Julian loves to draw, as I do. (George Olson's Drawing II is one of the best courses I've ever taken!) I'd love to hear from old friends, at abhari5@cox.net or rahari@syntroleum.com."

Chad Chenot writes that he won the contested Republican nomination for Perry

County (Pa.) District Attorney in the May primary. "Since no Democrats filed, I will be unopposed in the November general election. I was running for reelection for the position that I've held since Jan. 2004. Prior to that, I was assistant district attorney for 10 years." Chad, his wife, Lynne, and two sons, Devon and Nolan, live in New Bloomfield, Pa. Find him at cchenot@perryco.org or chenot@pa.net.

1988

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Deb Celinski, who recently gave up the co-secretary position, got this note from **Darryl Sanders**: "After years in Lakewood, Ohio, I moved to Avon last May. I've begun my 20th year of coaching at Rocky River High School. Currently, I'm a varsity assistant in boys basketball and baseball. I was on the baseball coaching staff that made back-to-back appearances in the state final games in 1998 and 1999. During the last two hoops seasons, I've coached the JV team to consecutive West Shore Conference titles in the inaugural campaigns of the new league. I also find time to be the game day announcer for both volleyball and girls basketball teams. I used to announce the football games, too.

"I've also begun my 19th year as an intervention specialist for at risk youths for Catholic Charities. It's stressful and challenging but lots of fun, trying to bring something positive into the lives of kids who are in need of a role model. I'd love to hear from people of the past. I worked a week of basketball camp at Woo in July." E-mail "the Colonel" at dcwoo16@yahoo.com.

1989

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Doug Grosel '86 gives us some sad news. He says that his wife, **Jennifer Hoskin Grosel**, age 40, "lost her courageous battle to breast cancer on June 7, at her home, with her family. Jen was born in Lakewood, Ohio, and grew up in Parma, where she graduated in 1985 from Valley Forge High School...Her strong determination, friendly disposition, and courageous attitude will truly be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her love of family and friends was second to none."

The Jennifer Hoskin Grosel Memorial Fund has been created for donations to causes of Jennifer's selection, including an education fund for sons Evan (12), Tommy (10), and Luke (5). The address is Jennifer Hoskin

Grosel Memorial Fund, 1835 Braeburn Park Dr., Euclid, OH 44117. Reach Doug at doug@grosel.com.

Chris Gallagher has lived in Kent, Ohio, for the past few years, after moving around the U.S. for 10 years. He has three kids—Kelsey (9), Erin (7), and Patrick (4)—and works as a divisional sales manager for Home Diagnostics Inc., which makes products to help people with diabetes manage their blood sugar.

Jennifer K. Blair earned a master's in library and information science from Kent State U in 2004. Since last August she has been a paralegal at the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) in Cleveland. She's most excited about having recently endowed a scholarship through the Women's Advisory Board of the College.

Having moved to Asheville, N.C., in 1989 with her sister, **Amy Weitz Cole** works in the office of Tops For Shoes. The company has a nationwide customer base and is known for its service and selection. She got married in 2001 ("no kids, two cats"), and her beloved black Lab, Onyx, passed away in 2002. Amy says she loves living in the mountains and enjoys the Blue Ridge parkway, hiking, and camping.

Peter and **Kelley Currie** are the proud parents of Peter MacLean Currie Jr., as of February. They're in Washington, D.C. Peter works in managed care for a specialty pharmaceutical company.

Another smitten new parent is **Paul Findlay**. He and his wife, Deborah, welcomed their first child, Chloe Harper, last August. Paul started a new job about a month after Chloe arrived, as a research scientist in pharmaceutical technology at Forest Laboratories on Long Island. He enjoys the reduced commute!

Ever the...er...comedian, **John Pierson** wrote that he submitted the following to his high school alumni Web site: "Having learned that the human genome has already been mapped, John Pierson is currently working on other stuff." They didn't post it. John still lives in St. Louis and has been variously employed as an actor, carpenter, and teacher. His wife, Nancy, is an artist who, among other things, teaches art to children with autism. John spent a weekend in Washington, D.C., with **Alicia Aebersold** and **Lester Burke**.

Charlene D'Cruz has spent most of her time since Wooster championing the legal rights of Central American immigrants. In Arizona soon after graduation, she helped start a nonprofit to provide free legal services to Central American refugees, serving as executive director and paralegal. "It was like being on M.A.S.H.," she says. "There were hundreds of refugees from Central America pouring over the border, and no one to represent them.



WEDDING OF LORI MITSKAVICH & ROSS MAY, '02s, JUNE 25, 2005

L TO R Melanie Gertz, Jacob Frank, '05s, Tony Springer '02, Eliot Fackler '04, Erin Patterson '02, Dave Wernecke '03, Beth Starling '02, groom, bride, Lisa Minich '02, Dan Purcell, Jody Bray, '03s, Jacob Ruttinger, Greta Dishong, '02s, Nick Chiorian '01, John Kelly, Josh Frank, Dawn Hirth, '02s

It was the height of the civil wars in Guatemala and El Salvador.”

After law school at the U of Minnesota, Charlene litigated for Legal Services in Minneapolis, mostly in housing discrimination, resolving landlord/tenant disputes, special education law, and other discrimination lawsuits. She earned a master's at the U of M in educational psychology, with an emphasis on teaching children with emotional/behavior disorders, learning disabilities, etc., and taught special education (K-12) in the St. Paul School District. After all of that, she had two children, Avantika (6) and Suren (3), stayed home, and started an immigration law practice. She'd love to hear from friends at cfdcruz@gmail.com. See '89 birthday celebrants pictured on p. 38.

1990

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Kim Strollo wrote in July, “I'm now a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. State Department—my dream job! I'm in D.C. for training and will know where I'm headed in August.”

The *Mansfield News Journal* reported that **Sonji Everson Carter** spoke at the NAACP Youth Council's first Freedom Fund Banquet in Ontario, Ohio. Sonji is a safety and environmental engineer for S. C. Johnson. She co-chairs the African-American Business Council and was elected the first black president of the Certified Hazardous Material Managers organization in Wisconsin.

Husein Kitabwalla was appointed senior

vice president for the Retail Brand Group (RBG), a Sodexo subsidiary. He joined the company in 1999 and has served as vice president of operations and brand development.

1991

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Jan Pieter Weening writes from The Netherlands that he has a new job, as consultant and trainer at Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. Jan and his wife, Jolanda Woltmeijer, have a daughter, Hannah (5).

Laura Kenreich Whittle and her husband, Mark, welcomed Graham Lawrence on Apr. 20. He joins older brothers Sebastian and Preston. The family lives in Chantilly, Va.

Mark Norton and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed their first child, Ava Mae, on May 12. Mark spent six years with the Lexus Division of Toyota, in Toledo, Cincinnati, and Chicago. He returned to Wooster late in 2003 and is now an advisor with Briggs Financial Group, a wealth advisory in town. Friends can get in touch at mark.norton@gmail.com.

Lane Toensmeier left the union where he worked to start law school at Willamette U.

Lisa Walsh McGee writes, “As of July 17, my husband, James, daughter, Sophia (6), and I will reside in Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland, my husband's hometown. A dream finally come true! We've bought our first house and plan to live in Ireland permanently. We'll be about an hour from Shannon Airport, two hours from Dublin, and a hop, skip, and jump from the rest of Europe.

“Until February I was working back at my

old stomping grounds at *House Beautiful* magazine, where I was for two years. Since then I've been doing public relations for a New York designer and architect, writing, styling, or producing for *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Fairfield County Home*, and *Coastal Living* magazines. Hope to pursue the same type of work in Ireland while working on ideas for my second book. My first book was *At Home in Nantucket* (Chronicle Books, 2004).” Reach Lisa at stylistmcgee@gmail.com.

1992

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Beth Moran Reiten, sabeehah@gmail.com, has a new address: 2903 N. Perkins Rd., Apt. C206, Stillwater, OK 74075. She works as a digital library services librarian at Oklahoma State U. Last year Beth received tenure and was promoted to associate professor.

Helen Shepard married Thomas Trevey in Abingdon, Va., on Apr. 28. Helen writes, “College friends **Christy Quigley Galaher**, **Kathy Heppner Goss**, Jim Goss '93, and **Andrea Sweazy Grammle** were with us to celebrate. We've moved from Atlanta (where I spent the last 12 years) to Richmond, Va., closer to Tom's family and new job. Would love to hear from Wooster friends in the area, at shep9216@bellsouth.net.”

“I recently started Cathy Taylor Public Relations Inc.,” writes **Cathy Taylor**. “It's an arts and entertainment PR firm in Chicago, specializing in nonprofit theater. My clients include some of the city's largest companies. Check it out, www.cathytaylorpr.com.”

According to a news article, **Colleen McFarland**, head of special collections at U



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> WEDDING OF JANE DEARWESTER '97 & SEAN SOBOLESKI, MAY 26, 2007

L TO R Betsy Beyer Swope '97, Jaime DiFabrizio '98, Eric Banner, Mandy Stanley Banner, '97s, Brooke Johnson Slone, Sarah Harrison MacMillan, Clare Yannella, '96s

>> WOO RUNNING

Becca Stinson LEFT & Jes Johnson, '03s, ran the Country Music Half Marathon in Nashville.



Wisconsin-Eau Claire's McIntyre Library, gave a presentation on preserving family history and records as part of the UW-Eau Claire's Alumni Association's luncheon series.

1993

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Andrew G. Eklund, assistant professor of chemistry at Alfred U's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was awarded the Ruth Berger Rubenstein Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching, according to a news article. This is the highest honor for faculty in Alfred's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Business. Andrew earned a Ph.D. in organometallic/inorganic chemistry from the U of California-Irvine. He joined the Alfred faculty in 2001.

The *South Bend Tribune* reported in May that **Mphatso "Terry" Namwali**, along with other members of the First Presbyterian Church Malawi Association of South Bend, is spearheading local efforts to build and operate schools in Malawi. In this underdeveloped country, HIV/AIDS has taken a heavy toll and left many orphans. The church's interest is based in part on the large Malawian community in the South Bend area. Terry settled there about five years ago and joined First Presbyterian Church, the first person from Malawi to do so. About 50 Malawians now are members, the article says.

The Malawi Association has built a nursery and a primary school. This year's "Have a Heart for Chibanzi's Children" campaign aims to build a simple kitchen and bathroom and continue to support the 300 children in the program.

Tammy Berger Bondurant had a baby girl on July 20, 2006. She joins brothers Austin (6) and Zack (4), who simply adore her.

Marc deBree sends the following, "Big news around here is, one, the birth of our daughter, Ada, on Feb. 8, and two, my graduation from business school. Ada has been an absolute joy. Kathey and I are having a great time learning how to be parents. I recently accepted a job with Highwoods Properties in Raleigh, focused on office property in the southeast. I'll be in the investments group, doing acquisition/disposition work. I hope to get involved in some green building projects."

Marc sends news of other folks, "**Brian** and **Sandy Clarke '94 Galbraith** also had a baby, **Gavin**, a couple of days before we did. I chat periodically with **Scott** and **Margaret Cody '92, Ken Temple, Nate Fretz**, and every now and then, **Brian Gallagher**. I also keep up with **Betsy Albright** and **Jen Coffman Dewitt**, who live here in Durham."

Pete Kenworthy sends double news—twin boys, born on July 11 (two days before their sister, Courtney's, fifth birthday). "Thomas Kerr and Maxwell Owen were each over six pounds. Julie Evans Kenworthy '94 and I couldn't be happier! To be able to move back to Ohio to take a job at WEWS-TV and then to have our family grow is truly lucky. Drop us a line, at kenworthy@wews.com."

I (**Charlie**) heard from **Galen Gaarder**, who was married last summer. Galen and his wife, **Patty**, live in NYC.

I ran into **Suraj Dudhoria** at a Wooster alumni event. He's married with two children, lives in the San Francisco Bay Area, and works in the teleconferencing industry.

Chris Stropoulos reports that his film, *Raiders of the Lost Ark: The Adaptation*, got some great press on *Wired.com* (*Wired* magazine). "It features clips and a slideshow of pictures rarely posted online," he says. Go to www.wired.com/entertainment/hollywood/ne

[ws/2007/05/diy_raiders](http://www.wired.com/entertainment/hollywood/news/2007/05/diy_raiders). And check this site for upcoming screenings, www.theraider.net/films/raiders_adaptation/screenings.php.

But Chris's biggest news is his new daughter! **Diana Phoenix** was born on July 14. Check out the pics, at [/community.webshots.com/user/stropoulos?vhost=community](http://community.webshots.com/user/stropoulos?vhost=community).

1994

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Rebecca Anne Davis Gardner writes, "We are having a great summer—getting ready to move to a new house and welcoming our third child, **Shirley Anne**, born in June. She joins brothers **Eric Scott (5)** and **Michael David (almost 3)**. I'd love to hear from Woo friends." The **Gardners'** new address is 109 Rock Creek Dr., Greenwood, SC 29646.

Michael Dittman has published three books since 2004 and is working on a fourth, a young adult novel. He teaches English, literature, and writing at Butler County (Pa.) Community College. He told a reporter, "Writing makes me a better teacher, and teaching makes me a better writer. They inform and help each other." Michael is promoting his latest novel *Small Brutal Incidents* (Contemporary Press, 2006), a "neo-noir novel," he told the reporter, with a "femme fatale, gritty, and ultra-violent."

1995

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A news articles tells us that **Dori Farthing**, assistant professor of geology at SUNY-Geneseo, was featured in Alfred U's Geology Speaker Series in March.

Kim Kuhls Hoffert sends this update, "On Mar. 25 Ethan and I welcomed our second daughter, Lela Ruth. She's doing well, and Clara Ann (3) is a wonderful big sister." Kim works part-time with G.E., where she's been for nearly nine years. She still lives in Akron. Find her at choffert@neo.rr.com.

Larisa Fricsons Kirgan says that she and her husband of six years, Sean, live in Alexandria, Va., and work in D.C. Larisa is the operations officer for Annenberg Media, a funder and distributor of educational resources (www.learner.org). She says, "Work keeps me busy but so does family. We welcomed our son, Charles Jacob, on Dec. 26, 2006. He joins our daughter, Alexis (almost 3). We get together with the Hofferts a couple of times a year. I'd love to hear from anyone in this area at lkirgan@learner.org."

Rob Kugler, RAKugler3@msn.com, continues as the vice principal and director of athletics at the Penns Grove (N.J.) High School. He says, "Since I've taken over the athletic department, we've been in contention for four South Jersey titles, winning our first since 1989 in boys track this past year."

Rob's wife, Heidi Schulz Kugler '94, is the chaplain at the Federal Correctional Institute, Ft. Dix, and was named Employee of the Year. They have twins, Robbie and Jensen, and a daughter, Allie (7 mos.).

In keeping with this fecund tradition, **Scott Parnell** reports that he and his wife, Dana, welcomed their second son, Lucas Robert, in May. Ask for proud papa pictures at sparnell80@yahoo.com.

Sarah Fuller, Sgfuller543@gmail.com, happily reports that AMIDEAST and the Omani Ministry of Education signed a Memorandum of Understanding in May. She returned to the U.S. in July to begin a D.Ed. program in higher education studies and a graduate assistantship at Pennsylvania State U. Sarah says she's looking forward to "living in the same place for the next few years."

Janis Lee Stennett Strotzer, janstrozer@gmail.com, writes, "My husband, Jeremy Strotzer, and I have moved to Chicago. I'm enjoying pursuing my career in social work, and Jeremy loves making people laugh, as an improv actor. We are new to town and would love to hear from any Wooster alums!"

1996

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In April **Nick Donatelli** married Kara Gaskill in Punta Cana, the Dominican Republic. **Laura McBride** came to help celebrate. The couple lives in Akron, Ohio. Nick is an auditor for KeyBank and still spends time with **Lamont Paris**, **Todd Urban**, **Brian Makowski**, **Tim Lake**, and Doug Meinen '94.

Shereen Hejazi married Michael Gerrasch last December in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (see photo, p. 57).

According to an article in the *Chapel Hill Herald*, **Graig R. Meyer** is the coordinator of Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program. The program matches primarily black and Latino students, beginning in the fourth grade, with local mentors, many of whom are U of North Carolina students. The first participants graduated from high school in 2003.

Hao Sheng organized the Boston Museum of Fine Arts exhibit, *Through Six Generations: The Weng Collection of Chinese Painting and Calligraphy*. According to the *Boston Globe*, Hao Sheng worked with collector Wan-go Weng to develop the first comprehensive exhibition of Weng's collection, including pieces never before shown in public.

1997

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Thanks to all who were able to attend the reunion. If you weren't able to be there, you'll be pleased to learn that our class was awarded a trophy for attendance! During the weekend, **Brian Friedman** and I (**Jennie Nichols**) were elected class president and co-secretary, respectively, and **Suzanne "Sue" Fletcher** agreed to stay on as co-secretary. I'm excited and look forward to hearing from everyone! Thanks to outgoing president **Aiyasha Bell Hardaway** for all of her work.

I (Sue) was not able to make it back to Wooster for the reunion but know a lot of you were there. I especially enjoyed the photo spread of **Seth and Jobie McCreight Fagans** on the Alumni Web page! Good show, guys!

I made it back to Ohio later this summer and spent some good time with **Jesse Elmore**. Jesse, his partner, Paul, and their dog, Remy, live in Ohio City and enjoy their quaint neighborhood. Jesse has even been featured as a neighborhood photographer in a hair studio just a few doors down from their house. Many of his photos are displayed and for sale there.

Rebecca Stevens Pollard wrote via e-mail. She and Timothy Pollard '98 own a home in the country, about a half hour north of Baltimore. Rebecca teaches high school and college-level Spanish and Italian, and Tim works for Deutsche Bank. The biggest news is they have a daughter, Elizabeth Hope, born on Apr. 20. She's their first baby, and Rebecca says, "She is awesome! It is so wonderful being a parent!"

Susie Wittstock Dalzell says, "I really enjoy life in Cambridge, England, where my husband and I moved in 2006. This past March I began working at the University of Cambridge as a communications officer in the PR office. I edit the faculty/staff magazine and help coordinate internal communications for 31 colleges. I'd love to hear from Woo folks living here or visiting. susan.dalzell@gmail.com."

Amy Marie Blanchard, ambz6@yahoo.com, enjoyed her first year of teaching in Westerville, Ohio, at Robert Frost Elementary. "I work with students (grades 3-5) with disabilities. I love meeting new students and helping them succeed in the classroom. I'd love to hear from other alumni in special ed or in education in general."

Jane Ann Dearwester tells us that she's now married to Sean Soboleski (see photo, p. 52). Jane lives and practices real estate law in Asheville, N.C. Find her at www.soboleskilaw.com or janesoboleski@gmail.com.

1998

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We (**Terry and Sally**) happily report that we pulled off our first intercontinental column with little mishap (we sent out some frantic last-minute e-mail pleas, but that's nothing new). Since Sally moved to Kobe, Japan, in March to teach English at Konan University and pursue her dream of becoming an amateur belly dancer, your fearless class secretaries have braved geographical separation and the time difference to make this column happen.

Lisa Elliott, lisa.felch@gmail.com, married Tim Felch in 2005. The couple lives in Fort Mill, S.C., just south of Charlotte, N.C., where Lisa enjoys her job as Web content manager for SIM International, a Christian mission organization (www.sim.org).

Ron '95 and **Heather McCone-Hustwit** had their first baby, William Wakefield, "Liam," on May 17. Heather reports that he "has his father's hair and ears but his mother's cheeks and lungs. Boy, can he bellow!" When not screaming, Liam enjoys being outside and looking at trees. A future tree-hugger, perhaps? Find Heather at mcconehustwit@yahoo.com.



ClassNotes

WEDDING OF DANIELLE BAUGHMAN '99 & RYAN CATTEAU '98, JUNE 10, 2006

L TO R, BACK ROW David Carney '99, Luke Blair '94, Adrian Braun, Adam Cornett, Ryan Banach, '98s, Dan Broehl '99, Mike Gorrell (Lowry Center), Nate Zahn '02, Bob Blair (Registrar), Heather Catteau Ramsey '94 SECOND ROW Patricia McVay Gorrell (libraries), Kate Messer Dulac, Meg Hall, '99s, Tim Ross '98, groom, bride, Brooke Abernethy Braun '98, Margi Hazlett '02, Jessica Armstrong-Pennington Witmer '99 FRONT ROW Liz Hallenbeck Broehl, Jenny Schroeder, Chaya Cashin, Amelia Hankin Banach, '99s, Angie Lombardo '98



Kalima Drga Abreu, kdrga@yahoo.com, and her husband, Willi, bought a townhouse at 9233 Hood Rd., Manassas, VA 20110. Kalima takes the train into D.C. for work and wonders if other Wooster alumni ride the same one (VRE Manassas line).

Jen Liebfried, jliebfried@earthlink.net, moved to Austin, Tex., last November. The company that she works for closed their plant in Ohio, and the lab director from the Austin plant persuaded Jen to make the move. She's enjoying the sunny weather, the music, the good food, the weirdness, and the beer.

Hilary Teynor, hteynor@ashland.edu, is a new assistant professor of English at Ashland U. She teaches courses in her specialty, 17th- and 18th-century British literature, other literature courses, and composition.

Ilana Brownstein, ilanalit@gmail.com, is still at the Huntington Theatre Company in Boston. She enjoyed hosting an event at the theatre for area Wooster alums. "It was a blast!" Last year Ilana started teaching contemporary drama at Boston U, and she's looking forward to developing new courses. She reports that both **Gregg Licht**, gblicht@gmail.com (in New York), and **Aaron Rupert**, aaron.rupert@gmail.com (globetrotting), are well.

In May **Catherine Swartz** married Mark D'Cruz (see photo, p. 38). Two folks attended but did not get into the picture, **Barbara Queen** and **Elizabeth Wiemels**.

Matthew Scott requests that we start playing up the 10th reunion—only one year away! "It'd be great to have lots of folks there." He's accepting any offers to help with the planning, at matthewscott@comcast.net.

1999

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Many '99ers spent time saying farewell to Stan Hales (president, emeritus) as he traveled around the country. Joe and I (**Debbie**) attended the Cleveland event at the Terrace Club at Jacobs Field. We got to tour the field but were disappointed when they wouldn't allow Stan to throw a ball—he'd even brought his glove! This was a great opportunity to connect with classmates and other Woosterites. Our class was also represented by **Karl** and **Amanda Kriska '00 Bekeny**. Amanda teaches and plays the trumpet in the Cleveland area, and Karl enjoys his work as a lawyer.

Other Stan farewell events attracted more classmates. **Fred Pinch** notes, "I've discovered that Katherine Dugan '00 lives in Washington, D.C., where I live, and that **Sean Malone**, a buddy, also lives in the city. These discoveries took place at a Stan Hales alumni event in D.C. We've all kept in touch since then. Such get-togethers are great for camaraderie and storytelling!"

Megan Mandernach Shober sends this update, "My family and I recently moved to Appleton, Wis., and plan to be here forever. Any Wooster grads in the Fox Valley area? I didn't think that Appleton was on the way to anywhere, but within weeks, both Michelle Perrigo '96 and Kim Schaefer '97 came through. Amazing!"

A few weeks later, Megan met Austin Carter '05. "We were both sitting at a gate in the Detroit airport waiting for a plane to

Appleton. The plane was delayed for six hours, plenty of time for us to discover that we both went to Wooster. At least something good came of the wait!" If you live in the area or plan to be nearby, let Megan know at mlm1950@yahoo.com.

Our class legal globetrotter, **Ben Mizer**, is on the move again! "After a happy stint in D.C. at the law firm of WilmerHale, I'm moving back to Ohio. I'll settle in Columbus, where I've accepted a position as deputy solicitor in the office of Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann. I'll miss D.C. but look forward to being close to family." Welcome Ben back to Ohio at ben_mizer@yahoo.com."

Lindsey Walsh-Resnick is in Beachwood, Ohio. She works as a bank branch manager and has two children.

Heidi Cloughly Bird is busy with her music studio and running after two little girls. She and Jeff Bird '98 just celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary. Heidi has started an Indigo Girls tribute band, Closer to Fine (www.myspace.com/closertofineband), in Claremont, Calif.

Jodi Michelle Reinicke says she's still teaching at a special needs preschool in Columbus. Jodi and husband Josh enjoy their kids, Hannah Rose (3) and Benjamin Levi (6 mos.). Find Jodi at jodibu@email.com.

2000

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Shiv Siddhant Narayan Kaul writes, "Smita Narayan and I have moved back to

Calcutta, India, with our two children, after 11 years in the U.S. If any alumni or students are passing through, please get in touch, at siddhant.kaul@gmail.com."

Marie Salupo married Amos Masotyia on June 11 in Mentor, Ohio. The couple met in Zimbabwe, where they live. Marie writes, "Since we coordinated the wedding in only 10 days once we got to the States in June, it really was a family affair. No Wooster folks made it. But we enjoyed ourselves!" Reach Marie at salupomc@yahoo.com.

Kassie Arnold Imm '99 and **Connie Piontkowski Levine** and their families had reunions in San Diego and Pittsburgh (see photo, p. 44).

Matthew Mace Barbee, mbarbee@bgsu.edu, and his wife, Karin, welcomed their first child, Clara Pearl, in January. "Pearl is now six months old and proving to be a feisty, inquisitive little sprite," says Matthew. "I finished a Ph.D. in American studies at Bowling Green State U and have been hired as an instructor in BGSU's department of ethnic studies."

Joseph W. Myers married Lindsey M. Imes on Jan. 13 in Cincinnati and took a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. They reside in Cincinnati, where Joseph works for Don Schumacher and Associates.

Kristy Schavolt Miskimen wrote in May of a busy few months. "In Sept. 2006, Dennis Miskimen and I were married in Twinsburg, Ohio (see photo, p. 49). Dennis is from El Paso. We met in Nashville in 2002 when he was in the Army, stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky. He's a veteran of Iraqi Freedom.

"I defended my Ph.D. dissertation at Vanderbilt U in Oct. 2006, was awarded the degree in December, and marched in May. My parents, one of my best friends, my godson, and Dennis endured the sweltering heat to support me. I've accepted a post-doctoral fellowship at Case Western Reserve U in the division of hematology/oncology and center for stem cell research, to begin this summer. Hard to believe I'll be returning to Cleveland after 11 years away. Hello to everyone!"

2001

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Michael Browne accepted a position at Trek Bicycles as their mountain bike brand manager and moved to Madison, Wis., according to a news article. Michael left an editorial post at the bike magazine *Dirt Rag*.

A few Zeta Phi Gamma friends got together a while back (see photo, p. 57).

2002

NEW! Liz Farina Markel
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The five-year reunion saw more than 30 Class of 2002 alumni return to campus, including classmates from both coasts. A class luncheon, breakfast in Lowry Center, an ice cream social, and an impromptu Frisbee game provided excellent opportunities to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

The reunion also was an opportunity to elect class officers. Welcome back to **Jen Telischak**, in her second term as class president. I (**Liz**) join the officer duo as class secretary. Many thanks to **Maren Miller** for sharing her writing skills and serving as secretary for the past five years.

Post-reunion, an e-mail solicitation for class notes yielded an overwhelming response! Here's a snapshot of our news. More to come!

At the end of 2004, **Mandy Kyle Cooke** earned an M.S. in social and applied economics from Wright State U and was named Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year by the department. In 2005 she interned as an economic consultant for The Legacy Center in Xenia, Ohio, performing an economic impact study for the organization. She now works as a forecaster for MeadWestvaco and lives with her husband, James Cooke, in The Cannery section of downtown Dayton. She writes, "If you're ever in the area, I'd love to see you!" Contact Mandy at mandy.cooke@yahoo.com.

Erik '01 and **Dana Schrum McLaughlin** have lived in Bournemouth, England, for a year. Erik is still with J. P. Morgan Chase, and Dana teaches languages at several schools. They enjoyed seeing President Hales at his London farewell stop and planned to welcome **Chuck Nusbaum** in August. Dana was to move to Paris in September to finish a master's in French. She writes, "Visitors are always welcome on either side of the Channel!" Reach Dana at danamcLaughlin1@yahoo.com.

Speaking of Chuck, he earned an M.B.A. from Baldwin-Wallace College in May. He's employed as an IT platform engineer with National City Bank in Cleveland. This past summer, he hoped to attend the World Scout Jamboree in London and visit Dana.

Stephanie Woodruff has lived in Oxford, Ohio, for three years and is in her sixth year of teaching, currently kindergarten at a school in Hamilton. She's pursuing a master's through the Ohio Writing Project at Miami U.

Ann Raymond Sofoluwe has called Detroit, Mich., home for two years. She writes, "About a year ago, my husband, Rotimi, and I bought a house, a five-minute walk from the stadium where the Tigers play. I had the amazing opportunity to attend game one of the World Series last October. I'll

always be a Red Sox fan, but I'm slowly adopting the Tigers as my 'hometown' team. If any Woo alums are ever in the Motor City, drop me a line, annsofoluwe@yahoo.com."

Jonah Mytro is deeply entrenched in the New England volleyball scene. He works at an online marketing firm, *mediaspikes inc.*, in Boston as their online marketing director. He also owns a small business, a volleyball event and marketing firm (spikebostonvolleyball.com). In addition, Jonah is in his fourth year as head coach for Lasell College's men's volleyball team, was reelected as president of New England Volleyball, and plays professional volleyball, competing in beach and grass tournaments in New England.

Callisia Clarke graduated with honors from the U of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 2006 and was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honors society. She's a surgical resident physician in the department of general surgery at the university. Callisia was an honoree at the 2007 Universal Sisters Speaking of Women's Health Symposium and was named one of 10 Leaders for the Future, an honor given to select Cincinnati black/African American professionals who have contributed to the community.

Chris Koenig and his wife, Jennifer Bolt '04, moved to Austin, Tex. after a two-year stint in New Hampshire. Chris writes, "We have family here (in Austin), which is important. Come August, Jennifer and I should be certified Texas educators. I'll teach music this fall (grades 3-5) in the Georgetown Schools."

Brian '03 and **Lucy Spieldenner Kelly** live in Columbia, S.C., and love it. Lucy works at the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, helping prepare diets for the animals. She writes, "I deliver all of the food and get to see the animals each morning and afternoon. I've had a great time seeing everything behind the scenes, from gorillas to penguins. I still can't believe I get paid to be at the zoo every day!"

Photos

We love to publish good quality photographs of alumni, preferably those that picture two or more alums. Because we receive more photos than we can use, pictures of large groups but only a few Wooster alums are not considered.

Do not send photographs that you wish to have returned. We can use traditional prints or high resolution digital images sent by e-mail (to class_notes@wooster.edu) or on a disc.

Note the copy deadline (p. 61). If you do not see a photo that you sent, please contact the assistant editor, Jimmy Wilkinson Meyer, or your class secretary.



ClassNotes

WOO AT PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2007

L TO R, BACK ROW Richard Richards '96, Sara Maurath, Josh Holt (prospective students), Kristin Stroble, Nathan Utt, '07s, Marta Zaborowski Ukropina '03, Marta Best '07, Eliza Cramer '04
FRONT ROW Elizabeth Wall, Ann Shanda, '11s, Lauren Heironimus '10, Eva Hendrix Shovlin '11, Emma Hayes, Caroline Black (prospective), Claire Lewis '11



"I hope to start an internship with the gorillas and small mammals this fall, trying to work my way up to the job of mammal keeper." Lucy and Brian keep in touch regularly with **Whitney Lacefield**, **Alex Pries**, Rachel Swift Smith, Corey Humphrey, Nate and Katie Obernyer Weakland, Luke Thompson, and Dan Bartha, '03s.

Chris Liao continues to work for Air France out of Boston's Logan International Airport. Recent countries he visited include South Korea, New Caledonia, China, and Tunisia. While in Ohio Chris visited with me (Liz), **Elizabeth Kriynovich**, **Lydia Kruse**, **Julie Raffay**, and **Tracy Ward**.

Tracy married Ethan Davies in May in Aurora, Ohio (see photo, p. 47). She graduated from the Ohio State U College of Dentistry, and Ethan is a financial consultant with the Hantz Group. They live in East Lansing, Mich. E-mail Tracy at ward.te@earthlink.net.

We happily report another wedding, of **Lori Mitskavich** and **Ross May** (see photo, p. 51).

2003

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Kate Kling-Willaman Gullatta earned an M.S.Ed from Purdue U in May and relocated to Meadville, Pa. She's the assistant director of student activities at Allegheny College.

Rachel Cramer Welty and husband Todd Haralson moved from Nashville to 368 Janet

Dr., Pleasant View, TN 37146. Rachel works with the Gordon Law Group in Nashville.

Bisma Shahid Loan-Atif, bismaloan@gmail.com, writes, "Contrary to popular (and my own personal) opinion, I decided to take the ultimate plunge and got married in April! As seems to be my tradition, I have relocated, yet again, to Sydney, Australia, where my husband, Atif, accepted a job at Ernst and Young. The honeymoon is still in the works. I'm trying to make it to Fiji or Tahiti!

"I'm trying to understand the Aussie accent and the bane of my existence—cooking—an utter disaster! Other than that, married life in a foreign country is an experience to relish! If any Woosterites are backpacking to Sydney, drop me a line."

Becca Stinson and **Jes Johnson** ran a half marathon in April (see photo, p. 52).

A news article tells us that the U of Delaware awarded **Jeffery Spraggins** an Elizabeth Dyer Excellence-in-Teaching Award for exemplary service as a graduate teaching assistant. Jeffery taught two chemistry classes last year. He's working on a Ph.D.

Becky Urban married Ted Wagener '02 last October (see photo, p. 42).

2004

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Rachel Mattison Glickel, rachelglickel@yahoo.com, writes, "Carson Bennett '03 and I are serving as Peace Corps Volunteers in The Gambia, West Africa. We have just celebrated one year here and are looking forward to our remaining year. Carson is teaching math and science to grades 10-11, setting up a computer lab, training teachers on computers, and

organizing a high school-nursery school reading program. I'm a teacher trainer, working with nursery schools, holding workshops, and team teaching. I also work with a girls club and a women's empowerment NGO. We're thinking of moving to Washington, D.C., after our service is finished. Carson wants to apply to law school, and I hope to get into the field of youth empowerment and education policy. *In shallab* (if god wills it), as they say here.

"These days we ask ourselves, 'How's this particular day in the adventure of our lives?' It helps us get through those long days of blistering heat, trying to make sense of living and working in one of the poorest countries in the world." Keep up with these two at www.rachelandcarson.blogspot.com.

Spencer Wyatt was a summer intern at Reebok International, designing kids footwear and hoping it would lead to a full-time post.

Adam Anthony still lives in Baltimore and attends the U of Maryland-Baltimore County. He writes, "I recently was awarded an M.S. in computer science and will stay at UMBC to pursue a Ph.D. Anybody wishing to get in touch in the Baltimore/DC area should send me an e-mail, aanthony1243@gmail.com."

Amika Gibbons says she's "happy in Jacksonville, Fla., working for the U.S. Department of Revenue in child support enforcement. I'm active with my church and thankful for each and every person who has seeded blessings into my life."

Matthew Beckwith-Laube reports, "I'm an ordained minister, and later this summer, I plan to tour with Charlie Laube '01 in support of our Hall and Oates tribute band. We'll kick off in Branson, Mo., and stop in 44 cities. I work part-time as a modern tap dance instructor at the local YMCA and at the *Plain Dealer* as a product-dispersing specialist. My e-mail is



<<WOO GAL PALS

L TO R Lisa Perkins, Jeffy Hill, Melissa Goodwin, '01s, Zeta Phi Gammas

<WEDDING OF SHEREEN HEJAZI '96 & MICHAEL GERRASCH, DEC. 8, 2006

L TO R Michelle Poole O'Grady '97, groom, bride

Matthew.beckwithlaube@gmail.com. Drop me a line. Maybe we can make it to a town near you. We also do private shows."

Jamal Haider sends this update, "In January I moved to Islamabad, Pakistan, as a senior program officer for a USAID-funded project called Education and Employment Alliance (www.eeaonline.org)."

"Since I graduated, I've been working with a humanitarian service movement in the jungles of Burma," writes **Nate Collins**. "Our mission is to provide help, hope, and love to the displaced people here and to stand with them in their struggle for justice and freedom. Check out www.freeburmarangers.org to find out more. Half of the year I spend on missions to displaced people, and the other half I spend doing advocacy and administration in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Come visit me in Thailand."

Jessica Love and **Michael MacMaster** report, "We're settled in the Short North area of Columbus. We've been in touch with a few area alumni but would love to hear from anyone else. On the first Saturday of every month, Gallery Hop, the Short North transforms into a happening place!" Find Mike at michael_macmaster@yahoo.com and Jess at jessicalove@yahoo.com.

Laura Husarek finished an M.P.A. at the U of Illinois-Chicago and works for the U.S. General Services Administration in the Public Buildings Service as a project manager, mostly on construction-related projects. Laura asks, "Who'd have thought I'd wear a hard hat?!"

2005

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Here is a little news from the Class of

2005. Send me (**Elizabeth**) more updates and photos! This year I'm working for Northern Virginia Habitat for Humanity, so if anyone is in the Washington, D.C., area and wants to volunteer, let me know! Thanks.

Some '05s gathered in Ann Arbor, Mich., for a mini-reunion (see photo, p. 35).

Meaghin Kennedy graduated with an M.A. in school counseling from George Washington U and hopes to stay in the area.

Carla Radford '04 married **Seth Fair** in June (see photo, p. 39). Congratulations!

Sarah Core, score05@alumnimail.wooster.edu, notes, "I am writing to inform the Wooster community of two events in my life: one joyful, one tragic. I graduated this past spring with a master's in journalism from Indiana U-Bloomington. I work as a reporter at my hometown newspaper, *The Observer-Reporter*, in Washington, Pa.

"On May 16 my only sibling, younger sister Rachel, was killed in a car accident on her way to school. She would have graduated in 10 days and planned to major in equine studies at Otterbein College. She wanted to be a veterinary technician, and I was just pleased that she was going to an Ohio college.

"For those who wish to help celebrate her life, my parents and I ask that donations be made to Wheeling Central Catholic High School, 75 14th St., Wheeling, WV 26003, where we are starting a scholarship in her name."

2006

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James Riviere left in May for a 27-month assignment with the Peace Corps in Kenya.

He plans to apply this work toward a master's. James is developing HIV-education programs for women and children in rural Kenya.

2007

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Rob Adams '06 and **Emily Daubert** were married on June 16 at the First Presbyterian Church of Wooster. They've moved to Forest Park, Ill. Rob attends graduate school at Wheaton College, and Emily attends law school at John Marshall.

I (**Jen**) work at Franklin College in Franklin, Ind., as a residence hall coordinator. Note my new addresses—and send news!

Marriages

'02 **Kristina Spayde** & Michael Polachek, July 16, 2005

Births & Adoptions

'99 To Mark & **Suzanne Roberts Herbek**, a son, Benjamin Thomas, June 30, 2007

'98 To Jim & **Kirsten Shriver DeLambo**, a daughter, Gabriella Rose, Jan. 5, 2007

'94 To **Chris** & **Katie Brown**, a son, Matthew Robert, June 3, 2007

'93 To Nick & **Sharon Vargas Ezzone**, a daughter, Isabella Nicole, Apr. 29, 2007, joining brother Anthony (1 1/2)

'93 To Peter & **Christi Cody Moran**, a son, Jackson Albert, Nov. 4, 2006, joining siblings Brendan and Jenna

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'93 To **John T. & Gina Bombaci '95 Peirce**, a daughter, Danica Magdalena, born Oct. 16, 2006, in Guatemala, adopted June 23, 2007

'93 To **Amy Reese & Jeramia Ory**, a daughter, Iona, June 13, 2007

We've Moved

'06 **Kelly Brannan**, 9018 Normandy Ln., Centerville, OH 45458

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'96 **Robert Hurd Tonkin**, 3032 Garden View Terr., Danville, IN 46122

'95 **Jennifer Lynn Ligas**, 552 Meredith Ln., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

In Memoriam: Alumni

x'73 **H. Michael Van Zile**, Wooster, Jan. 30, 2007. Michael graduated from Bluffton College, where he played basketball. He taught for five years, worked for the department of human services for 15 years, and worked in sales at Pierce's Team Sports in Wooster. His wife of 33 years, Karen Rinehart Van Zile, survives, in addition to a son, daughter, grandson, his father, Harry, and a sister.

x'66 **James R. Myers**, Indiana, Pa., Feb. 15, 2007. Jim married Elaine Myers in 1966. He earned a B.S. from Kent State U (1968) and two master's degrees (1972) and an Ed.D. (1983) from West Virginia U. In 1989 he joined the mathematics department of Indiana U of Pennsylvania (IUP), later becoming associate professor and assistant chair. James also taught at IUP-Monroeville and the Community College of Allegheny County. He conducted teaching workshops and received several awards. James was involved in youth ministry and an elder at Graystone Presbyterian Church, a youth soccer coach, and past president of Indiana Soccer Boosters. His mother, Katherine Bahl Myers, survives, as do Elaine, four children, and two grandchildren.

'59 **Ann Wright Curran**, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 29, 2006. Ann was the business manager of the College literary magazine, *The Thistle*. She enjoyed breakfast at The Shack and Dr. Clareson's English classes. Ann married James Curran in 1961. The family lived in various locations, including Hawaii, while James served in the U.S. Air Force. They later settled in Pittsburgh. While raising her children, Ann taught ceramics, worked in sales, and served as volunteer coordinator for Goodwill Industries. For more than 15 years, she was a self-employed account manager for a gift shop

and a real estate firm. Active at First United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh, she presided over United Methodist Women and the trustees and chaired fund-raising events. James, two children, a grandson, and four siblings survive. A sister died previously.

x'58 **Earl E. Bridenstine**, Smithville, Ohio, Feb. 1, 2007. Earl attended Wooster Business School. He worked as an accountant for the Wayne County Farm Bureau for 24 years and for the Ramada Inn. Earl served as the financial secretary for Smithville Brethren Church and clerk/treasurer for the Village of Smithville and the Lions Club. He married Naomi "Caryl" Sargent in 1957. She and a son survive. Another son and a brother died previously.

'57 **Gordon B. Wright**, Indian, Alaska, Feb. 14, 2007. Gordon majored in music, played in the symphony and chamber orchestras, and sang in the chorus. He married Inga-Lisa Myrin x'60 in 1958; they later divorced. Gordon earned a master's at the U of Wisconsin, where he founded a chamber orchestra and ran an antiquarian bookstore. He also studied in Germany and Austria. In 1969 Gordon moved to Alaska as music director of the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra. He also taught at the U of Alaska. Gordon founded the Arctic Chamber Orchestra and took it on tour to remote towns, even within the Arctic Circle. At times the group traveled by dog sled and performed in parks.

As a composer, Gordon was fascinated with forgotten German composer Emil N. von Reznicek. He formed the Reznicek Society and recorded several of von Reznicek's works, some featuring former Wooster music professor Michael Davis. He wrote an article for *Wooster* (Winter 1991) about organizing and conducting a series of concerts in NYC. Gordon advocated for environmental conservation. Two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren survive.

'56 **William T. Osborne Jr.**, Miami, Fla., Nov. 18, 2006. Bill majored in religion, sang with the Men's Glee Club, and belonged to Second Section, United Christian Fellowship, and the International Relations Club. He studied in Germany and Scotland and earned a B.D. from Yale U (1959) and a Ph.D. from Emory U. Bill taught at the Johnson C. Smith seminary before joining the sociology department at Florida International U, from which he retired. He published several books and mentored many students. Bill's wife, Judie, died previously. A sister and two nieces survive.

'54 **Mildred Bradley Sears**, Oak Ridge, Tenn., Feb. 1, 2007. Mildred belonged to the Chemistry Club, Sharks, and Signets. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa with chemistry honors. She earned a Ph.D. in chemistry at the U of Florida. Mildred worked at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in many capacities between 1958 and her retirement in 1999. She belonged to the United Church Chapel on the Hill and the Smoky Mountain Hiking Club and supported the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, the Civic Music Association, and the Oak Ridge Children's Museum. She also served as a Girl Scout leader and American Red Cross swimming teacher. Her daughter, a grandson, and a brother survive.

'53 **Rudolph J. Joseph Jr.**, Naples, Fla., Jan. 22, 2007. Rudy belonged to Sixth Section and THE Corporation and played Scot football. He married Helen Mossbarger '53 in 1953; they later divorced. Rudy served for two years in the U.S. Army as a sergeant and was in the Reserves for six years. He presided over Are-Jay Game Co. Inc., a game manufacturing and distribution firm, worked in sales for Champion Manufacturing Inc. and Bowman Distribution, and was an account executive for Westminster Publications. Surviving are a daughter, five grandchildren, and a sister.

'52 **Paul T. Brenner**, Nashport, Ohio, Jan. 12, 2007. Paul majored in history and married Dorcas Mackay '53 in 1953; the couple later divorced. He served in the U.S. Army for two years before joining Remington Rand in sales. He later worked for Investors Diversified Services Inc. in Lima, Ohio, and most recently was a driver's license examiner for the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Two children, Charles P. x'76 and Sara L. x'78, survive.

'52 **Paul L. Steiner**, Perry Twp., Ohio, Feb. 23, 2007. After high school, Paul served on the *USS Bristol* with the occupational forces after WWII. He played Scot football and baseball and belonged to Seventh Section. Paul married Margaret Kunart '52 in 1953. He began his career in his hometown, at Brewster (Ohio) High School, as head track and assistant football coach and biology teacher (1953-64). He joined Edison Junior High (Perry Schools, Stark County) as assistant principal, then principal, while the school expanded in size, and finally, as the superintendent. Paul retired in 1983 but was asked to teach at Walsh U. He retired as the education department chair 14 years later, with Parkinson's disease.

Paul enjoyed coaching baseball in the summer. He was a former president of Perry Rotary, a Paul Harris Fellow, and a former board member of the Massillon YMCA and Akron's Calvary Chapel. For the last 20 years he attended the Chapel in Akron. He received many honors, including having the Rotary's Paul Steiner Vocational Award named for him. Surviving are Margaret, three children, and six grandchildren.

'51 **William A. Shaffer**, Waynesboro, Va., Feb. 23, 2007. Bill played in the Scot band and the symphony orchestra, sang in the choir, played in brother Dick '43's dance band, wrote a Gumshoe Hop with another brother, Lowell '49, and composed and arranged music for many other groups. He served in the U.S. Navy before attending Wooster and married Jane Murray x'53 in 1951. After graduation Bill worked for RCA Corp. in Greenland, Washington State, and England, until 1987.

He and Jane then moved to Cocoa Beach, Fla., where Bill was involved in the space program for 25 years. The couple relocated to Virginia, then Idaho, and back to Virginia. Bill loved music, receiving his first saxophone at age 11 and playing his first gig that year. He studied with the principal clarinetist of the Cleveland Orchestra and played in groups wherever he lived. Most recently he played in the Charlottesville, Va., Municipal Band and the U.S.O. Orchestra. His brothers died previously. Surviving are Jane, two sons, a daughter, and a grandson.

x'50 **George Beskid**, Clifton, N.J., Jan. 25, 2007. George graduated from the U of Buffalo and earned a master's and Ph.D. at Syracuse U (1954, 1959). He worked as a research associate and instructor in the departments of microbiology and surgery at Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in Philadelphia and later joined Hoffman-La Roche Inc. as senior bacteriologist in chemotherapy. He advanced to senior research group chief in 1972. Survivors include his wife, Lillian Sinare Beskid, three children, including Craig "Russell" x'79, four grandchildren, a great-grandson, and two sisters. Seven other siblings died previously.

'48 **M. Jean Hodgson Nouse**, Akron, Ohio, Jan. 17, 2007. Jean's favorite thing about Wooster, apart from Peanuts and the Sociology Club, was meeting G. Kenneth Nouse '48. They married in 1949 and lived in Akron, Jean's hometown. Jean volunteered with many organizations, including the Art Museum, Child Guidance Center, public library, and Medical Center Women's Board. She also served Faith Lutheran Church in

many capacities. Ken died in 2000. Surviving are a son, three daughters, 10 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a sister.

'47 **Catherine Weimer Fox**, Gaithersburg, Md., Mar. 11, 2007. Katy also attended Heidelberg College and the U of Maryland. An English major at Wooster, she taught English, history, speech, and drama in the Washington, D.C., area for 20 years. Katy married Vernon "Ted" Fox Jr. in 1958. Ted and three children survive.

'46 **Marilyn Shaeffer Fluck**, Jenkintown, Pa., Jan. 9, 2007. Marilyn was active on the business staff of the *Voice* and in the Psychology and Philosophy Clubs. She worked for the Bell Telephone Co. and also in retail. Marilyn married William F. S. Fluck in 1953 and moved to Philadelphia. She later earned an M.Ed. at Temple U and taught elementary grades in the Philadelphia public schools before retiring. William died previously, as did two siblings. Surviving are three children and five grandchildren.

'46 **Marjorie McPhee Martin**, Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 29, 2007. An English major, she played in the symphony orchestra and Scot band and belonged to Pyramids. Marjorie married Hyer Martin in 1950 and earned a master's in library science from Western Reserve U (1961) and an administrative license from Ball State U. Marjorie was a librarian at several middle and high schools in Indiana and at the Graduate School Library of Indiana U. She was an active member of Irvington Presbyterian Church and Alpha Delta Kappa educational sorority. Hyer died previously. Survivors include two children, two granddaughters, and a sister, Elizabeth McPhee Hodgson '43.

'45 **Harriett Stoner Hanson**, Durham, N.C., Feb. 20, 2007. Some of Harriett's fondest Wooster memories were of summer school and rooming with Elizabeth "Pinky" Platt Corliss '44. Harriet belonged to Jinx and the Debate and Dramatics Clubs. She married Warren D. Hanson in 1948 (the couple divorced later), and the same year earned a master's in nutrition from Purdue U. Harriet devoted time to the Polk Youth Center and was involved in Scouts when her children were young. She served as a house-mother for seven children, worked with the Foster Grandparents program, and belonged to the Highland United Methodist Church. Harriett worked at various places, including after school care at church, the North Carolina Museum of History, the food science department of North Carolina State

U (as a taster), and at H. & R. Block. Her cooking garnered many honors. Five sons and five grandchildren survive.

'45 **Miriam Neely Keller**, Northfield, Ohio, Dec. 16, 2006. Mim was born in Cameroon, West Africa, of missionary parents and lived there for most of her childhood. (Her mother, Elizabeth Miller Neely '51, later would graduate from Wooster.) At Wooster Mim enjoyed choir and belonged to Darts. With a B.A. in English, she earned a business certificate from Dyke and Spencerian Business College in Cleveland. She began working as one of the first secretaries for George Szell, musical director of the Cleveland Orchestra, in 1947. Mim married Parry Keller in 1951. She belonged to P.E.O. and volunteered with Head Start, the Cleveland Hunger Center, and other services through St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights. Mim later taught at Lillian Rather Montessori School. She enjoyed giving talks about Africa. Parry survives, in addition to four children, including Stephen x'75, eight grandchildren, and two sisters. Several siblings, including David Neely '43 and Lois Neely Roadarmel '50, died previously.

'44 **Robert G. Thomas**, Oberlin, Ohio, Feb. 10, 2007. Bob was a member of Third Section and Chemistry Club. He met Elizabeth "Betsy" Warner '44 in chemistry lab, and they married in 1945. Bob served in the U.S. Army as a lieutenant during WWII and earned an M.D. from the Western Reserve U School of Medicine (1946). After a residency in pathology in Youngstown, Ohio, he became the director of laboratories at Elyria Memorial Hospital (1952-95). Bob was board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology and set up a group pathology practice that covered 15 hospitals. He was deputy coroner of Lorain County for 36 years and then chief coroner (1988-94). A licensed private pilot and helicopter pilot, he

Obituaries

We learn of alumni deaths from alumni, family members, and newspapers. As in Class Notes, we edit for content, style, and space. Our copy deadlines (see p. 61) are about two months before the magazine is mailed, and we don't always hear of a death until after some time has passed. Thus obituaries may appear in *Wooster* six months or longer after we have been notified. Please contact the assistant editor, Jimmy Wilkinson Meyer, with any questions.



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helped secure a medical center helipad.

Bob served in many professional associations—as president of the Ohio State Medical Association, a speaker in the House of Delegates, on the Board of Governors of the College of American Pathologists, and a representative in the AMA House of Delegates, to name a few. He belonged to First Congregational United Church of Christ in Elyria.

Surviving are Betsy; six children, including John '69 and Roy '75; 18 grandchildren, including William '04, David '07, Sarah '05, and Rebecca '09; and three great-grandchildren. Bob and Betsy served as co-presidents of their Wooster class. The family spans five generations of Wooster alums.

'43 Wilma Oliver Barr, Blaine, Minn., Jan. 25, 2007. Willie majored in biology and belonged to the Women's Glee Club, choir, Pembroke Literary Society, the Chemistry Club, and Dominoes. She married William Barr '43 in 1944. After Bill finished seminary and served a few churches, the family moved to Punjab, India (with four children under age 5), as missionaries. They returned to Dayton, Ohio, in 1967. Four years later the Barrs purchased Okontoe, a camp in northern Minnesota with a counseling ministry and a mission to Native Americans.

After Bill died in 1986, Willie continued to do mission work in the U.S. and around the world, often with her grown children. Her family describes her as "humble, real, so much fun, always there in both crises and celebrations, her fruit remains." Surviving are five children, including Donald '69, William '68, Suzanne Barr DuMont '71, and Nancy Barr Patten '73; 21 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, a grandson died previously.

'43 E. Joan Cramp Skelly, Wooster, Mar. 13, 2007. Joan studied math, physics, and chemistry and lived in Korner Klub. She married V. Robert Skelly in 1943 and began working for Babcock and Wilcox. Joan retired from Wooster Office Equipment as a bookkeeper. Children Charlotte Skelly Deska '75 and William '73 and two grandsons survive. Bob died previously.

x'42 Lois Hundertmark Heights, Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 6, 2004. Lois was married to the late Edward A. Heights.

'42 Harold C. "Pete" Noe Jr., Woburn, Mass., Jan. 31, 2007. Pete served in the U.S. Navy during WWII in the PT boat fleet in the English Channel and the Pacific. He completed graduate work in chemistry at Columbia U and joined Nalco, now a large petrochemical company. Pete started working

in Texas with the water chemistry group and later joined the emerging petrochemical division. He moved to Nalco's international division and traveled from Chicago as a chemical engineer and trouble-shooter, retiring in 1982.

Pete lived in Oakbrook, Ill., before moving to Woburn. A lifelong sailor, he was a long-time summer resident of Southport, Maine. Two sisters, five cousins, and 14 nieces and nephews survive. A brother died previously.

'42 Constance Clark Rindell, San Diego, Calif., Dec. 22, 2006. Connie majored in history. She married Donald Rindell, and they lived in New Jersey and Vermont, spending the winters in North Palm Beach, Fla. The couple moved to Florida permanently in 1996. After Donald died in Mar. 2006, Connie relocated to San Diego. She truly loved the College and her campus experiences and had many fond memories of Wooster. Two sons survive, including Donald C. '74.

'40 Margaret E. Hadley, Rocky River, Ohio, Feb. 3, 2007. Margaret enjoyed working in President Wishart's office, attending classes with Dr. Tostlebe and Dr. Lowry, and making friends at Wooster. An economics major, she went to work for National City Bank of Cleveland in the trust investment department and stayed for 38 years, retiring in 1978. She was active in the Rockport United Methodist Church, serving for a time as president of its women's group and in other offices. Margaret's passion was knitting. Her sister, Eleanor Hadley Dillon '46, survives, in addition to two generations of nieces and nephews. Two brothers died previously.

'39 Joseph J. Charvat, Dillonvale, Ohio, Jan. 5, 2007. Joe played Scot football and belonged to Second Section. One of his best Wooster memories was Don Hagaman '38 blowing his trumpet from Kenarden to serenade the women's dorms. After graduation, Joe spent a year at George Williams College in Chicago and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He married Thelma Cunha in 1946 and began more than 48 years in the family business, Valley Distributors Inc. Joe was a commander in the Dillonvale American Legion, past president and charter member of the Lions Club, served for 25 years with the Short Creek Watershed Project, and was an elder at Dillonvale Presbyterian Church. Thelma survives, as do three children, including Lori J. '86.

'38 Dorothy Kelso George, Lakewood, Colo., Apr. 9, 2006. Dorothy enjoyed classes

with Mary Z. Johnson, Miss Dunham, and Dr. Lowry and loved "hikes downtown to the movie and a hamburger at the diner." She belonged to the International Club and taught Sunday school at Wooster. Dorothy took additional coursework at the U of Colorado and the U of New Mexico. She married Bernard J. George in 1957. Dorothy spent 30 years in federal civil service, working in the legal offices on several U.S. Air Force bases and in Japan and Germany.

In retirement the Georges moved to southwest Missouri (1971), to work on a ranch that they purchased. They later retired again, and Dorothy volunteered with the senior center and rural bus service. She enjoyed photography, Ozark lore, macramé, and dog training. Dorothy was class president (1978-83) and kept in close touch with the College. After Bernard died in 2005, she moved to Colorado. Two stepchildren survive.

x'38 Vivian Snyder Steele, Millersburg, Ohio, Mar. 5, 2007. Vivian sang in Westminster Church Choir and Women's Chorus under Eve Richmond. She presided over Colonial (a women's dorm) and participated in women's self-government. Viv graduated from Ohio State U with a B.F.A. (1938) and a B.S. in education (1940). She married Richard Steele in 1942 and taught junior and senior high school art in Millersburg. She served on the Holmes County Library Board for 18 years, seven as president.

With the People to People International High School Ambassador Program for 15 years, Viv hosted students and served as director and teacher-leader. She was a lifetime member of First Presbyterian Church of Millersburg and a choir member, organist, teacher, elder, and director of the handbell choir. Viv was the first curator of the Holmes County Historical Society and a member of First Families of Ohio. She served as a College alumni admissions counselor and a local campaign representative in the 1980s. Richard died previously. A son, Gregory x'68, and a grandson survive.

'36 Eleanor Reis Henry, Vienna, Va., June 17, 2002. Eleanor belonged to the Psychology Club, YWCA, and Women's Athletic Association. She earned a master's in church social work from Presbyterian College of Christian Education in Chicago (1938) and studied social service at the U of Chicago. She married Province Henry in 1951. Eleanor worked for the health department in Washington, D.C., before heading to Japan, where Province worked for the U.S. Army. They served two tours of duty, and Eleanor volunteered with International Social Service. The Henrys moved to

Taiwan with the I.S.S. and later helped many Taiwanese friends gain U.S. citizenship. Eleanor volunteered at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and on the board of a children's center. Province died previously.

'36 Elizabeth Dalzell Koester, Wilmington, Del., Dec. 2, 2006. Betty belonged to the Pembroke Literary Society and YWCA, wrote for the *Voice*, and created costumes for Color Day. She earned a B.S. in secretarial studies from Carnegie Technical Institute and worked for Pittsburgh's Carnegie Library. She and David Koester '36 married in 1938. They lived in Kittanning, Pa., and Port Arthur, Tex., before settling in Wilmington.

With interests in dolls, sewing, and knitting, Betty established the Koester Doll Hospital. Featured in publications such as *Ladies Home Journal*, the business thrived for 35 years. Betty then worked at a yarn shop. She organized a church group that knitted tiny garments for premature babies and scarves and caps for foreign seamen stopping at the nearby port. Betty was an ordained Presbyterian deacon and presided over the church women's group. Dave survives, in addition to sons Peter '62 and John '65, a daughter, and several grandchildren, including Sara Koester Snowden '93.

'36 C. Byron Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio, Sept. 28, 2006. Byron married Lucy Ormond '40 in 1940. He served as lieutenant in the U.S. Navy (1943-48) and earned an M.D. from Loyola U (1945). Byron was chief of staff at Ashtabula General Hospital and a member of the American Medical Society and First Congregational Church. He served on the board of the county mental health clinic and on the Ohio Waterways Safety Commission, among other commitments. Byron enjoyed sailing and skiing. Surviving are four children, six grandchildren, and a sister, Dorothy Johnson Knight '37. Lucy died previously.

'35 Dorothy Aldridge Faloon Henry, Midland, Mich., Dec. 21, 2003. Dorothy majored in English and belonged to Green Dominoes. She married Maynard Faloon in 1937. They lived in Lisbon, Ohio, and had four children before Maynard died in 1950. Dorothy taught school for a few years before marrying Arthur Henry in 1954; the couple lived in Michigan. She belonged to Eastern Star, the operating board of King's Daughters, and the local Methodist church.

'35 Catherine "Kit" Whitney Hess, Placentia, Calif., Jul. 25, 2005. Kit especially

enjoyed Dr. Dunham's history courses and Dr. Lowry's chapel talks. and participated in YWCA and Color Days. In 1939 she married James Hess. Kit studied library science and other subjects at the U of Vermont, Ohio State U, and Rutgers U. Jim worked for the Boy Scouts of America, and Kit accompanied him on trips and hosted international guests.

She worked for two years as assistant librarian at the State Training School for Boys in Jamesburg, N.J., before "retiring" to organize and promote the media center at Trinity Presbyterian Church, named the Kit Hess Library in 1988. Kit also co-founded the East Brunswick (N.J.) Public Library. She was active in scouting and fervently advocated for peace. Jim and a son died previously. Three children survive, including R. Jane Hess Klein x'66, in addition to several grandchildren.

'34 Fern Glasgow Dunlap, Livermore, Calif., Jan. 30, 2007. Fern wrote the music for the 1933 Gum Shoe Hop, enjoyed classes with Dr. Fern, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with an English major. She composed over 100 songs, many of them published. Fern also studied at Ohio Northern U, the Juilliard School of Music, and Columbia U, where she met William Dunlap. They married in 1940 and moved to California. Fern graduated *summa cum laude* with a master's from San Francisco State U. She taught elementary school in the Piedmont Unified School District for 25 years, retiring in 1973. The couple traveled extensively for about 15 years. Fern was first lady at the Aahmes Shrine Temple and active in Daughters of the Nile and Scottish Rite. She and Bill lived in the Oakland area for 60 years, enjoying a view of the San Francisco Bay. Bill survives, as do two sons, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

'34 Mildred "Miv" Lobban Robson Seaton, Newton, N.C., Dec. 14, 2006. One of Miv's best Wooster memories was a Sunday school picnic in her senior year, when a friend paired her with F. Adrian "Ade" Robson '34. They married in 1935. Miv studied at the School of Applied Social Sciences at Western Reserve U and earned an M.A. in sociology from Roosevelt U (1967). She was a group worker with the YWCA in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Passaic, N.J.; co-director, with Ade, of the Montague Settlement House in Rockford, Ill.; and a social worker for the Glen Ellyn (Ill.) Schools.

Miv taught African studies at DuPage College and other community colleges and

was active in several groups that promoted U.S./international relations. Ade died in 1972. Miv married Everett Seaton the next year; the couple traveled widely. Miv was an officer in numerous organizations and belonged to First Presbyterian Church in Newton.

Everett died previously. Surviving are four children, including Carl Robson '62; seven grandchildren, including Sally Robson Denbeaux '89, Shane Robson '92, and Sonia Lynne Robson '99; three stepchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

'31 Ellen "Pat" Nolze McGrew, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Feb. 6, 2007. Pat majored in English. She married Marion "Mac" McGrew x'29. They lived in Cleveland for some time before retiring to North Palm Beach, Fla. Mac died in 1990. Survivors include a sister, two sons, six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

'29 Mary Ramsey Wixon, Sun City, Ariz., Dec. 17, 2006, two months before her 100th birthday. Mary enjoyed playing with the College orchestra. She taught junior and senior high school in Crooksville, Ohio, for four years before marrying Walter R. Wixon in 1933. Mary taught Sunday school and volunteered with the Scouts when her children were small. She did graduate work in elementary education at Ashland College (1956) and taught third grade in Mansfield, Ohio, for 14 years.

After the Wixons retired in 1970, they traveled the U.S. in their Airstream. In 1974 they moved to Sun City. They belonged to Lakeview Methodist Church. Mary earned a 75-year Eastern Star service pin and belonged to the D.A.R. Walter died previously. Surviving are two children, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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In Memoriam: FACULTY

Raymond McCall

...a quintessential professor, ...an instinct for comedy,



Raymond McCall, professor of English at the College from 1958 to 1998, died on July 28 at age 78 of lung cancer. Surviving are his wife, Lois, and three children, Susan, Sarah, and Gilbert.

McCall's friends remember his trademark pipe and Smith-Corona typewriter, his jaunts across campus on a vintage mid-century bicycle, and his enormous commitment to students.

"He was the quintessential faculty member," said Gordon Collins (psychology, emeritus). "He loved teaching and wanted his students to care about learning as much as he did. Ray was an excellent I.S. adviser, because he was a taskmaster, but at the same time, he was caring and compassionate."

Peter Havholm (English) saw McCall shortly before his death and said the visit was inspiring. "I came away determined to remember his thrilling tenacity of spirit and to emulate it if I could. We talked a lot about London and theatre. We talked about the Ohio Light Opera and its beginnings. We talked about the time he helped me start my comedy course by putting a pie in my face. All of the intonations were there, representing his enormous, varied enthusiasms. I told him that I'd ridden over on my bike in his honor, and he burst out laughing and told a bike story. His bike was once cast in an OLO show, *Der Vogelhandler (The Birdseller)*, and it did so well that the company's artistic director called it back for this summer's *Birdseller* production."

McCall was a Renaissance man, equally knowledgeable about poker, opera, baseball, and Shakespeare. Actor Richard Figge (German, emeritus), who worked with McCall in several campus productions, remembered his colleague's wit. "Ray's instinct was for comedy. Without cracking a smile, he could put people in a state of hilarity. His humor was dry, so subtle, that often, not everyone got it."

Figge recalled the time he audited McCall's Shakespeare class. "I remember the first day of class. Ray burst in from the back door of Lean lecture hall, quoting the opening prologue from *Henry V*. From that moment, the students understood the passion that this man had for his subject, and they would talk about it outside of class."

From the early years of the Ohio Light Opera, McCall supported its mission, preparing historical write-ups and pre-curtain lectures. Laura McGraw Neill '89, a student of McCall's and later an OLO colleague, remembers his efficiency, his expertise, and his passion.

McCall was born Nov. 19, 1928, in Erie, Pa., and attended high school in Meadville, Pa. He earned an undergraduate degree in

...a gift to us all

1949 from Allegheny College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

McCall's service to the College and community was varied and extensive. Describing him as "a generous, loyal, and nurturing colleague," Deborah Hilty (English, emerita) said, "Ray exemplified citizenship of the highest order, on campus and in the city."

He chaired the English, communication, and theatre departments at the College, directed the summer session, was acting dean of the faculty, and collaborated with the late Joe Fishelson and the late Ted Williams (chemistry) to establish the Wooster Chamber Music Series. In 1991 McCall was named as the first to hold the Virginia Myers Professorship of English, in recognition of his many achievements and contributions to the College.

McCall belonged to the Suicide Club, a group of faculty members who would meet each week to talk about issues that affected the College, the community, the country, and the world. (The club dates from the earliest years of the College, when faculty would gather to indulge, not only in discourse, but also in a "suicidal" dessert.)

McCall's passion for drama, especially Shakespeare, led to three research leaves in London and detailed studies of 300 performances of Shakespeare's works. McCall also specialized in contemporary drama, 18th century literature, and American literature. He wrote original dramatic sketches for the St. James Strolling Players and acted with the Arena Fair Theatre, Hampstead Drama Guild in London, and Stage Right Repertory Company. McCall's reviews of concerts and theatre productions were published in *The Daily Record*, *College English*, *Western Humanities Review Critique*, and *Explicator*.

McCall was a constant member of Wooster's St. James Episcopal Church and often discussed matters of faith on campus with friends, over lunch, said Gordon Tait (religion, emeritus).

He also volunteered for about seven years at the Gault Family Learning Center, tutoring students who were studying for their GEDs.

"He showed such respect for these students, regardless of their skill levels," said Jennifer McAdams, another tutor.

"Ray McCall was modest, principled, and eloquent," Hilty recalled.

"His understanding of life and learning was informed by the 'complete and generous education' that John Milton urged us to pursue.

"That is Ray's gift to us all."

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Dr. McCall was my adviser

in the theatre department and guided my junior I.S. Thinking now of my years at Wooster, I am filled with memories of him. I see his lean frame trundling across campus on his old bicycle, on his way home for lunch—in cooler weather, clad in a mackintosh coat and tweed cap. I see him sitting in his office in Freedlander, ruing his already-outdated Mac Classic computer, its plastic case yellowed from his smoking. He always preferred the typewriter, anyway, which served him more loyally than either the Mac or his own handwriting—scrawly at best.

Dr. McCall provided a true "I'm-really-in-college-now" moment. In his First-Year Seminar, where I fancied myself a fine writer, I was handed a "C" on my first paper. It was shocking and galvanizing and gave me the wake-up call that I needed. Dr. McCall continuously held his students to the highest measure, demanding that we give the best of ourselves. He was a guiding force through my time at Wooster, unexpectedly teaching me to love writing about the theatre (which I now do on a daily basis).

In a department where we commonly called professors by their first names, we never did so with Ray McCall. He was old-school—but possessed a wonderful sense of humor. My favorite memory of him comes from Shakespeare class.

Early in the term, many students, who were as yet unfamiliar with Dr. McCall, perceived him as a stodgy old professor lecturing about stodgy old material. They thought of him this way, that is, until the day when he asked the class if anyone knew how many ways characters died in the collected plays of the bard. Without waiting for an answer, Dr. McCall proceeded for the next five to seven minutes to act out every manner of stage death he could conjure, throwing himself to the floor, over and over.

It was a brilliant pedagogical move that left the class howling with laughter and shocked at the acting prowess of this normally composed older gentleman.

I will never forget Dr. McCall, and I am truly grateful for his impact on me.

Illana Brownstein '98





Housing our presidents

Beall Avenue

From 1883-1928, the house that served as home to the College's presidents was on Beall Avenue, built by Lucas Flattery. Flattery, a successful Wooster lawyer, chaired the citizens' committee that raised money to build the College, was president of the College's Board of Trustees, and served as its first secretary.

Two years after the College was dedicated, Flattery decided that he needed to

live close to campus. In 1870, he built a beautiful house, made from bricks fired in a local kiln and limestone from nearby quarries. By 1883, Flattery had moved out, and College President Sylvester Scovel moved in, followed by Presidents Holden, White, and Wishart. In 1900, the College bought the house for \$6,000.

The old Flattery house is now called Miller Manor and serves as a student residence, one of the College's program houses.



East University Street



By 1926, the Trustees, many of whom had been overnight guests in the old brick house, declared it was time for a new president's residence. The Flattery house was hard to heat and its many small rooms made entertaining difficult. "The Trustees sent for Mr. Daniel Everett Waid of New York City, a distinguished architect and a Presbyterian as well, to come and look the situation over," reports Lucy Notestein, Class of 1911, in her history of the College, *Wooster of the Middle West*.

The architect identified a prominent site on campus and designed a Collegiate Gothic house of variegated rose brick, with entryways, windows, and arches trimmed in Indiana limestone. The building's size was relatively modest, but its color distinguished it from other campus buildings, which were built of white brick.

The color variance must have caused a bit of a rumpus among alumni. Here is an excerpt from a July 1928 article from the *Wooster Alumni Bulletin*, titled "Site and Color Treatment of President's House."

"Alumni who came back for commencement noted the half-finished house for the

president on University Street across from the Library. They inquired as to the choice of that particular site. They also asked regarding the color treatment, which varies from white brick. . . Concerning this treatment, the architect, Mr. Waid, says, 'Because of the prominent site and small size of the president's house, I deemed it proper to give the exterior a stronger note of color, but still in harmony with the adjacent buildings. The ordinary flat buff color if

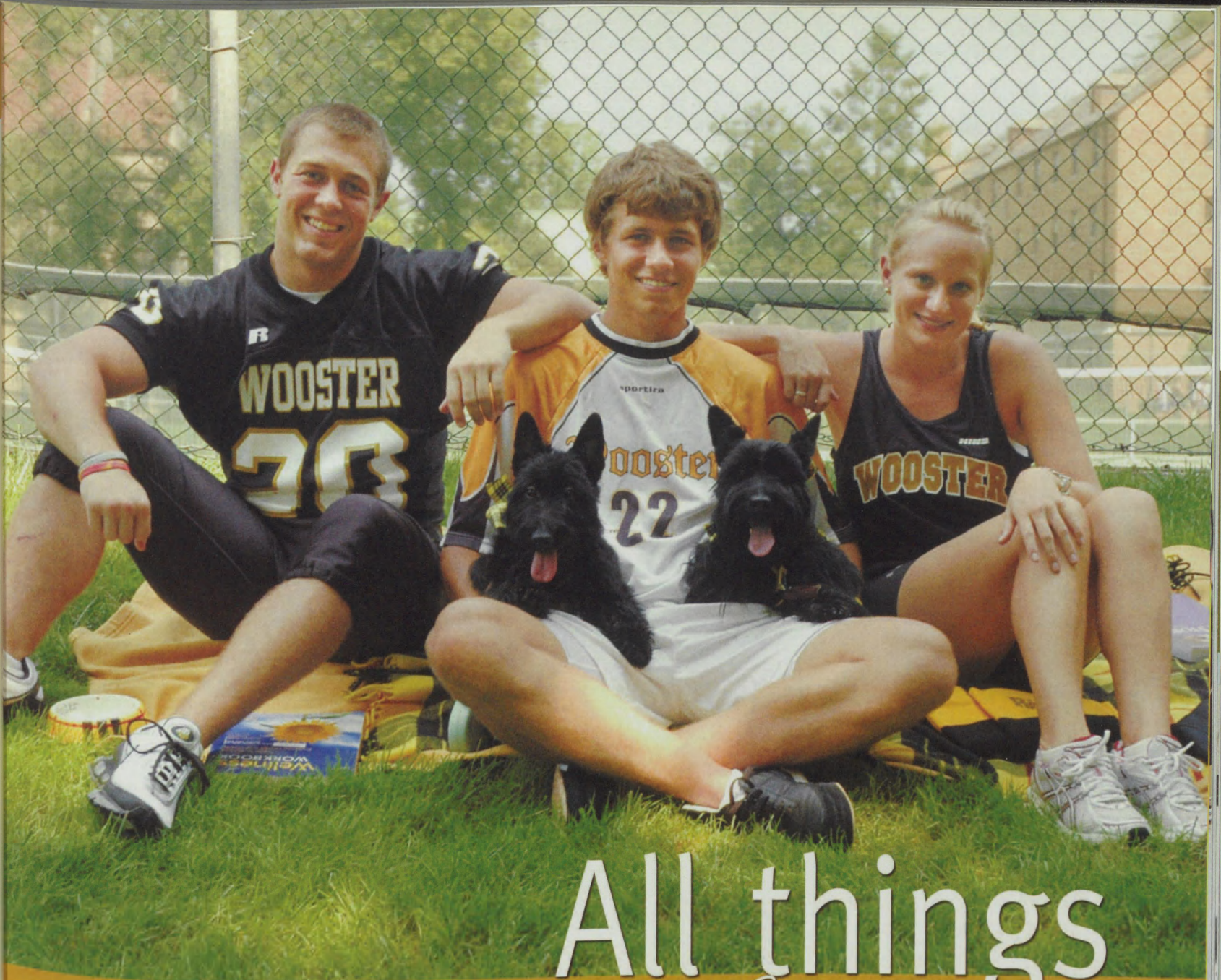
used here would, in my judgment, have tended to make this building more insignificant than its character and location would justify' . . . In these judgments the Committee on Buildings and Grounds concurred, as did the Board of Trustees itself."

In 1928, President Wishart and his family moved into their new house. The College's newest first family, the Cornwells, will be its sixth occupant.



The President's home, completed in 1928, was distinguished by its prominent placement on campus and the color of its bricks—not the College's usual white, but variegated rose.

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All things

Scottish

Dustin Sheppard, a junior from Johnstown, Ohio, is a running back with the Fighting Scots. Karl Ruter, a sophomore from Glenville, Ill. and a midfielder on the soccer team, holds Bailey Bagpipes and Aberdeen MacLeod, owned by Cheryl Rastetter '76, Wooster. Niki Calderone, a senior from Grass Lake, Mich., is the cross country team's top veteran.

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GEORGE VERMANDER
CLASS COUNSELOR

As the counselor for Wooster Summer in Tuscany, George Vermander wants students to experience parts of Tuscany that most tourists would never see. So long, meandering excursions into the countryside have become a regular part of the program.

"The Tuscan countryside is more than just olive groves, vineyards, and sunflowers. The quality of the landscape changes quickly and the rolling fields erupt into dramatic peaks. In some areas of the Crete Senese,

the region south of Siena where this photograph was taken, the ground seems to open itself up, revealing a blue-gray soil that lets you imagine a lunar landscape. Then, just a short distance away, the colors of ripening wheat under a late-afternoon sun remind you that you're still on Earth, and lucky enough to be in Tuscany. The most amazing thing about this part of Tuscany is the quiet. In this whole expanse of earth and sky, the only sound is the tinkling of bells on the collars of sheep."