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Above, Ishwar Harris (religious studies) discusses early Christianity in *Religion East and West*.

The single photograph of McGaw Chapel stretching over front and back covers is by College photographer Matt Dilyard. He spotted the interesting detail of the stone and the shadow of the cross while walking up University to his office in Scovel Hall one afternoon, and he knew we were looking for a cover connected with the theme of religious studies. The inset photograph of students pouring out of the old chapel is by Edward Arn '31, one of a set he took in the '60s to create a slide show for alumni. The combination illustrates and acknowledges what is affirmed elsewhere in this issue: the past is part of the present.

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PHOTO BY ROD WILLIAMS '48

This is what Wooster looked like, at least once a week, for nearly seventy of its hundred and twenty-four years. (Memorial Chapel was dedicated in 1902 and torn down in 1969.)

## Without Apology

by Peter Havholm

**T**he weekly Religious Studies Table is an opportunity for students — mostly majors — and faculty in the department to talk informally about matters of mutual concern. Occasionally, speakers from outside the College are heard or student- or faculty-prepared papers are read. The group meets in one of the little rooms off Lowry's main dining room, from six to seven, right after the Newman Club.

On a February evening this year, major Greg Phlegar '90, chair of the table planning committee, took some care in introducing the three points the majors wished to raise. The committee had discussed the matter at length,

he said, and they wanted to be sure the faculty understood that the occasion arose from the students' constructive concern about the department and what it was doing. "I hope what comes out of tonight remains for the most part positive," he concluded. There would be no mud-slinging; that was not what this was about.

"This" was about the majors' concern that there be a student voice in shaping the department's overall direction as determined by its impending appointments of two persons (one tenure-track, one leave-replacement); that

the department has a "pre-seminary" curricular slant; and that it lacks upper-level courses (except surveys) dealing with religions other than Christianity.

Several of the meeting's qualities impressed an observer. First, the way in which the students' concerns were presented and, for the next half-hour, discussed, promoted precisely the kind of conversation Phlegar had asked for. There was spirited give-and-take; there was no animosity. There was firm disagreement, yet no argument was *ad hominem*.

Second, it was clear very soon that this was no attack on the citadel; the students really were constructively concerned about the department. They wanted to share their concerns in the form of an honest offer of assistance. No one was sarcastic. No one was self-consciously subversive.

The department's faculty who were present handled themselves in such a way as to make possible an unusually interesting and fruitful faculty-student discussion about curriculum. This was perhaps the least surprising part of the meeting, because liberal arts college



teachers yearn for students capable of raising such concerns articulately.

The students clearly cared deeply about the meaning of their education and about the feelings of those who were teaching them. They managed also to be articulate and persuasive. Over the course of the discussion, too, they seemed to be listening hard as well as talking carefully.

To a degree, the article beginning on page six engages the students in dialogue,

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*The focus narrowed to the current department of religious studies.*

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though they and their teachers hardly need *Wooster's* help. That seemed the real import of the meeting, finally: the study of religion at the College is a living, lively business, still changing.

Originally, the plan was to organize this issue around the theme of the College and the church. After further reflection, the focus was narrowed considerably to the current department of religious studies and its graduates. We will return to the broader topic in a future issue, for there is much more to be said about the changing relationship between *Wooster* and the church in whose name it was founded. But the present turned out to be complex enough for one issue.

Inger Forland '87 reflects on the comments of more than fifty alumni and alumnae who majored in religious studies beginning on page fourteen, and my accompanying piece surveys the studies and classrooms of the 1989-90 religious studies faculty. You will notice that both of these articles devote significant attention to the tension between critical thinking as it is valued and taught in 1990 and *Wooster's* founding identity as an evangelical Christian institution.

It seemed appropriate, therefore, to offer in this space an hypothesis about the evolution of *Wooster's* relationship to the church. The aim is to encourage further thought on the matter, not to arrive at a definitive conclusion.

It is not the case that the mere passage of time accounts for the difference between *Wooster's* attitude about the church now and its attitude in (say) 1920. *Wooster* chose consciously, at its founding and in numerous reaffirmations, not to seal itself off from its surrounding culture. As the culture changed, therefore, *Wooster* chose to change, too.

Similarly, the culture moved toward its present religious pluralism for good reason. As Sydney Ahlstrom points out in *A Religious History of the American People* (1972), pluralism "has been struggling to be born ever since this country was formally dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

The process by which a culture arrives at its understandings of right and wrong must have at least two parts. One part articulates fundamental principles like "All men are created equal." The other part works out — often over

a long period of time — the practical meanings of the principle. For example, which persons does "men" include?

While learning that "men" includes women and persons of color over the last two hundred years, we have also learned that "equal" precludes the proselytizing which was an accepted part of *Wooster's* identity for so long. *Wooster* was once whole-heartedly a part of the Student Volunteer Movement's campaign to "evangelize the world in this generation." Indeed, our fifth president, J. Campbell White (1915-19), came to the College from the general secretaryship of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, a powerful force in that campaign.

But as William R. Hutchison, Harvard historian of religion in America, has written, "For mainstream Protestantism the changes have been as distinct and irreversible [since the days of the Student Volunteer Movement] as the historical forces, such as the end of colonialism, that have induced them. By the same token, from the new vantage point it appears that the widespread acceptance of proselytism in Protestant thinking depended heavily upon two sets of conditions that no longer obtain with anything like their nineteenth-century force: the historical condition of Western domi-



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nance and certain intellectual or presuppositional conditions that allowed free play to religious and cultural absolutism" ("Protestant Attitudes toward Mission" in *Pushing the Faith*, ed. Martin Marty and Frederick Greenspahn [New York: Crossroad, 1988]).

Too many of the cataclysms of this bloody century arose from religious and cultural absolutism to allow observant persons

any longer to sink into certainty in the old style of righteousness. Though there may be many other causes of our modern religious pluralism, surely one is that we know of so many certainties that have caused unimaginable suffering.

After the long lesson of the twentieth century, we are left certain only that certainty is dangerous, and it may take another century to learn what new kind of faith can supplant that anxious, ironic position. In the meantime, it seems to me, *Wooster* has chosen neither to be the Christian college it was in 1920 nor to become secular. Instead, the College's Presbyterian heritage remains a fully acknowledged part of the present, through Westminster Church and the religious studies requirement, of course, but also through a host of other signs, from the Holy Bible on the College seal to Baccalaureate to the hymns and prayers at opening convocation. These are not invitations to give up one's present beliefs and adopt Presbyterianism, but neither are they empty signs.

In the last few years, several outsiders have confirmed that *Wooster* has the reputation, by no means typical of independent colleges anymore, of living up to its word. "The last bastion of idealism," someone called us recently. *Wooster* does not teach "Presbyterianism" any more, but it continues to display

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*We are left certain only that certainty is dangerous.*


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its sense of the value of the spirit through the medium of the Presbyterian tradition, and it does so without apology.

Elsewhere in this issue, the inaugural event for the Aileen Dunham Chair in History provides the opportunity for three members of the faculty to discuss teaching, another crucial aspect of *Wooster's* identity. It was not easy to persuade these members of the history department to allow their remarks to be printed, but the general interest and the quality of what they had to say made us particularly determined to prevail over their shy objections.

As John Finn explains beginning on page twenty-two, if Al Van Wie '52 had been the shy type, his service on the NCAA's Division III committee would have made neither waves nor a difference. He isn't, however, and there is therefore a story to be told.

Members of the *Wooster* family have been telling stories that have made their way into print since shortly after the founding of The University of *Wooster*. *Wooster's* attention to your work has been sporadic, recently, and we inaugurate on page thirty a regular column, conducted by Nancy Grace (English), to rectify that situation.

Finally, we would like to draw your attention to what may be the most sensational picture we have yet published. It is on page thirty-two, and it's not for the faint of heart. 



# Understanding Wooster's Purpose

**E**ditor: Though distant from Wooster, I have been aware that there has been much change in recent decades at the college. The moving factors were a mystery to me. Bill Pocock's "The Making of a Board" came as an illumination. The new directions at Wooster have been the outcome, clearly, of a studied and resolute reconstitution of the Board of Trustees from within. Bill narrates how in a few years of well-planned action he with a few colleagues filled the board with ardent and dedicated trustees recruited from his own corporate world of business and industry.

For all I know such takeovers may have occurred often in the past. To use the rules of recruitment to weight a board is not illegal, nor immoral, nor in this case was it devoid of any praiseworthy results. These trustees of the Pocock period brought energy and new talents to the college, transformed the campus architecturally, and maintained the per capita endowment that makes study at Wooster a privilege. There is little doubt that they improved the efficiency of college administration. The accomplishments of these able trustees who ran the college for a quarter century are not to be belittled.

Nevertheless, in my opinion coups that slant boards of trustees toward a single profession should not become a tradition at Wooster. Use of the tactic is not culpable but neither is it wise. It is no way to create a great liberal arts institution. To limit the counsel available to the college to the insight and values of one professional class is to limit in the long run the wisdom of the college itself.

No nominee to a board of trustees can bring to a college, of course, a perfectly adequate preconception of its work. Trustees bring from what some call "the real world" their various work-habits and their various mental models of what good governance of a college might be. Different metaphoric understandings of a college approve themselves to doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief. Many trustees of the past have joined the board, I'm sure, with a deep-rooted notion that a college is like a church. (I confess to participation in something of that view.) One institution I could name seems to be run on the assumption that a college is like a book club; another, that a college is like a country club. Read the autumn issue of *Wooster* carefully and you will read between the lines, and even *in* the lines, that a college is like a business: the goals of a college and of a corporation are not distinguished and the methods of sound business

administration are assumed to be directly applicable to a college.

The idea that a college is a kind of business is not inferior to other outside understandings. In some respects the similarity is actual, the concept true. But in equally important aspects a college is *not* like a business, and ignorance of the difference can bring harm. In the last issue's articles I miss any awareness that running a college like a corporation has its dangers. Even in Stanley Gault's eloquent statement of the ideals of his leadership I do not find a sense that his work with Wooster may require of him much that his well-run Rubbermaid does not.

My mission here is to remind our trustees of certain deep differences between business-industrial organizations and institutions of higher education, and to argue that the corporate executive to make his trusteeship fruitful must subject his business perspective thoughtfully to a higher perspective that is available to him.

The question "What shall we produce?" is not an interminable quandary in the business life. Firm and exact and lasting answers to the question are soon established. The business recruit in academia is not prepared by his experience for the burden of continuous tormenting reconsideration on this elusive matter or the difficulty of the related question of whether the college's product, once conceived, is actually being produced. In business life the question of "What product?" is already half-answered by consumers. Business begins necessarily with a public want and with a scheme to meet it. Research and preliminary planning may be necessary, but when production begins the processes of industry have a beautiful lucidity of purpose and of structure, and objective standards are available by which both performance and products can be judged.

The characteristic worry in business is not what to produce, but producing better than competitors who are trying to perform the same economic function. The producer of that other mousetrap is a person truly of one's own genre who is never to be absent from one's mind. Stanley Gault manifests this kind of deep concern in his alert surveillance of how Wooster is operating in the context of other colleges. Here again a preconception is operating that is partly relevant, but there are other concerns that deserve even more critical attention.

To a private liberal arts college the world presents no such definite starting-point and no

such clear demand to define its work. A good college has to establish its own goal and pursue it on the basis of its own conviction. Only the possession of some distinct vision of the nature and end of higher education justifies the existence — and the charges — of a private college. State colleges on the whole set out to give the world what it wants; private colleges can and should aspire to give the world what it needs.

What the world really needs is a question that is infinitely complex yet infinitely important in education of the highest sort. All that can be said that is incontestable is that it should produce, somewhere, graduates of such powers of mind that they can lead the world in rational discussion of that question. Among colleges that take responsibility for such creative thought the product of education is in each case different. Governed by its own values and its own vision of leadership, each such college is an enterprise all its own to be judged only in the light of its own goals. In a sense it has no competition. The lateral look to its "competitors" is less important to its excellence than the forward look that seeks to maintain sharp understanding of its own purpose.

Such scrutiny of intentions is a mental discipline that must not be shirked. A business board, if it does not take time to ponder deeply on the special obligations of liberal arts education, is likely to think in familiar lines and focus on business values alone. Good education could then become for it in fact good vocational preparation. It could even make Wooster the finest four-year community college in America.

A college differs from a corporation also in how authority can be exercised within it to best advantage. The difference should be noted especially by dynamic boards like the current ones that are inclined to "govern" in a maximal sense of that word. The line of command in a corporation begins with executives who possess wide and relevant skills and broad familiarity with the corporate operations. As persons of broad experience and tempered judgment they have a right to plan and to expect compliance with their plans in all departments. A college or university is a very different field for governance. Its field, immensely complicated, is nothing less than the whole of human learning, the entire cultural heritage of humanity. Very high specialties are involved. No conceivable governing body could assemble a supervisory competence that would be inclusive. Rule from above would be on the whole a rule of ignorance.

An old and wise tradition of our culture recognizes this fact. By custom governing bodies exercise their authority over a campus through a college president who is himself a widely learned person and professional educator and moderating influence. Even he rules with a soft hand. In higher education a high degree of autonomy is essential. This is not so only because no one is competent in all fields, but also because all fields involve the cultivation of the art of thought. Controlled thought is no thought, a contradiction in terms, a formula for paralysis. A tightly-controlled college will



not be a thinking college, nor will it attract lively thinkers either to faculty or to its student body. The boards that rule most do not rule best. Trustees need to be aware of that fact.

A college differs from a corporation finally in its vulnerability to autocracy. Stanley Gault, who appears to be the antithesis of an autocrat, cannot say emphatically enough, "The Board is Responsible"! That is his heartfelt moral conviction and in line with that feeling he speaks of all those to whom he feels responsible as "stakeholders." That is a lovely term. But he cannot speak of stockholders. His board faces no annual meeting. In the formal polity of the college, accountability is not a fact. One board member in seven, of course, is elected by the alumni, but the dominant truth is that the trustees are elected by the trustees and comprise a relatively small self-perpetuating body. They are responsible only to themselves. If determined they can perpetuate any tendency that has become dominant among them. They can reshape a college around themselves. They can persist in wisdom or in foolishness. They can run a policy into the ground.

Trustees who come in from the business world or any other professional world should notice this weapon that lies easily at hand and, out of an ancient wisdom, let it lie unused. A resource against mischief lies within themselves. They are not only professional persons with professional skills and bodies of experience but also highly educated men and women — in many cases graduates of the college. They need only to act out of their whole selves, particularly when selecting new members of the board. At those times they will then draw in leaders from the whole spectrum of America's professional and intellectual life, not cloning their own professional selves.

Norvin Hein '37

Bethany, Connecticut

### About Doug Letts' IS . . .

A couple of letters concerning opinions on a research project done on Wicca & the "practice/religion" of witchcraft disturbed me somewhat. I'd like to remind fellow alumni that the basic job of the college is to teach, encourage study and research habits, and challenge young minds to get off their "duffs" and DO/TRY/LEARN. The challenge is a wonderful teaching tool — as I well remember when Professors "Hutch" and Harold Smith helped me straighten out my own faith and beliefs by assigning me to write a paper "A Magician Looks at the Miracles of Christ." (I thought I might get tossed out of school for it, but I got a good grade for the work and thought that went into it — in spite of the fact that it upset some of the faculty.) With a good portion of the world's population trying to kill others, all in the name of "religion," in our modern-day world, it behooves us as rational thinking Christians not to get caught in the trap of trying to jump on people just because we do not agree with their comments. I feel it's unfair to the religious studies department for us, as alumni, to fault the faculty for *doing their job as*

*teachers* because a student wrote a paper which a college publication published and we disagree with the subject matter. Wooster is a Liberal Arts College; its faculty are tasked with being the best teachers they can be. Express opinion; don't fault faculty!

I feel uniquely qualified to write this as I have been a non-Mormon in Utah, got shot at by the IRA in Cookstown, N. Ireland, have been a Christian minority member amongst Arabs, a "Roundeye and Foreign Devil" amongst orientals. Further, I augmented my GI Bill earnings (while supporting a wife) by doing "demonstration-seances," telling fortunes and the like. From my experience, anyone with an education and half a brain who dabbles in the puddle of the occult will soon realize that those muddied waters are both unhealthy and dangerous and will voluntarily quit! Give the students time and credit due for their efforts and consider what a horribly boring world this would be if we all thought exactly alike!

R. G. Schicker '49  
Dover, Delaware

It has been with some interest that I've read the letters to the editor regarding Douglas Letts '89 and his IS paper. I applaud the decision of the department of religious studies to permit freedom of choice for an IS. If education at Wooster does not help us understand other viewpoints (whether or not we share them) when will we ever learn it?

I've not read Mr. Letts' paper but would expect it to have met departmental/college standards of research and writing. Censorship can be such an ugly thing. Where does it stop, and who sits as judge? That would be the even bigger issue to deal with.

Martha A. Willman '77  
Sandusky, Ohio

Douglas Letts, the religious studies (not Christianity!) department, and you deserve appreciation for his research and your coverage of witchcraft.

The close-minded attitude of those who deny the sacredness of another's religion — who even assert that certain religions shouldn't be approved for independent study — is frightening. Witches have not burned Christians. Witches did not orchestrate an inquisition.

Fanatics may claim to follow the teachings of Jesus, but those who truly hold Christ sacred, and see Him in all humanity, share a spiritual bond with those whose reverence for our mother Earth extends to all life on the planet.

Ignorance, intolerance, and persecution form a wall that separates humankind. Research, open-mindedness, and a spirit of respect for others' beliefs, nurtured at places like Wooster, are cracking that wall. Blessed be those with the courage to question, learn, and love.

Karen Hogue Harris '69  
Nashville, Tennessee

I am currently a student at Wooster and am writing to comment on the letters which referred to Doug Letts' ('89) senior IS.

It pains me to see that graduates of this

College can be so closed-minded as to attack not only Doug but the College as well. Based upon Wooster's claims of being an institution of higher learning, open-mindedness, and diversity, it's shocking to see alumni rallying against an IS which provided insight into witchcraft. Obviously, this is still a misunderstood set of beliefs, which many confuse with medieval notions and superstitions. Worse yet is the implication by some that Doug was "taken in," completely disregarding the research devoted to the subject.

Now I've voiced my opinion, which will, no doubt, only encourage the view that Wooster has a "spiritual void." That's an opinion. I hope that when I graduate from Wooster, I will be able to voice my opinion without having to bash a person or an institution.

Elizabeth C. DoBiesz '92  
Wooster, Ohio

### Comments/Addenda

Thank you for your articles on the theatre department! Acting in Freedlander, and especially working with Annetta Jefferson, were my most memorable experiences during my all-too-brief time at Wooster

Tim Klein '88  
Wilmington, North Carolina

As the '90's come upon us and I look at Wooster's sprawling campus and the millions of dollars invested and the tens of thousands of students who have graced these halls of learning, I cannot help but exclaim in amazement: "My Gawd. It all started in grandpaw's office a hundred and twenty-three years ago." (See "A Worthwhile Activity" in the Fall 1989 issue.)

Phil Flattery '23  
Sunbury, Ohio

Just a note to thank you and Jim Blackwood '41 for the nifty piece on those other illustrious Jims. And a small aside from one who was there part of the time.

Jim Wise '41 you always knew was a musician or something like that, but Allardice '41 walked around in complete disguise — bookkeeper? pharmacist? — with the wit, part antic, part piercing, almost completely hidden.

When Herb Lawrence '40 and I and a few drop-ins (Vitelli [James '42] rarely had time) were settling major literary and political matters after midnight on the second floor of Section II and we asked Allardice to join us, he said, "Oh no, you guys are much too smart for me. You're the Intellectual Bloc. I'm the Farm Bloc."

Hah!

I believe I've said this before, but it well bears repeating: I regularly see several alumni-type magazines put out by estimable schools, e.g., the University of Chicago, where I got a couple of degrees after Wooster and I parted, plus other schools where I taught or where my kids were students, and — if you're still following me — Wooster's is by far the best: smarter, better written, better choice of subjects, etc. In other words, *congratulations* and thank you.


Edward A. Muir '42  
New York, N.Y. 





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## Studying Religion

by Peter Havholm

*The department of religious studies retains its sense of mission in the heart of a long-standing dilemma arising from Wooster's particular history and American culture's embrace of pluralism.*

*In Pamela Brubaker's Religious Thought, one of the courses that meets Wooster's religious studies requirement, students often divide into groups to discuss texts at hand and then make group reports on their conclusions (or questions) in plenary session. The students whose photographs illustrate this article were discussing the Pentecost passage, Acts 2, the story of the birth of the Christian church.*

*Above, from left, are Clarence Williams '92, Lydia Wassman '93, Lea Zawatski '93, and Eric Martin '92.*

The department of religious studies at The College of Wooster is strong and thriving in an age of desperate cynicism. Moreover, it retains its sense of mission in the heart of a long-standing dilemma arising from Wooster's particular history and American culture's embrace of pluralism.

One may begin an exploration of the dilemma with a remark by Elizabeth Castelli, who joined the department in 1987: "People's faith comes with them when they read a religious text; they can't help it."

Young people arrive at college with convictions of all kinds: in politics, in the humanities ("you have to find the poem's message"), in science and mathematics ("the answer is in the back of the book"). In fact, teachers take pleasure in gently weaning students from orthodoxies of the left and right, from high school's rule-bound, often thoughtless approach to knowledge, from the uncritical opinion in any area. In the end, we hope, we substitute not our own convictions or those of a favored master but rather the students' *owned* convictions, arrived at independently and freely in the context of attractive competing positions.

That model must present difficulties when the uncritical doctrines in question are about God. It would seem the more difficult at a college, founded by Presbyterians, whose seal is dominated by the Holy Bible. But this outsider's casual analysis turns out to be a sign of a more general misunderstanding.

Robert Smith, who joined the department in 1960 and is on leave this year, says, "I am amused and sometimes distressed by ideas in the College as to what kind of concerns a faculty person in our field should have. Someone will say in conversation, 'Well, that's a damned nuisance,' and then 'Whoops! I shouldn't say "damn" when there's a professor of religion in the room.'

"The confusion is between professor of religion in the sense of advocate or representative of a religion and the professor of religion who studies religion objectively. We're all familiar with the ministerial kind of teacher, but the other kind of teacher of religion is not at all familiar. Some may not even be very happy with that kind; the objectivity which defines it can be deeply threatening.

"No member of the department of religious studies at Wooster is in any way hostile to the idea of a protestant or Christian outreach. In fact, many of them have in various ways been involved in precisely that kind of thing, but it's on personal terms.

"But everyone in the department believes that he or she is part of an academic discipline that has the same methodological and intellectual basis, the same kind of rationale for existence as any other department in the College. This means that we talk as objectively as we can in our classes about religion. We have a profound and powerful concern to be recognized in this academic sense."

There is general agreement among faculty in the department that this view of departments of religion (the department changed its name from "department of religion" to "department of religious studies" in 1983) began to



dominate in the 1950s. Gordon Tait joined the department in 1956, and here is how he remembers it:

"When I came into the study of religion — and this is generally true of religion profs after the Second World War — there were very few academic departments. The idea was in the minds of a lot of people — administrators, the general public, the parents sending their kids to the College — that the religion department would be a religious department. The profs would be good influences on the kids.

"This was true in Catholic colleges, too, when priests and nuns were teaching in the theology departments there, but when I got to graduate school in the '50s there was a real reaction to that. We were supposed to be very objective about religious traditions and about matters of religious commitment. One of the things you did *not* do was to stand up in front of the class and say, 'I am a Christian' or 'I am a Presbyterian.'"

"This department has never been parochial," says Tom Raitt, who arrived in 1964 and retired this year. "We have had atheists major with us, and Catholics and Jews — not a lot but some who have been happy majors. We have two or three Jewish students majoring with us right now."

The departmental statement in the 1989-90 Catalogue puts this succinctly:

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*"This department has never been parochial."*

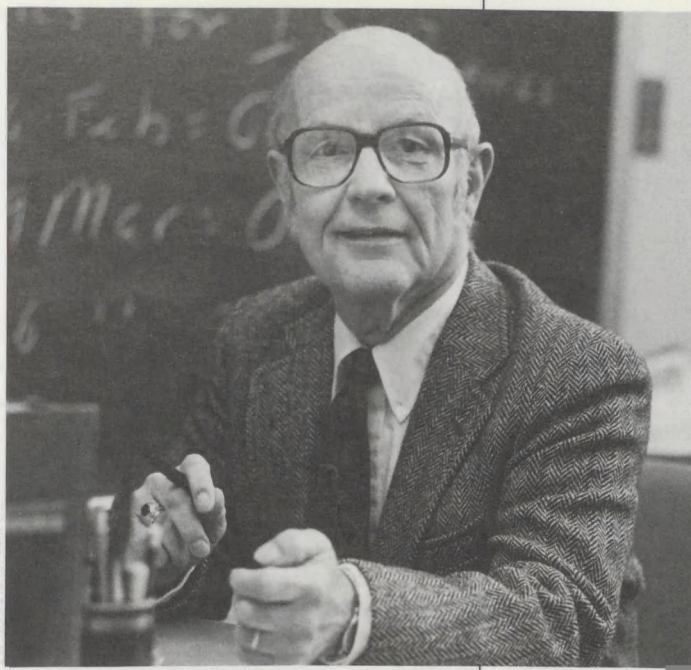
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"Religious Studies is first of all an intellectual inquiry, but for many students it also can involve a personal journey as academic study and religious faith mutually challenge one another. The department seeks to provide for each student a clearer, deeper understanding of the place of religion in human experience."

Pamela Brubaker



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Gordon Tait.

PHOTO BY MATT DILLIARD

That emphasis is reflected in the ways in which the six 1989-90 department faculty on campus (and one on leave) came to the discipline. Five of the seven followed what Robert Smith calls "almost a normal procedure for most people teaching the academic study of religion;" that is, a call to the ministry led instead to the classroom.

"My Biblical studies moved in the direction of archeology and ancient history, toward literary history, the history of the text," Smith continues. "I was more interested in imagining an ancient thinker living in a specific ancient world than I was in piecing together the thinker's system of thought. I spent a year in Jerusalem following up those interests, and that cinched it for me."

"I first came to the United States to be

trained for the Christian ministry," says Ishwar Harris, who joined the department in 1981. "My whole family has been in the Christian tradition." Harris was born into an Indian Methodist family in India and became an American citizen a few years ago. In his teens, his grandfather was given the surname "Harris" by a Methodist missionary, an action then thought appropriate for infants taken into the fold.

"But at seminary at Howard University in Washington, D.C.," says Harris, "I did my master's thesis on one of the Hindu scriptures, and during that process, I really got interested in Indian traditions. When I did my master's in theology at Berkeley, the professor there let me do Hindu theology, and I wrote my thesis on an Indian philosopher, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. I was becoming more and more interested in world religions and finally ended up at Claremont Graduate School as a fellow in their Institute of World Cultures and Religions. That experience convinced me that I wanted to concentrate on world religions — not just non-Western religions, but world religions including Christianity, Judaism — all of them."

Gordon Tait took the M.Div at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the Ph.D. at the University of Edinburgh. "That was the general pattern until very recently," he says. "Until the '70s, it was standard to get the M.Div. and then decide at the end of the three years of seminary to go on and get a Ph.D. Somebody like Elizabeth Castelli, on the other hand, does not have an M.Div. degree."

"Because I had done my undergraduate major at one of the three schools in the country that has an unaffiliated graduate program in religious studies," says Castelli, "it came as a great surprise to me that the dominant pattern was quite different. In fact, I did a double take when I got to graduate school. It had never occurred to me that people studied this stuff with that particular set of questions."

Castelli's journey to religious studies



began when she fell in love with the history, cultures, and languages of European late antiquity (100 BCE–400 CE), “and you can’t study that period unless you study the religious traditions because they are so enmeshed with the culture.” Archeology, classics, philosophy did not capture the range of her interests, and they seemed less interested in “her” period — which boasted more romance novels than great philosophical treatises — despite its fascinating cultural ferment.

Elisabeth Benard, here as a leave replacement with all her degrees from Columbia, also followed the “new” pattern. She started out to be a biologist and then paused to travel. In Asia, she was fascinated by the dominant part religion played in all cultures, and she returned to the U.S. determined to study religion. She considered doing so in Columbia’s anthropology department, but “I didn’t like the way they treated religion. Often, they seemed to see religion as a kind of magic, as a small part of culture. But I had seen it as much more important than that in Asia.” After majoring in religious studies, she did the M.A. in the same field and then “I knew that I would really like to teach religion. The college level is the right age, when people really start to think about religious questions, start asking questions about the world and their purpose in life and who they are.”

The department’s research projects fur-

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ther illuminate what “religious study” means. One of the projects Castelli will work on during her leave next year is a study of ways in which ideas about the body and ideas about community intersect to help explain how the early Christians related to the larger cultures in which they lived.

Smith has just published the second volume of *Pella of the Decapolis*, a report on the Wooster excavations at a site in Jordan occupied from the fourth millennium BCE until an earthquake in 747 CE. Raitt is working on a book dealing with forgiveness in the Old Testament, “a kind of literary analysis.” Tait has published articles and is at work on a book on the life and work of the Rev. John Witherspoon, (1723–94), a signer of the Declaration of Independence, member of the Continental Congress for six years, and the convening moderator of the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia in 1789.

Harris is examining the development of the Sarvodaya movement, begun by Gandhi, in India today. Principally interested in changing ideology, he is doing intellectual history in addition to textual analysis and some sociology. Benard has just finished an article about the Tibetan Tantric view of death for a textbook about death and the afterlife. Her work involves analysis of Tibetan texts such as the *Book of the Dead* and the teachings of an eleventh-century

Tibetan woman, Na Cig Lab Dun. Pamela Brubaker, another leave replacement this year, is studying the way religious rituals such as baptism and communion reflect and shape gender relations, drawing on the methods of anthropology and sociology.

This eclectic list, though it implies a wonderful range of deepest learning (the required languages alone include ancient Greek, Aramaic, Hebrew, Latin, Tibetan, and Hindi), raises the question of method. Castelli seems to be taking a psychological approach to phenomena documented by texts which reveal themselves at all only after hard philological work. Raitt’s work draws on the techniques of rhetorical analysis as well as theological reflection, while Tait is doing intellectual history and that multidisciplinary art, biography. Harris and Benard do a good deal of philosophical analysis, while Brubaker can make full use of her undergraduate sociology major. Smith moves comfortably among literary analysis, archeology, and philology. All must be at home with theological assumptions and debate current in the cultures and eras in which they study, yet none claims to be doing theology.

Is there no method distinctive to religious studies?

“I would say the field is defined by a pattern of themes that are concerned with the spiritual dimension of life,” says Harris. “When I teach Hinduism, I will draw on anthropology to understand it in its society. I will draw on history to understand its development over time in the culture. I will definitely draw on philosophy to understand its concepts.”

“There are methods of rational research which transcend all departments,” says Robert Smith. “The people in the present department have never claimed any special methodology.”

On examination, the notion that any academic department has exclusive title to a discrete methodology disintegrates. There may not be much need for textual analysis in

physics, but it often appears in the social sciences, while good literary critics engage repeatedly in the testing of hypotheses. Inference from multiple similar instances occurs in every discipline, as does the classification of phenomena which necessarily precedes it. The experimental method as presented in high school textbooks is limited to phenomena which are repeatable in the laboratory, but the principles underlying the method operate in the ongoing verification of plate tectonics theory in geology and multiple regression analysis in the social sciences.

“It doesn’t make sense to say that the department of religious studies is using the methods of the history department,” says Smith. “We are using common methods. In fact, many of the methods historians use were invented by religious thinkers in the Renaissance. We are all working with the same collection of methods. Departments differentiate themselves in terms of content. Ours is the religions of the world.”

Curious about how that content might reveal itself in a 1990 classroom, an observer accumulated a stack of notes over a couple of weeks and a dozen class visits. Here are some excerpts.

In Religious Thought, Pamela Brubaker begins the discussion of Christianity after the class has studied Judaism and “the Way of the Ancestors” in Indonesia.

“The first step in hermeneutics,” she says, “is being aware of your pre-understanding of the text. What do you think of when you hear the term ‘Christianity?’”

“My mom.”

“My father. He’s a Presbyterian minister.”

“Church.”

“Following Christ.”

“Faith, God, the Bible.”

“The Trinity.”

“Protestantism.”

There is discussion of the sub-classifica-

Robert Smith.



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tions within "Christianity": Orthodoxy, Roman Catholic, Protestant ("and some make this distinction"), Pentecostal.

"The Mormons I knew in high school thought of themselves as Christians," says a student.

"What about Episcopalians?" from the back.

In this first of what will be eight classes on the subject, Brubaker takes her students through the passion narrative. Along the way, she offers, as she has throughout the class, glimpses of vistas of Biblical scholarship: "the evidence is not clear that Jesus renounced Judaism"; "it could be that Jesus' treatment of the money-changers worried the Sanhedrin"; "some say priests paid off the crowd that voted to free Barabbas the zealot, but that is pure speculation"; "crucifixion was the standard method of execution, like the electric chair"; "the crucified died from dehydration, or, if still alive at the end of the day, a soldier pierced the side with a spear to cause death through-loss of blood"; "Jesus was executed on Friday. Burial could not be completed until Sunday, the day after the Sabbath."

Brubaker sketches three basic interpre-



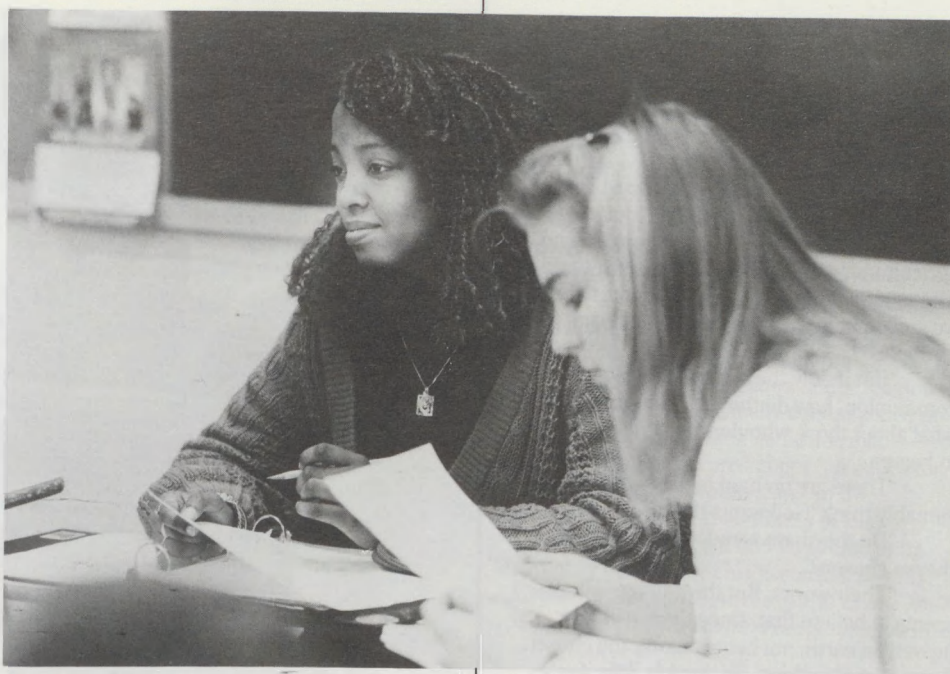
Elisabeth Benard.

tations of the story and then, almost a throw-away line: "Christians accept on faith that Jesus rose from the dead. But if the disciples stole the body, as has been alleged, why are there millions of Christians centuries later?"

Students ask questions based on the film *The Last Temptation of Christ*, leading to a brief recounting of the three scriptural temptations as distinguished from those imagined by Kazanstakis. There are a few words about the doctrine of original sin and the announcement that there will be a film on Orthodoxy on Thursday. The bell rings.

For someone brought up in the Christian faith, the class is intensely provocative, in the best sense. One leaves with the desire to examine what Josephus has to say about that prophet killed by the Romans and to look up commentary on the gospels which might sketch out the continuing controversies to which Brubaker has referred.

Part of the stimulation in this and other



Conya Doss '92 (l.) and Lydia Amerson '93.

religious studies classes is that they present material for full and free discussion which has been encountered previously only in a homiletic context. It is not that anyone urges doubt. Rather, the effort seems to be to help students understand the grounds of faith — their own and others'.

In Elisabeth Benard's course on Buddhism, the achievement is to convey both the philosophical intricacy and the power of a religion that seems on the surface impenetrably odd.

"There are two schools of doctrine about Bhuddism: the Yōgacara and the Mādhyamika," says Benard. "Schools arose in large monasteries in which monks studied, debated, and meditated, and kept refining their own doctrines. The debates among schools were very serious, partly because followers often shifted to the winner.

"The Yōgacara school was proposed or

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founded in the fourth century CE by Indian philosophers Asanga and Vasubandhu, and it may be crudely identified as the school which says that external objects do not exist, that all phenomena are the mind's because only the mind exists."

Hence, one realizes, part of the difficulty westerners, a culture of engineers, have in understanding faiths of the East. We are not accustomed to thinking about the immateriality of the apparent. Benard has suggested that students may try meditation as a way of understanding the possibility of escape from the material, but the results are ambivalent. These young people, one must remember, grew up in

the Land of the Shopping Mall.

"Did you try meditation?" asks Benard.

"I stared at a tree for awhile," says one student. "I stared at this one knot in the tree. Everything else gets — like, real fuzzy? I was looking out the window. My mind was like really mellow afterward."

"I tried but I couldn't do it," says another. "There was too much agitation, too much on my mind."

A third: "For me, it was like I was doing it, and my mind would wander and then it took time to get back. I was spending more time trying to do the right thing and not enough time on the actual meditation."

And a fourth: "What are you supposed to think about? All these songs kept going through my head."

In Gordon Tait's American Sects and Cults, the practice has long been established of bringing in representatives of the groups under study. Last week, a Jehovah's Witness spoke. Next week, there will be a speaker from a local Amish congregation who is a long-time friend of Tait's. Students are full of questions, and Tait does his best to be fair to the faith positions they are trying to understand.

"It's pretty hard to argue with any religion," a student observes in a discussion of the Jehovah's Witness' visit. "It's hard to argue logic if they can pull fiat. They just have to say 'we believe this way.'"

"How can they say the Bible's infallible?" asks another.

"The Jehovah's Witnesses would say that the Bible has an inner authority," Tait replies.

"What's the Jehovah's Witness reaction to events in Eastern Europe?"

"Even if genuine democracies result, we are still cursed with a world government of evil," says Tait, a Jehovah's Witness for the



moment. "All governments are evil. You replace government with God's kingdom."

"I can't see how all the past and present people will be able to live on earth if only 144,000 go up to heaven. Won't it be crowded?" asks a student.

"It's not set in granite exactly what the new earth will be like," says Tait. "But speculation indicates that it will be very pastoral and agricultural, with herd animals and fruit trees. The renewed earth will be very productive, so we could put a lot of people in the Sahara, for example."

"But if only the chosen can take annual communion, how do the rest take that? I mean, what about those who don't feel they're going to heaven?"

"There are no hard feelings. People presumably think 'God wants them.'"

"Do they have some way of proving that they're chosen?"

"Their works. But the average Witness seems to believe that, since there will be a heaven on earth, not being among the chosen is not a terrible thing. So there is little if any overt tension about that."

In Elizabeth Castelli's *Psychology and Religion*, the class sits in a circle and, by this time, knows itself rather well. The discussion is almost too fast to follow for an outsider who has not read the assigned text, Judith Van Herik's *Freud on Femininity and Faith* (1982). Nevertheless:

"I think Van Herik shows how Freud perpetrated the subservience of women," a student begins.

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*"We have to meet students where they are."*

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"But what you read is from an interpretation, not from Freud. In fact, it's an interpretation by Viola Kline in the 1970s, quoted in Van Herik," another student objects.

"Is this a question of right or wrong?" asks Castelli.

"No. Of interpretation."

"But he says the same thing in *Civilization and Its Discontents*; he says . . ."

"I've been reading Freud since the eleventh grade. I'd have to read the entire body of his writing before making a firm claim about him."

"In what we've read, he doesn't put women down; he just doesn't make allowances for them. He sets up one model."

Castelli supplies: "The Frankfurt school reads Freud as a radical critique of social constraints, one of which is religion. The identity of one's own bodily difference is inscribed by social constraint. So both religion and gender constrain and define individuals."

Later, she asks: "Could femininity break out of the pattern?"

"I think Freud says no," responds one student.

"I see Freud as saying that that's how it is," says another.

Charles Gall '93 and David Pulver '93.

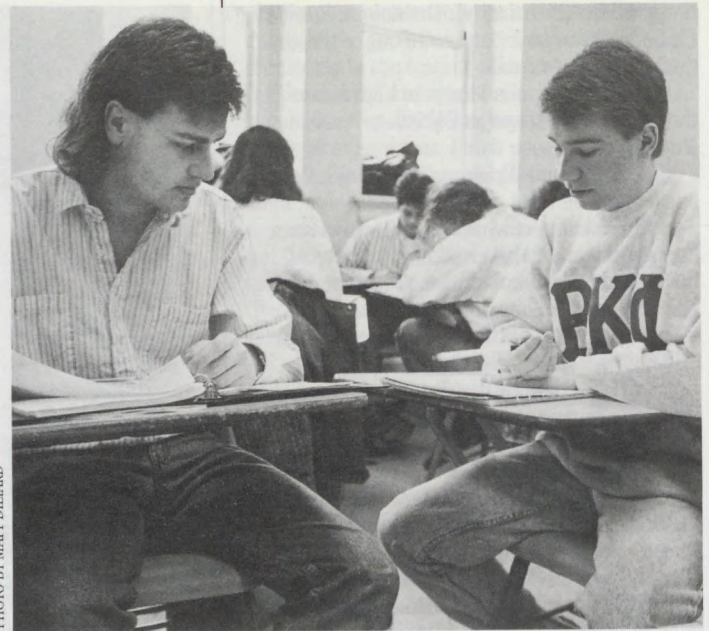


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"But Freud was *criticizing* Christianity and guilt," objects a third.

These discussions do not occur because the probing involves a uniquely religious methodology. Anthropology or sociology might discuss sects; psychology and women's studies might discuss Freud on women and religion; and philosophy might examine schools of thought in Buddhism. But all would do it by the way and none would be principally concerned with the nature and power of this or that understanding of the spiritual.

In every case, there is full acceptance by the professor of the possibility of a noumenous core which does not yield to critical analysis in any religion. ("If the disciples stole the body, as has been alleged, why are there millions of Christians centuries later?") Students are not met with the bland assumption that there is a mechanical explanation (in psychological or sociological terms) for religious behavior. Rather, they deal spiritedly with the much more complicated possibility that religion is a way to find the truth of things.

Students come to religious studies courses with a variety of assumptions and agendas.

"Last semester," says Benard, "I discovered that many of the students are illiterate in religion of any kind. And so this semester, I asked people to tell me what they hoped to get out of the class and if they were raised in a religious tradition. About a third of them are raised with no religion whatsoever, and many of the others have parents who told them they could make their own decisions. So a lot of them are confused, but I say that it's not my job to make your faith stronger or weaker, but what we discuss here will make you think about these things which will help you to decide. I think everyone needs some time just to reflect, and if you can't get it when you are young, you certainly won't find it when you are a parent."

"We have to meet the students where they are," says Bob Smith. "Religion is a very

personal experience, and you have to be rather careful not to answer questions that are not yet being asked. They start out with things like, 'It says that Moses got old and died at the end of Deuteronomy, but my copy of the Bible says that Moses wrote the first five books in the Old Testament. How could Moses write about his own death?'

"But after they have learned that the claim that Moses wrote those books is comparatively recent and that someone else wrote about Moses' death, it may occur to them to ask a deeper question, such as 'How did we get our Bible? Whoever said it was authoritative to begin with?' Then they can begin to look into the history of the texts and of their acceptance and rejection by the church fathers."

Gordon Tait says, "I'm not sure as a department we're doing business all that differently nowadays than when Howard Lowry was president. He wanted a good, solid, academic study of religion."

Lowry clarified his own position with characteristic eloquence in "The Mind's Adventure," a talk he gave in 1944, his first year as president: "A Christian college is more than a Sunday school; it is an institution of high learning. If it invites young men and women to its fellowship, it must not deceive them. It must not offer them a pious fraud, but an education based on first-rate scholarship, warmed and enlivened by fresh research and the constant play of the creative imagination. . . . A college that lives off stale platitudes and minor pieties, that conducts a four-year witch-hunt on small matters while dodging or ignoring the great realities of our common life and the splendors of the human spirit, is a traitor to its trust and is not dedicated even to the glory of God."

But surely there have been some changes since Tait arrived in 1956? After all, it was not until the '70s that the College stopped asking prospective faculty to indicate their religious preferences on its job application form.

Says Tait: "I think Lowry believed — and would have said — that the main task of our



department was to teach religion in a fine, academic fashion. I suspect, of course, that he was glad when the department somehow could give Christian religion a push — and I don't think we feel that expectation, now."

Many report that President Lowry seemed to make a point of meeting candidates for faculty positions in what he called the "sensitive departments": English, philosophy, and religion. For example, he dropped in on the Teaching Staff Committee meeting where Tait was being interviewed as a candidate for a position in the religion department.

"Apparently," says Tait, "he got hold of Gene Tanner [who taught in the department from 1953 until his death in 1970] when we broke for lunch and said, 'Do you have any idea what Tait's views are on the Resurrection?' Gene blinked a couple of times and slowly — he always spoke in a very thoughtful way, and his face rarely showed any emotion — he said to Lowry, 'Sound, President Lowry. Sound.'

"But then Gene immediately found me, elsewhere in Galpin, and said, in the same way, 'The president asked me, Gordon, about your views on the Resurrection and I told him "Sound."'

"I said, 'That's all right, Gene; I think that's about where I come out.'"

(One can observe, now, what may be the real point of this story. In addition to being a good teacher and scholar, Gordon Tait was indeed sound on the Resurrection and has been for the last thirty-four years. Lowry knew what he was doing.)

Tait goes on: "I think Lowry's idea was that a college, especially a residential college like Wooster, was a community which had its identity and its integrity through shared values. He felt that every institution espoused some kind of ideology, and because of the nature of this institution as a Christian college, there was

a kind of liberal protestant ethos offered here, and it did come into appointments: you just didn't hire very many non-Protestants of whatever stripe.

"Lowry felt that you could still have all kinds of views investigated, but you didn't have to have actual representatives of those views that would oppose the Christian faith. He did not want to set up a Wheaton College or a Bob Jones University, however, and this is why he



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Catherine Sykes '92.

was so respected in certain circles of higher education. He wanted high academic standards. He himself knew what that was all about; he had gone to Yale; he'd taught at Princeton; he knew what quality education was.

"Then, in the '60s, the Presbyterian scholars took the lead in picking away at some of these very tangible things which brought us together, which made us a liberal protestant community overall. That was the first sign of a deep change among our students, and it was very hard for Lowry.

"What's happened since his time is that, in all departments, it has become harder and harder to find good candidates for teaching

Elizabeth Castelli.



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positions who are bright, who are teachers and scholars in that order, who want to have a career at a liberal arts college rather than at a university, and who manifest strong religious faith of any kind."

There have been other changes as well, all of them occurring because neither Howard Lowry nor his successors nor their Boards of Trustees wanted a college removed from changes occurring in the culture at large.

In an important sense, this has always been true of Wooster. In the 1866 "Articles of Incorporation," the clause "the promotion of sound learning and education under religious influences such as is usually contemplated in colleges and universities" indicates that Wooster has always cared about "an education based on first-rate scholarship." In the founders' clause, the soundness of learning and education does not find its source or its authority in religion. This is consistent with Wooster's motto, *Religio et scientia ex uno fonte*: *religio* and *scientia* are from one source; neither is the source of the other.

In 1914, The University of Wooster became The College of Wooster. That year's *Report of the Board of Trustees of The College of Wooster* to the Synod of Ohio contained this passage, a form of which appears in nearly all

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of these reports during President Holden's administration (1899-1915):

"While the Presbyterian Synod of Ohio is responsible for the founding and has been largely responsible for the maintenance of The College of Wooster, it is but fair to say that the institution is as free from sectarianism as any Christian college in the country. Neither the Synod nor the Board of Trustees of the College has ever required that the members of the Faculty shall be members of the Presbyterian church, much less the students."

Probably from its beginning, and certainly from the time of "the new Wooster" built during Holden's administration after the 1901 fire, the College was committed to admitting students from any spiritual background or none. According to other *Reports*, there were Jewish and Muslim students at the College during those times.

Because Wooster did not choose to limit its enrollment to protestants and never adopted as an institutional policy the hiring only of Presbyterian teachers, it had to change when the culture did.

However, the Religious Studies department has become the fulcrum on which change turns. Though its roots are inescapably in the "religious influence" of Wooster's origin, it has always — and rightly — aspired to precisely the depth of intellectual honesty and criticism essential to free inquiry in any field.

In the 1920s, some in Wooster's family objected to Professor of Religion J. Milton



## Three Questions for Henry Copeland

*Why do we have a religious studies requirement at Wooster in 1990?*

Religion is important to most of us as individuals, plays an influential role in our society, and has historically been significant in the development of civilizations. On these grounds alone, a study of religion merits inclusion in a definition of what it means to be an educated person. In addition, however, Wooster was founded by Presbyterians, and religion is a vital part of the institution's heritage. The College has a particular history, and I believe that it is entirely appropriate that the tradition out of which this institution grew continue to find expression in a graduation requirement.

*Are there other ways in which Wooster is working out its religious heritage?*

Yes, there are a number of different ways in which the College today is informed by its religious heritage. We have an agreement with The Synod of the Covenant, and the relationship places certain obligations upon the College and certain obligations upon the Synod. I welcome this relationship because historically, of course, the Presbyterian Church has emphasized the importance of an intelligible understanding of religious faith. The College also has a Memorandum of Understanding with Westminster Presbyterian Church and supports this local church as a congregation-in-residence on the campus. Westminster is independent of the College and is governed by its own Session, but it has taken the campus as the primary focus of its ministry and the College relies on Westminster to provide the public pulpit for the campus. The interaction between these two independent institutions has a strength that is missing in more common arrangements in American colleges where either the Church is completely outside the campus or a Chaplain reports to the Dean of Students and is a part of the administration.

The Department of Religious Studies is obviously a third expression of the College's heritage, and I believe that it is fitting that a campus such as ours maintain a strong center for critical reflection on religion. Other expressions of the heritage are special programs sponsored by the College each year. Theologians are invited to be in residence to reflect on religious questions, and laypersons-in-residence address critical areas where ethics and society come together. There are Study Travel Seminars sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies in which students have

gone with faculty members to study religion in Israel or India, for example. Sister Margaret Harig of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, Rabbi Peter Roff from Wooster's Kneseth Israel Temple, Westminster Church, St. James, the Newman Club, the Jewish Students Association, the Wooster Christian Fellowship, and other groups are all active on campus with their own programs, and while the College is not able to provide financial support, it welcomes the presence of these expressions of organized religion. Finally, the Wooster Network, which organizes the volunteer efforts of some 700 students in our local community, is an expression of the College's tradition of service and its belief that knowledge and service should be linked.

At each of its meetings, the Religious Dimension Committee of the Board of Trustees examines all of these aspects of the College's religious commitments, and its members are always impressed by the vitality of religious beliefs and activities on campus.

*What is the intellectual basis for Wooster's interest in having a religious dimension?*

Wooster's founders assumed that there was no conflict between faith and reason. The Academy, of course, depends upon reason, and yet reason does not answer in ways that most of us find to be satisfactory questions about why and how, about the fundamental nature of men and women, about the meaning of life. Liberal learning should be concerned with the total implication of things, and as we seek answers to the ultimate questions, reason must give faith an opportunity to provide perspectives on the most important issues men and women have to face. When Wooster students begin to ask questions about why and how, it is appropriate that they ask these in a context which makes available to them the answers which faith has provided over the centuries.

Wooster believes that its duty is not to provide students with a prescribed faith, but rather to ask that each be informed by an awareness of how men and women have historically grappled with questions of doubt and belief. Through its commitment to Westminster Presbyterian Church, to other campus religious organizations, and to the special programs sponsored each year, the College expresses its conviction that through spiritual insight men and women may confer a sense of proportion and worth on their lives and give them purpose and direction. Faith and reason are complementary, and both can be valuable and important aspects of our aspiration to understand our lives.

Vance's use of *A Handbook of Christian Apologetics* by A. E. Garvie because it advocated a critical approach to Biblical texts. There are still those, on and off campus, who see the department as either evangelical or as nothing.

The department's position is unenviable. As a matter of fact, its frustrations could be comical if the stakes were lower. Consider: There are those who seem to expect it to battle pluralism by making clear the superior claims of Presbyterianism — or at least of Christianity.

Then there are those who seem to assume that, because the department has "religious" in its name, it must be evangelizing its students in violation of the College's commitment to critical thinking and intellectual freedom.

Ranked with this group is another which seems to believe that, since the ownership of the College was formally retrieved from the Synod of Ohio in 1969, a department of religious studies is irrelevant. Because its only conceivable methodological identity would claim the divine authority of the scriptures, it has no intellectual standing.

Finally, there are students who come to Wooster expecting a college with "a religious dimension," as the *1989-90 Catalogue* puts it. The college with a religious dimension in 1990 is assumed to be committed to the support of a

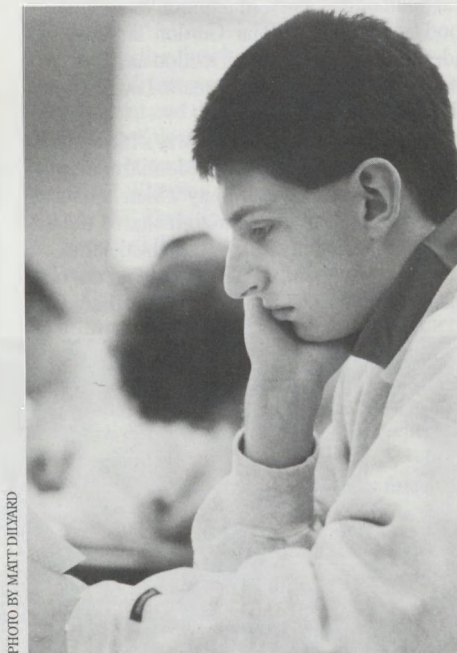
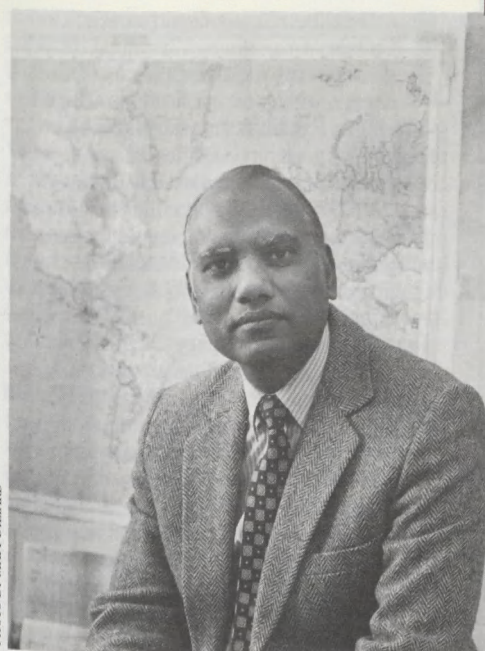


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Matthew Yates '93.

range of faiths. Students with strong faiths want the College to support the presence of Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, and Jewish clergy on campus. At a fascinating religious studies table meeting this year, a committee of department majors expressed both their confidence in the faculty and its discipline and their constructive concerns. They would like the department to consider increasing the number of upper-level courses in faiths other than Christianity and reducing what they perceive to be its "pre-seminary" slant. Moreover, they believe students should have a voice in the hiring of new mem-





Ishwar Harris.

bers to counter the effects of the present department's Christocentric bias.

There is a final frustration. It connects with Wooster's "religion requirement," which many readers will remember as a year-long required course in the Bible. The present version of that requirement can be met by taking one of four semester-long courses offered by the department of religious studies.

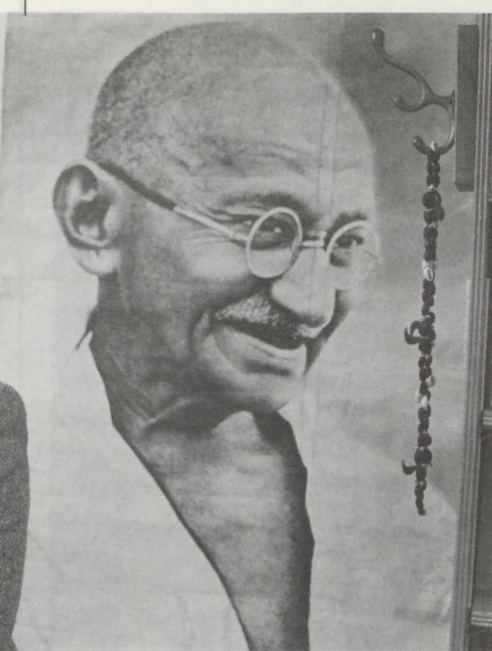
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Every member of the department can defend the requirement on intellectual and practical grounds. Intellectually, it is obvious that one cannot understand human beings fully unless one understands something of their religions. Moreover, the historical influence of religion on philosophy, the arts, and government is unquestionable. In order to grasp important ideas in these areas, one must understand something of religion. The Bible remains demonstrably the most influential single text in western culture. Now that more Christians live in other countries than in the United States and Europe, its influence in the world seems unlikely to wane very soon.

More pragmatically, much in literature is incomprehensible unless one knows something of its culture's religion. And newspapers inform us that religion is deeply intertwined in political situations, in this country as well as in the Middle East. The former should come as no surprise to an America where a great religious campaign led to the Constitutional prohibition of the sale and consumption of alcoholic



beverages not so long ago. (Wooster's first female trustee, elected in 1919, was Ella Boole, an important leader in the Women's Christian Temperance Union.)

"A good working assumption is that people are not stupid," says Castelli. "And therefore, I think to dismiss the behavior of Iran or even of the people of Jonestown as 'stupid' is extremely short-sighted. It's the sort of intellectual mistake only people who think religion isn't important can make."

And if it be objected that other disciplines (like philosophy or history or English, for example) could make similar claims to centrality in human affairs, religious studies faculty are all too aware that, in the larger culture, the study of religion needs all the support it can get. Many faculty members know of parents who have wined when their child declared a major in a non-pragmatic discipline. These days, parents have been known to *forbid* their children to major in religious studies. There is no money in it.

The last time a motion to abolish the religious studies graduation requirement came before the faculty, these arguments prevailed and the motion failed. However, the faculty then voted that no religious studies course could count toward the College distribution requirement.\* It was thought unfair for one department to be able to attract students through two

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\* Essentially, every student is required to take at least three courses in each of the College's three academic divisions: natural sciences/mathematics, social science/history, and literature/philosophy/arts. Courses in the major are permitted to double count toward these requirements. The requirement's aim is "to enable students to devote a portion of their time to critical reflection on the ways of knowing and understanding embodied in particular disciplines," according to the Catalogue.

requirements, but the consequences have been sharp.

Practical students, looking around for courses to take in their first two years, are not attracted to courses that do not "count for distribution." Why not take something in English or philosophy instead? Many in the religious studies department believe that this, as much as the decline of liberal protestantism in America, is an important reason for the gradual decline in religious studies majors since the early '70s.

Their disappointment with that faculty action is occasionally the more keen because they are conscious that "the religious studies requirement" was created by The University of Wooster at its founding. It was once the case that the Bible was studied in every course in the College. Only after a long, independent history was the requirement for study in religion handed over to the department of religious studies. Members of the department defend the requirement better than other faculty because they know more about it, not because it is "their" requirement.

Despite the grinding of these several millstones, this survey observed a powerful intellectual and spiritual vitality in Wooster's department of religious studies. Teachers are teaching students to ask hard questions, in and out of the classroom. Intellectual curiosity swirls through classroom discussions while the power and importance of the spiritual in human affairs are eagerly acknowledged. Scholarship is varied and deep.

Elie Wiesel poses the question in *Night*,

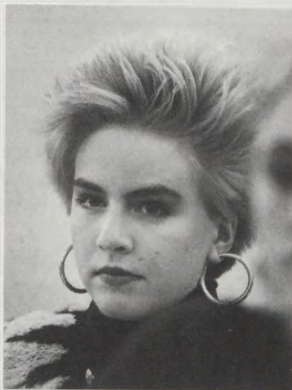


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Jennifer Ludowise '93.

how could one go on believing in God after watching babies murdered in Birkenau? This is only one of hundreds of questions discussed in religious studies courses which are rarely addressed by other disciplines. Anyone who heard students wrestle with Wiesel's question in Brubaker's *Religious Thought* would be grateful for Wooster's department of religious studies. The enthusiasm, learning, and integrity of its faculty and the intellectual pleasure of its students are ample reason for Wooster to be pleased by its continuing good work. **AW**





## Shaping Identities

by Inger Forland '87

*Unlike the study of history, the study of religion often serves to stereotype, encouraging people to form immediate judgments that draw on the public perception of religion and are consequently not always accurate, easily corrected, or beneficial.*

*Professionally, Margaret Chambers Mielke '64 is an independent music teacher using the Suzuki method, with forty-eight students. Above, she is pictured in one of her volunteer activities: working at an inner city nursery school run by the United Methodist Board of Missions in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. "I feel my studies of religion (and psychology and sociology) help me to be willing to do this sort of thing and to be able to do it."*

In 1983, the religion department at The College of Wooster was renamed the religious studies department — a small change with great implications. The religion wing in Kauke wasn't refurbished. New professors weren't hired for the occasion. The course selection remained essentially the same. Still, what we call something reflects and guides our understanding of it, and the renaming signified an instance of adaptation to the changing perception — in Wooster and beyond it — of the study of religion.

Unlike other disciplines in the liberal arts, the study of religion has always had to be aware of and adjust in some way to the effects of others' perceptions of it. The health of religion in the world and its understanding by the public are significant factors in determining the viability of the religion/religious studies major as a legitimate area of study in a liberal arts college. Consider, for example, the differences between the news-making religious figure of the 1960s, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the news-making religious figures of the 1980s, Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker. King and the Bakkers both offer visions of the role religion can play in society, but the figures and their visions are profoundly different.

The nature of these visions and the perception of them inform individual conceptions of the study of religion. The more positive the sense of religion is in the country, the more attractive an option the major might seem to the student who could easily choose a major in history or international relations instead. Of the latter two majors, people might ask the Liberal Arts Question: "What can you do with that?" But of the religion/religious studies major, the practical question does not always arise; unlike the study of history, the study of religion often serves to stereotype, encouraging people to form immediate judgments about the character and interests of the student or graduate — judgments that draw directly on the public perception of religion and are consequently not always accurate, easily corrected, or beneficial.

What does one do with a religion/religious studies major? Why might a student choose it over other liberal arts programs? How does it affect one's perspective on the world and one's self? How has the major been understood by others in years past, and how is it understood today? What is its value?

A recent, admittedly unscientific poll of a sample of religion/religious studies majors yielded some interesting thoughts on the appeal of the major and its role in their lives. Representing class years from 1931 to 1989 and a striking array of occupations and interests, fifty-one respondents wrote generous, reflective, often lengthy comments about their lives and the rewards and frustrations of their occupations. They offered insight into the nature and role of the religious studies major, past and present.

The major has always been able to serve as a step on the path to ministry or church-related work, and almost one third of our respondents had taken this direction. Peter Boeve '63 is pastor to a small Presbyterian congregation in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in addition



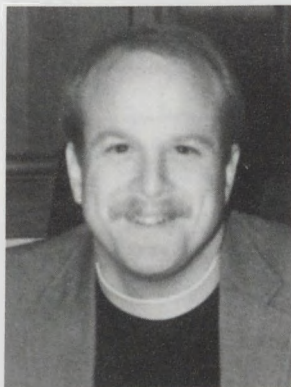
to his duties as president of Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice and chairperson of the Detroit Presbytery's Peace Education Committee.

The chief rewards of this sort of work? "Always learning so much about a vast majority of interests: Biblical perspectives (and new methodologies to try to understand Biblical theology); being responsible (with the session) for a meaningful, engaging worshipping community; trying to deal creatively with public issues; and trying to bring theological witness to those issues (peace, disarmament, Central American issues, South African conflict, the Middle East concerns). It is always interesting to be in conversation with kids, men, and women about issues of the faith as those issues involve personal and public controversy. And then, as a pastor, I am often invited into (and ask myself into) deeply personal struggles of dis-ease, marital conflict, and identity struggles."

Virginia Keim Brooks '66 is chaplain and teacher of religion at Northfield Mount Hermon School, an independent secondary boarding school in Massachusetts. She is also an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). "I have been involved in this ministry since my graduation from seminary in 1969, although I have served as chaplain only since 1984. The work calls on my interests and skills in education and Christian ministry in a pluralistic setting. The chief rewards are the daily interaction with adolescents who are struggling with issues of identity, morality, and personal growth in a rapidly changing world. The students here are bright and motivated — the leaders of tomorrow — and it is exciting to

teach them and 'parent' them in this setting."

After serving for nineteen years as a pastor, Fred Roedger '66 became a regional representative for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation. "I decided to shift the focus of my ministry after evaluating several career options.



*An ordained Episcopal priest, Brian Fidler '77 is the School Minister at Trinity-Pawling School in Pawling, New York. The job's chief rewards are "to be part of the lives of young people as they are growing up and to take part in shaping those lives. I had no sense of what I would 'do' with a major in religion when I declared my major. It was simply what I enjoyed studying."*

In my work I combine pastoral sensitivity, theological insight, and understanding of finances. It is very satisfying."

Tressa (Beatrice) Mahy Mangum '61 is "the mother of 20-, 17-, and 16-year-old girls, the wife of a pastor of a 500-member church, soloist in the church choir, teacher of the adult Sunday school class, and an active member of the church and many of its smaller organiza-

tions. I come from a missionary family and, having been raised in the church, knew I wanted to keep in close touch with it."

Daniel Heischman '73 is the executive director of the Council for Religion in Independent Schools (CRIS), "a non-profit organization of approximately 450 independent schools across the country — of various religious traditions and non-traditions. CRIS is concerned about the moral and spiritual dimension of private education, and we work with these schools to strengthen their curricula, find chaplains and religion teachers, and keep moral and spiritual issues at the forefront of a school's identity."

Jackie McMakin '56 is founder of two organizations in which she works as consultant, trainer, and writer. The Partners Community is a group of Roman Catholic and Protestant adult educators who offer "faith development experiences" in Catholic and Protestant churches. "Our vision is that every church on the corner is a potential powerhouse for helping people connect meaningfully with God, themselves, the community, and the world, but too often this potential is not realized. We're dedicated to bringing hope, vision, and practical approaches to help congregations thrive."

The second organization, Working From the Heart, is "an ecumenical organization which enables people to discern life direction

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### *What does one do with a religion/religious studies major?*

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and find meaningful work. There is a tremendous amount of disappointment and drift for many Americans who want to contribute to society but have not found ways to do that which fully use their experience and gifts." (See page thirty, below)

Doris Jackson Welker '86 writes, "As an older non-traditional graduate, I chose self-employment in Christian service I call Creative Ministries. God, creative Himself, rewards me with interesting assignments: staff writer/reporter for our Congregational Church publication, public speaking in a spiritual vein where I incorporate my poetry, play guitar, and sing my own ballads/spirituals, and house- and pet-sitting in exotic places such as Sanibel Island, Florida. My lifestyle is very rewarding and was a creative response to limited vocational choices as a mid-aged woman. I wanted to be, for Him, a curious, intelligent, creative, self-actualizing adventurer on an upward journey to enlightenment."

Lisa Bove '83, "a Presbyterian minister doing AIDS/HIV ministry" in Los Angeles writes, "I started work in AIDS in 1985 when a dear friend was diagnosed. So I guess [my work] was just there to do, and after I finished my job as a one-year interim campus pastor in 1987, I decided I'd work in El Salvador or with people with AIDS (PWAs). I got a job with an AIDS Social Service Agency before I got a



*Faith Ferré '69 is an ordained minister on the staff of a large United Church of Christ congregation in Des Moines, Iowa. In that capacity, she administers all social action and community service programs in addition to her pastoral duties. Here, she assists members of a Homeless Assistance Team as they prepare breakfast for indigent families.*



position in El Salvador." The chief rewards: "Many — I'd answer this one better in person." Frustrations? "The prejudice and ignorance of the church and society."

All real work involves the occasional frustration, of course. "It is difficult to discern a clear voice of conscience from the mainline churches or to offer as strong a voice on their behalf as I would like," writes Thomas Ewell '65, executive director of the Maine Council of Churches. "Division around reproductive issues, gay rights, and other social justice issues compromises a consistent, timely voice of leadership."

At Northfield Mount Hermon School, Virginia Brooks concedes that it is "frustrating to see how the foundation of Protestant Christian homes and doctrine has eroded in the past several decades. Most high school students are quite ignorant of the Biblical tradition and show very little commitment to forms of organized religion. Spiritual life also has to compete in this pressurized academic setting with many other demands on students' time. Even if they show interest or inclination for religion, there is little time to pursue matters of the spirit."

Daniel Heischman agrees that "the place of ethics and religion in private education today is fraught with ambiguity. I have a high tolerance for, even a great appreciation of ambiguity. At times I long for a more concrete perspective



Jill Currie Reeves '84 is Director of Tour and Travel at a major hotel in Washington, D.C. "After travelling and performing all over the world with *Up with People* for two years, I decided that I wanted to continue interacting and working with people from different countries."

on life! No wonder I enjoy cooking in my spare time!"

Among our respondents were teachers of a variety of subjects to a broad range of ages. Barbara Zink MacHaffie '71 is assistant professor of history and religion at Marietta College in Ohio. "I decided shortly into work for my B.D. that I did not wish to pursue ordination to ministry, but I did wish to pursue the study of

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*"I believe my studies made me more accepting and understanding of a range of ideologies."*

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Christianity in which I was engaged. An academic position seemed to be the most suitable direction."

David L. Peterson '65, professor of Old Testament at the Iliff School of Theology, notes that his work at Wooster "provided 'background.' But more important, the Wooster 'system' developed research skills, especially via the Independent Study projects. These skills were important both in professional and graduate school, and to my research today — e.g., as an NEH Fellow this year."

Paul B. Seaton '73 is an administrator and teacher at the West Chester Friends School in Pennsylvania. "I spend time with people — children, parents, other adults — in a job which allows, even encourages, creativity, enthusiasm, reflection, problem solving, collaboration, decision by consensus, integrity. It is free of red tape and attendant atrocities and compromises I consider (perhaps unfairly) typical of 'business.'" On the other hand, "working at a small Friends school provides me with more work than I can generally keep up with, in part because the school cannot provide a living wage (my salary pays my mortgage!) and therefore I have to maintain several additional jobs including a summer job. Get the picture? The other frustration is that I spend time (in part) with a fairly elite clientele [while] I observe inordinate needs within cities close by."

Margery Gillespie Wicker '51 teaches gifted children in grades two through six. "My first career was raising four children full time. When we had our fifth child and eight months later lost our ten-year-old to a horse-riding accident, I decided to teach school. I needed to enlarge my focus of operation. I love working with children who are young enough to mold and influence for life. These students are so much fun and hold a special challenge. They will be in positions to influence our nation and world, given a good strong foundation in their education. They need to learn sensitivity to the needs of those around them."

Elizabeth Westhafer O'Brien '66 is professor of English at Drew University. "Seven years ago I was restless just being a homemaker and elementary school teacher. I wanted more academic challenge." The rewards of this kind of work? "Contact with students and

faculty, [and] presenting literature as a way of getting in touch with other people's life experiences as well as exploring the mystery of existence as articulated in literary works." Frustrations? "Lack of time to teach and be a student. I hope to finish my Ph.D. in 1991."

Many respondents are working in careers that have no apparent relation to the study of religion. Some note that they chose to major in religion/religious studies for deeply personal reasons; while their careers don't explicitly relate to the study of religion, their lives have been dramatically influenced by religion. Others report that the specific influence of the study of religion on their lives has been minimal.

Bernard H. Wright, Jr. '70, trust officer of the Lebanon Citizens National Bank, majored in religion because "I didn't want to do IS or



Cornell Carter '89 is assistant to the Dean of Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. "The greatest reward is feeling that I am a part of an effort to make a difference in the lives of people all over the world. We are not simply about educating people for the ministry here but rather a concerted effort to bring to fruition some tangible form of social justice."

take comprehensive exams in economics, where I had enough hours for a major." He confesses that "I slid through with a minimum of work and, outside my own personal spiritual learning, little interest in the department." Still, he reflects, "I think that my life, and my major in religion, have as much, if not more, to do with what I am outside the 'occupation' which I pursue as they do with it directly. If religious belief does not permeate all of life, it seems to me to be incomplete. So I see myself, as I think religion teaches, as a whole person — lawyer, husband, father, ruling elder, mission society board member, United Way treasurer, neighbor, interested Wooster alumnus — flowing together as an integrated being with motivations that are not limited to the business that supports my habits. I work to modify the practice of my occupation with the leaven of spiritual understanding and thereby to be more than just another competent practitioner."

Betsy Wilbur Kodat '74 is "a full-time homemaker and a part-time 'odd-jobber'." (In January, I taught a two-week course on Christian Education at Nyack College. I have written two articles for magazines and am writing more.) She majored in religion because she "became a Christian at Wooster



*Tressa Mahy Mangum '61 doesn't "at present have a job outside the home, but as the mother of 20-, 17-, and 16-year-old girls, the wife of a pastor of a 500-member church, and, in my own person, soloist in the church choir, teacher of the adult Sunday school class, and active member of the church and many of its smaller organizations, I am very much occupied." She is pictured above (l.) with husband Rob Mangum and daughters (from l.) Bethany, Heather, and Krista.*



and was intensely interested in understanding my faith. I wasn't concerned with where it would lead me career-wise."

Shodie Lowe Alcorn '76 provides child care in her home. "We recently moved here [to Bedford, New York] and saw the need for quality child care in an area where there are many two-income families and not nearly enough affordable child care options. I was able to combine my desire to stay at home with our youngest son with the chance to have a second income for ourselves and playmates for him."

How has the study of religion been an influence in her life? "What can I say? I'd like to believe it has been a very important link in the chain of events that has shaped the directions of my life. It strengthened my personal faith; it helped to strengthen my conviction that each of us can make a difference in the world around us; it nurtured most of the relationships with people I still try to keep in touch with from Woo days; and, finally, I think it has helped me as I try to relate to and further understand people who are different from me in religion, culture, color of skin, and economic situation."

Nancy Morris '70 is a medical social worker "employed as a supervisor in a small, non-profit care management agency that assists the frail, elderly, and handicapped in staying home by coordinating various home care services they need. I have always been aware of those less 'fortunate' than myself, even before college, and while at Wooster I worked with different service groups, tutoring and going to Cleveland to help with an art house for inner-city youth. I guess it was the proverbial 'wanting to help people.'"

The diversity of the lives of religion/religious studies majors is matched by the variety of reasons graduates offered for wanting to study religion. Several have spoken above for whom the religion/religious studies major provided a forum for the investigation and development of their own spirituality. The major also met the needs of students who were interested

in understanding religion as a social or cultural phenomenon.

Robin Gigax '74, a market research consultant in Wooster, chose to major in religion/religious studies because "the sociological elements of various religions were very interesting to me. I really had no idea how these studies would apply to a profession at the time. I believe my studies broadened my thinking in general and made me more accepting and understanding of a very wide range of ideologies. This open-minded stance is mandatory in maintaining objectivity in my research."

Cornell Carter '89, now working in the office of the dean of faculty/vice president for academic affairs at Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia, writes, "In choosing religious studies, I sought to understand why people practice religion, the role religion plays within society at large, and unconventional ways of thinking about religion. I was less interested in discovering whether or not people attended church regularly or what the major differences were between denominational perceptions of salvation. My interest in religion was focused upon its role as a social system."

Paul Seaton notes that he "grew up overseas, the son of medical missionaries, and have always been interested in religion, culture, and the integration of the two. I developed a theory of cultural relativism in high school and worked on it through college. I was fascinated by some of the finest professors (of religion) I ever knew: Jim Norton, Harold Smith, Nels Ferré, Dr. Tanner (all of whom left, retired, or died while I was at Wooster), and Glenn Bucher, who was concerned with integrity."

Another recurring theme is that the religion/religious studies program was appealing because it was designed to allow — even encourage — majors to pursue other interests by taking courses in different departments.

Thomas Ewell writes of the appeal of the

## Our Respondents

Fifty-one religious studies majors (29% of the representative batch we polled) responded to our questionnaires about why they had chosen the major at Wooster and what they had done since. The diverse opinions, occupations, and interests they represent inform this article.

Shodie Lowe Alcorn '76  
 Kathy Allen '72  
 David L. Berkey '72  
 Lisa Bove '83  
 Peter Boeve '63  
 Virginia Keim Brooks '66  
 Cornell Carter '89  
 Nivedita Chakraborty Patel '84  
 Barbara Cooper '52  
 David Douglas '71  
 Jeffrey D. Eng '80  
 Thomas C. Ewell '65  
 Faith V. Ferré '69  
 Brian Fidler '77  
 Gerald B. Fischer '65  
 Ken Fischer '66  
 Cynthia Ann Fisher Freer '76  
 Robin Gigax '74  
 Willa Jean Spencer Harner '64  
 Daniel Heischman '73  
 Betsey Wilbur Kodat '74  
 John J. Lolla, Jr. '76  
 Barbara J. MacHaffie '71  
 Cameron Maneese '79  
 Tressa Mahy Mangum '61  
 Brandt McCabe '69  
 Jacqueline McMakin '56  
 Margaret Chambers Mielke '64  
 Nancy Morris '71  
 Elizabeth Westhafer O'Brien '66  
 David L. Petersen '65  
 Joan Withers Priest '84  
 Jill Currie Reeves '84  
 Tina McCreight Robie '74  
 Fred Roedger '66  
 Adair Mackey Ruff '73  
 Paul B. Seaton '73  
 Linda Seese '64  
 Janet Smeltz '77  
 G.T. (Buck) Smith '56  
 Joni Eaton Smith '56  
 Pamela Wurtz Smith '74  
 Paul B. Smith '81  
 Gil Staffend '65  
 Patricia Hiller Stainke '73  
 Michael E. Tindall '72  
 Doris Jackson Welker '86  
 Margery Gillespie Wicker '51  
 Lynn Withrow '72  
 Bernard H. Wright, Jr. '70  
 Philip "Tib" Young '31



major: "A practical consideration was that it demanded fewer required courses which freed me for a wide range of options. When I declared my major, I really did assume I would eventually work in the field of religion. I was right."

David Douglas '71, a writer on environmental issues who formerly practiced environmental law, writes that "the department seemed to grant enormous flexibility in what was studied under the umbrella of religion, particularly through the '399' program [individualized tutorials constructed by student and faculty member]."

The decision to study religion is undoubtedly influenced by events outside Wooster. This is most evident in the comments of majors who graduated in the '60s and early '70s, when America was painfully enduring the rites of passage wrought both by struggles for change and widespread resistance to its involvement in Vietnam.

Kenneth Fischer '66, executive director of the University Musical Society of the University of Michigan, chose to major in religion because he "was in school in the early and middle sixties when many people's religious faith was guiding their commitment to improving the world — Peace Corps, civil rights, opposition to Vietnam. It was an exciting major, relevant to the times. The sixties were a special time to be studying religion and religious influences in society. Key leaders — intellectual, moral, and social action — during this time were people of the church: Martin Luther King, Jr.; William Sloane Coffin, Jr.; Robert McAfee Brown. It's hard for me to separate what was going on in the classroom from what was going on on campus in terms of my activities. It was a wonderful blending of classroom and real life."

Kathy Allen '72 writes, "I grew up in a 'church-related' family — the daughter of a minister. In college I saw how the church was involved in political affairs (i.e., Clergy and Laymen against the War) in the late '60s and early '70s. This was a prime interest. I wanted my involvement in the church to extend into

society and the socio-political issues of the times."

Linda Seese '64, a gardener in New Mexico, chose the major because she liked the professors and the idealism of the Christian goals of social change. "The involvement of some of the professors in the Civil Rights movement and my personal commitments to social justice led me to Mississippi after graduation, and that experience has set me on a path of continuing involvement in the women's movement, Vietnam, Indian rights, and environmental concerns — and out of the church."

If the perception of the religion/religious studies major was influenced by events outside the College in the '60s and '70s, what sense have graduates had of others' perceptions of their major? The majority of respondents intone, almost as one: people don't generally understand. The graduates do not, however, necessarily agree on what to make of the misconceptions. Philip "Tib" Young '31 reflects that

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"the perception rests with the individual and not the material. Therefore it does fluctuate. It is not fair to stereotype this major either in the past or now. I know over the years some have asked the question, 'Is he that way because he is a preacher or is he a preacher because he is that way?' I had four friends who gave as one of their reasons for entering the ministry that it needed more well-rounded people."

Peter Boeve: "I think that others' opinions of majoring in religion leaned to thinking it 'less relevant' than other career-lined studies (for teaching, business, pre-med), but that could be my own anxiety. I have come to have much more respect for, and see the limitations in, other more highly touted careers. And I have come to have much more respect and energy for being a positive apologist for the

Christian faith, less 'embarrassed' for its seemingly 'weak-in-the-head' preached testimony, and 'seemingly irrelevant' action in the public realm."

Margaret Chambers Mielke '64 notes that "unless pressed, I seldom admit to people what my major was in college. If I say I majored in comparative religion and sociology, people generally will say something like, 'How interesting.' If I simply admit I majored in religion, there is usually a deathly silent pause, after which my listener will reply, 'Oh.' Then the subject gets changed. People seem uncomfortable with discussing a major in religion. And no, this hasn't changed over the years. Even Presbyterian clergy, on first meeting, aren't too comfortable with my saying that I was a religion major."

Willia Jean Spencer Harner '64 writes, "One quickly learns that most people have no idea what a religion major is, and it is better to avoid talking about it altogether than to be mistaken for a fundamentalist fanatic, a mystic, or an 'expert' in the Christian education of children. This has not changed over the years, but those who are truly interested come to understand, and I have never stooped to describing myself as a 'philosophy major.'"

David L. Peterson writes that "in the mid-sixties, many religion majors were focusing on the parish ministry. Now, with the shift to religious studies, I think the major is viewed as one of many appropriate to work in the liberal arts."

Lynn Withrow '72 recalls that people assumed she would "be super straight, that people around me would have to behave in an 'angelic' way, and that I would look down at other behaviors. People are usually very surprised by my major."

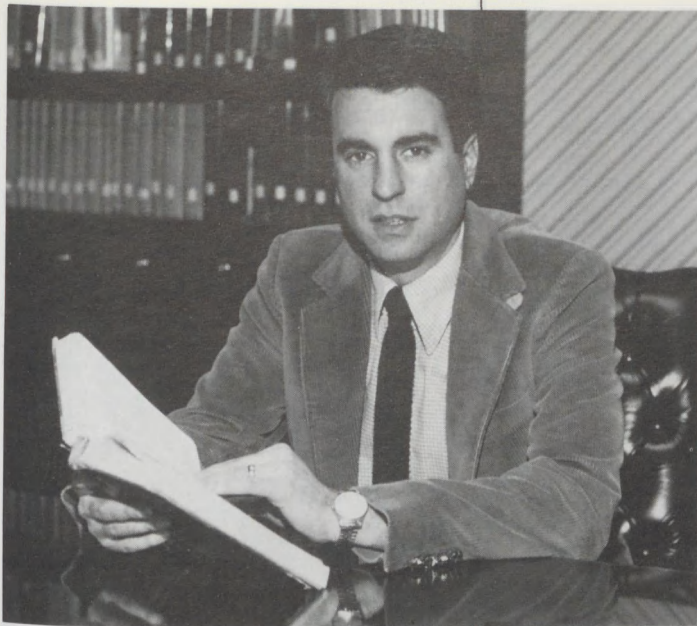
Adair Ruff '73: "Only my more intimate friends know I was a religion major. It's a real attention grabber at a party! When I tell a new acquaintance my major, s/he expects me to be able to quote scripture. Nothing could be farther from the truth!"

Patricia Hiller Stainke '73 writes, "I have

*Ken Fischer '66 is executive director of the University Musical Society of the University of Michigan. "My study of religion at Wooster was a factor in my not going to seminary, but a positive factor. I remember how friendly the department faculty and spouses were; they were teachers, advisors, colleagues, friends." Above, Fischer (second from r.), President James J. Duderstadt of the University of Michigan (l.), and Ann Arbor mayor Gerald Jernigan (r.) help celebrate Leonard Bernstein's (second from l.) seventieth birthday after a concert by Bernstein and the Vienna Philharmonic arranged by Fischer's Society.*







*Jack Lolla '76 is an ordained Presbyterian minister serving a congregation in the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. "From counseling drug addicts and broken families to burying and baptizing members of the church to entering into political, ecumenical, and interfaith discussions and projects, I find myself continually challenged by bringing spiritual meaning to human living."*

always felt that others (during college, but especially outside Wooster, after college) wondered why in the world any intelligent person would pursue a major in religion. The look said, 'What for? What can you do with it? What in the world does a religion major do, anyway?' And, in later years, the look said, 'If it wasn't a Bible course, what good was it?' I didn't wait for the looks. Rather, I jumped to answer the questions before they were asked. I guess I felt a little defensive — it all seemed frivolous and lacking validity in their eyes. Sometimes I even asked myself the same questions and doubted my course of action. But after twenty years, I would not change a thing. Let them wonder. I know it has prepared me for a full and rich life today, for which I am grateful."

Tina McCreight Robie '74: "Most people laugh."

"I remember very vividly that, at the time, my friends at Wooster could not imagine why I was majoring in religion; I did not act as they thought a religion major should act," recalls Brian Fidler '77. "To this day, I do not know how a religion major should act. My work at Wooster challenged me, trained me for future academic work and beyond, and instilled in me a love for intellectual inquiry. I suppose it is easier now that I am an Episcopal priest to look back and say, 'That's why I majored in religion.' But that is not what I had in mind when I started."

Cameron Maneese '79: "As a 'social work' professional, I have encountered surprised responses to my degree in religion. Instead of seeing it as the foundation for education and knowledge, many see it as a closed discipline which allows for only one inevitable career choice — 'the ministry.' I am proof that 'ministry' takes many forms."

Nivedita Chakraborty Patel '84: "Whenever I told anyone I was majoring in religion, they said, 'What are you going to do with that?' But as Wooster prepared me with a liberal arts background, I was able to take up differ-

ent disciplines. Now people realize that I am capable of learning whatever I please."

Jill Currie Reeves '84 writes, "I used to tell people that I majored in religious studies without any explanation of what that entailed. After a lot of blank stares and comments like 'Do you plan on being a nun?' I realized that not everyone has an understanding of a major like religious studies within the context of a liberal arts education. Now I clarify my response with 'it's similar to a history major.' What I want to avoid is 'apologizing' for or being embarrassed by what the name of my major implies."

I, too, have been bothered by the need to define my major whenever it comes up, and while I will stand behind it when I must, I don't freely introduce it into conversation. More bothersome still are the instances when an explanation is not good enough: A major credit card company soliciting applications from college students turned down my application, listing as the reason my course of study. An employment service asked me to change my résumé to reflect that I had majored in a "less controversial" area of study. One takes these things in stride, but they are worthy of some consideration.

In 1987, the year I graduated from Wooster, religion was not enjoying the best of press in the world. In addition to the long-standing battles in Northern Ireland, Jordan, Iran, and Iraq, the Great Battles of the Evangelist Preachers — from Oral Roberts to Jim Bakker and Jimmy Swaggart — were being waged on the front pages of newspapers whose writers enjoyed the task of conveying the increasingly ludicrous developments. America loves its news; good news tends to be subordinate to bad news on front pages; and extreme cases cast far-reaching shadows. In 1987 there was a shadow on the religious studies major, and in a very practical sense there was some reckoning to be done.

The heart of the matter is the nature of a liberal arts education, the role of the religion/religious studies major in it, and the ways in which the major does and should

## "A Major for Life"

It is certainly possible that there are other families consisting of triple religious studies majors, but the Smith family — G.T. (Buck) '56, Joni Eaton '56, and Paul '81 — was the one that turned up in this survey.

After fifteen years as Wooster's vice president for development, Buck was president of Chapman College for another eleven. As president emeritus, he now counsels college presidents and trustees in the areas of planning, management, and human and financial resource development. Joni is a "homemaker and volunteer, serving as chairperson of the board of directors for an inner-city ballet company for low-income, minority children." Paul manages several apartment communities in Orange County, California.

They chose the major for different reasons. Buck thought it would be the way to find out if he really wanted to go to seminary ("Answer, No!"), and some of his best student and faculty friends were in the department. Joni liked the low number of required hours, which provided maximum freedom to take additional courses in a variety of departments. There was also "a natural attraction because of my family upbringing." Paul says that "religion as a major is really a 'major for life,' encompassing many of the liberal arts, including history, art, psychology, sociology, music, and literature."

"My IS topic was 'Juvenile Delinquency and the Church,'" writes Joni. "It launched me solidly on a life-learning journey in the area of youth work." Buck points out that "my career



*The Smiths — Buck, Joni '56s, and Paul '81 — all majored in religion at Wooster.*

has dealt almost exclusively with the church-related liberal arts college. This is a direct outgrowth of having studied religion at Wooster. My college studies and experience, professional career, personal and family life, and wider interests all hang together, resulting in a wholeness and consistency that is downright thrilling."

"My parents were both religion majors at Wooster in 1956," says Paul. "I followed twenty-five years later and had some of the same professors, such as J. Arthur Baird. Though the classes and professors have changed in the department, I believe the focus has remained constant, with new opportunities."



accommodate to the changing role and perception of religion in the country. John J. Lolla, Jr. '76, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) serving a congregation in the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh, reflects at some length on this.

"I am very concerned about the future of the religion major at Wooster," he writes, "and the overall curricular direction. I am uncertain that religious studies has as high a priority as it once did when the College was more closely related to the church. From what I can see, Wooster is moving in the direction of Harvard, Yale, and Princeton Universities, all of which are fine institutions, all of which were originally established by the church in service to the church, all of which no longer serve the church directly.

"My lament as a minister wrestling with the growing challenges of secularism and religious pluralism is that Presbyterians and other mainstream Christians are in danger of losing their 'Christian' identity. I have found one of the important vacuums in the church's life is higher education. Presbyterian students are no longer receiving the theological, historical, and ethical training from the Reformed perspective in their college and university experience. As a result, they are unable to analyze their social circumstances from a clearly understood religious faith.

"There is a great distinction between teaching about the phenomenon of religion and teaching a world view from within the confessional perspective of the church. A sophisti-

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cated institution of liberal education can successfully [implement] the latter approach without compromising the inclusivity and freedom of conscience which has been the hallmark of Presbyterian theology of the latter part of the twentieth century. The question is whether or not Wooster believes this is part of its educational mission. If it is not, then it will be a great tragedy for the church, both locally and internationally."

There can be no doubt that the College of Wooster aims to provide for its students a liberal arts education — the tone and spirit of which have changed and will continue to change with time. It seems equally clear that the relationship between the College and the church is not what it once was; in addition to the renaming of the religion major, mandatory church attendance is a thing of the past, and, though materials sent to prospective students do discuss Wooster's Presbyterian roots, they do not refer to Wooster as a "Christian college."

Is the change a bad thing? I don't think so, but the answer depends upon what it is one hopes to gain from a major in religion/religious studies. There are several considerations. First, the diversity of Wooster's student body

*This summer, Willa Jean Spencer Harner '64 will become head of children's services at the public library in Tiffin, Ohio. "I was so excited, when I took Old Testament from Dr. Boling, to discover that the academic study of religion was not like Sunday school but challenging and vital that I decided religion was the major for me."*



has increased steadily over the years, drawing individuals from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds. If the College is to continue on this path, it must consider precisely how these students — among them Jewish, Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, non-religious students — will be an active part of the Wooster program.

Second, clearly the major has a definite, important function as a forum for the investigation and development of spirituality. But it must also work hard to address the goals of a liberal arts education: the increased capacity for critical thought and autonomy of action. It would seem to me to be impossible for the department to teach "from within the confessional perspective of the church" without establishing a test of faith credentials for its members. That would not fit with the open-minded, critical thinking of the liberal arts. It is, after all, precisely the "open mind" about which the skeptics wonder when they raise their eyebrows upon their first encounter with a religious studies major.

Graduates reflect in different ways on the nature of the education they received, depending on their conceptions of growth. Willa Jean Spencer Harris '64 writes that "studying religion helped answer questions of meaning, helped me decide what is important (or not) in our culture, and strengthened my Christian faith. The study of religion is a terrific way to gain perspective on world events, since religion plays a much greater part in human events than most people (or at least most journalists) recognize. Because I've studied religion, I see blind spots in our culture that lots of people aren't aware of. And I never think of all the troubles in the Middle East without remembering Harold Smith's great sadness about the conflicts there and his wish that men would realize their essential brotherhood."

Gil Staffend '65 notes that "the study of religion taught me to pay more attention to what people do and less attention to what people say. Because wars are generally fought

and justified with high-sounding ethical rationales and apologia, the study of religion sensitized me to the fraud in words, everywhere."

"In college I questioned everything that was taught to me by my parents, as most students do," writes Joan Withers Priest '84. "I had spent my whole life in the Presbyterian Church. In my studies of world religions, I not only learned a great deal about the world and how deeply religions affect some cultures, but I also learned the importance of my own faith and the faith of my childhood. It was through that study that I began to see my surroundings in a new way, and religion began to permeate my entire life."

Cameron Maneese notes that the study of religion "helped me to develop my critical thinking skills. It enhanced my appreciation of diverse cultures and philosophies/theologies. It allowed me a rare chance to examine the human condition from a variety of vantage points."

Lynn Withrow majored in religious studies because she was interested in the department and topics and wanted a general, liberal arts education. Her study of religion influenced her "not much differently from my general college career — which gave me a better understanding of the world at large and an interest in other cultures and ways of living." Working in the sale of employee benefits, Withrow notes that the study of religion helped her to sharpen her critical skills and awakened her curiosity. But "other majors would have also."

Bernard Wright remarks, "I did my senior IS on ethics with Dr. Bell and learned a lot about ethical systems and ethical thinking as a result. Those ideas have been a good foundation for many situations since then. I am aware that this is the reverse of the intent of IS, as I hear and read about how the skills transfer to other situations. I would say that for me the



content was more important than the methodology."

David L. Berkey '72, associate pastor at Jesse Lee Memorial United Methodist Church in Ridgefield, Connecticut, writes, "At first I thought I'd made a mistake in majoring in religion, since I ended up going to seminary. But the broad liberal arts requirements gave me perspective, and I believe, in the long run, it was the best choice — because it is who I am. My IS was about suburban Protestant values and religious expression, and here I am as a pastor in a suburban Protestant church! Those were my roots, I studied them, and now, after eight years in New York City, I've returned to them."

"My study of religion at Wooster was very personal and autobiographical and has greatly influenced my vocation and life. The period 1968–72 was a very scary, unstable time, yet my religious studies ultimately gave me the tools to deal with such change and, later, to help others find the tools in their own faith journeys."

Lisa Bove reflects that she was powerfully influenced by more than the religion/religious studies department. "I was also involved with athletics, the Westminster Presbyterian Church, theater, the gay/lesbian support group, anti-apartheid stuff, sanctuary — all of this shaped my understanding of bringing justice and love into this world. My eyes were opened, and I try to live my life with those values first and foremost. My sense of this has of course focused in my experiences since Wooster, but my awareness definitely started there."

Regardless of their careers, their aspirations, and their interests, the respondents who chose to reflect on their memories of the department did note with warmth and humor that their experiences at Wooster had made lasting impressions.

Brandt McCabe '69, a physician and internist-cardiologist living in New Jersey,



Joan Withers Priest '84 is associate pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, with primary responsibility for Christian education and youth ministry. "My studies at Wooster not only allowed me to question and nurture my faith, but also sparked a curiosity about teaching or working in a church."

remembers: "Dr. Tanner told us of three kinds of love — *philia*, *eros*, and *agape*. Then he told us about when he told Mrs. Tanner he had all three for her. A pause. Then, 'She liked that.' Very dry."

Elizabeth O'Brien remembers "Harold Smith and Bev Asbury in the front line of the civil rights march that went through downtown Wooster. Many others also participated, but I have a sharp memory of those two and the feeling of seeing faith in action."

Many graduates reflect on their trips to Israel with Mary and J. Arthur Baird. Jill Reeves writes, "I will always remember climbing Mt. Sinai by moonlight. It was a difficult, rocky climb, but J. Arthur Baird insisted on making the trek. When he arrived behind the rest of us at the top, he had the largest grin on

Philip "Tib" Young '31 became dean of students and athletic director at Parsons College in 1946, after service in the U.S. Navy. While at Parsons, he began responding to requests "to help churches when they needed a speaker," and ended up speaking to more than sixty congregations of eight different denominations. "When you retire, never let it be known," he says now, his own indiscretion having landed him in enough civic and church activities to make two regular jobs.

his face I've ever seen! (His glow was not much different from what I imagine Moses' to have been.) Dr. Baird told us that would be his last Mt. Sinai climb."

Pamela Wurtz Smith '74 met her husband Tim ('74, also a religion major) on Baird's Travel/Study seminar to Israel. "As a group, we did our travelling in Israel by bus. Two years later Dr. Baird married us at Wooster. The one part of the wedding service that we do remember is when he recalled our trip to the Middle East and how he had 'watched our love go from the back of the bus to the front of the altar.' We still chuckle!"

"My husband and I were married in Douglass Hall in December of '73," writes Tina Robie. "Rich Bell let my (to be) husband's family stay in his home the weekend of the wedding, since he and his family were going away. The night before the wedding, Greg's wedding ring accidentally got washed down the drain in the shower. We debated about tearing out the plumbing."

Faith V. Ferré '69 writes, "My most vivid memory is of my father [Nels Ferré] speaking in chapel. Terribly crippled and in great pain, he had to be carried to a stool on stage. During the course of his address, he became so 'filled with the Holy Spirit' that he straightened up, got off the stool, and began to walk around. As he finished his address, he shrank up again, climbed back onto the stool and had to be car-


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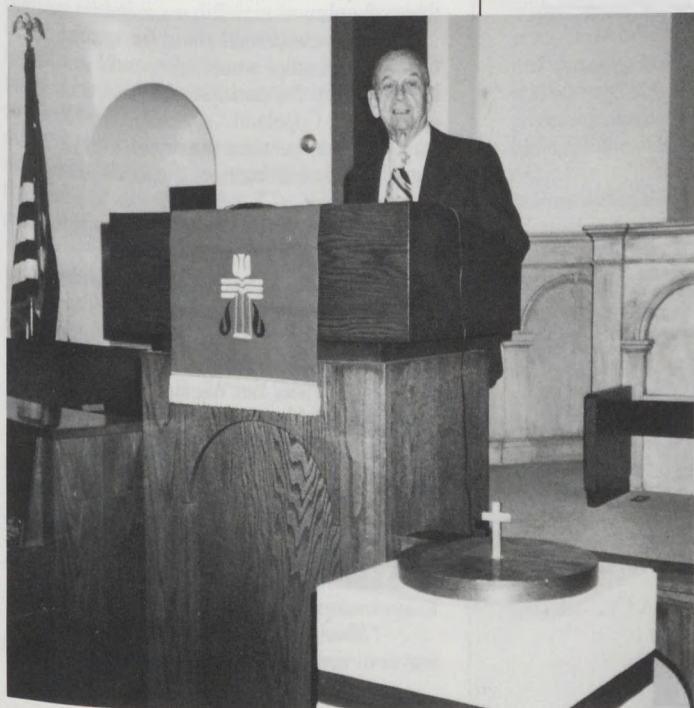
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ried off. That was powerful to watch, especially as his daughter."

Religion/religious studies majors come to the department from a variety of backgrounds with a multitude of concerns, interests, and goals. They pick and choose their courses, using the flexibility of the program to work with the professors and subjects — inside the department and out — that best address their needs. Some come religious; some become religious; some do not. They go forward to minister, teach, parent, heal bodies, minds, and souls, counsel, write, sell, work with computers, make music, plan cities. If the religion/religious studies major has needed to be explained to dubious listeners, graduates hardly seem crippled by it.

As for the religion/religious studies major itself, it seems to have played a crucial role in shaping identities — either directly, or by allowing its students the freedom to follow ideas that know no departmental bounds. If it is to continue successfully on its course of change, its struggle must be the struggle of liberal arts education and the liberally educated: to keep informed of events around the world, to look for patterns in history that help us to make sense of our future, to be willing to consider alternatives to our habitual ways, to decide which goals are worthwhile and be guided accordingly. 





# Setting the Tone

by John Finn

As any basketball official who worked one of Wooster's games during Al Van Wie's tenure as coach can attest, the Dutchman has never been one to keep his opinions to himself. In fact, Wooster's outspoken Van Wie has a reputation for sharing his views on almost any subject. So when the National Collegiate Athletic Association came calling in 1986, Van Wie was ready to listen and, of course, offer his opinion.

At the time, he was in his 11th year as athletic director at Wooster, but the routine was wearing on him. He needed a change if not a challenge, and he got both when he was elected to the NCAA Committee for Division III.

"The job of an athletic director involves a lot of paperwork and a lot of repetition," he admits. "I was getting a little stale, and the opportunity to serve on the NCAA committee was a national challenge, which really came at the right time for me in my career."

But there was more to Van Wie's motive than simply the desire for a change of pace. Like many of his colleagues, he had become increasingly concerned about the disturbing state of college athletics, and this was his chance to do something about it.

"I thought I could effect some worthwhile change," he says. "At the very least, I was going to try."

It did not take long for the rest of the NCAA Committee to discover that Van Wie was serious about his commitment. In his first year on the committee, he was part of an appeal for a student-athlete who challenged the NCAA because he had been stripped of his eligibility

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## *The promotion meant both prestige and sacrifice.*

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after transferring from a junior college to New Mexico State. There was considerable discussion on the matter, and Van Wie believed that the student-athlete had made a good case for himself; so he raised his hand to call for the question. Recognized by the chairman, he moved that a vote be taken, but the chairman ignored his request.

There was more discussion, and a short time later Van Wie, who sensed that the majority of the committee shared his point of view on the issue, raised his hand again to call for the question. At that point, executive director Walter Byers, who believed the NCAA was above reproach, stepped down from his seat on the platform and made his way to Van Wie's

chair. "So, you're a damn parliamentarian, are you?" Byers growled.

The message was clear - don't challenge the NCAA. But Van Wie did, and he held his ground. An athletic director from a small Division III institution in Ohio had just challenged the most powerful man in college athletics and refused to back down. It was the first of many stands that Van Wie took against what he

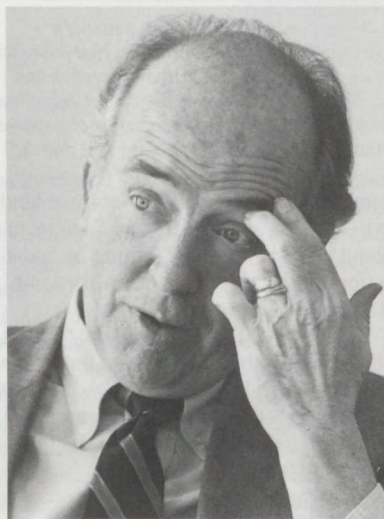


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Al Van Wie '52

believed was the NCAA's lack of flexibility, and although he didn't win that particular battle, it showed his colleagues his willingness to take a stand on the side of common sense and concern for students.

"That incident was my first exposure to the NCAA's philosophy that a rule is a rule is a rule," says Van Wie. "I was greatly concerned about the organization's lack of flexibility, and I felt it needed to be challenged."

Van Wie's repeated challenges to the NCAA's rigid structure, not to mention his growing role as leader during two years of faithful service on the committee, led to his election as vice president for Division III - a major honor, but one that carried even more responsibility and required a lot more time.

The NCAA is a voluntary organization consisting of more than 800 colleges and universities across the country. Its primary purposes are to regulate intercollegiate athletics and to coordinate championship events for its member schools.

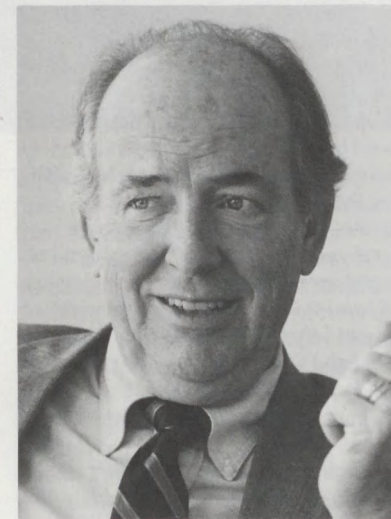
As vice president, Van Wie chaired the 11-member committee for Division III that reports to the 44-member NCAA Council. He

also chaired the Division III Championship Committee.

"The term 'vice president' is really a misnomer," says Van Wie. "President, or chairperson, would be much more accurate because this person really is the leader of the group."

Van Wie's promotion meant both prestige and sacrifice. In the past two years, he has logged close to 100,000 miles in air travel, sat through almost 400 hours of meetings, and spent nearly 100 days away from home.

The NCAA Council, which is the organization's governing body when the convention is not in session, meets four times each year. The Division III Championship Committee meets three times each year, and the executive committee, which rules on such issues as staffing, salaries, and budget items, also meets three times a year.



"It was damn near a full-time job," says Van Wie. "As a matter of fact, the last four NCAA presidents have lost their jobs back at their schools."

"I was concerned about the amount of time such an office would take, and I would not have accepted the position without the support of President Copeland," says Van Wie. "We are very fortunate to have a president who sees the big picture and recognizes the value of service on a national level."

"Al Van Wie has been a visionary leader in college athletics for three decades," says Copeland. "All of those students who play a sport for the love of the sport could not be more effectively represented than by an individual with Al's convictions."

Since 1986, Van Wie has helped bring about positive change in Division III, and that has been his chief objective. "Outside the Division III schools, most people don't have a clue as to what we're all about," he says. "They don't realize that we have competitive teams with top quality athletes. They just don't understand how important our athletic programs are to our institutions."

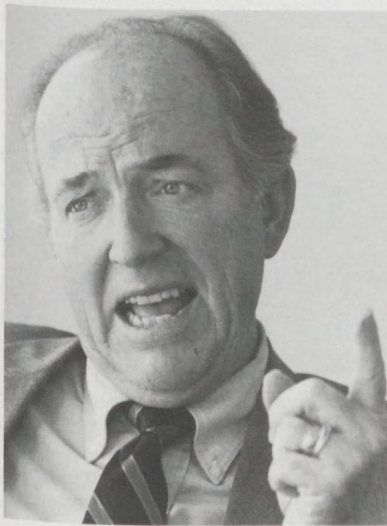
"About four years ago, there was a growing sentiment that schools like Wooster did not



belong in the NCAA," adds Van Wie. "We were all being painted by the same brush, and many Division III presidents were not happy about being grouped with scandal-ridden schools like SMU, Oklahoma, and North Carolina State."

So Van Wie went right at the issues. He was deeply involved in discussions and subsequent decisions about mandatory drug testing, the use of steroids, recruiting violations, illegal payments to athletes, and many of the other ills that continue to plague major college athletic programs. But Van Wie's primary focus was on small colleges and universities, and he worked tirelessly to bring about change on the issues that he believed separated Division III from Division I.

One of those issues was financial aid. "There was real concern and confusion over financial aid for athletes, and the situation had



to be clarified," says Van Wie. "Some thought athletic ability should be measured the way other talents are measured. But I think competitive athletics are different from music and theatre programs. In athletics, everyone must be on the same page. So we brought the issue before the membership and forced our schools to take a stand."

The result was that the members voted overwhelmingly not to award financial aid on the basis of athletic ability. It was short, simple, and straightforward, but to ensure that there would be no misunderstanding, Van Wie took things one step further. He wrote to every Division III president and financial aid officer to clarify the decision so that no one would have to interpret complicated legislation.

The second issue that Van Wie addressed was that of student-athletes transferring. "There used to be three or four pages of policies on transferring," he says. "It took a Philadelphia lawyer to figure it out. We've made it simple. If an athlete transfers from any other institution, that athlete is immediately eligible to participate in a varsity sport provided he or she has met all of the academic requirements.

This was a controversial decision because many presidents and athletic directors

## Looking Ahead

Al Van Wie outlines the top 10 issues in college athletics as he sees them during the next 10 years.

### Reform

The 1990 NCAA Convention has been called the Reform Convention. For the first time in history, the President's Commission wrested control from the athletic directors and instituted a number of changes, including a reduction in the length of spring football practice and a limit to the number of basketball games in a season. The question is, will this reform movement continue throughout the decade, or will athletic directors regain the upper hand?

### Survival

Can the National Collegiate Athletic Association survive in its present form, or will there be sweeping changes in the next decade? Many believe that if changes are not made, large schools may go in one direction and small schools in another to form organizations that will better meet their needs.

### Television Money

The billion dollar contract between CBS and the NCAA to televise the Division I basketball championship as well as fifteen other championships should provide the Association with enough money to furnish a wide range of services to the membership. The question is whether the leadership of the NCAA will have the good sense to see that all members of the association share in this money.

### Government Intervention

The threat of government intervention in college athletics is a major concern of the NCAA. Most presidents and athletic directors would agree that the last thing intercollegiate athletics needs at this time is governmental involvement. Still, Congressmen Bill Bradley and Tom MacMillan, both of whom were outstanding collegiate basketball players, have proposed legislation that would force Division I and II institutions to make public the graduation rates of their athletes. Will there be more intervention in the 1990s?

### Length of Playing Seasons

A major task facing the NCAA is an evaluation of the length of playing seasons for each sport. There will be continued pressure to reduce the length of seasons and number of contests to remove some of the burden on stu-

dent-athletes. At the same time, many college athletic administrators will continue to battle for maintaining, if not increasing, the number of events because of the potential revenue. Who will win this one is anyone's guess.

### Public Image

How much longer can college athletics withstand the negative publicity generated by stories about scandals in the media?

### Rights of Athletes

Should student-athletes be paid for their performances? Is drug testing legal? Should scholarship athletes who don't graduate in four years be entitled to further subsidy until they graduate? Will college athletes one day unionize? These are just a few of the issues regarding the rights of athletes that the NCAA will face in the next decade.

### Performance-Enhancing Drugs

The NCAA will randomly test Division I football players next season in an effort to reduce the use of performance-enhancing drugs such as steroids. Will this practice be allowed to continue, or will the courts step in and prevent it?

### Cost Containment

Major universities are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to recruit, to maintain large staffs, and to meet many of the other expenses that come with running a big-time athletic program, but has the spending gone too far? Only about twenty major college athletic programs finished in the black last year; the rest incurred losses, some severe. Some kind of cost containment program is necessary to bring this runaway spending back in line.

### Amateurism

Is Division III indeed the last bastion of amateur athletics in this country, or can Divisions I and II follow suit? Amateur athletics as we know them on the college level are in real jeopardy. Can they survive into the next decade?



in Division III felt it would open the floodgates to athletes transferring from Division I.

Part of Van Wie's justification for the change stemmed from his belief that an athlete should have the same rights as any other student. "Athletes at Division III schools are students first; there are no athletic scholarships. If students are paying big money to attend a Division III school, then they should have the right to participate in athletics right away, regardless of where they transfer from."

It turned out that Van Wie's instincts were right. There was no mass exodus of athletes from Divisions I and II to Division III, and because there was no complicated legislation, the NCAA did not have to waste its time sorting through the case of every athlete who wanted to transfer.

Van Wie's third victory was a triumph over his pet peeve, or what he refers to as minutia. "There was far too much detail," he says.

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*"Competitive athletics are different from music and theater."*

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"We haggled over everything from the size of an envelope to the number of colors a school can use in a recruiting brochure. It just got to be ridiculous, so we cut out most of the little things that really didn't make any difference."

One of Van Wie's favorite examples of minutia was the introduction of a piece of legislation stating that single-sex institutions did not have to provide a comparable number of varsity sports for the other sex.

"Divisions I and II agreed that such legislation should be added, but I told the council that Division III refused to consider the issue," says Van Wie. "I just didn't see the need to talk about a rule to allow a women's college not to have men's sports. Needless to say the NCAA staff was horrified, but the president agreed with our point of view. It was ridiculous to tie up the valuable time of presidents, athletic directors, and faculty representatives to discuss such a meaningless proposal."

Van Wie's fourth objective was to open up the committee selection because he felt certain individuals had a stranglehold on several of the groups. "The NCAA is a democracy, and no one individual or institution is bigger than the rest. We tried to open things up, bring in new blood, give everyone who wanted it a chance to have a say."

Ironically, at a time when many believed the NCAA needed tighter controls and more regulations on its members, Van Wie opted for fewer. It was his own version of deregulation, and it worked.

In 1986, Van Wie's first year on the committee, thirty pieces of legislation were brought before the representatives of Division III. Last year, only six pieces of legislation were proposed. The rest of the time was spent on open discussion.

"You can't legislate integrity," he says. "I

am convinced that the vast majority of presidents, athletic directors, and coaches in Division III don't want to cheat. It has been proven time and again that you can win in Division III. Look at our baseball program or Kenyon's swim program. Many of the rules that were broken in Division III were either too complicated to understand or just not known. We didn't need more rules. We needed fewer rules and more clarity."

As a result of Van Wie's leadership, Division III schools have become less concerned about legislation and more concerned about open dialogue. "Instead of debating confusing proposals for legislation, we began to have open forums," says Van Wie. "Our concerns about financial aid, length of playing seasons, and other key issues were discussed openly, and they produced far more fruitful solutions than instituting more unnecessary rules and regulations."

Van Wie has left a lasting mark on college athletics and his associates at the NCAA. "Al is a very special person," says Royce Flippin, athletic director at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who worked with Van Wie for two years and succeeded him as the chair of the Championship Committee. "He is a very creative person, and he initiated a number of new ideas that increased the NCAA's outreach to the members."

"Al really set the tone for a change of direction and philosophy at the NCAA by creating an open and productive environment, and I hope to carry on what he did," adds Flippin. "He has all the qualities of a leader, not the least of which is his skill as a communicator."

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Minna Jinn '91 takes what turned out to be a successful penalty shot against Kenyon.

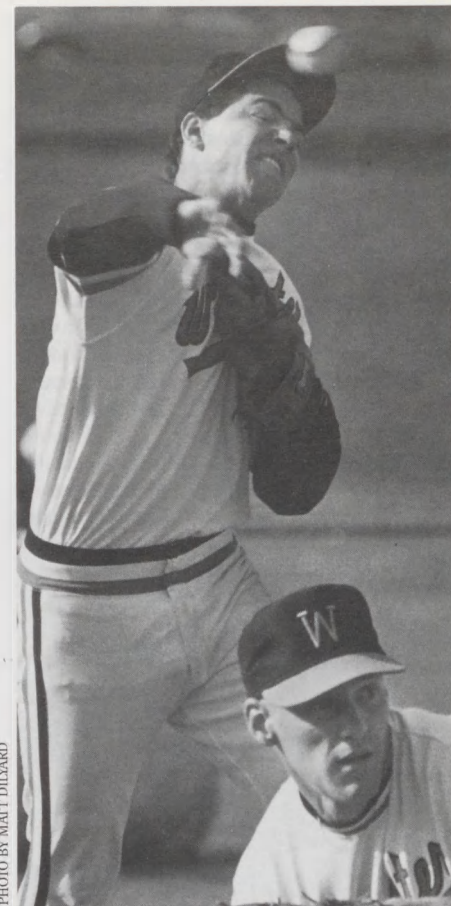


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Third baseman Chris Bell '91 throws while pitcher John Jordan '90 ducks in a game against Grove City.

ment to doing what was right for intercollegiate athletics," says Judy Sweet, athletic director at the University of California at San Diego.

"There is no question that Division III and the NCAA as a whole benefited from Al's leadership. He possessed strong beliefs, articulated them well, and followed through in an effort to make them reality."

Dick Schultz, executive director of the NCAA, agreed with Flippin and Sweet, adding, "Al has been and still is a strong leader in Division III athletics. He is a quality person in every respect, and The College of Wooster and the NCAA are richer because of his presence."

An objective sign of the NCAA's continuing regard for Van Wie is his recent appointment to the advisory committee to review recommendations regarding distribution of revenues. The committee's decisions will be vital to the future of the NCAA; it will help to decide who gets how much of the \$1 billion CBS paid for broadcasting rights to the NCAA championships, including the men's basketball tournament.

Al Van Wie has indeed made a difference — a difference of which both he and the College can be proud. His commitment to intercollegiate athletics and his willingness to speak out on the issues have left a lasting impression on those who worked with him, and his efforts will leave a mark on college athletes for many years to come. **AW**



# The Ephemeral Art

As Henry Copeland explains in his introduction below, the inauguration of the Aileen Dunham Chair in History honored the life of Aileen Dunham with talk about teaching history. However, the three main speakers had much to say about teaching which was not discipline-specific. In fact, their words offer an insider's view of what goes into good teaching at The College of Wooster, all across the curriculum.

—Ed.

## Talking about History

by Henry Copeland

We are gathered here tonight to honor Aileen Dunham. The act of teaching itself is ephemeral. The excellent teacher strives not to codify or to fix forever, but to create for the moment, freely, without pausing either to corroborate what he or she has done or to appreciate the creation.

A life as a teacher is a life spent giving oneself away. The lecture fades, a discussion passes into memory, a few scribbled notes remain, and the only record is the recollection of someone who was there or of someone who talked to someone who was there. In the final analysis, great teachers live through their students. In celebrating the life of a teacher, therefore, we must tell and retell stories, and the only real history of the ephemeral art is the recitation of those times experienced together under the spell of the moment.

It is, of course, impossible to distill into a few stories the life of a consummate teacher. Aileen Dunham devoted her life to the art. It was her reason for being. Each day there was a quotation on the board, and she searched for hours to find just the right one. Eighty books a year, a summer in Italy to polish one lecture on Renaissance art, endless hours crafting her observations on another year of Western Civilization. Her lectures still ring true in the minds of her students sixty years later.

*Saturday Review*, in a 1966 editorial dedicated to Miss Dunham, called her a truly great teacher. She was driven to perfection. She had a gift for clarity, organization, and the telling phrase. She had the capacity to bring to life an hour or a day in history, whether it was the assassination of the Archduke at Sarajevo or the execution of Louis XVI or a day in the life of Henry VIII. One student from the 1930s recalled fifty years later a lecture on Henry VIII. "She described Henry and his wives so vividly that I thought, 'I hope Prexy Wishart doesn't walk in and hear this.'" She loved history, and she wanted you to be able to join in the fun with her.

For her the story was everything. As she wrote, "The historian seeks to play the role of

synthesizer of human activities, combining in one vast panorama all the intimate interplay of geography, economics, science, and social relations, religion and philosophy, never forgetting at the center the individual human being, whether hero or villain, or simply pathetic victim of circumstance beyond his control." For Aileen Dunham, human beings made it happen, and other ways of understanding had to be subordinated to an exploration of human intention.



Aileen Dunham (history 1924-66, d. 1987) enjoying the luncheon held in her honor during Commencement weekend, 1966.

She could become highly emotional if someone in a faculty meeting proposed eliminating a single day of classes from the semester because that might eliminate an entire decade — or even a century — from Western Civilization. She was never above pulling a sophomore aside in the halls of Kauke to admonish him or her that a history major was to be preferred over speech or chemistry.

She summed up her faith as an historian this way: "When democratic peoples are plunged into wars and depressions, when a nation hitherto hugging its isolation finds itself, in a few short years, forced to provide men, money and ideas to help organize a free world on the ruins of the outworn imperialism, intelligent peoples want to know why and how, and it falls to the historian to throw some light on their dilemmas." Hers was a sacred mission: to explore the world of human intention in the past and thereby to throw some light on our current dilemmas.

Aileen Dunham was totally dedicated to Wooster, and throughout her 42½ years at the

College, her life was centered on its activities. She dedicated her mind, her soul, and her strength to the College. She spoke to countless Wooster Day gatherings, alumni clubs, and, indeed, meetings around the world. She planned innumerable Phi Alpha Theta meetings. She dedicated her evenings, her weekends, her summers to perfecting her craft as a teacher. She kept in touch annually with some 400 of her former students. When she retired, she told me that she had lost everything now that she had been deprived of her students. As we know, she bequeathed her entire estate to the College, and this forms the principal part of the endowment of The Aileen Dunham Chair in History. And I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you in this audience who added your gifts to that of Miss Dunham's to make this Chair possible.

She was a person of courage, and she never feared to speak her mind about world events, usually in an early Chapel each fall. As she summed up her convictions about life, she put them this way: "What I am trying to say in all this is that there is no escaping in life, sorrow and tragedy, fear, frustration and failure, but if enough of us set for ourselves noble goals like the pursuit of creativity, truth or happiness, our civilization need not descend any of the sterile paths envisaged by the prophets of gloom. When discouraged, I have always liked to recall a passage from Tennyson's 'Ulysses':

The lights begin to twinkle from the rocks;  
The long day wanes; the slow moon climbs;  
the deep

Moans round with many voices. Come, my  
friends,

'Tis not too late to seek a newer world. . . .

"And then it concludes,

Though much is taken, much abides, and  
though

We are not now that strength which in the  
old days

Moved earth and heaven; that which we are,  
we are,

One equal temper of heroic hearts,  
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in  
will

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

"To strive, to seek, to find," "to throw some light on the dilemmas of our civilization," these were Aileen Dunham's goals as a teacher as she told her stories and explored the acts and motivations of those she saw making history.

As Jim Hodges [history] and I talked about an inaugural event for The Aileen Dunham Chair in History, we could think of no better way to celebrate her life than to ask three historians from the department Miss Dunham built to reflect on their craft as teachers of history, as practitioners of the ephemeral art, and tonight I am pleased to introduce Daniel Calhoun, John Gates, and Madonna Hettinger. Knowing Miss Dunham, I am sure that nothing would have delighted her more than an evening spent talking about history.



## Yossarian Was My Mentor

by John Gates

Some years ago I mused about the way I always answered questions regarding my occupation. I invariably said "I teach history." I could have said "I'm an historian" just as easily, but I rarely did. I think my response said a lot about my attitude toward what I do here at Wooster. Although I serve on faculty committees, review books, do research, and publish, I remain, first and always, a teacher.

After teaching almost twenty-five years, however, I am still not sure what enables one to teach well. Too many different people with too many different approaches seem to teach successfully for me to identify any specific style involved, although I think that having a style of some kind is essential. Every teacher needs an individual approach, no matter how bizarre it may be, if only to prevent being replaced at some future date by a teaching machine.

I began my teaching career in a California high school, and I think that much of my teaching style was developed in those early years. As a neophyte teacher I found myself working with a group of irreverent war veterans who had obtained their teacher training on the G.I. Bill after fighting in World War II or Korea. I realize now that I was going to faculty meetings and lunching daily with the characters from Joseph Heller's *Catch 22*. They were a bright but somewhat calloused lot, and although I did not teach with them long, the association left its mark.

As a young "gung ho" teacher, I was often shocked by their lack of personal involvement in what they were doing in the classroom. With time, however, I have come to understand them better and to appreciate their influence on me.

The man in the room next to mine, who taught the difficult Senior Problems course year after year, provides a perfect example. When roughly the same age as his students, he had been a Marine infantryman at the Chosin Reservoir in Korea, surrounded by thousands of Chinese soldiers trying to kill him. Having survived that experience with only a wound, he found the routine crises of the classroom to be relatively unimportant. It was not that he did not care about his students; he just realized how insignificant the normal classroom encounter is compared to other events in one's life.

Teaching in California with the Milo Minderbinders and Yossarians of *Catch 22*, I learned my first really important lesson about teaching: the teacher cannot make the student learn. In some cases, the most inspiring teacher can not even make the student want to learn. There were days when I thought that if I could just teach something to 10 percent of the people in my classes I would be succeeding in my job. The veteran teachers around me said I was setting my sights too high.

During my early years of teaching in

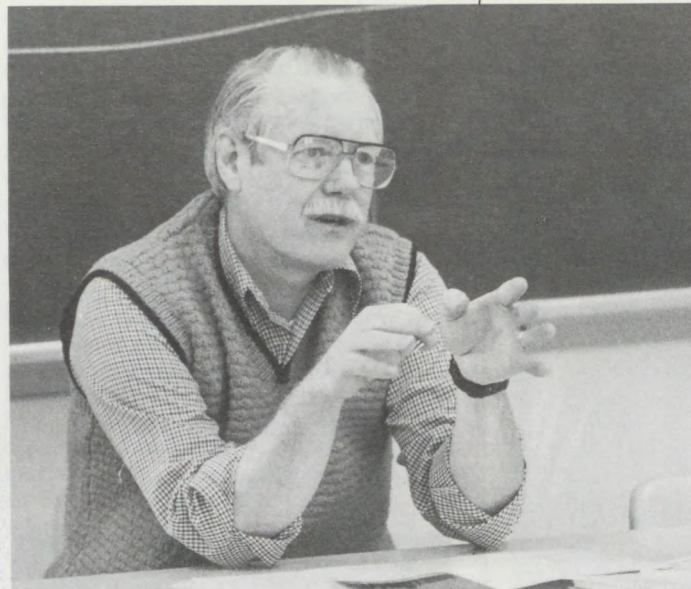


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John Gates teaching History 301, America's Vietnam War.

California and then at Wooster I also discovered what I believe are the three most important goals for any teacher. First, do the job well enough to keep the pay checks coming. Second, teach well enough to avoid being torn apart by the students, an image which at the high school level is not always a metaphor. And third, provide the students with sufficient skills so that they can get a job and won't go home to haunt their parents. Now that my own two children are both in college I have become more sensitive than ever to this third goal.

To some extent the way I teach is a function of the way I learn. I get my information from reading and my conclusions from thinking. I test them through discussion and writing. For me, learning takes place when I am faced with an interesting question for which I do not have an easy answer. The more confusing the puzzle, the harder I work to solve it, and generalizing from my own experience I have concluded that one should never underestimate the value of confusion as a teaching technique. Making my students aware of the significance of the questions is more important than providing clear answers if the resulting confusion motivates them to strive independently for the solutions.

To answer questions, however, one needs a set of basic tools, and my approach to teaching is clearly skills oriented. Knowing how much one forgets of the facts when one studies history, I have no expectation that my students will remember much of the information presented to them. And if experience is any guide, they are more likely to remember the interesting trivia than the facts we teachers believe to be most significant.

There may even be a danger in courses which emphasize the instructor's interpretation of events. Scholarly interpretations change, but unlike the automotive industry, institutions of higher education have no provisions for product recall. When I change my mind, I cannot go back to those students I misinformed in previous years. I can only hope that they have long since forgotten my conclusions or discovered

my error on their own.

The major skills one can develop through the study of history, reading critically, organizing material for presentation, and writing with clarity, have significant transfer value. Unlike the facts of history, the skills fade slowly, if at all. Often they improve after graduation with continued practice. As my colleague Bob Walcott often said before his retirement, "I just try to teach 'em how to read and write." In the process the students may learn much more, but if they do not, I am content to graduate them with no more than a well-honed set of basic skills.

Although I deemphasize the teaching of content, I am interested in more than skill development. I would like to see my students develop an historical perspective. They should comprehend, for example, the most obvious and fundamental covering law of the discipline: things change over time. The rate of change may vary, but the process never ceases. I would also like them to understand that, at any given point, what one sees is usually, but not always, the result of something other than chance. From my historical perspective, people acting individually and in groups play an active rather than a passive role in change. Equally fundamental to my view of history is the belief that at any point a relationship exists between what was, what is, and what will be.

I am not certain whether to think of skepticism as a skill or a part of the historical perspective, but its development is an important goal in either case. Skepticism in looking at sources of information may be the cornerstone of method in many academic disciplines, but my personal experience indicates that in the give and take of everyday life it is a particular trait of historians. Instead of taking statements at face value, I invariably look for ulterior motives, and I always compare words with actions before accepting anyone's rationale. Trying to be a good historian, I have been called cynical and paranoid. Although I do not wish that for my students, I do want them to



develop a healthy skepticism.

Like my war-hardened mentors in California, I have fallen easily into a teaching style that has given me something of a reputation for being a "hard ass." It may have come from the high school environment in which I began my career or be a function of my personality. In any case, it is reinforced by the subjects I teach. One who studies something as horrible as war can hardly get very excited about the damage that may be done to a student's life by a C-. I have even been known to tell recalcitrant senior IS students that I have no personal interest in whether they succeed or fail. I already have my B.A.; if they fail to get theirs that only makes mine more valuable. Most of them get the message. They — not I — are the ones being educated, and in the final analysis education results more from the work that they do than from any particular activity on my part.

My first term at Wooster Jim Hodges gave me some of the best advice I have ever received as a teacher. It had to do with advising Independent Study, but I have subsequently applied it to all my students: "Take no credit for the good ones, and no responsibility for the bad ones." Although I try to structure a situation in which each student can use me as a resource to do the best job that he or she can possibly do, too many variables account for individual success or failure for me to bear the burden of every disaster. I am only a facilitator. My job is to stimulate thought, effort, and skill development. The student has to do the actual work or the job does not get done.

My *Catch 22* mentors are no longer teaching, most having taken early retirement at age 55. As young men they had survived the battles of World War II and Korea, but in middle age, surrounded year after year by disinterested high school students, careerist administrators, and voters more concerned with their tax bills than with education, they finally fell victims to academic battle fatigue.

I have no idea what might have happened to me had I remained in California. As the youngest member over fifty of the Wooster History Department, however, I am certainly in the awkward years here: too far from retirement to be truly senior, too advanced in age to pretend I'm young, too long in the trenches to find much new in the job, and not close enough to the end of a career to get a second wind.

But I am more fortunate than my California mentors. Regular sabbatical leaves have given me a chance to recharge batteries drained by the seemingly endless round of paper grading, IS conferences, and class preparation. The Department's 101 and 301 courses have provided a curricular flexibility that has enabled me to avoid stagnation. Most important, however, I have been surrounded by colleagues who are intellectually alive, tolerant of diversity, and committed to teaching.

I am fortunate indeed to be working in the midst of so many people who still see themselves first and foremost as teachers, and I am pleased that we have used this occasion tonight to celebrate teaching as something alive and fighting to stay well at The College of Wooster.

## An Exploration of the Discipline

by *Madonna Hettinger*

It is my understanding that we are here tonight to talk about teaching, more specifically to talk about what we do in the classroom. Actually it would be far easier for me to talk about what I do not do in the classroom. What I do not do in the classroom is precisely this. I do not stand behind a podium or lectern. I do not read from a prepared text. And, although I usually do bring notes to the classroom, I seldom refer to them since they are far more likely to prompt terror than they are to prompt wisdom in my classroom presentation.

This is not to say that I think lecturing is inappropriate or old-fashioned. I envy, in fact I stand in awe of, the skilled classroom lecturer. My abandonment of the lectern and notes is more a reflection of my own nervous energy than anything else. I don't happen to give a straight lecture because it's not me, and if there is one general rule about teaching that we would all agree on, it must be that the teacher has to follow her or his own instincts and develop her or his own style, because trying to follow someone else's style is usually deadly.

That covers what I don't do. As a newcomer to The College of Wooster I have been keenly aware that what I do do in the classroom has been on more than one occasion a topic of casual conversation among students and colleagues. In fact it seems to be far easier for other people to talk about what I do in the classroom than it is for me.

If you have heard rumors about credit cards, passports, and computer discs flying into wastebaskets, or, perhaps, rumors about classroom furniture in disarray, or rumors about punk rock music in "Medieval Civilization," or rumors about me kneeling on the floor, standing on desks, or turning out the lights and teaching in the "dark" ages, let me assure you that those rumors are, for the most part, true. In fact my reputation for using the classroom in a slightly different fashion seems to have preceded my arrival at The College of Wooster. In my very first week of classes this fall a student raised his hand and solemnly

asked, "When do you start acting weird?"

What I am afraid the rumors, and the reputation, and the word "weird" do not reveal is how and why I do what I do, and these are the issues I would like to address this evening.

The term I would choose to describe what I do in the classroom is "interactive teaching." The term that is most often applied by others to what I do in the classroom is "performance." Indeed, in my most drained state after a class I have been known to describe what occurs in the classroom as a cross between theatre and psychotherapy. So maybe the performance label works, to a degree. Rather than reject the label, then, let me, for the sake of metaphor, use the concept of performance to talk about interactive teaching as a process.

In every performance there are costs. For the performer there are the costs of production, for the audience the price of admission. In the interactive classroom those costs can be quite high.

Let me first explain the costs of producing the classroom performance. As with any classroom preparation there are the obvious costs of years of graduate school course work and hours upon hours of midnight oil burned in anticipation of each class session. For the interactive classroom performance we might add to that a few nightmares as the performer-teacher tries to anticipate what audience response she or he can expect and thus attempt to prepare for the expected unexpected — that inevitable moment at which the audience, by means of either an innocent question or what at times seems like a carefully orchestrated grassroots rebellion, decides to rewrite the script and take the well-plotted scenario in a totally different direction.

As careful as the performer-teacher may be, the performance is like an offering to be given up and, by virtue of being an interactive experience, it is thus ultimately in the hands of the audience that receives it. For the interactive teacher, every minute in the classroom is a struggle over control, a struggle that takes place not only between the teacher and the students, but more importantly within the teacher herself. The object of the struggle is to relinquish control, to put the class in the hands of



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*Jon Breitenbucher '92 (l.) and Madonna Hettinger in Hettinger's History 101: Knights, Peasants, and Bandits in Medieval England.*



the students, and still get across precisely the point that you spent hours devising and refining before you walked in the classroom door.

The struggle of the interactive performance does indeed cost. Physically, an hour in the classroom is approximately like an hour of aerobic exercise. Intellectually, the interactive classroom is like teaching without a net, thinking on one's feet, calling up the appropriate facts, concepts, and cues to prompt the participating audience to the next level of questions. Emotionally and even spiritually, it costs too. For what is given up, what is offered to the audience for their edification, inspection, and possible rejection, is sometimes painfully close to the heart.

Now let us consider the costs for the students in this kind of classroom experience. The cost for the audience, or the price of admission, if we are to continue the metaphor, is also high. And in discussing this cost we begin to reveal the purpose of this kind of performance.

In the interactive classroom there are no small parts. This means of course that the students cannot hide behind desks, notebooks, or each other. As I give up the script, the prepared text, so too must they give up the shelter of those rows of desks from which they are so adept at carefully avoiding eye contact that might make them the target of the next question.

If they choose to reject the material, the ideas of their cohorts, the ideas of the teacher, or the whole process of participation in the classroom, they must do so openly, consciously, looking the teacher and fellow students in the eye and saying no, I will not be with you today. Whether because of lack of interest, lack of preparation, or just because I'm too cool to participate in the classroom, I will not be with you today. Realistically, I know that we all have those days. Idealistically, I like to think that students will choose to engage more often than they will choose to remain aloof.

Perhaps this is as far as the performance metaphor can go. Other phrases, developed through endless hours of conversations about this kind of teaching, can better convey the intent and the effect of the interactive style. It could be called "Working the classroom" — using its space to confront its structure, its rectangles, its squares, and that inevitable orientation toward the front of the room. The teacher then works the space in order to reach the students from their own vantage points. As a social historian I use the classroom physically to show students how spatial relationships often mirror social relationships or power relationships.

My friends often echo back another phrase to me — "To get them where they live" — to labor to engage the students in topics that at first sight seem remote, even boring, and certainly "safe" in that they are topics concerning safely distant, and, for a medievalist, long dead historical persons and problems. Students can be lured to these historical problems by

means of the silliest analogies, the most oversimplified comparisons with modern life. Then, lured there by the mundane or the ridiculous, students find themselves fascinated by the ways in which the lives of people in past times seem so very different from their own. They want to know the most minute details. They grasp the most glaring contrasts between that world and ours. And then, sometimes slowly, and sometimes by flashes of frightening insight, students come to see the deeper commonalities, the remarkable ways in which those distant lives are, in fact, very much like their own.

If making these historical issues real means that I must be the one to make the silly analogy, to act out the relationships in a given social structure, or to play the part of the medieval monarch, plague victim, or village idiot, then so be it. In that performance known as teaching I am willing to be whatever I must be in order to make not only the historical experience, but the human experience real to my students. Admittedly, it means taking risks. It means, at times, asking the stupid question so that no student will have to suffer the embarrassment of asking it. It means working without a net. Admittedly, I do not always like doing that. But if it works, I will do it.

If that is the method of this madness, what then is the meaning of it?

As I ask students to stop hiding behind each other in neat little rows, I am also asking them to put away the deference they are all too willing to give their textbooks as the purveyors of all truth. I am asking them to accept the responsibility for their own learning and their own world view. I want them to challenge the accepted beliefs, to inquire about the assumptions behind any structure, interpretation, or even narrative of the past. In so doing they must learn to rely on their own logic, to seek out the best evidence and explanations to support their views.

Beyond that, they must learn to question their own assumptions as rigorously as they learn to question the standard interpretations. In the process they learn a good deal of history because they need it as evidence. Moreover, they want the information; they have a vested interest in it because it is useful to them.

In addition, they will learn something about history as a discipline as they see its pieces rather than seeing it as a seamless web of truth. And, more importantly still, they will learn something about human experience, something that relates to their own experience. Ultimately they will learn something about themselves and the ways in which we as human beings are connected in our struggle to make sense out of a past that is often disturbing and seldom so remote as we once thought it was.

Call it performance, call it theatre, call it teaching — but in all cases please understand that it is not just for fun and games. I will accept all labels as long as this kind of teaching, like all kinds of teaching, is understood as a method, a process by which both teacher and students enter into an exploration of the discipline, in this case history, with the intent of

making it real, making it useful, making it meaningful.

It is an experience that puts students and teachers in a shared endeavor and thus, I hope, encourages students to take responsibility for their own education. It is, I believe, a process by which students come to question and challenge their own ideas, beliefs, assumptions, and actions. It is, I know, a process by which they come to question and challenge mine.

## Why Do History?

by Daniel Calhoun

Of the "clerk of Oxenford," the first scholar to be celebrated in English literature, Chaucer wrote, "Gladly wolde he lerne and gladly teache," and devoted academics in all disciplines do indeed delight in what they do.

The focus for this occasion, however, is not on the profession generally, but on history teachers, on those quixotic souls committed to exploring and explaining the past. Why do presumably intelligent men and women still resolve to devote their working lives to dead people and lost causes, to mostly failed and flawed crusades of many years ago in behalf of long-discredited dogmas or long-discarded orthodoxies? I recall vividly the confrontational challenge of a student a quarter of a century ago, interrupting a lecture on Russia's Time of Troubles of the early 17th century.

I think I can quote him phonetically. "Just what's the revulgence of that stuff, Calhoun, to modren people?" Actually, I don't think the word he used was "stuff," but his message was clear: those Slavic cretins of three plus centuries earlier knew nothing, after all, of computers, jet airliners, atomic weaponry, or rock and roll. How could any investigation of their stunted, tormented, and trivial lives help a student better understand the uniquely convoluted and complicated world of the sophisticated 1960s?

Even in the 1990s, historians should still be able to explain just why they do what they do, and how they choose to do it, and those are the questions on our agenda this evening.

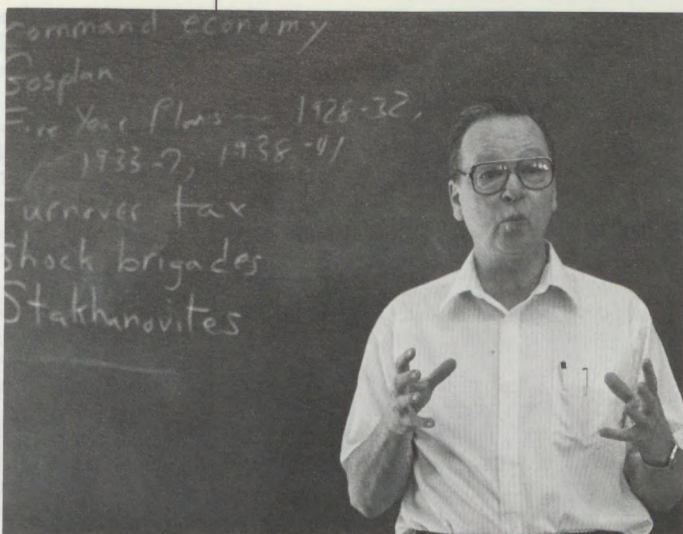
Why do history? Our believing ancestors, and even their stubborn survivors today, would find the question absurd and the answer obvious. In the Jewish and Christian religious traditions, history is Testament; it is a sacred record of the interaction of humanity and divinity through time and in time. It chronicles God's continuing self-disclosure to his disobedient and rebellious people. To treat that chronicle disrespectfully is to sin in a fundamental way. "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem," the psalmist reminds himself, "let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth." Our culture, built on that heritage, has always put special value on remembering, on the study of the past.

Even the non-religious, however, can acknowledge the vital practical importance of a people's retention of its collective memory, and



Aileen Dunham Professor of History Daniel Calhoun teaching the Soviet Russia course. Miss Dunham hired Calhoun in 1956 and told him that, if his enrollments were good enough, there might be a place for him at the College.

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historians are the guardians of that memory. The profession is committed to recalling our past, both comprehensively and accurately. Such an effort surely requires no elaborate defense. At an individual level, after all, a person without any memory is a person requiring immediate institutionalization.

We survive by our memories, of who and what we are, of where we've been and where we aspire to go. When confronted with problems demanding that we make decisions, we look to analogous experiences in our past for guidance and seek out what seems to have worked best for us on those occasions. Memory, then, is our most productive coping mechanism individually, and the nation, the people, the society surely needs access to that mechanism quite as urgently as does any one of us.

History is not just there to serve the needs of the collectivity, however. It also serves one critical need of each of us apart from, and indeed, in opposition to, the societies in which we live. History is liberating. Only if we know our history can we escape it, and change it. All of us, after all, were nurtured in a social environment which moulded and shaped us decisively before we were even old enough to be aware it existed. Postulates, customs, habits, traditions, and creeds dating back decades, even centuries, imprinted themselves on our consciousnesses back before we were even out of diapers. Much of that baggage we may happily choose to accept, as adults, but we can only accept it freely, responsibly, if we know what it is and how it got there. Only if we are aware of what the past has made of us can we make our own future.

So history, then, is Testament; it is memory; it is liberation. It is also a pack of fun! Its practitioners have been labelled "broad-gauged gossips," and I doubt if many of us would get too indignant at that label. We like reading dead people's mail. We even try to get access to living people's mail, but that's rather more difficult. We pore over private diaries and wallow in highly confidential, top secret, destroy-before-reading memoranda bureaucrats forever direct at one another.

After we sift through all that marvelously

forbidden material, we find wonderful stories to tell, and historians are always, to some degree or other, story-tellers. We find searing tragedies in the documents we peruse, and rib-ticking farce, too. Sometimes, our instincts tell us the patterns we impose on the anarchy of individual past events may actually have some validity, that we are really approaching cause-and-effect explanations of what happened in the past. Sometimes, on the other hand, we sense that the events we try to re-create could be just a collection of crazily uncontrived and unrelated accidents.

A spoiled, pampered, over-indulged German adolescent flies a fragile little airplane over half European Russia, unchallenged, and triumphantly lands in Red Square. After it puts the culprit temporarily away in the Lubianka, the Soviet leadership, for irrefutably good cause, fires everybody responsible for the humiliation, meaning practically everybody who matters in Moscow's defense establishment. Their successors, after fundamentally re-thinking the country's security needs, come to the conclusion the USSR's Warsaw Pact "allies" are in fact more of a military liability than an asset, and that the Soviet armed forces should concentrate on more important missions than propping up a pack of aging, ineffective, and unpopular Stalinist leftovers. A year later, Moscow's East European empire is gone.

Did that twerp, Mathias Rust, then, end the Cold War? Of course not! By our mythology, Ronald Reagan did that. But the stories historians finally tell are rarely as simple as most people would prefer them to be, and I'd suggest that any account of what happened last year in eastern Europe that omitted Herr Rust's role altogether would be seriously flawed.

As a discipline, then, history has it all. It defines universal purpose, on the one hand — it is our access to God Himself — and on the other hand, it is a cornucopia of good yarns, and it is all sorts of useful, suggestive, and helpful things in between. So having somebody pay you, however inadequately, for a lifetime of reading, writing, and teaching it is absolutely the best of all possible worlds, and the only


question remaining is, how does one best transmit it, how should one teach history? My answer would be, with enthusiasm!

Aileen Dunham once said that to teach well one had to love the subject, love the students, and work like hell. I'd propose that if one really does care for the material, and for those who presumably want to dip at least their big toes into it, it is easy to work like hell, and generating enthusiasm comes naturally.

Basically, our classroom responsibility is to be enablers, to facilitate the process by which the student will make some sort of a connection with the subject. What sort of a connection is up to those we teach, not to us. We are not trying to turn them in to walking World Almanacs, trivial pursuit whizzes, so we don't need to stuff an infinite number of names and dates into their heads. They'll forget those anyway, within weeks of the final examination. Nor is it our role to make seasoned historiographers out of them. That is training, not liberal arts education: it is for the professional turning out other professionals in graduate schools, not for those of us who teach generalists going for B.A.s.

What we hope to instill in them is the same enthusiasm for the subject we have, which they may then channel to whatever purposes they decide are important to them. They may elect to use history as testament, as entertainment, as memory, as escape, or as liberation. All are valid uses of the material, and it is not for us, who merely transmit the discipline, to dictate to them what it should do to them. If they take it seriously, it should surely do something decisive, and we professionals are committed to the proposition it will be something good. That is why all of us are all so excited about our subject!

How does one transmit enthusiasm, excitement, commitment? On one occasion, my colleague, Professor Hettinger, threw her driver's licence and credit cards into the wastebasket to make her point. That worked! Aileen Dunham once lined her class up into two rows and had a history spelling bee — answer the question and you could watch the rest of the game from the sidelines, miss it and you'd go to the end of the line and be humiliated again. Did that work? I asked her. Sure, she replied, everything works: it just wasn't very efficient! I agree: everything works.

The three ingredients in teaching are the teacher and all his or her personal eccentricities, the students and their special concerns, and the subject, that infinitely varied, challenging and demanding body of material which brings us together. A good teacher has the skills to make that connection, and make it inescapable. Every good teacher I have ever encountered does the job with gusto. The one unmistakable mark of the born teacher is that she or he will absolutely relish being in the classroom. For such people — and their students pick up on it immediately — it is not a business, it is a vocation, it is a commitment, and it is most of all a joy. How do they teach? Chaucer had it right, of course: they do it gladly! 



# Catching Up in the Book Department

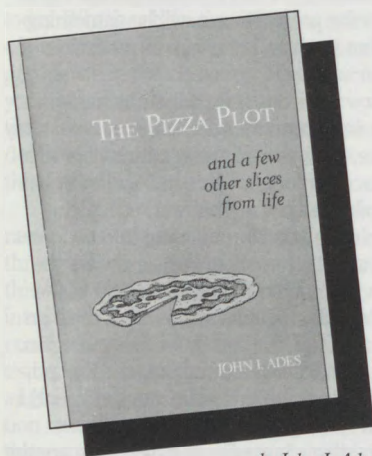
by Nancy Grace

*We have been keeping track, here and there, of what alumni and alumnae have been doing and thinking in many areas. Neglected, however, have been their books. As a matter of fact, that aspect of your accomplishment has been so neglected that, when a stack of books cap-sized spectacularly in the editorial office recently, it turned out to be composed entirely of books sent to Wooster on the understanding that we would write about them.*

*Nancy Grace (English) has graciously agreed to report on your achievements of this kind for the magazine, and she here begins a continuing department. If you would like notice of your work to appear here, please so instruct your publisher. Review copies will go to Andrews Library once they have been reported.*

—Ed.

**T**he *Pizza Plot and Other Slices of Life* by John I. Ades; published by Fithian Press, Santa Barbara, CA, 1989. \$8.95.



by John I. Ades (English department, 1950-51, 1953-55.)

John Ades, Professor of English at Southern Illinois University, takes us on a journey through his life in this book of short "turns" on memory.

The thirty-five pieces collected in the volume constitute the verbal equivalent of a painter's charcoal drawings. These reminiscent sketches humorously introduce the reader to John Ades the naval platoon leader, chessplayer, bicyclist, professor, gardener, musician, James Thurber fan, and the list goes on. Ades is a former member of the English Department at The College of Wooster.

"Exactly one honeymoon after my wife and I were married, back in the blissful late summer of 1950, we came to live, by great good luck, in two-thirds of a rambling white frame house, the other one-third of which was occupied by Miss Regina Laverne Barnes — or Regie, as she preferred to be called by her contemporaries. Contemporaries my wife and I were not, so in those salad days we always called her 'Miss Barnes,' accepting without question the manners of a now receding age.

The house stood at 532 North Bever Street in Wooster, Ohio, some fifty miles south of Cleveland . . . ."

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*The Temescals of Arroyo Conejo* by Thomas J. Maxwell '47; published by California Lutheran College, Thousand Oaks, CA, 1982. No price listed.

Taking material from the work of ethnographers and archaeologists, Thomas Maxwell uses the genre of the novel to relate the history of the Temescal Indians of the Conejo Valley of California.

The reader is transported into the mythic-mind of the Temescals through the telling of their essential stories which developed over the past 11,000 years. The narrative is highlighted with numerous photographs and drawings.

Maxwell is Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at California Lutheran College.

"Eo seems an unusual name, but then Eo is presented as an ancestral figure from the dawns of exploration in coastal California. Eo is a Greek word meaning 'dawn' and Eo Temescal represents the first person who wandered into Ventura County, California, from somewhere else. Temescal is a Chumash word borrowed from the Nahuatl of Mexico and applied to the swea or sauna."

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*Blows of Circumstance* by Ann Turnbull '63 and Joseph Wase; published by White Mane Publishing Company, Inc., Shippensburg, PA, 1989. \$19.95.

This novel is based on the true story of David Heidecker, a young Maryland soldier killed at the age of 21 in a plane crash return-

ing to his home base in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, after a six-month tour of duty with the multinational peacekeeping force in the Sinai Desert.

The authors, both practicing attorneys in Baltimore, Maryland, present the life story of David, the son of an unwed mother and an abused child who lived in foster homes and an institution before being adopted at the age of eight by a Baltimore city policeman, Dick Heidecker; and his wife, Shirley. Wase was the attorney who handled David's adoption.

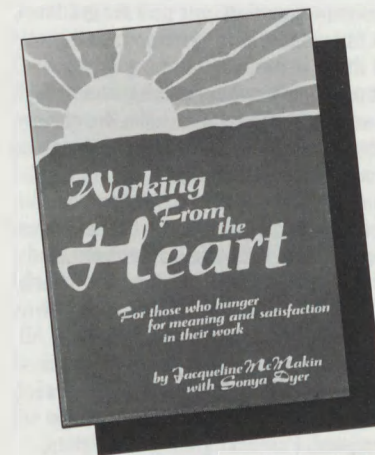
The book examines the precarious balance between self-determination and the limits of our ability to control our destiny.

"On a cold day in December of 1964, a woman in her forties gave birth to a son at Johns Hopkins Hospital, one of the finest medical facilities in the world. Two days later, she took the child home to a squalid row house some eight blocks away in East Baltimore. She named the baby David Wayne.

"He was her fifth child, and she was not married. They occupied a dilapidated rental property along with the woman's four other children of assorted ages . . . ."

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*Working from the Heart* by Jacqueline McMakin with Sonya Dyer; published by LuraMedia; San Diego, CA, 1989. \$11.95.



by Jacqueline Straub McMakin '56 with Sonya Dyer.

This book is for those who want to make a life, not just a living. The author provides a practical guide for increasing the enjoyment of your working hours. The book offers exercises for self-penetrating analysis.

Areas dealt with include: doing what you love, choosing and exploring, feeding the whole person, and calling in reinforcements.

Jacqueline McMakin is the co-creator of Doorways, a collaborative offering consultation to church mentor programs.

"Across the land, there's plenty of work to be done — kids to be taught with care and creativity, cities to be restored to top working order, safe efficient cars to be built and maintained with integrity.

"There's work to be done. And what is



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needed is work well done — accomplished with spirit, imagination, and commitment.”

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*Infant Eyes* by Ford Oglesby '36; published by Dorrance and Company, Inc., Bryn Mawr, PA, 1986. \$5.95.

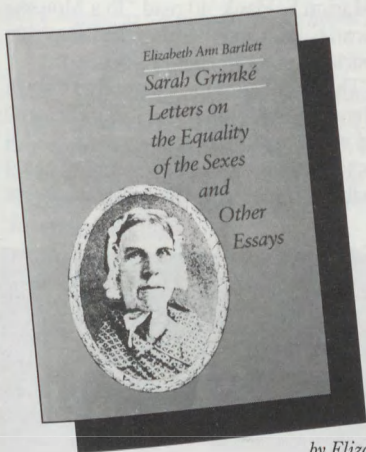
This collection of poems explores the world of infancy and toddlerhood and seeks to transport readers to their own more youthful days.

Fred Oglesby is a school business administrator in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

“Infant eyes must surely see  
A private joke in you and me:  
To any discourse we begin  
He always answers with a grin.”

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*Sarah Grimké: Letters on the Equality of the Sexes and Other Essays* edited by Elizabeth Ann Bartlett '74; published by Yale University Press, New Haven and London, 1988. \$21.50.



by Elizabeth Ann Bartlett '74

Sarah Grimké and her sister Angelina were pioneering figures in the nineteenth-century abolitionist and women's rights movements. Grimké's "Letters on the Equality of the Sexes," published 150 years ago, was the first full-length philosophical statement on "the woman question" written by an American woman.

Here the letters are reproduced in a new edition, along with five previously unpublished essays written by Grimké. The text also includes an introductory essay in which Bartlett presents biographical information about Grimké and places her in the context of contemporary feminist theory. Bartlett is an Associate Professor of Political Science, with an adjunct appointment in Women's Studies at the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

“Sarah Grimké was a rebel. She cared passionately and compassionately for women. Her writings are the legacy of that caring. Although her voice was silenced during her

lifetime, this volume seeks to give her recognition as one of the foremothers whose labor and love gave birth to feminism.”

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*Too Precious to Die* by Trudy Colflesh '61; published by Bridge Publishing, Inc., South Plainfield, NJ, 1984. No price listed.



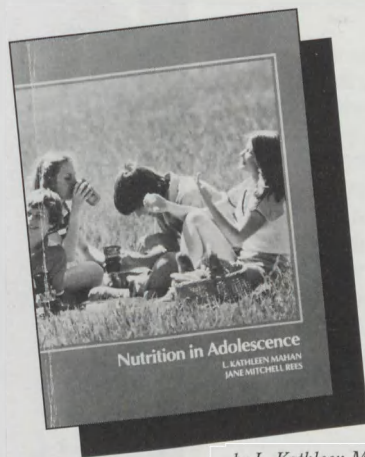
by Trudy Patterson Colflesh '61

Seven-year-old Karen Colflesh was diagnosed as having leukemia. Told by Karen's mother, this intimate account of Karen's battle against the deadly disease is one of hope in the face of despair, the struggle to remain whole, and the power of Christian faith.

“As God's people, we will have trials and suffering. Jesus himself suffered and we will, too, not because of God's anger toward us or our disobedience to Him but because it is a necessary part of our discipline and growth. It is God's purpose to mold His likeness and glory within us. Through suffering, rightly received, godly fruits will be produced.”

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*Nutrition in Adolescence* by L. Kathleen Mahan and Jane Mitchell Rees '61; published by Times Mirror/Mosby College Publishing, St. Louis, 1984. No price listed.



by L. Kathleen Mahan and Jane Mitchell Rees '61

The book was conceived and written for students majoring in nutrition, dietetics, and nursing who have a basic knowledge of nutrition and are interested in applying that knowl-

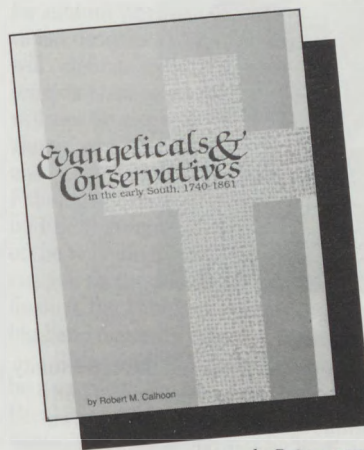
edge to the teen population. The text is also intended as a resource for courses on life-cycle nutrition. The text may also be helpful to those professionals in the clinic setting as they work with adolescents.

Jane Rees is a lecturer in the School of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle.

“An adolescent's food habits are reflective of many and diverse influences, such as the family, peers, and media, and are influenced by the adolescent's own psychological development. Because of great indifference and autonomy, adolescents become increasingly responsible for making their own food choices.”

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*Evangelicals and Conservatives in the Early South 1740-1861* by Robert M. Calhoun '58; published by University of South Carolina Press, Columbia, South Carolina, 1988. No price listed.



by Robert M Calhoun '58

This book examines the flow of evangelical Christianity across the social landscape of the American south from the Great Awakening until the beginning of the Civil War. As evangelicals first confronted and judged the institutions and values of the southern colonies, then as they collaborated with the leaders of the new republic, and finally as they accommodated themselves to the practices of the Old South, these religious people gradually absorbed impurities of the very society they sought to cleanse.

Author Robert Calhoun teaches in the History Department and the Residential College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

“Evangelicals were torn between Calvinist assumptions and Armenian practices and between spontaneity and structure; conservatives sensed the precariousness of political practices and social forms and raged against the certainty that the old would pass away. Religious-political contact — whether adversarial or collaborative or accommodationist — became exciting or painful when it intensified convictions or exacerbated tensions within evangelicalism and within conversation.”



# Alumni News

by Jeffrey Todd '83

## From the Alumni Association President

by Lee Eberhardt Limbird '70



PHOTO BY MATT DIXARD

Lee Limbird '70

I have very much enjoyed the opportunity to serve Wooster as President of our Alumni Association over the past two years. Returning to the campus frequently for Alumni Board meetings has given me a glimpse of the many changes that have occurred since my graduation in 1970. I find it fortunate, for example, that "lights out" and "skirt weekends" are social rules of the past.

New buildings housing broader academic and cultural programs mark important strides forward. As society's needs have expanded, so have Wooster's interdisciplinary and cross-cultural offerings. All of these exciting new beginnings, however, have not eroded the salient features of the Wooster experience: a nurturing environment where students are active participants in their own education and where independent study elicits the best each individual has to offer.

How can all alumni share in the excitement of an ever-evolving Wooster? My reflexive answer would be to participate as "activist alumni." For example, as the number of high school age students decreases over the next few years, you could serve the College in an important way by encouraging talented and interesting students in your community to consider the benefits of a liberal arts education. Find ways to help these students visit the College. What Wooster has to offer will speak for itself!

By serving as host to a local alumni gathering you can rekindle old friendships and delight in how successfully former classmates have responded to society's changing social and professional needs. If you invite Wooster faculty or staff to join you at these alumni gatherings, you can share in their contagious enthusiasm for what they do every day. Giving generously does not require financial resources; be creative in finding ways to give of your personal talents to the College. As with all seeds you will scatter in your life, you will reap much more than you sow.

## A Scottish Evening in Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Alumni Leadership Group provided the support necessary to organize a wonderful evening commemorating the birth of Robert Burns. Gail Nesbitt Jones '66, chair of the event, assisted by Caroline Neuwirth Steiner '74, gave expert guidance throughout the weeks of planning for the supper. The Burns Supper was held on January 27

*In Pittsburgh, Thomas Angerman '53 plunges his dagger into the haggis while Andrew Purves (l.), Master of Ceremonies, and Alexander Landefeld '85, haggis bearer, observe.*



PHOTO BY JEFFREY A. COMELLA

(the poet was born on January 25, 1759). Scots by birth or inclination gathered together for a night of fun to honor the national poet of Scotland.

It was a magical evening of candlelight, of bagpipe music, Scottish dancing, Burns poetry, and warm "acquaintance." The evening began with a welcome and toast to absent friends by Mark Klemens '78. Andrew Purves, spouse of Catherine Schad Purvis '73 and a true Scotsman with a delightful sense of humor, served as master of ceremonies. Burns' poem, "Tam o' Shanter" was read in three parts by John F. Slater, Jr. '75, Arthur J. Acton '64, and William E. Brown '67. John O. Bolvin '52 read "Ae Fond Kiss" and Merritt Holland '84 gave the "Selkirk Grace." The ceremonial haggis, carried by Alexander M. Landefeld '85, was accompanied by piper Robert Hamilton. Thomas W. Angerman '53 gave an animated "Address to the Haggis." (If you want the recipe for haggis, contact Gail Jones!)

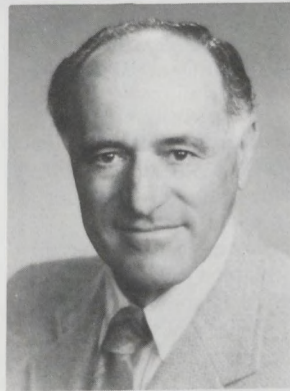
Following dinner of "substitute" haggis, potatoes, neeps, and shortbread, a comical "Toast to the Lassies" was given by Charles B. Partee, father of Charles '85 and Jonathan '90 Partee. Marion S. Plank '40 read "To a Mouse," and Duncan C. McCune '48 gave the "Toast to the Immortal Memory." Heidi Knechtle performed "The Highland Fling" as well as "The Sword Dance." Gail Buchwalter King '63, equipped with appropriate props, read "Address to the Toothache." The evening concluded with the singing of "Flow Gently, Sweet



## Summer of '90 Alumni College

"Earth: Our Home; Our Resource; Our Future" is the theme for the Summer of '90 Alumni College, June 10-16. The earth is a resource that we all share. It is our home just as it will be in the future. Concern about the environment has been growing on a local, national, and international level. People universally agree that we need to protect the environment, but there is certainly not agreement on how we might accomplish this goal or even on what are the actual environmental problems in the world. This seems a perfect time to explore some of the familiar and not so familiar problems of the environment and, in some cases, proposed solutions to those problems.

We will hear from guest alumni lecturers E. Scott Bair '73, Professor of Hydrogeology at The Ohio State University; Scott Denman '78, Director of the Safe Energy Communication Council (SECC); P. Larry Phelan '76, Assistant Professor of Entomology at the Ohio



*Eric Boehm '40, 1990 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient*

Agricultural Research and Development Center of The Ohio State University; and Sally A. Widman '83, a project geologist for Environmental Resources Management. With members of Wooster's faculty, they will present a variety of perspectives on environmental issues.

Among the issues to be discussed are ground water contamination, acid rain, noise pollution, future energy resources, the use of pesticides, American prairies, endangered species and the ecosystem, smog, stratospheric ozone, endangered species, and the environmental effects of human behavior. In addition to the classroom experience, participants in the Alumni College will also have the opportunity to tour Amish country and attend performances by the Ohio Light Opera. For additional information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

## One Last Time — Alumni Weekend '90



*Marguerite Lane Bowden '40, 1990 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.*

Don't forget to send in your reservations for Alumni Weekend '90, June 7-10. The reservation deadline is May 18. The class of 1940 will celebrate its 50th reunion along with other reunion class years ending in '0 or '5. There will also be a special multi-year reunion for all alumni who attended Wooster between 1940 and '49. Included in the celebration of the Fabulous Forties will be an opening reception on Friday evening, June 8, in the Noble Atrium of the Scheide Music Center and a panel discussion on the decade of the '40s. The grand finale of the Fabulous Forties Reunion will be a big band dance on Saturday, June 9.

Also during Alumni Weekend there will be a parade of classes, All-Class Continental Breakfast and Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association, Barbecue and Folkfest, Gala Dinner under the Tent, faculty lectures, and President's reception for all alumni. During the weekend the Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to Eric H. Boehm '40, Marguerite Lane Bowden '40, and Christine Camp '51. The John D. McKee Alumni Volunteer Award will be presented to Richard G. '41 and Eileen "Mike" Thompson Miller '40.

## The Women's Advisory Board

*by Gennie Johnston*

The Women's Advisory Board of the College of Wooster has a long history of useful, but little known, activity. In 1892, upon the recommendation of President Sylvester Scovel and the faculty, the Board of Trustees and the Presbyterian Synod of Ohio established the Advisory Board of Women. "It was meant," said President Scovel, "to bring together representative women from each presbytery who with womanly tact and intention would find ways to increase the efficiency of the institution in all



PHOTO BY JEFFREY A. COMELLA

*Mark Klemmens '78 eloquently toasts absent friends at the Robert Burns dinner in Pittsburgh.*

Afton," "Comin' through the Rye," "Amazing Grace," and "Auld Lang Syne" led by Lynne Engstrom Williams '72. Pianist Susan H. Russell, Associate Director of Admissions/Alumni Admissions Coordinator, accompanied the group singing.

Over 130 alumni, parents, and friends of the College from the Pittsburgh area participated in this special Wooster evening. Several attended in Scottish attire and, of course, MacLeod tartan kilts were in evidence.

## Last Chance!



*Christine Camp '51, 1990 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.*

If you would like to order a copy of the 1990 Alumni Directory, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 216/ 263-2324 by May 30. The directory will be published in the summer, and the number of pre-paid orders will determine the number published.



matters pertaining to the young women who come into residence in the University."

This close contact with women students continued. In 1945, President Howard Lowry suggested that the local Board members open their homes to women students to give them "a feeling of being identified with local families under hospitable auspices." Today this hospitality includes picnics and dinners for international students and a spring dinner to honor the women student leaders of the campus.

There are three types of memberships in the Women's Advisory Board. The Executive Committee is comprised of fifteen local women who are approved by the College administration. Associate members are those interested in the College who are appointed by the Executive Committee in consultation with the President of the College. Honorary members include WAB members who have served fifteen years and wish to retire from active service as well as women chosen by the Executive Committee.

In 1895 Dr. Scovel asked the Board to assist with the details of the first women's dormitory, Hoover Cottage. The women made numerous decisions including the selection of carpet, dishes, and the type of heat to be used. Later the board was instrumental in establishing an infirmary (now Hygeia Hall) and recommending that a Dean of Women be hired.

Today the Board continues to make decisions, though the emphasis has changed to administering scholarship funds, raising money for scholarships and grants, and providing emergency funds to assist students with special financial problems.

Upon the recommendation of the Dean of Students' Office, the Board awards seven scholarships annually. These are the Elizabeth Buchanan, Helen Secrest, Albert McGaw, Helen Arnold, Alva C. Bailey, Jean Waterbury Howlett, and the Women's Advisory Board Scholarships. The Board also makes annual grants to two international students and two American students. In addition the Board



*Dorothy Drushal, honorary member (l.), Genny Johnston, board member, and Elizabeth Hooker, President, look through minutes sketching the long and busy history of the Women's Advisory Board.*



PHOTO BY SID HASTINGS '86

*The Wooster Chorus, accompanied by the Wooster Strings Ensemble, performs in the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., John R. Russell (music) conducting.*

maintains the Vi Startzman Emergency Fund to be used by the Dean to assist students with small justifiable emergency medical or dental expenses.

The Board receives contributions and bequests from friends and estates. It also depends on fund-raising projects for its scholarships and grants. These projects have included teas, silent auctions, bake sales, and musical performances by students.

The Board currently has two fund-raising projects. First, it sells replicas of some of the College's best-known buildings. Available through the Florence O. Wilson Bookstore and Board members, these include Kauke, Galpin, Holden and Memorial Chapel. Andrews


Library, the newest addition, will be available by May of 1990.

Our second project is an annual family brunch. This year's event, an English Mayfest Benefit Brunch, was held May 13 at Lowry Center. A British theme coordinated food, decorations, and a children's corner.

## Good Times — Past and Future

Since the last issues of the magazine several alumni meetings have been held in regions across the country. In Washington, D.C., President Henry Copeland was the guest speaker for a reception at the Grand Hotel. In Chicago Gordon Collins (psychology) and William Baird (admissions/economics) led a discussion about Independent Study while Jeffrey Todd (alumni relations) talked with alumni in Ft. Myers, Sarasota, and Lakeland. In Wooster, Richard T. Gore (music), Joann Cohen (music), and Elena Sokol (Russian studies) treated local alumni, parents, and friends to a special evening of music and culture. Gore and Cohen performed Beethoven's "Kreutzer" Sonata, Op. 47 with Sokol providing a pre-recital lecture on Tolstoy's controversial novella *The Kreutzer Sonata*.

If you live in any of the following regions watch for invitations to Wooster events in the coming months:

Canton	Seattle
Columbus	Toledo
Nashville	Youngstown 



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Happy 1990! I (**Susan**) celebrated both the Western and Chinese Lunar New Year here in Taiwan.

**Duane Peek**, who works for the Edgar, Marvin, and Martin law firm in New York, wrote that **Mark Lewis** is living and working in Washington, DC. Mark is analyzing the recruitment and retention of minority students on college campuses.

Since Oct., **Jennifer Blair** has been working for the Western Reserve College annual giving office at Case Western Reserve U. She hopes to begin graduate work there. She has seen **Darrell Smith** and **Max Gilles**, both of whom are enrolled in Case's medical school.

Other graduate students are **Ranjit Roy**, **Efi Afendra**, **Yohan Weerasuriya**, and **Margaret Luehrs**. Ranjit is in the Patterson School of Diplomacy program at the U of Kentucky. Address: 318 Transylvania Park, Apt. 2, Lexington, KY 40508. Efi is studying biochemistry at the U of Akron, while Yohan is studying the same subject at Purdue U. Margaret is at the U of Cincinnati, playing her cello and studying for a graduate degree in music history.

**April Westover** is enjoying her work as a music therapist at the State Developmental Center in Ft. Wayne, IN.

**Tom Rowley** recently returned to the U.S. from Taiwan, where he was teaching English at the Taichung YMCA. He plans to look into law schools.

**Libby Black** enjoys her job with a New York law firm. She is looking for an apartment and would welcome suggestions.

**Eric Foo** is a Management Information Systems manager for Monterey Park Group, an insurance and real estate company. Write to him at College View Dr., #C, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Eric wrote that **Hock Chuah** is a financial consultant for Butcher & Singer in Akron.

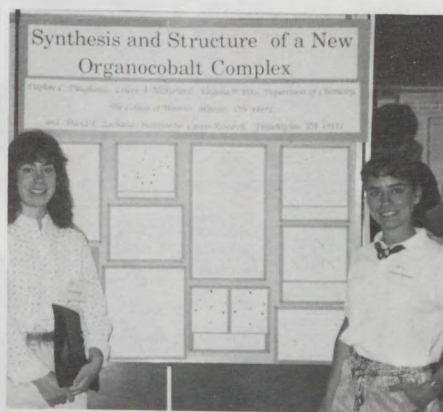
After graduation, **Philip Sagle** attended The Philadelphia Institute, The Institute for Paralegal Training, where he successfully completed the corporate finance and business law program and received a certificate of graduation in September. Philip is now employed as a paralegal with Aspen Systems Corporation in Washington, DC.

**Robert Ladd** writes that he has enjoyed the challenges of teaching English and being assistant soccer coach at Stratford Academy in Macon, GA. Going to graduate school is still a year away for Robert, and his plans for the interim are not yet definite. "To my friends: I miss you and think of you often!"

**Daphne Daugherty** is rooming with Lisa Jones '88 in a historic brick apartment building in Evanston, IL, just two blocks from Lake Michigan. She finds working on her Ph.D. in chemistry at Northwestern U a real challenge. The Wooster influence isn't too far away, as she and Dean Johnston '88 have their lab desks in the same room.

During the summer, Daphne and **Coleen McFarland** (a chemist for BP Research in Cleveland) traveled to Seattle, WA, with their IS

advisor, Virginia (Bussert '63) Pett, to present their IS research at a meeting of the American Crystallographic Association. Besides attending chemistry lectures there, they hiked around Mt. Rainier and ate brunch atop the Space Needle. "Yes," Daphne says, "doing IS does pay off!"



Coleen McFarland and Daphne Daugherty '89s.

On a Fulbright scholarship in Paris, France, **Meskerem Gebrekidan** is taking classes at the Sorbonne and is a language assistant, teaching English.

Your secretary will return to the States in mid-July. Keep those cards and letters coming to my home address.

Secretary: **Susan Fesz**, 8676 Edgerton Rd., North Royalton, OH 44133.

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Now that a new decade is under way, I ask you what are your dreams for the '90s, for yourself and for the world?

Some have reported where they are now whether that is in places of transition, places of discovery, or right where they want to be. **Angela Keller** reports that Togo is full of challenges and latrine projects. She visited **Cathy Campbell** and **Eric Greene** in Feb. (see photo of Angela and Cathy). Angela also sent the following new addresses: **Karen Cook**, BP4 Jemaa Shaim, Province de Safi, Morocco, North Africa; **Sarah Heath**, 330 Eastern Hts. Blvd., Elyria, OH 44035; **Carrie McGraw**, 303 N. Prospect St., Bowling Green, OH 43402; **Becky Strupe Hatfield**, 1100 Gulf Club Lane, #1, Cincinnati, OH 45245.

**Linda Stevenson** sent a wonderful new decade letter reporting on the past year in Mexico. She is working for the Center for Global Education, connected with Augsburg College (MN). She says she has learned so much about the life, culture, language, and her job. This spring she will be assisting in a class on church and social change in Latin America. Linda hopes to stay for another year. She can be found at Apartado 116-B, Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico.

**Graham Rayman** is building a career working as a plumbing instructor for a small trade school. He lives at 2150 S. Main St., Lakeport, CA 95453.

**James Kim** is a second-year medical student at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. You can reach him at 3339 Arlington Ave., Apt. #F-212, Toledo, OH 43614.



# Weddings!



The wedding of Deborah Glaefke '78 and Thomas Wistar Gilbert '73.



The wedding of Diane Cullen '87 and Bob Moore '85. (back to front, l. to r.) Joe Buckley '85, Dave Bracken '85, Curtis Smith '85, Melissa Forker '87, Laura Stein '87, Cyndi Greene '87, Blake Moore '80, June Schmunk '87, Ellen Wright '87, Courtenay Selby '87, Jane Baughman '88, Lawrence Allen '85, Diane Cullen '87, Bob Moore '85, Blake Moore '55, Emily Drage '87.



The wedding of Viktoria Herson '83 and John Calvert Finn '85. (standing, l. to r.) Lorrin Kreider '52, Flora Wishart Davies '35, Viktoria Herson '83, John Calvert Finn '85, Jeanne Rogosch '83, Josephine Wishart '32, Lynn Rogan '83. (kneeling, l. to r.) Nancy Barnes Kreider '52, Ellen Lester Stonecipher '83, Mary McGuane '83.



The wedding of Jill Tuennerman '86 and Michael Kirk. (row 1, l. to r.) Michael Kirk, Jill Tuennerman '86, Laura Tuennerman '88, Priscilla Cooper '86. (row 2, l. to r.) John Gates (history), Priscilla Gates, Warren Hedges '86.

The wedding of Laurie Campbell '86 and Todd Wood. (l. to r.) Joanna Mills '86, Virginia Emch Lindman '33, William F. Campbell '49, Catarina Almqvist '87, Sean Whalen '88, Jill Midolo DeMarco '87, Christen Campbell '87, Wesley Taylor '86, Laurie Campbell Wood '86, Todd Wood, Susanne Lindman Campbell '61, Richard N. Campbell '59, Linda Carter Erholm '61, Stewart Erholm '60, Laura Vandale '87, Marjorie Campbell.





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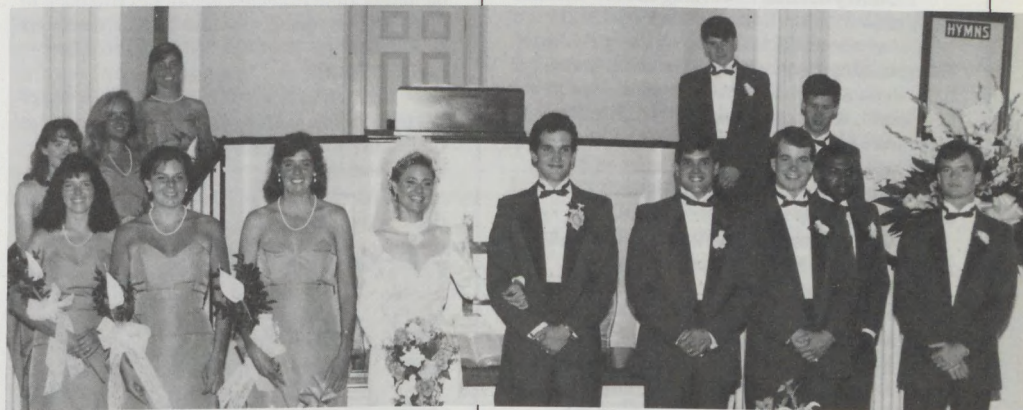
The wedding of Catherine Smith and Howard Senkfor '85s. (front row, l. to r.) Maria Guiao '85, Margaret Jemison Smith '58, Catherine Smith '85, Howard Senkfor '85, Liz Muncy Hauenstein '58. (back row, l. to r.) Paul Reiff '84, Morris Robinson '82.



The wedding of Pamela and John Kratzer '81. (standing, l. to r.) Joe Kaminski '79, Ed Wierzbicki '81, James Stoll '81, Dan Wax, John Keun '81, Steven Stoll, Dave Swift '81. (seated, bride and groom) Pamela and John Kratzer '81.



The wedding of Dana Gibson and Scott Coonfare '87, September, 1989.



The wedding of Sonya Alwyn and Ben Spriggs '88s. (far left to middle) 1) Lisa Leslie '88, 5) Amy Thayer '89, 6) Emily Freeman '88, bride, Sonya Alwyn '88, groom, Ben Spriggs '88. (far right to middle) 4) Andy Wert '86, 5) Rob Gilmore '88.



The wedding of Jamie and Dave Simmons '83. (top row, l. to r.) Steve Towne '83, David Benson '83, Garth Katner '84. (middle row, l. to r.) Judy Simmons Lindsey '80, Sarah Simmons '85, Jim Simmons '58, Craig Lindsey '80. (front row, l. to r.) Linda Beane Katner '84, Pat Gerber Simmons '58, Jamie Simmons, Dave Simmons '83.



The wedding of Jill Midolo '87 and Samuel DeMarco.



## CLASS NOTES



Cathy Campbell and Angela Keller

Nancy Kehoe is working in New York for Children's Athletic Training School, Inc. She sent news about the following classmates. **Jane Baughman** enjoys her work for an investment bank in New York. **Becca Bing**, who lives in Cincinnati, is doing social work. **Nicole Denard** lives in Boston and is an admissions counselor for LaSalle College. Also in the Boston area, **Kristin Helms** is doing social work and counseling.

Currently a fellow of the Florida Dispute Resolution Center, Florida Supreme Court, **Marc Fleischauer** will relocate to Orlando, FL, this summer. He has been hired as a summer associate with the law firm of Foster & Kelly.

Visitors are welcome, says the Washington State crew: **Carolyn Cunningham**, **Becky Geiger**, **Leslie Hopeman**, **Mary Hueske**, **Lara Stephens**. They have moved to 1132 N. 77th St., Seattle, WA 98103.

With the Peace Corps since June, **Nina Roberts** is teaching English in a school in Makokou, Gabon, Central Africa. She seems to be thriving — making bread, using bush taxis, making treks to village festivals, and learning the native language. Communication by mail is difficult, but she has been in touch with **Maura Salins** and other Wooster friends.

**Mary Cox** and **Jonathan Barclay** are pleased to announce their engagement. A June wedding in Hudson is planned. "Pay off your bets, friends," they write. They are living in Bloomington, IN, where Jon is pursuing a Ph.D. in English, while teaching composition. Mary is employed at the *Bloomington Herald-Times* as a section editor as well as part-time at a children's developmental learning center.

Your secretary (**Miatta**) has decided that she also must go to Africa. Instead of spending my summer in a big church doing youth work for my required internship, I will be a volunteer for the Presbyterian Church, working in

Cameroon, Ghana, or Zaire for the summer. Remember me and my mailbox this spring so that we know what each of you is up to in 1990.

*Secretaries: Miatta Wilson, 1205 Palmyra Ave., Richmond, VA 23227; Eric Greene, PCV, Corps De La Paix Americain, B.P. 10537, Niamey, Niger, W. Africa.*

## 1987

The past few months have seen a veritable plethora of letters pass through my tiny mailbox. Many thanks to all those who have been so generous in sharing news. I love hearing from all of you, especially now that I feel so removed from any Wooster connection. Oxford's not quite the "Woosterite gathering spot" that DC was (and is!). I hear that a major Wooster shindig will take place in DC, hosted by Andrew Baird '84 and Chuck Brady '88. Among the guests will be **Vance Russell**, currently in the States for a couple of months before beginning the volunteer life again, this time in Bolivia. I hope to see Vance here in Oxford, on his way back home to Illinois.

Other Wooster folk in Illinois include **Imrana Malik**, who is hanging out in Chicago a bit longer than expected before her trip back to Pakistan this spring. She and brother **Amin** are both well. Amin continues to work there for American HMO.

Imrana writes that **Lisa Klasny** is working in Columbus; **Mary Lewis** is teaching near Cleveland; and **Jo Robinson** recently got married. Congrats, Jo!

Also in Chicago, **Karen Johnson** is editorial assistant at the American Journal of Ophthalmology. Her address: 500 W. Belmont, ID, Chicago, IL 60657. She writes that **Debbie Szuba** has been promoted to assistant manager of coats/swimwear at Marshall Field's Watertower. Debbie's address: 521 W. Aldine, Chicago, IL 60657. Karen and Debbie recently had a brief airport visit with **Ellen Scholl**, who was on her way back to Hawaii. If **Aggie Belt** and/or **Rocky Zazzaro** are in the windy city, get in touch with Karen.

**Lih Fang Jern**, who spent the last 2½ years working in New York City, has moved to Singapore. Address: 48 & 50 Green Hall, Penang 10200, Malaysia.

**Diego Jarrin**, having completed his M.A. in computer science at Bowling Green State U, has also left the country to join **Manami Ohshima** in Japan, where he'll be working for a few years in Tokyo. Write to them at 2691 Takada-Cho, Kouhoku-Ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa-Ken, Japan 223.

Jern writes that **Franklin Lim** is working in Tempe, AZ, after graduating with an M.A. in accounting from Case Western. **Terence Khoo** is doing his Ph.D. in finance at the U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. **Jane** and **Augustine Ang** are still in New York, at 586 Pacific St., Apt. #3-B, Brooklyn, NY 11217.

Perhaps the Angs should contact **Ramin Abhari** and **Ned Fortna**, living in Brooklyn at 198 W. 9th St., Apt. 1-L, 11231. Ramin completed his M.S. in chemical engineering at the City College of New York this past fall and is currently looking for a job that will pay him enough that he can afford to leave Brooklyn. Both he and Ned find they have been a bit disillusioned by hopes of life in the Big Apple. Ramin writes: "To

be a close observer of the extent of the uneven distribution of wealth (between friends on Park Ave. and the school near Harlem) every day and night was sometimes more than I could deal with." Ned echoes those sentiments with his closing comments from the perspective of a passenger aboard the elevated subway: "The contradictions of 1980s America in which the artificial money of investment banking grows at the expense of the downtrodden working class are crystal clear from this vantage point."

And now for the wedding updates. In June **Diane Cullen** and Bob Moore '85 were married in Albany, NY. Wooster grads in the wedding were Blake Moore '80, Lawrence Allen '85, Joe Buckley '85, **Laura Stein**, **June Schmunk**, and **Ellen Wright**. Currently, the couple are living in Lynchburg, VA, where Bobby is teaching high school biology and coaching football and basketball, while Diane substitute teaches.

In Sept., **Dana Gibson** and **Scott Coonfare** joined the married circuit and are living in Centreville, VA.

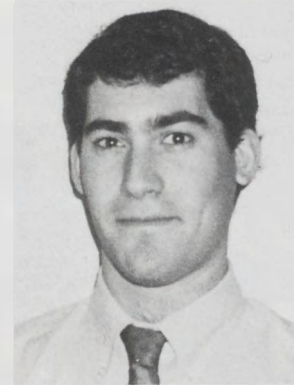
Although **Jill Midolo DeMarco** and husband Sam have been married for a while now, I finally convinced Jill to send along a photo of the Wooster crowd at their wedding. In Nov., I had the joy of spending some time with Jill, when she was soloist at the wedding of Laurie Campbell Wood '86.

The big news from **Chris Campbell** is that she will be married in June, in Alliance.

In Oct., **Lisa Hunyadi** will marry Robert MacKay of Bath. Lisa is working for the American Red Cross, Wayne County Chapter, as the blood services director. After the wedding, the couple will live in Akron.

**Amy Zuberbuhler**, who will be Lisa's maid-of-honor, is living in Pittsburgh, where she is junior high youth director for a Presbyterian church. "I never thought I would have a job where I'm paid to care for and minister to youths and organize ski trips at the same time." Amy has seen Terri Barta Dahnke '88, who is working on her Ph.D. in chemistry in Columbus. To Jennifer Hodgson '89, Amy writes: "I miss our long procrastinating teas after dinner in Lowry." Write to Amy at 2034 Swallow Hill Rd., #401, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

**Peter Westerman** has been named regional operations director of TV Host, publish-



Peter Westerman

ers of cable television guides, in Portland, OR. Pete will oversee the administrative, circulation, and production departments at TV Host.



From Pittsford, NY, **David Carleton** sends best wishes to all in the new decade. A partner in Peripheral Services business, David also treads the boards. In Feb., he was in the cast of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* produced by the Webster Guild in Rochester.

The update on **Chris Drake**, roving Peace Corps volunteer-come-home: he is working at the College as an administrative intern with Wooster Volunteer Network. Chris is enjoying the challenge of the job and being back in Ohio.

Secretary: **Laura VanDale**, 620 Brill Dr., #1, Oxford, OH 45056.

1986

This has been a year of changes for several people. **Deb Lewis** and her husband, Mark Koppelkam, are now the proud parents of Alexander James Koppelkam, born Sept. 13, 1989. Deb says that they hope to take him sailing on Lake Champlain next summer and to have him grow up as a rugged Vermonter. Send your congratulations to Deb and Mark at 357 St. Paul, Apt. 1, Burlington, VT 05401.

**Laurie Campbell** married Todd Wood on Nov. 11, 1989, in Alliance. See the photo for Woosterites who attended the wedding. The Woods are settling down to life in Colorado Springs. Congratulations, Laurie!

Another newlywed is **Jill Tuennerman**, who married attorney Michael Kirk, on Sept. 30, 1989, in Cleveland. Jill graduated from Northwestern U School of Law in May, where she had served as an articles editor on the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*. She is practicing law with the firm of Howrey & Simon in Washington, DC. See the photo of Wooster friends at the wedding. Write to Jill at 1501 Crystal Dr., Apt. 1139, Arlington, VA 22202.

**Peck-Bee Lim** is completing her M.A. in human resources management at the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at the U of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. She would love to hear from friends, especially those from Myers House, WCF, and Compton 3rd of '82/'83. Address: Sutton Place, 309 E. John St., Champaign, IL 61820.

**Scott Frankel** writes from Danbury, CT, where he works at a financial services company as a regional manager. Until late last fall, he worked as general manager of the Sugar Hollow Tennis Club in Ridgefield, CT. Write to Scott at 15 Lee Ave. #2, Danbury, CT 06810.

Scott kindly filled me in on some other people. **Dave Carey** graduated from law school and is working for a judge in Annapolis, MD. **Thom Kuehls** is completing his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins and living in Baltimore with Dave.

**Drew Vande Creek** and **Tim Hartrick** attend the U of Virginia, where Drew is studying history and Tim, computer science. Thanks for the information, Scott!

**Laura Boies** wrote to me from Spain, where she is in her fourth semester teaching English as a foreign language. She spent part of last summer in Italy and reports that while she still prefers Italian food, she enjoys Spain. Write to Laura at Calle Escalona, 52, Planta 11, #2, Madrid 28024, Spain.

Sympathy of the class is extended to Jim Ulrich '84, whose wife, **Kimberly Nelson Ulrich**, died on Dec. 8, 1989, after a year-long

battle with leukemia. Kim fought her disease with courage and optimism, totally in keeping with her strong and cheerful nature. Kim was one of the kindest and friendliest people whom I knew at Wooster, and I'm sure that she brought more happiness to this world in her 25 years than most people do in a lifetime.

Secretary: **Patty Skidmore**, 3709 N. High St., Apt. B, Columbus, OH 43214.

1985



5th Reunion/June 7-10, 1990

People are the vital ingredient in a successful reunion! Please plan to join us in Wooster for a memorable weekend this June. The registration deadline is May 18.

Transitional tales top tidings. Secretary seeks satisfactory statements. Noteworthy news necessitates narration, naturally. Class correspondence conjures commemoration as C.O.W. communication commands commitment and cajoles cultural cohesion. Finally, fabulous fame flowers, fostering fairly fascinating features and feverish, fanciful fellowship.

**Susan Bainbridge** and **Steve Coss** are happily married and living in Oakland. Their medical internships are flying by, and in July they will move to Pensacola, FL, to study military aviation medicine and flight surgery. Address: 1942 Hoover Ave., Oakland, CA 94602.

**Karen Sapio** was ordained as interim associate pastor of the Setauket (NY) Presbyterian Church on Oct. 22. Richard Spierling '64 presented the charge to the new pastor. Karen



Richard Spierling '64 and Karen Sapio '85.

served as a field education student at the Leonia, NJ, church where Deke Spierling serves as pastor. (See photo) Address: 17 Dyke Rd., Setauket, NY 11733.

On Aug. 19, **Cathy Smith** and **Howard Senkfor** were married at Temple Emanu El in University Heights. More than a few guests were surprised at the end of the ceremony when, seemingly out of nowhere, a fully garbed bagpiper and drummer entered to accompany the couple down the aisle. The bouquet was caught by the lovely **Maria Guiao**, who has just finished her M.A. in technical writing. Two days

after the wedding the groom began graduate studies at Case Western Reserve U. When the bride was asked, "After almost six years you finally got that dude to the altar — now what?" she replied: "I'm going to Disney World," which the couple did during winter break in December for their delayed honeymoon. Unfortunately, Disney didn't offer the Senkfors any money for this endorsement, even though Cathy feels that marrying Howard was a more difficult feat than winning the Super Bowl. The couple's next adventure as married people will be to visit **Ember Spencer Paraniuk** and her husband, Ross, at their new house in Conway, PA. (See photo) Address: Euclid Heights Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44106.

**Steve Allen** was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry on Nov. 5 and is now serving as associate pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Gettysburg, PA.

**John Wilkinson** and **Bonny Claxton** were married in Chicago on Nov. 4. In a delightful service, **Aaron Buda** and **Jon Huener** ushered, **Dale D. Grubb** trumpeted, **Mike Mann** and **Steve Price** wedding partied, and Paul Wilkinson '90 best-manned. Kenneth Wilkinson, financial underwriter of two Wooster educations, did the honors. Who would have thought.

**Dale** and **Lisa Grubb** were married on Dec. 16, in the city by the lake. **Mike Mann** served as best man. Woosterites, including your secretary, abounded in joy and happiness. The festive service was only enhanced by 14 feet of snow. This happy couple is doing the whole graduate school thing in Central Ohio. Address: 61 West Weber Rd., Columbus, OH 43202.

After spending a year in Pittsburgh, **Douglas Dantzer** moved back to the big city life of Philadelphia, PA. He is a quality assurance analyst for Sanchez Computer Associates.

Also in the computer field is **Bruce Jones**, who is a software engineer for Apple Computers in Cupertino, CA.

**Laura Janson** lives near Media, PA, and is a speech-language pathologist at Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital in Malvern.

Congratulations to **Nancy Neagoy Rice**, who was named 1989 Employee of the Year by the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The award was given in recognition of Nancy's work in dealing with the contamination of the Barberton and Akron public water supplies.

**Dan Rice**, who will soon receive his M.A. in history from the U of Akron, spent last summer as an intern with the Summit County Historical Society cataloguing and researching radio equipment that had been donated by Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. He is now conducting a job search for a position in public history.

Secretary: **John Wilkinson**, 6619 North Campbell, Chicago, IL 60645.

1984

Happy New Year everyone! It was a particularly happy one for me, since I became engaged on New Year's Eve. Steve Dial and I will be married Sept. 9, 1990, in Stockton, and we toasted the arrival of the decade together. We hope to see many Woosterites at the wedding; so, as they say, "save the date!"



## CLASS NOTES



House-warming party.  
(l. to r.) unidentified elbow,  
John Sutter, Keith Pentland,  
Denise Short, David Ulfelder '84s,  
David Paul '85.

**Cheryl Lower** is back in Thailand, where she works for the American Refugee Committee which supplies health care to the Cambodian refugee camp. Her new address is Field Administrator, American Refugee Committee, 37/1 Soi (Soi Somprasong3), Petchburi Rd., Bangkok 10400 Thailand.

**Sue Jones Ainsworth** writes that she and her husband, Tim, have been in Houston for the past year, where she is an associate editor/Houston correspondent for *Chemical and Engineering News*. Tim is a CPA with Continental Airlines. The Ainsworths enjoy playing lots of tennis. Sue would like to get in touch with **Doug and Trish Eberhart Miller**, **Molly McQuigg** (I would too!), **Bob LaMonte**, and **Dave Stubbles**. Please write to Sue at 301 Wilcrest Dr., #5309, Houston, TX 77042.

Apartment/house-warming parties are great fun, and it looks as if several Woosterites had a great time at a recent party in Boston (see photo). **David Ulfelder**, **Keith Pentland**, and **David Paul '85** are living at 119 Varnum St., Arlington, MA 02174. The "three stooges," as they affectionately referred to themselves, would like to hear from anyone in the Boston area.

**Susan Krehbiel** wrote from Austin, TX, where she is the director of Manos de Cristo, a Presbyterian service agency, working primarily with Hispanics. She and her husband, Dhelfor Balbin, were married on Dec. 30, 1989.

**Kevin Nahigian** is looking forward to a career as an orthopaedic surgeon. He expects to receive his M.D. in May from Georgetown U and then begin serving a residency. On Dec. 30, 1989, he planned to marry Mary Katherine Carroll, a nurse at Northern Virginia College.

Sympathy of the class is extended to **Jim Ulrich**, whose wife, Kimberly (Nelson '86), died on Dec. 8, 1989, of leukemia. Jim continues to teach earth science in the Cortland City (NY) School District. Address: 4054 Highland Rd., Cortland, NY 13045.

Well, that's it from sunny, but rather chilly California! Please note my new address and keep me informed of all the news.

Secretary: **Janet Schellhase**, 6928 Sharkon Lane, Stockton, CA 95210.

## 1983

A staff chemist for Union Carbide in Tonawanda, NY, **Joseph Incavo** received his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Ohio State U in Aug., 1989. He would enjoy hearing from Woosterites in the Buffalo area and from other classmates.

**David Simmons** and his wife, Jamie, both librarians, are with the St. Louis City Public Library system; Jamie is a cataloguer, and David is a branch manager. The couple reside at 1756 Nicholson Pl., #A, St. Louis, MO 63104. (See wedding photo.)

**Elizabeth Webster Warner** is assistant professor of economics at Hamilton College. She received her Ph.D. from the U of Michigan in Dec., 1988. Elizabeth and her husband, John, live in Clinton, NY.

Secretaries: **Lisabeth Beatty**, 1178 Foxhound Ct., McLean, VA 22101; **Jennifer Saliers**, 307 Monroe St., Philadelphia, PA 19147.

## 1982

In New York City, many Woosterites helped **Kevin Grubb** celebrate the publication of his book, *Razzle Dazzle: The Life and Work of Bob Fosse*, by St. Martin's Press. Kevin spent most of 1988 researching and writing the book. Over 100 dancers, writers, actors, singers, techies, and designers were interviewed for the book, and their varied reminiscences present a fascinating, complex, and individualistic director-choreographer. To follow the book, he is contemplating several projects, including a history of 42nd Street and a libretto for a stage adaptation of Fellini's 1950 film *Variety Lights*. Kevin continues to write for *Dance* and *Taxi* magazines regularly.

Attending the book party were Lisa Vickery '80, Denise Gordon-Miller '80, Jan Birchfield '81, Fin Runyon '79, and Ted Sale '83.

**Karen Dann Sundquist** and her husband, James, are busy with their growing musical production and direct mail company, Medical & Sports Music Institute of America, Inc. The company sells exercise music audio cassettes available at 64 different tempos as well as three-dimensional nature recordings. Several international contracts (including CBS/Sony of Japan) have helped launch the business. They are

beginning the New Year with an office move to a larger space with a piano included! The Sundquists would love to hear from friends at 2880 Wingate St., Eugene, OR 97401.

In Aug., **Ned Edwards** became pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in Milford, CT. He and his wife, Gwendolyn, have one daughter, Alicia, born in June, 1989.

Secretaries: **Barb Brown**, 2409 Fremont Ave. S., Apt. 9, Minneapolis, MN 55405; **Morris Robinson**, 129 W. 12th, #2102, Columbus, OH 43210.

## 1981

As wellness director for Ciba Corning Diagnostics in Medfield, MA, **Meg Bode** consults on stress and weight management and teaches classes on health concerns.

**Patrice "Peach" Lockhart Jenks** and her husband, Bill, live in Nebraska. A harpist, Peach teaches and gives performances all over the country. Bill is the associate conductor of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra. The Jenks have two children, Eliza and Elliott. They spend summers in Estes Park, CO, at the Colorado Music Festival, and they teach at Rocky Ridge Music Center. Peach would love to hear from friends: 3835 California St., Omaha, NE 68131.

I (**Nan**) have discovered two classmates who also live in Milwaukee. **John Kratzer**, an assistant director of physical recreation at Marquette U, has been there since he received his M.A. from Miami U in 1982. John and his wife, Pamela, were married recently. (See photo)

**Diane Houk** is a Milwaukee trial attorney, concentrating on personal injury and civil rights law. Her husband, Fred Freiberg, is associate director for Integrated Living. Diane would like to hear from friends, especially **Beth Shepherd** and **Mary Edson**. Write to her at 626 East State St., #1106, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Andy and **Anne Hering Gase** received a double delivery from the stork. Allison Hering Gase and Alexander James Gase arrived in Columbus on Feb. 2, joining sister Sarah (3). Anne and Andy would love to hear from friends. Address: 2519 Mt. Holyoke Rd., Columbus, OH 43221.

In Nov., **Karen Jones** began a new pastorate at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Jackson, MI. She would love to hear from friends at 769 Oakdale, Jackson, MI 49203.

Congratulations to Mark '80 and **Jaci Van Leeuwen Wollenberg**, whose daughter, Lisa Marie, was born on July 10, 1989, joining brother Nathan (3). Jaci, who holds four degrees in horticulture, hopes to start her own landscaping and gardening service this year.

Secretaries: **Nan Fausnaugh**, 15671 Countryside Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051; **Barbara Shelli**, 900 Palmer Rd., #9H, Bronxville, NY 10708.

## 1980



### 10th Reunion/June 7-10, 1990

People are the vital ingredient in a successful reunion! Please plan to join us in Wooster for a memorable weekend this June. The registration deadline is May 18.



The past year has been one of growth, change, and happiness for the family of Scott '79 and **Debbie Price Lipps**. After spending eight years as a full-time social worker, Debbie retired in March to spend more time with daughter Jessica (5) and increase her volunteer involvement with Daisy Scouts. On April 2, the Lipps' second daughter, Stacey Marie, was born. Shortly after receiving his M.S. from DePaul U in October, Scott accepted a position as vice president and partner for C & G Wholesale (Cincinnati). The company specializes in home healthcare wholesale and distribution in the Midwest.

**Bruce Englund** and his wife, Marianne, live in Salinas, CA, where Bruce is vice president for Harry Clam & Associates. Bruce's job responsibilities include course instruction in lab procedures. The Englunds have one daughter, Amanda Marie.

After completing her graduate work in education in 1986, **Amy McMahon** taught for a year aboard a tall ship in western Europe. All the students on this floating "high school" were young people who were afflicted with dyslexia. Amy now lives in the Boston area and is coordinator of an adult diploma program at the Continuing Education Institute. She says: "I'm still writing, playing the flute, and falling in love. I would love to hear from **Sabrina Johnson** and **Chris Stoner '81** — wherever you are."

**Doug and Susan Bosworth Linney**, who live in Alameda, CA, are enjoying their first child, Olivia Susanne, who was born on May 23, 1989.

**Stacy Roberts**, manager of the travel program at World Wildlife Fund, coordinates nature tours for members to the group's project sites all over the world. Last May she went to the Galapagos and, in Jan., 1990, expected to be in Costa Rica. When she saw **Mary Ann Woodie Driscoll** and **Marci Pinis Heller** in Aug., they were doing fine.

Mike '79 and **Nicki Poulter Gioseffi** send greetings to the class and announce the birth of their second daughter, Amanda Jane, on Nov. 22, 1989. She joins sister Jessica Ann (2½). The Gioseffies also have a new address and would like to hear from friends at 25535 Orange Crest Way, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

Secretary: **Sam Steimel**, 101 South Clay St., Millersburg, OH 44654.

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**John and Mary (Curl '80) Gorte** are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Eric Christian, on Nov. 20, 1989. Lauren, Eric's big sister, is really excited about him.

A big move is in the works for **Stew Massey** and his wife, Megan. Steve has been appointed by his investment firm, Morgan Stanley and Company, to head the individual investor services division for Asia. So, the Massey family is heading for Hong Kong! Their new address: Apt. 11-B, Nicholson, 109 Repulse Bay Rd., Hong Kong. Congrats on the new position and also on the birth of your second son, Andrew Joseph, Nov. 25, 1989.

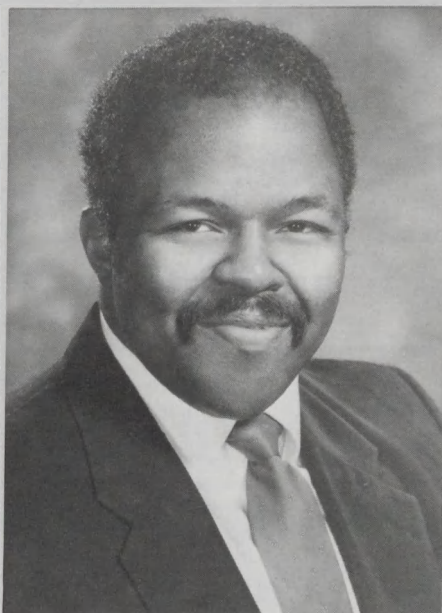
It was nice hearing from **Jonathan and Nancy High Gillies**. Daughter Anne (2) is growing like a weed and is beautiful. Jonathan has stepped back into the classroom and is teaching second grade! Nancy says he loves it.

Martha and **Trent Carroll** announce the arrival of their second child, Louise Thomas, on

## Life is Full of Surprises

by *Daryl Ward '79*

Being executive vice president and chief operating officer at one of the country's fastest growing mainline Protestant seminaries has taught me the truth and importance of such



*Daryl Ward '79*

proverbs as "Life is full of surprises," "About the time I have the answer somebody changes the question," and "The more I learn the less I know."

I have been prepared for these realities since graduation. My first post-graduate year was spent in Wooster as Administrative Assistant in the Dean of Student's Office. Dean Plusquellec was warned that my intentions were to spend a year looking into law schools and that I would be doing no further work in higher education administration.

The desire to pursue ordained ministry was always present. I arrived at Georgetown University Law Center confident that God had been convinced that I could better serve the Church as a politically active Christian attorney. I ended up as a politically active Christian minister, armed with law degree and Bar membership. After acknowledging God's call to ministry, I resolved to be the best pastor I could. However, upon the completion of my master of divinity degree at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, I went not to a respectable pastorate but to United Theological Seminary to become the higher education administrator I had no intention of becoming.

After two years as Director of Admissions and Dean of Black Church Ministries, I was satisfied that administration was as noble a work as the pastorate and became content with my lot. It was then that I was called to pastor a small local church. The name of the church is Omega Missionary Baptist Church. Since Omega can be interpreted as "the end" or "the last," I safely assumed that two positions at the seminary and a church were as much excitement and opportunity for service as was necessary for any spiritual servant. Then I was promoted to Chief Operating Officer.

The greatest surprise is yet to be mentioned. I went to law school figuring I had escaped the "Wooster Marriage Myth." While in DC I bumped into Vanessa Oliver '79, who was enrolled at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Vanessa and I had hardly said 100 words to each other during four years on campus together at Wooster. By the end of our first year of study in DC, we could hardly stop talking. Seven years and two children later we are still on surprisingly good speaking terms.

I have made some decisions that had results I intended. Looking back, however, I realize that many of my decisions were made without my knowledge. All of this is important in understanding how I handle my duties as COO, Dean, and Pastor. I utilize God-given talents, honed by study and preparation at fine schools like The College of Wooster. I work hard and seldom believe that good enough is really good enough. I try to listen well and let others know that I care about them and what they think. Most importantly, I realize that there is another power and providence working in the midst of all that I do that may abscond with my feeble efforts and notions. Often they are discarded, but sometimes they are reshaped and refined into something of lasting significance.

When the phone rings or when there is an urgent knock at my office door, I answer knowing through experience that when my last shot has been fired the battle is not over. I am thankful that "Life is full of surprises."



CLASS NOTES



*The Phi Delta Sigma Golf Outing in 1989. (l. to r.) Jim Stephenson, Stu Sheard '78s, Dave Pandilidis, Craig Karpinski '77s. The Second Annual Golf Outing will be held July 28, 1990. Delts wishing to participate should call Stu Sheard (216-933-7743) or Craig Karpinski (216-933-4222).*

Sept. 7, 1989, joining brother Trevor. The Carrolls have also moved into a new home: 1854 Appian Way, Springfield, OH 45503.

**Gary** and Any (Waltz '82) **Lammert** are the proud parents of Thomas Karnosh. He was born on Sept. 5, 1989, joining his brothers, Kevin and Gregory!

**Chuck Hicks** and his wife, Jeanne, are living in Pittsford, NY. They have a beautiful daughter, Katie, born in 1987 and are expecting their second child in March. Jeanne teaches third grade, and Chuck is the owner of a growing tool and die company in Rochester. Chuck would like to hear from Wooster friends. Address: 47 Deer Creek Rd., Pittsford, NY 14534.

**Eric** and **Laurie Glandt Steiner** have been busy lately. Laurie has passed the bar and is a practicing attorney. She works for Hahn, Loeser and Parks, a law firm in downtown Cleveland. Eric is still working for Miesel/Sysco, selling food service supplies to restaurants, schools, and nursing homes in the Canton/Alliance area. The Steiners have moved to a new home: 411 Pinewood Spur, Akron, OH 44321.

**Cyndi Raftus** and **Tim McDowell** were married in May, 1987. They are both involved in theater, and so it's a match made in heaven! Cyndi has been in promos for MTV and had a part on an episode of NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries." Tim is involved in the casting end of the business; so they're both busy. Cyndi also is part owner of a small restaurant, Hourglass Tavern, in midtown Manhattan; if anyone is in the vicinity, drop in! Cyndi and Tim's address: 487 Columbus Ave. #3N, New York, NY 10024.

Cyndi, along with **Care Crawford**, **Marcel** and **Elaine Fisher Franck**, **Chris Evans Fisher**, and **Dave Allen**, all had a great time at the wedding of Casey Considine and **Brian Lange** in May, 1988.

**Dan** and **Ellen** (Bergantz '81) **Hunter** built a new house this past summer and now reside, with son Evan, at 830 Woodhaven Lane, Medina, OH 44256. The Hunters describe the experience of house-building and moving while chasing after a busy two-year-old as an ordeal rivaling I.S.

**Margaret Hayba Gonzales** and her husband are located in Bermuda. If you go to the islands, they invite you to call them at 809-236-5518.

*Secretaries: Pat Stocker, 37441 Grove Ave., Apt. 302, Willoughby, OH 44094; Lisa Carter Sherrock, 3500 Colonial Dr., Springfield, OH 45504.*

**Michael "Shrod" Schroeck**, a senior manager for Price Waterhouse, writes that he and his family are enjoying Chicago and would like to hear from Wooster friends.

**Nora Lari-Miller** has a new job in Los Alamos, NM, where she has been living for a number of years. She is a staff graduate research assistant at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, working as an annotator at GenBank, a DNA sequence data bank.

*Secretaries: Wilford Stone, c/o Lynch, Dallas, Smith & Harman, P.O. Box 2457, 526 Second Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA 52406; Cathy McDowell MacLean, 4581 Bentley Place, Duluth, GA 30136.*

1977

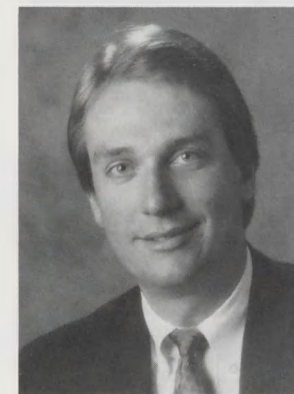
Congratulations to **Bob '75** and **Beth Ballard Crawford**, whose son, Christopher Long, was born on Sept. 8, 1989. He was welcomed by his brother, Jonathan (4).

Congratulations are also in order for **Deb Gurney Manzano** and her husband, Ron. Their second son, Vincent, was born on April 14, 1989.

The new year has brought news from **Sharon Leech Campton**. She, too, gave birth to a son in 1989; Jesse Ross was born on July 23. Sharon says that she and husband Ray are spoiled by his easy nature. She's now working part-time as associate director of Career Services at U of California, Berkeley's law school. Living in the San Francisco area, the Camptons certainly experienced the Oct. '89 earthquake but, fortunately, they suffered no harm to themselves or property.

Has anyone heard from **Susan Dasher**? My (Carole's) post card to her was returned marked "unable to forward, unknown."

**Ned Loughridge** has been appointed a vice president of the Zurich Insurance Company, U.S. Branch, and director of corporate com-



*Ned Loughridge*

munications for the Zurich-American Insurance Group. Ned, who joined the company in 1982, was also named a vice president of American Guarantee and Liability Insurance Company. In his new position, Ned is responsible for Zurich-American's total communication activities, including advertising, sales promotion, public relations, internal communications, graphics and industrial television.

1978

Since Dec., 1988, geologists **Larry** and **Rebecca Parker Jensen** have been living in Norway, where they were transferred by their company, Conoco Stavanger Pouch, from Houston, TX, for an open period of time. The Jensens are enjoying life in Norway, where their work is similar to that in Houston. Rebecca continues her work with basin modelling in mid-Norway, and Larry interprets seismic data in southern Norwegian waters. Daughter Elizabeth (4) has adjusted well to the new location and is learning to speak Norwegian. The Jensens' second daughter, Katherine Sallee, was born Oct. 6, 1989.

A Ph.D. graduate student at the U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, **David Koppenhaver** is working on his dissertation, studying literacy learning in children with cerebral palsy. He is looking forward to presenting papers this summer in Cardiff at the International Special Education Congress and in Stockholm at the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication. He reports that son David is three years old.

No longer employed as an interior designer, **Margaret Scherbel Deutsch** says that raising four children has become her favorite and full-time job. She and her husband, Clay, live at 612 East Dr., Sewickley, PA 15143, and would love to hear from Woosterites who live in or may be traveling through the area.

Best wishes to **Deborah Glaefke** and **Thomas Wistar Gilbert '73**, who were married on Oct. 19, 1989. Deb has been appointed to the board of directors of the Ohio Poetry Day Association and has also been appointed as a judge on the Ohio Poet of the Year committee. She is still writing poetry and literary criticism under her maiden name but has switched to "Gilbert" for fiction and her teaching. While Tom finishes his M.A., Deb will continue as a part-time instructor at Cleveland State's division of special studies.

**Edward Kay** recently bought a house in "God's Country" with three-plus acres. Ed, who is planning to marry in May, would like to hear from friends. Address: 901 Croup Rd., Ortonville, MI 48462.



A recent painting of the Tide Racing Team NASCAR racing car by **Jim Gerard** now hangs in the Procter and Gamble headquarters building in Cincinnati. P & G had a limited edition of 500 prints made, which were numbered and signed by Jim, as they came from the press. The plates were then destroyed. An automotive artist, Jim concentrates on selling "portraits" of restored antique cars to private collectors. Last year, one of his paintings was selected by the Cleveland 500 Foundation as a poster for the Cleveland Grand Prix auto race. Since graduation from Wooster, he has been a teacher and coach at Mayfield High School in Ohio, becoming chair of the art department in 1984.

**Peggy Anderson Rankin** and her husband, Dean, joyfully announce the arrival of their second son, Keith William, on April 14, 1989. The Rankins adopted Keith, who was born in South Korea on Dec. 14, 1988. He joins brother David Jeffrey (3).

Sympathy of the class is extended to the family of **Scott Niemann**, who died on Dec. 16, 1989. (See obituaries.) His wife, Cindy, whom he married on Sept. 2, 1989, would appreciate hearing from his friends. Address: 522 S. Broadway, Medina, OH 44256. Attending the funeral service held on Dec. 19 were Cameron Carver Maneese '78, Keith '79 and Patricia (Miller '82) Herklotz, and Martin Stanton '80.

*Secretaries: Susan Lundal, 24855 Woodridge Dr., Apt. 69306, Farmington Hills, MI 48331; Carole Lehman Valliere, 10 Radcliff Rd., Beverly, MA 01915; Alice Taylor Shupe, 1803 Manchester, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.*

## 1976

**Neil Marko** writes that he is alive and well and living in Defiance. He is president of Universal Industrial Products, a small manufacturing company located in Pioneer. Neil has been in touch with **Dwight Pike**, an investment executive with the Knights of Columbus, who, with his wife, lives in Connecticut.

Paul '74 and **Shodie Lowe Alcorn** have moved to Bedford, NY, where Paul is co-pastor of the Bedford Presbyterian Church. Their children, Jason (7) and Brandon (3), are enjoying their new home.

**David Earley** and his wife, Sarah, have three children: Shawn (13), Rebecca (8), and Caitlin (2½). Recently, Dave made a career switch from community mental health to personnel work. The family lives in their Amish-built hybrid solar home near Wooster. Address: 8453 Critchfield Rd., Shreve, OH 44676. Letters and visits are welcome!

**Larry and Abby Wilson Kurth** are the proud parents of twin daughters, Erika Irene and Dana Patricia, born July 8, 1989.

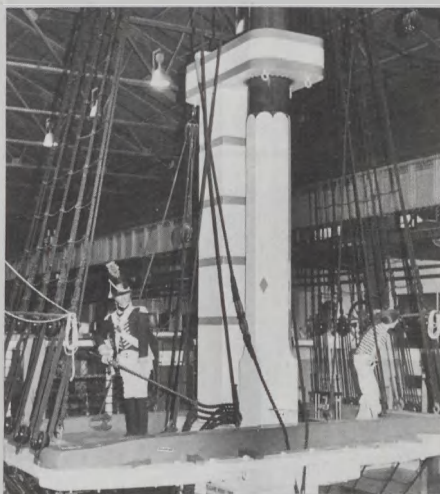
Mike and **Linda Ratchford DuBose** announce the birth of their son, Michael Stephen, on March 3, 1989.

## D.C.'s Best Unknown Museum

The nation's oldest naval yard harbors the only museum dedicated to the history of the U.S. Navy from the Revolution to the Space Age. Then-Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Arleigh Burke established The Navy Museum in 1961. The museum now has 350,000 visitors annually and is a regular stop for many school tours of Washington, DC.

When **Edward M. Furgol '77** accepted the museum's new post of curator in Aug., 1987, he found the museum in the midst of transformation from an exhibit hall into a facility using modern interpretative techniques and emphasizing hands-on experience. With the completion of exhibits detailing the Navy's role in the Revolution, wars of the early republic, Spanish-American War, W.W. I and Vietnam completed, the museum staff began concentrating on completing the country's largest exhibit on W.W. II. In June, 1989, the Pacific section was opened.

As curator, Ed provided the text for the W.W. II exhibition which guides visitors through the complex story of the Naval contributions to victory. Its 300 artifacts, including a

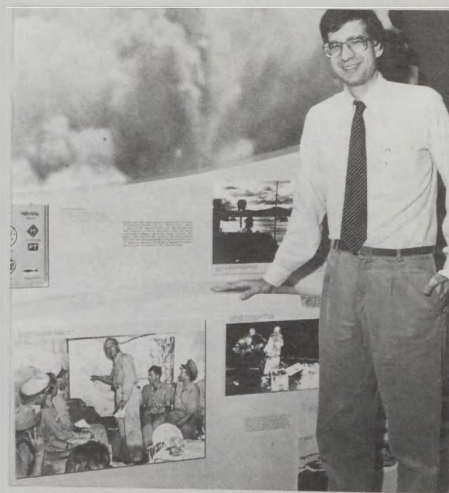


*The Fighting Top from USS Constitution.*

Corsair fighter plane, destroyer bridge facsimile, fiber optics map of the great Naval clash of Leyte Gulf, and numerous photographs make this part of "In Harm's Way: the U.S. Navy in World War II" an essential stopping place for naval veterans and those interested in American and world history.

Ed wrote the text and selected artifacts for the Atlantic portion, which opened in Dec., 1990. The section on the sailing Navy features the fighting top — the platform on which marines fought — from the U.S.S. *Constitution*. To help complete the story of the Navy's campaign, the museum plans to open an exhibit in 1992 on the Korean War.

The peacetime pursuits of the Navy are highlighted in exhibits on the themes of Navigation, Polar Exploration, and Undersea Exploration. In these exhibits, which emphasize the Navy's contribution to national scientific research programs, visitors find impressive arti-



*Edward Furgol '77 stands next to PT boat section of W.W. II exhibit.*

facts: Admiral Byrd's winter hut from Antarctica and the deep submersible *Treiste*. Thoroughly trained docents provide museum tours at a variety of levels.

The main museum's displays are augmented by artifacts in The Museum Annex and Willard Park. The annex features a number of rare submarines, including *Intelligent Whale*, the Navy's first submarine. The park contains numerous naval artillery pieces, the first shipborne radar screen, and the only surviving naval railway gun from W.W. I.

Currently, Ed is developing a variety of temporary exhibits designed for traveling. "The Golden Age of Navy Posters," created by Ed and a colleague, was displayed on the battleship *Alabama* in Mobile.

Ed's career as a museum curator developed while he was in Britain. After graduating in 1977 with honors in history, he went to Oxford to pursue the D.Phil. in modern history. Under the editorial hand of Dr. Gerald E. Aylmer, a renowned historian of Stuart Britain, Ed completed his thesis, "The Religious Aspects of the Scottish Covenanting Armies, 1639-1651." He then went to The U of Edinburgh, where he did research and worked as a teaching assistant for the University's department of Scottish history.

His career as a museum curator began amid Lancashire's "dark, satanic mills" at the Pendle Heritage Centre. The Scottish Historic Buildings and Monuments Directorate recalled him to his adopted homeland in Feb., 1984. Over a three-year period, Ed wrote an edition of papers on the baroque masterpiece of Duff House and created a display for the Queen's Park of Holyroodhouse and a series of exhibits on Mary Queen of Scots. During this time, he also wrote about early modern Scottish history, before returning to the U.S.

Ed acknowledges that Wooster also played a role in his preparation as a museum curator. "The training one receives in historical techniques and analysis at the College are first rate; without IS, the formless D.Phil. course at Oxford would have been impossible," he admits. The quality of Wooster's education, he believes, prepared him for tackling any eventuality.



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On New Year's Eve, Wooster friends were reunited at a gathering at the home of **Bruce Koppert**. (See photo) In attendance were Chris Garwood Keating '77, **Jeanne Bacon** and Bob Mintz, **Louise Hayes** (who jetted in from Saudi Arabia), **Melinda Kramer** (ask her about the bank robbery), Barb and **Mario Miranda**, **Doug** and **Dana Vandenberg Murphy**, Dick Stoltz '75, **Mike** and **Nancy Troy Wilkinson**, **Marge Forbush** and Mark Waggoner. Where were the rest of you that night? To be placed on future party lists, write to Koppert at 431A East North St., Worthington, OH 43085.

Secretary: **Mary Robertson**, 33 Wellesley, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

### 1975



### 15th Reunion/June 7-10, 1990

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In her work as a hospital consultant for Karlsberger Planning Associates, **Karen Bride Kanning** has traveled from coast to coast during the last seven years, assisting hospitals in the development of new facilities. She now has taken on another job, that of mom. She and her husband, Kevin, whom she married in May, 1988, expected their first child shortly before Christmas. Let us know details of the good news, Karen.

An update from **Janice Cerne Thompson**. Two years ago, she and her husband, John, moved to Columbus, where Janice is a claims supervisor for Ohio Hospital Insurance Company. John is manager of agency education with Beacon Insurance Company. Their daughter, Anna Marie, was born Dec. 28, 1989, joining her

brother, John (3). The Thompsons' address: 588 Timberlake Dr., Westerville, OH 43081.

A professor of paleontology, **Patricia Hagelin Kelley** has been appointed associate dean of the School of Engineering Sciences at the U of Mississippi. Recently, she received a \$100,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for research in her field of study.

Best wishes to **Paul Cope**, who married Alene Sirott on Oct. 7, 1989. They reside in Had-don Heights, NJ, and Paul is technical marketing coordinator for Wilmad Glass Company in Buena.

**Ronald Boehm**, president of ABC-CLIO Information Services, a reference publisher, lives in the mountains above Santa Barbara, CA, with his wife, Marlys, and son, Kevin. He has also founded Intellimation, an education multimedia publisher. Still sailing a great deal, now in International 14s, Ron frequently sees Tom Price '74 and **Chris Bates**, who also sail 14s.

An M.D., **Bruce Bode** is director of Diabetes Treatment of Atlanta (GA). He and his wife, Janet, have two daughters.

**Lin Studer Davis** writes that she is still living the same bookish existence in Delaware, where she is a librarian and director of children's services for the Delaware County District. To Lonnie, Homer C., Jan A., June, and many other friends, she sends this message: "You are missed! Please write or call." Lin lives at 22 Montrose Ave., Delaware, OH 43015.

Secretary: **Andrea Steenburg**, 12116 Green-spring Ave., Owings Mills, MD 21117.

### 1974

In May, 1989, **Paul Alcorn** became the co-pastor of the Bedford Presbyterian Church in Bedford, NY. He and his wife, Shodie (Lowe '76) have two children, Jason (7) and Brandon (3).



New Year's Eve in Columbus. (row 1, l. to r.) Nancy Troy Wilkinson, Louise Hayes, Melinda Kramer '76s, Chris Garwood Keating '77, Dana Vandenberg Murphy '76. (row 2, l. to r.) Mark Waggoner, Marge Forbush, Jeanne Bacon '76s, Bob Mintz, Doug Murphy '76. (row 3, l. to r.) Dick Stoltz '75, Mike Wilkinson '76, D. Domijan, Bruce Koppert '76, T. Wojtseck.

Friends can reach **Darla Hall-Barrett** at 2451 Danvers Ct., Columbus, OH 43220. Darla is an elementary guidance counselor for the Upper Arlington Schools, and her husband, Greg, is a pediatrician. They have two children, Rachel (10) and Keith (7).

In Oct., Charlie and **Nancy Rentz Blakeley** moved to the Pittsburgh, PA, area, where Charlie attends graduate school at Duquesne U. In Jan., the Blakelys began serving an interim co-pastorate at the Mt. Calvary Presbyterian Church in Coraopolis. The Blakelys have two daughters, Anne (9) and Caroline (6).

Bill '75 and **Cathy Degen Andreen** have lived in Tuscaloosa, AL, since 1983. Bill is a professor of law at the U of Alabama, and Cathy is a communication specialist for the university's public relations office. The Andreens have two daughters, Karin Elizabeth (8) and Christina Margaret (4).

**John Chisnell** and **Margo Daub** missed our 15th reunion for a good reason. Their second son, Peter Jacob, was born on June 9, joining brother Robin (3½). After spending several years in a postdoctoral research position, John decided to make a big change and is now a full-time homemaker and part-time potter and jack-of-all-trades. Margo is an associate professor of plant pathology at North Carolina State U in Raleigh. They would welcome visitors.

Secretary: **Bill Irvine**, 2519 Kensington Ave., Richmond, VA 23220.

### 1973

**Rebecca Beilfuss McMeekin** and her husband, Charles '74, are staying busy with their two children, Jesse (10) and David (8), and with their teaching jobs in Randolph, VT. Rebecca teaches in a cooperative pre-school and is active in the local theater and chorus. She also plays violin in a community orchestra and, along with her husband and two friends, has begun a small music publishing company. And as if that wasn't enough, she sews clerical stoles for ministers, and a hanging which she made has found a home in a church in Russia. Um, Rebecca, when do you have some free time?

**Debbie Sherck** is a programmer/computer support technician with First Interstate Bank in Portland, OR. She'd love to hear from other Woosterians in the area; write to her at 2004 SE Harney, Portland, OR 97202.

Recently, while performing the dangerous "wing-walk" routine with the Confederate Air Force on a barnstorming tour, your secretary ran into former classmate **Rich Lottes**, who was flying a W.W. I vintage Sopwith Camel and attempting to perform the "outside loop." Rich was probably still out on strike from his regular job as a pilot with Eastern Air Lines.

**Stuart Piper** is the executive director of the Republican Party in the state of Illinois. Previously, he served in the same capacity for the state of Nevada and earlier, he served on the Republican National Committee and the Republican Senatorial Committee in Washington, DC.

**Richard Aubrey** is vice president and treasurer of the Pacific Bank in San Francisco, CA, which he joined in 1986. His wife, Rhonda, is enrolled in the nursing program at California State U. The Aubreys would appreciate hearing from Wooster friends. Address: 3613 Skyline Dr., Hayward, CA 94542.

Secretary: **Eric Filios**, 2117 Chesterfield Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205.



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1972

After working four-plus months as wilderness rangers in Alaska, **David** and Nancy (Torrence '73) **Atkins** returned to the Chicago area for the winter. They spend the weekends enjoying their two "newest toys," mountain bikes, in flat Illinois. A more challenging bike trip is in order, they report. The Atkins send greetings to their friends.

A political reporting officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Lahore, India, **Lynn Allison** writes that she is enjoying the culture, struggling with the language, and puzzling over local politics.

**Anne Yoder Messersmith** lives in Tempe, AZ, with her husband, George, and sons, Andrew and Matthew. Anne is serving as president of the board of directors at son Matthew's cooperative preschool. Son Andrew has played soccer for 12 years, and the family enjoys watching his games.

**Lynnie Bramley Fredericks** lives in Spencerport, NY, with her husband, Rich, and children, Adam (5) and Elyse (4). She works full time for Norstar Trust Company as a financial analyst. Lynnie would like to keep in touch with Wooster classmates **Tom Christy**, **Bunny Major**, **Robin Reid**, and Wooster Little Sister, Liz Greenough '73. Write to her at 123 Village Hill Dr., Spencerport, NY 14559.

1971

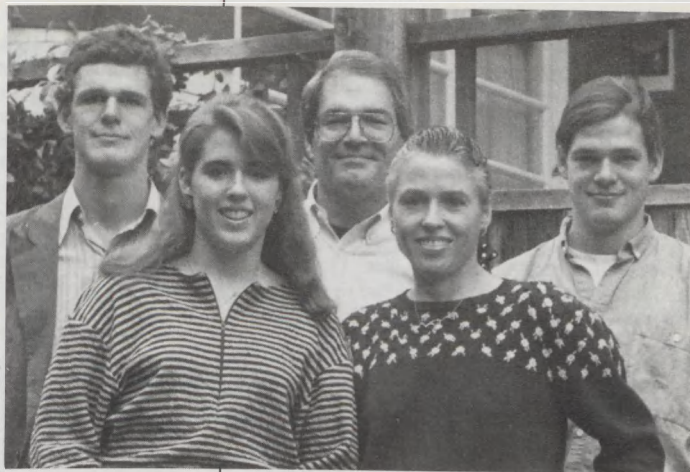
The past year was filled with accomplishment for **David Roush**, director of the county juvenile home in Albion, MI. He received the C.A. Zott Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Juvenile Detention Association, received a \$670,000 grant to enhance juvenile offender treatment programs from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and, if that wasn't enough, he received his Ph.D. from the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State U. Congratulations, David!

**Mary Brehm**, who earned her Ph.D. in dance from the U of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1988, has taught dance there and at Wisconsin State U-Whitewater. In Jan., she decided to stop teaching and spend the winter studying creative dance in Tucson, AZ. After that, she says: "Who knows? My greatest interest has been in dance improvisation, but I occasionally remember the movements enough actually to choreograph a dance." Let us know where the dance leads you, Mary.

In St. Paul, MN, **Michael Finley** operates his copywriting business which specializes in business and financial writing. He is also a columnist for three magazines: *Computer User*, *Corporate Report*, and *Minnesota Monthly*. He and his wife, Rachel Frazin, have two children, Jonathan (2) and Daniele (5).

Secretary: **Wendy Smith Dillingham**, 540 Elmwood, Dearborn, MI 48124.

The Barnes family. (back row, l. to r.) Charlie, Andy, and Tucker. (front row, l. to r.) Hanne and Sara (Winkler '67).



1970



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The nine years spent in San Diego, CA, have been rewarding and exciting, writes **Paul Reeves**, senior pastor of Chula Vista Presbyterian Church. While working on his M.Div. in counseling at San Diego State U, Paul found his IS experience at Wooster an invaluable help in writing his papers and thesis. He would love to see any itinerant or traveling Scots who are in the area. Tel. 619-421-1842 or 426-2211.

**Phil Langsdorf** is a clinical psychologist with a private practice and also works with the public schools. Anne (Schumacher '71) Langsdorf is a speech pathologist, working with preschool children. Daughter Jennifer is a freshman at Carleton College. The Langsdorfs would like to hear from friends who are planning to be on campus for alumni weekend. Address: 32 Kells Ave., Newark, DE 19711.

**Jane Beal Brunton** and her husband, Edwin, live in Bainbridge Island, WA, and would like to hear from other alumni living in the Seattle area.

Peter '67 and **Peggy Braithwaite Jenks** are staff members at Kodaikanal International School in India. Peggy teaches elementary and middle school music, directs choirs, and composes musicals which are often performed by the students. Peter, who is admissions director and international baccalaureate coordinator, also teaches social studies. The Jenks have two children, Robert and Daniel.

Secretary: **Trisha Lewis Davis**, 117 E. New England Ave., Worthington, OH 43085.

1969

In Aug., **Philip Foster**, an attorney, was appointed to fill a vacancy in the House of Delegates of the Maryland General Assembly. Prior to that he had been serving as State's Attorney for Talbot County.

Secretary: **Judy Simkins Haines**, 300 Berkshire Dr., Rochester, NY 14626.

1968

After teaching sophomore English for seven years, **Martha Robinson McDowell** is not "burned out," yet. Her husband, Phil, has been director of Lewis County Mental Health Services for 14 years. Daughter April graduated from Vassar in May and now teaches in a preschool near Washington, DC. Daughter Kate is a junior in high school and is looking into art schools. "She recently made a rather striking sculpture: four faces carved out of different kinds of cake. A girl after my own heart," says Martha. The McDowells live in Lowville, NY.

For his coverage of weather and climate, especially the ozone hole and the greenhouse effect, in *Science* magazine, **Richard Kerr** received a special award from the American Meteorological Society in February.

**Richard Coe**, who has been teaching English in Malaysia for three years, writes that he has become used to life in the tropics. "Malaysia," he says, "is a beautiful country with sandy beaches and clear blue sky, and it has a wonderful variety of food, friendly people, and a diverse culture. This is the Visit Malaysia year; so if you are in the area, please drop me a line at Faber Ria 6-15B, Taman Desa, 58100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia."

**Jocelyn Granet Lindsay**, who does astronomy research for the *Voyage through the Universe Series* for Time-Life Books, writes: "I'm seriously seeking a potion to make 36-hour days, so I can better accommodate my astronomy work, family, free-lance writing, developing my garden, and training my new greyhound." Jocelyn and her husband, David, have two children, Heather and Toby, and live in Silver Spring, MD.

Secretary: **G. Gary Tyack**, 7718 Chancel Dr., Worthington, OH 43085.

1967

One of those wonderful teachers whom we never appreciate until much later taught me, among other things, two cardinal rules of correspondence. Never start with "I" and don't begin with an apology. Well, I (**Sara**) managed to



## CLASS NOTES

observe the first, but must break the second. To the many of you who have opened the class notes section only to be disappointed that once again your information wasn't in print to share — please forgive me.

Perhaps a brief outline of my past year's doings will explain my silence. Notice that I have a new winter address. In Aug., 1988, I sold my home in Houston and made preparations to move to Maine. Not without difficulty, I finally moved into my present home in Nov., 1989. In the meantime, I participated in a two-week Chautauqua People to People Peace Conference in Tbilisi, Georgia, U.S.S.R., at the end of September. Another citizen delegate was **Margaret Minor**, with whom I enjoyed getting reacquainted.

In Jan., I flew to Tampa, FL, for a Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Conference and was fortunate to be a part of the birth of a new Presbyterian AIDS Network, along with the Rev. Lisa Bove '83. In April, the Synod of the Northeast asked me to be one of its representatives to an Interfaith AIDS Ministry Conference. Another Synod representative was Ed Clydesdale '59, who has developed a valuable AIDS ministry in Newark, NJ.

In Maine, I continue to work, helping set up a state-wide AIDS hospice care program, and in the Brunswick area, I help train volunteers in an AIDS support services buddy program.

**Ann Hills Breed**, living in Chicago with her husband and two children, Michael (10) and Hannah (7), continues her work as senior kindergarten teacher of five- and six-year-olds in Francis W. Parker School, which enrolls some 700 students. She writes that although she spent only her junior and senior years at Wooster, it was the College's liberal arts program that shaped her future career. An M.A.T. graduate of Northwestern U, she remains dedicated to teaching. During the last 18 years, she has taught in an inner-city school, a rural Pennsylvania school, a school for emotionally disturbed children, and a parent co-operative school.

Those of us familiar with the work of Habitat for Humanity know what an unsung labor of love that endeavor of volunteer time and energy entails. So let's hear it for **David Dax** and the Albany, NY, *Times Union*, which published an article in their Jan. 11, 1989, issue, detailing his work with Habitat. David is employed by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Development and is president of the Capitol District Habitat for Humanity. He is very excited about this work and would like to hear from alumni who are involved in Habitat. David's address: 357 Morris St., #30, Albany, NY 12208.

**Craig Etchison** has been promoted to chair of the language division at Glenville State College, Glenville, WV, which, he says, "has proved interesting to say the least. I still maintain a full schedule of teaching in the English department. In Dec., my first book, *Maine Man: The Life and Times of a Down Easter*, will be published by Fithian Press, Santa Barbara, CA. Quite exciting to see a long-time project finally completed."

**Bob Hamas**, who is currently serving as president of the Dallas Society of Plastic Surgeons and is in private practice, has been involved in a program to educate the public about the importance of a doctor's credentials and his training. This work led to a guest appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show on her Jan. 31, 1989, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Plastic Surgery" program. He writes: "I appeared on the program with one of my cosmetic surgery patients as well as two other plastic surgeons and their patients. It was a great experience to meet Oprah and field questions from the audience on national television!"

Concerned about the ecological future of our planet, the family of **Sara Winkler Barnes** is supporting responsible environmental organizations, and they are trying consciously to buy only those products that can be recycled and use what they have. Thanks to the compost pile, their garden is thriving in Mill Valley, CA. In Jan., Sara joined the Napa Group, a management consulting organization. Working for them three-fifths time gives her space for watercolors and rug hooking. Her husband, Andy, is president of Broadacre Pacific Company, a real estate investment and development company that he started three years ago. The Barnes have three children: Tucker, a senior at Berkeley; Charlie, a freshman at Humboldt State U; Hanne, a high school senior, who will enter Smith College in the fall.

"I work for the company that 99.5 percent of the educated public dislikes. That is because .5 percent of the people do extremely well on the tests and the other 99.5 percent think they should have done better." So writes **Stephen T. Schreiber** from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) in Princeton, NJ. In Aug., 1989, he became administrative director for the executive vice president of ETS. For eight years prior to this promotion, he had been responsible for the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) which involved testing in Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Kenya, and Thailand. Earlier, he served as associate dean of students at the U of Chicago and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from Indiana U. Stephen lives in Princeton, NJ, where he hopes to retire, and spends his spare time on a 28-foot sailboat docked in the mouth of New York Harbor. He'd love to hear from classmates. "I missed the last reunion because of a trip to Pakistan and Kathmandu!" Write to him at 51 Southern Way, Princeton, NJ 08540.

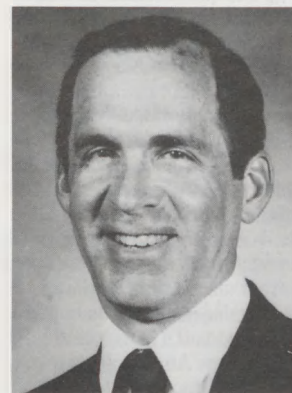
Secretary: **Sara Bradley**, 23 Merrimac Place, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107 (Oct.-May); P.O. Box 851, Chautauqua, NY 14722 (June-mid Oct.).

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The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation has appointed **Fred Roedger** as one of its regional representatives. He is serving the presbyteries and congregations in central and eastern Florida. He has served pastorates in Ohio, Indiana, and Wisconsin and was an instructor at United Theological Seminary in New Brighton, MN. He and his wife, Debbie (Ward '67), live in Longwood, FL, with their two children, Chris and Jenny.

Now assistant coordinator of the Skills Center at Wilmington College, **Martha Webb McGovern** is pleased to be back in a liberal arts environment. In addition to supervising the

Write Place and providing individualized instruction in reading and study skills, she teaches a beginning level English composition course and an individualized writing course.



Fred Roedger

**Kaaren Henderson Peters** lives in the Detroit-Ann Arbor (MI) area and is a training and organizational development specialist with the Detroit Medical Center and a consultant in outplacement and career planning. She has two daughters, Jill (17) and Kellie (14).

**Lee Bender**, who lives in Ambler, PA, has been appointed chair of the business and computer science division at Montgomery County Community College, where he has been teaching economics for 22 years. Lee writes that his son, Andrew (18), who suffered a broken neck and a spinal cord injury while skiing two years ago, is working hard on his rehabilitation. Although this accident has left Andrew a quadriplegic, "his spirit is wonderful and his attitude is very upbeat. He is doing well academically and is a senior at Chestnut Hill Academy." Son David (12) recently soloed with the Philadelphia Orchestra as a member of the Philadelphia Boy's Choir. Our best wishes to you and your family, Lee.

Secretary: **Elizabeth Westhafer O'Brien**, 101 Hillcrest Ave., Summit, NJ 07901.

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### 25th Reunion/June 7-10, 1990

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**Tom Welty** works as a medical epidemiologist for the Aberdeen area Indian Health Service (IHS) in Rapid City, SD, and his wife, Edie, is a family physician and physician recruiter for IHS. Tom, who has received grants from the National Institutes of Health to study various diseases of the Sioux Indians, writes that physicians are desperately needed to meet the health care needs of American Indians.

Secretary: **Sally Mumma Johns**, 4629 Muirfield Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46815.



CLASS NOTES

1964

**Jim Hartley** and his family have moved to Indianapolis, IN, where he is pastor of the St. Andrew Presbyterian church. His wife, Ginny, is looking for employment and is also looking for a graduate program in parent education. The Hartleys have four children: Jay, a senior at Williams College; Lynn, a sophomore at Millikin; Troy, a high school junior; Brett, an eighth grader. Jim writes: "Words of wisdom, condolence, or renewed contact may be sent to 3535 Kessler Blvd., North Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46222. Overnight lodging provided for stopovers."

**Jerry Taylor** has joined the American Association of Equipment Lessors (AAEL) as



Jerry Taylor

vice president. Prior to joining AAEL, Jerry was vice president of marketing for National Office Products Association.

**Bill and Mary Dalrymple North** have moved to an 1850 stone house in historic Elsay, IL, a small village on the banks of the Mississippi River which is on the National Historic Register. The Norths are enjoying restoring the old house and also their new status and freedom, as both their children, Andrew and Julia, are in college. Mary continues as clinical coordinator at the Salvation Army Hope Center, a residence for abused and neglected children under six years of age. Bill, executive director of Care & Counseling, Inc., a pastoral counseling center in St. Louis, is completing a two-year term as president of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

Secretaries: **Russell & Jane Welton Yamazaki**, 526 Pemberton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

1963

**Deborah Elwell Arfken**, associate professor in the human services management department at the U of Tennessee, is also director of graduate studies at the U of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Congratulations to **Lucius Ellsworth**, who has accepted the appointment as vice chancellor and dean of Clinch Valley College of the U of Virginia. For the past three years, he has been associate executive director for academic affairs of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. Lucius is author or co-author of eight books on early American technology, the American leather industry, American economic

history, and the Gulf Coast. Other publications include articles in professional journals and an entry in the *Dictionary of American History*. He has also produced two programs on the American industrial revolution for WSRE-TV, FL, and a documentary for public broadcasting, "West Florida's Forgotten People."

Secretary: **Ann McKenrick Wase**, 412 Ivy Church Rd., Timonium, MD 21093.

1962

**Roger Lulow**, superintendent of Willoughby-Eastlake schools, has been named Ohio's Superintendent of the Year by The Buckeye Association of School Administrators. The formal presentation of the award took place at the Annual American Association of School Administrators' Convention in San Francisco, CA. Congratulations, Roger.

Secretaries: **David Shriver**, 2277 Stillman Rd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44118; **Genie Henson Hatch**, 1337 Hampton, St. Charles, MO 63303.

1961

While visiting Albuquerque, NM, your class secretary had a long telephone conversation with **Sarah Olert Zimmer**. I learned that she now goes by the name of "Sally," since her daughter has taken over the name of "Sarah." Sally and her husband are owners of the Mirage Professional Color Printers, a full-service printing company that does everything from advertising brochures to color posters to a just-completed 184-page hard-cover book. Sally is very active in the First United Presbyterian Church, where she has recently served as clerk of the session, and where, until recently, David Poling '50 was pastor. She is also a big fan of the U of New Mexico Lobos basketball team, whose head coach is Scott Duncan '78.

Things have gotten more hectic at the home of **Ann Shipley Gaiter** since twin daughters Pam and Laura graduated from Wooster in 1989. Laura is now living at home while doing post-graduate work at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, IN. Pam, a supervisor at a home for homeless women and children in Chicago, visits frequently. Ann works full time as a laboratory microscopist for the Environmental Management Group, which specializes in asbestos abatement. She analyzes building materials for asbestos fibers using optical mineralogy. Ann and husband Jeb reside in Carmel, IN, a suburb of Indianapolis.

**Bill and Carolyn Peirce Konnett** checked in with an update of recent activities. Bill returned to Wooster for Homecoming, where the 1959 Scot football team was honored (that year's record was 6-3), and the players (including Bill) had a reunion. During Bill's semester-long sabbatical leave from Kent State last spring, he completed a book on school superintendency, but now he's back in the classroom. Carolyn was promoted to chapter service director for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, which serves a 15-county area in northeast Ohio. Her home base is in Akron, but she travels a great deal in connection with this new job.

"How do you play catch-up?" asks **Wendel Carey**. "After more than 20 years of silence, the stats: recently divorced, moved, lost both parents; one child, Monika, recently graduated from college; one child, Rachel, is a junior at St. Mary of the Woods College; the 'little one' is in fourth grade; I am working as a senior salesman, covering seven states for Cookson Pigments. I always did live a 'colorful' life!"

Secretary: **Larry Vodra**, 51 High Ridge Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804.

1960



30th Reunion/June 7-10, 1990

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After receiving her M.A. in counseling and human development last spring, **JoAnn Organ Smith** began working as a therapist at the Child and Adolescent Service Center in Canton. "It is strange, at this stage of life, to be such a beginner at something, but I'm thoroughly enjoying it. It's a great way to deal with the empty nest." She and **Gerry** are looking forward to seeing classmates at the reunion.

With her husband, Warren, who served as resident astronomer on a cruise ship in Aug., **Sandra Shallenberger Young** traveled to the Greek Islands, Egypt, Israel, and Turkey. When Warren lectured on the Mayan Indians for a Sun Lines cruise, the Youngs toured the Yucatan Peninsula. If all goes as planned, writes Sandra, "I'll be the only one in the family without a Ph.D." Son George received his degree in organic chemistry, as did his wife. Daughter Laura is working on her degree in microbiology and will marry a fellow graduate student, who is also pursuing a degree in the same field, on June 16. The Youngs invite classmates to stop by when they are in northeastern Ohio. Address: 4683 Gardner-Barclay Rd., Farmdale, OH 44417.

**Jane Ehemann** has been promoted to full professor in the geography and earth science department at Shippensburg U, where she was acting chair of the department for the last year. Soon, she will be in England for three-plus months on her first sabbatical leave to do research on settlement patterns and the developing tourism industry in Yorkshire.

The family of Erland and **Ellie Elson Heginbotham** had much to celebrate in 1989. Their son, Eric, married Lise Thomas on New Year's Eve in Minnesota, with many friends and relatives in attendance. The couple, who are both in doctoral programs—Lise in neurosciences at Harvard and Eric in defense policy at M.I.T.—spent Christmas with the Heginbothams in Potomac, MD.

Ellie, who teaches at Stone Ridge Community College, passed the qualifying exams for her Ph.D. in American literature at the U of Maryland and has begun work on her dissertation. Daughter Robin '85 is doing well in her work as associate director of the Japan-America Society in Washington, DC. The busy Heginbothams did manage some mini-vacations in 1989.

Some things still continue, writes **Clifford Perkins**. "I'm still practicing dentistry after 25 years and am also still playing basketball." He has, however, retired from the Naval Reserve



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Dental Corps, after 27 years, having reached the rank of captain. The Perkinses are active in Walnut Creek (CA) Presbyterian Church, where wife Karen is co-director of children's ministries. They have three children: Kris works in the dental field; Kelly is in graduate school; Rob is a senior at the U of California, Davis, where he plays on the U.C. Davis tennis team that finished third in the nation in Division II. The Perkins would welcome calls or visits from Wooster friends. Home tel. 415-944-9336; office tel. 415-932-3399.

For his outstanding contributions in applying chemistry to the study of luminescent materials and fluorescent lamp technology, **Charles Chenot** received the 1989 Eugene C. Sullivan Award from the Corning Section of the American Chemical Society. Charles works for GTE Sylvania Inc., in Towanda, PA.

Secretary: **Nancy Brown Tyburski**, 3622 Croydon Dr., NW, Canton, OH 44718.

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Mike '57 and **June Krejcu Carter** joined **Tom** and **Judy Agle Ward** and **Barbara Smith** for a hike up Mt. Washington in New Hampshire. The Wards and Carters reminisced about the last 30 years and concluded: "We all look the same, only we are much wiser!"

**Carol Whiteleather Thomas** writes that she enjoys giving 33 children private woodwind lessons in her home. Son Todd is a senior at Grace College in Indiana, and daughter Laura is a sophomore at Kent State. Husband Dan '60, a dentist, is still playing basketball three times a week.

**Lee Bruce Edel** is a special assistant to Senator Tom Daschle. Having spent four terms on the House side of Congress, Lee finds it quite different but exciting on the Senate side.

As a result of the reorganization of the Henkel Company's American businesses, **Roger Garst** was relocated from South Carolina to Ohio in December. He is now with the main Emery Group research facilities in Cincinnati. Write to him at 7349 Whispering Way, Cincinnati, OH 45241.

Congratulations to **Patricia Eaton Scott**, who won a hard-fought campaign against an eight-year incumbent to be elected to the Minneapolis city council in November. Her four-year term began in January. Her husband, Tom '58, daughter, Catherine '84, sons, Bob and Jim, were all active participants in the campaign.

Secretary: **Gretchen Yant Robinson**, 608 Conley, Ada, OH 45810.

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**Helen McGee Wilcox** writes that she and her husband, John, are finally accepting the empty nest. They now have the freedom to do a good bit of traveling. Christmas day found them snorkeling in the Caribbean.

In July, John and **Dolores Farkas Parker** completed a four-year assignment in South Africa with the American Embassy, working with secondary and university-level teachers of English. After a home leave with consultation and Italian language training in Washington, DC, they were sent to Rome the week before Christmas to begin a four-year assignment.

There, Dolores is an assistant cultural affairs officer at the American Embassy and is also involved with the teaching of English.

From April through Sept., 1990, **Paul Reeder** will be on a six-month sabbatical leave at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in Berkeley, CA. His wife, Rachel, and daughter, Katie, will accompany him. Paul is a nuclear chemist with Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratory, WA.

Secretaries: **Bob Carter**, 100 Windermere, #106, Wayne, PA 19087; **Bonnie Acton Moccio**, 154 Highland Ave., Westfield, MA 01085.

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**Robert Seaman** sends news of his family. Jointly appointed by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and American Baptists, son John '84 and his wife, Carolyn (Budinger '86), are now at the Baptist Seminary in Managua, Nicaragua. Son David will marry Margo Scruggs '86 in August on Bell's Island, Nova Scotia.

The College was pleased to have **Willem Lange** on campus in December to help begin the yuletide season with his reading of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

Secretary: **Al Edel**, 2040 Brooks Square Pl., Falls Church, VA 22043.

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**Robert Duke** is the senior chaplain for Airman Memorial Chapel and the Naval Air Station Miramar in San Diego, CA. The Miramar station is the home of TOPGUN. He and his wife, Ann, have three sons.

**Franklin Hull**, a cardiologist, is busy with his private practice, and for relaxation, he enjoys performing vocal chamber music.

**Marcella Lea Bowen** writes that she and her husband, John, are parents again! Son Mike, née Seong Moo, arrived from Korea on June 2, 1989. Mike is 11 years old.

An art teacher in the Newton Public Schools (MA), **Beverly Bond Densler** has renewed her interest in acting by performing roles in community theatre productions. Her husband, John, teaches management courses at Bridgewater State College and is working on his Ph.D. Their daughter, Joy, is a senior at Carleton College. This summer, the Denslers had a nice visit with **Beverly Parsons Dann** and her husband and saw the Danns perform in a musical based on the life of Mark Twain.

Secretary: **Janice Douglas Grim**, 17867 E. Lincoln Way, Dalton, OH 44618.

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35th Reunion/June 7-10, 1990

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Christmas cards brought class news, along with anticipation and plans for our reunion.

John '54 and **Fran Bauer Parker** are hoping to attend. As Fran is serving as president of the League of Women Voters in Michigan, summer conventions and meetings may not allow them to travel to Wooster.

Others hoping to come are **Ned** and **Helen Davis Martin**, **Jack** and **Paula Hykes Dowd**, **Jack** and **Syb Austin Guiley**, **Peg Gribben Holdcroft**, and **Dave** and **Sue** (Taggart '56) **Shields**.

**George** and **Marilynn Roth Fliotics** spent last year as "retired Gypsies." Their 20-foot motorhome carried them to Florida, Key West, Georgia, Lake Michigan, Ontario, and New York. This year, they plan to see Mexico, Yucatan, and Alaska. When not traveling, **Marilynn** and **George** lead AARP workshops for those over age fifty who want or need to return to the job market.

**Marilyn Shepler Neidich** will not be with us in June, as her third son is graduating from the U of Cincinnati at that time. She promised to write a letter and send snapshots at reunion time. At our 30th reunion, we all enjoyed catching up with absent classmates in this way.

**Jim** and **Katherine Landgraf Garland** are enjoying urban condo living. Three years ago, they sold their suburban home and moved into a loft in an old garment factory in the West Loop area of Chicago, IL. Last year, **Katherine** began working in the government affairs department of the trade association for the vending industry. As **Jim** is still a professor of physics at the U of Illinois, they both can now walk to work.

**I (Erla)** am looking forward to this reunion, since it marks the end of my "reign" as class secretary. Come, join us in June and find out which fortunate classmate will be elected to fill this role.

Secretary: **Erla Jean Lewis Reeves**, 11693 Althea Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Tel. 412-242-2322.

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**Joyce Robison Geier** is now an official Floridian. **Joyce**, a professional actress and occasional substitute teacher, has moved to 1264 Richmond Rd., Winter Park, FL 32789. She has five children and nine grandchildren.

**Mary Mutch Todt** continues to enjoy teaching high school English, especially since her husband, **Bill**, took early retirement from one of his two jobs and now does the cooking.

Congratulations to **Ward Lehr**, who was named Barbershopper of the Year by the Wayne County Chapter of SPEBSQSA. **Ward**, a charter member of the Wayneaires, also served as its president in 1989. He is the owner of **Lehr Plumbing and Heating** in Wooster.

Besides owning **Danbury Antiques** in Suttons Bay, MI, your secretary (**Dick**) frequently takes tour groups abroad. The most recent one, a classical music tour, was to Vienna and Budapest, at the end of March.

Secretaries: **Richard Sheppard**, Box 264, Suttons Bay, MI 49682; **Vivienne Smith Mason**, 165 Grandin Rd., Akron, OH 44313.



1953

It is intriguing to see to what extent various classmates attribute their current status to chance, how many to conscious steps taken long ago to arrive at a pre-determined goal. An update of **Gene Cox's** life seems to fall somewhere in between. He is able to pinpoint specific experiences that gave his life shape: the Western civilization class in the sophomore year that turned him into a history major, the W.W. I class with Miss Dunham that was "the highlight among the courses" he took. (I, **Don**, still use illustrations from her class to help my students picture the horror of that war.) He also gives specific credit to Professor Walcott as his real mentor, "a gentle, learned man with whom it was a pleasure to work."

Yet part of Gene's life has to involve being the right person, time, and place. He prepared himself in medieval history at Johns Hopkins with a mentor who saw to it that his protégés were well placed. Gene suddenly found himself teaching at Wellesley in the field of history he loved where studies were, and still are, appreciated.

Lest one think that such scholars lose contact with the present, this year Gene was in a hotel on Wenceslas Square, Prague, on the day the worst of the attempts to crush demonstrations occurred, luckily getting through the Square and on the train just before the police moved in. Also, his work on the history of medieval Savoy has meant annual trips to the French Alps, and his endeavors have brought him recognition from Wellesley by his being made the first recipient of a new chair in the history department.

His description of life in and about Wellesley reads like a dream made up by a travel agent trying to woo an academician to some idyllic setting. He even makes Wellesley, with the struggle of to retain its identity as a tertiary school for women, appear a haven, in the face of so many other schools that have lost their identity in their struggle to become co-ed, or meet demands of some feminists to be more relevant on their terms. Having been to Wooster, Gene was able to be a neutral "calmer of passions" as the arguments raged, since he could see the benefits of both approaches.

And now that he has his book-length manuscript finished and is safely back in this country, he can return to his life of teaching and create within his students the image of "a quiet, learned man with whom it was a pleasure to work."

Should the bad news come first or last? I'll (**Nona**) put it here — the sadness that **Tania Chirikov Moser** has experienced for the past nine years while helping Bill deal with a rare form of lymphoma. He died Sept. 15, 1989. My heart lifted when I saw Tania's familiar handwriting on a Christmas card, then went out to her and her children, Kathy and Paul, when I read her sad news. Many of us will remember Bill from reunions as a lovely, bright man, as well as the happiness that seemed to flow between him and Tania. Tania's address: 3124 Vinewood Place, Falls Church, VA 22044.

Those two women jabbering over yogurt at the Atlanta airport on Jan. 16 were **Marilu Darone Pehrson** and me. That's what you get when you write on a Christmas card: "Is it possible that a visit to be with a little grandchild in Florida might include a stop in Atlanta?" The

card reached me in Florida. So I called Marilu, and we had nearly three hours to catch up on years and years of action during a layover as I returned to Kalispell. Marilu is a beautiful lady, with four great kids and a grandchild on the way. She still has that wonderful laugh and has southern hospitality down to perfection (except she now serves yogurt, which neither one of us used to eat!). Don continues to work for Hercules, and Marilu is a secretary for understanding bosses who let her off to go to the airport when necessary.

Before I leave the South, I'll mention **Pennie and Dick Martin's** Christmas photograph of their new home in Salisbury, NC. It arrived in my mailbox in Montana one snowless December day, showing *their* house bedecked in snow from roof, to turret, to auto parked out front, to mailbox, to the oak in the yard and the trees in the back. An accompanying letter noted that they had survived Hugo and become grandparents twice (both boys) and that Dick's office practice was going well, all in 1989. They wrote: "Our adventure for the year was both of us being part of a five-person crew to help a friend bring his 37-foot sailboat to North Carolina from Bermuda in July." The trip included 40 hours of storm, a buzzing reminder by the U.S. Navy that they had inadvertently sailed into an unmarked missile/firing range, and a 0330 thunder and lightning storm near Cape Hatteras. I don't know what that is, but it sounds impressive. Dick and Pennie lived to tell about it and to return to Bermuda over Labor Day "for a more peaceful and relaxed sojourn." The Martins' new address: 413 Bethel Dr., Salisbury, NC 28144.

The address I had noted earlier for **Sue Felty** is incorrect. Try this one if your cards have been returned: 600 21st St., Racine, WI 53403. Sue is marketing director for a retirement community, Lake Oaks at DeKoven, which is scheduled to open in July. At that time Lake Oaks, which is on the shores of Lake Michigan, will have 85 one-, two-, and three-bedroom units completed. Sue has been asked to continue as manager when it opens. She says she's not as good at keeping in touch as **Ron** was, but I suggest we keep her as an adopted alumna anyway.

**Jane Rice LaRue** is planning to move in May to California. She's looking forward to trading the extremes of Chicago's wild weather for the chance of an earthquake in the vicinity of Los Angeles — at least on a trial basis — for a year or so. Jane has been a children's librarian for the Winnetka Public Library but has recently taken a refresher course in early childhood education, hoping to get into that field in California. She wrote proudly about her two sons, one a law student in Cleveland and the other finishing a doctorate in music soon as well as expecting his first child. Happy traveling, all you who are on the move.

Next time I will write about the classmate from an eastern state whom I surprised with a phone call the evening this is being written. I'll also finish the Christmas news. My Christmas news was the trip to Florida, where you all ought to see my grandson, David. There's never *been* such a baby! I talked with **Junior Toth McGhee** while I was there — she's fine — and also with Betty and **Frank Cook**, who invited me for New Year's Eve but were really trying to trick me once again into the 11-mile weekly bike ride. I

drove over to Sanibel from Miami, but by throwing ourselves into celebrating New Year's Eve and Day, we all managed to miss the bike ride. It was a memorable way to start the 1990s. More next time.

Secretaries: **Nona Williston Taylor**, 3003 Rufenach Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901; **Donald Orr**, 13460 Marlette Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638.

1952

**Robert and Doris (Danielson '53) Ferree** live in Grizzly Flats, CA. Retired from General Electric, Bob is now director of a small water utility. They have three children and two grandchildren and like to tour the West Coast often.

Working for an engineering firm that handles military contracts, **Jim Prior** gets to visit Europe three or four times a year. Home base for Jim and his wife, Tina, is Sanford, FL. They have two grown children.

**Jay Schreckendgust** and his wife, Ruth, live in an 1803 landmark house that they restored in Victor, NY. They have two children and one grandchild. Jay, a semi-retired physicist, has his pilot's license and has "campaigning with Porsche-Lotus" (we'll have to check with him to see what that means, but it sounds exciting), and maintains an interest in astronomy.

**Ralph and Nancy Rowley Shattuck** are in Peoria, AZ. Ralph says he is "retired," but he is in the antique firearms business, travels, writes for gun magazines, and is writing a book. Nancy, he says, has become a golf pro — almost.

**Joyce and Dave Palmer** live in Sun City Center, FL, in November-April and at Palmer Point on Fourth Lake in the Adirondacks in May-October. Their two children are now adults, and the Palmers continue to do volunteer work, sail, swim, and go RV touring.

**Ed Amos'** first grandchild, Ashley, was born on Jan. 18. Ed plans to have his son, Larry, the new father, take over the business in the near future, and Ed will work for him.

**Edward Moorhead**, professor of chemical and electrochemical engineering at the U of Kentucky, has done a lot of publishing. He and his wife, Harriet, have two children and one grandson.

This summer, **Bob Ackerly** will retire as professor of education at San Diego State U. He and his wife, Lin (Loucks '54), look forward to having the time to do more traveling. In 1989, they visited various cities in the U.S.S.R. and spent a month on Maui.

Secretaries: **Jeanne Milanette Merlanti**, 2128 Greenview Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103; **Warren M. Swager, Jr.**, 112 Bieler Lane, Sheridan, MT 59749.

1951

As I (**Roy**) knock this out on my trusty IBM for *Wooster's* spring issue, it is Jan. 25 and a cold arctic blast is slamming off the surface of Lake Erie, piling up the waves and pounding the cliff just 50 feet outside our living room north balcony sliding door, though we are safely up three stories in a 17-story high-rise condo. Hardly likely to turn one's thoughts to spring!



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What it does remind me of, though, is Christmas. What a pleasant surprise Pat and I experienced while having Yule dinner with Pat's 93-year-old mother in the dining hall of Wooster's West View Manor Retirement Center, where her mom now resides. Part way through the midday repast, we looked up to see what the slight commotion was a few feet from us as the staff members hastily set up an extra table for a family of five.

I noticed the mostly bald, white haired (on fringe) and salt and pepper-bearded bespectacled gentleman leading the group, then resumed my eating. About 15 or 20 minutes later, the man suddenly shouted, "Roy! Roy Adams!" Startled, I looked up again. And what to my wondering eyes should appear but a Voelkel named Bill, disguised by his hair (lack on top and excess on face). A big embrace followed.

I don't think I had seen Bill since he served an inner city Protestant parish church in Cleveland during the mid-1960s. My wife hadn't seen him since he attended our Lakewood wedding reception in April, 1966. Bill's mother, Mercy Townsend Voelkel '23, one of the most popular residents of West View Manor, spends as much time as possible assisting other residents.

Bill continues as executive minister for the Greater Chicago United Church of Christ (UCC) congregations. You can reach Bill and his wife at 307 West Division, Oak Park, IL 60302.

Start thinking now about planning to attend our big 40th reunion next year. How about dropping your secretary a line or two about what you have been up to, how you have retired or are planning to do so, or planning never to do so — whatever.

Secretary: Roy W. Adams, Suite 308, Waterford Condominium, 12500 Edgewater Dr., Lakewood, OH 44107.

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40th Reunion/June 7-10, 1990

People are the vital ingredient in a successful reunion! Please plan to join us in Wooster for a memorable weekend this June. The registration deadline is May 18.

Christmas greetings from several classmates indicate they are planning to return for our 40th reunion. My (Jay's) trip to our 35th was my first reunion in many years, and it inspired me to plan for #40.

While news from some classmates brings tales of looking for retirement places and smaller homes, Nancy Herbst Sechrest reports that their year, which had been full of travel to visit family, culminated in a fall of major renovation of kitchen and bathrooms, completion of which was hurrying alongside preparations for the arrival of nine family members for Christmas celebrations.

Another tale of happy confusion came from Dave and Pat Hawk Clyde, who were adding to their home to increase its entertaining potential and preparing for the December wedding of their son, Paul.

Knowing the pervasive presence of the computer on the campus these days has made me aware of another recurring theme found noteworthy among my correspondents. While some of us can resist conversion, others have been forced to "adapt or die" in their jobs, and a third group have actively accepted the challenge of mastering the computer and taken them into their homes!

Willie St. Clair Rila admits to some struggles with her computer at work (she maintains they have a mind of their own!), but she has good help from Clint, who teaches computer science at Iowa Wesleyan College. Genia Colflesh Hilbrink, still busy with teaching, took a computer class last fall. Betty "Ike" Evans Anderson writes that getting her class rankings on the computer will simplify the transition to her planned retirement. And Jinnie Lybarger Patterson wrote "on her laptop PC" (which also has a mind of its own!) that she is now at the Methodist Theological Seminary in Delaware and became a grandma for the first time in '89.

I sadly relay the information that two classmates have lost their spouses. We grieved with Mary Lou Louch Sahlstrom whose husband, Howard, died on a hunting trip in November. He had been enjoying an active retirement and the arrival of their first grandchild.

A long letter which put me back in touch with Mim Myers English informed me that Ralph had died in 1985. Her daughter, Katie '85, is teaching at a boys' school in Maryland. Her other daughter, Jenny, is at home, while attending the U of Akron. Mim keeps busy with a variety of volunteer jobs.

Secretaries: Ruthanne Cooper Love, 2017 Smokey Hollow Dr., Edmond, OK 73013; Janice Wilson George, 45 Fareway Dr., Northfield, MN 55057.

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After 42 years as a church musician, Robert Frazier retired in Feb., 1990. He served as organist and director of choirs in Presbyterian churches in Chicago, IL, Bartlesville, OK, Pittsburgh, PA, and most recently, in Southern Pines, NC. Currently, he is the interim organist at his home church, Second Presbyterian Church, in Portsmouth. His son, Mark '81, will assume the position of organist at the Portsmouth church when he receives his M.A. in organ from the U of Iowa in April.

We are happy to hear that Bobbie Huettich Daugherty is on the mend after enduring surgery and chemotherapy for colon cancer last year. She is back at work as executive secretary for the Soil Conservation Service in Dayton and is taking courses at Sinclair Community College. In the fall, she took a long-awaited vacation to England and also was the MC for Stage 4 at the Cadiz International Festival for the 10th year. During 1989, Bobbie saw Evelyn Cheadle Thomas several times when Evelyn came to Dayton to visit her daughter and family (Charles and Carole Greenwald '74s). On New Year's day, all enjoyed a get-together at the home of Betsy Jones Hayba, who moved to the Dayton area last year.

After living in Chicago for 14 years, Richard Poethig moved to Buffalo, NY, in 1986,

where he serves as an interim minister. His wife, Eunice, is an executive presbyter. Their youngest daughter, Erika, is a member of Wooster's class of 1993.

Widowed in 1981, Ruth Chaffin Sage Laing wrote that she married Stanley Laing in Dec., 1986, and they are enjoying living in the Seattle, WA, area.

Secretary: Lloyd Vandersall, 1448 S. Kohler Rd., Orrville, OH 44667.

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This Christmas did not bring a lot of class news; so we are going to tell you a ghost story. Why? Well, Gerry Rice Burden has made the big time news on TV and in the *New York Times*. She has issued a library card to a ghost!

The Bernardsville (NJ) library is said to be the home of ghost Phyllis Parker, daughter of Capt. John Parker, who owned that building when it was the Vealtown Tavern. Her lover, Dr. Byram, was convicted of spying for Britain in the Revolution and was hanged. Capt. Parker tried to shield her by having Byram's coffin brought into the tavern late at night; however, Phyllis discovered his body and began to scream and scream. What happened to Phyllis is not known, but several people have reported seeing her in various areas of the library. Library director Gerry Burden says a staff member has seen Phyllis, and a psychic has heard dishes rattling. Gerry was interviewed on "Inside Edition," a New York TV show. She also was quoted in the *New York Times* feature story that the ghost has yet to use the library card, #1776. Keep us posted, Gerry.

Harry and Alyce Scheifele have moved to 12249 Fairway Pointe Row, San Diego, CA 92128. Harry says he has found the perfect climate for retirement.

Bob Taylor, vice president and vice chair of Smoke/Fire Risk Management, Inc. of Warrenton, VA, has been elected president of the Shaker Historical Society, in Shaker Heights, where he lives. Through his extensive research on the causes of fire and methods of control, Bob has been directly involved in fire research with many organizations, including the National Bureau of Standards, Ohio State U, the Federal Aviation Agency, the National Research Council of Canada, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

During his 30 years with Republic Steel, he was active in industrial mill, marine, and mining fire and safety work. Since his retirement from the company in 1983, Bob has continued to be involved in fire and explosion research, studies, and education. Besides lecturing at universities and professional seminars throughout North America, he has written many articles for professional journals. He has helped produce TV programs, including a documentary for ABC in Cleveland, "Down the Hall from Death," and was an advisor for the film *The Towering Inferno*.

A class secretary finds it a challenge to dig up news from long lost college friends. If you receive a letter from one of us, please respond. I (Janie) sent out a number of letters to "lost" friends and was delighted to receive several replies. (I am still waiting for more!) Eileen "Lindy" Wise Cronney responded with news.



She and her husband, who recently retired from the agronomy department at Cornell U, have three daughters. Lindy said she was an "at home" mom and kept busy with Rotary exchange students and 20 years of scouting. Like most classmates, she is now busy traveling and will be seeing **Skip (Ella) Pierson Powers** at a class reunion.

In the fall, **Martha Wiggins** toured New Zealand and Australia. The highlight of the New Zealand tour was her stay with a host family on their kiwi fruit ranch.

*Secretaries: Mary-Jane Stroh Daughn, 73 Hickok Rd., New Canaan, CT 06840; Larry & Dotty Dayton Piper, 339 S. Main St., Concord, NH 03301.*

## 1947

New homes, new additions, new directions. These three predominated in the letters that have come in since the winter alumni news. Grandchildren, too; we could write six columns on those wonderful, future Woosterites, truly the most amazing descendants ever spawned.

One of the newest is **Betty Guinther Budd's** first, Ryan Morgan Budd, born last October, "the new interest in my life." Other interests of Beegee's are all those places she saw in her Year of '89 on the road, including the Caribbean, Greece, and Winesburg in Ohio.

**Marilyn Cordray Lilley** and husband, Virg, took full advantage of his retirement from Michelin and hers from a job on the church session to take a leisurely trip West last August. Corky writes, "Old roomies never die; they just keep on talking as much as they did 40-plus years ago." She was referring to mini-reunions with **Arline Malecek Giddings** of Chesterland, **Jane Bolinger Hamilton** of Kettering, and **Marion St. John Graham** of Adams Mills, and their spouses last fall. Speaking of "Johnny," my niece, Allyson Lybarger of Tempe, AZ, has gotten acquainted with Johnny's son, who's stationed there.

Dick and **Linda Wells Ellsworth** were pretty much stay-at-homes in Westerville last year. Excitement came from the marriage of daughter Pam, the graduation of son Peter from Bowling Green in Dec., and the move from Denver to Columbus of daughter Beth and her husband, Ray. The Ellsworths saw their church build a much-needed addition, and that was good news, too.

**Mary Lewis** and her mother were still househunting in St. Clairsville at last report; all other plans on hold. Thought you'd enjoy this observation of Lewie's: "If I've learned anything this year, it's that I know why, throughout history, women have not been credited with the great achievements. It's because after all the tubbing and scrubbing and nosewiping, they were just plumb tuckered out."

Thanks to the location of the Presbyterian headquarters in Louisville, KY, three of our classmates crossed paths last year. **Ev** and **Martha (Stoll '49) Ballard**, whose winter home is in that city, had a visit with **Ron and Edith Bender Seaton** last Sept., when they were home on furlough before moving to New Delhi in November. They anticipate it will be their last move before retirement two years hence. In the

midst of their move, the Seatons had company — none other than **Bill and Mollie Brown Hopper**, who were en route from Pakistan to Louisville, where Bill is now director of the People in Mission sub-unit of the Global Mission Unit and Mollie does volunteer work.

By now the **Ballards** should be back in Louisville from their beloved winter home on Sanibel Island, FL. They are involved in the outreach and prayer ministries of their church. Amidst all the joys and heartaches in the life of their extended family, they never fail to express their joy in serving as Christ's hands.

**Robert Johnson**, who retired from his medical practice in July, 1989, has built his retirement home on a wooded hill in the country. He did much of the finishing work himself. In his retirement, he is enjoying physical activity and the lack of responsibility. He and his wife, Kathy, have four children.

In Aug., **Larry '49 and Marge Neiswander Hoge** enjoyed a cruise to Alaska with Pete and Bunny (Cotton '42) Bogner.

*Secretary: Cornelia Lybarger Neuswanger, 32141 S. Railway, Wray, CO 80758.*

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At this time, health matters make it necessary for your secretary (**Bette**) to resign her position. She assures us that, in time, she will be fine. When that day arrives, we will be happy to have her be our class secretary once again. Many thanks, Bette, for all your efforts on behalf of the class. We send you best wishes! Address: Bette Ewell, 9000 Indian Ridge Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45243.

We are pleased that **Joanne Bender Regenhardt** has agreed to be our new class secretary. Please give her your support and write to her at the address listed below.

**Joe and Nancy Parkinson Brennan** are really into Elderhosteling — five of them from Maine to Florida in 1989! The most exciting one was aboard a 95-foot schooner in October.

When **Bill '44** began "half-retirement" in July, 1989, he and **Pat Workman Foxx** celebrated. In Aug., they spent a week in Italy and in Sept., they shared a London flat with friends for two weeks, followed by some touring. "A smashing time!" Pat writes. They do get to Wooster three times a year when Pat attends Trustee meetings, and of course, they will be on campus for Bill's 45th reunion this June.

**Dick and Kay LeViseur Piersol** are enjoying retirement in Hudson. In May, 1988, they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by taking a trip to Tokyo, China, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, and Hawaii. The trip was a gift from their son, David, and his wife. An even greater gift, writes Kay, was the birth of their first grandchild, Kirk Andrew Piersol, on Jan. 3, 1989.

The class extends sympathy to the family of **Eleanor Wolford Blevins**, who died on Oct. 1, 1989, after a long battle against cancer.

*Secretary: Joanne Bender Regenhardt, 2289 Via Munera, La Jolla, CA 92037.*

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## 45th Reunion/June 7-10, 1990

People are the vital ingredient in a successful reunion! Please plan to join us in Wooster for a memorable weekend this June. The registration deadline is May 18.

The "faithful few" came through again this Christmas. From Madison, WI, **Jeanne Swan Garnett** writes that their retirement has not been spent rocking on the front porch, although their new cabin in Maine does have a porch conducive to relaxing. Two new grandchildren were added to the Garnett family in 1989, making a bakers' dozen. Gordon's dahlias grew well "down east," and Jeanne collected and pressed wild flowers of the region. They enjoyed a mini-reunion with **Sam and Marion Riebe Ronsheim, Marg King Chapin, and Betty Stuckslager Towner** and her husband. They didn't lack for conversation. Jeanne said she will see us in Wooster in June. Hope she brings lots of classmates along.

**Esther Swinney Frederick** and **Bill** keep busy with their usual activities: Meals on Wheels and the church library. Esther is also secretary of Womens' Fellowship, and Bill still edits SPIRE, a bi-monthly newsletter, and is a trustee. Esther spent a day at Cedar Point with three grandchildren and survived, while Bill stayed home in Chagrin Falls with the dog — the coward. The Fredericks, who love to travel, drove through Big Sky country to the Canadian Rockies in August and then to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Shaw Festival in October. They are loyal fans of the Ohio Light Opera and attended six performances last season.

**Nancy Helm Hueston** wrote that she and Harry have fallen in love with Tucson, where Harry works at the U of Arizona. Son Fred just received his Ph.D. from New Mexico State. Ties to the Pittsburgh area are still strong, since son Roger makes his home there. One sad note in Nan's news is that her dear father died July 15, at the age of 100. His birthday in May was cause for a happy celebration with a gala open house at a near-by college with many friends and relatives. Mr. Helm's picture was on the "Today" show, and on July 18, 1989, "USA Today" announced the death that week of this prominent man from Pittsburgh. They noted that he had traced his genealogy back to the Revolutionary War and the Mayflower compact. Nan's new address: Camino Real Apts., #628, 8601 E. Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ, 85710.

Nan writes that **Ellen Kline** is very active in civic affairs in Evans City, PA, and **June Sitrer** is enjoying retirement. We hope they will come to Wooster in June.

A music teacher, **Jeanne Roberts Flegel** says she is not "vegetating." She does P.R. work for the Alma Symphony (MI). Her husband, Nyal, has retired but keeps busy with bookkeeping and tax work. I hope that Jeanne can make changes in recital dates and be with us in June. I'd love to see my "roomie."

Ed '48 and **Sally Lantz Gorceyca** write that they have retired again — no more overseas jobs. They enjoy Elderhosteling and visiting their four children, who are scattered from Wilmington, DE, to Estes Park, CO, and from San Antonio, TX, to St. Joseph, MO. Here is a special and personal invitation to the Gorceycas to come to Wooster in June.



CLASS NOTES

Our class president, **Jeanne Haffa McKown**, and husband **Curt** are full of enthusiasm for our 45th. They have found that retirement is a wonderful time to renew friendships and make new ones — something everyone will be able to do at Wooster in June. Jeanne's family is a happy, busy one. The McKowns can be very proud of all their grandchildren. Both of Jeanne's daughters, **Andrea '72** and **Cindy**, were accepted into the DAR this year, thanks to that old McKown soldier, **James**, who was shot by an Indian during the American Revolutionary War.

**Albert Kean** and his wife, **Beverly**, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June. Albert is serving an interim pastorate at Dover United Christian Church in Westlake.

Retirement on Orcas Island Cove (San Juan Islands) is great, writes **Fredericka Thomas Kundig**.

One last parting thought: our class, though small, can generate much interest, enthusiasm, and spirit if each of us makes the effort to spend some part of reunion weekend together in Wooster. It's not too early to think about the big one in 1995. We're not getting older; we're getting better.

Secretaries: **Samuel Ronsheim, R.D. 1, 8773 N. Main, Dansville, NY 14437; Virginia Kroehle Wengatz, 7450 West 130th St., Middleburg Hts., OH 44130.**

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This news is getting a little old since last June, but I (**Helen**) will continue going through the information sheets.

**Dorothy Braid Howenstine** writes from Alliance that she is a retired teacher but does some substituting. She also plays for hymn sings at the local nursing home and enjoys her 11 grandchildren.

**Robert** and **Dorothy Rumbold Kendall** make their home in Martinsville, IN. They enjoy their three children and seven grandchildren.

Both **Bob** and **Betty Lacy Klemens** have been retired for a year but are busier than ever. During their last big trip, they saw **Bob** and **Margaret Alsberg Scribner** in California, **Bill** and **Helen Hibbs Bingaman** in Phoenix, and **Bob '43** and **Marilynn Eccles August**.

From Hyde Park, MA, **Jean Flaxington King** sends greetings to classmates. She and her husband, **Russell**, are most active in the community and church. They also enjoyed a trip to the Holy Land.

From winter headquarters on the Island of Oahu, HI, **Virginia Ellyson Leonard** writes that she and her husband, **Lester**, have shifted happily into retirement there and in Pittsford, NY. She does volunteer work and plays "geriatric tennis."

**Marge Rydstrom Leonard** has an avocation that few have — hot air ballooning. She couldn't be at our 45th reunion because the board of trustees of the American Lung Association had a "big bash" planned that same weekend.

A retired psychologist, **Mary Love** is now doing free-lance writing at home in Oakland, MD.

**Edgar** and **Edith Beck Stockton** spend six months in Lehigh Acres, FL, and the rest of the year in Virginia. They are active in Presby-

terian churches in both places and enjoy visits from their four children and 11 grandchildren.

I had a long phone call from **Grace Hall**, who still lives in Evanston, IL. She wanted firsthand news about the reunion. She was sorry she couldn't attend, since she had to be in Independence, MO, for an historical society meeting at that time. She reported that **Dorothy Moore Butts**, of Berwyn, IL, has some health problems.

The class sends its sympathy to **Allen Hatch** whose wife, **Barbara Woodward Hatch**, died Sept. 6, 1989. (See obituaries, Winter 1990, p. 62.)

**Fern Fisher Borland Raff** writes that she and **Charlie** will celebrate their 5th wedding anniversary in June and will also take a trip to Europe that month. In Sept., they plan to take the *QE II* to London and take a tour of Scotland before flying home. When at home, this traveling couple enjoy their hobbies: **Charlie**, woodworking; **Fern**, watercolors.

**Dick West** has been selected as running mate for **Jack Kemp** in the forthcoming presidential campaign. **Johnny Smeltz** has been elected to the U.S. Supreme Court. **Bill Havenner** has received the Nobel Prize for original research in optometry. All right, all right! But if you want real news instead of stuff we make up, you'll have to send us some, especially the '44 men. I (**Russ**) will be watching my mailbox, hopefully.

Secretaries: **Helen Hibbs Bingaman, 8001 E. Broadway, #366, Mesa, AZ 85208; Russell Haley, 8 Orchard Dr., Durham, NH 03824.**

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**Gwen Polen Barrick** is happy that daughter **Julie** and her family have moved next door, and **Julie's** two boys are in and out to liven things up. Both **Gwen** and **Phoebe Houser Hunt** wrote about the annual September mini-reunion luncheon at Wooster with eight present, but neither mentioned who the other six were this time! **Phoebe** wrote about two 50-year-class reunions: hers from Wooster High School and that of her husband's (**Hu Hunt '39**) from the College.

**Phil Bramley** is a retired principal from the Tucson Public Schools. He and his wife, **Katrin**, who have four children, have traveled in Europe and Egypt, and cruised in the Caribbean and Indonesia, as well as traveled in the U.S. They both study French with a tutor and attend many classes at the U of Arizona. They are also patrons of the Symphony Opera Theatre and the arts. After taking a vacation for a few years from serving on boards, **Phil** is back at it. At present, he is a trustee for the Arizona Opera Company, a member of the U of Arizona humanities seminar advisory board, and a member of the organ replacement committee at their church, St. Mark's Presbyterian.

**Carol McClelland Peterson** wrote, lamenting the death from cancer of her Wooster roommate, **Jane Paulin**. (See obituaries.) **Carol** described **Jane** as a wonderful, loving, caring person.

Another person who had cancer last year but conquered it is **Alice Robbins McVetty-Vars**. She urges us to look around for the many survivors, not victims, of cancer. She and husband **Gordon** still run the school we told you about before. **Alice** says learning and teaching are their constant companions. She writes elo-

quently: "If there are regrets, it boils down to having not enough time: to savor, to reflect, to think, to write, to say thank you to all, to read, to do for others, to get caught up ahead of each day's mail and tasks. . . . On the other hand, perhaps a lack of time is positive: we are busy; we are alive; we are happy; we are in love."

After 45 years in southern California, **Wes** and **Jiny Lewis Bradley** were tired of fighting the traffic, smog, heat, and humidity, and have moved to **Whidbey Island**, 26 miles north of Seattle, WA, a place of peace and serenity, from whence they can see tall pines and snow-capped Olympics. One of **Jiny's** sons lives near Portland, so they see him and his family more frequently. They also get to see **Jiny's** Wooster roommate, **Annette Freeman Conkle** and her husband, **Howard**, who live in Seattle. The first time **Jiny** made it back to a Wooster reunion was for our 45th, and she looks forward to returning for our 50th. We hope you all do, too!

Secretary: **Ida Snodgrass Arthurton, 4737 Trina Ave., Del City, OK 73115.**

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An update from **Bessie** and **Kenner Hawkins** reported six weeks of fall travel via RV, during which they had chance meetings with Woosterites. They plan 1990 visits in and out of Ohio for various reunions.

**Tom** and **Jean** (Stratton '43) **Perkins** reported the busiest years since **Tom's** retirement. The high point included extensive tours of France and then **Tom's** guest tour on the USS *Ranger* aircraft carrier. Both were considered a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

**John Healey** retired in July, 1989, after 40 years in the Presbyterian ministry. He and **Kay** have moved closer to their children and grandchildren at 106 South Welch St., Waynesville, NC 28786. They plan to attend our 50th reunion but hope to visit Wooster before then. **John** reported an enjoyable visit with **Bob** and **Barbara Crothers Cope**.

**Ruth Franks Clark** and her husband celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary in Dec., 1989. Both are retired. **Ruth** taught elementary education for 30 years. She is active in church activities and has children living in the Wooster area. **Ruth** was pleased to receive and respond to the class card inquiries which were sent by the College.

**Jim** and **Mary Bonsall Mikkelsen** reported a very full and busy 1989. The College response card was filled with itinerary from coast to coast by RV and the meeting of many Woosterites. In addition to making family visits, their many service activities included class reunion committee meetings. **Jim** made a trip to Haiti to make plans for the IV Laboratory at Saint Croix Hospital. The very significant part of their report was: "We are both in excellent health and still in love."

Congratulations to **Mary Lou Chalfant**, who was elected president of the Friends of the Library at Wooster in June.

**Marj Owen** writes that she took her "usual Labor Day sojourn to the annual Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu, this time in Pittsburgh." **Marj**, what is the Gymanfa Ganu?



Please give us some details! Marj intends to get back to her genealogy projects during 1990.

We were sorry to learn that **Peg Stevens Hoell's** husband, Ed, died last fall during surgery for a ruptured aorta. The class extends its deepest sympathy to you, Peg.

It was good to hear from **Sue Burkhardt Singleton**. Sue has done some traveling, including a trip to New York to see some shows and do a little shopping. In Jan., she planned to go to Phoenix to see her two sisters. Then Sue and sister Virginia '32 were going to an Elderhostel in Apache Junction, AZ. Earlier in the summer, Sue and some friends enjoyed an Elderhostel at Boone, NC.

A welcome surprise letter came from **Ruth Hileman**. Recently, she met **Mary Osborn Weber** for lunch at the Wooster Inn — Ruth driving in from the Cleveland area, Mary from Pittsburgh. Ruth has enjoyed attending Elderhostels. Her regular activities include volunteering at the Lakewood Christian Service Center and involvement in church activities. She also enjoys exercising in the pool. That's great, Ruth! I (**Ruthmary**) also enjoy regular swimming and aquasize with a group each weekday morning at 7:30 a.m.!

**Dorothy Robins Mowry** writes that husband David '38 "is happily retired and studying navigation and helping with boating education in the area." Robbie goes into Washington, D.C. about once a week in connection with the various boards she's involved with: the U.N., USIA Alumni project on oral history, and the new Public Diplomacy Foundation.

Robbie, the beautiful "snowscape" photo of your home in St. Michaels, MD, made a lovely Christmas card! And the inscription that accompanied it was delightful and most inviting: "Sei Han So, on Long Haul Creek off the Miles River, is now our full-time home. We invite you to come by land or water and share our enjoyment of Maryland Eastern Shore living. Let us know when you are in the Chesapeake Bay area (301-745-2077)."

I enjoyed reading the chatty Christmas letter sent by Harry '43 and **Donna Doerr Eicher**. They really enjoy their six grandchildren, who live in the area. The Eichers enjoyed visiting friends and relatives in various parts of the U.S., as well as taking a raft trip on the American River and then spending several days in Yosemite Park. Donna is still involved in their local coalition of churches, working to meet the many needs of the community. She says: "We have a job bank, teach English as a Second Language and adult literacy, and act as a resource for those who need help that we cannot supply. Our resale shop and our churches make the money, and there are hundreds of important ways to spend it." Donna also told about her fall garden — her first successful one. They've been enjoying their crop of beans, lettuce, tomatoes, and onions!

It was good to hear from **Dick Crandell**. He has retired as an accountant and is now selling Northwestern National Life Insurance in Sylva, VA. Four of the Crandells' five children live in the area. Dick enjoys playing golf, tennis, bridge, and gin. He also said: "We have had a lot of fun traveling in the state of Ohio and contacting old Wooster friends. We've seen John Smeltz '44, Jay Lehman '43, Bob Irvin '43, Denny Kuhn '44, Marge Katherman, John and Carol Scott Stranan '43s. We have also exchanged letters with

**Bob and Marge Wiley Prentice** in San Antonio, and Mike Horvath '44, also in Texas." Thank you, Dick, for returning your post card.

**Ilene Smith Kearns** has had an active year which included an Elderhostel at Concordia College in Chicago, a Caribbean cruise, her daughter Gail's wedding, and some minor surgery. Last summer, she took an Amtrak journey to southern California, where she stayed for two weeks with her aunt's friend in Lake San Marcos. During this time, they drove to Pacific Palisades to see **Becky Hostetter Thorne**. Earlier in the summer, Ilene made a trip to Pittsburgh with her sister, Evelyn, and her husband. They did some family research in Ohio en route. While in the Pittsburgh area, Ilene visited with **Mary Osborn Weber** for a few days and experienced the new ambience of Pittsburgh. Ilene also saw Dick and **Mart McCreight Rowand**. Ilene, have you resumed your writing yet? Hope so!

A holiday letter from **Char Conrad Dobson** told of several get-togethers with Wooster friends: Dick and Mart McCreight Rowand and John and **Marcia Logee Esterly**. The Esterlys reported seeing Marge and Bob Prentice in Maine. Char says all is well with the Dobsons. Husband Doug, she says, continues with his duck carving and has really improved his technique.

*Secretaries: Ruthmary Woolf Cohen, 1339 Arella Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103; Lester E. Elliott, 1406A Old Farm Rd., Champaign, IL 61821.*

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It was good to have a letter from **Hy Tindall**, who had a "real Wooster year" in 1989. In Feb., he and his wife, Connie, had their annual visit with **Jim Blackwood** and Richard '42 and Janet (Jensen '48) Garton. At the Tindalls' summer home in Canandaigua, NY, in Aug., their daughter, Siu Lan '82, was married to Mark Schroeter.

While serving on the search committee for a new pastor, Hy discovered that a fellow committee member was also a Wooster graduate, Edith De Roode '62. As it turned out, their new minister, who they think is great, is Ned Edwards '82. Andrew Blackwood III and his family are also active in their church. He is the son of Andrew W. and Mary Ann Neel Blackwood '37.

In Dec., the Tindalls drove to Westfield, NJ, for a mini-reunion and dinner at the home of **Ted and Eileen (Palmer '43) Jacob**. The Jacobs' houseguest was Alice Neff Allardice '43, and also in attendance was **Jim Wise**, whom Hy hadn't seen since 1941.

A great update came from **Bob Rice**, in Ft. Collins, CO. After 22 years, he retired from Marathon Oil Company in 1978, having been manager of the physics and mathematics department at their Denver Research Center since 1960. The work at the center consisted mostly of research and technical service work in geophysical exploration, borehole logging, reservoir modeling, plus responsibility for the large scientific computer facility.

For many years, Bob had been active in the international Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), serving as editor, first vice president, and president, and publishing many papers. He was elected to honorary membership in 1983. After retiring, he and his wife, Elaine, moved to Estes Park, CO, where he did consulting in exploration geophysics, continued to be active in the SEG, and co-authored a book, *Geophysics in the Affairs of Man*, published by Pergamon Press in 1982.

In 1983, the Rices moved to Roswell, NM, where he says his principal activities were gardening, golfing, church work, and teaching a short course on playing the piano by ear. Although the oil industry was in a depression at that time, he did teach a course in practical physics at the oil field training center of Eastern New Mexico U and did some consulting work.

After a two-year courageous bout with cancer, Bob's beloved wife of 48 years died in 1988. Their twin daughters, Judy Henderson and Kathy Bullock, both Ph.D.s, have interesting careers. Judy is associate professor of English at the U of Saskatchewan and is writing a two-volume work on effects of the Renaissance on letter-writing. Kathy, manager of electrochemical research for Johnson Controls in Milwaukee, is a world-recognized authority on lead-acid batteries.

Bob has "found a joyous new life through the marriage in February to Lucy Nesbitt, whose beloved husband of 45 years died three years ago. They had been good friends of ours for 30 years." Bob and Lucy's principal home is in Ft. Collins, but they spend summers on Lake Granby near the western part of Rocky Mountain National Park. "Lucy's son and daughter are married and so between us, we have nine grandchildren. We have been richly blessed in spite of great sorrows. Best wishes to all '41ers."

*Secretary: Mary Elizabeth Johnsten Ellis, 2833 Rocky Ridge, El Paso, TX 79904.*

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### 50th Reunion/June-10, 1990

People are the vital ingredient in a successful reunion! Please plan to join us in Wooster for a memorable weekend this June. The registration deadline is May 18.

Many thanks to **Anna Lou Craig Plessinger** for the next three items culled from her Christmas mail. **Beth West Welbourne** and daughter Wendy spent September in Paris and Nice, besides doing quite a bit of traveling. In Nice they lived with a French lady while they took classes. Beth was in California for Thanksgiving with son Woody and his wife. In Feb., Beth planned to go on an Elderhostel cruise in Alaska, with classes on board the ship and, at times, visits on land.

**Betty Lewis Cassidy** took part in an Elderhostel in July and also visited San Francisco. Betty had Christmas in Connecticut and New Year's in Pittsburgh, before returning to her home in Macon, GA.

Besides her regular vacation on Lake Michigan last summer, **Margaret Hadley** visited her sister in her new home in Florida in October.

**Jim and Jean Mayberry Rahl** were in Connecticut for Christmas with their son, Andy, and his family. Andy was remarried in April.



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**Beatrice Browne Wylie** was on hand to welcome her seventh grandchild, Lucia Jeanne Kellerman, born Dec. 4, 1989, to daughter Jeanie and her husband, Bill. Lucia, "Lucy," joins big sister Lydia.

Fred '41 and **Jean Smith George** have been in Pasadena, CA, for the last 13 years. In 1989, Fred retired from his job as a real estate appraiser for the American Appraisal Company. Jean had a part-time job until three years ago. She now plays golf and bridge and enjoys knitting and needlework.

Daughter Linda and her husband, Glenn, moved from Columbus to Clearwater, FL, in May, 1989. Grandson David, a quadriplegic because of a junior high football injury, is on his own with Creative Living in Columbus and has recently graduated from a community college. His sister, Cheryl, was married in October. Daughter Judy and her highway patrol officer husband, John, live in Milwaukee, WI, with their two sons, Scott (18) and Brian (15).

In Oct., Jean and Fred took a 7,200-mile motor trip that combined stops at famous canyons, Mt. Rushmore, and special cities such as Salt Lake City and New Orleans, with visits to family and friends in the Middle West. Everywhere they traveled the fall foliage was at its peak.

The class sends deep sympathy to **Margaret Kennard Johnson**, who lost her husband, Ed, on Oct. 11.

Lawrie and **Alicia Hail Fabens** had an exciting 50th wedding anniversary trip in June. In 1939, on their honeymoon trip to this same area, they sailed to Europe and rode on trains. This time, they flew over and cruised "all around the Baltic Sea," and added Poland, Russia, and Finland to the countries they had visited on their earlier trip. The Fabenses have moved to a larger apartment, this time with an elevator and "a very close pool." Address: 5260 S. Landings Dr., 303, Fort Myers, FL, 33919.

Louis and **Doris Wilson Blanchard** had two major trips in 1989. The three-week trip to the East included a big reunion celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Lexington School for the Deaf in Queens, NY. Doris taught 16 years at this school. They visited friends and relatives from Boston to New York to North Carolina, ending with the DEAF WAY in Washington, DC. This gathering "attracted over 5,000 people from the U.S. and 78 countries . . . to enjoy, learn, and share the deaf culture in theater, arts, and the like."

The second trip was a new experience for the Blanchards as they joined a group of deaf people, plus two interpreters, for a bus tour of the British Isles. The only catch was that they had to switch back and forth from the interpreters to looking out of the windows at the scenery as the tour guide talked non-stop about the history, economics, and politics of each area, while taking them mainly on back roads to get, as Doris wrote, "the full flavor of each country."

When **Charity Price Miller** called me (**Katherine**) recently with questions about our reunion, she gave me the address of one of our "lost" classmates, **Vera Witter Hodge**. Vera, a minister's widow for some years, is in the Baptist Retirement Home, 213 Richmond Hill Dr., Asheville, NC 22806.

Charity also reported that **Alma Payne** had her other hip joint replaced in 1989. Knowing Alma's spirit, I'm sure she'll do her best to be at our reunion.

As for Charity and her family, the bad news is that her grandson, son of daughter Mary who has come to some of our reunions, was killed in an auto accident in Jan., 1988. The class sends belated sympathy to Charity and all her family. Mary, her veterinary specialist husband, and 13-year-old daughter live only eight miles from Charity, who is in Leetonia. The good news is that Charity is chipper and cheerful with no communications problems after surviving three strokes, the last in 1988, and a 1987 quadruple by-pass operation with a heart attack during surgery. She joked about being "tough," and I certainly have to agree.

The big news for **Art and Virginia Weisenstein Correll** is that they have become grandparents. In Aug., 1989, son Chuck '73 and his wife, Carole Kolodziejki '70, adopted sisters, Nicole Lynn (6) and Christa Renee (3). Art and Ginny can enjoy these children frequently, as Chuck and his family live in nearby Smithville. Son Jim now has his computer science degree and is in charge of a new computer system at the Wayne Savings and Loan in Wooster.

Once again, in 1989, the Corrells attended an Ohio Light Opera performance with Bruce and **Kay Spreng Mutchler** and Delmar and **Miriam Wefler Indorf**.

Ginny reported that **Maxine Campbell McFarlin** keeps busy, visiting and helping her sister, who is in a rest home.

This is the last opportunity we will have to prick the conscience of every member of the class of '40, as we near our big 50th. We are seeking two commitments from you: 1) your reservations for the special events which have been planned for us on that weekend and 2) a financial gift representative of what Wooster has meant to you. For a class which has been a strong supporter of the Wooster Fund, our 50th Anniversary Fund should be one of which we can all be proud. If you haven't committed yourself, it's not too late. Think about it!

*Secretaries: Frank Thatcher, 1325 Warwick Dr., Lutherville, MD 21093; Katherine Olthouse Davis, 2088 Riverhill Rd., Columbus, OH 43221.*

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Welcome to the 1990s. May the coming years bring joy, good health, and the acceptance of our advancing age!

**Anna Snyder Delaney** writes from Mineral Point, WI, where she is manager of Shake Rag Alley, a resort. Sounds intriguing!

A retired nurse, **Wilma Park Dickey** is also a Florida resident. She volunteers her time to overseeing physicals given by a local insurance company.

**Mary Cocks Dunsmore** did not attend our reunion as she had planned. You were missed, Mary, especially by the Babcock Hall girls. We wanted to hear about your years in missionary service in Brazil from 1946-1962. Mary and her husband, Norman, have four sons.

A retired librarian, **Ruth Forman** lives in Ithaca, NY, and is an active volunteer for her church mission effort.

**Ruth Hofsteter** is a retired missionary nurse of the United Church Board for World Ministries.

**Rebekahmary Hail Jordan** and her husband, Richard, moved from Pennsylvania to Ft. Myers, FL, shortly before our reunion.

**Jim McCreight** writes that he and Hilda will be visiting Wooster. Their oldest granddaughter, Jenny, is a first-year student. She is not only a third generation Woosterian, but both her parents are alumni, as well as two aunts, an uncle, a great-aunt, and two great-uncles. Jim says there may be more, but his memory is slipping.

Mitch (Young '37) and I (**Don**) hope to be in the same boat next year. Our grandson, a high school senior, has been accepted at Wooster. If plans go as scheduled, he'll be a fourth generation Woosterian with a whole slew of alumni relatives.

Rachel and **Ernest Bigelow**, whose home base is at Ponto Lake in Minnesota, travel to Evanston, IL, Indianapolis, IN, and Cincinnati when visiting children on both Rachel and Ernie's side. They renewed friendships while traveling through Switzerland and Denmark. Ernie said he was privileged to give a toast at the 50th wedding anniversary of **Gordy** and Louise (Harris '38) **Southard**. While at Wooster, Ernie and Gordy were roommates, and Ernie served as best man at the Southards' wedding.

**Jim** and Ruth (Thompson '37) **Evans** have enjoyed the year traveling and renewing friendships. They spent the first three months of the year in Port Charlotte, FL, and three months in Colorado, "enjoying friends, the scenery, and the Aspen Music Festival." This winter, they planned to be in Kansas City.

After attending our 50th reunion and a Lyle family reunion in Ohio, **Earl** and Ruth (Lyle '37) **Relph** traveled to the British Isles late in August. They enjoyed the Tattoo in Edinburgh. Although they had been to London before, this time they saw more of the countryside and visited Oxford and Cambridge.

*Secretaries: Donald H. Mills, 1521 E. 221st St., Euclid, OH 44117; Barbara Morse Leonard, 1676 26th St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223.*

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A long letter from **Liz Kintzing Beck** gave notice of her recent move to a retirement village just seven miles from Mt. Lebanon, PA, where she and her husband have lived for the past 30 years. They consider this to be their last move, freeing them from shoveling, digging, and lifting. "It is a beautiful place near enough former abodes to allow us to continue with all our activities. We can do exactly as we please — come, go, travel — but have the security of health care should it become necessary."

After **Liz, Margie Bowser Rose**, and I (**Louise**) graduated from Robert Morris Business School in Pittsburgh, Liz worked as secretary to the principal of Wilkinsburg High School. There she met and married one of the teachers, Charlie Beck. After Charlie's service in the Navy, they returned to Wilkinsburg. In 1956, they moved to Mt. Lebanon, where Charlie taught until his retirement in 1977.

In 1968, Liz went to the U of Pittsburgh and got her M.L.S., and became the first librarian for the Allegheny County Health Department, where she set up the library. In 1979, after eight years as librarian, she retired.



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Since retiring, the Becks have traveled a great deal. They have been to Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, and across Canada. The "most interesting trip was to China three years ago, where Charlie was part of a scientific exchange — fascinating." Liz' hobby is genealogy.

Their three sons are scattered around the country. The son who has two daughters lives in Pittsburgh. Another son is a psychiatrist at UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute in California. The youngest son lives in Melbourne, FL.

Liz writes: "Our Wooster gang — **Kay Jones Zook, Jeanne Lyle Kate, Dorothy Lane Heilman and Margie Bowser Rose** — has gotten together once a year ever since graduation. We used to meet at each others' homes, but this year ('89) we met at Lake Atwood near Canton." Until their deaths, **Mary Frances Apperson Kayuha, Betty Bean McCandless and Minerva Froom Heslop**, members of their crowd, met with them.

**Dorothy Donaldson Copple** and I used to meet annually at NaCoMe, a Tennessee Presbyterian conference center, when we were active in church work at the Presbytery level. It was gratifying to hear from her recently and catch up on the news. In more recent years, Dorothy has been active in the Synod's committee on Christian higher education and institutions and chair of Social Action for Church Women United for all of Tennessee, as well as for Nashville. In 1989, she was honored by being presented the Valiant Woman Award by the National Board of Church Women United. Other service activities include day care for children of homeless parents and Room-in-the-Inn program for the homeless.

Dorothy's husband, George, has not retired; he sees patients six days a week and enjoys his work more than ever. Three of their four children live in the Nashville area, and the other lives in Washington. George and Dorothy recently celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary with a Caribbean cruise followed by a trip to San Francisco and Hawaii.

**Martha Weimer Bain**, whom I (Louise) enjoyed spending some time with when our son, Doug, was at Indiana U, wrote that she and Bill are spending their seventh winter in Florida. They spend three-and-a-half months there in their mobile home in Orange Manor, two miles from Cypress Gardens. Martha reports there are many activities at the park in which they have become involved, and they have made many new friends.

Martha keeps in close touch with many Wooster classmates; in fact 10 of them have a round-robin which circulates about twice a year. She wrote that **Bob and Fran Miller** will be spending a month in Florida this winter.

In Sept., the Bains attended the 40th class reunion of the class of 1949 at Mansfield. Martha had been their class advisor when she taught there. "Much reminiscing filled the evening and made me feel younger than I am."

In Oct., Martha attended her 55th high school class reunion in Loudonville. Although the membership has decreased by 28 percent, three of their former teachers attended. One was their science teacher, Floyd Maurer '28.

A fall trip to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island with **Lois Moyer** rounded out what sounds like a great year for Martha and Bill.

*Secretaries: Louise Harris Southard, 4143 Hilldale, Memphis, TN 38117; Ralph F. Carl, 108 S. Arlington St., Greencastle, IN 46135.*

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**Elizabeth Curry Langley**, who lives in Toronto, Canada, continues to golf and bowl. She and her husband have nine grandchildren.

From her home in Bradenton, FL, **Eunice Albom Marshall** wrote that she and her husband, Cliff, have traveled often in the last few years. Eunice likes to play bridge. We hope that her husband, who has been ill recently, has recovered.

**Roger and Mollie Tilock Van Bolt** and their global trips were featured in a Dec. 10, 1989, article in the *Flint Journal*. After Roger's retirement in 1978 as founder and director of Sloan Museum, the Van Bolts decided to take a trip for each of the 33 years they didn't go on vacation before retirement. Having surpassed that goal, they now take only two trips a year.

**Nancy Hezlep Coppersmith**, who broke her hip in 1989, is recuperating slowly in her home in Emporium, PA. This caused the Coppersmiths to change their party plans for their 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration did occur with Nancy and Bob's children giving a dinner party for 28 in their parents' home. Nancy, an accomplished seamstress and knitter, has made clothes for herself and family members for many years.

Our 1937 Fund received a donation from Catherine Hanna in memory of her husband, **Clyde Hanna**, who died on Aug. 3, 1988. The class thanks you, Catherine. She mentioned that she had visited recently with Bill and Grace Hanna Arthur '38s.

**Brown Jenkins'** Christmas letter brought news of his marriage to Elizabeth Schmidt in Aug., 1988. In Oct., they attended his school reunion in Kuling (Lu San), China, followed by a 30-day tour of China. Their address: 518 Bowen Dr., Raymore, MO 64083.

Ernie and **Marian Wellman Jones**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1989, sent a Christmas card with a photograph of their handsome family.

**Martha Condron Bennett** wrote to inform us of the zip code change in her address: P.O. Box 247, DeLeon Springs, FL 32130.

We have received a memorial donation to our fund for **Helen Dye Batchelder**, who died Nov. 10, 1989. (See obituaries.)

*Secretaries: Charlotte Fader Bodley, 6729 Wetheridge Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45230; James Scotland, 23 Palomino Lane, Bedford, NH 03102.*

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**John Cullen Ewing's** newsy Christmas card reported on their wanderings during 1989. He and wife Renee made their usual trip to Mayo's in Rochester, MN, in March. In June, they entertained their grandson, J. Doug, for a week and treated him to a trip to the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene, the Swedish Village in

Lindsborg, and the Osa Johnson Safari Museum in Chanute. Early in July, the Ewings drove, with granddaughter Alexis, to visit friends and relatives in Wisconsin, then on to Mackinac Island and on up around Lake Superior to Thunder Bay before proceeding west to Boise to visit son Jack and his wife, Sharon. In late Sept., they were off to Boston, via Indianapolis, where they visited son Tom and his family. After Renee's good eye checkup in Boston, the Ewings enjoyed a good visit with friends on Cape Cod.

**Dwight Clinton Kennard** was stirred into action and sent in his biographical summary. He studied aeronautical engineering at M.I.T. under Charles Stark Draper, who later became famous as the "father of inertial guidance." After receiving his M.S. from M.I.T., Dwight worked as an assistant to the chief engineer at Kollsman Instrument Company, a leading manufacturer of aircraft instruments, in Elmhurst, NY.

As a result of contacts at M.I.T., Dwight was invited to become part of a new group of engineers at Wright Field (Dayton) to help develop technology for the control of vibration in aircraft. The group, which he joined in 1939 as a civilian engineer in the U.S. Air Corps, later was organized as the U.S. Air Force. During W.W. II, he was involved with "trouble shooting" on many combat aircraft in the development stage at various plants in the U.S. He remained at Wright Field, now Wright Patterson Air Force Base, until 1962, when he transferred to the NASA Space Program. In that program, he became head of the office of advanced research and technology in the test and evaluation division at the Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD.

Retiring from NASA in 1970, Dwight accepted a teaching position at Northwestern Michigan College at Traverse City, MI, where he taught physics, mathematics, and engineering. While there, he organized the technical institute division and became the first head of that division. Resigning that position after three years, Dwight set up his own business in partnership with his son, Jim, where he remains active. Currently, the company is setting up production of an innovative type of crane which should be ready for market this year.

Dwight and his wife, Martha, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Oct., and have four children and four grandchildren. The Kennards live in a home they built in 1969, in Traverse City, overlooking West Grand Traverse Bay from a high hill. They enjoy getting together with **Howard Terbeek** and his wife, Marge, who live nearby on Long Lake. Dwight is looking forward to our 55th reunion and hopes to renew many friendships at that time.

In her letter, **Harriet Knight** enclosed photos of a Wooster mini-reunion held last fall. A group of classmates gathered for a picnic lunch and a train ride at the farm of David Knight '49. Harriet says they have been doing this for several years and would be happy to have others join them. "David has two engines, a General and a Chesie, two cars, and a caboose. We ride the trains around a half-mile track, through the woods and back along the lake."

**Jim Mattox** reports that he had triple bypass heart surgery on Feb. 20 and has been having a series of bouts with infection. We send best wishes for your improvement, Jim.



Florence and **Sherman Wengerd** suffered a major tragedy with the death of their son, Tim, on Sept. 12, 1989. Tim was graduated from the U of Utah, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, in 1969. He was a nationally and internationally known modern dancer and choreographer, who was a founding member of the Repertory Dance Theatre at the U of Utah. In 1973, he joined the Martha Graham Dance Company, where he soon became the lead male dancer. After nine years, he left to go independent, forming and guiding modern dance troupes in the U.S., Costa Rica, Spain, Tanzania, and in Mexico. Tim's many activities included teaching in California and appointment as visiting artist-in-residence at the U of New Mexico, a Fulbright fellowship in Mexico, representative of U.S.I.S. of the State Department in Tanzania, a tour with the Paris Opera, development of the modern dance program in Seville, Spain, and teaching a yearly dance workshop in San Diego.

Many hundreds of cards and letters of sympathy have arrived from all over the world. News articles on Tim's untimely death were published in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *San Diego Union*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and others. Two services of remembrance were held for Tim, one at the First Congregational Church in Albuquerque on Oct. 8, the second one at St. Malachy Actor's Chapel in New York City, on Dec. 1. A major Tim Wengerd Dance Scholarship Fund established at the modern dance department, U of Utah, 304 Park Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah 84112, in Tim's honor has already passed the \$16,000 level to fund two scholarships annually. "And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance." And now he is dancing among the stars!

Jim and **Mildred Morris McAllister** spent Christmas with their son, Mike, and his family in Tennessee and then went on to the Bahamas with their other son, Jim, and his family. They had a fabulous trip to Africa last summer, visiting Kenya and Tanzania. They both are well, living in Sedona, AZ. Bob and I (**Laura**) visited them there and took a wonderful trip through Oak Canyon and on to the Grand Canyon.

Bill and **Ruth Hall Urban** were in Charleston and Savannah last spring, before the hurricane.

**Marion Henshaw Thayer** spent Christmas in Idaho with family. She now lives in Lakeland, FL.

Bill and Elaine (Steele '37) **Kieffer** are happy and well in Walnut Creek, CA. In the fall, Bill was invited back to the Wooster campus to talk to new faculty about the start-up struggles of the IS program. The Kieffers' daughter, Lois '67, and her husband, a doctor, live in the state of Washington. Son Richard lives in Baltimore, MD.

**Bob and Lorna Cadmus** live in Milwaukee, WI. Bob keeps in close contact with the College, concerning our 50th reunion class gift toward the renovation of Merz Hall to become the home of the Alumni Office. The College is still in need of funds to accomplish a complete renovation of the building.

In Oct., at the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, **Sherman Wengerd** was awarded honorary life membership in the Albuquerque Geological

Society. In addition, the society dedicated their formal volume, *Energy Resources, Discovery and Recovery*, to Dr. Wengerd.

*Secretaries: Laura Cocks Cox, 49 Walnut St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; Sherman Wengerd, 1040 Stanford Dr., N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106.*

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55th Reunion/June 7-10, 1990

People are the vital ingredient in a successful reunion! Please plan to join us in Wooster for a memorable weekend this June. The registration deadline is May 18.

Shortly before this issue went to press, we received the sad news that our women's class secretary, **Marien Roedel McCain**, died on Jan. 4, 1990. Her obituary will be in the Summer issue. The class extends sympathy to her children, William, Nancy, Frederic '61, and Marilee '65.

**Frederick Johnson** writes that he plans to attend our reunion. Weather permitting, Fred and his daughter, Mary, have been bicycling five miles each morning and evening and have "racked up" more than 1800 miles in 16 months. That's great, Fred.

"My four years at Wooster enriched my whole person, giving me a good running start for a fruitful ministry in the Presbyterian Church," writes **James Seaman**. Retired, after more than 40 years of service, he is still active in the ministry. Stained glass emblems of the Christian faith decorate the windows of his home. All of the 20 emblems were crafted by James.

**Gerald and Alice Coltman Mayer** wrote that they were planning to go to South Padre Island, TX, during February. We hope you will make it to Wooster in June.

*Secretaries: Jack Pancoast, 612 Mallard Pl., Mooresville, NC 28115.*

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Thanks to three members for sending news. **Luther** and Kay (Robinson '35) **Bostrom** had a wonderful trip to Australia and New Zealand last fall. They planned the trip themselves. "We were just glad that we could manage to get in such a fabulous trip at our age and come back unscathed." Friends, don't listen to "at our age." We're at a wonderful age!

Grace and **Joe Allen** followed our 55th reunion with a 4,811-mile trip around the north shore of the Great Lakes. Earlier in 1989, they cruised the Caribbean and Amazon, going 1,000 miles inland. They wrote superbly about the trip, giving vivid details: St. Lucia had the bumpiest roads but the best rural arts and craft shops; St. Barts is favored by billionaires; in Manaus, a city on the Rio Negro tributary of the Amazon, they joined a standing-room only congregation at a Sunday mass. Write again, Joe, 'twas a wonderful geography lesson!

**Charles Magill**, who was home recuperating from an operation in May, enjoyed seeing his class friends in our reunion picture. He wonders whether you are exaggerating for my writing benefit; surely, Chuck, you jest! Hope you're well now.

Greetings to everyone. Do write!

*Secretary: Elizabeth Lapham Wills, 3873 Monvesta Rd., Cleveland, OH 44121.*

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On Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, I (**Bert**) visited with **Eleanor Breitwieser Thomas**. Just a year ago Teddy was in serious condition because of heart surgery. Now she is still working on recuperation but has made so much progress that she almost makes one believe in miracles.

Word about **Catherine Lundy Rossiter** comes in a letter from her daughter who writes that Kate is managing to lead an independent life with a little assistance from understanding neighbors, her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughters. Kate continues to participate in the church activities, including the choir, and cultural offerings at Purdue. Although Kate finds it difficult to write letters, she enjoys hearing from her friends.

Sadly, we send sincere sympathy to **Sara McCarrell Campbell**, whose husband, Don, died Dec. 23, 1989. Over the years Don wrote light-hearted accounts of the joys he and Sally shared. In Dec., 1989, he wrote a letter of remarkable courage and faith, telling of the cancer that was taking his life.

Sorrow also came to **Rebecca Robbins Maus**, whose sister, Margaret Robbins Mitchell '25, died on Nov. 18, 1989. Beckie was in Wooster, sharing with Peggy's son and daughter the last days with Peggy, during her hospitalization. Beckie, you have our sympathy.

We send our sympathy to Jane Leslie, the sister of **Samuel J. Currie**, who died in April, 1988. Samuel was with our class for one year.

**Mildred Creighton Barry** continues to live an active life at Penney Farms Retirement Center. She serves on the town council and engages in ceramics, painting, and golf. This year she again wrote the lyrics and script for the musical produced and performed by the residents of Penney Farms. In June, 1989, Mil went on a tour to Moscow, Leningrad, the Northern Baltic area of Russia, and to Berlin. She was at Checkpoint Charlie and on the west side of the Brandenburg Gate before the historic events of the fall of 1989. In addition to all Mil's activities, she has the joy of a 2½ year old granddaughter.

According to **Marion Fitch Exter's** own words, she has been in and out of "the body shop" several times in 1989. All of her illnesses and repairs were successfully taken care of and, as of January 1990, she is well and happy.

Late word has come of the death of **John Herbert Graham** on Dec. 7, 1987. Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Joyce, who shared 54 years with him.

**Joe K. Halderman**, who was in Wooster with our class for one year, died on Nov. 17, 1989. He lived in Wooster, where he was active as a businessman and a civic leader. To his wife, Blanche Straub Halderman '34, and his family we send sympathy.



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Although **George M. McSherry** attended Wooster only one year, he renewed his ties with the class of '33, by attending the 50th and 55th reunions. He had an interesting part in the development of commercial aviation as manager of key airports from which world-wide flights took place. He died on Sept. 25, 1989, and is survived by two daughters and one son with whom we share sorrow at his death.

**Roger W. Thompson** was with our class for one year and then went to Ohio State, where he studied civil engineering. He retired in 1970 from Bendix Westinghouse Automotive Air Brake Co., where he worked as a designer draftsman. Our sympathy goes to his widow, Pauline Storrer Thompson, and daughter Mary Elizabeth.

**John S. Miller** died on Nov. 6, 1989, after a long illness. John was at Wooster for one year. We send our sympathy to his wife and daughter.

The "mystery ailment" that had plagued **Richardson Rice** for the past year was explained in Dick's Christmas message, but unless you have experience as a doctor or as a patient the explanation may leave you in as much mystery as before the explanation. Dick said that a virus had been "nibbling away at the myelin covering" of his peripheral nerves, concentrating on the hands and feet, arms, and legs. He continued to seek a solution to the problem, but on Feb. 7, 1990, Dick died. Our sincere sympathy goes to **Agnes Carson Rice** and to all their family. (His obituary will be in the Summer issue.)

A recent visit with **Eleanor Trunkey Miller** showed that, despite eye problems that prevent her from reading or doing any close work, she is enjoying family and community activities and continues to live alone. Helpful neighbors and loving children and grandchildren help her to maintain her independence.

On Feb. 1, the annual dinner and meeting of the Wilderness Center gave an opportunity for a visit with **Glenn Vogelgesang** and his wife, Betty. Glenn was elected to the board of trustees of the Wilderness Center, which is dedicated to nature education, wildlife conservation, natural history research, and community service.

Secretary: **H. Alberta Colclaser**, 361 Holmes Blvd., Wooster, OH 44691.

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In Jan., **Bill McAfee** traveled to Ohio, visiting in Columbus, Lexington, and Wooster. While in Wooster, he attended a dinner party at the Wooster Inn that included **Libby Hainer Prestel**, **Cliff** and **Dorothy** (Galehouse '35) **Morrison**, **Ann** and **Ford Ross**. **Ray** and **Carol Gustafson Dix** were unable to join them, as they were on a tour of Australia and New Zealand at the time. The Dixes now have a third great-grandchild.

Bill also reported the death of **Paul Guenther** on Oct. 22, 1988. After leaving Wooster, Paul became a monk and was known as Bro. Austin (Paul) Guenther, C.S.C.

A note from **Bill Miller** says he is well and active and eager to have travelers stop and see him at the "Crossroads of the East," near Mercer, PA, where I-80 and I-79 cross. Who will be the first to take him up on this?

**Joe** and **Libby** (Brown '34) **Friedman** live in Washington, DC, where Joe is a lawyer. He received his J.D. from Ohio State U. Their

daughter, **Margaret Jane Hagedorn**, is a '62 Wooster grad, and son, **Robert**, is '66.

In 1987, after her husband died, **Gracella Miller George** moved to North Carolina to be close to her son and his family. Two daughters live in Michigan. Living on the conference grounds of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, she attends their many activities, teaches a Sunday school class of juniors, is secretary of the Women of the Church, and is active in her circle. She belongs to the D.A.R., likes to knit, sew, garden, and play bridge in her spare time. Gracella wears her Wooster sweatshirt proudly and is always ready to inform people about the College. She is a member of a round-robin group that has been corresponding for many years. News from that group informs us that **Mary Crede's** husband, **John**, died on Oct. 9. We send Mary our sympathy.

**Helen McQuate Emery** reported the death of **Mabel Schriber**, on Nov. 16, 1989. (See obituaries.)

Secretaries: **Virginia Anderson Crowl**, 10501 Lagrima De Oro N.E., Apt. 4103, Albuquerque, NM 87111; **Bailey Whitcomb**, 113 Oliver Pl., Hamburg, NY 14075.

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Thanks to **Ed Arn** for sending your men's secretary the following notes. From Pittsburgh, PA, **Hal Teal** visited Wooster and the Arns. They had planned to travel to Franklin to visit Sam "Flash" Ward '32, but Sam had gone to Florida to avoid winter cold weather.

**Martha Dinkelman Jacobson** was the houseguest of the Arns in November. She still lives in Dunkirk and is still active. Hey, Martha, hang in there!

**Ralph Buehler** and his wife, Flo, have been spending too much time in hospitals these last few years. We are happy to hear that Flo's recent surgery was successful, and she is doing well and recuperating at her son's home in Andover, MA. The Buehlers, incidentally, have another son who lives in New Philadelphia — name of Trevor Buehler. Love that name, Trevor!

In Oct., the Montrose, CO, duo, name of **Gross**, "did" two Elderhostels back to back. The first Elderhostel was at Kings Ranch, AZ, east of Apache Junction up on the slope of Superstition Mountain, and the second one was at Rio Rancho, NM. It was a good outing and refreshing after a long summer at home.

I received a Christmas tome from **Charley Moke** and his good wife, Margaret. They report a new address: 13373 Plaza Del Rio Blvd., #5553, Peoria, AZ 85345. Margaret's health has improved greatly.

To the men who haven't written me, I send this message: I hope you get holes in your socks every week in 1990 and have to take off your shoes at dinner parties.

Christmas card news sent to me (**Kate**) is too full of calamitous physical pain to repeat here. Some survivors are these: **Jean McCuskey**, still moving well; **Kate Shaver Worls** does some teaching; **Jeannette Parkhurst**, who doesn't care to drive as far and as often as she did in 1930; **Cally Wilson Bowman** is restricting her activities; **Martha Reichenbach Bowman** uses a three-pronged

cane; **Fern Patterson**, **Jinny Bourns Jeffery**, and **Sally Craig Moore** keep enjoying College affairs.

When I talked to **Angie Myers Stone-sifer**, in Alliance, she was about to accompany her son to England for a few weeks. "More importantly," she said, "I am now a counselor with the Stephen's Ministry, a widespread group in the U.S."

Their five-year interval family reunion brought 23 of the **Longbrake** clan together in July. **Bill** and **Peg (Barr)** traipsed all over the U.S. during the year, despite cataract surgery for Bill and knee replacement for Peg.

Sympathy of the class is extended to **Harriet Steiner Sands**, whose husband, **Harry**, died Feb. 11, 1990. Harriet's address: 368 Smithridge Park, Reno, NV 89502.

Secretaries: **Trevor Gross**, 14967 Rolling Hills Dr., Montrose, CO 81401; **Katherine Schantz**, 616 S. Main St., Orrville, OH 44667.

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60th Reunion/June 7-10, 1990

People are the vital ingredient in a successful reunion! Please plan to join us in Wooster for a memorable weekend this June. The registration deadline is May 18.

Secretaries: **Malcolm Stewart**, 1038 W. State St., Apt. 5, Jacksonville, IL 62650; **Gladys Wentworth Beeler**, 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd., Wooster, OH 44691.

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In response to my letter inviting news about current activities, I (**Tom**) received eight prompt responses. Thanks! Keep the letters coming.

**Red Bourns** says that he and **Fran** (Crane '30) are moving to a total-care complex near where they have lived. He advises: "Total care places can't be picked up like motel reservations. Get your name in now." Enjoy the move, Red.

**Fred Christian** continues to attend meetings of the Princeton Seminary board as an emeritus member. At the Presbyterian General Assembly meeting in Philadelphia last June, he and his wife, **Eva**, were given special recognition for the establishment 30 years ago and operation of the Christian International Gift Shop (refugee and mission crafts from all over the world). Since 1960, they, with the help of countless volunteers, have sent or have made available over \$2,000,000 to help people help themselves. For nearly 20 years, they have sold items at the General Assembly, and they are still at it.

**Rog Clouse** writes that, after spending most of the summer at their farm near Chautauqua, he and **Joan** will be at their condo in Sun City Center, FL, for four months. During the fall, Rog was active in the volunteer work of the senior council of retired executives.

We are sad to report that **Rev. James F. Donald**, who was with us at our 60th reunion, died Oct. 8, 1989. I (**Tom**) have written to his wife, **Marion Kneeland Donald '27**, to express our sympathy. Address: 1216 Fifth Ave., Youngstown, OH 44504.



CLASS NOTES

**Bill Maitland** sent his Christmas letter, which highlighted, with the enthusiasm of a salesman, his and Nadine's Elderhosteling adventures. In May, they attended an Elderhostel at Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly near Asheville, NC, with Western Carolina College the host; in July, another in Colorado Springs; in Oct., at Abbeville, SC, with Erskine College the host. The Maitlands are active in their Monroe church and in their residents' council, where Bill leads the exercise class three mornings a week, among other activities.

For **Elbert "Bert" Moses**, 1989 was quite a year of special recognition, in addition to the publication of his most recent book, *Adventures in Reasoning*. He was named Volunteer of the Year by the RSVP of northern Arizona; received a national award from the Speech Communication Association of America at San Francisco; was selected to become a member of *Who's Who in the West*. Bert, emeritus chair of speech and dramatic arts at Clarion State College, is now retired and living at 2001 Rocky Dells Dr., Prescott, AZ 86303.

**Walter Sage** says "hello" to classmates and advises: "Don't let the doctor take advantage of you when you are unconscious." He reports that while he was having his "Wooster knee" replaced, he had a heart attack, according to the doctors, and he woke up with a pacemaker in place. On the other hand, he says that the pacemaker is still ticking and so is he and glad of it.

Although **Marvin "Pete" Verhulst** retired as secretary of the Midwestern Food Processors Association 16 years ago, he continues to go to the office three or four days a week — that is, if it's not golfing weather. He and his wife, Sally, went to Venice, FL, again for six weeks, where they hosted visiting children and grandchildren.

Lucille Markley wrote to inform us of the death of her husband and our classmate, **Myron Markley**, on Nov. 29, 1989. Her address: 1487 Whiskey Creek Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33919.

Recalling our 60th reunion, **Harry Garst** wrote that he guesses that he and his son were the only father-son pair there that weekend for their 60th and 30th reunions. Harry and Lola will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary in June.

**Jane Waddell Hendrix** has dedicated her life to her family and community services. She was blessed with four sons and two daughters and still made time to be the dispatcher at a volunteer fire department for 10 years, a recorder for the blind for seven years, and the librarian at Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church for four years. Jane also received recognition for volunteer work at U.T. Hospital in cancer research. She initiated the program, Reach to Recovery, for mastectomy patients in Knoxville, IN. Many plaudits to you, Jane.

Isn't it neat that **Hazel Williams Myers** named her first daughter **Alfreda**, for her dear roommate at Wooster, **Alfreda Walker Williston**?

In her Christmas letter, **Olive Floyd** expressed her regrets for not being able to attend our 60th. At that time, her nephew was in the hospital, critically ill. Olive was needed there. The happy ending to her note was his recovery.

Encouraging news from **Charlotte Jameson Mann**: She is much better and more com-

fortable now. Girls! How about a "spring shower" of cards and notes for Charlotte? Address: P.O. Box 127, Seville, OH 44273.

At our 60th reunion, I (**Lillie**) agreed to serve one more year as your secretary. This column completes the year. I want to thank all you ladies for the wonderful help you have given me. Your many news contributions kept our column alive and well. And, I have thoroughly enjoyed the past six years as your secretary. Let us all, now, continue to support our next secretary. Shalom!

*Secretaries: Tom McCullough, 12540 Edgewater Dr., #706, Lakewood, OH 44107; Lillie Key Edge, 228 W. Nelson St., Midland, MI 48640.*

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A Christmas letter from **Art** and **Helen (Anderson '29) Romig** included the news that Art is up and walking again, after undergoing three major operations. Our best wishes to you, Art. Helen continues to receive blue ribbons for her state art exhibits of Chinese-style paintings. Write to them at 104 Camino Matias, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

Another Christmas letter came from **Bill** and **Margaret "Muggs" Helm Starn**, who live at 17 Lemmon Dr., Columbia, MO 65201. They now have 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A photo of one of their grandsons surfboarding was on the cover of *Impact* magazine. Another photo of him in *Surfer* magazine shows him riding a big wave.

In July, 1989, the Starns attended the General Assembly of the Disciples of Christ in Indianapolis, IN. They are happy in their home in Columbia and enjoy the many activities available there.

Thanks to **Florence Painter Griffith '27** for sharing the following news. "**Pat** **Florence McConnell Shupp** writes from Ft. Collins, CO, that her family is scattered among 10 states including Hawaii. Pat does house- and pet-sitting and was very busy all summer. "It adds variety to life, and I have several dear animal friends including one 17-year-old collie."

In Sept., your secretary and her husband, **Bob**, spent two weeks with an American Elderhostel group in Sorrento, Italy.

It is nice to read about our fellow classmates, isn't it? We all would enjoy reading about what the rest of you are doing. Please do write.

*Secretary: Alice Ricksecker Paton, 766 Fairview Circle, Wooster, OH 44691.*

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Your Christmas notes are doubly welcome since they give a lift to our Spring column.

**Bunny Roper Miner** and her daughter continue to enjoy traveling together, this time north to San Juan Island near Seattle. On the way back, they visited with **Mary Kohr** at Lacey, WA, and passed through the beautiful forests of the Olympic peninsula before returning to San Diego. Later, they went to visit **Emma Skinner**. Bunny is recovering from a broken hip and is learning to use a cane. Since her note was written in Nov., we trust by this spring she is back to normal walking.

**Helen Fretz Jarrett** reports that their original round-robin of 12 has dwindled to five: **Mary Kohr**, **Bunny Miner**, **Emma Skinner**, **Becky Harner Helm**, and herself. Becky's daughter died this past year, and she has moved to Australia. Helen keeps up with her many projects including sewing, stamps, knitting, and family history. She adds that she is prouder all the time to be a part of the Wooster tradition. By the way, Helen has a young cousin who is a soloist with the Vienna Boys Choir.

**Marjorie Burtsfield Pelton** had hip surgery last October. Having returned her walker, she is now using only a cane. The Peltons hoped to be driving to Florida in early January. Watching her grandson directing a cantata at a Columbus church reminded her of Prof. Rowe playing the organ and directing in the twenties.

**Mary Kohr** reports that they were not affected by the Santa Cruz earthquake and feel that moving up to Washington was the "smartest thing we have ever done, especially since we are told we are due for a major quake at any time." Mary's gardening, church, and other interests keep her on the go. She hears from **Grace Lowers Hahn** and refers to her as "marvelous organizer, wonderful with people, busy in many ways."

**Martha Napier Nolan** made several trips this year to visit relatives in Kentucky and Palm Springs. Commenting on the loss of so many of our classmates, she adds a note of thankfulness that so many of us have survived into this 80-year span of life and are able to view our Wooster years from this vantage point and fully appreciate the experience.

*Secretary: Florence Painter Griffith, 1577 Cleveland Rd., Wooster, OH 44691.*

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**Margaret Wiser McCloud**, who lives in Perrysburg, enjoys frequent visits from her family. She has two married children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

We are happy to hear that **Ibby Coyle** is recovering well from back surgery in February.

In Nov., **Elizabeth Kimble Montgomery** sold her home in Glens Falls, NY, and moved to Sandpiper Cove, Unit 1003, 775 Gulf Shore Dr., Destin, FL 32541. Later, she hopes to get a senior citizen apartment with total health care in Saratoga Springs, NY, which will be her permanent address, but she plans to spend the winters in Florida. Elizabeth still plays golf and duplicate bridge and is in a bowling league. She usually has one or two quilts in the making and displays finished ones in quilt shows.

**Edith Fuller Aitken-Cade** sends best wishes to classmates from Springfield, VA, where she enjoys being with her son and his family. In 1988, she was able to visit her three other children and their families in Zimbabwe and South Africa and had a super time.

Your secretary would like to be overwhelmed by an influx of upbeat mail relating travel highlights, family festivities, Elderhostel experiences, etc. How about it, classmates?

*Secretary: Margaret Koester Welty, Rt. 5, Box 180, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666.*



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65th Reunion/June 7-10, 1990

People are the vital ingredient in a successful reunion! Please plan to join us in Wooster for a memorable weekend this June. The registration deadline is May 18.

Already, we have heard from **Ted Caldwell**, in Massachusetts, **Mac McNutt**, in New Mexico, Ohioans **Helen Shumaker Macmillan**, **Irene Young Gillespie**, and **Frank Leyshon**, and Californians, **Ruth Perkins Cropp**, **Luella Goodhart Cotton**, and **Estella Goodhart King**. All are hoping they can be with us. Please keep in touch.

You will be sorry to learn about the death of **Peg Robbins Mitchell**, on Nov. 18, 1989. (See obituaries.) Your secretaries attended the impressive memorial service at First Presbyterian Church. At a reception afterward, we talked with members of her family.

Peg and her husband, William Mitchell '21, were active Wooster residents, interested in the College, church, Scouting, gardening, and many other activities. Their daughter, Barbara, lives in Delaware and Bill, Jr. in Orrville. We will miss Peg in June and think of the many reunions she attended with us.

**Elizabeth Herpel Kadyk** is enjoying life in Lees Summit, MO, and is happy to still be able to travel to visit her sons and their families. She has five great-grandchildren.

Secretaries: **Sarah Painter**, 1577 Cleveland Rd., Wooster, OH 44691; **Edna Kienzle Comin**, 1138 E. Wayne, Wooster, OH 44691.

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After a lengthy search, our class has located a new class secretary. I (**George**) am it. I hope you will encourage your new secretary by sending him news of yourself or our classmates at the address below. Those of you who read the Summer issue of *Wooster* will recall that at our 65th reunion last June we were represented by three of our classmates: **Juliet Stroh Blanchard**, **Kenneth Shafer**, and **David Steiner**. In her report of the reunion events, Juliet concluded by saying that they (our representatives) were proud to represent us and thanked us for our interest, concern, and participation in the reunion. So now it is surely in order for the rest of us "survivors" to thank them for their loyalty and effort in our behalf and to tell them that we are proud to have been represented by such a distinguished trio.

There being no more recent news of our classmates, I will give a brief update of the careers of our three reunion representatives. **Juliet Blanchard**: Until his untimely death in 1948, Juliet lived with her husband, Werner J. "Pete," in Dayton. Pete was head of the General Motors propeller division there. Juliet, in addition to raising their two children, engaged in a multitude of volunteer activities, including lecturing, League of Women Voters, Peace Corps, The College of Wooster Board of Trustees, etc. In recognition of her contribution to these activities, she has received numerous awards, includ-

ing Dayton Woman of the Year, Outstanding Woman Voter, Wooster's Distinguished Alumni Award.

**G. Kenneth Shafer**: Ken has had an outstanding career in the Presbyterian ministry since graduation from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1927. His pastorates included the Church of the Covenant in Cleveland and the Fairmount Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Heights. The College of Wooster conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1961. In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, Ken served on the board of trustees of the Ohio Presbyterian Homes for many years. He was largely responsible for the establishment of Breckenridge Village in Willoughby, a senior retirement center built to accommodate 400 persons. One of the buildings there is named in his honor.

**David L. Steiner**: Dave graduated from medical school and was admitted to practice medicine in Ohio in 1929. He located in his native city of Lima and practiced there for fifty years, specializing in orthopedic surgery. In 1973, he was named "Family Doctor of the Year" by the Ohio Academy of Family Practice. He also served as a bank director for 20 years. In addition to his medical and business activities, Dave specialized in breeding and racing Standardbred horses for fifty years.

Secretary: **George McClure**, 1255 South Pasadena Ave., St. Petersburg, FL 33707.

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For the last two years, **Pauline Ihrig** has been living in the Smithville Western Care Center on the north edge of Wooster, where she has very few responsibilities (no papers to correct) and the freedom to go and come as she wishes. She enjoys going to events at the College and to chamber music series concerts at the Wayne Center for the Arts.

In Nov., **Elizabeth Reese Funk** took a trip to see her grandchildren and two new great-grandsons. She is a proud and happy grandma.

Secretaries: **Mercy Townsend Voelkel**, West View Manor, 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd., Wooster, OH 44691; **Gladys Ferguson**, 541-C, Williamsburg Ct., Wooster, OH 44691.

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Please write.

Secretary: **Mary Arnold**, P.O. Box 343, Cambridge, OH 43725.

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70th Reunion/June 7-10, 1990

People are the vital ingredient in a successful reunion! Please plan to join us in Wooster for a memorable weekend this June. The registration deadline is May 18.

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Thanks go to Roy W. Adams '51 for the following news. On Feb. 8, Lewis & Clark College sponsored an Evening with **Paul S. Wright**, readings, recollections, and stories. In Feb., Paul suffered what the doctors called a minor heart attack and, at this writing, is recovering. Best wishes, cards, and letters may be sent to: 411 S.W. Bancroft St., Portland, OR 97201.

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Please write.

Secretary: **Hazel Edwards Lawrence**, 8883 Browning Dr., #204, Waterville, OH 43566.

MARRIAGES

- '69 **Elizabeth Baumann** and David H. Ahl, June 18, 1988.
- '75 **Stephen Clark** and Nongluk Tunyavanich, July 9, 1989.
- '76 **Richard Dasch** and Barbara May, Aug. 12, 1989.
- '82 **Anne Howes** and David Anderson, Nov. 25, 1989.
- '89 **Jennifer Murschel** and Fritz Everson, Aug. 19, 1989.

BIRTHS

- '69 To Nancy and **Ric Martinez**, son, Brock Joseph, Sept. 4, 1989.
- '71 To **Janet Winner** and Richard Boutwell, daughter, Phoebe Grace, Sept. 13, 1989.
- '73 To **David and Nancy (Graham '75) Whitman**, daughter, Caroline Graham Whitman, May 1, 1989, joining sister, Elisabeth Emily (3).
- '74 To **Ellen Idler** and Philip Ayers, son, Alexander Douglass Ayers, Nov. 1, 1989.  
To Frank and **Susan Ransom Collins**, third child, Allison Christine, Oct. 18, 1989.
- '75 To Gregg and **Faye Mathison Serene**, first child, Charles Mathison "Matt" Serene, Nov. 5, 1989.  
To John and **Lindy Patterson Moeller**, son, Daniel Logan, July 13, 1989.
- '76 To **Brett and Marsha Gault Wilson**, daughter, Abby Caroline, Oct. 2, 1989, joining brother, Hart Daniel (7), and sisters, Nora Joy (4) and Bethany Clare (1½).  
To **Forrest and Cynthia Greene Merten**, son, Mark, May 11, 1988.
- '81 To Dennis King and **Carolyn Ruckman-King**, quadruplets, Nicholas Ryan, Christopher Michael, Mary Elizabeth, Anna Marie, June 2, 1989.  
To Ed and **Patty Kienast Coyne**, son, Ryan Patrick, March 9, 1989, joining brother, Jeremy Daniel (3).



- To **John '79** and **Karen Caccamo Peterson**, second child, Emily Elizabeth, April 10, 1989.
- '82 To **Jeffrey '84** and **Lisa Trimble Hough**, daughter, Meghan Francis, April 17, 1989, joining brother, Ben (4).
- To **Jeff** and **Sarah Vodrey Hendrickson**, daughter, Valerie Vodrey Hendrickson, Nov. 6, 1989, joining sister, Julia (3½).
- '83 To **Patrick** and **Melinda Warren Shannon**, first child, Trevor Woodhall, Nov. 3, 1989.
- To **Blake '82** and **Linda Paynter Rhein**, twins, Blake Wendler and Sarah Christy, June 29, 1989.
- To **Thomas** and **Mary Workman-Koning**, son, Thomas Robert, Nov. 2, 1989.
- To **Robert LeCompte** and **Margot Watson**, daughter, Molly Watson LeCompte, Sept. 19, 1989.
- To **Judy** and **John Wachtel**, daughter, Crystal Irene, Nov. 5, 1989.
- '84 To **Peter** and **Andrea Vine Schultz**, son, David Stewart, Feb. 20, 1989.
- To **John '83** and **Bevan Evans Ebert**, daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, Dec. 22, 1989.

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'12 **Vera Carson Harper**, Dec. 7, 1988, at Westminster Gardens in Duarte, CA. She was the wife of Frederick L. Harper, pastor emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of Geneva, NY. For her many years of Red Cross service as a nurse's aid and Grey Lady both in civilian and military hospitals, she received the Red Cross Meritorious Service Award. She was a life member of the United Presbyterian Women's Organization. Surviving are two sons, Franklin '44 and David; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Her husband died in 1979.

'14 **Edith Howell**, Oct. 29, 1989, in Beaver Falls, PA, after a long illness. She attended Cornell U and taught English in Minerva, Alliance, and Sandusky, where she was a member of the Art Study Club and was a member and past president of the College Club. She was a member of College Hill Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls. Surviving are nephews George G. Starr, Jr. '27, David, and James; and niece Marian Starr '34.

x'14 **Sara Craig Patterson**, Dec. 13, 1989, after a long illness, in Massillon. She had lived in Wooster for most of her life where, for 31 years, she was employed at Freedlander's, retiring in 1972. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Wooster. Surviving are her daughter, Sara Sweany; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

x'15 **Ethel Barnett Ware**, Nov. 1, 1989, at Friendship Village Health Center in Columbus. She was a graduate of Millikin U and was formerly a school teacher. She was a member of the Clarksburg United Methodist Church and formerly a member of Wednesday's Literary Club. Her husband preceded her in death.

'16 **Jeannette Jones Kunneke**, Oct. 25, 1989, in Lakeland, FL. After graduation from Wooster, she taught school in Columbus Grove, where she had been born. After her marriage in 1922, she lived for 62 years in Louisville, KY, where she was active in her church and in Col-

lege Club. Five years ago, she moved to a senior citizen's apartment in Lakeland, where she took part in many activities. Her husband, John W. Kunneke x'10, died in 1975. Surviving are her son, John; daughter, Edith Julson '45; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

'19 **Mary Vanderbilt Roulston**, Dec. 25, 1989. Born of missionary parents, she lived in the Inky while attending both Wooster Preparatory Department and The College of Wooster. After further education at Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in New York City, she received her R.N. in 1922. In 1926, she began serving as a missionary nurse in China, where she met The Rev. William Roulston. They were married on June 11, 1929. During her years in China, she was involved in nursing education. Leaving China just before the outbreak of W.W. II, she became actively involved in the responsibilities of being a pastor's wife and continued to teach in various schools of nursing. Her retirement was spent near Philadelphia, PA. She is remembered for her hospitality and her concern for those in need. Her husband predeceased her in 1981. Surviving are two daughters, Katherine Williams '51 and Jean Elizabeth Cameron '54; six grandchildren; sister, Margaret Dettmers '23.

x'20 **Dwight M. Charles**, Nov. 25, 1989, in Sebring, where he lived for a short time. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of W.W. I and a graduate of Case Western Reserve U. Before retiring in 1963, he was an electrical engineer for Reliance Electric Corporation in Cleveland. He served for 16 years on the city council in South Euclid and as its president for six of those years; was a Master Mason with Masonic Lodge 731 in Lyndhurst; and was a member, elder, and deacon in The Christian Church in Cleveland.

After retirement, he moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL, where he was a member of Wilton Manors Christian Church and was state corresponding secretary for the Florida Regional Christian Men's Fellowship. His wife, Virginia, died in 1983. Surviving are his son, Dean; daughters, Marjorie Brainard and Janet Bolton; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

'21 **William A. Clabaugh**, June 1, 1983, at Franklin United Methodist Home in Franklin, IN, where he had resided since 1966. He was an insurance broker for 40 years, retiring in 1965. His wife, Marguerite (Prentice x'24) died in 1975. There are no known survivors.

'22 **Mildred N. Morgan**, April 25, 1988, at the Presbyterian Home of the Moshannon Valley in Philipsburg, PA. She received her M.A. from Columbia U and had worked for many years in the admissions office at Pennsylvania State U. A niece survives.

'23 **Alexander E. Sharp**, a retired Presbyterian minister, Oct. 26, 1989. A graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary, Sharp was the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, IN, from 1932-39. He then became synod executive of the Synod of Indiana for the Presbyterian Church, a post he held for 10 years. From 1949 to 1962, he was administrative secretary for the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church. He retired in 1970. His wife, Mary Elizabeth, died in 1972. Surviving are two children, Alexander Sharp and Elizabeth Sager Sharp; two grandchildren; two brothers, Walter '29 and William '32.

x'24 **Alice Cumming Lowe**, Nov. 26, 1989, in Madison, WI. She retired from the U of Wisconsin in 1968, after 22 years of service

which began at the U of Wisconsin in Milwaukee as assistant registrar and continued in Madison, where she held the position of graduate school examiner for 12 years prior to her retirement. She was a member of the First Congregational Church. Her husband, Willard A. Lowe, died in 1972. Surviving are two daughters, Martha Kresse and Mary Alice Findorff; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Lois Dugdale.

'25 **Margaret Robbins Mitchell**, Nov. 18, 1989, in Wooster, where she had resided since 1930. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Wooster Garden Study Club, Girl Scouts, and Monday Club. Her husband, William '21, died in 1974. Surviving are two children, William R. and Barbara Tull; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister Rebecca Maus '33; two brothers, Joseph and Morrison.

x'26 **Florence L. Vanderbilt**, Dec. 8, 1989, in Rosemont, PA. She spent most of her life in New York City where, in 1927, she graduated from Columbia University School of Nursing. She then joined Columbia's nursing staff and later served as head nurse and as a member of the faculty. She retired in 1968 as director of student activities and health. She was popular with the students for her innovative teaching methods and her sense of humor.

Born of Presbyterian missionary parents in Mexico, she was the youngest of three daughters. She was active in the Presbyterian church and was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. After her retirement, she and a close friend lived on Cape Cod for nine years and in southern California for nine years. For the last three years, she lived in Rosemont Presbyterian Village. Surviving are her sister, Margaret Dettmers '23; three nieces, Margaret Johnston Gurney '51, Katherine Roulston Williams '51, Jean Roulston Cameron '54; two nephews, William V. Johnston '50 and Robert F. Johnston '56.

'27 **Edward S. Avison**, Nov. 5, 1989, of cancer, in St. Louis, MO. He was the youngest son of medical missionaries in Korea, where he was born. His M.A. in speech and drama was earned at Northwestern U. During his teaching career, he taught at Wooster (1931-32), Purdue U, Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College, and Hope College, where he founded the Hope College Theatre in 1948. After 20 years of teaching, he became the statewide representative in adult education for the U of Kansas, retiring in 1974, after 22 years of service. A loyal Woosterite, Avison served as men's secretary for his class from 1947 to 1952. Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Alberta (Ruse '27); two daughters, Elizabeth Swenson and Mary McKean; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. His son, Edward S. Avison, Jr. x'52, preceded him in death.

'29 **Jay W. Blum**, of Urbana, July 4, 1989. A teacher of economics, he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton U. Among other colleges and universities, he taught at Kenyon College and Heidelberg College. While teaching at Kenyon, he received a leave of absence to accept an appointment as security analyst with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, DC, in 1938-39. Kenyon again released him from 1942 to 1944 to teach at Duke U. In 1948, he taught one semester at Oklahoma A & M (now Oklahoma State) and then went to teach at Linfield College in Oregon for five years. From 1953 to 1958, he and his family



operated their dairy farm in Urbana. He returned to teaching economics in 1958 at Heidelberg College, retiring in 1970. While there, he also coached the tennis team. After his retirement, he returned to his farm, which he named Broadmede, and developed a good herd of registered Holsteins. Surviving are his wife, Marian, and daughter, Gretchen. Daughter Mary Blum '64 predeceased him.

'29 **James F. Donald**, a retired minister, Oct. 8, 1989, in Youngstown. He received his B.D. and M.A. from McCormick Theological Seminary and had served as a Chaplain with the U.S. Army, holding the rank of captain. During his 39 years as an ordained minister, he served churches in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and in Bolton and Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He also served two terms as moderator of the Presbytery of East Toronto. He retired in 1973. Surviving are his wife, Marion (Kneeland '27); two sons, David '55 and James '61; one daughter, Janet Storch '57.

x'29 **Myron D. Markley**, Nov. 29, 1989, in Fort Myers, FL, where he had resided for the last two years. A Meriden, CT, resident for more than 40 years, he was the former vice president of the New England Gear Works, Cheshire, and the Commonwealth Gear Works, Salisbury, PA, before selling the business in 1968. He subsequently retired as vice president of the Markley Gear Works in Meriden in 1984. He attended McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers and was a member of the Meriden Lodge of Masons, the Scottish Rite Masons of Hartford, the Sphinx Temple Shrine in Hartford, and Araba Temple Shrine in Fort Myers. He was past president of the Arabian Shrine Club of Meriden and Kaabans Shrine Club of Waterbury and was also a member of the Hartford Court of the Royal Order of Jesters. Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Lucille; two daughters, Sally Marlowe and Myrna Lou Long '58; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters.

'29 **Elizabeth McGaw Santantonio**, of St. James, NY, March, 1989. She received an M.A. from Columbia U Teacher's College, and for a time she was recreation supervisor at Central Islip State Hospital, NY. Her husband, Michael, died in 1968. Surviving are three daughters, Grazielle Simonette, Eleanor Tolan, and Michelle Forster; five grandchildren.

'30 **Arthur J. Ackerman**, of Crystal Lake, IL, Jan. 7, 1989. A retired chemist, he had worked for 30 years for the former Pure Oil Company of Crystal Lake. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church and was a charter member of the Crystal Lake Kiwanis Club. Involved in community affairs, he was a former member of the District 47 school board and a former member of the Crystal Lake planning commission. Surviving are his wife, Marian (Wilcox '30); two daughters, Mary Ellen Singer and Janet Nicholson; one son, Paul; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother, Harold '27; sister, Grace Wise '38.

'30 **AllaBelle Cropp Gest** received what she would have called her "Direct Flight" on New Year's Eve (Dec. 31, 1989) when she died suddenly, after a heart attack, only days after writing in her year-end letter: "I guess I am ready to see what 1990 has to offer . . . may the new year bring Peace and an increasing amount of Justice."

When AllaBelle wrote her own obituary for the Santa Barbara newspaper, she recalled her service as a Pink Lady at Cottage Hospital,

elder and deacon at First Presbyterian Church, teaching English to student nurses at Presbyterian Hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico, director of Christian education and trustee at Menaul School in Albuquerque, NM, treasurer of the United Religious Conference of the U of New Mexico. She also reported her 1951 marriage to Ben Gest, who died in 1968, and her being survived by a daughter and grandson by that marriage.

However, I suspect those of us to whom she was "Aunt Bey" and to her Wooster classmates, friends, and colleagues (in 1936-37 she worked on the Alumni Directory and became assistant alumni secretary), AllaBelle was so much more than she so modestly reported. One of her 1989 highlights was the *People* magazine story about her Wooster-based round-robin letter. Many may recall that the story was used by Phil Donahue for a TV show on which AllaBelle and some of her college friends appeared in a surprise "reunion."

AllaBelle was the third Cropp of her generation to attend Wooster. At her memorial service, Al's son, John, shared the following words which he and Fritz' son, Fred, had written and which I believe characterize AllaBelle as Woosterians will remember her.

"I believe Aunt Bey is a true example of what a Christian individual should be . . . a person with a special glow and peace inside which allowed her to enjoy life to its fullest . . . a person who was at peace with herself and with others. This characteristic was exemplified by her cheerfulness, her thoughtfulness, her loving joy-filled, committed and accepting style of life. . . . Unlike many people you meet early in life but whose importance may diminish as you grow older, Aunt Bey assumed a more important role in our lives as her brothers, our fathers, preceded her in death.

"Aunt Bey was always concerned with all the people on our Earth — especially those less fortunate than she . . . less fortunate than we. She was a missionary all of her life. Her mission field was wherever she was. . . ."

There were many more thoughts and words which will be gladly shared with anyone who asks. Sarah Painter '25 perhaps best summarized our thoughts when she quietly and succinctly said: "I'll just miss knowing she's around." We all do. Surviving are her daughter, Adelaide J. Gest; two nephews, Robert H. Cropp and Frederick W. Cropp III '54; great-nephews, Frederick W. Cropp IV '82, Kevin A. Cropp '92, Tom Cropp; great-nieces, Julie Cropp, Carol Cropp, and Jennifer Belmont '91.

by Fred W. Cropp '54

'31 **Martha Witherspoon Dunlap**, June 24, 1989, in Tucson, AZ. She received her R.N. from St. Luke's Nursing School in Cleveland and worked in the Pittsburgh, PA, area as a nursing instructor and in a physician's practice. Later, she was a public school nurse and supervisor in the Greensburg, PA, area. She was the president of the Westmoreland County Public School Nurses' Association, charter member of Westmoreland County Garden Club, and a member of the Greensburg Quota Club. An active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in New Stanton, PA, she was also a life member of the United Lutheran Church Women.

In 1973, she and her husband, John, retired to Sun City, AZ, where she was active in the United Church of Sun City, serving as a deaconess and on the board of missions. Stricken by acute leukemia in 1974, she was one of the first group of patients to be treated successfully

with chemotherapy. After her recovery from leukemia, she began writing poetry and taking classes in poetry and writing. Her husband of almost 52 years died on Jan. 14, 1989. Surviving are two sons, J. Lawrence '61 and Richard; four grandchildren; sister, Mary Fox '31.

'32 **Herbert A. Gates**, Nov. 13, 1989, in Austinburg, where he had lived since 1937. During W.W. II, he served as a medic in the European theater. He received his B.S. in education and his M.A. in zoology from Ohio State U. His entire working career was spent at Grand River Academy in Austinburg, where he retired in 1970, after 33 years of service. While associated with the academy, he taught science, mathematics and French and later served as director of admissions, dean of students, principal, assistant headmaster and, from 1966-69, headmaster. Largely through his efforts, the school grew from a junior boarding school with 15 young men in the '30s to a secondary school with over 100 students at the time of his retirement. Surviving are two step-sisters, Marian Wilcox Ackerman '30 and Roberta Allen; three nephews, David Allen '65, John B. Crowe '69, and James Crowe.

x'32 **Paul J. Guenther**, of Notre Dame, IN, Oct. 22, 1988. He became a monk in 1931 and was known as Brother Austin Guenther, C.S.C. He served in seven apostolic appointments, mostly in Notre Dame. There are no known survivors.

'32 **Mabel E. Schriber**, Nov. 16, 1989, at her home in Carnegie, PA. She was a social work supervisor for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance for many years. After her retirement in 1969, she served as a volunteer at St. Clair Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church. Surviving are two brothers; one nephew; three nieces.

'32 **Elizabeth Fracker Thayer**, Dec. 23, 1989, in Columbus, where she had resided for the last four years. She and her husband, Charley, lived in Kennett Square, PA, for almost 30 years. There, they raised three children, and Elizabeth also worked as a librarian. After her husband retired, the Thayers moved to Bristol Village in Waverly and lived there for 11 years before moving to Columbus. A woman who demonstrated her faith and beliefs through action, she was active in women's organizations in the Presbyterian churches of Kennett Square and Waverly and served as an elder in the Kennett Square church and as a deacon in both churches. Also active in community organizations, she served as a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader, and she did significant work with the migrant worker community in Kennett Square. Her husband, to whom she was married for 54 years, died in April, 1988. Surviving are three children, Charles '66, Carol Jo Heald, Patricia Balthis; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters, one of whom is Phila King '28; one brother.

x'33 **Samuel J. Currie**, April, 1988, in Oceanside, CA, where he was living in retirement. After military service in W.W. II, Samuel returned to his native town of Whitinsville, MA. He lived there until he retired. He was the proprietor of Currie's Gift Shop in Whitinsville. He is survived by his sister, Jane C. Leslie.

'33 **John H. Graham**, Dec. 7, 1987, after a year of illness and hospitalization. He majored in chemistry and biology at Wooster and received his M.D. from Western Reserve U



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in 1939. He served in the U.S. Army during W.W. II, attaining the rank of captain. In his medical practice, he specialized in care of the eyes. His wife, Joyce, survives.

**x'33 Joe K. Halderman**, Nov. 17, 1989. After one year at Wooster, Joe went to Miami U, where he received the B.S. in 1933. He and Blanche (Straub '34) were married on Jan. 25, 1935. Joe's career was at the Bauer Ladder Company from which he retired as vice president, after 37 years of service. Throughout his life he was active in civic affairs. In 1973, when he was awarded the Red Triangle for outstanding service to the YMCA and to the youth of the Wooster area, it was noted that he had been a director of the United Way, chair of the manufacturer's division of the Wooster Chamber of Commerce, director of Rotary, president of the American Ladder Institute, and a deacon and elder of the Trinity United Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Blanche (Straub '34) Halderman; daughter, Susanne Hadley; son, Dr. John R. Halderman; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Patricia Eckstein; brother, C. Mac Halderman.

**x'33 George M. McSherry**, who died on Sept. 25, 1989, was a direct link between Orville Wright and modern aviation. As a neighbor, George learned about aerodynamics and flight theory from Orville Wright. After one year at Wooster and a degree from Ohio State University in 1933, George started his career in aviation as a flight instructor, airline pilot, and station manager for TWA and Columbia Airlines. From the position of airport manager at the Dayton Airport, he went to the position of assistant director of La Guardia Airport in New York City. When Idlewild Airport (now John F. Kennedy Airport) was coming into being, George was general manager of what was to become the hub of transatlantic air traffic for the world's biggest airlines. Later he became assistant general manager of the Port of New York Authority, then executive director of the Dade County Port Authority (Miami, FL), and still later, general manager of the Los Angeles Department of Airports for Planning and Operations. Mary Sachs McSherry, who was married to George on Jan. 6, 1938, died in 1984. He is survived by two daughters, Virginia Weber and Maribel Boyd; one son, George W. McSherry; six grandchildren.

**x'33 Roger Thompson**, Aug. 30, 1989. After one year at Wooster, Roger studied engineering at Ohio State U for two years. His entire career was with Bendix-Westinghouse Automotive Air Brake Company, from which he retired as designer draftsman. On Dec. 9, 1939, he married Pauline B. Storrer, who survives him. In 1938, they moved to Richmond, CA, to be near their daughter, Mary E. Thompson, who also survives.

**x'33 John S. Miller**, Nov. 6, 1989. John, who was with the class of 1933 for one year, was born in Kilgore. For 30 years, he owned and operated a greenhouse in Kilgore. He was a member of the Kilgore United Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife, Gretchen Ferrell Miller; daughter, Avis Phillips; one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

**x'37 Helen Dye Batchelder**, Nov. 10, 1989, at Pomeroy Hill Nursing Home in Livermore Falls, ME. She attended Kent State U, The College of Steubenville, and Farmington State Teachers College. In 1955, she married John Batchelder, and lived in Jay, ME, until the time of her death. During recent years, she attended

Grace Baptist Church in North Jay. A homemaker, she enjoyed gardening, knitting, and photography. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church. Surviving are her husband, John; sister, Agnes Kerr '32.

**x'37 Fred M. Carothers**, of Altoona, PA, Jan. 20, 1989. He was a graduate of Rutgers U. A retired vice president and secretary of the Central Counties Bank of Altoona, he was a member of Kiwanis, the Masonic Lodge, did volunteer work, and enjoyed golfing and fishing. Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; son, Richard; three grandchildren.

**x'42 Elberta Wagner Fleming**, founder and director of the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center in Bay Village, Nov. 17, 1989, in San Diego, CA. An educator and environmentalist, Fleming dedicated her life to helping children develop an interest in the environment, nurture of living creatures, and care of natural resources and materials. Wanting to provide a place with living animals where children could explore, she founded the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center in 1945. Under her leadership the nature center grew from a small operation in her home in Bay Village to a multimillion-dollar complex visited by thousands each year. Her insistence on the "hands on" experience and the introduction of wildlife rehabilitation in the center's classrooms and her teenage curator program earned her the reputation as a pioneer in the field.

After her retirement from the nature center in 1977, she and her husband moved to San Diego, where she continued her educational work with children. She was involved in volunteer work at the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, and Scripps Institution of Oceanography and was a member of the Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve.

For her earlier work as a commercial artist, illustrating and writing children's books and scientific articles, she received many awards, including the Elsie B. Naumburg Award in 1961 and the Founders Award in 1986, both from the Natural Science for Youth Foundation. A prominent educator, she received numerous awards for her conservation education and received regional and national recognition for her achievements in the movement to promote natural science education. In 1973, she received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Wooster.

While at Wooster, she studied biology and augmented her slender finances in a variety of creative ways: she used her artistic talent to draw grasses and other specimens for Dr. Morgan Evans of the Ohio State University Science and Development Center; she organized and catalogued the College biology department's natural history museum; she took perceptive photographs of faculty children and worked for her room with a faculty family.

Those who knew her will remember her favorite statement: "A child's curiosity is a precious thing." This was not mere verbiage; she committed her life to nurturing that curiosity and imparting her zest and joy for nature and science. Surviving are her husband, William; two sons, Alex '66 and David '70; three grandchildren.

**'43 H. Philip Hofmann**, Oct. 25, 1989, in Oxford, where he had lived since 1952. During W.W. II, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps and saw action in the South Pacific. A graduate of Western Reserve School of Dentistry, he began his dental practice in Oxford and served the community for 37 years. He was known as a

quiet-spoken man with a keen sense of humor, and he was regarded as a good and trusted friend by his many patients. Active in the county's Keely Dental Society and in his community, he was a patron of the arts who especially enjoyed concerts. He was a Past Master of the Oxford Masonic Lodge, a Past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 225, a past chair of the Municipal Welfare Board, and a member of the Hamilton York Rite and Scottish Rite of Cincinnati organizations and the Oxford Lions Club. He served as an elder and deacon of the Oxford Presbyterian Church. His wife, Jean, whom he married in 1950, and two sons predeceased him. Surviving are two sons, Norman '73 and Robert; daughter, Beth Hofmann; brother, James '41; sister, Christine Metcalf '40; several nieces and nephews among whom are Edward Hofmann '68 and Margaret Metcalf '82.

**x'43 Jane L. Paulin**, Nov. 17, 1989, of cancer, in Canfield where she was born. A graduate of Ohio State U, she received her M.A. from Westminster College. She was a teacher of mathematics at Canfield High School for 38 years. A member of local and national professional organizations, she also was a member of the Canfield United Methodist Church, Junior Wimodaughsis Club, Wednesday Night Friendship Club, and the National Republican Congressional Committee. Her sister, Geraldine Wetmore, survives.

**'44 Eleanor R. Homan**, Aug. 3, 1989, in Chardon. Upon graduation, she joined the U.S. Navy. After a career of 20 years, she retired as a Lieutenant Commander and lived in San Diego. In 1968, she received her M.S. from California State College at Los Angeles and became a social worker for San Diego County, retiring a few years ago. Class members will remember the poem, *Prexy*, that she wrote in honor of President Wishart, for the 60th annual dinner of the Wooster Alumni Association, May 13, 1944. Surviving are two sisters, Marjorie Vutetakis '50 and Priscilla Jackson '57.

**'47 Lucille Stephen Eccleston**, of Salisbury, MD, Aug. 19, 1988. For the last 12 years, she was docent of the Salisbury Zoo, where she contributed her knowledge, enthusiasm, time and resources to zoo educational programs. In remembrance of her, the zoo dedicated the Lucille Eccleston Memorial Pavilion on June 28, 1989. With the help of her son, Stephen, the zoo landscaped the pavilion with the flowers that Lucille loved. She was a member of the Wicomico Presbyterian Church, the Friends of the Salisbury Zoo, the Ward Foundation, and the Medical Auxiliary of Wicomico County. Surviving are two sons, Stephen and David; daughter, Karen Mayne; two grandsons.

**'51 Paul H. Netzly**, June 25, 1989, at his home in Delta. From 1945 to 1947, he served in the U.S. Army. He received his M.Div. from Eden Theological Seminary and served Ohio United Church of Christ pastorates in Delta, New Bavaria, South Charleston, and Bloomville. Illness forced his retirement from the ministry in 1981. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and three daughters.

**x'54 Laurence F. Drewry**, of Seattle, WA, May 8, 1989. He received his B.A. from Sacramento State College and was a free-lance writer, poet, and actor. Earlier, he had been the registrar for Parks School of Business in Denver, CO, and had been director of admissions at Heald College in Sacramento, CA. His wife, Mary Ann, and two daughters survive.



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**'57 Lenore Weimer Leeder**, Dec. 17, 1989, in Euclid, after a long illness. She received her B.S. from Francis Payne Bolton School of Nursing in Cleveland. An R.N., she was employed at Wooster Community Hospital from 1957-59 and was an office nurse in the Wooster area from 1959-61. Surviving are her husband, John, '57; four daughters; two sisters, Elsie Hoff '50 and Sarah Bitzer '58.

**'58 Robert L. Patterson**, of Long Beach, NY, June 7, 1989. A school guidance counselor, he received his M.A. in education from SUNY at Albany and his M.A. in guidance counseling from Michigan State U. He was past-president of the New York State Guidance Counseling Association and was chair of the guidance department of Long Beach High School at the time of his death.

He brought his love of sailing to Wooster, and in his sophomore year, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Wooster Sailing Club, which became the third largest collegiate fleet in the Midwest. Throughout his life, he owned and sailed various boats and especially enjoyed sailing his latest, a 33-foot Pierson, on Long Island Sound. He is interred at Chautauqua, NY, where he learned to sail as a boy. Surviving are three sons, Richard, Robert, and David; three grandchildren; mother, Gertrude (Lippincott '31) Patterson; sister, Trudy Colflesh '61; brothers, C. Meade '40, James M. '48, Clark '67.

**'63 Wilson V. Skelton**, Dec. 27, 1989, in Ashland, where he had resided since 1980. He received his M.A. from Ohio State U and had taught English and speech in the Richland area schools from 1963 to 1975. He then joined the family business, Skelton's, Inc., in Mansfield as vice president and treasurer. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was a member and director of the Mansfield Playhouse. His father and brother survive.

**x'76 Guy M. Larew**, April 13, 1988, while diving at St. John's Island on a family vacation. He was a chemical engineer for American Electric Power Company in Columbus. Surviving are his wife, Julia, whom he married in 1985; daughter, Natalie; his parents, John and Lillian (Kesel '46) Larew; brother, Christian; sisters, Laura and Gabrielle; aunt, Rose Marie (Kesel '48) Mokodean.

**'77 Scott O. Niemann**, Dec. 16, 1989, in Medina. His M.A. in philosophy was earned at Cleveland State U, and he was an instructor at Bryant & Stratton Business Institute, Lakeland Community College, and Cuyahoga Community College. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, receiving the Meritorious Mast Award, and was also a skilled horseman. He attended the United Church of Christ Congregational of Medina. Surviving are his wife, Cindy, whom he married on Sept. 2, 1989; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood H. Niemann; brother, Craig; sister, Diane Sherrill.

**x'79 Vincent A. Coleman**, of Cincinnati, Oct. 7, 1989. At the time of his death, he was employed by General Electric. Surviving are his wife, Pamela, whom he married on June 9, 1984; daughter, Lauren; parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Coleman; two brothers, Phillip and Anthony.

**'86 Kimberly Nelson Ulrich**, Dec. 8, 1989, in the SUNY Health Science Center, Syracuse, NY, of leukemia. She did graduate work at SUNY at Plattsburgh and was a mathematics teacher at McGraw High School in Cortland, NY. In addition to membership in the New York Mathematics Teachers' Association, she was a

member of the SUNY Choral Union and the Homer Congregational Church, where she sang in the choir. In 1982-83, she was a youth advisory delegate to the Presbyterian Synod of the Northeast and to the synod's general assembly. Surviving are her husband, James '84, whom she married on Aug. 9, 1986; her parents, Stuart and Mary Ann Nelson; brother, Richard; sister, Kristen L. Nelson.

We have received word of the following deaths but have no further information.

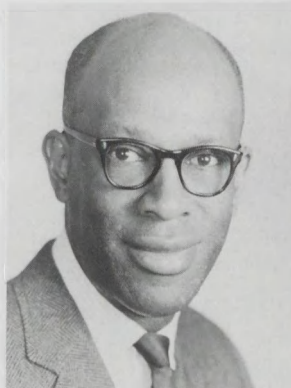
- x'23 Elizabeth Grimshaw Stüffler.
- x'27 Walter F. Deuber.
- x'28 Virginia Green Haines, Nov. 2, 1989.
- x'28 Sterling W. Rounds, March, 1986.
- '28 Lillian Rice Shipman.
- x'29 J. Emmett Ferrell.
- x'29 Byron Saneholtz, May, 1985.
- x'34 Don R. Cummins, 1985.
- x'41 Kenneth L. Anderson.
- x'41 F. A. Greicius, Sept. 4, 1989.
- x'45 Robert A. Homan, 1986.
- H'46 H. Ganse Little, Jan. 2, 1990.
- x'49 April Bowser Davis.
- x'59 Lenore Beyer Mark, Jan., 1989.

The following obituaries will appear in the Summer issue:

- '15 Milton S. Williams, Jan. 14, 1990.
- x'18 Kathleen Campbell Patton, Jan. 8, 1990.
- x'22 B. May Naftzger Sinclair, Feb. 13, 1990.
- '31 Mary Ihrig Pfeister, April 14, 1989.
- '33 Richardson L. Rice, Feb. 7, 1990.
- '34 Margaret McMillen, Jan. 26, 1990.
- '35 Florence Cheeseman Grafton, Feb. 7, 1990.
- x'36 Vance R. Shaw, Feb. 8, 1990.
- '40 E. Perry Hicks, Dec. 24, 1989.
- '42 Paul F. Troxel, Jan. 14, 1990.
- '44 Donald I. Sonnedecker, Feb. 3, 1990.
- x'46 Eleanor Wolford Blevins, Oct. 1, 1989.
- '48 Leslie E. Pritchard, Jr., Nov. 29, 1989.

## FAMILY NOTES

**Russell M. Jones**, lecturer in urban studies at Wooster from 1970-75, died Nov. 17, 1989, of cancer, in Columbus. He received his



Russell M. Jones

B.A. in sociology from Virginia Union U and his B.D. from Lutheran Theological Seminary. From 1946-56, Jones was a programmer in international affairs, political action, and race relations

for the YMCA in Columbus. He then served for seven years as associate director of the Columbus Area Council of Churches and for two years was executive director of the Columbus Civil Rights Council. He was a member of Columbus City Council during 1960 and 1961.

In 1965, he became field director of the Midwest field office of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Chicago. Before coming to the College, he was executive director of the Greater Cleveland Urban Coalition. From 1975-85, Jones was the equal opportunity officer for the Cummings Engine Company in Columbus, IN. Until 1988, he worked as the staff consultant to the Evansville (IN) Area Minority Supplier Development Council.

Surviving are his wife, Marie, and two daughters, Renata Henry and Karen Sarjent.

The department of classical studies regrets to announce that it has received news of the death of **Dr. Rahim Raman**, on Jan. 9, 1990, in Brussels, where he was employed as a translator at NATO.

Dr. Raman was a member of the faculty of The College of Wooster from 1973-78 and chairperson of the department of classical studies from 1976-78. Dr. Vivian Holliday, classical studies and history, speaks for many of Dr. Raman's friends and former colleagues and students in the United States in the following words of eulogy to Rahim Raman.

"Raman was extraordinary in many ways but most of all in his magnanimous outlook on life. In his daily activities he confirmed the infinite beauty of each human being and the worth of each moment, however routine, in our daily lives. We can best pay our respects to Rahim Raman, superb scholar and teacher and irreplaceable friend, by recognizing the unique beauty of each of those around us and celebrating the daily joys of being alive.

*"Ave et Vale*, my friend from the Ile of Mauritius. May your spirit live in the hearts of all of us who had the good fortune to know you."

Those wishing to express their sympathy to Dr. Raman's family may do so by writing to Rahim's mother, Mrs. Mariam Raman, 130, Route Royale, Beau Bassin, Mauritius.

Those wishing to contribute to an appropriate memorial to the memory of Dr. Raman at The College of Wooster may send a check to The College of Wooster, Raman Memorial, Galpin Hall, Wooster, OH 44691.

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Information in the Class Notes has been compiled from reports by the class secretaries, newspapers, press releases, and letters to the Alumni Office or the editors. Class secretaries: please note the following deadlines for each issue of *Wooster*:

- Fall: August 18
- Winter: October 22
- Spring: February 2
- Summer Non-reunion Classes: May 13
- Summer Reunion Classes: June 13

If you plan to have your wedding photograph appear in *Wooster*, consider having a couple of black and white prints made when you make arrangements with your photographer. You will be pleased with the result.



# At the Sha . . . Pine Street Café

The Shack, a soda shop founded on Pine Street in 1910 by sophomore Fred Collins '13 and brought to glory by William K. Syrios, gradually went out of business in the late '60s and early '70s, mostly because there was no longer a member of the Syrios family available to run it.

Not incidentally, alcohol had become legal on campus, the Chapel requirement had disappeared, and smoking was allowed in Mom's Truck Stop in Lowry Center, which opened in 1968.

Well, it's 1990 and *plus ça change*. The Pine Street Café opened March 19 at the Shack's location and is doing a fine business.

The building (still owned by the Syrios family) housed a record store when Joanne Wood moved in. "I wanted the location for my designing business [J.W. Designs]," she says, and she thought something should be done with the extra commercial space. But the record business ate money, and Wood might have given up if John Swartz '91 hadn't been living in the building's basement apartment. Swartz's father (Roscoe '52) "was a shackrat, and my mom [Elizabeth Eaton Swartz '52] used to come because she knew he'd be here."

Just returned from a year in Italy, where he had "subsisted in cafés," Swartz took one look at the closed record store and decided it was the perfect space for a café in Wooster.

Wood was skeptical. The persuasive Swartz did a market survey on campus, and a line of students came in to tell Wood that, not only would they patronize such a place, but they would also provide the volunteer help necessary to get it started. Then Swartz and Wood visited a couple of coffee houses in Cleveland,

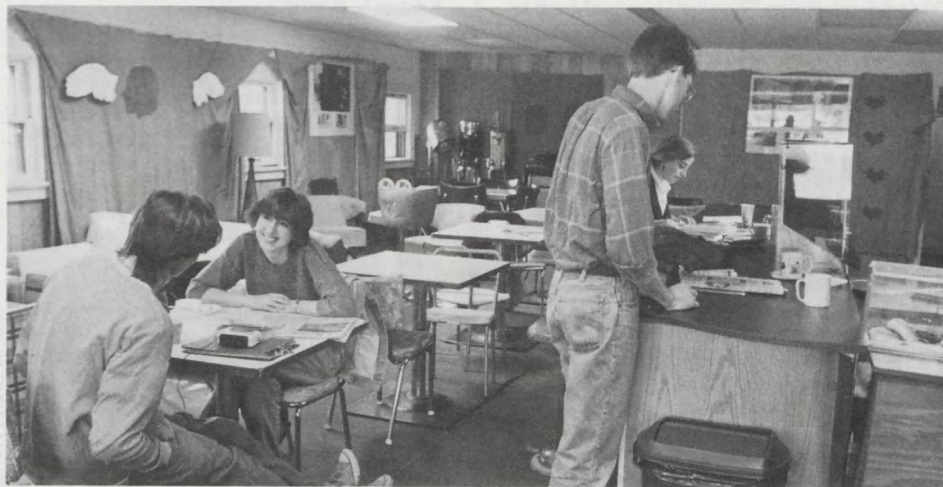


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*Paul Koreman '91 and Cortney McClelland '91 at the table (l.) and Tim Hillhouse '90 and Lynn Renken '92 at the counter enjoy the new Pine Street Café.*

purchased inexpensive materials and furniture in the Wooster area, and "by a miracle," put the place together over spring break.

On a couple of spring mornings, the Café was home to an average of a dozen students (talking, reading, waking up) and faculty. Peter Roff (Rabbi at the local Temple who has a campus office in the old practice house across Pine Street) got a cup of coffee to go; Elizabeth Castelli (religious studies) conducted a tutorial; Barbara Hustwit (writing center) worked through a student's paper with him over coffee.

Third-generation caférat Jennifer McCreight '93 looked right at home at a table not far from where her parents, Edward Meyer and Lynn Cherry McCreight '66s, enjoyed

cokes some years ago. Her grandfather, James Carroll McCreight '39, later encountered with Jennifer at a Westminster Church service, confirmed that he, too, had spent time in the Shack. "I studied Greek my freshman year," he said, "and as soon as I thought I knew how to express a greeting, I went over to try it out on Bill Syrios. He was very polite."

The music is classical, alternating with jazz, and unobtrusive. The coffee is excellent, and the atmosphere is friendly and relaxed. There is no smoking.

Our rating:

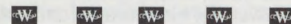
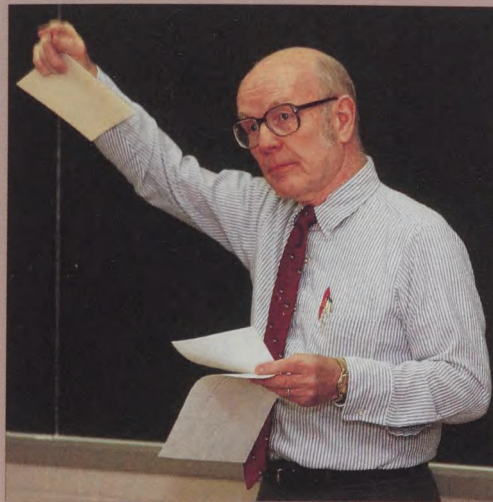


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*Tim Hillhouse and Abigail Wurf '90 are at the table, just beyond some of the quirky furniture where the Shack's booths used to be. Volunteering behind the counter at rear is second-generation caférat Patricia Starek '92. Her mother, Anne L. Scaff '60, and her father, Peter Starek '59, both patronized the Shack.*



*Gordon Tait (religious studies) illustrates what must have been a fine point in cosmology in his course, American Sects and Cults.*



*Elizabeth Castelli (religious studies) and some of her students in *The Psychology of Religion*. Both photographs on this page are by Matt Dilyard.*



