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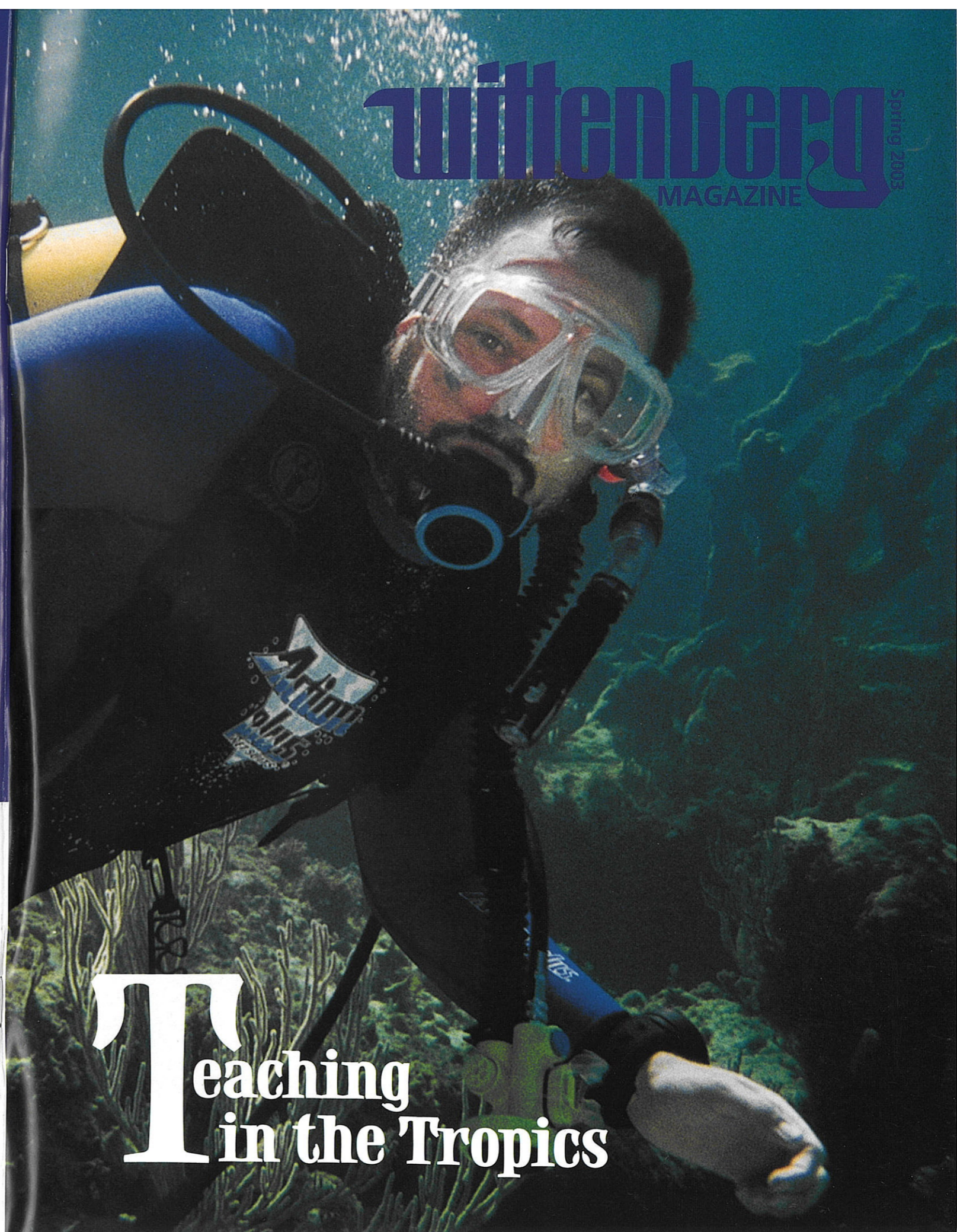


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**Common bonds**

When I walked into Professor Ronald deLanglade's biology department office, I realized that we had something in common. There, plastered on one wall, was a floor-to-ceiling picture of a beach, complete with tropical trees, ocean surf and his own beach chair to boot. In front of the photo was a fish tank filled with three well-fed goldfish, and the shelves behind his desk revealed numerous ocean souvenirs, all collected during deLanglade's 36-year career at Wittenberg.

Yes, deLanglade loves the ocean, and so do I, which made this issue's cover story "Teaching in the Tropics" all the more fun to write, particularly after the harsh winter we experienced in Ohio.

Writing this story also allowed me to see firsthand the enthusiasm the biology department has for its Bahamas field studies program, the subject of our feature. When I asked deLanglade during our interview if he had any pictures that I could borrow, he paused, left the office and returned in seconds with a huge white binder filled with beautiful slides taken by Ruth Lewis, biology lab coordinator. I could use whatever I wanted, he said, but that turned out to be no easy task.

As I paged through the binder back in my office, I found myself marking hundreds of slides, each one capturing the students, faculty, field work and San Salvador Island in a new light. Ruth's eye for photography amazed me, and I'm honored to publish some of her photos in this eight-page feature about a program that has made a difference in so many students' lives throughout the last 25 years. It begins on page 16, and I hope you, too, will experience the enthusiasm that pervades the students and the dedicated biology

faculty members who have made the program such a success.

This is a difficult time for the campus community as you might imagine. In a recent e-mail to students, faculty and staff, President Tipson noted that "the war in Iraq has aroused powerful emotions on campus and throughout the country; in recent memory, only the events of Sept. 11, 2001, provoked feelings this passionate."

Many members of the Wittenberg family also have friends or relatives serving overseas, and I'm sure there are alumni serving as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and we hope you'll let us know if you or someone you know is serving by logging on to our Web site at [www.wittenberg.edu](http://www.wittenberg.edu) or by contacting e-mail at [wittmagazine@wittenberg.edu](mailto:wittmagazine@wittenberg.edu).

We look forward to hearing from you, and please keep us posted.

Sincerely,



Karen Saatkamp Gerboth '93  
Editor



What a difference two weeks make in the month of March on campus.

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## Telescope leads to lifelong friendship

I was delighted to read in the winter issue that our venerable Weaver Observatory telescope has been upgraded with the latest equipment so that it's now rated among the best refractory telescopes in Ohio.

The old gal and I had a personal relationship when I was janitor of the observatory in my senior year (1934-35). I also became personal friends with Hugh G. Harp, director of the observatory and assistant math professor, who also taught the astronomy course. I was entrusted with a key to the building but told to stay out of the observatory dome.

Sometimes when I did my work in the evening, Prof. Harp would be there to make observations. After sighting the telescope on what he wanted to observe, he would invite me to take a look while he explained what I was seeing. A small kindness, perhaps, but it seemed very exciting to me.

After serving in the Navy in World World II, I joined the Marietta College

faculty. In the fall of 1948, as I recall, when I attended our opening faculty meeting, there was Hugh Harp. During our years at Marietta, we often invited him to our home where we enjoyed reminiscing about the Wittenberg years and our friendships with students and faculty.

**Adrian Nader '35**  
River Edge, N.J.

## Alumna remembers observatory

On page 43 of the Winter edition of the *Wittenberg Magazine* was an interesting article about the Weaver Observatory. I'm sure Aunt Elizabeth and Uncle Elger Weaver would be pleased to know it is being used again for what it was intended when it was given to Wittenberg by them in 1931.

Their portraits hung in the entrance way for quite a while. It would be nice if they could be located and hung again for students who use the building to see the people who were so generous with money to be used to build the observatory and Weaver Chapel.

**Katherine Zehring Evans '46**  
Sarasota, Fla.

## Alumnus shares thoughts on three alumni

As an alumnus of the Class of '51, I had at least three reasons to enjoy the [last] issue.

My daughter-in-law had e-mailed to tell us that her brother's wife was featured on the inside back page. Sure enough, there was Dr. Brooks Hedstrom. The topic seems so timely, and with her knowledge of history and the Muslim world, she should be a natural. Even in the early '50s, Dr. Prince was a voice of the distant past. I have the image of him as a guy wearing a Lincoln-like black frock coat, but that is really all I remember. I guess I will need to read more to find out why he is remembered a century later.

My second thrill was to read about Henry Saeman. Henry was a fellow miler and two-miler on the track team. I was the slow guy; Henry always beat me. I think I thought more about partying than competing.... Henry never once talked about the pain he must have felt as a young man who lost so much in the Holocaust. I always admired him as a fellow runner and a friend. We still say hi at reunions.

The third was the induction of football player George

Winkhouse to the Athletic Hall of Honor. I do not think we actually knew each other, but George was one of the guys a couple of years older than I who returned to college after serving in WWII. George and I are both from Springfield, and I think I remember him all the way back to six-man football played in the junior high schools, his football performance at Springfield High School and, of course, at Wittenberg.

On a sadder note, I read of the death of John Norris and his cartoon characters of the Wittenberg tiger. In 1949 or 1950, we borrowed the idea of the tiger heads in the Beta (first-place) Homecoming display. Brother Tom Lindner and I were co-chairmen of our display. It showed a regular-sized sign used to advertise on highways with two tigers dressed as sign painters, up on scaffolding. They were painting over a picture of the previous year's Homecoming football loss with the caption: "We're Painting a Different Picture This Year."

Without John and his cartoon heads and windshield wiper motors, which powered the arm actions, I do not know what we would have done.

**Don Ward '51**  
Prospect, Ky.

## Magazine Web site praised by alumna

I read about the new changes in the latest *Wittenberg Magazine*. I almost forgot to check out the Web page, but so glad I did. I love the new additions, and I love the photos and the albums. I hope people send in more pictures. I will come back often. Good work. Thanks.

**Nancy Olsen King '85**  
Lilburn, Ga.

## Choir receives rave reviews during tour

*Editor's Note: The following was sent during the Wittenberg Choir's 2003 spring concert tour.*

Fellow alumna Joanne Cicerello Kochuk '76 and I thoroughly enjoyed and were touched by the good works, good words and truly good music of the Wittenberg Choir last night at St. Philip Lutheran Church here in Raleigh! Please pass on our good wishes and deep appreciation to Dr. Busarow and the wonderful choir members.

I was fortunate to strike up a brief conversation with choir member and accompanist Brad Hall ['05] while the group was waiting to go on. I was truly pleased and impressed with Brad and his peers — and I am more proud each day to be a Wittenberg grad! We were both so pleased that our wonderful alma mater is still chal-

lenging and supporting young people to do their best in the areas that really matter. Here's to Wittenberg!

**Melinda B. Sopher '79**  
Raleigh, N.C.

## Lutheran heritage questioned

President Tipson's "Last Word" merely confirmed suspicions that Wittenberg has joined the crowd of once Christian universities becoming part of the crowd of secular ones with a chapel. He said nothing a good secular humanist, atheist or agnostic could not have said just as well or better. I feel very badly. We need another secular university like a hole in the head.

Wittenberg's plus was its commitment to Jesus and the Christian Church, and particularly the Lutheran denomination. I feel very much betrayed by such "all things to all people" drivel. A prof at seminary once said: "The man who will stand for nothing will fall for anything." So much for a proud history that stretches back to 1845.

This is a far cry from the "Wittenberg" I knew as a student.

**The Rev. Paul A. Schult '58**  
Southampton, Ontario,  
Canada

## Professor responds to letter

*Editor's Note: The following is the response by Charles Chatfield, professor emeritus of history, to the letter written by Douglas R. Penny '69 in the Winter 2003 issue.*

It is a pleasure to be engaged over a piece like this, and I appreciate your writing with such candor.

Of course, you are correct in feeling that old patterns changed throughout the period under review, and that the period of change extended into the 1970s. Indeed old patterns persist today along with quite new ones; that is the nature of institutions and individuals, of history, I suspect.

With respect to the Lobach tragedy, I regret having written that the shot was "intended" for John's leg because, of course, that was only the police officer's claim, and it could not be proved even today. Your extended account of the affair is essentially correct, and I originally had included details along that line, only space limitations required drastic cutting.

In fact there is more to the story that would highlight the confusion of that night and tie it to mishandled and overweening security behavior earlier in the year. Hyperactive and violent security response to students was endemic in the country in those years, as you will recall.

However, the context for retelling the tragedy in my piece was the efforts of the college administration of the time to respond to stu-

dent sensibilities, in this case over the issue of firearms in the hands of security personnel. On that score, there was indeed a shift from earlier arbitrary and ad hoc decision-making.

With regard to the security officer's responsibility, the administration necessarily and appropriately turned the issue over to civil authorities. It did not have the legal authority to judge the case. In fact, the university ultimately lost a civil suit on the case and paid a considerable sum as a consequence. My sense is, though I did not make the point in the article, that — far from covering up the tragedy — the university submitted itself to civil law, paid the consequence of a judgment against it, and revised its security force and policy, taking into consideration student, faculty, public and board opinion. And this in an era of turbulence and sometimes extremism.

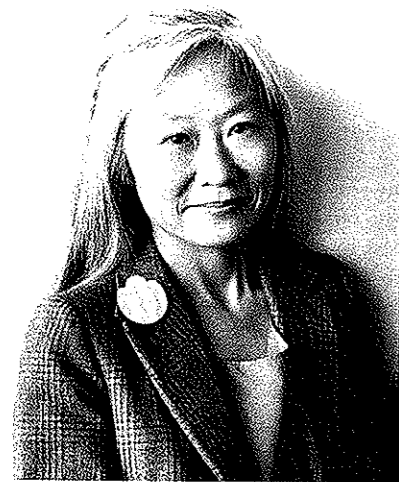
You may still differ on this, of course, and we both agree as to the senselessness and tragedy of Lobach's death as well of the incompetence of both the security officer in question and unprofessional security attitudes at that time. I want to be clear that I accept and affirm your feelings even as I qualify my sense of the university's role following the shooting.

Again, thank you for writing. That is a strong statement of your own character.

**Charles Chatfield,**  
**Professor Emeritus**  
**of History**  
Springfield, Ohio

## Best-selling author discusses work as part of Wittenberg Series

On Feb. 10, Maxine Hong Kingston shared her experiences as a daughter of Chinese immigrants and now best-selling author during the Wittenberg Series Distinguished Author event in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Center. The event was co-sponsored by the Wittenberg Guild.



Kingston

Born in 1940, Kingston was the first of six children born in America to Chinese immigrants, who operated a gambling house in Stockton, Calif. Her childhood consisted of long, hard labor working in the family laundry business alongside her siblings. During those years, however, Kingston listened to stories of other immigrants, which helped her develop her own storytelling skills.

In 1976, Kingston published her first book, *The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts*, which received the National Book Critic's Circle Award.

The book combines autobiography and fiction, and contains stories about earlier generations of Chinese women, their tragic lives in the extremely male-dominated society of China and Kingston's own attempts to break away from their smothering shadows. It is now used in high schools and colleges across the country.

Kingston has also authored *China Men*, *Hawaii One Summer* and *Tripmaster Monkey: His Fake Book*.

## AROUND MYERS HOLLOW

### NAACP chair urges racial justice, economic equality and world peace at commemorative convocation

With a standing-room only crowd before him, Julian Bond, chair of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, discussed "Civil Rights Now and Then, Then and Now" during Wittenberg's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Convocation, Jan. 20, in Weaver Chapel.

A leader in the movements for civil rights, economic justice and peace, Bond urged listeners "to fight discrimination, wherever it raises its ugly head" and "to imitate the well-lived life" of Martin Luther King Jr., "not simply mourn the martyr's death."

"King did more than tell the nation of his dream at the March on Washington," Bond said. "In the years before and after, he addressed the human condition, the larger world beyond America's shores. Racial justice, economic equality and world peace — these were themes that occupied King's life; they ought to occupy ours today."

From his student days as a founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee to his current position as NAACP chair, Bond has been on the cutting edge of racial change since 1960.

An activist who has faced jail for his convictions, Bond, a veteran of more than 20 years in the Georgia General Assembly, noted that all people are "implicated in the continuation of inequality," and that "it will require our common effort to bring it to an end."

"A civil rights agenda for a new cen-



Bond

tury must include continuing to litigate, to organize, to mobilize, forming coalitions of the caring and concerned, joining ranks against the comfortable, the callous and the smug," he said.

This agenda, he continued, must include fighting against discrimination, and "insuring that every citizen registers and votes and guaranteeing the irregularities, suppression, nullification and outright theft of black votes that happened on Election Day 2000 never ever happen again." It also must include a cessation of racial profiling and must ensure that today's children have the best education.

"We have a long and honorable tradition of social justice in this country," Bond added, and "it still sends forth the message that when we act together, we can overcome."



Wittenberg's Imani Gospel Choir also performed during the convocation, Jan. 20.

### United States Olympic Committee taps alumnus and board member to serve as interim president

William Martin '62, a member of the Wittenberg Board of Directors, has been named acting president of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), effective immediately. Martin is currently the director of athletics at the University of Michigan and has been serving the USOC since 1995, most recently as vice president-secretariat until USOC president Marty Mankamyer resigned earlier this year.



Martin

"Bill is a man of tremendous integrity who is a smart business manager, and has earned the respect of coaches, players and staff as well as students, faculty and regents," said University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman.

In accordance with the USOC constitution, the current vice president-secretariat will act as president until the election of a new president by the USOC board of directors, after the USOC executive committee makes a nomination. The next

full board meeting of the USOC is in April. This is a volunteer position, and Martin has no plans to leave the University of Michigan.

Recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the sole U.S. agency, the USOC is the custodian of the U.S. Olympic Movement and provides world-class support for Olympic and Paralympic athletes, including training, entering and underwriting all expenses for U.S. teams in both the Olympic and Pan American Games. The USOC also supports the bids of U.S. cities to host both the winter and summer Olympic or Pan American Games.

Martin, who majored in economics at Wittenberg, earned his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. In 2000, the *Ann Arbor News* honored Martin for his community efforts by naming him its "Citizen of the Year."

### University charges increase 5 percent, financial aid also up for the 2003-2004 academic year

The Wittenberg University Board of Directors approved, at its Jan. 25 meeting, a comprehensive 5 percent increase in tuition, fees, room and board for the 2003-04 academic year.

The increase is necessary to preserve the university's quality in the midst of the current economic downturn, according to Wittenberg President Baird Tipson.

"My most important commitment is to maintain the quality of a Wittenberg education," Tipson said. "We believe this increase, combined with some judicious budget tightening, will allow us to pursue our mission without any adverse effect on the academic experience of our students."

Tuition will change from \$23,604 to \$24,784; room charges will increase from \$3,134 to \$3,292; and board will increase from \$2,932 to \$3,080 for the full academic year. Wittenberg simulta-

neously increased student financial assistance eight percent, or \$1.9 million (from \$23.7 million to \$25.6 million in 2003-04).

The university has also continued to invest in campus improvements such as the nearly completed \$23 million Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center, which will formally open in August, and a second student apartment complex to be completed in July.

During a period of rapid tuition increases nationwide, Wittenberg has maintained modest increases through cost containment measures. Throughout the past four years, Wittenberg's tuition increases have averaged 4.2 percent.

Last year tuition at the average four-year private college increased 5.8 percent, according to The College Board. The board also calculates that tuition at public four-year colleges went up 9.6 percent.

### Iraq policy spurs debate and activism for and against war

On Friday, March 21, more than 250 students, joined by some professors and staff members, walked out of class to participate in a solidarity peace march in response to the U.S. war with Iraq. Students on both sides of the issue took part in the march, which attracted Dayton media. A rally in support of the president and the troops followed on March 27.



## José Limón Dance Company reflects its founder

Ligia R. Pinheiro, assistant professor of theatre and dance, reviewed the recent Wittenberg Series event featuring the José Limón Dance Company.

The José Limón Dance Company presented an evening of varied works, Jan. 28, at Kuss Auditorium, Clark State Performing Arts Center. The program began with "Invention," a work by Doris Humphrey, Limón's mentor.

A clear example of Humphrey's seminal contribution to the establishment of modern dance technique, "Invention" illustrates the demanding control and training required to perform it well.

"Etude," a solo choreographed by Carla Maxwell, herself a former Limón dancer and the company's current artistic director, followed. Choreographed as a means to understand the work of a choreographer at a deeper level, "Etude" illustrated the fluidity in the Limón technique, well interpreted by company member Jonathan Riedel.

In contrast to the Limón style, the third work was the creation of Susanne Linke, who studied with German choreographers Mary Wigman and Pina Bausch. "Transfiguration" was impeccably and brilliantly performed by Roxane D'Orleans Juste. Gliding across the stage on her back,

knees and hands, occasionally standing for brief moments, she kept the audience attentive and enraptured.

Some well received comic relief was provided by Jonathan Riedel's "The Unseeing Nanny." Here Riedel crafted movement and music, intelligently meshing them into a deliciously witty work.

"Psalm," the only piece of the evening by José Limón, was restaged by Carla Maxwell to a newly commissioned score by Jon Magnussen. Theme and variation, a choreo-

graphic device that connects Limón to his mentor, is skillfully woven throughout "Psalm." Diamond-shaped arms above the head, walks in percussive rhythms and suspended elbow movements are repeated in solos, duets, small groups and in other configurations.

"Psalm," Limón's uplifting "evocation of the heroic power of the human spirit, triumphant over death itself," as the program noted, closed the concert with a reminder of the power of movement, evoking a refreshing sense of beauty and harmony.

Through its performances, the Limón Dance Company passes on the legacy of one of the great geniuses of modern dance.



## Ohio Lieutenant Governor tours Science Center



While on campus to participate in the January Wittenberg board of directors' meeting, Ohio Lt. Governor Jennette Bradley '74 took time to answer questions from the Dayton media prior to touring the new \$23 million Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center.

## Black History Month celebrated on campus with unique programs

In honor of Black History Month, Concerned Black Students (CBS) joined with other campus organizations and offices to sponsor a range of events focusing on leadership, relationships, women and unity throughout the month of February.

Events included an African drum-making workshop, presentations by guest professors on such topics as black male-female relationships and black leadership styles, and the annual CBS weekend, Feb. 14-16, during which close to 100 prospective black students visited Wittenberg.

In addition, Delta Sigma Theta Inc. sorority sponsored "Delta Week," Feb. 16-21, which offered programs ranging from "Holly Hood Squares" and a sexual awareness lecture to a white elephant sale. Delta Week ended with the sorority's annual Crystal T. Scott Talent Extravaganza in honor of Springfield native Scott, who helped found the Omicron Theta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta at Wittenberg in 1981.



During CBS Weekend, prospective students learned about stepping, an exciting dance genre created by 21st-century African Americans, which Step Afrika!, a collaborative project between young artists from the United States and the South Africa-based Soweto Dance Theatre, demonstrated. Wittenberg's own Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta Inc. sorority also performed.

## President Tipson calls for plan to fund public higher education

President Baird Tipson called for an Ohio Strategic Plan for the support of higher education, Feb. 3, during "Come Back to Campus," a legislators' dialogue sponsored by the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE).



"The states, such as Georgia and North Carolina, that have been most successful in making the transition to a knowledge economy are those that years ago made a long-term commitment to fund higher education — as the path to build their economies," said Tipson who was one of four panelists at the event.

Joining Tipson were Rep. Merle Grace Kearns (72nd District), Sen. Tom Roberts (5th District) and Ned Sifferlen, president of Sinclair Community College. The discussion was moderated by Dan DiBiasio, president of Wilmington College.

"A long-range funding plan would mean higher education would not be jerked around by boom and bust economies that we know are going to occur," Tipson said. "We've got to find a way to preserve a stable funding base."

State budget support was one of three critical issues that Tipson said can make Ohio an economic powerhouse again. Continued advancement in technology, such as the far-sighted achievements of OhioLink that Ohio already boasts and the mega-infrastructure computer backbone that the state is currently developing, along with access for all ethnic and economic groups to higher education were the other two issues.

"We independent colleges want to be part of the solution," Tipson said. "I think we already are part of the solution."

## Journalists question war with Iraq during weeklong visit as Woodrow Wilson Fellows

As part of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Residency Program, which aims to connect a liberal arts education with the world at large, Wittenberg welcomed journalists Tom Brazaitis and Eleanor Clift to campus, Feb. 3-7, for a week that included a public lecture, classes and informal discussions with students and faculty.

The senior Washington editor and former Washington Bureau Chief for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, Brazaitis has covered the nation's capital for the past two decades. He writes a Sunday column for the *op-ed* page, which is often distributed nationally over the *Newhouse News Service* wire. He and Clift have also co-authored *Madame President: Shattering the Glass Ceiling and War Without Bloodshed: The Art of Politics*.

Considered one of the most accurate predictors among pundits on political talk shows, Clift, who has played herself in several films including *Independence Day* and *Dave*, is a contributing editor at *Newsweek*, works on Capitol Hill and reports on White House and

presidential politics as well as a variety of national issues, including the war on terrorism. She also followed the Clinton campaign in 1992.

As Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows, Brazaitis and Clift shared their experiences in journalism and as authors in their meetings with students, faculty and staff during the week. The couple also presented a Wittenberg Series-sponsored lecture, Feb. 3, in Weaver Chapel, during which the husband-wife team asked "Is America Ready for War?"

"There is no evidence that Iraq is connected with the events of Sept. 11, 2001," Brazaitis said, but everyone agrees that "Saddam Hussein is a twisted dictator." He also questioned if anyone really knows what Iraq is like without Saddam Hussein. Saddam has been a problem before so why go to war now? Brazaitis asked.

"I think President Bush has not been candid about the risks of this war," Clift added. "What the president will not talk about," she said, "is that if we are successful, there will be a long occupation of Iraq."



Clift



Brazaitis

## Students volunteer to help children with cancer



Members of Wittenberg's Pre-health Professions Club met with hospitalized children in the James Cancer Hospital's children's ward, Feb. 10. The students, along with biology faculty members, brought valentine treats to Magic Mountain in Columbus where they assisted the children with a number of activities.

## New Shanghai Circus delights young and old alike on campus

Parents, children, students, faculty and staff of all ages filled the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Center, Feb. 2, to watch the spellbinding feats of balance, contortion and flexibility mixed with magic and fun performed by the internationally acclaimed New Shanghai Circus.



photo by Jeff Smith '06

Made possible thanks to the Wittenberg Series and the Freeman Foundation grant awarded to the university's East Asian Studies program, the animal-free circus and unique Asian art form delighted audience members with its daring and dynamic moves.

Hailed by one *New Yorker* reviewer as "electrifying in its intricacy and invention," the New Shanghai Circus has toured the world including the United States, Canada, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, Korea, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Belgium, France, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Circus members also recently performed on *Live with Regis and Kelly* and *Good Morning America*.

## Student places fourth in national horse show

Like many junior Olympic equestrian experts who have ridden before her, Kathryn Volk '06 claimed her own coveted prize recently, placing fourth out of 266 competitors in the United States Equestrian Equitation Medal Finals during the Pennsylvania National Horse Show last October.

Riding atop Gordie, an eight-year-old male gelding horse from Europe, Volk was judged on her style, effectiveness and position at this competition as she and Gordie jumped fence after fence, leaving each one in tact.

"Gordie was great," Volk said. "It's nice to have a horse do what you want. I plan to keep him for a while."

Since age 13, Volk has competed in the National Horse Show, but this was the highest she has ever placed. "I worked really hard this summer, riding 12 hours a day, six days a week."

Such commitment to her craft is common for Volk, a Wittenberg Scholar who started showing horses at age 5. She learned the art of riding in part from her mom, Pamela, who used to compete herself. Her older sister, Amy '04, also rides as does her brother, David.

"I've fallen off a lot, and I've broken my collarbone, but I love the horses, and I love competing," said Volk, whose family lives on a 20-acre farm in Blissfield, Mich.

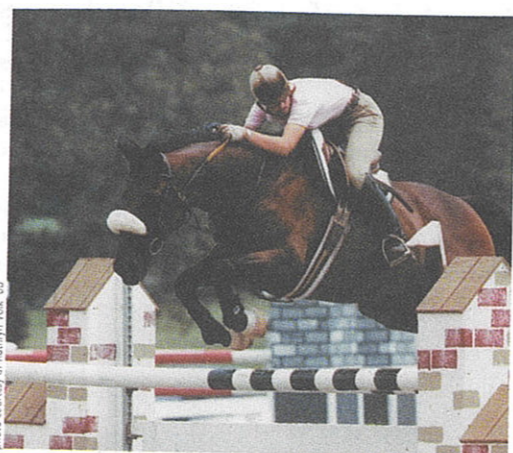


photo courtesy of Kathryn Volk '06

Volk

The farm is home to a number of retired show horses, including Coastie, Volk's 20-year-old gelding horse, three dogs and five cats. "It's a nice feeling working with animals," she added.

Although Volk plans to pursue graduate work in physics or math following her graduation from Wittenberg, she still wants to ride. "I just like to ride for relaxation at times," she said.

She also would like to compete if she can. This year will be the last year that she is eligible to compete in the National Horse Show, but that doesn't seem to bother Volk. Her family recently bought a yearling from a race horse auction, which Volk already has plans to show some day. In the meantime, she just plans to enjoy the ride. "It's been very rewarding."

## Cultural Japan Day offers assortment of activities



Students participated in the annual Cultural Japan Day, Feb. 28, sponsored by the East Asian Studies program. The day's activities included a fashion show, calligraphy and martial arts demonstrations, a storytelling session and a festival dance.

photo by Ashley Hill '03

## Greek tragedy features set photos by award-winning alumna photographer

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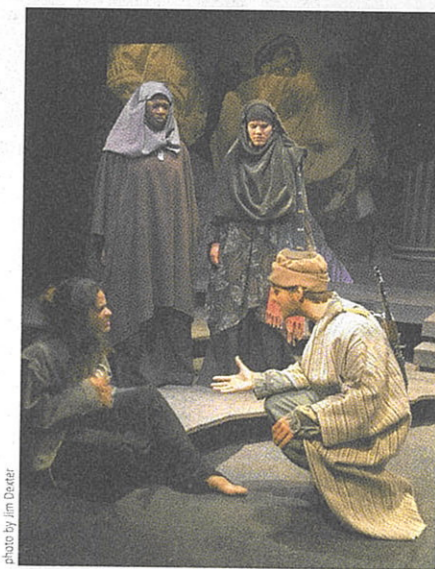


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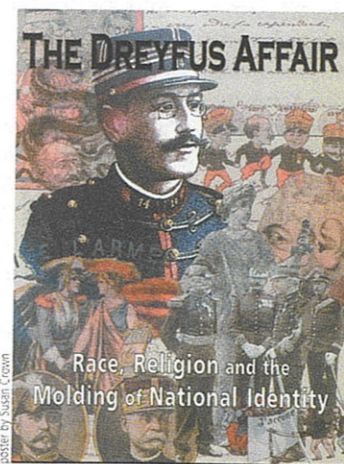
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A 16-panel poster exhibition related to the affair was also on display and will remain on display in the Ness Auditorium balcony of Hollenbeck Hall until late spring before moving to the Clark County Public Library.

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## New Shanghai Circus delights young and old alike on campus

Parents, children, students, faculty and staff of all ages filled the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Center, Feb. 2, to watch the spellbinding feats of balance, contortion and flexibility mixed with magic and fun performed by the internationally acclaimed New Shanghai Circus.



photo by Jeff Smith '06

Made possible thanks to the Wittenberg Series and the Freeman Foundation grant awarded to the university's East Asian Studies program, the animal-free circus and unique Asian art form delighted audience members with its daring and dynamic moves.

Hailed by one *New Yorker* reviewer as "electrifying in its intricacy and invention," the New Shanghai Circus has toured the world including the United States, Canada, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, Korea, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Belgium, France, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Circus members also recently performed on *Live with Regis and Kelly* and *Good Morning America*.

## Student places fourth in national horse show

Like many junior Olympic equestrian experts who have ridden before her, Kathryn Volk '06 claimed her own coveted prize recently, placing fourth out of 266 competitors in the United States Equestrian Equitation Medal Finals during the Pennsylvania National Horse Show last October.

Riding atop Gordie, an eight-year-old male gelding horse from Europe, Volk was judged on her style, effectiveness and position at this competition as she and Gordie jumped fence after fence, leaving each one in tact.

"Gordie was great," Volk said. "It's nice to have a horse do what you want. I plan to keep him for a while."

Since age 13, Volk has competed in the National Horse Show, but this was the highest she has ever placed. "I worked really hard this summer, riding 12 hours a day, six days a week."

Such commitment to her craft is common for Volk, a Wittenberg Scholar who started showing horses at age 5. She learned the art of riding in part from her mom, Pamela, who used to compete herself. Her older sister, Amy '04, also rides as does her brother, David.

"I've fallen off a lot, and I've broken my collarbone, but I love the horses, and I love competing," said Volk, whose family lives on a 20-acre farm in Blissfield, Mich.



photo courtesy of Kathryn Volk '06

Volk

The farm is home to a number of retired show horses, including Coastie, Volk's 20-year-old gelding horse, three dogs and five cats. "It's a nice feeling working with animals," she added.

Although Volk plans to pursue graduate work in physics or math following her graduation from Wittenberg, she still wants to ride. "I just like to ride for relaxation at times," she said.

She also would like to compete if she can. This year will be the last year that she is eligible to compete in the National Horse Show, but that doesn't seem to bother Volk. Her family recently bought a yearling from a race horse auction, which Volk already has plans to show some day. In the meantime, she just plans to enjoy the ride. "It's been very rewarding."

## Cultural Japan Day offers assortment of activities



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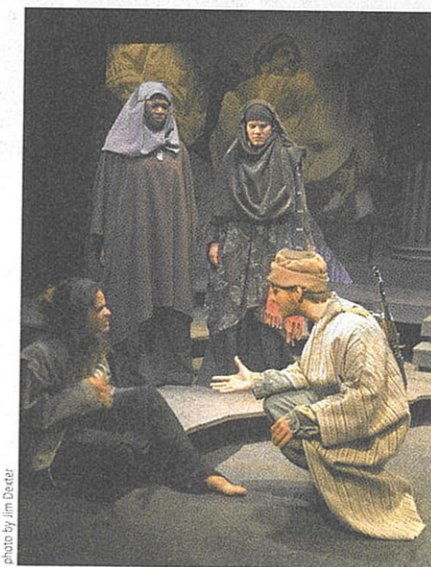
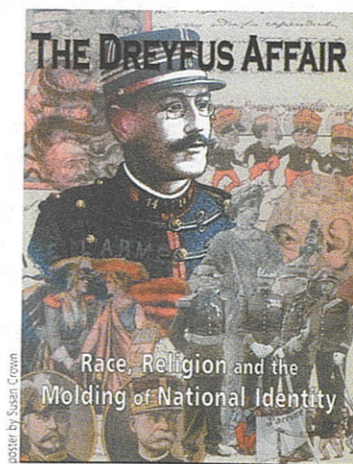


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## Campus Notes

**Douglas M. Andrews**, associate professor of statistics and mathematics, was invited to give a seminar in late January for the statistics and mathematics faculty at Wright State University on incorporating student-designed collaborative data analysis projects in introductory courses. Andrews was also elected vice president of the regional chapter of the American Statistical Association for 2003.

**Rob Baker**, professor of political science, was invited by the Chinese government to present a paper titled "Regionalism, Inter-local Cooperation and Economic Development: Strategies for Successful Public-Private Partnerships" at the Fifth International Yangtze Development Forum in Shanghai, China, in November. Baker has also been notified that his article titled "A Lesson 'In' Government: Connecting Theory and Practice in the Study of Municipal Government" has been selected for inclusion in the database of Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC), an international database resource funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

**Imogene Bolls**, professor emerita of English, has had a number of poems published in anthologies and journals recently. "Crossing Mac-O-Chee Creek" appeared in the Ohio Bicentennial hardback *I Have My Own Song For It: Modern Poems of Ohio*, while "The Black Velvet Horse" appeared in *Times of Sorow, Times of Grace: Women Writing of the Great Plains/High Plains*. In addition, Bolls' poem "Feeding Truchas Horses" has recently been accepted by *Places, Voices, Landscapes, Cultures*, an anthology about the American southwest. She has also published two poems for the late southwest writer Frank Waters titled "After His Death" and "In the Sacred Grove" in *South Dakota Review*, and her poems "Porches" and "Juggler of Grief" appeared in *Heartlands Today: A Life's Work*.

In March, **Kristin Cline**, associate professor of chemistry, presented a poster at the 2003 Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy in Orlando, Fla. The title of the poster was "Modification of Glassy Carbon Electrodes through the Reduction of Diazonium Ions" and was co-authored with Myra Fete '04.

**Keith Doubt**, professor of sociology and department chair, took the cover photo for a book titled *Sarajevo Essays: Politics, Ideology, and Tradition*, which was recently published by the State University of New York Press. The photo was taken by Doubt while he was a Fulbright Scholar in Bosnia and was requested by the book's author, a leading intellectual in Bosnia, Rusmir Mahmutcehajic.

**Marcia Frost**, assistant professor of economics, organized a Border-Crossings panel titled "Perspectives on Famine: South Asia and China in the 19th and 20th Centuries" for the March 2003 annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in New York at which she presented her paper "Ensuring Survival? An Analysis of Village Establishment Entitlements During Scarcity."

**Horton Hobbs**, professor of biology, recently published "The North American Obligate Cave Fauna: Regional Patterns" in *Biodiversity and Conservation* with colleagues from other institutions. He also presented a paper titled "A Synopsis of the Stygobitic Decapod Crustaceans within the Political Confines of the United States" at the XVI International Symposium of Biospeleology in Verona, Italy. In addition, he participated in a symposium titled "Evolution of Karst: From Prekarst to Cessation" in Postojna, Slovenia, and he was the guest speaker for the Dayton Underground Grotto, a chapter of the National Speleological Society, of which Wittenberg is a member, where he presented "Subterranean Reflections." Hobbs was also invited to speak at a week-

end-long gathering of more than 700 cavers in Kentucky at an event titled "Crawlathon," and he presented a seminar to the department of biology at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., titled "Vulnerable But Resistant: Crayfishes in Epigeic and Hypogean Environments."

**James Huffman**, H. Orth Hirt Professor of History, served on the National Coordinating Committee for Japanese Library Resources and the American Advisory Committee of the Japan Foundation, both of which met in New York in January. He also served on the ad hoc committee of the Association for Asian Studies, which met at Stanford University in February, to determine the future of the magazine *Education About Asia*.

**Artimus Keiffer**, assistant professor of geography, co-organized two sessions at the national meeting of the Association of American Geographers in New Orleans, March 4-8, where he also presented a paper titled "Illusion, Confusion or Delusion: Yard Art as a Cultural Indicator — for What it's Worth."

**Lora Lawson**, assistant professor of education, has been named Wittenberg University's representative in the Arts Alive Partnership with the Springfield City Schools, the Clark County Educational Service Center and the Clark State Community College Performing Arts Center. As representative, Lawson recently helped the group write a proposal resulting in the partnership's selection as one of six teams that will receive funding through a grant from the Kennedy Center Partners in Education Professional Development Research Project. This \$7,500 award recognizes the quality of the partnership's work as well as its potential to expand current research and assessment efforts. \*

**Ralph Lenz**, professor of geography, presented a co-authored paper titled "Bali

Lo, 9-11's Impact on Tourism in Southeast Asia" at the national meeting of the Association of American Geographers in New Orleans, March 4-8.

**Olga Medvedkov**, professor of geography and department chair, presented a paper titled "Identities and Hinterworlds of Russia's Elite" at the national meeting of the Association of American Geographers in New Orleans, March 4-8.

**Elma Lee Moore**, director of adult leadership programs, graduated in the 20th class of the Community Leadership Academy in February. As an academy participant, Moore worked on a team-based community project with the Council of Neighborhood Associations in which the team developed ideas for fund raising and the association's Web site. Moore also reported to fellow participants about Jobs & More, a community non-profit organization. In addition, Moore recently attended a conference on "The Convergence of Learning & Technology," sponsored by the Ohio Learning Network and the Internet2 Technology Evaluation Center of Ohio.

**Carol Ormand**, visiting assistant professor of geology, recently co-authored an article titled "Strain Paths of Three Small Folds from the Appalachian Valley and Ridge, Maryland," which was recently accepted for publication by the *Journal of Structural Geology*.

**Alan McEvoy**, professor of sociology, recently presented a plenary address at the National Conference on Alternatives to Expulsion, Suspension and Dropping Out of School. The conference was held in Orlando. The title of his presentation was "Social Competence, Compassion and Hyper-Masculinity: Challenges for Alternative Education." While at the conference, McEvoy was also elected to the board of directors of the National Alternative Education Association.

**Don Reed**, professor of philosophy, presented a paper titled "What if Each Major Theory of Socio-moral Cognition is Correct?" at the 28th annual conference of the Association for Moral Education held at the University of Illinois in Chicago in November.

**Pamela Schindler**, professor of management, has had the eighth edition of her textbook, *Business Research Methods*, published in Chinese and Spanish by McGraw-Hill.

**Brian J. Shelburne**, associate professor of computer science, attended the 34th ACM Special Interest Group Computer Science Education (SIGSE) Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education in Reno, Nev., Feb. 19-22, where he gave a paper titled "Teaching Computer Organization Using a PDP-8 Simulator." The paper was then published in the March issue of *SIGSE Bulletin Inroads — Conference Proceedings*.

**Carmen Trisler**, associate professor of education, is on sabbatical working to catalog the Stone Laboratory aquatic insect collection and enter it into a database. Trisler was also the keynote speaker at the Kansas Association of Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) annual meeting in Atchison, Kan. Her address, titled "Partnering for Performance," focused on her five years of partnering with the fifth grade classroom at Lyndon Elementary School. At the same conference, Trisler presented a concurrent session to help teachers find partners in university and industrial settings, and she served on a roundtable panel in a discussion on the need for environmental education in early childhood.

**Catherine Waggoner**, associate professor of communication, attended the Western States Communication Association Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she presented a paper titled "Camp as Resistive Performance of Gender and

Sexuality," and served as a respondent and panel member for two other programs.

Adjunct Associate Professor of Music **Steven Winteregg** had selections from his ballet, *Christmas Carol*, performed by the Arlington (Va.) Symphony Orchestra in December.

**Richard York**, adjunct instructor of music and chemistry lab coordinator, co-authored an paper on the instructional computer program Simbo (Simulated Boltzmann), which the *Journal of Chemical Education: Software* has accepted for publication in its 2003 *Advanced Chemistry Collection*. Simbo, designed to illustrate the reasons for the Boltzmann distribution of energies in vibrating molecules, will be useful in courses involving statistical mechanics or statistical thermodynamics.

**John Young**, instructor of political science, was invited to present the keynote address at the annual community observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Wilmington College in January.

**Bin Yu**, associate professor of political science, recently published two articles titled "Putin's Partners in Beijing: Old and Young" in *Comparative Connections* and "China Maneuvers to Bring a Soft-landing to the Korean Crisis" in *Yaleglobal Online*. He also presented papers at two conferences, including "The Taiwan Issue and U.S.-China Relations" at the Brooking-Shanghai Forum in Shanghai, China, and "Institutions, Interactions and Emerging Role of Hu Jintao in China's Foreign/Defense Affairs" at the U.S. Naval War College. In addition, he participated in the Doing Business in China conference in Columbus, Ohio, and he was interviewed three times by the BBC regarding Iraq, Sino-Russian Relations and NATO, and also by the *Detroit News* regarding race issues.

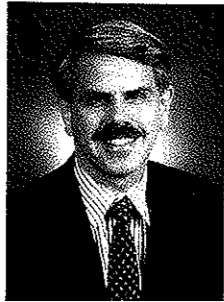


## Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra premieres professor's musical tribute to manned flight

To help celebrate the centennial of manned flight this year, the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra again looked to its principal tuba player and internationally acclaimed composer Steven Winteregg, adjunct associate professor of music, to contribute his musical talent.

The result is "To Fly Unbounded," an original composition of flight-related texts by poets Walt Whitman and Paul Laurence Dunbar, which the Dayton Philharmonic premiered Jan. 23.

"To Fly Unbounded" explores the beauty and mystery of flight, and what it took to achieve this amazing feat," Winteregg said. "It was an honor to be asked to contribute to this celebration."



Winteregg

Considered the Miami Valley's most accomplished composer, Winteregg is no stranger to the musical stage. His compositions have been performed throughout the world, and he has produced the musical score for two full-length plays.

The winner of dozens of awards and fellowships in his 25 years as a composer, Winteregg teaches courses in

euphonium and tuba performance, composition and theory, brass methods and symphonic literature at Wittenberg.

He earned his B.M. degree from the University of Cincinnati, his M.M. degree from Wright State University and his D.M.A. degree from The Ohio State University. He joined the Wittenberg faculty in 1981.

## Ohio Education Theatre Association inducts Wittenberg professor into its Hall of Fame

Professor of Theatre and Dance Corwin Georges was inducted into the Ohio Education Theatre Association (OETA) Hall of Fame during a special ceremony at the OETA State Thespian Conference, March 22. Georges joins fellow Wittenberg theatre professor James Humphries, who was inducted last year. Both inductions make Wittenberg the only university with two members statewide.

According to nominator Diana Evans Vance, Hilliard Davidson High School director, "Georges has worked quietly and diligently for well over a decade as an advocate for all Ohio arts students and without any thought of recognition."

In the nomination, Vance also notes that if people scan the names listed for arts education, specifically theatre, as well as committees that are advancing the effort to ensure qualified theatre teachers in the classroom and promote valid theatre curriculum in Ohio schools, people will invariably come across Georges' name.



Georges

"He has simply worked with a passion to preserve and bolster what we all value," Vance said.

For more than a decade, Georges has worked to bring educational theatre to the forefront of state curriculum reform in Ohio. From 1991-93 he served as chair of the State Arts Education Advisory Committee. He also was one of the authors of Ohio's 1996 arts education curriculum framework, "Comprehensive Arts Education: Ohio's Model Competency Based Program."

In addition, from 1996-1998 Georges served as president of the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education and from 2000-2001, he served as the

national chairperson of the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network. An authority on child drama and creative dramatics and the 1987 recipient of the Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching, Georges received his B.A. degree from Morehead State University and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University. He joined the Wittenberg faculty in 1972.

## Professor's innovative course design receives national recognition

Cynthia Richards, associate professor of English and director of women's studies, in collaboration with Jane Milling, lecturer in performance studies at the University of Exeter, United Kingdom, recently won the American Society of 18th-Century Studies (ASECS) Innovative Course Design Award.



Richards

The ASECS is the national society for 18th-century studies, and the award, given annually to three professors, is the highest teaching honor the society bestows.

Richards and Milling won the award for a six-week segment of their course titled "The World Wide Web, Untangling Trans-Atlantic Connections in the Work of Aphra Behn." The segment, which will be offered next spring, is titled "Performing the Self: The Mask of Race."

Following extensive conversations via e-mail with Milling, whom Richards met at an ASECS conference, the two designed the course segment so that it could be incorporated into Richard's literature class in the United States and Milling's theatre class in England.

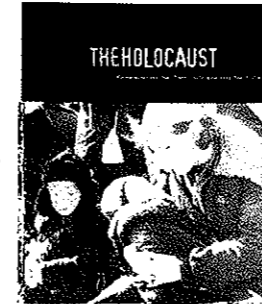
Students will use video conferencing technology and e-mail to communicate with their assigned trans-Atlantic partners for joint research projects. They will also select scenes and perform for each other in order to examine how they define themselves through American and British lenses.

"I really value my teaching," Richards said, adding that designing courses allows her "to think about how all the texts work together" so as "to give students a deeper understanding."

In addition to the \$250 prize attached to the award, Richards and Milling will also present at the ASECS international conference next year. They will then submit a 12-page account of the course, which ASECS will publish, and they will serve as judges for the next innovative course design awards. Richards was a finalist in a previous competition for her course titled "The Politics of Seduction."

## Wittenberg partners with Cox Newspapers in Holocaust education

For the fourth straight year, Wittenberg sponsored an educational supplement to help teach area school children the history of the Holocaust. Dozens of area school teachers at many grade levels requested the latest supplement titled "The Holocaust: Remembering the Past, Safeguarding the Future" for use in their history, social studies or civics classes.



Produced by Knight Ridder Productions Inc., the publication was provided to area schools by Cox Newspapers Inc. as part of the Newspapers in Education program.

## In support of research, education, scholarship

Security National Bank has awarded Wittenberg a grant in the amount of \$100,000, payable over a five-year period, to help fund the construction of the Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center. In recognition of this generous award, the university will associate the bank's name with the Cell Biology Teaching Lab, which will be located on the third floor of the Kuss Science Center.

Mrs. Carl E. Thomas has established The Rev. Dr. Carl E. Thomas Family Scholarship Endowment Fund with a generous gift of \$100,000 in memory of Carl Thomas '52, '55S, a caring and gifted pastor who motivated churches and individuals to serve the vulnerable persons of society. The scholarship will be given to a junior or senior who has demonstrated a commitment to serving society's vulnerable and needy persons through a history of community service during the previous two years of enrollment.

## Students tackle workplace challenges in School of Community Education's capstone course

From conducting company cost studies to boosting employee morale, adult students are making a difference in the Springfield community thanks to the School of Community Education's Senior Leadership Seminar.

Every spring a handful of non-traditional students matriculating through the university's School of Community Education (SCE) enroll in the seminar, which serves as the capstone course for the SCE's Organizational and Health Care Leadership program.

"This culminating experience provides our students with the opportunity to focus their entire learning on a significant workplace problem, and, after properly structured analysis, to present options for action," explained Paul Parlato, dean of the SCE, and Elma Lee Moore, director of adult leadership programs.

Taught by Moore, the seminar is an @witt/home course, which is a new SCE curriculum enhancement that combines classroom learning with carefully structured interactive Web-based activities. As part of the seminar, most adult students focus on a particular situation at their own place of employment for their individual projects.

Recent projects undertaken by seminar participants include a cost analysis of fire department resource allocations, which could result in an improved method for costing services; a detailed analysis of a faulty machining process with recommendations that promise an immediate reduction in scrap of more than

\$100,000 annually; and recommendations for efficiencies in surgical scheduling, which envision projected savings of more than \$180,000 in one year.

"Another project of high professional quality focused on the problem of high turnover in a company that provides background checks for employers," Moore said.

"The student's research included a survey of current employees and telephone interviews with former employees. It established a clear relationship between turnover and high stress levels stemming from low compensation, punishing pace and continuous shifts in organization due to expansion. The recommendations for improvement bring substantial savings in hiring and training costs, not to mention the health of the employees."

Such in-depth research and accompanying strategies for improvement presented by the students in their final reports have gratified both Parlato and Moore as they reflect the intellectual quality and real-world focus of the school's adult learners. Equally gratifying has been the quality of the oral "Executive Briefing" presentations that students give to an invited audience of faculty, students and work representatives.

"These men and women embody the outcome we envision for our program," Moore and Parlato explained. "They are not just intelligent management analysts but people with the skills and confidence to take the lead in confronting problems and making a compelling case for action."

## Wittenberg Series welcomes Japanese artists



As part of the Wittenberg Series Visual Artists Residency, March 24-27, internationally known ceramists Yoshiro and Ester Ikeda presented numerous workshops in Koch Hall.

## Together in ministry

*Wittenberg partners with Trinity Lutheran Seminary to support future ethnic church leaders*

In an effort to address the growing shortage of Lutheran minority clergy, Wittenberg University and Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, have joined together to offer full-tuition scholarships to qualified persons of color and/or those whose primary language is not English to attend both institutions.

"We are delighted to begin this partnership with Trinity Lutheran Seminary to address this critical need," said Wittenberg President Baird Tipson. "Wittenberg has a long history of cooperation with Trinity and its predecessor seminaries, and this program promises to strengthen the ties between our two institutions."

The partnership makes Wittenberg only the third university affiliated with

the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) nationally to offer such a program. Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y., and The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisc., and The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago have already implemented similar joint programs.

"Historically, Wittenberg has been a leader in developing Lutheran clergy," said Bob White, Wittenberg director of church relations. "This program gives the message that Wittenberg continues to be committed to developing leaders in the church."

As part of the program, Wittenberg will offer scholarships, grants and work-study to cover tuition for one candidate

selected each year for the duration of his or her entire undergraduate experience at Wittenberg. Negotiations are also underway with the six synods in the region to provide funding for books, and room and board at Wittenberg. Trinity will cover all expenses at its seminary.

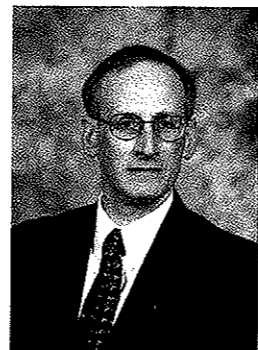
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Mark Ramseth, president of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, left, and Wittenberg President Baird Tipson met recently to make the partnership official. Wittenberg now becomes only the third university affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to offer a joint program with a Lutheran seminary.

## A JET in Japan

*Alumna finds fulfillment in overseas program*

JET program. I jotted it down on the margin of my Chinese/Japanese Religious Traditions notebook during my class with Professor Eugene Swanger the fall of my sophomore year. An alumna had visited the class that day to tell us about her experience living in Japan as a part of the JET program.

By the time I was a senior, the thought of exploring a new land and a culture so rich yet so different from my own sounded appealing, so I applied to the program, and following graduation in May 2002, I headed to Japan where I've been for more than seven months now.

The JET program, sponsored by the Ministry of Education here in Japan, stands for Japanese Exchange Teaching program. It began more than 15 years ago with the intent of achieving mutual understanding and internationalization between Japan and the rest of the world.

More than 6,100 people, a majority of whom are post-college graduates, from more than 39 countries are placed in elementary schools, junior high schools and high schools all across Japan with the expectation of promoting openness and encouraging internationalization. Honestly, though, I feel like I have been the one experiencing most of the effects of the internationalization process.

I'm here to teach the conversational aspect of the English language as well as share my culture. I've been living in a small fishing town about an hour north of Nagasaki City called Oseto with a population of about 6,000. I teach at a non-academic high school with about 450 students. It has the title "non-academic" because the majority of the students will enter the job market and not academia after graduation.

Oseto is a beautiful area, arguably one of the prettiest coastal towns in Japan. The entire town is built along the coast of the Sea of Japan, and the combination of the mountains and coastline complement some breathtaking sunsets. The apartment that I rent is owned by my high school, so all the residents are teachers at the school, who live there along with their families.

My job description requires a "typical" 40-hour-per-week commitment. However, I've discovered that there is a



Meghan Gaydos '02, second from left, joined fellow alumni Brett Herrick '02, left, Susan Welker '02 and Luke Clarkson '02 in traveling to Japan for the JET program.

steadfast work ethic that characterizes teachers in this educational system.

While most of my fellow teachers come to school between seven and eight every morning, many of them remain at school until 10 each night. They also regularly go to school on the weekends. This has completely changed the way I look at work. My job is not so much a means to an end, or one in which I work just to earn a living. It is rather a part of me that further facilitates my learning of community and my ability to work collectively with others.

I've also found that you can live in a foreign country like Japan, not speak a word of the language, and still manage just fine. One reason for this is that the people are incredibly welcoming and giving. I have been shown generosity of a type that I have never seen before.

Yet, while the generosity of the people is beautiful, the language barrier can be overwhelming. My own inability to communicate deeply with the people around me on a daily basis has been challenging at times. Yet, I have come to realize, in the process of studying the language, how much more there is to communication than mere words.

Serving as the girls' basketball coach at the school has also greatly helped break

down the communication barrier for me because I regularly hear the local dialect.

In some ways, not being an education major, I lack the proper studies and preparation for being a teacher. On occasion, this had made me feel inadequately prepared for my job here, especially with planning and organizing lessons.

However, a teaching degree is not required for the program, and I think this reflects the JET objective that participants not only teach English but enhance internationalization. Yes, I'm here to teach, but just as important is the exchange of my culture, values and understanding of my own society with the Japanese people I meet. In the process, I've learned to be open to all that is new, and I've developed an appreciation for a culture so different from my own in values, religious tradition, language and daily custom.

In my time here, despite the difficulty of adjusting to a new culture, I hope that my understanding and empathy is only challenged more to appreciate the diversity of cultures that are currently dividing us in so many ways. From the people and experiences I have had thus far in Japan, I've also learned that God's universal love is present no matter where a person may travel. And that gives me hope.

—Meghan Gaydos '02

A photograph of a diver in a black wetsuit and blue mask swimming underwater. The diver is wearing a pink regulator and has a pink circular logo on their chest. The background is a clear blue-green underwater environment with some coral or rocks visible.

# Teaching in the Tropics

Since 1978, more than 300 students have set aside four summer weeks to participate in Wittenberg's intensive marine biology program on the sun-soaked beaches of the Bahamas. Working side by side with their professors, these adventurous students have sought to understand the complexities of marine life on a natural stage.

Together, they witnessed the impact environmental recklessness has on the San Salvador Island landscape and the sea that surrounds it. They touched the aquatic organisms that textbooks and academic journals could only convey in words and pictures. In the process, the students gained a professional confidence reflective of that found at leading scientific institutions across the country. They also discovered more about themselves through the experience, an experience that changed at least one Wittenberg student forever.

Now as the program celebrates its 25-year anniversary, *Wittenberg Magazine* takes a closer look at the program — the people who created it, the research being conducted and the difference it has made in the lives of those students who once called the Bahamian coast home.

by Karen Saatkamp Gerboth '93  
photos by Ruth Lewis  
photo of Ruth Lewis, left, by Tim Lewis

**S**urrounded by ocean souvenirs in his beach-styled office, complete with a personal floor-to-ceiling picture of his favorite tropical spot, Professor of Biology Ronald deLanglade — “Dr. D” or “Doc” as his students affectionately call him — still remembers where he was when he first started thinking about establishing a marine science field studies program for interested Wittenberg students.

It was 1975, and deLanglade, who joined the Wittenberg faculty in 1967, was with a group of students at the Indiana Dunes conducting hands-on research just a few hours’ drive from campus. He had already established field studies statewide and in the Smokies, but deLanglade wanted to expand the students’ opportunities for advanced fieldwork at Wittenberg. So he started to do some research of his own.

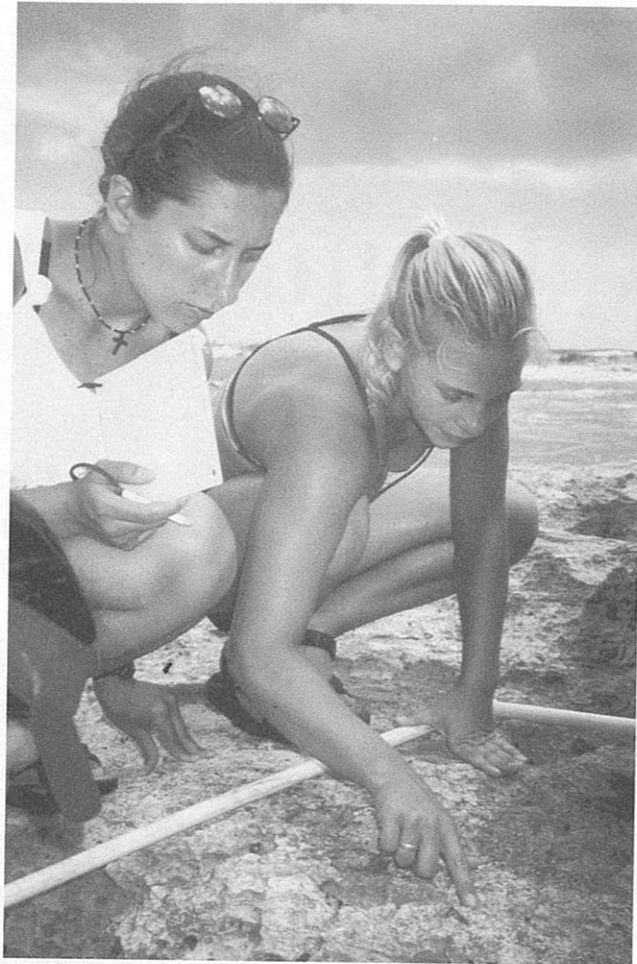
At the same time, biologist Don Gerace from Hartwick College in upstate New York was working with the College of The Bahamas at its newly established research and education center on San Salvador Island, one of the outermost islands in The Bahamas archipelago. Only four years old in 1975, the Bahamian Field Station provided tools and facilities for teaching field courses in archeology, carbonate geology, reef ecology, tropical biology and marine science. Scientists from around the world had already started to conduct research on San Salvador thanks to the center, but few students were using the station in the early seventies.

In an effort to generate more student interest in the program, Gerace sent brochures to science departments across the United States soliciting college students to head to the shores of San Salvador for study. One of those brochures made it to deLanglade’s desk.

“I decided to travel to San Salvador to review everything,” deLanglade recalled. Once there, deLanglade discovered the perfect tropical setting for Wittenberg students to study everything from seagrass and coral to cellular slime mold, marine organisms and snail movements.

Accommodations would be primitive as students would have to stay in converted barracks that once housed U.S. Navy personnel when the field station served as a tracking station, but deLanglade realized that the rich resources available for study and research would compensate for the living arrangements. The community of San Salvador, located 400 miles southeast of Miami and 150 miles southeast of Nassau, would also provide a cross-cultural experience for students, many of whom had never been out of Ohio.

“The experience would introduce students to a different kind of environment and to another culture,” deLanglade said. “On San Salvador, they would have the opportunity to meet



Greta Guhde '01 and Kelly Zander '01 count invertebrates in a study of shoreline biodiversity while on San Salvador Island.

and interact with the local people. They would also have to adapt to completely unfamiliar situations, and they would see an entirely different kind of life where ice cream and chips are considered luxuries.”

Following his review, deLanglade started to organize the field study experience on San Salvador for students, and in 1978, he returned to the Bahamas for a week of field studies with a small group of Wittenberg students interested in marine science. That was 25 years ago, and deLanglade has returned every other summer since then.

Throughout that time, the program has evolved considerably. When Robert Morris, professor of geology, co-taught the program with deLanglade for the first 10 years, it had more of a geological focus. When Tim Lewis, associate professor of biology, and Ruth Lewis, biology lab coordinator, joined deLanglade 12 years ago, they brought a student research emphasis. Kathleen Reinsel, assistant professor of biology, and James Welch, assistant professor of biology, joined the team two years ago and now bring more marine expertise to the mix.

The number of students has also increased with 20 to 30 now accepting the challenge as well as the length of stay from one week to four. Professors’ spouses also make the trip to assist the diverse mix of students.

Currently, 19 other colleges participate in the program at the field station, including Miami University of Ohio, the



Collin Schafer '03 climbed Watling's Castle, named for a prominent local pirate, during the four-week stay on the island.

University of South Carolina, Kent State University and Youngstown State University.

“It’s unique for a school our size to offer this kind of program in Ohio,” deLanglade said. “It’s also a great time and a neat experience for all of us and our students. Every time, I learn something new.”

Although the clear blue tropical waters splashing against the white sandy Bahamian beaches may tempt the students to spend their days sun-bathing and swimming, the majority of their time is actually spent out in the field conducting research and collecting samples or in the classroom. Students earn nine credits if they complete the program’s requirements, so the classroom activities, research components and field trips are intense.

“Field trips had us scale small cliffs, both up and down, climb through holes in overhanging rocks onto small islands covered in plant life, visit a cave partly underwater and inhabited by bats, and swim out to numerous cays to view some of the most spectacular reefs in the Atlantic Ocean,” explained Christina Dierkes '05 and Megan Porter '03, both of whom participated in the program last summer. They also joined faculty and fellow students in cleaning up a beach as part of a long-term faculty-driven research project on trash accumulation.

“Last summer, a rusted 50-gallon drum of oil washed up on the shore,” deLanglade said. “We also found hospital waste and



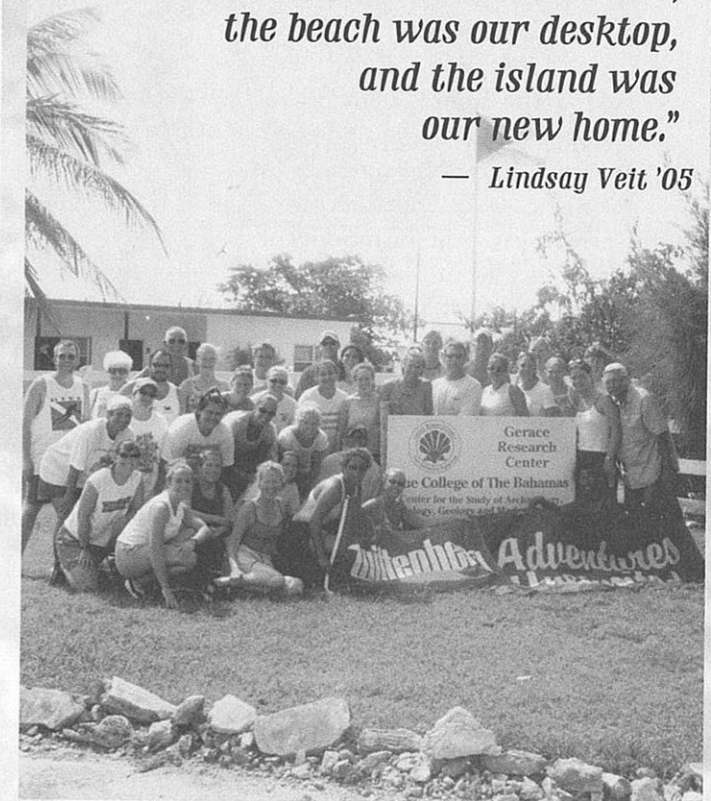
Octavia Williams '04 and Quin Kurth '03 examine a hermit crab.

## A Living Laboratory

Wittenberg’s entire Bahamas field studies program centers around the Bahamian Field Station, now called the Gerace Research Center, on San Salvador Island. Founded in 1971, the center provides all the necessary facilities for conducting extensive research on diverse aspects of the island’s environment.

*“The ocean was our classroom,  
the beach was our desktop,  
and the island was  
our new home.”*

— Lindsay Veit '05



While on the island, students stay in dormitories, which were originally barracks when the center served as a U.S. Navy tracking station prior to the 1960s. Bed linens and towels are not provided for students, and there is only one washer to serve 100 people.

Faculty reside in the old officer quarters, and both students and faculty dine together in the cafeteria three times a day. Despite the fact that dairy products, fresh fruit and vegetables are limited as they need to be shipped from Nassau by marine transport, the meals, though simple at times, are well balanced and feature many Bahamian influences.

In addition to accommodations, the center also offers laboratory space, a conference room and running seawater. A fleet of vans and trucks are also on hand for island transportation, which the students and faculty regularly use.

## Dedicated diver

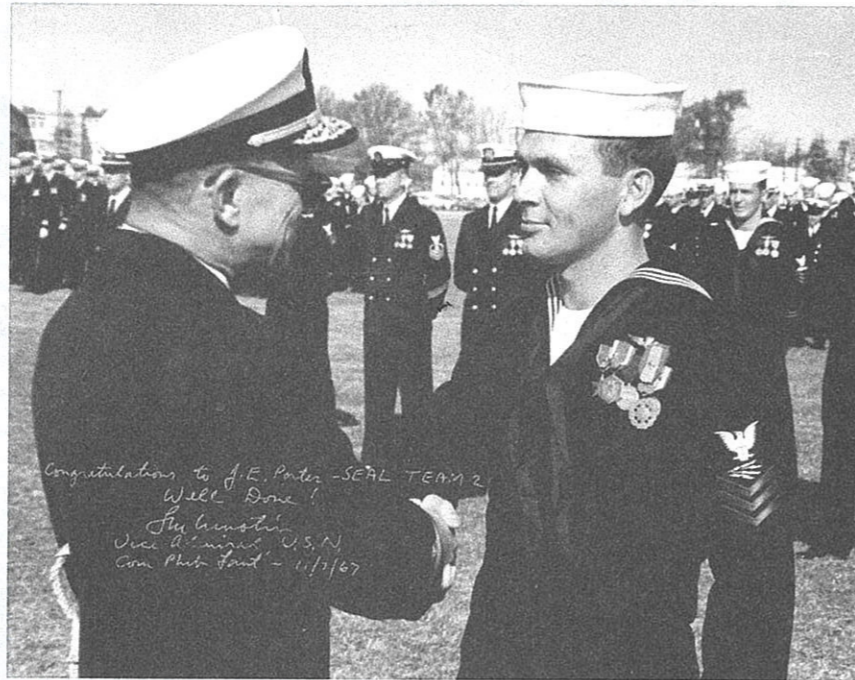
### Scuba instructor's commitment to students spans 20 years

When Ed Porter retires, he dreams of purchasing a slow-trolling boat and casually drifting from island to island in the Caribbean. There he will be able to write another chapter in his life, spending every moment surrounded by the salty sea air as a cool mist gently laps over the tilted bow.

In 1984, Porter became the first adjunct professor of health, fitness and sport to teach scuba diving in Wittenberg's history, professing his knowledge of the underwater world where he has spent the majority of his life — a life that has taken him in and out of oceans, rivers and lakes around the globe.

In the 1950s, a young and adventurous Porter read a book titled *Under Sea Adventure*, a novel about scuba diving. At that time, scuba diving was relatively young, and the modern breathing regulator was only about 15 years old. In 1956, Porter sent away for mail-order certification course materials (he still carries his original certification card), which required no instructor and no time beneath the sea.

He then applied his skills as a diver in the Navy and was selected as a candidate for the newly commissioned Navy SEAL program. Porter was essentially a pioneer for the military's underwater demolition program and greatly influenced research on the scientific aspects of scuba diving. Because of his willingness to risk his life, the Navy became aware of the effects of breathing compressed air underwater on the human body. In fact, the modern diving tables that are used by students today were created by the research to which Porter committed his life.



In Vietnam, Porter, standing in front of SEAL Team Two, the second SEAL team to be established in the nation, received his fifth award, a bronze star with combat V for valor and a gallantry cross from Vice Admiral Munsten. Since then, Porter has logged more than 9,000 dives and 6,285 parachute jumps, and has become a certified NAUI, YMCA, PADI and CMAS diving instructor and U.S. Parachute Association instructor.

Porter's first experience instructing others on how to dive came in the 1960s, while he was serving as a SEAL in the Vietnam War. As a SEAL, he instructed South Vietnamese soldiers about the basics of diving and underwater warfare. When Porter eventually decided to leave the Navy, he was discharged as a CW04 Warrant Officer, the highest ranking an enlisted man can receive. His involvement in the military continues, however, as a full-time employee at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, Porter's scuba class has evolved from a small group of students who dove in local quarries into a classroom of at least 20 students who make yearly trips to Key Largo and the Bahamas. "I have probably certified at least 750

Wittenberg students since I started teaching this program," Porter says. The course, which is offered in the fall and spring, allows students the opportunity to study a dangerous sport under the safety and supervision of an instructor who has logged thousands of dives.

Porter centers his scuba program on a philosophy of safety and preparation, in which he requires students to complete 20 hours of classroom instruction and 20 hours of actual diving in the indoor pool. As part of the class, students learn everything about diving, including the workings of underwater physics, bailouts and rescue skills.

"I try to teach these students how to react to every situation they may encounter in an unpredictable environment. I show them how to

assess every situation and, should an emergency occur, how to apply their knowledge calmly and precisely," Porter explains.

Porter says that the most important part of his job is his students. When the class was still in its neophyte state, he decided to take a group of students to Florida in order to complete their checkout dives in warmer water. Checkout dives essentially involve a series of five open-water dives under the supervision of the instructor, during which students must apply their knowledge outside of the controlled elements of the pool.

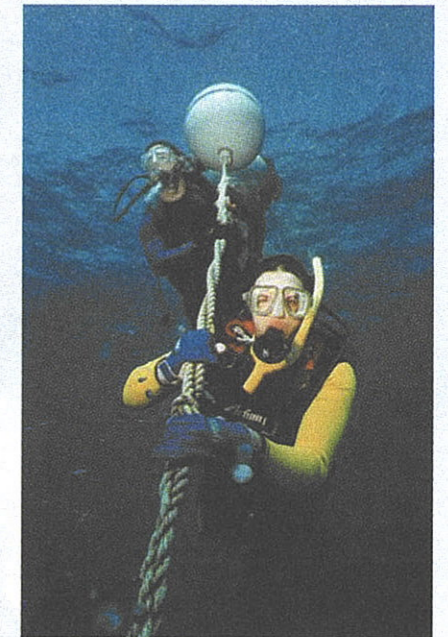
"That was the most disastrous trip that I have ever taken with Wittenberg students. We chartered a 65-foot sailboat and cruised from Miami to the Bahamas. Unfortunately, we encountered foul weather during much of the trip. The students could not dive because they were preoccupied with sea sickness," Porter recalls. Eventually that trip evolved into lodging at a land-based hotel with a local dive master in Key

Largo. Every spring break students have the option to complete their checkout dives in tropical waters and become certified scuba divers.

In 1996, Porter joined with the biology department's biannual Bahamas field trip. As part of the trip, Porter assists the professors with their program and also spends time helping students, who could not go to Key Largo, complete checkout dives. He says that the Bahamas trip is his favorite diving adventure with Wittenberg students.

"In the Bahamas we usually have great underwater visibility. We also get to descend walls of coral and get to see exciting marine life such as hammerhead sharks."

Porter's dedication to his students does not end when class is over either. In 1984, he created his own business, appropriately named Adventures Unlimited. The business allows him to sell quality diving equipment to students at a fraction of the cost of many local dive shops. "I created my business to save students money. They are just



With Wittenberg, Porter has also traveled to Key Largo, Fla., with Chris Conti '98, front, Dan Lilly '95 and others to help them complete their checkout dives, a series of five open-water dives under an instructor's supervision, which they need in order to become certified scuba divers.

college kids with limited incomes, and I wanted to give them the option of owning their own gear," Porter says. He also offers a course in skydiving as a second feature of his business. Throughout the years, many students have taken advantage of this opportunity and have jumped out of airplanes with a true professional.

Now 62, Porter plans to continue to teach scuba at Wittenberg until his retirement. He prides himself on the safety of his instruction that he willingly offers to any student who wishes to add a little adventure to his or her life.

"In the past 20 years, I have never had a student seriously injured while scuba diving or while jumping out of airplanes," Porter says, and "both sports can be potentially very dangerous."

— Cole Christensen '03



Since 1996, Porter, back center, has been accompanying students and biology professors Ron deLanglade, left, Tim Lewis, second from left, and Ruth Lewis, front right, to the Bahamas to assist students with scuba certification. During the last trip, Mike, back right, and Joy deLanglade Reidelbach, front left, accompanied the team.



bottles from around the world just to name a few items. It's a real eye-opening experience for everyone."

In addition to varied research-oriented field trips every day, which can include numerous snorkeling adventures, participants are also required to attend hour-long lectures every night, Monday through Saturday, and prepare for group presentations and lab tests. At the same time, they must conduct research on individual topics of their choice for a final research paper.

The students are then expected to present their findings at conferences sponsored by the Ohio Academy of Science, the National Conferences for Undergraduate Research (NCUR) or during a poster session upon their return to campus. Among the topics tackled by last year's participants were fire coral, response of sea urchins to external stimuli, nesting habits of tropicbirds, snail migration, hermit crabs, fish-feeding behavior and the culture of native San Salvadorans.

Aside from their studies, students also must learn to adjust to their new environment and accommodations. During the last trip, deLanglade recalled, San Salvador endured 17 inches of rain, more than the island receives annually. The intense heat, absence of air conditioning, lack of dairy products and the millions of flesh-chewing insects took Jessica Straw '04 a little by surprise. Lost luggage, ants and bug-sprayed nights were some of sophomore Lindsay Veit's early memories. Participant Jennifer Biehl '04 also remembers the phone not working.

"The phone worked whenever it felt like it, so it was difficult to keep in touch

with people back home," she said.

Despite these inconveniences, all three loved the experience. "The best part of the trip, other than experiencing a different culture and getting to know the other 27 students there, was seeing the vast diversity of creatures living in the sea," Biehl said, recalling watching a bottlenose

*"I left for the trip ready to work hard and have a good time, but I never thought the trip would change my life."*

— Jessica Straw '04

dolphin with her calves swim past her and fellow participants. "That was one event I'll never forget."

"The lectures and research we did were more of a desired activity than a grueling one," Veit added. "The professors loved everything they taught us. The enthusiasm from them and the students was something I had never seen before."

Veit also remembers the island's beaches. "One particular beach we visited a few times, the Grotto, was the most perfect beach. The sand was perfectly white, the ocean a beautiful shade of light blue. I could have sat for days and just stared at the waves crashing against the rocks on the shore, the birds circling above our

heads, gliding through the cloudless sky toward the distant skyline that kissed the ocean's clear blue surface."

For Straw, however, the experience completely changed her. She grew up in Colorado and always thought that compared to white water rafting, skiing, backpacking, repelling, fishing, hang gliding, mountain biking and camping, the beach sounded boring.

"I have never understood why anyone would want to spend their money on a trip to the beach when there are many other exciting places to be," she said.

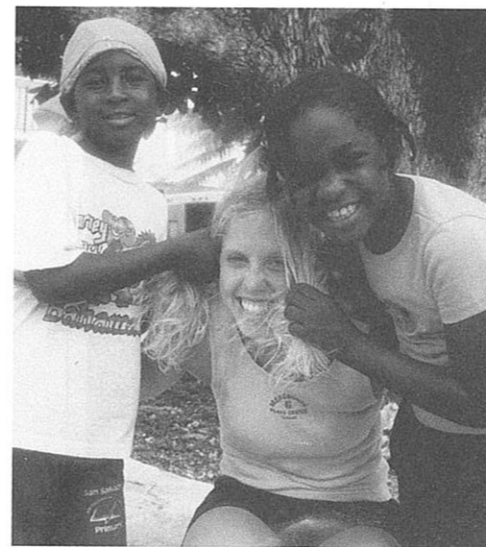
Well traveled, Straw had already visited 41 states and seven countries, so to her San Salvador merely provided an enriching opportunity to get some extra biology credits and work toward her scuba certification prior to a planned trip to the Caribbean upon her return. Her view quickly changed, though, after she descended into the deep blue sea for the first time.

"As I floated down the wall, which drops off for thousands of feet into la-la-land, I saw thousands of colors and countless fish," Straw explained. "I have seen many things

around the world, including the Swiss Alps, the Canadian Rocky Mountains, the Grand Canyon, the Eiffel Tower, the Palace of Versailles, downtown Brussels and the Empress in Victoria, British Columbia, just to name a few. There is no question in my mind that the overlook from the wall on my first scuba dive was more amazing than anything I have ever seen. It was incredible



Without a landfill on the island, students wrestle over what to do with a leaking 50-gallon rusted oil drum that washed ashore.



Lindsay Veit '05 and some local Bahamians

how small I felt looking up through 100 feet of seawater and swimming along the largest change in elevation that I had ever experienced. The view took my breath away."

Straw also enjoyed her research because, as she said, "I found my subject interesting for the first time." Now Straw, the same person who used to wear T-shirts that read "Life's a Mountain, Forget the Beach," is considering switching her focus.

"San Salvador was the best learning experience I have ever had. I have been committed to medical school for years, but my experiences on San Salvador have drawn in the possibility of marine biology. I didn't think anything would ever change my mind about the beach or about medical school. I wrestled for months with the idea of looking into marine biology and putting my M.D. on hold. I felt pulled toward every aspect of marine science like a magnet.

"I think about my trip to San Salvador every day and am constantly dreaming about new things to learn and study. My head may be for medicine, but my heart belongs with the ocean. I am now trying to find ways to combine both aspirations into one career, but for now I am going to learn as much I can through graduate schools and internships."

An assisting diver for Wittenberg's scuba class, Straw is spending her spring semester studying in the Bermuda/Duke Marine Lab program where she hopes to learn more about possible careers in marine biology.

"Choosing to sign up for the Wittenberg-Bahamas summer program was by far one of the best decisions I have ever made," she said. "Thank you, Wittenberg, for providing this unbelievable opportunity. I will remember and cherish those memories for the rest of my life." ■

## Alumni set to revisit San Salvador

Although a few years have passed since some alumni headed to San Salvador Island as part of Wittenberg's Bahamas field studies program, many still remember the experience as if they had just returned yesterday.

Anne Johnson Wanner '93, now a landscape architect, certainly does. "The trip was fantastic," she said. "It brought a group of young people together on a beautiful, remote, tourist-free Caribbean island to share a sense of adventure, humor and imagination, all the while learning about the biological world. We were the kings and queens of the ocean that summer."

"So many alumni and students have fond memories of the Bahamas trip," added biology professor Ron deLanglade, "which is why we are trying to organize another trip exclusively for them."

Plans are currently underway to schedule a weeklong alumni reunion/study trip to San Salvador with deLanglade and fellow biology professor Tim Lewis serving as instructors and guides. Contrary to the original experience, this program will originate in Nassau at the Orange Hill Beach Resort where alumni will enjoy their first reunion. The next morning, participants will fly to the Bahamian Research Station, now called the Gerace Research Center, where they will then spend seven days reliving the past and creating new adventures.

Activities will include morning and afternoon field trips to swim, snorkel, scuba dive, visit local sites of interest or just relax and enjoy the island's natural beauty. Evenings will be spent socializing before dinner with faculty presentations after dinner. No tests, of course.

"We may also visit one of the native social clubs for cards, dominoes or dancing," deLanglade said.

Space will likely be limited, so please contact Ron deLanglade at (937) 327-6477 or by e-mail at [rdelanglade@wittenberg.edu](mailto:rdelanglade@wittenberg.edu) for more information on costs, possible dates and requirements.



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Rocky Mountain Alumni Club hosts inaugural event in Colorado

More than 75 alumni and friends headed to Denver, Feb. 22, to celebrate the creation of Wittenberg's newest alumni club, the Rocky Mountain Alumni Club. Laughter and smiles filled Brooklyn's Restaurant, where the event took place.

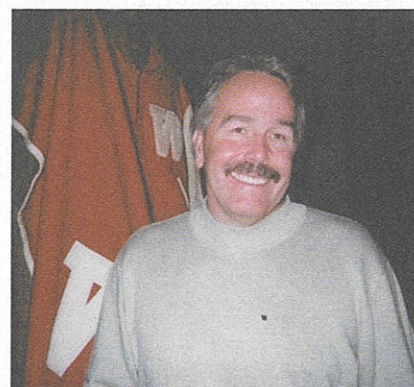
Currently, there are about 500 alumni living in Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Colorado and Montana, and the establishment of this club offers these alumni the opportunity to reunite frequently in the region.

For more information about the club, e-mail wittenbergmac@yahoo.com or contact Randy Demont '74 at

r\_demont@hotmail.com. Inquiries can also be made through Wittenberg's Office of Alumni Relations via e-mail at alumni@wittenberg.edu.



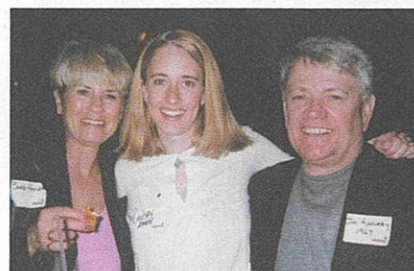
Rocky Mountain Alumni Club committee members include Cliff McRae '62, left, Trina Lange Lambert '84, Beth Hester '92, Sara Weisenbach '00, Brad Appleby '99, Matt VanDurme '99 and Rich Wright '00.



Randy Demont '74 helped to organize the first-ever event hosted by the Rocky Mountain Region Alumni Club.



Vange Heiliger, assistant director of alumni relations, caught up with Kristine Crates '96 and her boyfriend.



Barbara Harff Appleby, left, Jim Appleby '67, right, and their daughter Lindsay enjoyed the event in Denver.



Sue Benson '63 and Sandra Gilbertson McRae '62, right, had the chance to reunite during the evening.



Alumni board members Francisco Sanchez '86 and Julie Aufderheide Britton '80 took time to congratulate seniors during the annual "100 Days 'til Graduation" Senior Wine & Cheese event at the Bayley Alumni House, Feb. 6.



Bruce Shaw '73 joined hostess Georgiana Albright '40 for a seafood buffet dinner at the annual Sarasota, Fla., alumni event, March 11. Albright will receive the Class of 1914 Award at Alumni Weekend, June 13-15.



Former football coach Ron Murphy '60 and his wife, Mary Jo, joined the group of friends who gathered at the Sarasota Yacht Club.



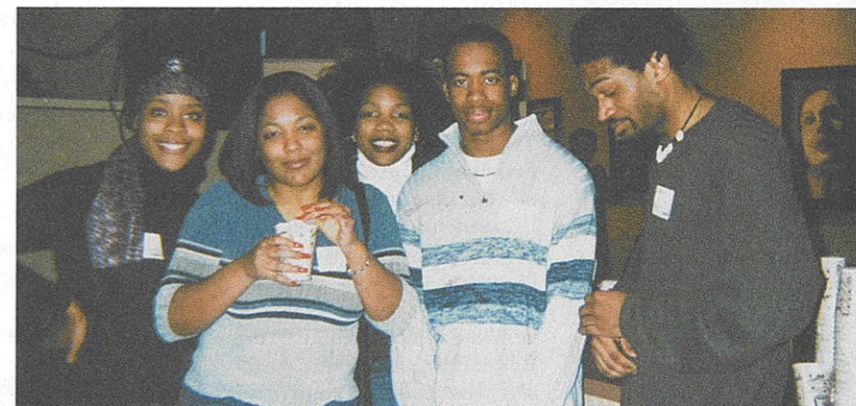
More than 100 members of the Class of 2003 stopped by to enjoy the Senior Wine & Cheese event, including Annie Richards, Lauren Threlkeld, senior class treasurer, Hannah Powell, Jennifer Chenault, Merritt Fog and Jenny Green.



Members of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Club reunited recently at the Gordon Biersch Brewery, Feb. 19. Stacy Rastauskas '98, center, helped to organize the event.



Shawn Becker '02, Elizabeth Bradley '02, center, and Erin Jacobsen '02, right, had a chance to chat at the D.C. event.



Together with Concerned Black Students, the Office of Alumni Relations co-hosted a reception, Feb. 27, at the Java House near campus before attending a storytelling event featuring Adrienne Heard, author of *Stories of the Underground Railroad*. From left are Octavia Williams '04, Niquita McCarroll '04, Brandy Walker '03, Bruce Robinson '06 and Lamarr Lewis '06.

## CLASS NOTES

'49

**Donald E. Stebing**, Ft. Wayne, IN, a retired business teacher, enjoys traveling and participating in church activities.

'51

**Mary Creviston Billow** has retired as a teacher with the Toledo (OH) Board of Education.

'53

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'55

**John R. and Carolyn Beard Kenworthy '52** live in Grand Rapids, MI. John, a part-time senior associate with Regal Financial Group LLC, is a 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman for The Sportsmen, a national championship softball team. Carolyn is a part-time gourmet food broker.

'58

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'59

**Nancy Davendack Malone**, Toledo, OH, retired as an assistant administrator of probation services with the Lucas County Juvenile Court, June 30, 2001.

**Gail McAmmond Musolf**, Kenosha, WI, retired as a deaconess with St. Mary's Lutheran Church.

'60

**George E. Lindamood** is an AmeriCorps volunteer in the Sequim (WA) Middle School, tutoring students in English, health, history, math, music and science. He is a member of the Sequim School Board.

**J. William and Helene Ettlinger Pearch '61** live in Lewiston, ID. William is an interim pastor with Grace Lutheran Church. Helene, the scenic artist for the Southern Ohio Light Opera, Portsmouth, OH, is a volunteer artist for the Lewiston Civic Theatre.

**John L. Jr. and Nancy Getzendiner Seng '63** are retired and live in Granger, IN, and Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

'61

**Don J. Hay**, West Jefferson, OH, has retired as owner of Gregg & Hay Insurance Agency.

**Carol Lorentzen Mosby**, Huntley, IL, a director of multiple chime choirs, teaches English as a second language at Elgin (IL) Community College.

'62

**Maurice A. "Maury" Cook Jr.**, Westerville, OH, has retired as an account manager with Kaye & Silver Brokerage.

'63

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**William C. McCrory**, Mooresville, IN, is a secretary/treasurer with Spohn Associates Inc., Indianapolis, IN.

**Thomas M. Stauffer**, San Francisco, CA, executive director of the Lincoln Center for International Management Ethics and Citizenship, is a professor of applied global business with Thunderbird, The American Graduate School of International Management, Glendale, AZ.

'67

**Gregory K. Ezell**, who has retired as a director of human resources with the Sprint Corporation, is church council presi-



Wittenberg alumni renewed friendships on an Alaskan cruise recently. Back row, from left are Jim Arthur '58, Helen Arthur March '60 and Melvin Sturtz '61; front row, from left are Carol Patzke McClintock '60 and Joan Saalfeld Sturtz '60.

dent and part-time human resource consultant in Punta Gorda, FL.

'68

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**Karen Heisner Bennett** has retired as a teacher with the Sarasota (FL) County School Board.

**Margaret Powers Parry**, Rocky River, OH, is a clinical research associate with the University Hospitals of Cleveland.

**Robert L. and Margaret Diggs Simons** live in Honesdale, PA. Robert, an English teacher with the Wayne Highlands School District, is an active member of the Wayne Highlands Education Association. Margaret, a member of the board of directors of

Northeast Pennsylvania Maple Producers and arts director of the Woman's Club of Honesdale, is a part-time instructor/counselor at Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA.

'69

**David J. and Cheryl Mueller Lundgren** live in Alliance, OH. David is an attorney with Lundgren, Goldthorpe & Zumar. Cheryl has retired as a teacher and director of the Baika Summer Program at Mount Union College.

'72

**James W. Wheaton**, Columbus, OH, a physician with OhioHealth, is a member of the Southern Ohio Medical Center Board of Directors.

'73

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'75

**Janet E. Jackson**, Columbus, OH, is president of United Way of Central Ohio. A member of the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, her awards include the Choices Peacemaker Award and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award, among others.

'76

**Elizabeth L. Berberian**, Albany, NY, married Christopher E. Soulia, Aug. 25, 2002. Elizabeth, a volunteer with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, a repertory theatre and National Public Radio, is an assistant director in the bureau of chronic disease services with the New York State Department of Health, Menards, NY.

**Ward R. and Debra Pastor Clark '77** live in South Lebanon, OH. Ward is a vice president and director of loan review with Provident Bank, Cincinnati, OH.

'77

**Robert E. Cumberlander**, Columbus, OH, a field representative with the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio, is a member of "Bits and Pieces," a jazz and R&B band that performs in Central Ohio.

'78

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'79

**Andrew A. Brandt**, Westwood, MA, married Angela Han, May 19, 2001. Andrew is a managing director with Briggs Capital LLC, Needham, MA.

'80

**James R. Ramsey Jr.**, Westerville, OH, a member of the Gahanna,



Alumnae joined Elizabeth Berberian '76, second from left, at her wedding to Christopher Soulia. From left are Patricia Holland '76, Gwen Edwards Spicuzza '76 and Rebecca Weir '76.

Grove City, Hilliard, Southeastern Franklin County and Union County chambers of commerce, is a member of the executive sales staff of Renier Construction.

'81

**Brian W. Ballenger**, Columbus, OH, is a director of activities with Franklin Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility.

**Lois A. Raimondo**, Washington, D.C., was presented with the Wittenberg Fellow citation and medal Nov. 21, 2002, following an exhibition of her photographs.

'82

**John E. and Diane Armatrout Hilbrink** live in Kenosha, WI. John has been named president and chief creative engineer for Harbor Light Communications, Elkhorn, WI. Diane, a library media specialist at Bullen Accelerated Middle School, is an adjunct professor with Gateway Technical College.

**Frank K. Ponce** is a worship arts pastor and director of distance learning with the Maiden Lane Church of God, Springfield, OH.

**Marcus H. Pryor** received his bachelor of science degree in computers from the University of Cincinnati (OH), August 2002.

'83

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**Julia Pruitt Stalnaker** is a financial adviser and certified divorce planner with Raymond James & Associates, Venice, FL.

'85

**Timothy P. and Julie Courtney Murphy**, Gibsonia, PA, announce the birth of Connor, May 3, 2002. Tim is a vice president of supply chain management with Respronics Inc., Pittsburgh, PA. Julie is a dentist with Dr. Robert Moulton & Associates.

'87

**Brian D. Campbell**, Tarpon Springs, FL, is with Talbots.



John Hilbrink '82



Joshua Raymond, son of Brian Ray Lawter '83



# KROEGER

Shannon Kroeger Meadows '99

*Helping to manage a city*

When Shannon Kroeger Meadows '99 was a student at Wittenberg, she took advantage of an opportunity to work as an intern for the City of Springfield.

"Wittenberg really prepared me well. The internship experience was crucial," she said. "Wittenberg's intensive classes and analysis prepared me for my master's work at the University of Kansas, which led me to the position I now have."

While at Kansas, she spent nine months taking classes toward her master's degree. Then she worked a nine-month internship with the City of Springfield. When Meadows graduated with a master's degree in public administration in April 2001, she was appointed executive assistant to the city manager.

In her current job, she runs the brownfields redevelopment program, which replaces old, empty buildings with new businesses. She also coordinates legislative and lobbying efforts for the city and heads up Springfield's international program, which provides

technical assistance to local governments in Kragujevac, Serbia and Pitesti, Romania.

"We are working with these foreign government officials to share what we have learned about economic development and service delivery," said Meadows, who is married to Jared Meadows '98. "We're helping with the transition and building a tax base, which is economic development, and we're improving basic water and sewer service delivery."

In addition, her job includes working with college student interns. While she works with interns from several local colleges, she has a special place in her heart for students from her alma mater.

"The internship opportunity really put me where I am now," Meadows said. "I want to be able to do that for Wittenberg students, as well as other college students. I like to share the ideals of public service. If we get college students in here, they will take a look at working for local government. What we do every day impacts the lives of everybody in our local community."

Two Wittenberg seniors, Mysi Hall '03 and Steve Spittle '03, are working for Meadows this year.

"I've also learned a lot about how Springfield is run and the things in the city that are problematic," said Hall, a psychology major and management and urban studies double minor from Carlisle, Ohio. "I've learned how Springfield deals with such things as brownfields redevelopment."

Spittle, an economics major and a management minor, has focused on economic development. "I've learned how Springfield markets itself to businesses," said the Dublin, Ohio, native. "How do you keep businesses happy and in the city? How does a city attract businesses outside the area?"

Those are difficult questions that will remain for the next students who take advantage of an internship opportunity with the City of Springfield.

"I can't really get along without Wittenberg interns," Meadows said. "They reflect the quality of a Wittenberg education."

—Heather Maurer  
—photo by Jeff Smith '96



# McCLAIN

William McClain '34

*Breaking down barriers*

When lawyer and longtime public servant William A. McClain '34 graduated from Wittenberg, he embarked on a journey of firsts. It was a journey that would lead him to break down numerous racial barriers in his more than 50-year legal career, and it was a journey that would eventually make him one of the most respected attorneys in the nation.

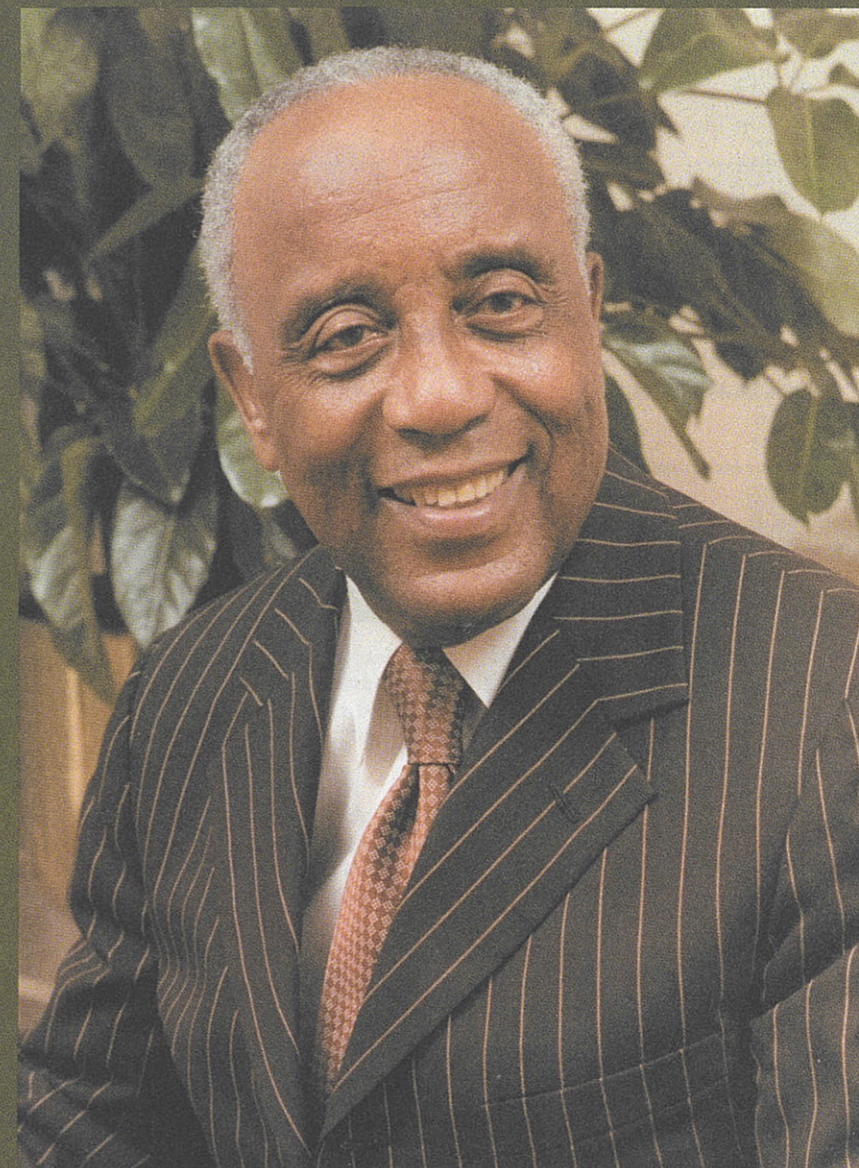
"When I started out, doors were closed," he told the *Cincinnati Post* last year. "Now, at least, they're ajar. But the lesson I learned is that race is only a circumstance, not a condition. Through talent and hard work and faith, you can accomplish anything. You set your own ceiling in life," he added.

In 1942, just five years after his graduation from the University of Michigan Law School, McClain became Cincinnati's first black assistant city solicitor, making him the first black lawyer to serve as law director of a major city. Eight years later, the former Springfield resident became the first black member of the Cincinnati Bar Association, and in 1972 he became the first black member of the downtown law firm Keating, Muething & Klekamp. He was also Hamilton County's first black Common Pleas Court judge, the first black lawyer elected for membership in the Cincinnati Lawyers Club and the first black acting city manager from 1968-1972.

The oldest living black lawyer in Hamilton County and the oldest living black alumnus of the University of Michigan Law School, McClain was also the only black student at Wittenberg from 1930-1934 and the only black student in his law school class. He was also one of the best orators in Wittenberg's history, winning the National Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest his senior year.

"As a young, 21-year-old black student, I realized that if I could win this contest on a national scale being the only black student in a white-dominated setting, I could do anything I wanted to do," McClain said. "The struggle for a black man is to attain his selfhood, and that accomplishment at Wittenberg made me realize that my blackness was a badge of honor, not a badge of shame."

Despite race-based obstacles, McClain, who majored in political science at Wittenberg, earned the respect of classmates and faculty, and he continues to be admired around the country for his personal and professional achievements. In



1997, he received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, which recognizes the achievements of outstanding ethnic Americans and their contributions to America. Four presidents, several congressmen and Nobel Prize winners join McClain in receiving this prestigious award sanctioned by the United States Congress.

In April 2002, the University of Michigan conferred on him an honorary doctor of laws degree. Wittenberg also awarded McClain an honorary doctor of humane letters in 1972, and he received the university's Alumni Citation for his exceptional professional accomplishments in 1966. In 1996, he returned to Wittenberg to present the keynote address at the university's Opening Convocation.

Now retired, McClain, 90, can still be found working in the downtown law

firm of Manley Burke at least five days a week and occasionally on the weekends. That commitment to his craft and his community caught the attention of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, which honored McClain with its Great Living Cincinnati Award on Feb. 26.

Surrounded by family, friends, colleagues, representatives from Wittenberg and the University of Michigan School of Law as well as fraternity brothers from Alpha Phi Alpha at Wittenberg and Sigma Pi Phi, the most prestigious fraternity for black men in the nation, McClain had more tables filled than anyone else receiving the award.

"It was a great affair," McClain said. "I've had a good life for a black man, and I've brought honor to Wittenberg."

—Karen Gerboth '93

**Paige J. Purse**, Berwyn, PA, married James A. Infortuna, Nov. 10, 2001. They announce the birth of James Peter, March 12, 2002. Paige is a homemaker.

**Lance A. Talmage Jr.**, Copley, OH, and his wife, Monica, announce the birth of Alexis, Aug. 15, 2000. Lance is an anesthesiologist with the Anesthesiology Associates of Akron (OH).

**'88**

*Class Reunion Homecoming Oct. 25, 2003*

**Stephanie A. Stollar**, Terrace Park, OH, and her husband, Martin McGrory, announce the births of Matthew, April 8, 2000, and James, Oct. 3, 2002. Stephanie is a school psychologist and consultant with the Special Education Reg. Resource Center, Cincinnati, OH.

**'89**

**Paul A. Kungl**, Chicago, IL, married Mary E. Lambesis, Sept. 2, 2000. They announce the birth of Charles Joseph, Oct. 17, 2002. Paul is a family physician with West Suburban Healthcare, Oak Park, IL.

**Laurie Price Starner**, Reynoldsburg, OH, is manager of store operations with Victoria's Secret Ltd. Inc.

**'90**

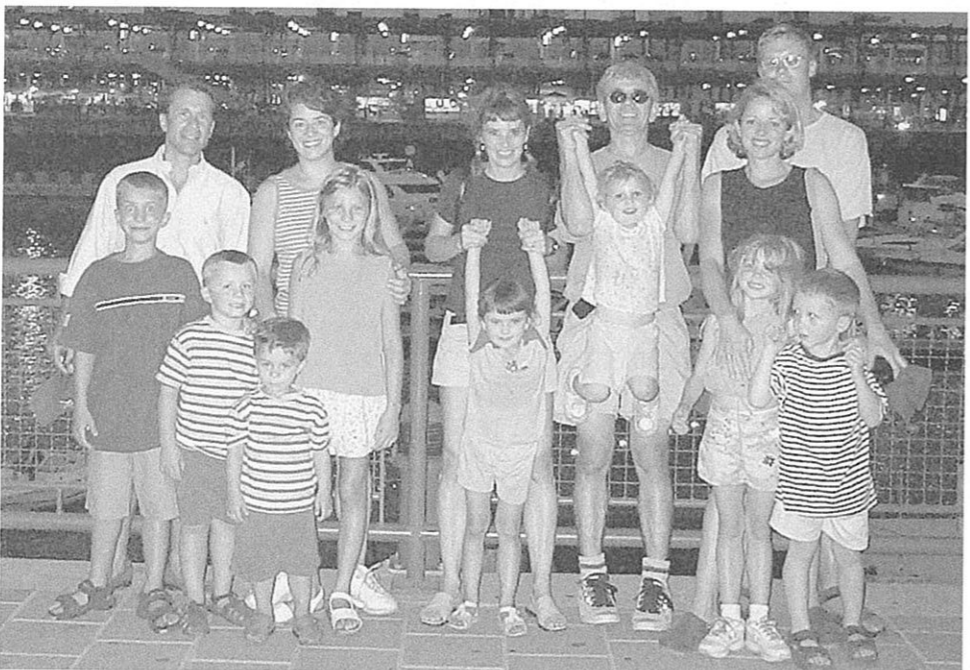
**Jason W. Brodehl**, Miamisburg, OH, married Lori D. Foster, Dec. 18, 2000. They announce the birth of Darcy Renee, April 6, 2002. Jason is a teacher and head football coach at West Carrollton (OH) High School.

**Vicki Duncan Hudepohl**, Beavercreek, OH, is a supervisor of special education with the Fairborn (OH) City Schools.

**James P. Leibold**, Northcote Victoria Australia, and his wife, Kate, announce the birth of Bridget, June 19, 2002. Jim is a program manager with the Sidney



Wittenberg alumni headed west to celebrate the wedding of Barbara Trompeter '88 and John Brenton in Wyoming. From left are Chris Hyatt '88, Ken Schoening '50, John Clark '88, Bert Trompeter '50, Patty Moll '49, Jennie Schwimmer Simpson '88, Jean Jasse '88 and Dave Simpson '88.



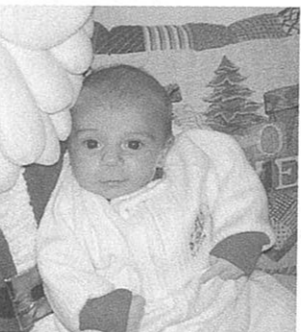
Joined by their children and spouses, Chi Omega sisters Sue Rafferty Athenson '85, Jenny Schumacher '85 and Lisa Galehouse Carmel '85 reunited in Montreal, Quebec, last summer.



Rosaleen Luella, daughter of Douglas Cochran '91



Fiona Michelle, daughter of David '92 and Wendy Storch Paskoff '91



Hunter, son of Laura Silvestri Wieland '93

Myer Asia Centre of Asialink, Parkville Victoria Australia.

**'91**

**Janet Kirkpatrick Holdsworth**, Maple Grove, MN, is pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. Her doctoral dissertation is titled "Power, Agendas, and Conflict in a Critical Higher Education Policy Arena: An Examination of Gender-Equity Policy Development in Intercollegiate Athletics in Division I Universities." She is also the president of the Minnesota Lacrosse Association and a former coach of high school girls' lacrosse, for which she was one of six national recipients of the Golden Whistle Double Goal Coaching Award.

**Kathleen Wohlfort Stevens**, a wildlife biologist in Strafford, VT, owns Stairway to Stories, East Thetford, VT.

**'92**

**Jeffrey D. and Donna "Pop" Popovich Baller** announce the birth of Emily Margaret, May 24, 2002. Jeffrey is a foot and ankle surgeon with Arrowhead Podiatry Associates, Maumee, OH. Donna is a speech language pathologist with the Wood County Educational Service Center.

**David W. and Wendy Storch Paskoff '91**, Upper Arlington, OH, announce the birth of Fiona Michelle, Sept. 9, 2001. David is vice president of acquisitions and development with the National Affordable Housing Trust, Columbus, OH. Wendy is a senior graphic designer for America Online, Columbus, OH.

**Lisa Gagliardi Pringle '91**, Powell, OH, and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of daughter Brennan Delaney, March 10, 2002. Lisa is a family therapist with the Rosemont Center, Columbus, OH.

**Timothy E. Scharf** is a vice president of Johnson air-rotation systems with Johnson Marcraft, St. Louis, MO.

**Melissa Gehm Welsh**, Millersburg, OH, and her husband, Bradley, announce the births of Reagan, March 23, 2000, and Jack, Oct. 9, 2002.

**'93**

*Class Reunion Homecoming Oct. 25, 2003*

**Jennifer Wakeland Bigelow** and her husband, Lee, announce the birth of Cassandra Grace, Nov. 20, 2001. Jennifer is a physician with Kendrick Family Practice, Mooresville, IN.

**Christopher R. and Amy Mortimer Combs '96**, Lewis Center, OH, announce the birth of Madelyn Elizabeth, Oct. 15, 2002.

**David P. and Amy Tullis Fisher**, Miamisburg, OH, announce the birth of Emily Sue, June 27, 2002. David owns a restaurant.

**Marcy Beck Myers**, Ashland, OH, and her husband, Donald, announce the birth of Mason, Sept. 13, 2002.

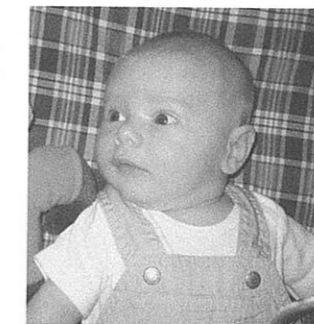
**David H. Wilson**, Ada, MI, is the author of *The Kafka Effekt*, a collection of short stories written loosely in the vein of Franz Kafka.

**'94**

**Michelle Heuer Icard**, Charlotte, NC, and her husband, Travis, announce the birth of Declan, June 19, 2002.

**Katarina Saevig Marrone**, and her husband, Marcello, announce the birth of Vanessa, July 5, 2000. Katarina works in sales and marketing with The Institute of International Education, Stockholm, Sweden.

**Lisa N. Roberts**, Brighton, MA, who participated in the 2002 Boston Marathon, is a director of communications with the Sports Philanthropy Project, Newton, MA.



Patrick James, son of Christina Schwab Greene '94



Amy Collins Benton '96 recently welcomed twins.

**Amy D. Robey**, Charlotte, NC, married Paul Mierzwa, June 2, 2001.

**Brenden M. and Diane Kelly Wetherton** live in Louisville, KY. Brenden is an emergency medicine physician in Shelbyville, KY. Diane is a pediatrician.

**'95**

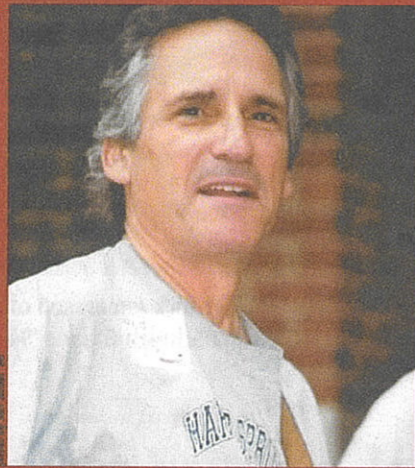
**Katherine E. Asbury**, Roseville, MN, received her M.A. in outdoor education from the University of Minnesota in 2003. A grant writer/trail staff member with Wilderness Inquiry, Minneapolis, MN, she is a guidance counselor at Arlington High School, St. Paul, MN.

**R. Elliott Halsey** is a patent attorney with Erik A. Martin & Associates, Chicago, IL.

**Allison L. Kessler**, Chesterton, IN, married Brandon J. Kroft, Oct. 7, 2000. Allison, who is working on her doctoral dissertation at Loyola University, is a

# The Mourning Glory

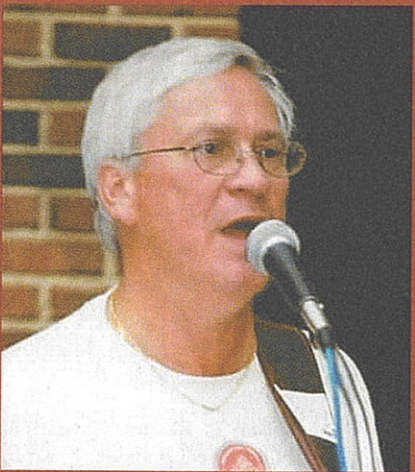
Alumni band continues to jam



In addition to vocals, David Chakeres '70 plays guitar and keyboard in the band.



Lambda Chi Bruce Bowlus '69 sets the beat on drums.



Beta Bob Blankenburg '70 also helps with vocals and handles guitar riffs.

Combine Bob Dylan with the Beatles, the Byrds and some blues, and the result is The Mourning Glory, Wittenberg's rockin' alumni band.

Formed in 1967 by Bob Blankenburg '70, Bruce Bowlus '69, Bud Kidder '70, John Schneider '70, Steve Hallock '69, Terry Merriman '71, Rick Leaman '70 and David Chakeres '70, The Mourning Glory regularly played at Greek parties, at the old Student Union and around the Springfield bar scene during the late '60s and early '70s. Occasionally, the band also hit the road, performing at Ohio State, Capital and Miami universities.

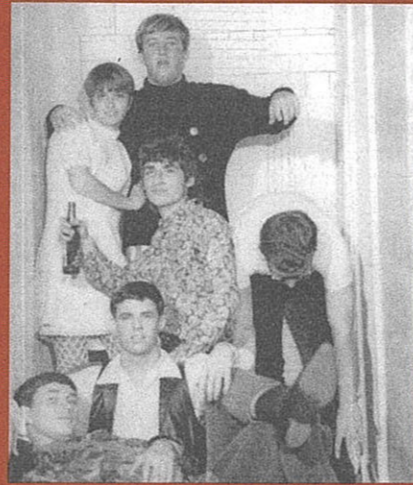
"When we were faced with either studying for a calculus test or cutting loose at a bar in Columbus filled with OSU coeds, the choice was clear," Blankenburg jokes.

Although The Mourning Glory performed mostly classic rock covers, the band still considers its style to be eclectic as a result of its members' diverse musical backgrounds.

Prior to forming The Mourning Glory, Bowlus and Kidder were in the band Sons of Bach, a hard rock/blues-style band, while other members came from The Music Box, which was known more for its harmonious sound similar to the Beatles and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. Schneider also brought a folk-rock influence to the group following his time with the Augmented Seven. When the band members joined together, they decided to call themselves The Mourning Glory.

"We all seemed to think the name was an interesting play on words, and it was very '60s," Bowlus recalled.

After graduation, however, the group disbanded, and members went their separate ways. Blankenburg went on to become a dentist, while Bowlus



The band's early days on campus back in 1969. Against the back wall is Bowlus with Chakeres in the center. Next to Chakeres on the right is Kidder, and in front of Chakeres is former band member Rick Leaman. Blankenburg rests on the floor.

entered academia. Chakeres pursued the law, Kidder went into business, and Schneider tackled high school teaching just to name a few members' career paths.

Most remained in the Buckeye State, though, so the potential for a come-back always existed.

Still, despite the proximity, more than 20 years would pass before Blankenburg, Kidder and Bowlus reunited in Cleveland to reminisce about their Wittenberg days. During that reunion, in classic Blues Brothers' fashion, the trio decided to get the band back together, and that summer five of the original members — Blankenburg, Kidder, Bowlus, Chakeres and Schneider — traveled to Pennsylvania for a weekend of "making music." They even cut a demo tape, and after listening to it decided "they still had it."

Two years later, in June 1995, Wittenberg hired The Mourning Glory



Lambda Chi's Schneider, former band member Steve Hallock, Bowlus, former band member Rick Leaman and Bud Kidder appeared on the fraternity's front porch back in 1968, a year after The Mourning Glory formed.



The band will again be back on campus June 13-15 to perform at Alumni Weekend.

to play for the Class of 1970 during its 25-year reunion. The band has since played at Homecomings and Alumni Weekends, most recently for the Classes of 1987, 1992 and 1997 during their 2002 reunion celebrations. The band has also played some non-Wittenberg gigs inside and outside of Ohio.

"The 25th reunion at Wittenberg was terrifying, gratifying, exhilarating and memorable," Bowlus said.

"We all experienced considerable anxiety before we went out on stage that night. Luckily we had the support of a huge number of friends, family and alumni who showed up. By the middle of the second set, I think we loosened up and really began to enjoy ourselves. It was terribly exciting to see friends from our undergrad years dancing and carry-



The band is all about friendship, and the members feel like family. They've watched each other's children grow up, and along with their wives, they've vacationed together many times.

ing on like they had 25 years earlier. We really fed off the energy of the crowd and had a great time."

As for band members' favorite song, they all agree that it has to be Bob Dylan's "My Back Pages," originally performed by the Byrds.

"We do the Byrds' version, which introduces vocal harmonies — one of the real strengths of our band," Bowlus explained. "The lyrics also create some vivid and truly memorable mental images."

Although finding time to practice has proved a challenge (the band usually only practices two or three weekends a year and an hour or two before each performance), the five find the opportunity to get together and play some good old rock 'n' roll to be extremely rewarding.

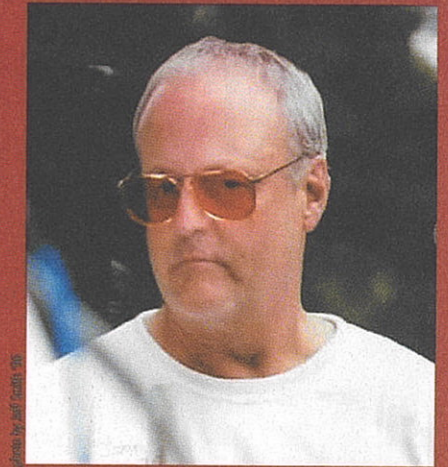
"These are the relationships that have kept us going throughout the years," Schneider said. "There is a tremendous camaraderie."

"The great thing about this band is the friendship," Bowlus added. "The music is certainly a common bond, but we truly enjoy each others' company. We also enjoy the rewards of having played together a long time. We can usually anticipate what the other guy is going to do, which has gotten us out of more than a couple awkward situations on stage."

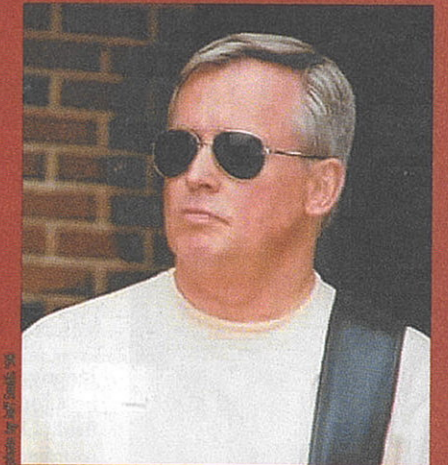
"It's fun to hear the old songs again, too, even if we are the ones playing them," Bowlus continued.

"Who could have anticipated those many years ago that we would still be hauling equipment around, learning new songs, or continuing to 'rock the hall' in 2003?"

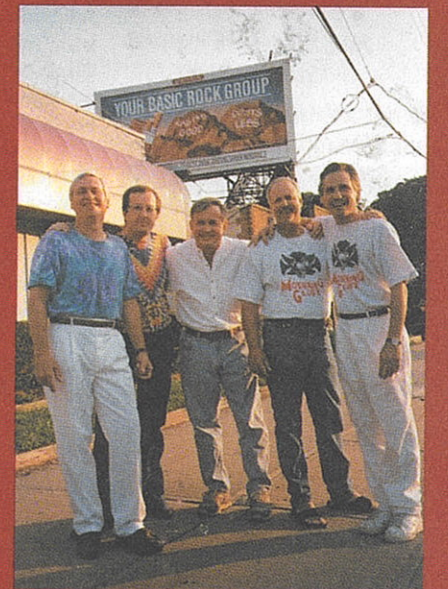
— Karen Gerboth '93



Lambda Chi John Schneider '70 entertains on guitar and vocals.



Fellow Lambda Chi Bud Kidder '70 also adds his own personal touch on guitar.





Colleen Oberle '96 married Peter Rodenburg.



Julie Kottke '96 married Steven Valenti '97.



Kathryn Schaefer '00 married Anthony Crane '01.

statistical analyst with Information Resources Inc., Chicago, IL.

**Nathaniel J. Ritscher** and **Christina M. Thomas** live in Trabuco Canyon, CA. Christina is a senior environmental specialist with the Orange County Sanitation District, Fountain Valley, CA.

**Brian H. Sampson** received his M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from Ashland (OH) University in 2002.

**Andrei S.** and **Karen Meilander Yelovich**, Baltimore, MD, announce the birth of Alexander Douglas, Oct. 25, 2002. Andrei teaches chemistry at Perry Hall High School. Karen is an accounts payable manager with Environmental Elements Corp.

## '96

**Val M. Haunn**, Kettering, OH, married Tracy Palmer, Sept. 30, 2000. Val is a marketing manager with Lexis Nexis, Miamisburg, OH.

**Jeremy M.** and **Shannon Earnest Journell** '99 live in Springfield, OH. Jeremy is a project coordinator with the Rittal Corporation. Shannon teaches first grade at Enon (OH) Elementary School.

**Julie M. Kottke** married **Steven M. Valenti** '97, May 19, 2001. Julie is a senior account manager with Yesmail. Steven is an event director with Bruce G. Southworth Productions, Lake Forest, IL.

**Brian J.** and **Cindi Combs Lorenz** '98 live in Germantown, MD. Brian, a network administrator with Humanitas Information Systems, received Microsoft Professional Certification in 2002. Cindi is a marketing consultant with Shady Grove Fertility Centers, Rockville, MD.

**Kelly A. McConnell** is a sales manager with the Limited Inc.

**Carrie L. Patton**, Baltimore, MD, received her B.S.N. from Johns Hopkins University School

of Nursing in 2002. She is a registered nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

**Clay M.** and **Stacie Rivard Pedigo** '98 live in Huntington, CT. Clay is an assistant golf course superintendent at Brooklawn Country Club. Stacie received her M.A. in education and administration from the University of New England, Biddeford, ME, in 2002.

## '97

**Maggie F. Garas**, Washington, D.C., married Jeffrey Weber, Aug. 4, 2001. Maggie is a student at American University's Washington College of Law.

**Malissa Mackey**, Southfield, MI, is an associate metro director with Campus Crusade for Christ.

**Ryan T.** and **Charity Terry-Lorenzo** live in Durham, NC. Ryan, who received his Ph.D. in pharmacology from Duke University in 2002, is a scientist with Duke University. Charity is an editor with GlaxoSmithKline.

## '98

*Class Reunion Homecoming Oct. 25, 2003*

**Heather Ransom Bodle**, Howard, OH, and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of Bryce Christopher, Sept. 18, 2002.

**David M.** and **Michael Doran Efron** live in Grove City, OH. Dave conducts research on pediatric cancers at the Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH. Michael teaches children with learning disabilities at Starling Middle School, Columbus, OH.

**Rebekah E. Fogt**, Worthington, OH, married David M. Newman, July 13, 2002.

**Chisholm D. Hofe** is a general manager with Claremont (NH) Concord Railroad.

**Stephen L.** and **Katherine Ward Setty**, Elmore, OH, announce the births of Anders



Maggie Garas '97 married Jeffrey Weber.



Rebekah Fogt '98 married David Newman.



Patrick, son of Trish Harper McAtee '00

Stephen, Jan. 14, 2001, and Aislen Colette, Oct. 14, 2002. Steve is a product engineer with Delphi, Sandusky, OH. Katie, a homemaker, teaches second grade for the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, an internet school in Columbus, OH.

## '99

**Melissa L. Arnzen**, Cincinnati, OH, graduated from Cincinnati (OH) College of Law in 2002, where she is now a program coordinator in the career planning center.

**Leslie Meyer Clemmons**, Pflugerville, TX, is a caseworker with Communities in Schools - Central Texas.

**Adam B. DeiCas** is a program coordinator for the student volunteer outreach program at the University of Pittsburgh (PA) while training teachers in service-learning for the Pennsylvania Service Learning Alliance. Both programs are associated with AmeriCorps VISTA.

**Jonathan D. Heskett**, Carlsbad, CA, is a first lieutenant with the U. S. Marine Corps.

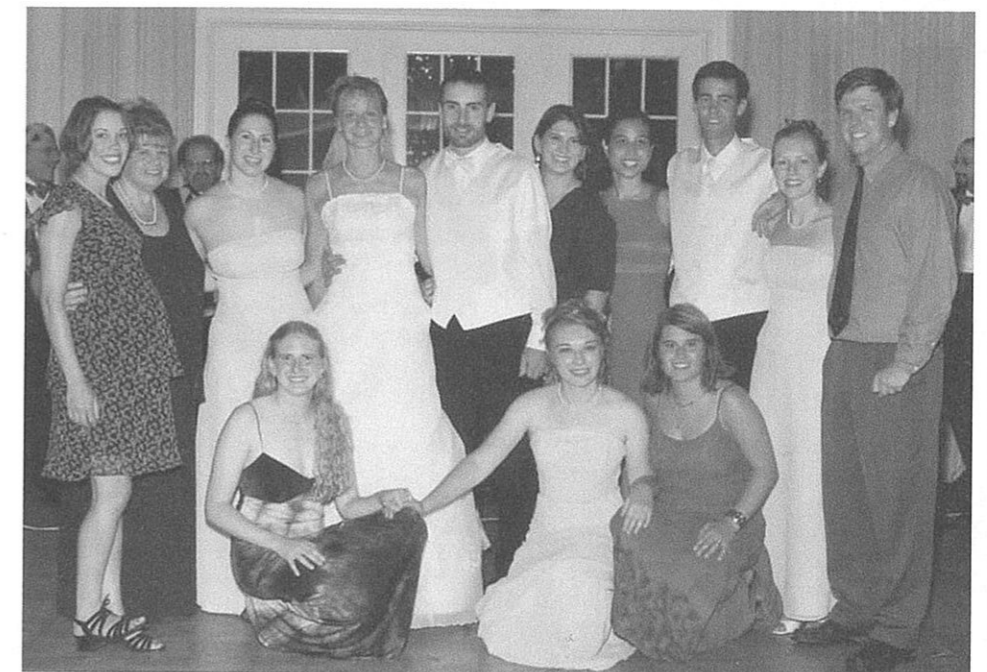
**Amy J. Horn**, Washington, D.C., is a director of marketing with the Commerce Funding Corporation, Vienna, VA.

**Kurtis B. Kleidon** is an editor with *Akron Life & Leisure*, Akron, OH. He received an honorable mention for poetry in the Best of Ohio Writers Contest.

**Jason M. Skaarup**, Fairfax, VA, passed the patent agent registration examination in October 2001. He is a patent agent with Pillsbury Winthrop LLP, McLean, VA. Jason also volunteers at Bailey's Crossroads Computer Center.

## '00

**Trish Harper McAtee**, Huber Heights, OH, and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Patrick Joseph, March 26, 2002.



Alumni gathered for the wedding of Emily Hillard '02 and Horst Obereder. Back, from left are Heather Ransom Bodle '98, Ann Hillard, Amy Horn '99, Jessica Gillota '00, Luciana Goncalves '99, Issac Barnes '99, Christina Kujawa Jones '00 and Eric Jones '98. Front row, from left are Amy Sonnanstine '01, Andrea Brunsvold '00 and Andrea Milas '00.

**Jessica R. Ollom** is a teacher's aide at Akron (OH) Community School.

**Kathryn L. Schaefer**, Vandalia, OH, married **Anthony L. Crane** 2001, July 6, 2002. Kathryn teaches sixth grade at Vandalia Butler High School, Dayton, OH. Anthony is with the Northmont City Schools.

## '01

**Casie M. Bates**, Bucyrus, OH, married Jacob J. Grau, Sept. 14, 2002.

**Charles W. Miller** and **Michelle L. Hostetler**, Springfield, OH, announce the birth of Colton Michael, Dec. 16, 2001.

**Alyssa A. Nienstiel** is a children and young people's worker at St. Mary's Parish Church, Fercham, Surrey, England.

**Dana M. Norris** is pursuing her master's degree in religious studies at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago (IL).

**Andrew Z. Smock** is a research associate in the department of molecular genetics at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

**Earl A. Walker**, Pittsford, NY, is a lab technician at the University of Rochester (NY).

## '02

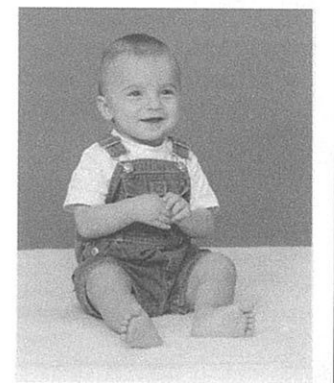
**Henry S. Conte**, Springfield, OH, is a news reporter with the *Urbana (OH) Citizen*.

**Jessica M. McGee** is an assistant English teacher with the JET Program in Himeji, Japan.

**Meredith A. Price**, Bellville, OH, teaches sixth grade with the Springfield (OH) City Schools.

**Robert G. Rafferty**, Columbus, OH, has been promoted to Webmaster at Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH.

**Stephanie E. Spiegel**, Urbana, OH, is a third- and fourth-grade intervention teacher at Raymond Elementary School, Marysville, OH.



Colton Michael, son of Charles Miller '01 and Michelle Hostetler '01

**Jodi K. Stewart**, Batavia, OH, is head coach of American Eagles Gymnastics, Cincinnati, OH.

## '03

**Amanda K. Dunlap** married Christopher B. Moore, Sept. 14, 2002. Amanda is with Wal-Mart, Urbana, OH.

# JEREMIAH

Nick Jeremiah '94

*Serving in the special forces*

Each year, close to one-third of first-year biology students express an interest in marine biology. While many study marine ecology, few take to the water as readily as a seal, or in this case, a SEAL (the Navy's SEa, Air, and Land special forces).

Nick Jeremiah '94 completed his Basic Underwater Demolition SEAL (BUD/S) training and joined the Navy's SEAL Team Three in California in 1999. He has been deployed in the Middle East and the Pacific.

Nick came to Wittenberg because of its marine program, including a semester-long course at Duke University's marine lab in Beaufort, N.C., and the summer semester on San Salvador, the Bahamas.

While at Wittenberg, he signed up for scuba, a course taught by Wittenberg Adjunct Instructor Ed Porter, himself a Vietnam veteran Navy SEAL. Each year Nick joined Porter's spring-break trip diving in the Florida Keys. Nick quickly learned the flora and fauna of the oceans, and he became at home in the water. His favorite diving experiences all involved sharks. These experiences were valuable for him and helped prepare him for later work, including his Navy training.

After graduating from Wittenberg, Nick worked at the Maritime Aquarium in Connecticut giving tours, cleaning tanks and feeding fish. After a few seasons of this, he moved south to Florida to work as a scuba divemaster, photographer, and, in his spare time, a biologist. He even spent a week in Bimini studying lemon sharks with the University of Miami.

Personally, I have known Nick since I first came to teach at Wittenberg in 1990, and I took scuba with him in Wittenberg's pool a year later. Two of my most memorable scuba dives were with Nick. In 1992, Nick took the Comparative Communities course developed by Ron deLanglade, professor of biology, which I co-teach. On one dive in French Bay, San Salvador Island, Nick, Ron and I were swimming in turbid water in a groove between two coral reefs when out of the mirk swam two six-foot long tarpons just an arm's reach away. We all thought, "sharks!" but unlike Nick, my desire was to move away, not toward them.

I had the pleasure of diving again with Nick in 1997. Here the student turned teacher, Nick was instructing me as I worked on an advanced diving certification. Nick led me down to a wreck in 120



feet of water off Key Largo, showing me fish, corals and sponges that I did not know, and teaching me to work at that great depth. He later gave me a copy of his species list of all the fish he has seen in Florida for my own studies.

Nick's eye for detail and identification led to a graduate school application and acceptance. He chose to delay it for a little adventure. Where else but in the SEALs can you get paid to scuba dive and skydive? But that fun comes at a price. Of the 124 men who started with Nick, only 21 graduated. There are long runs in the sand often carrying logs or boats, night swims in the ocean, and many trips through a multiple-headed shower that ensures all of your activities are cold and wet. In one exercise, the divers float and bob for 10 minutes, swim 100 yards, retrieve their dive mask in nine feet of water, and float another 10 minutes, all with their hands tied behind their back and feet tied together.

Even now, Nick still spends much of his time in the ocean. He said that the views

of fish are less interesting because much of a SEAL's work is at night or in low-visibility water. However, he still sees an occasional shark, and the night ocean is full of glowing, bioluminescent animals. His biology background may make his swims more interesting, but it is his general education that has helped him in his leadership roles.

Nick recently received his own platoon and promotion to lieutenant (O-3), an advancement he credits in part to Wittenberg. Eventually, Nick plans to return to graduate school and complete formal studies in marine science. In the meantime, he expects to stay active swimming and traveling.

I consider myself fortunate to have had Nick in my classes, to have dived with him and to have learned from him. It pleases me that he completed this extremely difficult training for the Navy. And it gives me another answer to the often-asked question, "What can I do with a biology major?"

—Tim Lewis, associate professor of biology and department chair

# ADAMACK

Randy Adamack '73

*In a league of his own*

When he was only 23, the Cleveland Indians promoted Randy Adamack '73 to his dream job as director of public relations.

But when the lifetime Indians fan began his first full season at spring training in 1975, he wondered if he'd been careful enough about what he'd wished for.

"That was the year that we named Frank Robinson as the first African American manager in major league history," recalled Adamack, at the time the youngest public relations director in major league baseball.

"The level of attention and the media interest was tremendous. I didn't realize how much more coverage we were getting than normal until about mid season, when some of the beat writers

pointed out that this had been an incredible couple of months....

"It was little overwhelming," added Adamack, who grew up in Conneaut in northeastern Ohio and majored in economics at Wittenberg. "I was going through spring training in Tucson, and all of a sudden, I was at Hi Corbett Field looking at mountains and the ballpark and the club house I'd been reading about all my life. I'll admit I had a big smile on my face, but when I went home at night I said, 'This is going to be a challenge.'"

Adamack survived spring training. "On opening day, walking into the press box for the first time in that position [public relations director] was just a very special feeling."

The former Wittenberg second baseman remained with the Indians until

1978 when new ownership arrived. He then left to take a similar position with the year-old Seattle Mariners. The new team promoted him several times, and since 1990 he has served as vice president of communications, responsible for media relations, public information, marketing and broadcasting.

"Our image is everything," he said. "We work very hard at protecting that."

Part of his work has been shaping the image of high-profile players such as Ken Griffey Jr., Randy Johnson and Alex Rodriguez, now with other teams, and Japanese sensation Ichiro Suzuki.

Adamack also burnished the Mariners' image during the 1992 arrival of new owners, the five-year process of building a stadium, the opening of SAFECO Field in 1999, and as the Mariners tied a major league record in 2001 by winning 116 games.

"We try to build Mariner baseball on the business side in some ways as a brand," he says, "so that people, when they think of the Mariners, think of a good experience at the ball park and a championship-caliber baseball team."

"We work very hard at positioning our players as good people and fun people. We want people to know our players as best they can.... We work very hard with the production people on our telecasts to use shots of the ballpark, shots of the city, shots of fans having a good time.... We don't want to get in the way of a game, but those other shots are valuable to us, hopefully, in convincing other people that they want to come out to the ballpark."

Adamack, 51, said his contributions to these campaigns have been aided by a liberal arts education that taught him to think critically and solve problems. After graduation he enrolled in the graduate program in sports administration at Ohio University, where he interned with the Indians in public relations during the 1974 season. At the end of the internship, he was offered a full-time position. When the Indians public relations director took another job, Adamack filled the opening.

"I had lot of people supporting me and I learned as I went," Adamack said. "I tried to improve daily and weekly and annually. It was a challenge, but it was what I wanted to do. At some point, I wanted to be public relations director of the Cleveland Indians." — Gary Libman



photo courtesy of the Seattle Mariners

## IN MEMORIAM

'20

**Ralph H. Klapp**, Columbus, OH, died Oct. 24, 2002. During World War I, he served with the U.S. Navy. A lifelong member of Covenant Lutheran Church and former principal of St. Paris (OH) high school, he served as dean and professor at Franklin University Law School, Ohio assistant attorney general and chair of the Industrial Commission of Ohio. He is survived by his wife, a son, a grandson, a nephew and his wife, **James K. '50** and **Shirley Oswald Putnam '51**, a great-nephew, **Charles L. Putnam '79**, and a great-niece, **Laurel Putnam Clouse '75**. Preceding him in death was a brother, **Paul T. Klapp '25**.

'22

**Francis Papania**, Cincinnati, OH, died Dec. 7, 1999. She was a sister of Charity who had belonged to the order for 77 years. An accomplished musician and composer, she was responsible for liturgical music training of postulants and novices for more than 25 years. She also taught at the Athenaeum's Teacher's College and served as diocesan coordinator of fine arts for the Cincinnati area for a decade. A sister survives.

'24

**Mabel Getter Immel**, Miamisburg, OH, died April 11, 2002. A member of Salem Lutheran Church, she taught elementary school for seven years at District #10. A daughter survives.

**Raymond L. Pfeiffer '55H**, New Canaan, CT, died June 1, 2002. A member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he was a distinguished ophthalmologist in private practice. He also was an

associate professor at the Columbus University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Surviving are two sons and a daughter, **Jean Pfeiffer Tate '64**.

'26

**Cleo Parker Brownell**, Mentor, OH, died Nov. 30, 2002. She was a member of Maryfield Methodist Church. A former high school English, Latin, and French teacher, she taught piano lessons for 44 years. A daughter, a niece and a nephew survive. She was preceded in death by two sisters, **Frances Parker Maxwell '24** and **Ruth Parker '28**.

'29

**Theodore E. Saxman**, Akron, OH, died Oct. 5, 2001. A member of Dorm League, he worked as a chemical engineer for B.F. Goodrich for more than 40 years. Surviving are a son, a daughter and a grandson.

**Ross A. Wagner**, formerly of Birmingham, MI, died Dec. 1, 2001 in Maryville, IL. A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he served many years as principal of Seaholm High School and with the Michigan High School Athletic Council. A member of First Presbyterian Church, he is survived by a daughter, a brother and a granddaughter.

'30

**Carl M. Wipert**, formerly of Springfield, OH, died Oct. 23, 2002 in Naples, FL. A member of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Naples, and Northminister Presbyterian Church, Springfield, he was

retired from the Ohio State School System. Survivors include a son, a daughter, three granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

'31

**Frank F. Wehmann Jr.**, Franklin, NY, died Jan. 26, 2002. During WWII, he was a technical writer and editor with *Republic Aviation*, Farmingdale, NY. A longtime teacher, he taught in several schools in New York before retiring in 1971 as chair of the English department at Goshen High School. An active member of Pilgrim Congregational Church, he founded and operated Maple Glen Camp, a summer camp for girls in Middletown, NY. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

'32

**Fred J. Balling**, formerly of Uniontown, PA, died Aug. 19, 1999 in New Smyrna, FL. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Trinity Lutheran Church, New Smyrna, FL, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Uniontown, PA, he was a retired secretary and treasurer of Fairchance (PA) Lumber Company. Survivors include his wife, four sons, including **Frederick O. Balling '74** and **Harry A. Balling '79**, two brothers and a nephew, **Robert C. Balling Jr. '74**. His brother, **Maurice T. Balling Jr. '29**, preceded him in death.

**Eleanor Selby Lentz**, Lima, OH, died Aug. 2, 2002. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority and St. Luke's Lutheran Church, and many civic organizations. A co-author of *Twenty-Two Who Changed the World*, she was a former school teacher. Survivors include her husband,

**Harold H. Lentz '32**, a son and daughter-in-law, **Thomas W. '63** and **Martha Kantonen Lentz '68**, a daughter, **Julia Lentz Cohen '58**, a grandson, **Thomas J. Lentz '89**, and a granddaughter and husband, **Laura Lentz Gage '90** and **Charles Q. Gage '91**. Her father-in-law, **John N. Lentz 1892**, a brother-in-law, **Lawrence H. Lentz '20**, and a sister-in-law, **Mildred Lentz Joslin '27**, preceded her in death.

'33

**Ruth Tuttle Getz**, Springfield, OH, died Oct. 16, 2002. An active member of Sinking Creek Baptist Church and her community, she taught home economics and English at various schools in Clark County. For more than 25 years, she was a volunteer at Springfield Community Hospital. Three daughters, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a sister survive. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John H. Getz '32**, her father, **Clarence I. Tuttle 1902**, a sister, **Gene L. Tuttle '48**, and an aunt, **Carrie Tuttle 1896**.

**Helen Giffin Hauck**, Cleveland, OH, died Sept. 25, 2002. During World War II, she served in the Women's Air Corps of the U.S. Air Force, stationed at technical libraries on bases in Georgia and Texas. She was a librarian at various locations around the United States, including at Wittenberg, before becoming head of the science and technology department at the Cleveland Public Library, retiring in 1980 after 20 years of service. Past president of the Cleveland Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, she was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She is survived by two nieces, including **Karen Grimble Thompson**

'72, a nephew and a cousin, **Diane Giffin Flaherty '73**. Preceding her in death were her father, **Charles F. Hauck 1899**, a sister, **Elizabeth Hauck Grumble '42**, and an uncle, **David V. Giffin '20**.

'34

**Herman B. Lockwood**, West Liberty, OH, died Oct. 12, 2002. A member of Goshen Friends Church in Zanesfield and Evangelical Friends Church, he served as a teacher and administrator in the public schools for 20 years. He also worked as an agent for Nationwide Insurance and other companies for more than 35 years. Surviving are his wife, a son, a daughter, two step-daughters, four grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, seven step-grandchildren and 17 step-great-grandchildren.

'36

**Mary Walker Hessler**, Sidney, OH, died Oct. 12, 2002. A member of Chi Omega sorority and Greene Street United Methodist Church, she was active in many civic organizations. She taught for 42 years in the Piqua school system and worked as an agent for Motorist Mutual Insurance for 34 years. She is survived by two cousins, **Nancy Brush Killoran '68** and **Patrick P. Killoran '03**.

**Marjorie Miller White**, formerly of Lewistown, OH, and Brooksville, FL, died Jan. 8, 2002 in Pittsburgh, PA. She was a member of the Chi Omega sorority and Lewistown United Methodist Church where she played the organ for many years. She taught with the Bellefontaine City and Washington Local Schools. Survivors include a daughter, four granddaughters, a grandson, three great-grandchildren and a sister-in-law.

**Dorothy A. Wolfe**, Springfield, OH, died Oct. 27, 2002. She

taught for 43 years in the Springfield Public Schools. Survivors include two nieces and a great-nephew. She was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, **Robert L. '31** and **Christine Lefevre Wolfe '28**.

'37

**Frances Hughes Alspach**, Newark, OH, died Nov. 1, 2002. An active member of Christ United Methodist Church and her community, she retired from the Newark City School System in 1972 after teaching one year in Ashland County School District and 34 years at Roosevelt Junior High School where she taught Latin and English. She was a volunteer with the Hospice Service and in May 2002, she was inducted into the Ohio Seniors Hall of Fame. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

**Fred E. Sabback**, Charleston, SC, died Sept. 3, 2002. An accomplished music teacher, he was the founder of 13 music schools in South Carolina and Georgia. In 1955, his orchestra appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show, and in 1956, performed at Carnegie Hall. He is survived by two sons, eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

'38

**Robert J. Runyan**, Dayton, OH, died June 24, 1999. A member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Church of the Incarnation in Dayton and St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Bellaire, MI, he had retired as president of Runyan Sales Inc. Survivors include his wife, a daughter and a grandson.

**Edward P. Sutorius**, Erie, CO, died May 2, 2001. Owner of a display advertising company, he enjoyed magic, photography and theatre. His wife, three sons, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive.

'39

**Claribel Jones Sidner**, Genoa, OH, died April 3, 2002. A member of Kappa Delta sorority and St. John's United Church of Christ, she was a teacher in the Genoa School System. Survivors include a son, three daughters, a sister and a sister-in-law, **Mary Sidner Hodge '41**. She was preceded in death by her husband, **David E. Sidner '37**, a sister and her husband, **Elizabeth Jones Merritt '66** and **Roger W. Merritt '38**, and a brother-in-law, **Robert B. Sidner '38**.

**Wray R. Troutwine**, Granbury, TX, died Nov. 4, 2001. A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and Park Cities Baptist Church, he served as a lieutenant with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during WWII. He owned Troutwine & Associates. Surviving are two daughters and two grandsons.

**Marion Charuhas Ullrich**, San Diego, CA, died July 5, 2001. She taught junior high English and social studies for 22 years. Survivors include her daughter, three grandchildren and a sister.

'40

**Mary Heltzel Keyes**, Easthampton, MA, died Aug. 21, 2002. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she was a civilian manager of personnel and wage administration at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH during World War II. She co-founded Robert A. Keyes Associates, a management consulting firm and operated it for 31 years. A son and daughter survive. She was preceded in death by her father, **Daniel P. Heltzel 1894**.

**Virlen L. Klopfer**, Dover, OH, died Aug. 31, 2002. A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a superintendent with several school districts in Ohio before retiring in 1973 from the Beavercreek school system. He is

survived by his wife, three sons, including **Robert V. Klopfer '67** and his wife, **Jane Meese Klopfer '68**, three granddaughters, including **Kari Klopfer Bichsel '90** and **Kelly J. Klopfer '99**, four grandsons, including **Kyle R. Klopfer '92** and **William H. Klopfer '99**, his wife, **Mara Ackerman Klopfer '98**, and two great-grandchildren.

'41

**Ruthanna Gotherman Davis**, Morven, NC, died March 14, 2002. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and St. John's Lutheran Church, she was a homemaker and substitute teacher. Surviving are a son, two daughters, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a brother and a sister. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Walter C. Davis Jr. '39**.

**Betty G. Fisher**, Springfield, OH, died Oct. 24, 2002. A member of Delta Zeta sorority, she taught with the Springfield City Schools for 50 years. She was also a consultant for school systems testing program for the State of Ohio and a director of elementary curriculum. Survivors include a brother and a brother-in-law, **George A. Schneider '43**, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Three sisters, **Ilo D. Fisher '35**, **Mary Fisher Schneider '40** and **Carol M. Fisher '56** preceded her in death.

'43

**Mary Bair Fleming**, Mansfield, OH, died July 9, 2001. A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and Little Washington Congregational Church, she taught elementary school for 30 years in the Madison Local School District before retiring in 1983. She is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren and a brother. A brother and his wife, **Richard C. '41** and **Betty Blum Bair '40**, preceded her in death.

# CHAKERES

## Philanthropist leaves legacy



Chakeres

Michael H. Chakeres '35, a member of the Wittenberg board of directors from 1974 to 1989, died Dec. 7, 2002. He was 90.

President and chairman of the board of Chakeres Theatres and Lobby Shoppes, the third oldest theatre chain in the nation, Chakeres was one of Springfield's most generous philanthropists, according to the *Springfield News-Sun*.

"He was a unique individual who knew what his role in life was, and he fulfilled it with dignity and respect," The Very Rev. Michael S. Petrides, pastor of Springfield's Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox, of which Chakeres was a member, recently told the *News-Sun*. Chakeres was also a member of the Greek Orthodox Church in Dayton and Columbus, and in Palm Beach, Fla.

In 1992, Chakeres was named "Archon" of the church, the highest honor bestowed on a layman. He was also a member of Leadership 100 of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Americas, and in 2000 he was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor from the National Association of Coalition of Organizations Foundation, Inc.

Born in Dayton, Chakeres graduated from Springfield High School before heading to Wittenberg, where he earned his B.A. in business. He went on to serve Wittenberg in numerous

capacities, including as a charter member of the Benjamin Prince Society and as president of the university's alumni association.

In 1982, the association honored him with its Alumni Citation award in recognition of his "exceptional accomplishment and dedication to the ideals for which the university stands."

Chakeres and his wife Pauline Dombalis Chakeres '99H also established the Chakeres Family Scholarship at Wittenberg, which has benefited countless students interested in business or performing arts throughout the years. The university honored the family in 1983 with the naming of the Chakeres Memorial Theatre for Wittenberg's department of theatre and dance.

Chakeres also dedicated his time, talent and resources to local, regional and national organizations. In addition to serving on Wittenberg's board of directors, he also served on the boards at Ridgewood School, Society National Bank, Mercy Medical Center, Community Hospital Independent Endowment Fund, Will Rogers Hospital in White Plains, N.Y., and Variety Club International.

A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, Chakeres is survived by his wife, a daughter, Valerie Chakeres Baker '78 and her husband Norman D. Baker '79, and two sons, Philip H. Chakeres '90 and Harry Chakeres. Two cousins, Christine Chakeres Levathes '35 and Mary Chakeres Collins '38, and a nephew Harry P. Chakeres '60, predeceased him.

## '55

**Gretchen Metzger Hitt '82, Jenny Hitt Hamilton '85 and Cheryl Hitt Brown '86.** Preceding him in death were a sister, **Erma Vance Clark '65**, and cousins, **Ernest C. Ihrig '27, Esther B. Ihrig '23 and Justus K. Ihrig '15**, and his wife, **Doris Brain Ihrig '24**.

**Richard L. Heim, Colorado Springs, CO, died June 7, 2002.** He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. A chaplain, he served with the U.S. military in many capacities. He was a member of the Ohio Army National Guard from 1948-1950, the U.S. Air Force from 1962-1972, serving with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division during the Vietnam War, and as a team leader with the Department of Veteran Affairs until 1993. He was the recipient of many notable awards and decorations. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, a son and two stepsons.

## '57

**Barbara E. Hark, Miamisburg, OH, died Oct. 4, 2002.** She taught at Case Western Reserve and Elyria High School, and retired as a hospital administrator. She is survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

## '61

**Lynn Easton Eckstein, Madison, MN, died Oct. 29, 2002.** A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and Belgrade Avenue United Methodist Church, she taught business subjects at John Marshall High School, Milwaukee, WI. Survivors include her husband, two sons, three grandchildren and a brother.

## '64

**Gene M. Hodges, Port Charlotte, FL, died Oct. 19, 2002.** A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he was an ordained minister with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a board certified hospital chaplain, and a licensed funeral director and embalmer in Ohio. He was a member and former visitation pastor of holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and ecumenical Chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital. His wife, a daughter, two sons and six grandchildren survive him.

## '53

**Frederick A. Matchinski, Toledo, OH, died Oct. 26, 2002.** He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. A Lutheran minister, he served several congregations before pastoring Messiah Lutheran Church for 35 years until his retirement in 1987. He continued to serve as an interim pastor for four churches following his retirement. His son and four grandchildren survive him.

**Donald L. Swysgood, Springfield, OH, died Jan. 4, 2003.** He was a member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity and Fifth Evangelical Lutheran Church. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and then in the U.S. Air Force. He owned and operated several restaurants in the Springfield and Urbana areas, and retired from Harding Road Pharmacy. Survivors include his wife, **Norma Trainor Swysgood '53**, a son, a daughter, two grandchildren and a brother-in-law, **Willis H. Trainor Jr.**

## '50

**Earl R. Crist, Siesta Key, FL, died Oct. 19, 2002.** He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. A veteran of World War II, he retired as a major after 29 years in the U.S. Army. He retired in 1996 from the Health South Rehabilitation Institute. Survivors include his wife, two sons and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, **Earl L. Crist '18**, his mother, **Mae Gelsenliter Crist Moore '24**, and a brother, **Robert L. Crist '52**.

**David H. Hundley Jr., Bandon, OR, died March 31, 2002.** He was a supervisor of agencies for Underwood Corp. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, two granddaughters and three sisters, including **Virginia Hundley Buckley '52 and Nancy Hundley Boger '54**. He was preceded in death by his father, **David H. Hundley Sr. '21**, an uncle, **Samuel Hundley '25**, and his grandfather, **Adolphus A. Hundley 1891S**.

**William D. Renner, Hastings, MI, died Aug. 26, 2001.** A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Hastings First Presbyterian Church, he served with the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He owned Renner Ford Inc. for 31 years. His wife, **Audrey Hendrian Renner '50**, a son, two daughters, 10 grandchildren and a brother survive him.

## '51

**Allan R. Heim, Cincinnati, OH, died Jan. 1, 2003.** A member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and a former executive sports editor at *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, he served as public relations director of the Cincinnati Bengals for 26 years until his retirement in 1994. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, a brother and a sister.

**James F. Mercer, Akron, OH, died July 21, 2002.** A veteran of

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**Eileen Weinert Moellering, South Bend, IN, died Oct. 21, 2002.** A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, she was a teacher with the South Bend School Corp. for 28 years until her retirement in 1993. An active member of numerous professional organizations, she received the "Most Influential Teacher" award in 1991 from the U.S. Department of Education. Surviving are her husband, **John W. Moellering '50**, a daughter, a son and four grandchildren.

**Charles I. Weaver, Columbus, OH, died June 25, 2000.** A member of Ascension Lutheran Church, he served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a contractor. Survivors include a daughter, a brother and sister-in-law, **Paul L. Jr. '42 and Helen Williams Weaver '43**, a niece, **Cathy Weaver Flavin '70**, and a nephew, **Paul L. Weaver III '67**. He was preceded in death by an uncle, **Oliver F. Weaver '03, '06S**, and an aunt, **Jessie Breyfogle Weaver '04**.

## '52

**Calvin F. Vance, Springfield, OH, died Sept. 30, 2002.** A lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, he was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and recently of Rockway Lutheran Church. During World War II, he served with the 395th infantry regiment of the 99th infantry division of the U.S. Army. He was a retired teacher, having taught for 30 years with the Springfield City Schools and at Wittenberg. His survivors include a sister, and several nieces and nephews, including

**Paul E. Keltner, Crestline, OH, died March 15, 2001.** He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. A football coach for Cambridge High School from 1951-57, he was inducted into the Ohio Football Hall of Fame in 1990. There are no known survivors.

**Edward H. Schultz, Canon City, CO, died June 1, 2002.** A member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he served with the U.S. Air Force in England and France during World War II. He owned Spectrum T.V. and Organ Service, and was a supervisor at TRW where he retired. His wife, a son, a daughter, four grandsons and a great-grandson survive.

## '44

**Betty Pridgeon Bremer, Otego, NY, died Nov. 10, 2002.** A member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, she taught special education in reading for the Allentown Public Schools. Surviving are two sons, including **David H. Bremer '73**, three granddaughters, a sister, **Carolyn Pridgeon Congdon '50**, and a brother-in-law, **Otto A. Bremer Jr. '51S**. She was preceded in death by her husband, **David H. Bremer '43**, a father-in-law, **Otto A. Bremer '11, '14S, '37H**, and a brother-in-law, **Frederick W. Bremer '51**.

## '47

**Carol Winn Wolfe, Seattle, WA, died Oct. 4, 2002.** She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and a homemaker. Her husband, **John M. Wolfe '50**, a son and three grandchildren survive her.

## '49

**J. William Cain, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, died July 6, 2002.** After serving with the U.S.

Army during World War II, he joined Merck, Sharp & Dohme, retiring as director of manufacturing accounts. Surviving are his wife, two sons, five daughters, 11 grandchildren, two sisters and a brother.

**Hall W. Compton, formerly of Dayton, OH, died May 30, 2000 in Niceville, FL.** He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Niceville. He was an executive at NCR in Dayton for 37 years before retiring in 1987. Survivors include his wife, **Joan Reinheimer Compton '46**, two sons, three grandsons and a niece, **Dorothy Reinheimer Ridenour '83**. A sister, **Martha Compton McCoombie '43**, preceded him in death.

**Howard M. Hixon, Springfield, OH, died Jan. 5, 2003.** A World War II U.S. Army Air Corp veteran, he served in Fairbanks, AK and at Gore Field Air Force Base, Great Falls, MT. He worked for the Kissell Company and served as a vice president with Winter's National Bank and as president of Mortgage Corporation of Ohio. His wife, two daughters, two sons and nine grandchildren survive.

**Carolyn Recher Schiele, Flora, IN, died March 25, 2002.** A member of Shiloh Lutheran Church, she had served as organist at Trinity Lutheran Church for more than 30 years. She was employed at Logan Machine. Survivors include her mother, a son, three daughters, a brother, **Richard C. Recher '46**, three sisters, **Virginia Recher Currens '46**, and her husband, **Gerald E. Currens '48, Naomi Recher Fleming '56 and Mary Recher Brown '59**, nieces, **Debra Recher Pietrangelo '74 and Barbara Recher Bowen '76**, and two cousins, **Robert A. Recher '49 and John M. Recher Jr. '51**. She was preceded in death by her father, **Paul S. Recher '23**, and a brother, **Kenneth P. Recher '48**.

# SPANGLER

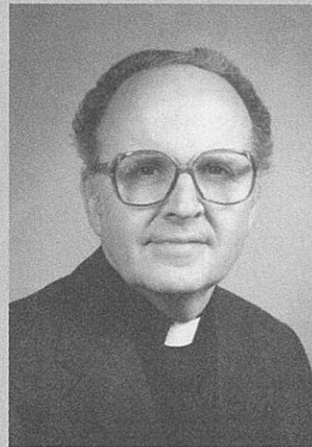
Pastor remembered for service

The Rev. John R. Spangler Sr., a member of the Wittenberg Board of Directors from 1969-1974, died Nov. 9. He was 79.

Ordained in 1946 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, Ill., Spangler served numerous Midwest congregations in his ministry, including St. John's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minn., St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Whitestown, Ind., Salem Lutheran Church in Indianapolis, Ind., Trinity Lutheran Church in Rockford, Ill., and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Matteson, Ill.

Spangler also chaired the Indiana/Kentucky Synod's committee on Parish Education and its Church Vocations Committee. He was also one of the synod's pastoral deans, and he was actively involved in the outdoor ministry program.

A graduate of Carthage College with honors, Spangler earned his master of



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divinity degree in 1946 from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa. Earlier this year, the Wittenberg Board of Directors honored the memory of Spangler with a resolution citing his contributions to his field.

Spangler is survived by his wife Margaret, a son, two daughters, six grandchildren and a brother. His sister preceded him in death.

'65

**William D. Davis**, Pawleys Island, SC, died March 13, 2002. A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he taught sociology at Coastal Carolina University, Jacksonville, NC. He was co-founder of the South Carolina Sociological Association. Surviving are his wife and four children.

'66

**Betty Sharpe Monroe**, Springfield, OH, died Oct. 12, 2002. She was a second lieutenant in the auxiliary program at Wright Patterson Air Force Base during World War II. For 24 years she taught handicapped and learning-disabled children with the Mad River Green School District, retiring in 1989. She also volunteered for several programs in her community. Survivors include two sons, three grandchildren, a sister, three brothers and an aunt.

**Norma McBeth Pauly**, Saint Paris, OH, died Dec. 6, 2002. A member of the First Baptist Church, she was a former nurse. She then taught for 15 years before retiring in 1971. Surviving are a son, a daughter-in-law, **Sheila Ryan Pauly '64**, and two grandsons. She was preceded in death by a sister, **Bertha F. McBeth '40**.

'68

**Sarah Hampton Hunt**, Columbus, OH, died Jan. 5, 2003. A member of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Lima, she taught in the Columbus public schools and ran the concession stand at City Hall for many years. Later, she was a receptionist for Pilot Dog's Inc. and served on the mayor's Commission for the Disabled. Survivors include her father and two sisters.

**Sandra Strasser See**, New Philadelphia, OH, died Nov. 17, 2002. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she was employed by Tuscarawas County Job and Family Services as the family-centered neighborhood-based coordinator. A daughter, a son and two sisters survive her.

'70

**Donna Brandon Cocca**, Springfield, OH, died Sept. 13, 2002. She was a former teacher for special education students with the Springfield City Board of Education. She is survived by a son, three nieces and two nephews.

'76

**Michael Sifferman**, West Lake, OH, died Aug. 10, 2002. A member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, he was a realtor with Realty One. Survivors include his wife and mother.

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**Susan Furbacher Conroy**, Atlanta, GA, died Nov. 27, 2002. Surviving are her husband, her father, her mother, two brothers, a sister and numerous nieces and nephews.

'78

**Mikaela Soderstrom Petras**, Bay Village, OH, died July 26, 2002. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and St. Raphael Church, she was a graphic artist before becoming a homemaker. An active member of her community, she is survived by her husband, **Stephen J. Petras Jr.**, '76, two sons, two daughters, her parents, a sister, **E. Katarina Soderstrom '83**, and a brother.

'79

**Beth Brinkman Stoycos**, Rockville, MD, died Feb. 8, 2001. A member of Delta Gamma sorority and St. Raphael Catholic Church, she was founder of St. Raphael's Nursery School and past president of its board of directors. Surviving are her parents, her husband, **Stephen G. Stoycos '79**, two sons, a daughter, four brothers and a sister.

**Virginia Rutherford Watson**, Sylvania, OH, died Oct. 16, 2002. She taught at Cathedral of Praise School and was a graduate assistant at the University of Toledo. Surviving are her mother, **Eleanor McFarland Rutherford '52**, a daughter, a sister and an aunt, **Judith McFarland Kludy '59**. Her father, **Harold L. Rutherford '52**, and four uncles, **Oros J. Detrick '15**, **Raymond O. Detrick '21**, **Elwood W. Detrick '18** and **Russell S. Unverzagt '16**, preceded her in death.

## TIGER SPORTS

### Women's golf to become varsity sport next school year

Wittenberg is proud to offer as many athletic and academic opportunities as possible to its students. Beginning in the 2003-04 school year, women's golf will be re-introduced as a varsity intercollegiate sport after two years as a club sport.

Wittenberg becomes the first member of the North Coast Athletic Conference to offer women's golf as a varsity intercollegiate sport. Pat Williams Clouse '64, who has been a member of the university's Health, Fitness and Sport

faculty since 1968, will serve as the team's head coach. Clouse started the Tiger women's swimming and diving team in 1970 and served as head coach for 23 years, and she also coached the women's lacrosse team for 14 years, starting in its first official season in 1972.

Clouse is not the first head coach of women's golf, however. That honor goes to women's sports pioneer Betty Dillahunt '46, a Wittenberg coaching legend and retired faculty member who guided the first edition of the Tiger women's golf program from 1972-77. That team was created to accommodate the interest of several outstanding student-athletes, including Katie Bizantz '75, who was elected into Wittenberg's Athletic Hall of Honor in 1991 for her collegiate accomplishments and went on to play several years on the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour in the late 1970s.

Dillahunt said the team disbanded after Title IX led to the creation of numerous scholarship programs at Division I schools. The interest that led to the program's introduction waned because most top high school golfers were able to get athletic scholarships at other schools. She is pleased to see women's golf back on the Wittenberg landscape as a varsity sport.

"I think it's a good idea," Dillahunt said. "I'm happy to see it re-activated. I think there will be a lot of interest in it."

Much of that interest has been cultivated by the efforts of Erin Mowrey '04, who took it upon herself to start the women's golf club team. Mowrey had played varsity golf at St. Ursula Academy in Toledo, and she expressed a desire to play in college to Garnett Purnell, director of athletics and recreation, and Clouse during her freshman year.

Mowrey personally recruited other players by posting flyers around campus,



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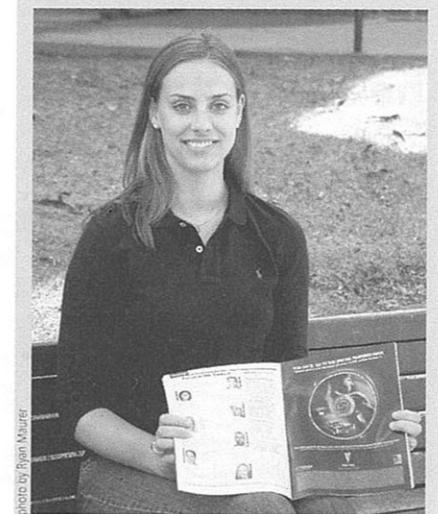
and the club team was officially formed in spring 2001. The team played a full schedule of tournaments in the 2001-02 school year and again this year, turning in several solid finishes, according to Clouse. Now with 13 players on the roster, it is apparent that there is enough interest to warrant inclusion as a varsity intercollegiate sport, and Mowrey is already planning ahead.

"I think it's now a matter of hitting the ground running in the first year and building a strong program," she said.

Clouse is also getting geared up for the recruiting process and all of the busy-work that goes along with being a head coach. She is also looking forward to following in the footsteps of her friend and former colleague Dillahunt.

"I'm delighted and honored to have the opportunity to reinstate this program," Clouse said. "It has all the earmarks of having great success in the near future."

### Sports Illustrated includes volleyball standout in section



Tiger volleyball standout Sarah Yuskewich '05 made an appearance in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of *Sports Illustrated* on Feb. 3.

Yuskewich was recognized by the magazine for her record-setting performance in the 2002 season. As the team's setter, Yuskewich was named North Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Year and earned first-team All-Great Lakes Region and All-America honors. She broke the school, conference and NCAA Division III record for assists in a season. Check the piece out online at [http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/si\\_online/faces/2003/0203/](http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/si_online/faces/2003/0203/).



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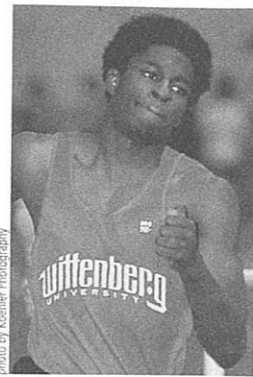
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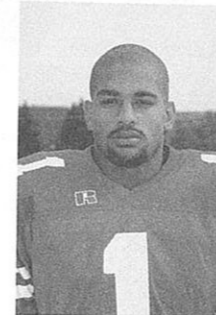
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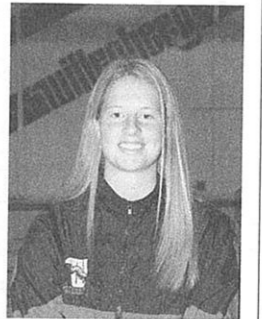


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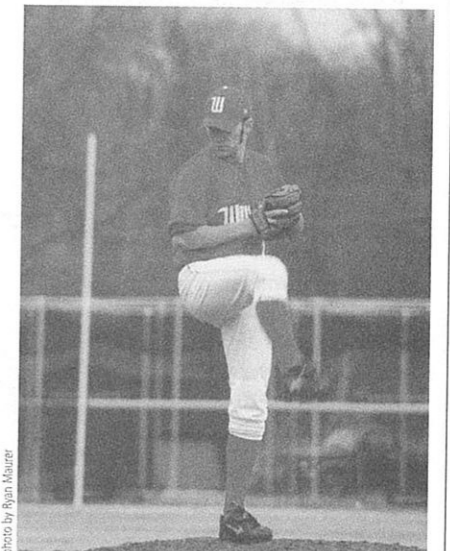
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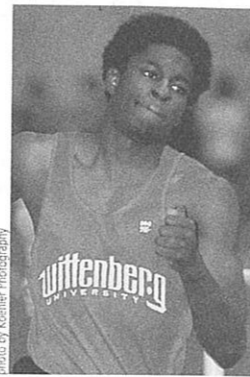
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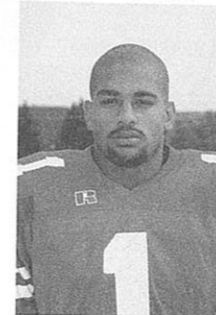
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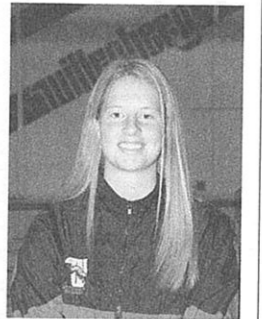


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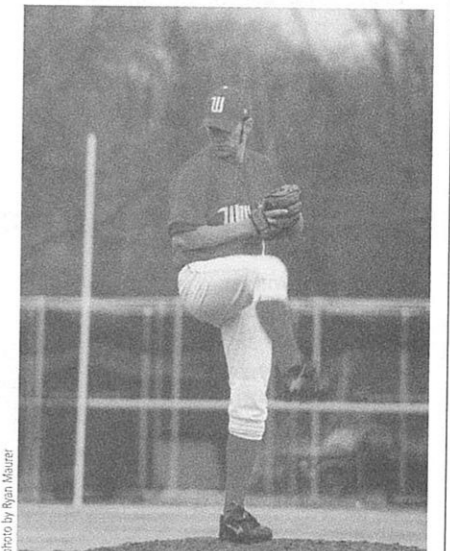
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WULM has broadcast Wittenberg sporting events, including all football and men's basketball games, for many years. Sports Director Marty Bannister, the Voice of the Tigers for the last decade,

has handled the play-by-play duties for baseball, football and basketball.



Tom Fox '04

## A piece of the past

Newly discovered gavel reveals lost Wittenberg tradition

Like anyone who collects antiques, Bob Thomas, an auctioneer living in Urbana, Ohio, thought he was purchasing a unique looking gavel, which he could proudly display among his other collectibles.

"I just thought it was an interesting looking piece," he said. Little did he know that a simple pull of the knob at the handle's base would reveal a perfectly preserved Wittenberg artifact that had been quietly tucked away for nearly 50 years.

After purchasing the gavel at a flea market, Thomas learned of the loose knob and the tightly rolled tiny scroll hidden inside the handle from the dealer. The scroll explained the purpose of the gavel:

"This is the traditional Senior Gavel, authorized and presented by the Class of 1930....The passing of this gavel from the Senior Class President to the Junior Class President is to become a tradition all part of the annual Class Day Ceremony." The scroll further explained that the gavel was not constructed of just any wood; it actually was a combination of eight different woods collected from various locations around campus.

The knob, the scrolls noted, is made from cherry wood, and the handle is made from hickory, both from Recitation Hall. The head consists of gumwood from Ferncliff Hall, oak from Carnegie Science Hall,

beech from the stadium, maple from Myers Hall, oak from the Chemistry-Psychology Building, and walnut grown on the campus.

On the back side of the scroll, each senior class president from 1930 to 1953 signed his or her name. The gavel was then passed from the senior class president to the junior class president with instructions: "This document is to be read at the presentation and at the first Senior Class meeting," the scroll proclaimed. The tradition of passing the gavel apparently ended, however, in 1953, the last year anyone signed the scroll. A number of class presidents from 1939 through 1953, who were contacted, also could not recall the tradition, thus furthering the mystery of the gavel's significance in Wittenberg history.

Although the scroll lists names of individuals and locations, the name of the university is never actually mentioned, so Thomas, a Purdue University alumnus, was unaware that Recitation, Ferncliff, Carnegie and Myers Hall were all buildings on the Wittenberg campus.

"With my luck [the gavel] was going to be from some small school in California," he said. Only after approaching a fellow worker at International Harvester, who happened to have graduated from Wittenberg, was Thomas' puzzle solved.

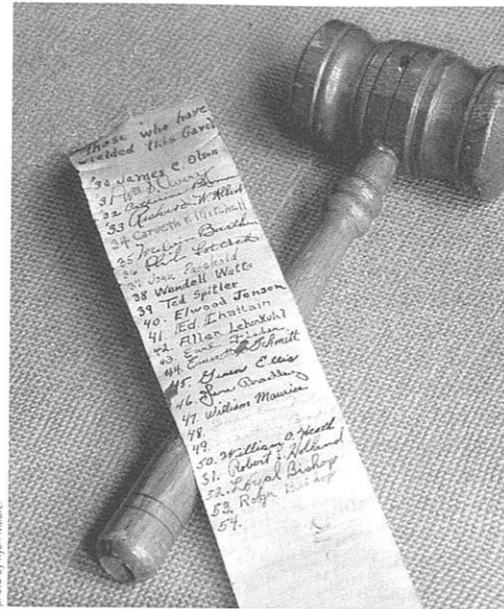


photo by Ryan Mauer

Senior class presidents serving between 1930 and 1953 have signed the tiny scroll hidden within the gavel's handle.

He is currently in the process of donating the gavel to the Wittenberg.

"This is history; it's a part of [Wittenberg's] heritage," Thomas said. "Giving it back to Wittenberg makes me feel good."

If anyone has information regarding the passing of the gavel, please contact *Wittenberg Magazine* by e-mail at [wittmagazine@wittenberg.edu](mailto:wittmagazine@wittenberg.edu).

— Courtney Galliger '04

## From the archives:

In rummaging through the various nooks and crannies on campus, staff members discovered what appears to be a paperweight presented by the Class of 1906 featuring an engraved plaque on the top. The plaque mentions the following individuals: H.B. Burkholder, Harry W. Hanshue, Calvin C. Roof, H.A. Richardson, O.F. Weaver, W.O. Zahlis and W.D. Ziegler.

Research indicates that some of these individuals were professors who once taught here, but why the paperweight was engraved and to whom it was given remains a mystery.

If you or someone you know can provide any information about this Wittenberg artifact, please e-mail us at [wittmagazine@wittenberg.edu](mailto:wittmagazine@wittenberg.edu). We hope to continue to include more of these conversation pieces in future issues.



photo by Barb Mackey

Wittenberg hosts its annual WISE academic camp for local high school students June 15-20.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

**25 Hymn Festival 2003**  
Special music by Wittenberg Choir and choirs from area churches  
Weaver Chapel, 8 p.m.  
Free admission  
Contact: Music Dept., 327-7341\*

### May

**2-4 Senior Dance Concert**  
Chakeres Theatre, 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat.,  
2 p.m. Sun.  
Admission: \$4  
Contact: Theatre Dept., 327-7464

**3 WittFest**  
Stoughton Lawn, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
Free admission  
Contact: Student Activities, 327-7815

**4 Pops Concert**  
Wittenberg Symphonic Band  
Location TBA  
Free admission  
Contact: Music Dept., 327-7341

**4 Wittenberg Opera Studio "Scenes"**  
Krieg Hall, 8 p.m.  
Free admission  
Contact: Music Dept., 327-7341

**9-10 Board of Directors Meeting**

**16 Baccalaureate**  
Weaver Chapel, 2 p.m.

**16 Reception for Seniors**  
Benjamin Prince House, 5:30 p.m.

**17 Commencement**  
Commencement Hollow, 2 p.m.  
Academic Procession begins at 1:30 p.m.

### June

**9-7/11 National Youth Sports Program**  
Structured sports activities for ages 10-16  
Contact: Brenda Baume, 327-6469

**13-15 Alumni Weekend**  
Contact: Alumni Relations, (800) 677-7558, ext. 7414

**15-20 WISE Academic Camp**  
Resident program for high-achieving middle school students with classes in drama, geology, music, photography and psychology  
Cost: \$455  
Contact: Barb Mackey, 327-7050 or (800) 677-7558

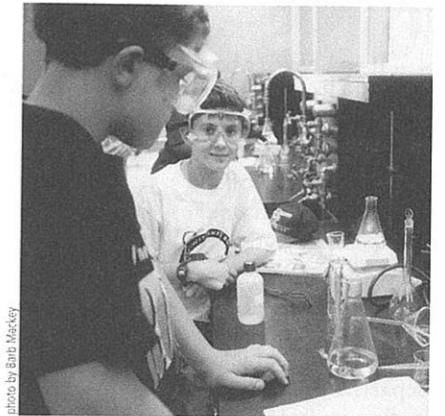


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To register for summer academic programs, contact Barb Mackey at (937) 327-7050 or (800) 677-7558.

### July

**13-20 Summer Honors Institute**  
Resident program for gifted and talented students entering grades 10 and 11  
Theme: "Chrono-Biology: Cycles and Rhythms of the Living World"  
Cost: \$225, room and board (State of Ohio covers tuition)  
Contact: Barb Mackey, 327-7050 or (800) 677-7558

**27-8/3 Summer Honors Institute**  
Resident program for gifted and talented students entering grades 10 and 11  
Theme: "Who? Me? How We Develop from Teens to Grownups"  
Cost: \$225, room and board (State of Ohio covers tuition)  
Contact: Barb Mackey, 327-7050 or (800) 677-7558

Wittenberg offers meeting spaces on campus and accommodations in its residence halls for summer conferences and other community needs. Please contact the Benham-Pence Student Center for more details at 327-7445.

\*Wittenberg's area code is 937.

## Celebrating the sciences

*President Tipson shares his thoughts on the new soon-to-be completed science facility*

If you haven't been on campus recently, you probably haven't caught the excitement over the near-completion of the new \$23 million addition to the Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center.

Our tour guide extraordinaire, Professor Tim Lewis of the biology department, has been leading groups through, helping everyone understand how the way science is taught in the 21<sup>st</sup> century requires completely different facilities than those in which most of us learned science. And what facilities they are: state-of-the-art laboratories and animal rooms equipped for state-of-the-art technology, a brand-new, user-friendly Bayley Auditorium, a student lounge with a magnificent view of the campus and the city of Springfield, break-out spaces for student-faculty conversations scattered throughout, and dedicated spaces for students doing advanced research under the close supervision of a faculty member — this is a facility students and faculty members will look forward to being in for years to come.

Most impressive of all is the entrance atrium, rising three stories and illuminating, through its glass walls, this whole end of the campus in the evenings. So much light is it passing on, in fact, that we've had to install specially dimmed lamps so that we don't create light pollution for those admiring the heavens from nearby Weaver Observatory. But more important to us than the light, and even than the beauty of the space, is the way the atrium connects sciences that have previously been cooped up in their own corners of the science complex. Now, for the first time in nearly 40 years, physicists can stroll across the atrium to have coffee with biologists; chemists can join computer scientists for lunch; geology majors can hang out with math majors without having to navigate an endless sequence of halls. And if you think I'm excited about this, you



need to hear Tim Lewis.

Seeing the building so near completion leads me to recall the process that led up to its creation. Throughout our strategic planning process, the chief advocate for new science facilities, tireless in her dedication, was Sammie Greer, provost emeritus. Sammie's field is Irish poetry, and there are some science faculty members who remain skeptical that she paid enough attention to their work. If only they could have been present for our discussions! Sammy gathered together a planning group of faculty members representing all the sciences. Led by Professor Ken Bladh of our geology department (and now our provost), the group dreamed about the ideal place to teach undergraduate science.

Then, along with our architects from Holabird & Root and laboratory design

specialists from Earl Walls Associates, they worked single-mindedly to design a facility that matched their dream. We discovered that dreams can be expensive; the most expansive plans would have cost Wittenberg's entire endowment! But eventually everyone agreed on a plan that met the most pressing needs in a way that would make every member of the Wittenberg community proud. And I can say with conviction that each of you will be proud when you visit the new facility. The Kuss Science Center lies only a stone's throw from Hollenbeck Hall, and together the two buildings make a powerful statement about the quality of academic life at Wittenberg.

In the coming months, we will recognize those who helped make this magnificent facility possible at a formal dedication ceremony and during an open house this spring. We hope you can attend. Once inside the Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center, I'm confident that you, like all of us at Wittenberg, will catch the excitement as we celebrate the sciences on our campus.

— Baird Tipson



Tim Lewis, professor of biology and department chair, center, led members of the Wittenberg Board of Directors on a tour of the nearly completed Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center during the board's January meeting on campus.



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- Hamma Classes of 1952, 1953, 1954

### SPECIAL REUNIONS

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- Decade of the '70s — Greeks and CBS

**Questions?** Call (800) 677-7558, ext. 7414, or e-mail [alumni@wittenberg.edu](mailto:alumni@wittenberg.edu). Check our Web site at [www4.wittenberg.edu/administration/alumni](http://www4.wittenberg.edu/administration/alumni) for Alumni Weekend schedules and details.

