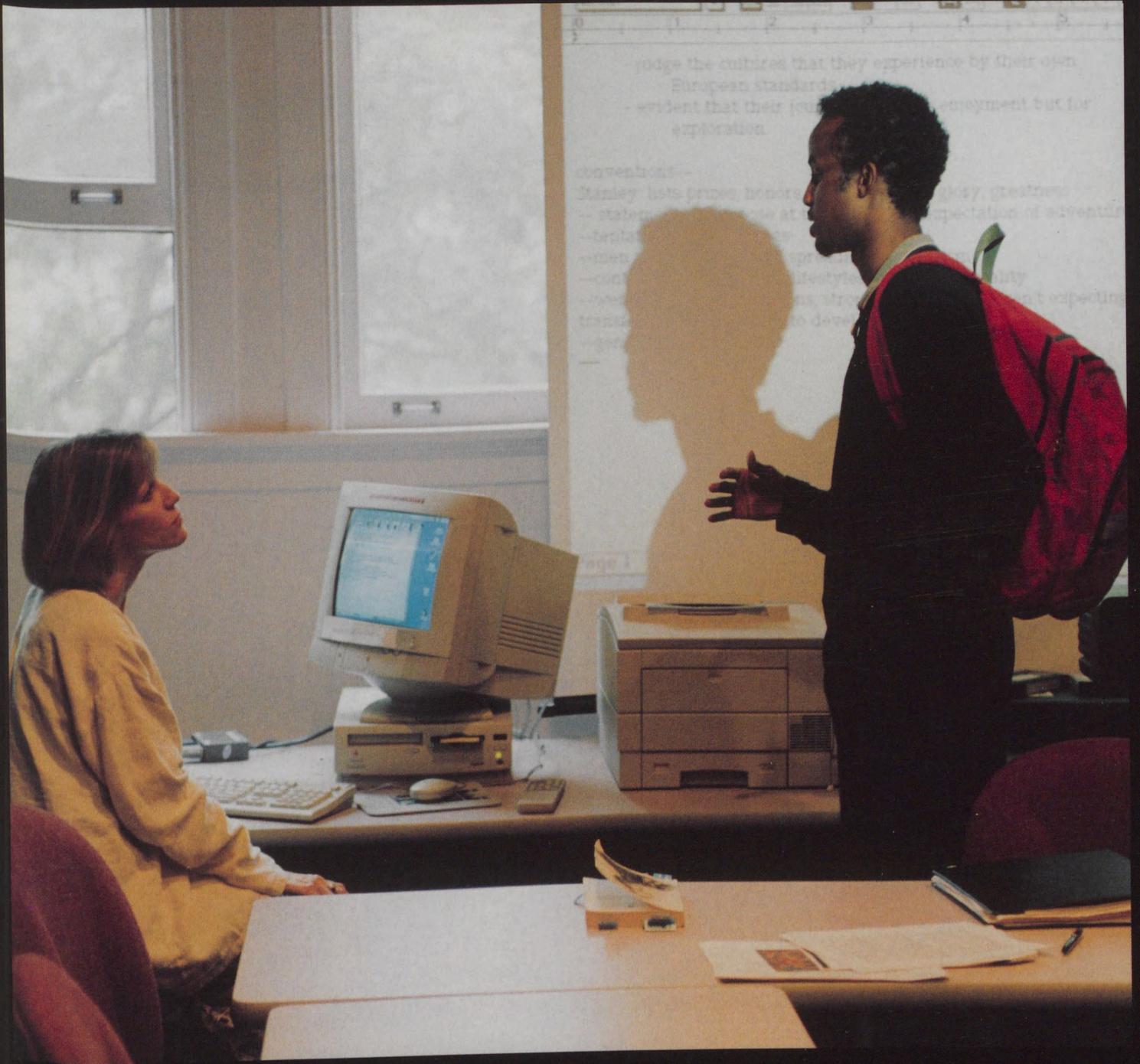
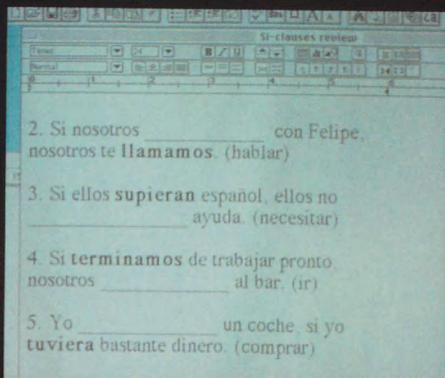


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Above, a detail from the overhead projector in Kauke 200 projects a Spanish exercise. On the cover, Jennifer Hayward (English) and Liibaan Ismail '00 converse in one of the two "new classrooms" in Kauke Hall. See page 2 for details. (Matt Dilyard photo)

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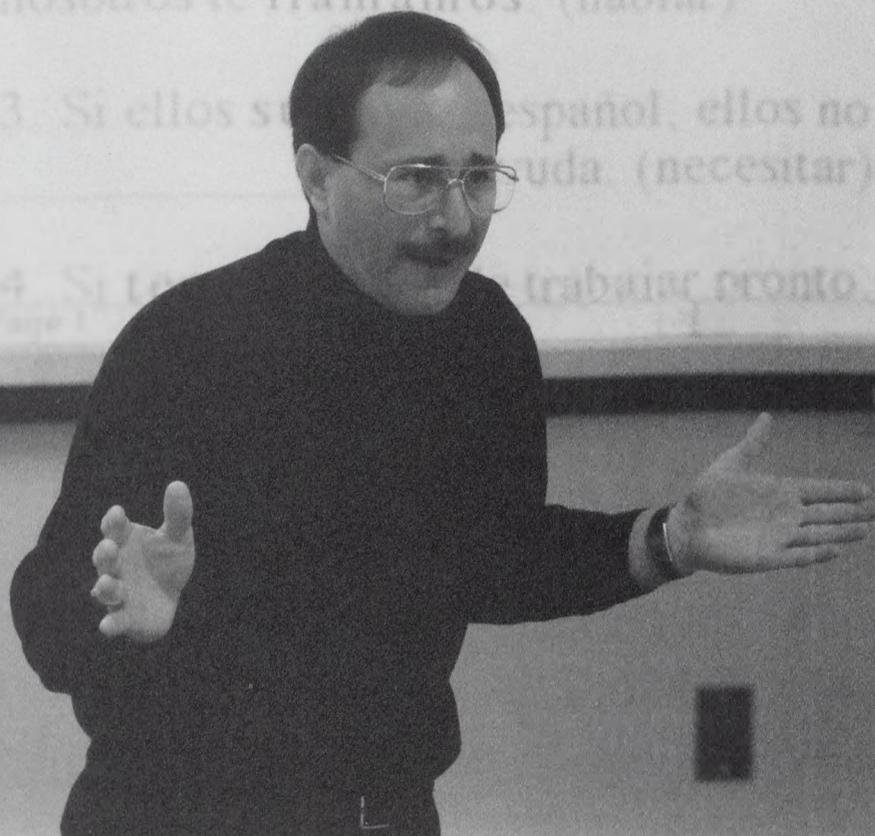
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3. Si ellos son _____ español, ellos no
necesitan ayuda. (necesitar)

4. Si tú _____ trabajar pronto.



The New Classroom: Computers on the Side

by Philip Harriman II,
Director of Academic Computing

Don't call Kauke 126 a computer classroom. Not unless you want to get English professor Peter Havholm mad.

"It's not a computer room. It's a seminar room that has been enhanced by technology."

During the summer of 1996, the English Department transformed Kauke 126 from a classroom into a seminar room. There are tables in the center of the room surrounded by office chairs. There are also tables around the perimeter of the room, and on those tables are 22 Macintosh personal computers. A ceiling-mounted projector can display videos or project the screen from any of the computers in the room.

This is a new style of layout for computer classrooms at Wooster. In contrast, Taylor 209, the Rubbermaid Microcomputer Lab, has 30 stations laid out in rows like a traditional classroom. The Rubbermaid Lab is used primarily for mathematics, computer science, and computer training courses, although it is occasionally used for classes and training in other areas.

The new layout in Kauke 126 provides a great deal of flexibility, and it mirrors Wooster's distinctive philosophy of the role of technology in a liberal arts education.

"Having the computers on the side makes them available to support the class when we need them," says Havholm. "But when we don't need them, they fade into the background — the focus of the class becomes what is happening between the students and the instructor."

In Havholm's section of First-Year Seminar, students examined a simple but provocative question: "Have computers done any good?" Their answers to this question came in the form of a pamphlet which they researched, wrote, edited, and produced as a collaborative project using the systems in the enhanced seminar room. Havholm

At left, John Gabriele (Spanish) has made innovative use of Kauke 200's new capabilities.



Photo by Matt Dilyard

Vivian Holliday (Classics) takes advantage of the computer screens in Kauke 200 to offer individual instruction in Latin.

mixed traditional seminar discussions, using his "Electronic Whiteboard" (featured in the Fall '97 issue of *Wooster*), with production sessions during which students worked together on the pamphlet.

Other members of the English department faculty have developed their own distinctive styles for using Kauke 126.

For example, Jennifer Hayward typically treats the room as a standard seminar space for the first half of each class period. "Then I'll have the students break up into small groups to discuss the novel we are working on," she explains. "They use the computers to record outlines of their discussions. At the end of the period, I'll project their outlines on the screen for all to see, and we'll discuss them together as a class. I've used small group discussions in the past, but I've never known what was going on in them. Using the outlines, I can see what each group discusses. In addition, putting their thoughts in writing motivates the students to take their

work more seriously.

Hayward also encourages her students to take advantage of the possibilities presented by Kauke 126 for in-class presentations. "Using the projector, students can show the class a video or perhaps a Web site that they've found. I especially like the ability to view Web sites in class, since we can discuss the information and decide whether it is genuinely valuable — there is a lot of junk on the Web."

Larry Stewart believes that Kauke 126 has had its greatest impact on his students' ability to polish their writing in class. "We have always had students work on drafts in writing classes," he says. "Using the enhanced seminar room for this is a major leap forward, since the students can use a word processor. Because the editing is so much more efficient, they experiment more, take more risks. If one student has a particularly interesting problem or solution, I can project that student's text on the big screen so that everyone can see it and discuss it together. These aren't particularly fancy tools, but they are very effective."

The availability of numerous easy publishing programs has allowed Stewart and others to assign their students writing projects that will result in a tangible product — a pamphlet, a magazine, or a Web site, for example. "When students are writing for a larger audience than just their professor, they tend to pay more attention to the quality of their writing," he notes. "The enhanced seminar room allows us to put tools in the hands of the students. We've developed a new program called the Stylistic Analysis Kit which will scan a text and report things like word frequency and sentence and paragraph length. When students use this to analyze their writing, they see things for themselves that they otherwise wouldn't see."

Stewart adds one cautionary note based on his experience in the new setting: "You have to learn how to teach in the enhanced seminar room. The students' attention can get diffused when



Sharon Shelly (French) works with one group of students around the Kauke 200 seminar table while three other members of the class (from left) Natasha Abbas '01 of Burke, Va., Abigail Perry '01 of Cuttingsville, Vt., and Cecilia Schoenfeld '01 of Washington, D.C., confer in another corner of the room.

Photo by Matt Dillyard

we are working on the computers — this is true of any seminar room, not just because of the computers.”

To DIE for

During a keynote address at the 1997 CAUSE meeting on information technology in higher education, Lucinda Roy, a professor of English at Virginia Tech, proposed the following model for modes of instructional delivery:

Declarative mode

- Traditional, hierarchical
- Assumes that information=knowledge
- Symbolized by a pyramid

Interrogative mode

- Focus on response, not delivery
- Symbolized by a circle

Experiential mode

- Typified by labs, service learning
- Reflection required to make it most meaningful
- Symbolized by a spiral

Roy encouraged careful consideration of these different modes of instruction, where and when they are each most important, and which technologies fit which modes. For example, PowerPoint, a popular tool for making computer-generated slide presentations, works best in the declarative mode.

LISTSERV e-mail discussion groups work well in interrogative mode. Hands-on projects, such as the pamphlet produced by Havholm’s First-Year Seminar, are appropriate for the experiential mode.

The design of the enhanced seminar room encourages the interrogative and experiential modes, and this is typical of Wooster’s use of computers. Unlike many large universities which are experimenting with technologies to *replace* direct faculty/student contact, Wooster has always seen technology as a tool that *enhances* the traditional liberal arts education.

Not a lab

Don’t call Kauke 200 a language lab. Not unless you have several minutes to listen to John Gabriele, professor of Spanish.

“It’s not a lab. I’m not as interested in how students use computers to learn languages outside of class as I am in how we can use computers during class meetings.”

During the summer of 1997, Kauke 200 was enhanced along much the same lines as Kauke 126 had been the previous summer. This renovation was supported by grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Culpeper Foundation through the Five Colleges of Ohio, a consortium that includes Oberlin, Kenyon, Denison, and

Ohio Wesleyan in addition to Wooster. The Five Colleges received a major grant from the Mellon Foundation to explore the integration of technology in foreign language instruction. Each school has set up a classroom similar to Wooster’s in which this experimentation can take place.

Two of the tools that Gabriele has used in his Spanish courses have been the World Wide Web and Aspects, a collaborative writing tool. The availability of these tools during class sessions allows Gabriele to use them as starting points for discussions in Spanish.

“We have a textbook called *Surf’s Up! Website Workbook for Basic Spanish* that is full of links to Spanish Web sites. We have looked at several of these during class sessions, and they have been great conversation starters. For instance, when Princess Diana was killed, the class was able to go to a number of Spanish language newspapers and read the varying accounts that appeared there. It made for a lively discussion of writing styles and points of emphasis.

“We used Aspects for several group writing assignments, and even though it can be used from computers at any location on the network, my students clustered together around several adjacent machines and conversed, in Spanish, about the text that they were writing together.”

Kauke 200 has also allowed

Gabriele to add another teacher in his introductory classes, the late popular singer Selena. Last fall Gabriele bought as many Selena CDs as he could find in Wooster. Beth Ciha '98, a language technology assistant, transcribed the lyrics of the Selena songs in Spanish. Then, using a program developed by a professor at Middlebury College, Gabriele turned those songs into lessons.

A student would put one of the CDs into the PowerMac, don headphones, and begin listening to Selena. As her song plays, the words appear on the screen. But Gabriele has removed one of the words and replaced it with an asterisk. The student's task is to listen to the lyrics and fill in that blank.

"I am always looking for a song that has one or two specific points of grammar that can be illustrated," says Gabriele. "It's not a random exercise, but it does add a dimension of real comprehension. This is an interactive exercise and not unlike the more traditional dictation in which the student must listen and then write down what has been said.

"But the thing that I've noticed about using this rather than traditional methods is that the students seem to want to persist until they get it. They tend to go back and listen again to make certain. After I used this exercise with Selena's CDs, I had students asking when we were going to do that again. I take that as a very good sign that it has sparked some interest."

Sharon Shelly, an assistant professor of French, has found similar advantages to her use of Kauke 200.

"Teaching language is highly interactive," notes Shelly, "and using the multimedia classroom has led to an exponential growth in the kinds of interactions available to the students — with each other, with the teacher, with texts,

sounds, and graphics.

"Our introductory French course is video-based, and we use the projector in the room to play the video segments on the big screen. In one video episode the characters visited the Cathedral d'Chartres. After viewing the episode, the students explored some Web sites to learn more about the Cathedral and then performed an improvised skit based on what they had learned.

"We don't use the technology every day; on those days, the room functions as a standard seminar room.

"I'm not very good at using a blackboard: my handwriting isn't too legible, and I don't have a very good spatial sense. In the multimedia classroom, I use a word processor projected on the screen instead of a blackboard, and this is very effective," Shelly adds. "While discussing each video episode, we use brainstorming to call out new vocabulary and grammatical structures, which I type into the word processor for all to see on the projected screen. I can then move things around, cut and paste, and clean things up to produce an organized chart, allowing students to see the logic, the thought process behind the lesson."

The modern languages do not have a corner on the use of the enhanced classroom, however. Vivian Holliday, Aylesworth Professor of Classical Studies, has begun using a computerized program to assist students in introductory Latin. Although there are not as many computer programs written specifically for Latin as for other languages, Holliday has modified some programs and has taken advantage of the resources that are available in other areas, especially archaeology and civilization.

"We have incorporated artifacts and architectural remains into narratives that the students might be reading," she

explained. "If, for instance, the passage might be about Augustus, we would put up a visual image of the remains of the Altar of Peace."

Holliday has found that the arrangement in Kauke 200 creates a situation in which the students compete with themselves.

"Because they are working on individual screens instead of reading aloud in front of the class, I believe that certain students whose attention is not what they might like it to be have their attention held by the screens," she added.

For Holliday, teaching in the new classroom allows her to concentrate more precisely on individual student needs. Her practice is to stand behind a student and watch the work as it unfolds on the computer screen, then be available if that student has questions or concerns.

"In a regular classroom, the attention is focused on the professor at the front of the class, even though I have always used overhead slides to try to get the students looking away from me and from their texts," she said.

"In this new classroom, you can tailor your explanation to one student at a time. In the traditional classroom, it might take me half a semester to find out why a student is making the same errors over and over again. By watching the work on the computer screen, I can pick up where the student is not understanding or is getting a non-standard interpretation. You do it more rapidly in this new setting rather than working on the material with students who have done an exercise at home and brought it with them to class."

The future

Although controlled by the English and language departments, these two Kauke Hall rooms are available to faculty in other departments as time allows. Similarly designed computer classrooms are planned for the Timken Science Library in Frick Hall, currently under renovation, and the renovated Severance Chemistry Building, scheduled for completion in 1999.

"I'm excited about what the technology can do to enhance teaching and learning," says Havholm. "But in the end, the technology in and of itself is less important than how it is used. These classrooms help keep the computers in the proper perspective." 

Bryan Appel '01 of Pittsburgh puzzles over a point of grammar in Latin using both the conventional textbook and a computer screen in Kauke 200.

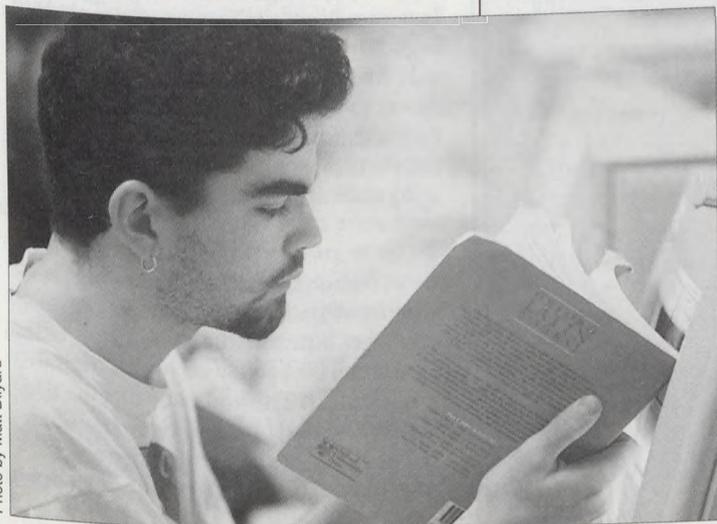


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What you think...

...about whether technology's impact has been a blessing or a curse.

Generally, [technology] blows my mind! For the most part, I don't understand it. However, I use it and enjoy it. For instance, I just finished reading [the fall issue of] *Wooster*, which arrived yesterday, from cover to cover, and am responding at once. Now that's not so amazing, except that I am in Nairobi, Kenya, and know that this message will be received in *Wooster* in a matter of hours, if not minutes! When I booted up, there was a letter from an old friend in Japan, one from the pastor of my home church in Asheville, N.C., one from my daughter in Sacramento, Calif., and one from another friend in a tiny town in West Virginia. This segment of technology pleases me. Some other parts are scary, but fascinating.

— Joan Davis Dunton '46



Technology is the opiate of the masses. Technology is a purple giraffe.

— Rick Wurster '83

Computers used by telemarketers are a curse! Word processors have *not* produced more, or better, personal letters. Cell phones, FAX numbers, pagers, etc., have created area code changes in a very short few years. Newest model cars are built with power and speed. Results? Lane changing, "cutting in," exceeding speed limits — CURSE! New type fluorescent light bulbs, microwaves, garage door openers, high fidelity, color television reception — BLESSING! Computer

foul-ups with magazine subscriptions, newspaper subscriptions, bank clubs, mail order houses create long delays — CURSE! Eighty years ago, a *mail* order to Sears or Montgomery Ward from *Wooster* produced the merchandise in three days — not now. In many respects, telephone service was better 80 years ago. So were commercial air flights. Computerization has almost destroyed efficient mail service — CURSE! Computers are most effectively used by banks — BLESSING!

— Lela M. Camp Amstutz '33

A blessing, of course. The human brain hardly has been tapped. The only negative that bothers me might never materialize — workaholics without enough leisure time. Screen sitters/ (couch potatoes) instead of group activities and sports participation.

— Ann Charles Bishop '51

As one who wrote of my experience with a voice-activated computer (in the Fall 1992 issue of *Wooster*), I would have to say that technology was, at least then, definitely a blessing. As a quadriplegic, there was no other way for me to communicate in writing with the outside world (except, of course, for my scribe who continued to help me write personal messages once a week). Since then, though, computer technology has grown all too rapidly — to the extent that the \$10,000 machine that Voc-Rehab helped me acquire six years ago is now a dinosaur. A new version of Dragon Dictate, complete with access to the Internet, is now available for only \$2,500. But since I failed to reach my vocation goal as a writer (at least by Social Security Administration standards — by earning at least \$500 a month), my Voc-Rehab case had to be closed as "not rehabilitated" last year, thus making a re-application to Voc-Rehab for Internet access not all that feasible. More rapid technological growth is needed, if only to lower the price even more!

— Lee Dawley '58

Technology is a boon if applied correctly. It is a time saver in business, law enforcement, and other areas. We have to be careful that we do not become "brain dead," though, and depend too much on technology. The human brain still has to control the technology and not vice-versa, or we will become a world of technological robots — 1984?

— Thomas McDonald II '68

Human beings seem to have been designed to be social, gregarious creatures. I have become alarmed by the influence of rapid growth in technology — from answering machines to computers — which seem to separate people from people, isolate us more and more rather than unite us in a community. And the "new weapons of destruction" are unthinkably evil.

— Kathryn E. Smith Culp '42



As the geometrical progression of technological development led to the flood of publications in which we've become mired and to which we've become selectively blasé, communication technology has grown to the point where Christian caring for our neighbor becomes blunted. The art of simple living and values represent our most difficult challenge. President Clinton's recent threat to resort to selective nuclear warfare to counter biological and chemical weapons does not bode well for escalating military technology development.

— Bob Mabbs '49

Technology in the film business is moving at such a fast pace that filmmakers forget how to tell a good story. Often, films are based solely on a new digital special effect. The audience may be dazzled by the morphing underwater alien in *The Abyss* or the giant, killer alien bugs in *Starship Troopers*, but deep down

Surf's Up

the audience craves a good story and character development, the allure of movies since their conception.

— **Bob Corna '94**

At age 91 and legally blind, I stopped braille after they got a state grant to get on computer braille. I now spend my time reading, talking, listening to books on cassette. Have added another year to my education. Don't talk to me about 'irony' in the past 25 years!

— **Harriet Montgomery Kaler '29**

All technology has the seeds of blessing and curse. It depends, as always, on the character and integrity of the users and beneficiaries. Experience and my own faith instruct me that technology is a blessing and can help improve the condition of humankind. In every discipline we see the impact. Most of us would be dead at 70 without medical improvements; our automobiles work better and last longer. In the law, I have just completed a new Supreme Court Rule that will allow Ohio courts to go as far as they wish toward paperless local courts. As a retired judge, I am able to do almost all of my research on CD-ROMS or the Internet.

But there is a caveat, especially for students weaned on the computer. I see too many law graduates who, when confronted with a legal issue, want to run to the computer when a better response would be, "What is the common sense answer that my education and experience have already given me?" I still like a doctor who relies on wisdom in diagnosis. There needs to be a balance.

— **John R. Milligan '49**

Technology has affected the growth of many services which we now consider important. When I graduated from Wooster, air travel was in 10-passenger planes. Transcontinental flights required at least six refueling stops for unpressurized planes. When I retired after 44 years with United Airlines, some of our planes carried 300 passengers, could fly 6,000 miles non-stop, and had a great variety of inflight facilities. In my 18 years of retirement, progress has been even more rapid. Reliability and speed are at an all-time high, navigation precise, and passengers are able to make telephone calls, watch TV, use computers, and enjoy excellent dining, all at 35,000 feet above their homes and offices.

— **David H. Robertson '35**

Damon Hickey, director of the College libraries, complained that the exercise itself was cruel and inhuman. But when the editors of *Wooster* polled members of the campus community about their single favorite site on the World Wide Web, the response was understandably diverse. A sampling of the responses follow (including two from Hickey).

Chuck Hampton (mathematics): The most amazing online bookstore imaginable is found at <<http://www.amazon.com>>. (In fairness, this was also one of the two entries from Hickey.)

Nathan Strickler, Class of '00: I believe one of the most useful Web sites on the Net is CNN Interactive at <<http://www.cnn.com>>. It briefly gives top headlines of the day and in-depth stories along with video and pictures. In addition to finding a broad overview, one can scroll down for more stories that aren't necessarily in all of the headlines. Not only does CNN provide a great news source, but it also has sports scores, weather, entertainment, and many other things.

Rebecca Barnes, Class of '99: An important part of my college experience has been Sisters in Spirit. It is a chapter of the National Network of Presbyterian College Women, whose Web site is at <<http://pcusa80.pcusa.org/pcusa/nnpcw>>. NNPCW is an organization designed to give college women opportunities for leadership, to educate about women's struggles, to encourage personal faith journeys, and to empower women on college campuses.

Kim Strollo '90 (academic computing): One of the most useful sites is <<http://www.shareware.com/>>. It's a great tool for both Mac and PC users.

Bryan Prusha, Class of '98: MacInTouch is my favorite Web site <<http://www.macintouch.com>>. Ric Ford posts current information six days of the week on the status of Apple Computer, the Macintosh platform and software, and news related to the computer business in general. This site is a must for anyone in the Mac community who wants or needs to keep abreast of current news.

Carolyn Durham (French): The Web site of Paris Vidéotheque <<http://www.vdp.fr/basedoc>> allows you to consult the entire catalogue of the videos they hold. This means you can

research any film in which the city of Paris has ever appeared.

The Riley Guide to career change.

Lisa Kastor (career services): The Riley Guide <<http://www.dbm.com/jobguide>> lists employment opportunities and job resources on the Internet. Excellent for career changers!

Peter Havholm (English): Robert X Cringely (Mark Stephens '75) has a wonderful Web site courtesy of PBS at <<http://www.pbs.org/cringely/home.html>>. Cringely/Stephens is the Wooster alum who used to write for *InfoWorld* and now does a PBS series on technology.

Damon Hickey (libraries): Limited to just one, I would have to choose Metacrawler <<http://www.metacrawler.com>> because it's how I get to a lot of other sites. Metacrawler is unique among Web search engines in that it doesn't search anything itself. Rather, it sends your search to several other well-known search engines (such as Yahoo and Alta Vista) and gets them to do the search. Then it collates the results, eliminating duplications among them, and displays the results.

Karen Klopp (international student affairs): I want any publicity for the Office of International Student Affairs Web site <<http://www.wooster.edu/oisa/oisa.html>> that I can get, but the OISA home page does have links that are both valuable and interesting, including: Youth Hostels of America (a great site for student travelers looking for low cost housing in major cities around the country); On-Line News from Around the World (a daily news service from every country except the U.S. and Canada); Map Quest (a comprehensive atlas of the U.S. and selected sites around the world); and Yamada Language Center non-English Font Archive (you can download non-English language fonts onto your computer!).

Endless Questions

by Daniel Calhoun

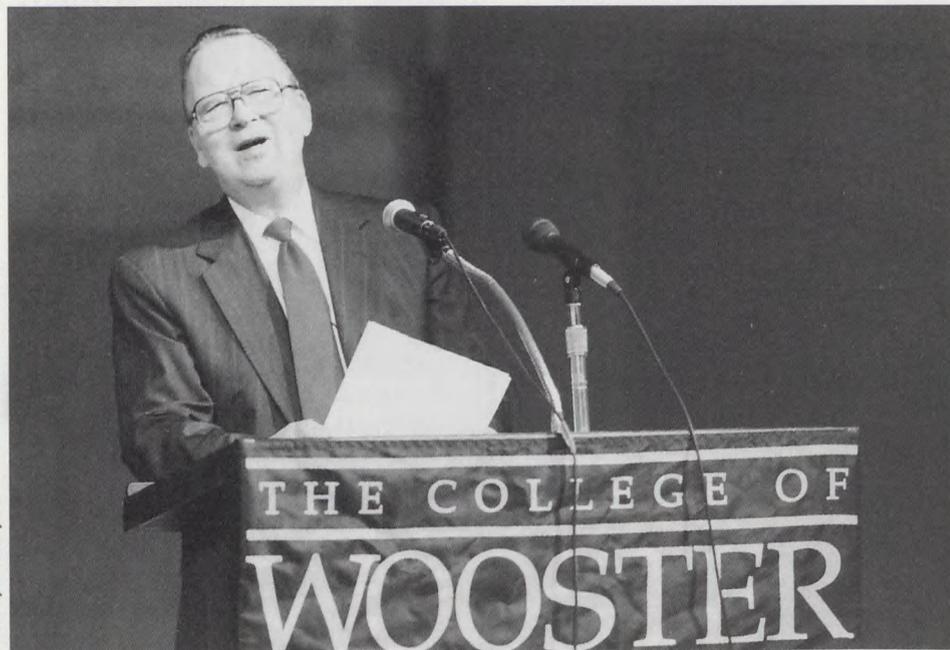


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How, where, why, when, what, who? This is about questions — endless questions!

If you've upgraded your desktop computer recently, or bought some new software for it, you already know about FAQs — Frequently Asked Questions. Question: "How come, when I turn on my Mac, nothing happens?" Answer: "Maybe you should try plugging it into an electrical outlet."

In education, we have QTSBAFBAs — Questions That Should Be Asked Frequently But Aren't. What can you say about "compliance gaining," for example, or what do you know about "relational stages and strategies?" Not much, probably, but were you a Wooster student majoring in Communication, your professor would almost certainly demand that you get yourself engaged in answering lots of such questions. Faculty do demand answers from their students, answers to questions which we, not they, pose.

Daniel F. Calhoun, above, the Aileen Dunham Professor of History Emeritus, presented these remarks last September as part of Wooster's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the introduction of Independent Study into the College's curriculum.

I found myself asking some questions of a couple of New England high school teachers last summer. They were trying to explain to me the currently fashionable pedagogical imperative, "inclusive education." What it seemed to involve, when you were trying to teach 35 twelfth-graders English literature, was that some of them would find Dr. Seuss a formidable reading challenge, while others were ready to tackle a Shakespearean tragedy. So what do you have them read, I asked. Oh, maybe a few steps up from Dick and Jane, they agreed. Maybe something at the sixth grade level. And what do you do for those kids ready to tackle the grown-up stuff? That was easy. They practically chorused the answer: "independent study!"

For some, then, independent study means providing some students the opportunity to do what presumably all of them would do in the best of all possible worlds. For those of us who have ever been involved in the business at Wooster, however, that isn't independent study at all. What it is is an honors program.

An honors program or independent study? For some, those seemed to be Wooster's choices in the mid-1940's. Since both of them ended up with seniors writing theses, it might seem like

they were two variations on the same overall educational philosophy. Not so. They are opposites. The honors program assumes that it takes most students four years of concentrated effort to master the essentials of an academic discipline, and it is memorizing those essentials which make us "educated people" in our chosen major fields. In other words, you must first learn the answers that we professionals have come up with for questions that we have posed before you can ask any meaningful questions of your own. Some few students may be able to memorize those answers, or enough of them, in three years, to qualify as honors students, earning them the privilege of asking some questions of their own in their senior year. They are like the advanced twelfth-graders in those New England public schools who have earned a right to read *Macbeth*.

Wooster's Independent Study program takes a directly opposite tack.

The essential characteristic of an educated person is not so much being able to memorize somebody else's answers to somebody else's questions, but rather the capacity to formulate some significant questions of one's own, and perhaps, with a little help, come up with some meaningful answers.

There can be no argument as to just who is responsible for our celebration of that kind of independent study this year. President Howard Lowry brought I.S. to Wooster. No other liberal arts college in America had attempted any such thing. The only precedent was the very similar program at Princeton University, where Lowry taught before coming back here to head up his alma mater.

Lowry sketched out his vision for Wooster in his very first address to the college community as its president, his inaugural speech on October 21, 1944, entitled "Sketch for a Family Portrait." Independent study, culminating in a senior thesis, was central to his educational plan. He bluntly rejected the idea of any special honors program, which he said he just did not like. He wanted to challenge all students, not just some, to achieve the very best of which they were capable. In Wooster's new program, undergraduates would cease to be mere passive recipients of information, he promised, and would instead participate in their own education, and develop habits which would enable them to continue their liberal studies to the end of their lives. The program would not only demand much of the student, it would also put new burdens on the faculty,

Lowry acknowledged. "A teacher can hardly advise about independent study," he wrote, "unless he is doing a little independent study of his own."

Anybody who presumed to help the curious must first demonstrate curiosity. To provide his staff the opportunity to satisfy that curiosity, Lowry's inaugural address promised the faculty frequent leaves of absence, a pledge that quickly resulted in Wooster's extraordinarily generous research and study leave program which, parenthetically, we should have also celebrated this year.

Lowry's plan got final trustee approval 14 months after it was proposed, in December of 1945. All first-year students arriving in the fall of 1946 were to participate in the new program. The class of 1950, then, was the first to be obliged to register for Independent Study. The program arrived too late for the classes of 1946 or 1947 to get in on, and it was strictly voluntary for members of the classes of 1948 and 1949. Lowry was enthusiastic about what it would do for the reputation of the college. He told local alumni in early 1947 that he envisioned Wooster becoming "one of the half-dozen great colleges of the United States."

Before we submit Howard Lowry's name for beatification, however, we have to acknowledge that much else of what he stood for in educational policy seems to have failed the test of time. He was adamant, for example, that faculty research need not "invariably issue in successful publication." The College would never judge professors "by the weight of their annual bibliographies," he promised, "nor honor the mere proliferation of triviality."

I'm not sure that anybody could affirm with any great certainty that this promise has been meticulously kept. Lowry also envisioned subjecting all juniors and seniors to a rigorous schedule of general and comprehensive examinations, an idea that got watered down in the early 1960's and abruptly dropped before that decade was over. And finally, the core of Wooster's program, as Lowry saw it, always had to involve its central commitment to what he called "the Evangelical Christian faith," and if that set of beliefs "ever ceased to dominate our purpose here," he declared, "we should promptly close our doors." I could not claim that part of the Lowry vision has gone unchallenged in the last half-century.

But the leave program and Independent Study have survived. The

very first class required to write senior theses produced some memorable research. The student newspaper reported as early as February of 1950 that one psychology major who had spent her year observing local courtship patterns in one corner of one lounge in Holden Hall could pronounce conclusively that "profound osculation threatens the vitality of taste buds." I have no way of knowing whether subsequent scholars have replicated her experiment or confirmed her conclusion:

In retrospect, the name we've given to what we do is probably all wrong, and not only because it might be confused with what's inflicted on those few bright seniors back in those New Hampshire high schools. "Independent Study" implies that the student does what we require in an intellectual vacuum, homeless, friendless, and alone. Just why should any sensible parent lay out 25 grand for the final year of a Wooster education when a quarter of what the fledgling scholar has to do could presumably be done a lot more inexpensively back home?

The answer, of course, is that the study that produces a senior thesis or senior project is not "independent" at all, and dozens of seniors every year acknowledge their abject dependence on parents, roommates, friends, and Juan Valdez's mountain-grown eye-opener. Some even acknowledge some assistance from their faculty advisors. Most comprehensively, of course, all scholars, at any level, depend on libraries, laboratories and archives, and on the dedicated people who manage and perpetuate those facilities. Any of us who read and write and study and think are hopelessly dependent on a thousand generations of forebears who left us a rich and elegant language without which sophisticated thought and discourse just could not be.

Maybe, then, we never should have dubbed it Independent Study. Maybe we should have called it "Thesis Tutorial," except that just as "Independent Study" got reduced to "I.S.," so "Thesis Tutorial" could have become "thee too," which could have made it sound as if the College had been repossessed by its missionary founders.

The independence that the Wooster senior is asked to demonstrate involves independent choice, the choice of just what to do with those 250 or so hours in which the College demands that one work, in quotation marks, "independently." You are going to do photography. Fine. Just what sort of

photographic images do you hope to produce, and what do you intend to convey to your viewers by what you create? Or you opt to do political science. Great! You will write a thesis. Presumably, it will attempt to address some significant political issue. What issue? What's your question?

As Professor Peter Havholm (English) observed almost a decade ago, I.S. almost always starts with a question; it involves just plain curiosity. You wonder about something. You want to know more about that something. You ask, at first, what are probably naive questions. With some help from your faculty advisor, and from your own first fumbling explorations of the subject, you come up with more sophisticated and more penetrating questions, and some defensible ideas on how you might begin to find tentative answers to those questions. Of course, you might just end up, after 250 hours, with nothing more than some highly original new questions, but that is no bad result either!

As I.S. is done at Wooster, the faculty advisor plays a key role in the process. We won't let a student ask a question for which our discipline can provide no good answers. You won't catch Professor (James) Hodges (history) letting a history major explore compositional changes in the cornea after a radical keratectomy, nor would Professor (Theodore) Williams (chemistry) tolerate a chemistry major opting to investigate the efforts of the textile workers' union to establish a base in Louisiana. Even within a discipline, we set limits.

Professor (Jennifer) Hayward (English) might well feel constrained to caution a student who wanted to produce a thesis on women writers from the 17th century to the present, and Professor (Vivian) Holliday (Classics) would definitely feel the need to talk more with the senior whose tentative thesis title was "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." The traditional academic disciplines, however maligned these days, have stood time's test, and proved themselves useful and productive structures in which significant questions can be asked and answered. The experienced practitioners of those disciplines must be there to provide watchful direction to students who have just begun to learn their utility.

The faculty not only have to restrain those students whose questions are overly ambitious, they also sometimes have to prod those students whose

goals seem excessively modest. One of my students once elected to write a thesis on Trotsky's formative years. Halfway through the first semester, I ventured to inquire just how much of the great man's life he thought he'd choose to cover — how much of one's experience qualify as one's "early years." He guessed that he might make it up to age eight. I suggested that his second reader might not be satisfied with less than 18. I think he finally made it to about 16.

The faculty can't let the student ask too trivial a question, then, and in the 1990's, that can pose a problem. We live in an age that has seemed to have been more concerned with Madonna than with Mother Teresa, JonBenet more than Stephen Vincent Benet. On what basis can a professor tell a student that he or she is proposing a trivial question, a question not really worth asking or answering? Howard Lowry might have suggested evangelical Christian values as one possible standard. That would not do in 1997. In an age swept away by what seem, to some of us, inconsequential, how does a liberal arts college define those questions which are truly important, and demand that its students address such questions? Easy to ask! Nearly impossible to answer.

As everybody knows, the superannuated cannot resist reminiscing, and I could not possibly address I.S. without resurrecting some memories of my own. I was involved in the Independent Study program for 38 of its 50 years. Every autumn, the history faculty would get together behind closed doors to decide which one of us would serve as advisor to which five or six senior majors. Our prospective students made it easier for us to divide them up by spelling out, as specifically as they could manage, a proposed thesis topic.

One memorable year, as the departmental chair was working his way down the stack of papers, I thought I heard him mouthing the name "Townsend," with a first name that sounded like Pete or Peter, and almost instantaneously, I heard myself loudly volunteering to direct that research! What a terrific idea! When Princess Margaret Rose got herself involved in that well-publicized romance with Group Captain Peter Townsend back in the '50's, the proposed marriage, to a divorced man, gave us all new insights into the inner workings of the British royal family, the constraints put on its members, and the complex relationship of the monarchy to the state church. It

also illustrated, beautifully, how far the man-in-the-street over there might be willing to let the Windsors bend or break the constraints that tradition had imposed on their forebears.

Great topic — focused and doable, but raising big, significant human issues! My most harrowing moment came in my first I.S. conference with that student. He'd never heard of Group Captain Peter — with-an-"r" Townsend. His interest centered on Pete Townshend — with-an-"h," the hard rock idol, the star of The Who, the composer of something called *Tommy* which, as I surely knew, was probably the greatest musical achievement of the 20th century.

I almost always learned something from every student I advised. Sometimes I learned a lot.

My own musical taste runs to Bach's *B Minor Mass*. When I want to go "slumming," I might allow myself 15 or 20 minutes sneaking in some selections from *Carmen*. I knew nothing of The Who. I even had to ask who The Who were! That was in September.

Six months later, come March, I'd become a regular reader of *Rolling Stone*, I knew all about how to smash a guitar on stage, I could tell you just how *Tommy* had changed from the first version of it to the latest one, and I had read, more than once, 140 pages of senior thesis telling me absolutely everything anybody could possibly want to know about Pete Townshend. The student had also submitted five cassettes worth of music that I was supposed to listen to. I confess, I made do with one. It was a learning experience — and not just for the student!

That paper was unforgettable, but it wasn't unique. I almost always learned something from every student I advised. Sometimes I learned a lot. The most intelligent and persuasive analysis I have ever read of the personality of Tsar Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs, was done by one of my students back in the early '60's. I stole from it shamelessly for my own lectures on the subject. She knows who she is.

Student research persuaded me absolutely, long before Sam Sheppard Jr. made the headlines, that Dr. Sam Sr. was victimized by the press and by the prosecutor's office and that his murder conviction for killing his wife represented a gross miscarriage of justice.

The most compelling case I'd ever read against imposing economic sanctions on South Africa during the apartheid era was written by one of my advisees. What was especially remarkable about her argument, in Chapter Two, was that she was able to confront and destroy it, point by point, in Chapter Three.

The student who instructed me in the intricacies of Ireland's 1916 Easter Rebellion not only etched Pearse and Connolly and Markievicz in my memory but also taught me an abiding love for some of the poems and ballads that were so often the most poignant legacy of those countless failed Irish efforts to oust the English conquerors. My students, then, over and over again, were among my most memorable teachers.

That is because the best of them, and some of them who were far from the best, learned the most important talent that any college could teach them, how to ask big and important questions. That is what Independent Study is all about. It's about learning to satisfy your curiosity. It's about learning to learn for yourself. It's about learning to distrust simple answers to simple questions. It's about learning how to test any answer that you come up with. It's about how, where, why, when, what, who. It's even about The Who!

So, let me conclude by posing some questions to the faculty and administration of The College of Wooster and, indeed, to the students as well, because educational policy is no longer the exclusive preserve of those with their degrees in hand.

What educational innovations that you adopt, now, will your successors celebrate in 2047 with as much enthusiastic self-satisfaction as you now celebrate Independent Study? Does Wooster have a fresh educational vision which can inspire the students of the next millennium? Independent Study was part of an important answer to the educational needs of the last 50 years. How does this institution ensure that it meets the needs of the next 50 years as well? How does it make itself over into one of the half-dozen great colleges of the United States? Why should it settle for being anything less than that?

It is simple for me to ask such questions. I've retired. It may be extraordinarily difficult for you even to begin to answer them. But have you any choice?!

One More Time

by Elizabeth Westhafer O'Brien '66

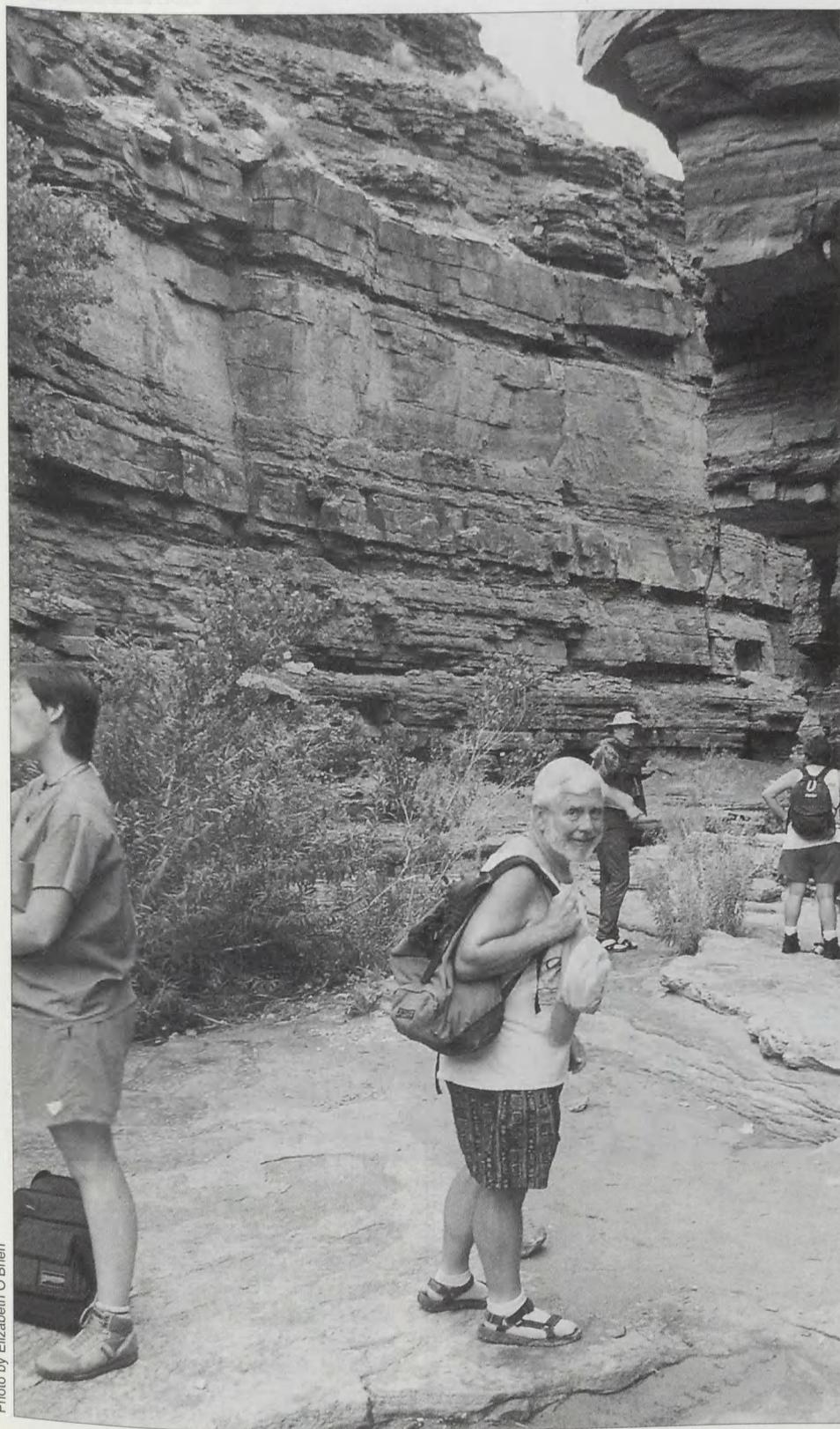


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The summer of 1997 was Fred Cropp's 18th on the Colorado River. It was also the last summer that he would lead trips down the Grand Canyon. During 68 such trips, Fred introduced the Canyon to more than 2,400 people, including 350 Wooster alumni/ae and over 30 faculty and staff. The final trip, held July 17-25 and christened "One More Time" (OMT), drew 33 "repeaters," some of whom had gone "down river" 10, 12, and even 16 times already. The trip was designed to visit many of Fred's favorite spots in the Canyon and experience "one more time" the Canyon's grandeur in the company of friends and relatives (three Cropp children, one in-law, and three cousins).

Fred Cropp '54 first went "down river" in 1978. Two years later, drawn by the thrill of the river and the power and beauty of the Canyon as well as by its potential for educating others about the environment, Fred organized and guided his first trip under the auspices of the College where he taught geology from 1964 until his retirement this year.

Then, in 1993, he founded his own organization, Environmental Experiences, to sponsor the trips. After several of the early Canyon trips, Fred discovered that people were interested in more than just riding the powerful rapids, so he added daily hikes into numerous side canyons. Thus, his trips evolved over the years into a total immersion experience in the geology, history, and natural environment of the Grand Canyon.

Jerry Shockey, a participant in an early 1990s trip, gives a clue to the power of the Canyon experience when he writes: "Upon entering the Canyon, ready yourself, for it has been said, 'Once you enter the Canyon and make the run through it, you'll probably never think the same about yourself, about the world around you, or about your relationships.'" Three ingredients that help create the experience Shockey describes include rock, water, and people.

Rock

The journey into geology begins just outside Flagstaff, Ariz., where Fred points out "Dad's" (Fred's) favorite cinder cone; his remarks continue as we travel north through the Navajo reservation to our departure point at Lees Ferry. Then, through the remaining 280 miles of the river, he introduces us to the greatest rock museum in the world.

At left, Fred Cropp (geology) leads his 68th and last trip down the Colorado River.

Phrases like Kaibab limestone, Cococino sandstone, and Zoroaster granite become familiar parlance; the formations change daily as we travel deeper and deeper into the inner gorge and Earth history. One stock photograph many of us have is of Fred, standing in Blacktail Canyon pointing out the Great Unconformity — millions of years of “missing” rock layer between the Vishnu Schist (the oldest rock) and Tapeats Sandstone — with his hand literally spanning a surface representing one billion years of Earth history.

Water

Another thrill of the Canyon experience is running the rapids of the Colorado. Names like Hance, Sockdologar, Crystal, Ruby, and Lava bring back memories of roller coaster-like waves and white water inundating the raft, bouncing those riding the pontoons or drenching those holding on inside. New runners can gauge the amount of water each rapid would bring by seeing whether or not Fred or the crew donned their rain suits. The water experience could also include a swim in the turquoise waters of the Little Colorado, a day spent in the travertine pools of Havasu Creek, and showers in the waterfalls or fern-bedecked pools at the end of many hikes. Most hikes led us beside creeks and streams, offering respite from the intense desert sun with temperatures as high as 115 degrees.

The power of water is also told in a letter that Fred and Amy White (Chief Operating Officer of Environmental Experiences) sent in August, only weeks after the “One More Time” trip had concluded. They wrote: “We received an e-mail...saying that Matkat

Photo by Valerie Baldwin



Wooster alumni on the “One More Time” journey down the Grand Canyon included, from left, Mary Beth Bentler ’85, Carole Youngberg ’82, Lynette Seigley ’84, Char Reed Lyons ’81, Ron Hamburger ’71, Theresa de Guzman ’84, Diane Hamburger ’71, Jamie White ’92, author Lib O’Brien ’66, Shirley Reese ’68, Jim Singer ’57, and Fred Cropp ’54. For another account from an alumni participant, see page 36 for Don Rupert’s thoughts in the Class Notes for the Class of 1936.

[Matkatamiba Canyon] had flash flooded and the big rock on the patio [on which had perched a Bighorn ram during our July 23rd stop] is gone... nowhere to be found or seen...just gone. An OARS trip parked at the mouth of Matkat heard the flood coming and were able to cut their boats loose and retrieve them a little way down River...Kind of makes our trip sound pretty tame!” This story illustrates the Canyon’s mutability: despite its size and the weight of its rocks, the water wins, almost every time.

People

In addition to rocks and water, people and their stories — both ancient and modern — make up one of the most important elements of each trip. Both Fred and the boatmen pointed out the presence of the ancient peoples — the Anasazi — and “One More Time” visited several ancient sites: the Indian granaries, 500 feet above river at

Nankoweap; several ruins in the Unkar Delta where shards of black and white pottery litter the ground; and the entrance to the “patio” above Deer Creek Falls where we placed our hands over the hand prints dated 1100 A.D. We also heard adventure stories of various 19th- and early 20th-century explorers.

On the first evening of that final trip, Earll Kingston, actor, friend, and fellow participant in an earlier July trip (with his wife, writer Maxine Hong Kingston) presented a dramatic monologue. He posed as one-armed John Wesley Powell, the first Anglo explorer to go down river in 1869 in a wooden boat, who barely made it out alive. After the reading, Kingston paid special tribute to Fred, because Environmental Experiences had helped to underwrite Kingston’s summer presentations in the theater at the Canyon’s South Rim, underscoring the organization’s commitment to environmental education. Concluded Kingston: “Fred had heart surgery last February to remove some of his heart because it is so big. But it didn’t work.”

The environmental education throughout the trip also instructed us about the negative impact that people and their projects are having on the Canyon’s ecosystem. Fred talked about (and has been talking about since the early 1980’s) the damage to the native habitat and species created by the “controlled flow” from the Glen Canyon dam. His comments highlighted the role that people can play in destroying aspects of the Canyon but also offered ways that concerned individuals can reverse the damage. Although we have the tendency to feel insignificant in the bowels of the Canyon, facing walls 1.8 billion years old, Fred underlined our

Fred Cropp (left) prepares to launch onto the Colorado River.

Photo by Elizabeth O’Brien



significance if we communicate this crisis to others.

Throughout this final experience, Fred kept acknowledging the boatmen and swampers who have traveled with Environmental Experiences over the years. Jeff Voss (62 trips), Dave Foster (30+ trips), and Bob Grusy (20+ trips), along with swampers Tom Cropp, Ellen Aho, and Alexandra Harley, steered us through rapids as large as #10, led us for hours over canyon trails, boosted us up rock face and narrow ledges, and cooked some 960 meals on each trip. Although some of the most meaningful moments of the journey through the Canyon occur in solitude and contemplation, the trip is a profound experience in human community, made possible by the talented and experienced crew that returned year after year.

The tales and the adventures of those 67 previous trips comprised a good part of the conversation on the rafts and trails. For instance, on our first afternoon, we hiked into Mile 6 Canyon and again recalled how it had been renamed "Lost Cup Canyon" in 1996. That year an EE group landed for its first lunch, only to discover that they had left behind the essential (for lemonade, coffee, and water) plastic cups. Boatman and part-mountain goat Dave Foster scrambled up the high walls of the Canyon, hiked to the airport, jogged to the highway, thumbed a ride to the Hatch Warehouse, and returned two hours later with the cups.

During another time of reflection, Fred shared a letter he had written to us: "The last formal FWC Environmental Experiences trip I suspect will not be the last time each of us will see one another in the Canyon, for every trip I have 'seen' most of you at one memorable spot or another. I also have 'seen' most of you in the Canyon when I have not been on a River trip, for my thoughts go to the Canyon often...and there you are." On our last evening in the Canyon — after a "Thanksgiving Dinner" complete with turkey and cranberries and after Fred had been feted with poetry, jokes, and heartfelt thanks — Fred spoke briefly about our eight days together and his 68 trips down river. He described himself merely as the catalyst who brought together the talented river runners with people who wanted to be on the river. He especially thanked the crew members for their years of dedication to

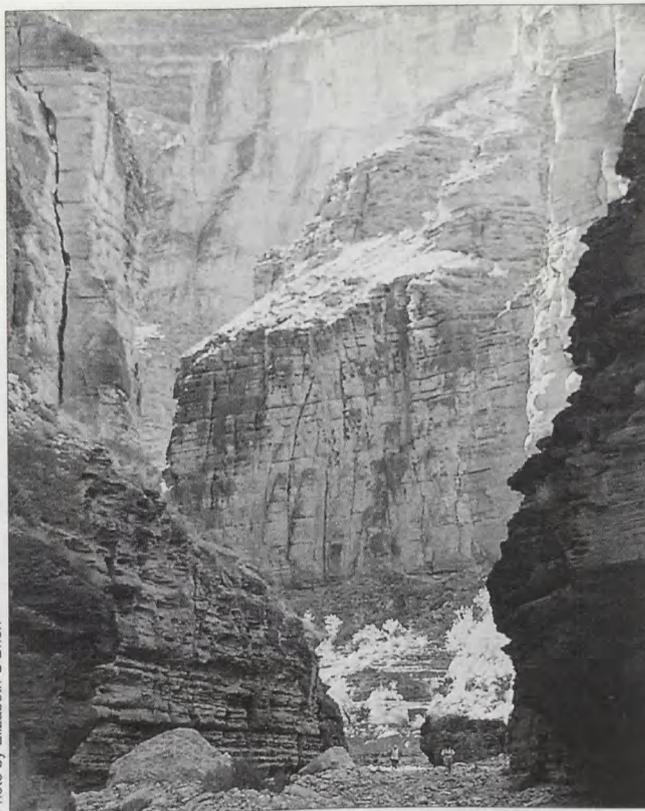


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the trips and EE. Finally, he reiterated that he would be "down river" in summers to come — just not as C.E.O. of Environmental Experiences.

These facts and adventures only hint at the personal moments of intimacy, discovery, challenge, fear, peace, and ecstasy that come with each of these trips. Rob Noble ('96 and '97 trips) provides an image that articulates those hard-to-describe moments and feelings. He writes: "Fred Cropp has borrowed the term 'La Querencia' from environmental writer Barry Lopez to describe the Grand Canyon. *La Querencia* refers to a place on the ground where one feels secure. It is a place where we know exactly who we are and exactly who we want to be. For Fred, the Grand Canyon is his *La Querencia*, because life just seems to make the most sense in the Canyon."

Some of the reflections from the participants of OMT reveal those moments of "*La Querencia*" which comprise the deepest, most lasting aspect of the Canyon experience. First, one of the universal reasons people gave for returning time and again was that the trip is just plain fun. Running the rapids, hiking the trails, sharing geological and natural history, and enjoying the camaraderie of Fred, the crew, and other participants are reasons enough to return year after year.

Some say they came back for the

personal physical and mental challenges that both the river and the hiking provide. We are pushed to our physical limits and encouraged at every wave, rock ledge, or boulder to set our fears aside, trust our bodies and our companions, with stunning vistas of the Canyon as our rewards. Others returned to be with people who share the same love of the river and the Canyon and to learn ways to become more aware of the natural world that surrounds us, which beg our vigilance and protection. Still others returned because family members or friends had introduced them to the Canyon, and it has become a personal journey "home" each time. And many came for the spiritual moments that surrounded us daily: observing breathtaking sunrises or hearing the sharp trill of a canyon wren; standing in awe of the mighty green or red river that still carves the Canyon; watching the shooting stars or Milky Way against the black night sky; being secure in the knowledge that we are safe in the hands of our experienced boat people and companions.

But all of us came because we wanted to be with Fred One More Time! Fred was right. He was/is the catalyst who made these adventures happen for so many of us. We returned to share more of his geological knowledge, his quicksilver wit, and his intense caring for the Earth and fellow travelers. We also returned to be sojourners in the community that Fred, Amy, and their river crew created.

Thus, it is only fitting to conclude with the words Fred wrote in September 1996 in Wooster, the words that did not change despite his own physical challenge of heart surgery four months later, and the words that he read to us in Blacktail Canyon in July: "As I signed letters last September...as my spine tingled...as my eyes perspired...suddenly it dawned on me that we don't have to wait to get to heaven (or wherever) to arrange a River trip made up of 42 fine folks...(angels, if you want to carry the analogy further), people whom I would enjoy being with through eternity. Thanks for being in the Canyon this week. Thanks for being part of this trip. Thanks for being a part of my life. See you down the River. Peace. Fred" 

Elizabeth O'Brien '66 was making her third trip down the Canyon with Environmental Experiences.

A Study in Motion

by Lisa Watts



Photo by Matt Dilyard

For Anna Ploplis Andrews '87, coming home meant calling her professors by their first names and turning hobbies into studies.

Above, Anna Ploplis Andrews (physics) works on a problem with Paul Rebillot '99 of Canton.

An early winter snow blows in over the cornfields, turning this farm into a high-contrast study of white fields and black fence posts. It's a beautiful scene, but it's also toe-numbing cold, the kind of day that makes people rush indoors.

But not Anna Andrews and a few of her sheep-herding cohorts. Four women and their eager dogs are taking turns working a herd of a half-dozen sheep out of a white barn and around fenced-in fields. The land belongs to the Wayne County Care Center, a long-term care facility for the elderly and infirm. Part of Andrews's mission is to work the sheep past the center's windows so the residents can enjoy the animals.

Andrews shows almost as much energy as her dog, MacLeod, an Australian shepherd who leaps and yelps with gusto. Ignoring the wind and swirling snow, she wields a cane and short commands for MacLeod while also explaining the proceedings to a visitor.

So what does this Saturday afternoon have to do with teaching physics at The College of Wooster? Nothing at all, which is precisely why Andrews is out here, she says.

"This keeps me sane," the assistant professor says of her weekend hobby. "It is very physical, and I get to see and work with people who aren't associated with the College. You keep your perspective when you visit a nursing home. It makes you realize you've got a pretty good life."

Energy and enthusiasm

Wooster physics professor Donald Jacobs remembers his colleague also as his former student, then Anna Ploplis, '87. She was one of the first Wooster students to win a College Scholar award when those merit scholarships were first introduced. Jacobs recalls a "remarkably gifted" honors student.

"Anna has always had a lot of energy and enthusiasm for what she is passionate about — and physics is one of those things," he says.

Andrews earned master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Maryland at College Park before returning to Wooster in 1993 to join her former mentors. In graduate school she had discovered that she enjoyed teaching as much as she enjoyed her research in physical chemistry and complex fluids.

Her stamp so far in the four-member department, says Jacobs, is her continuing energy and enthusiasm for

the subject matter, her ability to guide undergraduates through their own research projects, and her willingness to work across disciplines in the sciences. Her interests lie in the areas where biology and chemistry and physiology intersect with physics.

Of her varied research projects, her work in gel studies and motion analysis are the most important, Jacobs says.

Gels, the substances somewhere between a solid and a liquid, are important to biophysics study because our bodies are full of them, yet scientists still don't understand these "fascinating systems" well, Andrews says.

Her work in motion analysis has included the study of paramecium movement, the effects of antibiotics on sperm mobility, even the analysis of dogs' gaits. That latter work involves videotape recordings of dogs walking, a motion she then relates to the pendulum model, in which the mass swings below the center of rotation. These analyses could have applications in the diagnosis of diseases like cerebral palsy and in the understanding of physical limitations in walking mammals.

Andrews has undertaken the paramecium studies in collaboration with Dean Fraga, assistant professor of biology, with whom she received a National Science Foundation grant that helped them purchase motion analysis equipment.

"She's been very enthusiastic," Fraga says of their collaboration. "She's the first to say how little she knows about biology, and she's taught me some basics of electricity for some of my other classes."

Fraga says Andrews's interdepartmental work is exceptional in the academic world. "I'm sure the College wants to hire people who have breadth across their departments, but she even has breadth across several departments."

Exploring by doing

Spending 10 minutes with Andrews in her labs in Taylor Hall could convince a visitor of the fun in pursuing basic questions of physics. A field known for its complex equations and graph plotting becomes a world of pendulums and mysterious gels, of torque and crystal growth, of dogs' gait being compared to dance. Those dry equations come to life in her colorful examples, her enthusiasm for discovery.

Teaching itself has become a question for her study. Andrews and Shila

Garg, chair of the physics department, used a \$100,000 Hewlett Mellon grant in 1995-96 to develop an introductory physics class that stresses laboratory exercises — with high-technology equipment — to supplement classroom lectures.

"This is an exciting time to be in physics education," Andrews says with her characteristic energy. "Research into how students learn led us to revamp the intro lab and lectures so that the lecture is broken up by partner activities, ways that the students can test their knowledge right there. We used to give them theory, but we never gave them the opportunity to try it out right away."

"There is a real vividness to exploring physics by doing," she says.

"What they've organized is very much at the forefront of science education," says Susan Figge, dean of the faculty, of the introductory physics course. Such discovery-based courses reflect the direction that more programs will follow in trying to teach introductory science to undergraduates, some of whom may not learn well from straight lectures, she says.

As a teacher, Andrews is "determined that every student will succeed," says Jacobs. "She takes a sincere interest and will go to extraordinary lengths to make sure that they do succeed." Her courses have "evolved drastically," he says, over the last few years as she experiments with technology and other ways to reach students better.

Andrews's greatest strength as a teacher may be her research supervision. Christy Rauch, a junior from Columbus, Ind., worked with Andrews last summer on forming acid aggregates.

"She gave me enough guidance, she was there when I needed help, but she left me to my own devices," says Rauch. Andrews treats students' findings — often not what they may have predicted — with respect and great interest, Rauch adds.

Jacobs agrees. "She does a wonderful job in involving students in these projects in a very meaningful way. Science progresses by saying, 'We think it's going to do this, but we have no idea,' and then you observe other things happening, and you may go off in that direction. Anna's very good at encouraging students to venture out that way."

Andrews says that it was the sense of competence that Wooster instilled in her, mostly through the Independent Study program, that brought her back here to teach rather than to a large

research university.

"There's something about working independently that gives you confidence, makes you feel more like a colleague," she says.

Working alongside her former mentors hasn't always been easy. The hardest part is not calling them "Professor" or "Dr.," she says — "the first-name business still gets me."

Jacobs says that, although he thinks of Andrews as a colleague, Jacobs keeps a pair of day-glo-colored sunglasses in his desk drawer as a reminder of her earlier days. Andrews was very much a leader as a student, he says. One day he turned from writing a series of equations on the chalkboard to face an entire class of students wearing sunglasses with psychedelic-colored rims. Knowing that she was behind the prank, he returned the favor during Andrews's oral defense of her senior Independent Study project. She turned at one point to face her reviewers, who all had sneaked on the psychedelic shades.

Hobby as study

Andrews says one trick to enjoying a job with long hours is to tie the work in with your interests. She found the link between physics and her life-long passion — dogs — a few years ago at a dog show. American Kennel Club shows feature dogs competing to be selected as the best representative of their breed because their size, coloring, and movements best match AKC standards.

Andrews recognized the shows as a "perfect laboratory" for kinematics, the study and characterization of motion. By videotaping the different dogs as they walk before the judges, she can analyze their leg movements frame by frame. She has discovered that she needs a faster video camera to capture the dogs trotting. Understanding animal motion starts with stripped-down physical concepts, on which you can build with knowledge of physiology, muscle mass, etc.

Fraga says that using dog shows to videotape lab samples was "a stroke of creative genius" on Andrews's part.

Many of Andrews's community activities have centered around dogs, "as it should be," she says. After adopting MacLeod, she served on the Wayne County Humane Society Board of Directors and volunteered her time to train difficult dogs and make commercials promoting pet adoption. She has provided dog therapy visits to Horn Nursing Home residents in Wooster and



Photo by Matt Dilyard

"Sheep Thrills" has been the subject of several newspaper articles in recent months. Andrews, MacLeod, and the three sheep provide residents of the Wayne County Care Center (including one on the top floor to whom Andrews was waving) an important change in their daily routine.

to the county's Juvenile Attention Center.

Students approached her in 1994 to be the faculty advisor to Hospice House. She took a personal interest — her mother died of cancer while Anna was a college sophomore — and went through bereavement volunteer training to lead the program for the last three years.

Her activities have slowed down since the birth of her daughter, Gwynneth, in July 1996. These things have cycles, says the scientist, and right now family is a priority.

Her husband, Kevin Andrews '87, was her lab partner in particle physics at Wooster. "There are all those hours in particle physics when you're waiting for something to happen; it gives you time for romance," she says. The two attended graduate school together at Maryland. He works for a graphics technology firm in town.

Their dog, MacLeod, is Anna's second Australian shepherd. Her first, Azure, she bought as a teenager in Uniontown, Ohio. It was Azure who fas-

cinated Andrews so much that she joined the local 4-H club to learn how to train and care for him. He has since died, but she keeps his picture in her office.

When she adopted MacLeod and brought him to obedience class, she finally learned that his frantic circling of other dogs or people was coming from his innate need to herd. Just as she pursues unexpected tangents in her research, she set about finding sheep to herd and organizing the "Sheep Thrills" cooperative to give Mac an appropriate outlet. This past year she began competing in herding meets.

Andrews takes obvious pleasure in reading MacLeod's actions, his instincts. He sometimes questions her judgment or timing, concerns which he voices in a loud bark.

Even at play, then, Andrews is busy analyzing puzzles, devising schemes. She says that herding is her escape, that it has nothing to do with her work. But while herding, she admits, she and MacLeod "are always solving an intellectual question." **FW**

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I (Jobie) have heard from '97 grads all across the country who are either working or attending grad school. **Steve Dornbos** lives outside Hollywood, enjoying the weather and working on a master's in geology at the U of Southern California. Contact him at 1200 N. June St., Apt. 301, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

Two Joe's are also out West: **Joe Allen** is in Dallas, TX, volunteering with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. He works with Equest Therapeutic Horsemanship as a client services assistant, "coordinating Equest's hippotherapy program." No hippos are involved, but horses are used as a "dynamic modality" in physical therapy. Reach Joe for more information at 5301 Alton Ave., Dallas, TX 75214. He lives with seven other JVC volunteers.

Joe Zimmerman is enrolled in a 12-month master's program in education and teaching certification in Arizona. When he graduates in July 1998, he'll be well on his way to becoming a high school math teacher. Joe can be contacted at 909 S. Terrace Rd. #279, Tempe, AZ 85281-3943 or via e-mail at <lil_zimm@hotmail.com>.

Dave Carrig works in Cleveland as a chemist at the Sherwin-Williams Co. in the Cleveland Technical Center. He lives at home, at 5243 W. 54 St., Parma, OH 44129, e-mail <dmcarrig@sherwin.com>. Dave provided some information about other classmates: **Dan Severs** is working towards a master's in chemistry at Michigan State U. His address is 2910 Beau Jardin, Apt. 305, Lansing, MI 48910, e-mail <seversda@pilot.msu.edu>. **Marjorie Walter-Echols** is student teaching in Wooster. She can be reached at <wa97mr54@acs.wooster.edu> or 136 Larwill St., Wooster, OH 44691.

Rachel Jackson lives at home (17 Sheridan Ct., Pittsburgh, PA 15206) and works as the publications manager at the Pittsburgh Public Theatre.

Sarah DeBacher took a bartending course this summer and returned to Woo in September for the 25th anniversary of Bacchanalia. She now works in beautiful, warm New Orleans, LA, complete with, as she says, "old architecture, a canopy of trees, and the fog that rolls all romantic-like off the Mississippi. Not to gloat or anything, but it sure beats the Midwest." Sarah lives in an "old, bright blue house that's a neighbor to a pretty hotel on one side and a crack den on the other." She would particularly like to hear from the Aspen, CO, crowd! Her address is 1265 Esplanade Ave., Apt. 4, New Orleans, LA 70116, phone (504) 947-0881. Sarah adds, "All those still stuck in the Midwest should escape for Mardi Gras/Jazz Fest!"

Kris Hardesty works for the Coshocton County (OH) board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities as a habilitation specialist (a case worker for adults). She writes, "I love it, and I have a great office!" Kris also serves as the drama director at church, directing everything from small sketches to seasonal musicals. "Of course, I

love the theatre work most of all!" she says. Kris and husband Barry are expecting their first child in February. Send e-mail to <argus@clover.net>.

Keep the updates coming!

Secretary: **Jobie McCreight Fagans**, 170 Centre St., Milton, MA 02186, <Jobie_Fagans@Milton.Edu>.

1996

Melissa Culver sends "Greetings to the class of '96! I am in the middle of a graduate program in international business at the Thunderbird School of International Management in Phoenix, AZ. I love it here but miss Woo, too. This fall, **Tanya Devadason** also began a degree program here and thoroughly enjoys it. What is everyone else up to? Feel free to write to me at <mculver445@aol.com>."

Nicole Coward married Eric Haschke '97 on Aug. 9, 1997; they live in Columbus. Nicole works as an assistant manager at BrainTeaser Toys and continues to write. Her new e-mail address is <ehaschken@juno.com>, and her home address is 1050B Weybridge Rd. S., Columbus, OH 43220.

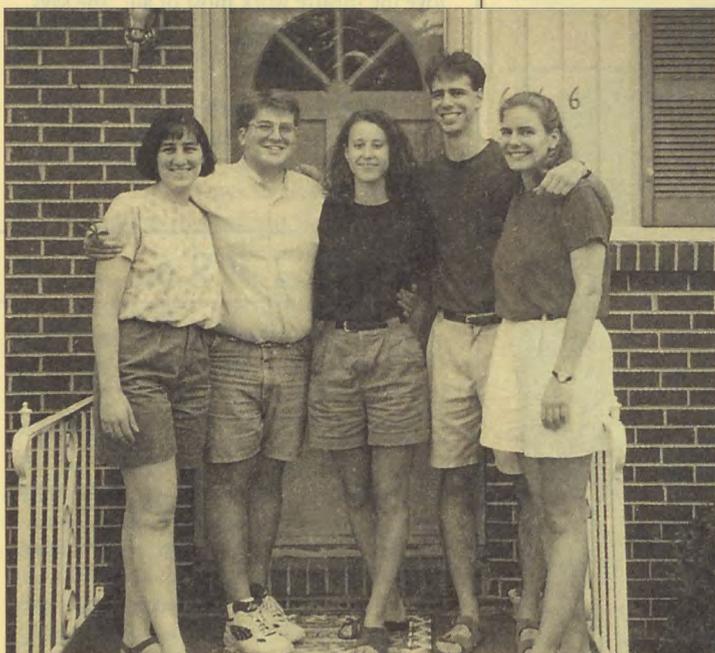
Rob Tonkin is at Ashland Theological Seminary, halfway through the two-year master's of divinity program. He is also a children's ministry coordinator at a local church. Reach Rob at 84 Samaritan Ave., Apt. B12, Ashland, OH 44805, e-mail <rtonkin@ashland.edu>.

Rob reports that **Derek Longbrake** has moved to Albuquerque, NM, where he works part-time as a church youth director and part-time as a bank teller. Rob also talked to **Katie Hamm**, a church youth director in Tallahassee, FL. And he answers **Kate McNeece's** inquiry in the last issue: **Michelle Perrigo** is headed to Kalamazoo, MI, to serve on the staff of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

In June, **Darwin Keith-Lucas** moved from Nashville, TN, to Auburn, AL, to study industrial design at Auburn U. In his second quarter there, his 35mm camera design was chosen to represent Auburn in Samsung's Prometheus design competition. Reach him at 500 Webster Rd., #414, Auburn, AL 36832, <wes3@mindspring.net>, or <keithdt@mail.auburn.edu>.

Darwin reports that **Beth Wilee** works for Mann Inc., a nonprofit hunger relief organization, and is now engaged. He also says that Ellen Freeman '97 is doing quite well in Boston, where she is pursuing medical research.

Heather Lambert has three classes to go before earning a Master's of Health Fitness Management at American U. She writes, "I work at a corporate fitness center, teaching aerobics, performing exercise testing, editing the newsletter, etc." Heather and **Jeff Shemo** are planning their wedding, set for Oct. 24, 1998, in New Orleans, LA. Jeff works as a personal trainer in Arlington, VA. Reach Heather at <jmshal@erols.com>. She offers the fol-



A mini-reunion. (Left to r)
Amy Miller Sonntag '94,
Anthony Kerr '94, and
Michele Wing, Eric
Burkhart, and Laura
Deloye, '96s.

lowing information on other Woo grads.

Johanna Hebblethwaite was married on July 5. She lives in Texas and teaches elementary school. **Heather Young** planned to get married on Dec. 20 and is studying for a teaching certificate. **Aliki Tompros**, in McLean, VA, took the M.C.A.T.'s and is looking at medical schools. **Becky Bryant** lives in Baltimore, MD, and works for a printing business. **Rebecca Firlrik** has moved to Chicago; **Dylan Leggett** also lives in the windy city. And, at last word, **Gordie McCreight** was traveling in Asia.

I (**Scarlett**) would like to hear about Homecoming 1997. If you have any tidbits, please drop me a line.

Secretary: **Scarlett Caminiti**, *Kings Arms Apts., 1320-15 Ephesus Church Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514, <tcam15@aol.com>*.

1995

After **Rob Kugler**'s soccer team won its first game, the players carried Rob around on their shoulders. Rob was granted a long-awaited promotion to artistic director of the theatre program at the Storm King Mountain School in New York State. He put this position to good use this past fall with two public performances. Rob proudly penned that he is also madly trying to finish a quilt during the off-season.

Kelly Rebmann writes from the Poconos that she's turned in her medical writer's typewriter for the silver tongue of a saleswoman. Kelly has a position at Pasteur Merieux Connaught, the largest manufacturer of vaccines in the world. After a year or so at this training site, she will be reassigned to a field position elsewhere. So if you are skiing in the area, or if you are just worried about smallpox and looking for a great discount, look her up. Her new address is 17 Knob Rd., Mt. Pocono, PA 18344.

Sarah Fuller is doing very well in her "place of self-appointed exile," Washington, DC. She loves working with students, enough so that in a few years she may return to academia in one form or another. She really enjoys her apartment and is content to live life in the big city for a while.

Elise Bates Russell has a new address: 6975 Foxthorn, Canton, MI 48187. Feel free to drop her a line.

Anne Flewelling has gotten married and is now Anne Sullivan. She lives in Minnesota, at 8260 West River Rd. #314, Brooklyn Park, MN 55444. Anne earned a master's degree in biophysics last summer, and, at last contact, was on the job market. Reach her at <sullivan@wavetech.net>.

Cris Das married Will Alsum in October in Loveland, CO (see Weddings). Wooster wedding guests not pictured included **Mary Smucker**, **Fritz Schroeder**, and Rachel Johnson Elliott and Erin Bisenius, '94s.

As for me (**Brad**), do any of you care? I always assume that somewhere out there, someone is thinking, "What is going on with Brad these days?" To my great relief, I passed Step I of the U.S.M.L.E. Board exams and have moved on to rotations. Finally, I have joined the ranks of those saving lives and stamping out disease. I am enjoying it so far but losing more sleep than I had anticipated. Remember, I promise to print (within the limits of good taste) everything sent to me. So — send me stuff. Otherwise I will just drone on about myself, and nobody wants that.

Secretary: **Brad Dixon**, 687 Jefferson Ave., Memphis, TN 38105, <bdixon@utmemb1.utmemb.edu>.

1994

Last summer, **Amy Miller Sonntag**, **Anthony Kerr '95**, **Michele Wing**, **Eric Burkhart**, and **Laura Deloye, '96s**, met at Amy's new home, at 616 Willowbrook Ln., Winston-Salem, NC 27104. Amy is a fully certified speech language pathologist in Winston-Salem; Anthony works for IBM; and Laura is an activity director. Michele and Eric are graduate students at the U of North Carolina and live in Chapel Hill. All five enjoyed getting together over the summer and sharing Scot Band stories.

Scott Bloom has a new job as the curator of historical programming at the Brukner Nature Center in Troy, OH. He directs all of the center's historical classes and collections. Scott is engaged and planning a 1998 wedding. Reach him at 3130 N. Co. Rd. 25A, c/o Dettmer Animal Therapy, Troy, OH 45373.

Megan Hout married Joseph Santangelo on Sept. 13, 1997, in Defiance, OH. The newlyweds, both students at the School of Medicine of Case Western Reserve U, live in Cleveland Hgts., OH.

Here's some older news from a Boston alumni event last May. **Courtney Pippen '96** is doing child development research at Boston Medical Center and taking graduate psychology classes at Harvard. She volunteers on the psychiatric ward at Children's Hospital in Boston. **Jack Naylor '94** works at John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance and lives in Boston's north end. **Matt Fallon** works in advertising for Bank Boston, Inc. **Megan Sharp** graduated last May from the Boston Conservatory of Music with a master's degree in opera and continues to study with her coach and teacher in Boston.

Stephen Ifeduba graduated from the Ohio State U College of Law in May and received the Dean's Special Award. He works at Baker & Hostetler in Columbus, OH.

Catherine Smith, a first-year law student at Case Western Reserve U, loves law school and would like to hear from alums in the Cleveland area. She can be reached at 2113 Stillman Rd., Cleveland Hgts., OH 44118.

Secretaries: **Delia Hoye**, 138 Collins Rd., Waban, MA 02168, <Dhoye@Lynx.dac.neu.edu>; and **Laurie Peterson**, 7993-C Puritan Dr., Mentor, OH 44060-4032, <Lgp4@po.cwru.edu>.

1993

Gordon Calhoun works for the Hampton Roads Naval Museum in Norfolk, VA. He has used both of his I.S. projects at work. The junior I.S. on the Peninsula Campaign has been turned into a 45-min. presentation, and the senior I.S. has been turned into a published historical article. Gordon has put to good use the skills learned from I.S. — writing other articles on naval history and preparing two exhibits:

"Animals and the U.S. Navy" and "*Cuba Libre!* The Spanish American War in the Atlantic."

Anne Flewelling Sullivan '95 reports that her sister, **Molly Flewelling**, was married and is now Molly Carlson. Molly lives in Indianapolis.

Jay Bowling married Tania Golden last October in New York State. Jay works as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Hoechst Marion Roussel Inc.

Secretaries: **Christopher Myers**, 1407 Grant Ave., San Francisco, CA 94133, <cm Myers@metadesign.com>; and **Erika Poethig**, 1213 E. 53rd St., Chicago, IL 60615, <erika_poethig@kirkland.com>.

1992

After a desperate plea to classmates to send me (**Kathleen**) information on their lives (since I hadn't received any and was getting nervous), I'm happy to report on the following folks.

Dilendra Wimalasekera wrote from Sri Lanka with news of his December 1996 marriage. Dilendra is presently busy with his own company, an Internet service provider, which employs about 22 people.

Parker Thomas also started his own company, Illustrative Concepts, in Boston last year. The company, which Parker calls "a case study in under-capitalization," merged with a larger business last January. Parker hoped that his computer software would finally be on the market by Dec. 1997. He welcomes e-mail at <parker@interactivesolutions.com> or phone calls at (617) 247-2134.

Parker sends news on other Woosterites, including **Liz Barney**, who also resides in Boston. Liz works for C. W. Costello Associates, a small consulting firm. Parker says that **Henry Depew** "just got marching orders from Owen Illinois to move to New York City to take over the Snapple and Mystic beverage accounts." And **Jay Raymond** runs his own yacht maintenance business in Stamford, CT.

Brynjar Wideroe and his wife, Charlotte Larsen, are the proud parents of a beautiful, blonde-haired, blue-eyed daughter, Kristine, born on Oct. 1. Since leaving Wooster, Brynjar has earned a bachelor's degree in television production. He has worked for the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation in Oslo as a sound recorder in electronic field production since 1993 and still plays soccer on occasion. Brynjar has stayed in touch with **Gjalt Degraaf**, Laurence Myers '89, and **John Schmelzeis**.

Dave Lamberger spent the first four years after graduation restoring native tall grass prairies and doing other conservation work for Dayton's park system. He enjoyed the work but says that the seasonal nature made it difficult to pursue as a career. So, since January of this year, Dave has been working as a police officer with the Toledo Police Department. He writes: "I now chase bad guys for a living and love every minute

of it, even though I have to work on weekends and miss class reunions!"

Lora Koenig Heller continues to work as a music therapist in early childhood special education in New York City. She planned to complete a master's degree in deaf education this past December. Lora and husband Ian are currently house hunting in the New York City suburbs. Lora would love to hear from other alums at <Hellernet@aol.com> or 585 West End Ave. #12E, New York, NY 10024. Anyone with information on **Travis Moyer**, please contact Lora.

In the middle of his third year of law school at Case Western Reserve U, **Todd Kleinman** marvels that he has returned to northeastern Ohio. He occasionally runs into Jason Moore '91, **Rob Purvis**, and Adam "Woody" Roth '93. Todd welcomes e-mail at <tmk@po.cwru.edu>.

Julie Whiteaker is working towards an M.B.A. in marketing at the U of Akron and hopes to graduate in May 1998. This will be her second master's degree, the first being an M.A. in communication studies from Baylor (1993). She writes: "I really must be a glutton for punishment. I don't plan to return to school again for a very, very, very long time once this is over." Julie now works in the information systems department at Ohio Edison in Akron where she does PC support, traveling around Ohio to assist users in various divisions of the company.

I (Kathleen) discovered that **Elizabeth Kirkpatrick-Brucken** and her husband, Rowly Brucken '91, live nearby in Eminence, KY, where Elizabeth serves as the pastor of the local Presbyterian church. Rowly continues to work on a Ph.D. at Ohio State U and teach history at Northern Kentucky U in Highland Heights, KY. That's where my husband, **David Kime**, works! It's a small world!

Myriam Fizazi-Hawkins earned an M.A. in government (with a concentration in the Middle East) from the College of William and Mary in 1994. While at W & M, she met David Hawkins, a fellow government student who is now her husband. Myriam now works at AMIDEAST, "a nonprofit organization in Washington, DC, which provides education and training to people in the Middle East and which also organizes study programs there for American college students." Myriam became involved with AMIDEAST in a project intended to raise the literacy rates among girls in rural Morocco, moved to the fund-raising department, and now assists with a workshop which trains women in politics in the Arab world. She sends the following news on other alums.

In mid-September, Myriam attended the wedding of **Madelon "Maddie" Tieman** and Stuart Snodgrass in Pittsburgh, PA. At the wedding she saw **Heather Crocker**, **Kippy Tift**, **Patricia Starek**, **Laurie Naranch**, and **Cathy Clement** '91. Myriam notes that **Liz Scott** and her husband, **Tim Berry**, were also expected at the Tieman-Snodgrass nuptials, but they moved to South Dakota instead. Myriam also reports that Sarah Fuller '95 recently joined AMIDEAST, in the

A Life in Drama

This past fall, **Eric Pfeffinger '92** was named the first-place winner of the fourth Annual Midwestern Playwrights Festival, sponsored by the Toledo Repertoire Theatre and the U of Toledo department of theatre, dance, and music. His full-length play, *Of How Maurice Ravel Fell Sick, and How He Died*, was given a public staged reading in Toledo in October. It will also receive a full production for a two-week run at the Toledo Rep in April, directed by Acting Artistic Director Brian Bethune.

Eric wrote the first draft of the play as part of his I.S., for which he received honors and the English department's Waldo H. Dunn Prize. His I.S. advisor was Raymond McCall (English). The play, about the life and last days of French composer Maurice Ravel, casts one actor as Ravel's active mind and another as his failing body, and moves the plot along by way of Ravel's imagined conversations with the madman, Don Quixote.

"It's not your basic biography," Eric acknowledges, saying that he's less interested in accurately depicting the real Ravel than in crafting interesting characters and exploring issues like the price of genius and "what constitutes a life well-lived." Eric was a founding member of the comedy troupe Don't Throw Shoes and author of a *The Voice* comic strip that featured Winston and friends.

Counterfeit Coffee

He calls himself "a proud member of the notorious Generation X." **Les Drent '91** is founder and publisher of *Coffee Times*, the alternative guide to the Big Island of Hawaii. The Spring/Summer 1997 issue was 62 pages long and carried an article on volcanoes, a story on the history of outrigger paddling in the islands, and one about religious sanctuaries, in addition to tourism information and advertising.

Les also roasts, sells, and proclaims the good taste of Kona coffee, grown in Kona, Hawaii, since the 19th century. He quotes Mark Twain singing the praises of this particular beverage in Twain's *Letters from Hawaii*: "Kona coffee has a richer flavor than any other, be it grown where it may and call it by what name you please."

The year? 1866.

Coffee Times claims that, of the 20 million pounds of coffee sold under the Kona name in the 1990's, only two million pounds actually originate in Kona. To counteract this "counterfeit coffee" trend, *Coffee Times* guarantees its own product to be 100% Kona coffee, "farmer-direct," hand-picked, and roasted to order.

Les, a New Hampshire native, has lived in the village of Holualoa on the Big Island of Hawaii for the past five years. Check out the magazine's Web site at <http://www.coffeetimes.com>.

—Jimmy Wilkinson Meyer

Fulbright department.

Emily Wharton, associate pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Seven Springs in New Port Richey, FL, says that she is "shocked and happy" to report that she enjoys living in Florida. She even had the opportunity of watching a recent launch of the space shuttle *Atlantis*, an "overwhelming and amazing" experience. Emily welcomes mail from alums at: 7327 Mahaffey Drive, Apt. C, New Port Richey, FL 34653 or <E_WHARTON.parti@ecunet.org>.

Ellen Weston recently graduated from the Indiana U School of Law in Bloomington, IN. She has begun a job with the Ohio Legislative Service Commission, drafting legislation and doing legal and public policy research. During her law school days, Ellen was a legislative intern with Indiana Advocates for Children in Indianapolis, a clerk with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio, and a clerk in the office of Historic Preservation and Archives in Louisville, KY (not all at the same time, of course!). Ellen's new job has brought her back to Ohio, and she welcomes mail from other alums at 4783 Kilcary Ct., Columbus, OH 43220.

Ellen visited with the recently-married Sean and Kristy Bender Zurbrick '91 who live in Hilliard, OH. Kristy is the editor of a community newspaper and has received national recognition for her feature writing. Ellen says that Kristy and Sean also have "an adorable pet rabbit which is somewhat destructive but has an amusing tendency to hop everywhere (even into your suitcase!)." **Sara Uehlein** has officially emigrated to Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, where she works as deputy head and reference librarian with the Corrs Chambers Westgarth law firm. Sara enjoys the "laid-back Australian lifestyle and the tropical weather." She welcomes any traveling Woosterites to get in touch at 31/64 Thorn St., Kangaroo Point 4169, Queensland, Australia, or reach her at <sara@powerup.com.au>.

Stacey Hollingsworth Gardner '93 and **Andy Gardner** have moved to 4667 Highland Dr., Willoughby, OH 44094. Andy says, "As always, friends should contact us if they are in the area. The door is always open." Reach Andy at <ag@mhbh.com>.

Jim '91 and **Nancy Hamilton Abbott** welcomed son James Samuel Abbott V on Sept. 2, 1997. They live in University Heights, OH. Nancy still works at Triad Design Interiors in Cleveland as a commercial interior designer; Jim works at Progressive Insurance as a marketing analyst.

David E. Jones lives in Carrol Gardens, Brooklyn, and works as senior production editor for Golden Books Children's Publishing. He writes, "Unfortunately, I have little time to speak with many college friends but have been in contact with **Laura Rollins**, John Dallas '90, and **Peter Berry**. They are all busy working or studying; Laura is finishing a master's degree at the Bank Street School." You can reach David at <djones@golden-books.com>.

Laura Shouha married Naseem Rahman '90 in August (see Weddings). Guests not pictured included **Rebecca Dougan**, Asim Shahab '91, Rosemarie Tomasetti (secretary) and Brian Dykstra (music). The couple lives in Texas.

Many thanks to all the alumni who sent news.

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1991

I (Sean) apologize to **Paula Bekeny Usis** and my good friend from high school, Erik Usis, whose wedding I attended last May (see Weddings, *Wooster* Fall 1997). I should have reported it in the last issue.

Bentley '88 and **Gayle Marcin Wall** welcomed a baby girl, Rhuna Lauren Wall, on Mar. 4, 1997. All is going well with the family of four.

Valerie Nay Thomas has accepted a new position as the director of advertising and student affairs in the College of Pharmacy at the U of Toledo. She attended the wedding of **Sharon Peters** in Stowe, VT, in May. Sharon is a family therapist and lives with husband Steve Moffat in Craftsbury, VT.

Chas Munoz took time this summer away from his wife, **Nancy Christman Munoz**, and his daughter, Lara, to visit Washington, DC, where he was sworn in at the District of Columbia Bar Association. He works in Toledo for a nonprofit agency that assists people with disabilities. Nancy teaches Spanish at the U of Findlay.

Eva Dodds has moved to Washington, DC, where she works at the Holton Arms School as the college counselor. **Kinta Sippy Alizzeo** has moved to the U.S. Virgin Islands. **Joanne McAnlis** has married Ed Bielski and practices law in Cincinnati.

Rob Noble has traveled down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon and has traded in his running shoes for a mountain bike. He finished his first season as a national championship finalist in the beginner men's class.

Jason Gray teaches math at a school on Capitol Hill and coaches basketball at the Edmund Burke School in Washington, DC.

Jason lives across the street from **Katherine Fleming Buckley** and me (Sean). Katherine works for the U.S.E.P.A. at the Office of Atmospheric Programs. So, when you see that energy star sticker on your computer, think of her. I still work as a geologist in Fairfax, VA, and might get to spend four months on a tiny island in the middle of the South Pacific.

Thanks to **Carrie Fasolt Crawford** for sending a *Chicago Tribune* article on **Jason Cody**, assistant professor of chemistry at Lake Forest (IL) College. Jason mentions his days at Wooster in the article and speaks fondly of the school's chemistry department.

Anne Goins Daugherty has earned a master's degree in public administration from American U.

Deborah Whitfield and **Peter Wiese** first met during their senior year of high school in Connecticut and began dating during their senior year at Wooster. They were married on June 28, 1997, on Martha's Vineyard. Peter is a student at Harvard U, and Deb manages a Crate & Barrel Store in Braintree, MA.

Amy Felix married Phil Polefrone in Akron, OH, on Dec. 27. The two Akronites met in Washington, DC, and now live in Charleston, SC. Phil is stationed there with the U.S. Navy, and Amy is a human resource manager for Comcast Cable. Woosterites present at the wedding included: Gary and **Cindy Gura Walling** (of Amherst, MA); **Allison Lambe Applequist** (who lives in Brooklyn with her husband, Dan); and Don Felix '83 (Amy's brother, who lives in Omaha, NE, with his wife, Chelle). Reach Amy and Phil at 36 N. Basilica Ave., Hanahan, SC 29406.

Russ Gaenzle updates us on his recent marriage (see Weddings) and sends other news, too. He has passed the New York State Bar Examination and practices law in Rochester, NY. Russ reports the following.

Ted Merkel '90, also a lawyer, just moved back to Rochester from Washington, DC. Bob Timken '90 recently married Sarah Schumar '92; they live in McLean, VA. Russ Dunn '90 and **Catherine Sikes-Dunn**, who were married in 1996, live in the nation's capitol. Russ Dunn is a fisherman on the Chesapeake Bay. Mike Breen and Elise Merrill-Breen, '90s, also married in 1996. Mike and Russ Dunn are partners; Elise helps Catherine drive and maintain their boat, named *Oatmeal*.

Secretaries: Katie Jones McClelland, 1263 Circle Dr., Arbutus, MD 21227; and Sean Buckley, 3900 Connecticut Ave. NW Apt. 201G, Washington, DC 20008.

1990

Congratulations, Class of 1990! We actually have news for this issue. A special thanks to all of you who wrote and to those inspired to write in the future!

William Van Cleave continues to work at The Kildonan School, a small school for dyslexics. He is currently the technology coordinator, teaches senior literature, serves as one of the grade report editors, tutors several students in Orton-Gillingham Phonics, advises a number of students, and coaches middle school soccer. William runs teacher workshops and does presentations on a variety of subjects, including integrating technology into the curriculum, at state and national Orton dyslexia conferences. Last year he presented papers in NYC, Boston, and Philadelphia. This year, he'll be in NYC again and in Minneapolis twice. Reach William at R.R. 1, Box 294, Amenia, NY 12501, e-mail <WVANCLEAVE@AOL.com>.

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"After seven years," writes **Kathleen Dolan**, "perhaps it is time to write to our Class Secretaries." Kathleen is now the assistant director of alumni relations at Ohio Wesleyan U. She and her husband, Andy Heath '88, moved to Columbus this summer from Galesburg, IL. Kathleen was assistant director of admission at Knox College. They now live in Gahanna and would love to hear from Wooster folks in the Columbus area, at <kmdolan@cc.owu.edu>. But don't write if you're going to tell Kathleen how appalled you are that she works for "the enemy." She says, "I've gotten my fill of those messages already!"

Kathleen reports that **Laurie Fellers Bable** is the now proud mother of a son. Since Dec. 1996, **Katy O'Grady** has worked in marketing for the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy in downtown Washington, DC. She quips, "I use those theatre skills daily." Katy lives happily in Fairfax, VA, with husband Kevin Dykstra, son Will Dykstra (2), and retired racing greyhound Trudy. After a year or so off, Katy began singing again this past fall, with the Washington Women's Chorus. She would love to hear from old friends and also from Wooster Chorus members, either in person or in this column. Her e-mail address is <kograd@amft.org>, or write to 4033 Hallman St., Fairfax, VA 22030.

Katy regularly talks to **Jackie Christian King**, who lives in Chesapeake, VA (near Norfolk), where she is a full-time mom to Thomas (1 1/2 years) and is expecting another child early this year. Jackie's husband, Brian, started a residency at the Navy hospital there in August.

Shireen Behzadi married Michael Hollingsworth in August (see Weddings). Wooster guests not pictured included Shireen's brother, Dara Behzadi, and his wife, Lissa Romell-Behzadi, '86s.

Elizabeth and I (**Aaron**) have a personal note to share. On Sept. 6, 1997, our eagerly-awaited first born, Ian Douglas Lane-Davies, was born. However, his time with us was brief; he lived less than three hours. He will be held in love within our souls forever.

As always, please write and tell us your news.

Secretaries: **Aaron and Elizabeth Lane-Davies**, 1126 Burr St., Jackson, MI 49201, <lanedav1@pilot.msu.edu>.

1989

Thanks to those who wrote in for this issue. It's always great to hear from new people!

Kathy Miller Kuiper moved to southern Rhode Island last year. She has a new husband, new job, new baby, and new puppy! Samuel Roelof Kuiper was born on Apr. 8, 1997. He joins Thomas Joseph, who loves being a big brother and thinks that Sammy bears a striking resemblance to Yoda (of *Star Wars* fame). Kathy named their puppy "Dallas" in honor of her old home. The

Kuipers can be reached at <kuiper@ids.net>. Kathy would love to hear from old friends, especially **Coleen McFarland** and **Regan Knapp**.

Susan Terrano is finishing an M.F.A. in lighting design at the U of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music where she is an adjunct professor in theatre lighting. Reach her at <sterrano@aol.com>.

Suzanne McNamee Walters and her husband, Brian, had their second child on May 22, 1997. Kevin Joseph is adored by all, especially sister Kelly Elizabeth (4). Since graduation, Suzanne has taught vocal and general music in the public schools, having spent the last five years in the Jackson Local Schools as the middle school choir director. She writes, "It has been a great position but a very busy one, with classes of anywhere from 65 to 105 students at a time!" Suzanne has taken a year of maternity leave. She never dreamed that life at home would be so busy, but they have lots of fun. Brian works in Canal Fulton in sales and account management for a small company which designs and produces custom trade show exhibits. The family can be reached at 3335 Shepherd St. NW, North Canton, OH 44720.

I (**Libby**) was thrilled to be able to attend the wedding of **Megan Hensley** and **Sandeep Bhatia** in Cleveland, OH, on Sept. 6, 1997. They had two beautiful ceremonies (Christian and Hindu) and a lovely reception outdoors (the weather cooperated perfectly). Sandeep's immediate family members made their first trip to the U.S. for the occasion and stayed for six weeks, traveling around the country and getting to know their daughter-in-law. Megan and Sandeep are renting a house through the winter at 1719 Alvin Ave., Cleveland, OH 44109.

Quite a crowd of Woosterites attended the wedding, including John Cook '69, **Susan Fesz**, **Dean Economus**, **Jeff Lietzke**, **Chuck Nye**, and **Qaisar Imam**, his wife, Bushra, and their son, Haider. **Monica Sharma Stokkermans** and son Caelan came from Florida where they live with Monica's husband, Tom, at 305 Galen Dr., Apt. 211, Key Biscayne, FL 33149. **Robert Mueller** was there from Wisconsin with his wife, Christine, and their son, Jack. They can be reached at 5541 North Bay Ridge Ave., Whitefish Bay, WI 53217. **Deb Donnelly** and **Tim '90 Espy** brought son Joseph, born in early summer. They live at 39 W. Monroe, Villa Park, IL 60181. **Jen Hoskin** and **Doug '86 Grosel** came with sons Evan and Tommy. **Erika Federmann** was there with her husband, **Walt Guldán**. **Nikki Kilby Bigley** and husband **Tony** came with son **Anthony**. The Bigleys live at 94 Conrad Rd., Colaro, MD 21917. John Jordan '90 was there with his wife, **Laurel**; **Laura Tuennerman-Kaplan '88** came with her husband and daughters **Erin** and **Katie**.

Julie Brooks and **Jo** have moved to 465 Marietta Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15228.

And **Jerry Hammaker** reports his new address: "Kristi, Ditka (our dog), and I just moved in to our new home, at 105 Baywood

Lane, Bluffton, SC 29910. Bluffton is a rapidly growing little town on the mainland just before the bridge to Hilton Head Island. The beach is still only five minutes away! The head coach position with Hilton Head Aquatics is great. We now have 110 swimmers in our program (up from only 35 last winter). Any Wooster alums and friends visiting the area — give us a call. **Kathy Gray Braun** and husband **Kevin** visited for a long weekend in November. Kathy still works at Gov. Voinovich's Washington, DC, office. She pretends not to remember her various titles at Woo, but we all know the real truth!" Contact **Jerry** and **Kristi** at <WAWAJERHAM@aol.com>.

Last, but not least, my (Libby's) dad, **Bob Black '56**, ran into **Paul Lent** at a presbytery meeting recently (another small world story). I don't have details, but apparently Paul is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the pastor of a church in Carmel, NY. Paul, we'd love to hear more!

Keep sending letters and e-mail!
Secretary: **Libby Black Yoskowitz**, 23-15 28th St. 3rd Floor, Astoria, NY 11105, <jackys@aol.com>.

1988

Among the new full-time faculty members at Denison U is **Patricia Smanik**, assistant professor of chemistry. She earned the Ph.D. in biochemistry last year at Ohio State U.

A big congratulations to **Ken Shepard** and his wife, **Brooke**, on the birth of **Emma Mackey Shepard**, on Sept. 25. Proud Dad **Ken** called us several days after Emma's arrival to share the great news. We received a picture of Emma, too — she is beautiful.

Has the following type of Wooster alum sighting ever happened to you? If so, I (**Mary**) would like to hear about it. This past fall, I was shopping in Indianapolis, just around the corner from my house, as a matter of fact. I was helped in a store by someone who looked vaguely familiar. Apparently, she was thinking the same thing, because she asked me, "Did you go to Wooster?" Turns out, it was **Merle Affonso Nowlin** from our very own class. We had not seen each other since Wooster, but we live in the same area.

Merle, in fact, has lived in Indianapolis for years. She was married in 1993 and has two little girls (2 1/2 and 1). Guess it really is a small world!

If there's someone whom you haven't seen in years, but would like to, be sure to mark our 10th reunion, June 4-7, on your calendar. Come and see all your old friends and classmates back at Wooster. In the meantime, let's get some memories going in this column. If you have some favorite Wooster tales, let's hear them! Call, write, or send e-mail with your news and nostalgia.

Secretary: **Mary Cox Barclay**, 8375 Central Ave., Indianapolis IN 46240, <macbarclay@aol.com>.

1987

John Fernandez enjoys life in Framingham, MA, with his wife, Vance, and their two children. John is a hospital administrator at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Feeling neglected in the last round of Class Notes, he sends an assortment of news.

Janet McCracken lives in State College, PA, with her husband, Jeff Hayes, and their two children. The Fernandez and McCracken-Hayes families vacationed together in Squam Lake, NH. John reports that Janet intends to run for office someday while maintaining her private psychology practice — seems like a logical mix.

Joe Durham, his wife, Leslie, and daughter Madison enjoy life in Columbus, OH, where Joe is (according to John) a hot-shot prosecutor for environmental concerns in Franklin County.

Pete Losee is the director of product development at Information Concepts in Washington, DC. The last John heard, Pete was married with two dogs, and trying to figure out what kind of BMW would accommodate those long legs.

Rick Freas is a project administrator for a lead hazard control program in Phoenix, AZ.

Since I (**Karen**) haven't heard from many of the rest of you, I took the time to review the Alumni Weekend Questionnaires for our class to find the following fun facts and trivia.

Cyndi Green Allen has experienced the most relocations in the past 10 years, having lived in 15 different homes to date. She is currently a trust administrator at Key Bank in Cleveland.

Mike Collins wins the category of Best Job hands down. He is a golf professional at Berkeley Hills Country Club in Duluth, GA.

Robert W. Jones Jr. recalled the memory that seemed the most accurate to me (**Karen**) as well: "Eating pizza from Pizza Express. It might not have been the best pizza in Wooster, but it was cheap and filling." Robert is a physician at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Ruth Heldman Klee has the Best Travel Stories. With husband Drew '85, she took a year off in 1992-93 to visit the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Africa. Several years later they took another year to see Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. Ruth is now back in Columbus, OH, working at the North Central Mental Health Center and planning her next big trip.

Finally, hands down, the award for Most Children goes to classmates **Patrick** and **Jessica Stinson Stout**, who reside with their four children in Miami, OK. Patrick is a urologist at Baptist Regional Health Center, and Jessica is a full-time mom.

I (**Karen**) spent the month of October attending weddings of Wooster classmates. Stephanie Porter '90 wed Kyle Niemela in Peterborough, NH, on Oct. 4. **Jill Edwards**

Thompson and I were members of the bridal party. Stephanie and Kyle jetted to Puerto Rico for a week before returning home to Sharon, NH, where Stephanie works for the Society for Developmental Education.

My (**Karen's**) former roommate, **Debbie Szuba**, married Bruno Maier in Chicago on Oct. 18. In addition to myself, Jennifer Lister and Karen Harley Reinhardt, '89s, also served as bridesmaids. Wooster graduates in attendance included Carlye Burwell Bruno '89, Matt Jacobson '86, and Lydia Geddes '94. Unfortunately, we forgot to take a Wooster photo, or maybe I was too busy doing the chicken dance and missed it. Debbie and Bruno honeymooned in Jamaica and then returned to their new condo in Chicago, where Debbie works for H2O.

Chuck Hoover sends word of the birth of daughter Elizabeth on May 18, 1997. She was the youngest person at the reunion by one week!

That's all the news for now. By the way, **Pete Meyer**, Debbie would like her yearbook back.

Secretary: **Karen Johnson**, 2614 N. Clybourn Ave. #309, Chicago, IL 60614, <kjohns@mid-western.edu>.

1986

Our sympathies to Class Secretary **Carolyn** on the October death of her mother, Merlena Matthews, who suffered from ALF (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

On May 31, 1997, **Susan Williams** married Brian Ellis in Lincoln, VA (see Weddings). They met at a master's swim meet in 1985 and have been swimming ever since! Susan's father, a judge on the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals, officiated at the outdoor ceremony. Anne Belt '85 managed to travel to the wedding before her three-month physical therapy internship in New Mexico. **Catherine Brown Schneider** did not make it to the wedding, however. Under doctor's orders to not travel, she gave birth to Alexandra Kirby Schneider on July 6, 1997. Catherine reports that, at three months, Alexandra was healthy, beautiful, and big!

John '87 and Cindy Panos Papp moved from Columbus to Michigan in July. On Sept. 24, 1997, daughter Laura Frances was born. Travelers to western Michigan can contact Cindy at <cmpapp@aol.com>.

Secretaries: **Carolyn Matthews Craft**, 32 Cambridge Dr., Ewing, NJ 08628-2226; and **Mark Keeney**, 32 Little Fox Ln., Weston, CT 06883, <wmkeeney@msn.com>.

1985

Barbara Curran Garbaccio reports a new address: 205 Monarch Trail, Broomfield, CO 80020.

Secretary: **Jennifer S. B. Landefeld**, 589 Ayers Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145, <JLandefeld@aol.com>.

1984

Kathy Jirus teaches physical education at Woodland Hills Elementary School in the Cleveland Public Schools. This is her fourth year in the district. Since college, Kathy has begun playing tennis. She plays on a 4.0 level U.S.T.A. team and participates in small tournaments. She would love to hear from classmates, at <beulahkbj@juno.com>.

The engagement announcement of **Debra Susan Marsico** of Libertyville, IL, appeared in the *Flint Journal* on Sept. 20, 1997. Her fiancé is John Kevin Paradise, also of Libertyville. The article says that Debra is a graduate of the U of Akron, in addition to Wooster. She is employed by Mental Health and Deafness Resources Inc. in Northbrook, IL. John is a graduate of Michigan State U and Loyola U-Chicago. He works at Kirkwood Industries in Mundelein.

Warner Mendenhall would love to hear from everyone. He writes, "Much has happened in my life since leaving Wooster in 1983. I have a daughter (9) and another child due at Christmas. I am happily married, a second time. This time I got it right. I have served two times on the Akron, OH, city council, earned an M.A. in political science, and will stumble across the finish line for a J.D. in May 1998. My phone is (330) 762-3423, and my e-mail address is <WarnerM@msn.com>. I live at 430 Woodland Ave, Akron, OH 44302."

Jill Chambers Mayer, her husband, David, and daughters Kristen (5) and Anna (2) spent a week in Colorado last summer with **Kristen Nicewander Carlson**, husband Dave, and children Elisabeth (4), Robert (2), and Mark (1). After much consideration and soul searching, Jill made a huge career change this past fall. After teaching high school English for 13 years in Perry, OH, she now is staying at home full-time with her children. Jill and David traveled to Washington, DC, last summer to witness and experience the Promise Keepers gathering.

Kristen was thrilled that her husband could also attend that event. While in the area, Dave was graciously hosted by **Christin French** and her husband, Bob McKee. Bob and Christin live in Herndon, VA, with their children, Molly, Tyler, and Sam. Dave and Bob attended the Promise Keepers gathering along with Kristen's father and Bob's father and brother.

Note Kristen Carlson's new e-mail address!

Secretaries: **Kristen Nicewander Carlson**, 6401 E. Jamison Circle S., Englewood, CO 80112-2414, <kristen.carlson@networkscom.com>; and **Denise Short**, 98 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, MA 02172.

1983

Our reunion planning committee is hard at work and has made outstanding

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1981

On Aug. 20, 1997, **Diane Fort Alloway** and her husband, Allen, celebrated the birth of a daughter, Rachel Diane. Rachel is doing fine and is being very well accepted by her sister, Katherine (3). Diane would love to hear from old friends; she can be reached at 5231 Jamestown Place, Lorain, OH 44053-3218.

Secretaries: **Anne Morgan**, 2821 Providence Spring Lane, Charlotte, NC 28270, <pamorgan@juno.com>; and **Steven Thompson**, 8113 F. E. Carter Rd., Laurel, MD 20724-1982, <sthompsonz@aol.com>.

1980

Stacy Roberts Porro, who married Jeff Porro in 1996, recently decided to add Porro to her name. She and Jeff live in Arlington, VA. In August Stacy saw **Mary Ann Woodie Driscoll**, **Marci Pinis Heller**, and **Charlotte Sommers** at their now traditional weekend reunion of Scott Cottage residents. This year they met in New Hampshire. Stacy occasionally sees **Sally Weeks Moran**, who lives in Reston, VA, with her husband and three children.

I (**Susan Estill**) received an e-mail from **Robin McDonald Chase**. In 1993 she gave birth to twin boys, Kyle and Alex. Kyle died six days after he was born, but Alex survived. At the time of the boys' birth, Robin was a single mother by a sperm donor. When Alex was between one and two, Robin went to her childhood vacation spot. There she met and fell back in love with her childhood sweetheart, Ray Chase. They were married, and Robin and Alex moved to Canada where the family built a home on a 50-acre hobby farm. Ray has now legally adopted Alex. They are the proud owners of Encounter Creek, an amusement park on the Atlantic Coast of Canada — with its own Web page. Robin hopes that all alumni living in or passing through eastern Canada will stop in and spend a day at the park!

Robin reports that **Susan Kalajian Ranallo** has two boys and is a programmer for the state of New Jersey. Susan and her husband, Raymond, also have lots of animals. **Jane Hull** is an attorney in Akron with her own practice. "She enjoys any opportunity to discuss, debate, or argue with anyone foolish enough to cross her or let her cross-examine them," adds Robin.

Secretaries: **Jenny Watson**, 1551 Oakmont Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121, <jenny.watson@camp.org>; **Susan Estill**, 1817 Keller Lake Dr., Burnsville, MN 55306-6378, <estill@epivax.epi.umn.edu>; and **Don Leake**, 10303 Dickens Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

progress. By now, you should have received your magnet reminder, and the dates are reserved on your 1998 calendars, right? Plan to be there for the fun and to relive good old memories. Our class will gather consistently throughout the weekend in and around Douglass Hall. There will be some activities for our kids, so bring them along.

Remember, if you have been looking through old photo albums and have some treasures to share with the rest of us, please label them and send them to me (**Sally**). The photos will be part of a video photo montage for Saturday night's gathering.

We (**Sally** and family) visited with **Cathy Fontaine** and Bob '84 **Van Volkenburg** recently in Columbus, OH. Cathy keeps her wits about her regardless of a busy schedule with Matthew (7) and Michael (4), Junior League activities, and organizing a book club. Bob has orchestrated a refreshing job change at OCLC, from the finance department to marketing. He still manages to squeeze in time for volleyball.

Mary Louise and **Jon Conte** and children **Cameron** (4) and **Ethan** (2) are doing well in Cincinnati. Jon and a former colleague have opened a law practice downtown — with a great view. Jon much prefers the dynamics of a small office. His new role includes some traveling to Boston, Chicago, etc.



Stephen Willoughby

Stephen Willoughby has been appointed to the position of sales development manager of refrigeration at the Hobart Corp. in Troy, OH. He had served as a Hobart representative in Nashville, TN, since 1994. Stephen and his wife, Laura, have one son, Colin.

The class sends sympathy to the family of **Susan Dodenhoff**, who died in December. An obituary will appear in a future issue.

Secretary: **Sally Widman Ferree**, 40974 Jill Ct., Plymouth, MI 48170, <ferree@oeonline.com>.

1982

News, anyone?

Secretaries: **Barbara Brown**, 42 South St. Albans #6, Saint Paul, MN 55105, <BBrown9785@aol.com>; and **Morris Robinson**, 8397 S. Cobblestone Ct., Littleton, CO 80126-2425.

1979

Laurie Glandt Steiner is a new member of the Budish and Solomon Ltd. law firm of Pepper Pike, OH. She chairs the estate planning, probate, and Medicaid areas. A resident of Akron, Laurie is a graduate of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State U.

Dan Hunter won first prize for poetry at the Midwest Writers' Conference held this past October at Kent State U. He continues in his day job as an agent at Hunter Insurance Agency, while his wife, Ellen Bergantz '81, handles special projects at the agency, in addition to many school and church volunteer hours. Son Evan (10) and daughter Leah (7) round out the household at 830 Woodhaven Lane, Medina, OH 44256. Secretary: **Lisa Carter Sherrock**, 3500 Colonial Dr., Springfield, OH 45504.

1978

David Wittmer, owner and operator of Hecks Catering Services, still pursues his musical interests. In November he was one of four soloists at the Cleveland Messiah Chorus's 76th annual performance of Handel's *Messiah* at Fairmount Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Hgts.

Barb and **Mark Klemens** became parents in August, with the adoption of Jin Jie Wan "Ginny." Barb and her mother traveled to Nanching, China, and brought Ginny home. The one-year old is "bright, cheerful, and healthy," Mark says, and "charms everyone she meets."

The Klemens family plans to be in Wooster in June — do you?
Secretaries: **Sandy Kronitis Sipols**, 1092 Woodlyn Farm Way, Lancaster, PA 17601; and **Dean Walker**, 3207 Trail Ridge Rd., Louisville, KY 40241.

1977

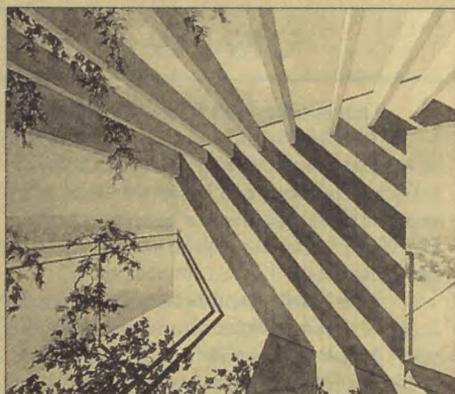
What's up?
Secretary: **Bonnie Savage**, 4306 River St., Willoughby, OH 44094-7815.

1976

Hello, anyone there?
Secretary: **Dana Vandenberg Murphy**, 3175 Warrington Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44120-2428.

1975

Late last summer, **Denise Ducharme Reilly** was appointed to the Hennepin County (MN) District Court, replacing retiring judge Patrick W. Fitzgerald. A resident of Long Lake, MN, Denise has been with the



"Gropius Deck," the walled second-floor deck of a house designed by Gropius which gives great play to light and shadow.

Buildings as Art

Four different New England galleries displayed the watercolor paintings of **Dianne Sargent P. Cermak '66** in October 1997. Dianne's art on architectural subjects has won increasing acceptance in juried shows across New England. She has done larger pieces featuring buildings set in their landscapes as well as smaller details of specific architectural elements. She works in watercolors on paper. In Cambridge, MA, the University Place Gallery featured "Don't Mind the Gap," a large work, the first in a series "designed to play with the tension between perspective and elevation views while at the same time winking at the relationships between old structures and new uses."

The same month the Lowell Street Gallery exhibited the cameo piece, "Hidden on Brattle Street," the Rhode Island Watercolor Society in Pawtucket displayed "Seaside Doors," and "Western Bay" was shown at the Springfield (MA) Museum of Fine Arts.

With experience in business and psychology (she holds a Ph.D. in social psychology from the U of California at San Diego), among other diverse fields, Dianne turned to art full-time in 1993. She employs a combination of fine detailing, crisp edges, and a "soft" palette, often restricted to only three pigments, "to create images reminiscent of the 19th century Beaux Arts style." In her day-to-day work, Dianne does custom renderings of houses, workplaces, or community structures for clients.

Dianne has two grown children, several grandchildren, step-children, and step-grandchildren. She lives with her husband and their Clumber Spaniel near Boston — "but not near enough to the ocean," she says.

Interested in learning more about Dianne's work? Contact The Book-Lined Room at (781) 433-0076 or reach her by e-mail, <dspc@worldnet.att.net>.

—Jimmy Wilkinson Meyer

U.S. attorney's office since 1989. She holds a degree from the William Mitchell College of Law.

Secretary: **Andrea J. Steenburg Simmers**, 2121 Breeds Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117-1646.

1974

Paul R. Reiman, MD, participated in the U.S. Olympic Committee volunteer physician program in Oct. 1997. During that time, he served as the physician at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO. His duties included complete medical care for the 300 resident athletes and medical supervision for local Olympic competitions. The athletes in residence represented volleyball, water polo, weight lifting, swimming, wrestling, men's gymnastics, speed skating, figure skating, badminton, shooting, judo, and taekwondo. Paul was the supervising physician for the U.S.A. vs. Yugoslavia water polo matches and the U.S. Open Judo competition, an international match with 300 competitors from 40 countries. Paul comments, "The time was very busy but extremely rewarding!"

He continues, "I also have had the opportunity to present research and clinical approaches to 'The Mature Athlete' at the annual meeting of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine in July 1997 in Sun Valley, ID. I am still not sure whether I was invited for my knowledge or my personal experience as a premature mature athlete."

Secretary: **Bill Irvine**, 2301 First St. NW, Washington, DC 20001, <caterace@aol.com>.

1973

As most of you know, this year we'll celebrate our 25th (gak!) reunion in June! Four of us (**Jim Imler**, **Bill Henley**, **Dan Hyatt**, and **Suzanne Schluederberg**) gathered in mid-September at Wooster to plan the activities: a Friday night informal reception at the Gault Alumni Center (home of the music department in 1973), a Saturday luncheon on the lawn outside of Douglass Hall, and Saturday dinner at the Wooster Country Club. By December, about 85 people had returned postcards saying they're tentatively planning to attend. Have you mailed in your reply card? We want you! Now's the time to think about contacting your classmates and urging them to come. Let's have a spectacular turnout!

The Alumni Office apologizes for omitting **Kathleen Lull Seaton** from the recent Class of 1973 directory. Her address is 612 Kirsch Ave., Wayne, PA 19087.

Janet Turner wants classmates to know that **Keith Turner** died last August (see Obituaries). Our sympathies to her and to their daughter, Cheyenne.

Secretary: **Suzanne Schluederberg**, 3385 Carl Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, <suz@umich.edu>.

1972

Here is your secretary's long-awaited report on our 25th Reunion in June: WOW! What a blast! About 75 of us showed up to renew acquaintances, reminisce with Ray Swartzback, Ted Williams (chemistry), and Vi Startzman '35, as well as each other, to check out campus changes and generally have an all-around good time. We feasted on Coccia House pizza, a Hawaiian luau, Lowry Center's haute cuisine, afternoon ice cream, and a very nice dinner at the Wooster Country Club (never got there as a student). Haven't stayed up that late since '72. Want even more details? Then come to the next reunion!

At our dinner, the class was chastised for not writing to your poor secretary, and a survey was distributed as an opportunity to provide information and receive forgiveness. Twenty-five sinners responded. While there is no statistical significance to the results (based on either total return or return percentage), here are some enlightening highlights: 96% of us got married; 40% of us got divorced (70% of those remarried). Three have been in jail, of whom two made bail (we assume the other escaped to make it to the reunion). Ninety-two per cent reported having gotten a good job. About 25% reported hating their first job, 13% lost that job, and about 50% got another (if you got through your first calculus course with Professor Fobes, you know that the math doesn't add up). Nobody reported being jobless.

Seventy-six per cent of us had kids — average number two; average age 16.6. Eighteen out of the 19 folks with children reported coaching some sport or other, most commonly soccer, followed by baseball, then lacrosse. Nintendo was also mentioned.

Some anecdotal highlights: there was one report of a heart attack and bypass surgery; one reported occupation as "race car driver;" and personal achievements included "ran for president, but lost," "published 50 scientific articles," and "won triple crown as jockey in 1978." Three respondents reported that we had a misspelled word on the survey and should have used a spell checker. What a group!

It was great to see all of you; we missed those who were unable to make it. Hope to catch you on the next round. Keep those cards and letters and that e-mail coming!

Secretary: **Jay Yutzey**, 1254 Norwell Dr., Columbus, OH 43220, <yutzey.2@osu.edu>.

1971

Although **Jim Rattay** retired from coaching football in 1993 as a result of an illness, he returned the next year, and started the Desert Vista (AZ) team two years ago. In August the *Arizona Republic* reported Jim as saying that he has regained his passion for

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John '63 and Libby Crabtree Aten '65 at work as Global Volunteers.

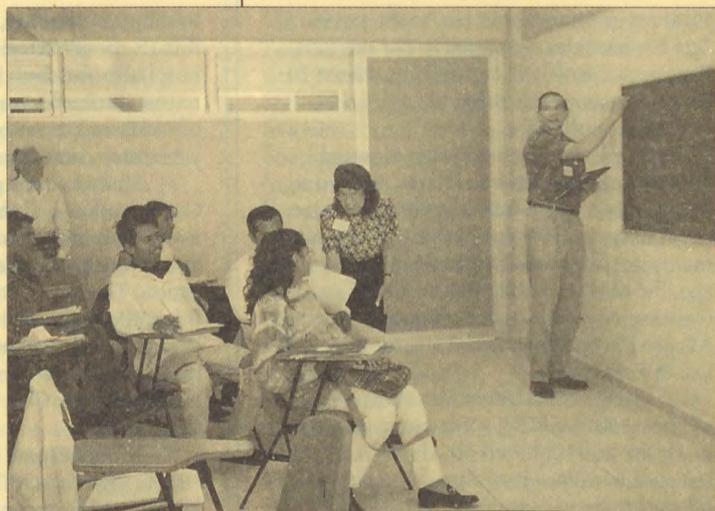


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the sport, the passion that he felt at the beginning of his career.

Secretary: **James K. Lowery**, 1675 Riverwood Dr., Jackson, MS 39211-4828, <bizcentr@teclink.net>.

1970

In response to the November death of **Meredith Menk Culp**, who was the last May Queen at the College, **Jane Neill Caldwell** wrote the following: "May, that glorious time at Wooster when the seemingly interminable Ohio grayness ends and spring erupts all over the campus. Everywhere you look are flowering trees — Japanese magnolia, dogwood, cherry, crabapple. May 1969 was an especially glorious month. Color Day, a long standing May ritual, took place with a Color Day Court chosen to reign over the festivities. Even then, nearly 30 years ago, it seemed anachronistic. Six junior women dressed in pink with satin ribbons around their waists posed in front of flowering trees; cameras captured an image that would not be seen in subsequent springs.

"A year later, long-established rituals at colleges across the country disappeared. Graduations didn't take place. Exams were canceled. Color Day 1969 was the last time a "queen" reigned at Wooster. In May 1970, the bombing of Cambodia and the killing of four students at Kent State U transformed campuses across America into places of rage and mourning. Campuses all over the country closed to avoid rioting and bloodshed.

"The last idyllic May that our class was to experience at Wooster was in 1969, the year that Meredith Menk was Color Day Queen. This past fall, when I learned of Meredith's death, I thought of that time so long ago. I didn't know Meredith very well then, but our friendship began that spring. Over the next 25 years, we got to know one another, gathering at reunions, getting together in Kent, visiting when Joel and Jamie and Rachel would stop by our home on their way to visit Meredith's family in Vermont. From the very beginning of our friendship, I had thought of Meredith as an

extraordinary, unusually striking, and fascinating woman.

"When I considered a memorial gift for Meredith, I remembered May 1969, so full of promise, so gloriously beautiful. Four of us who stood with Meredith then — **Julie McHenry Emerson**, **Barbara Libbey Swec**, **Lorna Cadmus Hilyard**, and I — have given a gift to the College in Meredith's memory, a flowering pink dogwood tree. It seemed a fitting tribute and one which might give pleasure and hope to Meredith's family."

The Class of 1970 sends its deepest condolences to Meredith's family and friends who supported her long battle with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (see Obituaries). Secretary: **Barbara Sergeant**, P. O. Box 6563, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-0563, <BESergeant@CompuServe.com>.

1969

Suzanne Stewart Moseman writes, "Two years after my husband's job brought us to the mountains of southwestern Virginia, I've opened an office in beautiful downtown Pulaski. I pay the rent and expenses as a writer and generate other income through research, editing, and marketing under the name, Evrika Communications. I get breaks from small town life visiting my son in New York City and family and friends in Maryland. My e-mail address is <moseman@swva.net>."

Secretary: **Judy Simkins Haines**, 300 Berkshire Dr., Rochester, NY 14626, <hainesjs@Kodak.com>.

1968

The *Denver Business Journal* reports that **Cathey McClain Finlon** is chair and C.E.O. of McClain Finlon Advertising in Denver, CO. Cathey started her career as a fund raiser for the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Denver Art Museum. She previously worked for a Denver ad firm and then was a partner with Kuper Advertising in Boulder. Cathey bought the company in

1988 and moved to Denver. Among other civic activities, she has chaired the board of directors of Rocky Mountain Junior Achievement. She holds a master's degree from Pennsylvania State U.

Secretary: **Pat Silvey Yanchunas**, 618 Bowen St., Longmont, CO 80501-4412, <Fedora1@aol.com>.

1967

What's the news from '67ers?

Secretary: **Sara Bradley**, 12A Southcreek Court, East Amherst, NY 14051-1207.

1966

We've learned that **Sue McCulla**

Cooper ran for the Everett (WA) School Board last fall. What was the result, Sue?

See Sidebar on page 24 for news of

Dianne Sargent P. Cermak.

Secretary: **Elizabeth Westhafer O'Brien**, 101 Hillcrest Ave., Summit, NJ 07901-2012, <eobrien@drew.edu>.

1965

John '63 and **Elizabeth Crabtree Aten** of Mentor, OH, spent two weeks last year in Dolores Hidalgo, Mexico — but it was not a typical vacation. The Atens volunteered with Global Volunteers, teaching conversational English at the Technical University of North Guanajuato in the Sierra Madres. As part of a team of 10, they worked in language labs and small groups. In their free time, they toured the area and took in the Cervantes Festival in Guanajuato. Global Volunteers, a private nonsectarian organization, sends folks who are looking for opportunities for service and adventure to sites in 16 countries.

Secretary: **Kadi Stevens**, 490 East Abington Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-2907, <kdstevens@aol.com>.

1964

See some classmates pictured at the wedding of **Colin MacKinnon** (Weddings).

Secretary: **Jim Switzer**, 891 Elmore Ave., Akron, OH 44302-1238, <jswitze@uakron.edu>.

1963

Virginia Bussert Pett, Will '64 and **Peggy Poulson Limkemann**, and **Jeanne Robinson Noble** attended a reunion planning workshop at the College in September. Class President **Carol Whitacre Hall** was unable to join us; her presence was required on a family vacation in Italy. I (**Ann**) also was unable to attend, though not for such a glamorous reason.

Not only did the committee enjoy a lively workshop, but they made some creative plans for our 35th reunion, on June 4-7. Will and Peggy are working on a Web page for the Class of '63 — check it out at the Alumni Weekend page on WooInfo. The site will keep us up-to-date on who is planning to attend and other information, so stay tuned. Some other results of the meeting: plans for receptions and a luncheon in new college buildings, a luncheon speaker whom you'll all remember, an irresistible souvenir, and, back by popular demand, the dessert buffet. But don't forget, reunions really are about people. We hope to see you there! Please encourage any classmates with whom you are in touch to come! See you all in June!

Jeanne Noble finished her art major at The College of Wooster in the spring of 1995. Her Senior I.S. was a show of abstract paintings in acrylic. Jeanne writes: "Having done I.S. twice, I can say that it isn't easier the second time — you just know how to work harder. Since then, I've switched to writing. It's cheaper and the logistics are simpler. This past summer I was holed up in a cabin in the woods by an Ohio lake, working on a fictional book of humor. I like to write outside. I can flip through my thesaurus while listening to the crows jabber. There's not much money in it, but it's a good life, and maybe that's the point."

Secretary: **Ann M. Turnbull Wase**, 412 Ivy Church Rd., Timonium, MD 21093.

1962

Again, you have left me (**Linda**) stranded with no news. I assume it means that nothing has changed in your lives and that everything is just fine. Why don't you send your holiday letters on, and I will try to cull a column from them!

Secretary: **Linda Park**, P.O. Box 6631, Cleveland, OH 44101-1631.

1961

Who is our Class President? His name is **Bill Hoppes**. He is a physician, a specialist in infectious diseases, and a fellow in specialty societies. He was born in Woodward, OK, has Native American blood in his veins, moved to Ohio at age two, and has been an avid Cleveland Indians fan since age eight. Bill is married to Dorrie, and they have three children. Their oldest son lives in Bonn, Germany, as a Fulbright scholar; another son lives in Arizona; and their daughter attends Miami U of Ohio and is considering medical school. Contact Bill with suggestions for our 40th reunion in 2001.

Another retirement (almost)! **Carole Rosenzweig Massart** sort of retired last June after 28 years of teaching biology at the William Fleming High School in Roanoke, VA. However, she attended the National Association of Biology Teachers meeting last

summer in Minneapolis (to, as she put it, "get her batteries recharged"). For the next five years, Carole will be working at least 20 days per year coordinating the city and regional science fairs.

Carole writes that **Evelyn Howard Murrery** and her husband, Jack, stopped to visit in late August. Carole and Evelyn were roommates in Hoover Cottage their freshman year. Since Jack's retirement a few years ago, the Murrerys have traveled in 48 states (missing only Hawaii and Arkansas) in their Allegro RV. When not on the road, they still live in Foster, RI.

Bill and Gail Bauer Van Wie celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with their newly-married children on a boat in Alaska last summer. The six of them joined three other couples on a small converted mine sweeper operated by the Tongass Conservancy for a week-long cruise between Juneau and Sitka, viewing fiords, glaciers, humpback and orca whales, salmon, and hot springs.

Remember to send copies of your Christmas letters and any other news to the e-mail or snail-mail addresses are below. Don't send files to download, though, since my (**Larry's**) ancient computer can't handle those tasks!

Secretary: **Larry Vodra**, 51 High Ridge Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804-3517, <JLVodra@aol.com>.

1960

"I never realized how much I missed coaching until I got back into it," says **Jim Dennison** who returned to coaching after 30 years as a teacher and administrator — and nine years away from the field. As head football coach of Walsh U in North Canton, OH, for the last three years, he helped bring the team to seven wins this past year — only the third year of football at the school!

Secretary: **Nancy Brown Tyburski**, 3622 Croydon Dr. NW, Canton, OH 44718-3226, <nancyty4@aol.com>.

1959

Jack Abel was a candidate for city council in Bethlehem, PA, last fall. A professor of molecular biology at Lehigh U, Jack serves on the Bethlehem Planning Commission.

Secretary: **Marion Stuart Humphreys**, 1709 Hathaway Ln., Pittsburgh, PA 15241-2705.

1958

Tom and Judy Pennock McCullough send an update: "In 1993 we moved to the urban neighborhood of Dorchester (Uphams Corner, to be specific), after 19 years in the Boston suburbs. We love having neighbors from diverse backgrounds and convenience

to shopping, culture, and action. We bought this 15-room Victorian to have a place of hospitality for church groups on urban retreats or work camps and to accommodate our kids and their spouses/significant others when they come home for holidays.

"Judy became pastor of the Covenant Congregational Church in 1994. Their call was to help transform this congregation of Swedish origin into a multi-cultural congregation. The inner-city church has dual standing in the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Covenant Church. Judy serves on the Covenant denomination's Urban Task Force and New Church Planning Assessment Commission.

"Tom became senior consultant at Development Guild/DDI, Inc. last year. This 19-year-old firm serves nonprofit organizations with strategic planning, fund-raising counsel, and executive search. Tom was recruited from the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative where he was director of fundraising, after 17 years as a senior executive with the United Way in Boston."

The McCulloughs continue, "We celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in August with a week-long family reunion at a friends' home in South Brooksville, ME, with our five children, plus their four spouses/significant others, and two grandchildren. Our family includes four other Scots: Sara McCullough and spouse David Geiger, '83s, Doug '85, and Molly '93. Our other kids, Ann (Northwestern U '87) and Greg (U of Massachusetts '98), know the Scot fight song as well as anyone. Our anniversary year began with a 14-day study tour in Israel in February and will conclude with everyone home for Christmas ('the Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise')."

Many classmates traveled last year. **Lucy Romig Eyster**, **Ruth Holzapfel Walters**, and **Liz Muncy Hauenstein** had a three-day reunion in Washington, DC. **Nana Newberry Landgraf** spent 10 days in Greece; **Don Dixon** went to France; and **Janet Gabrielsen Ehlers** visited Yosemite.

Jan Mesing Proconier has moved to Lake Bluff, IL (north of Chicago), where she works as a Christian Science nurse. Last Christmas, she visited her daughter who works in Papua, New Guinea, with the Wycliffe Bible Society. The Society translates the Bible into local tongues.

Be sure to put the first weekend in June on your calendar for our 40th reunion, and contact your friends. Let's make an extra effort for a large turnout.

Secretaries: **Robert Carter**, 1407 W. Sherwin #2-N, Chicago, IL 60626; and **Bonnie Acton Moccio**, 154 Highland Ave., Westfield, MA 01085.

1957

It was great to get an e-mail message from my (**Anne's**) former roommate, **Margy Luce Young**. Margy and her husband have

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refurbished their sailboat and, now that they are retired, can enjoy sailing on the Chesapeake Bay any time. Last summer found them rafting on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. Margy has rejoined the League of Women Voters and also volunteers at the local library. Their other activities include traveling to visit their sons, one a lawyer in Manhattan and the other an economics officer in the Foreign Service in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Since I (Anne) had been in Michigan in August for a week-long bike trip, it was easy to assume that a letter postmarked Flint, MI, had something to do with bicycling. Well, it didn't. Enclosed was a note from Roger and Martha Tilock Van Bolt, secretaries for the Class of 1937, and a copy of an article about a Wooster reunion that had been sent to them by friends in Vermont. The article had appeared in the *Valley News* of West Lebanon, NH, and was written by our own **Will Lange** who pens a column for the paper every Wednesday. With Will's permission, here is an excerpt.

"Wooster, Ohio. He's gone gray now. Not his hair, his hair is still sort of light brown, and you can tell that he's been in the sun already this spring. His wife — her name tag doesn't share any of his names, but they do share a home town, and I notice that she's part of any conversation he has with anybody else — is dark and clearly younger than he. I haven't seen these people, any of them, for 43 years. We were freshmen here together in the fall of 1953. But after that school year, I took off on the first of many escapades and began to fall off the pace. They plodded on to graduation in 1957; I came back married and finished five years later. So they may be understood if they don't consider me quite a member of their class. Still, these are the folks I started with, and I feel myself a part of them. I'd recognize most of them, but it would be an exaggeration to say I'd know them anywhere. It helps to have them located here, with their name tags affixed to their chests. And it helps to have the tag located high, even with the chin, so you can make the face and the name easily, even with bifocals...

"It's our 40th reunion. That's a pretty big deal, and there are about 75 of us here...The gray guy with the younger wife turns out to be deep deep and OK, besides. And I like her, too. Come see us, I hear myself saying, and meaning it. Once every 44 years is not enough for lives to touch each other."

Secretary: **Anne Kelso Johnson**, 78 White Tail Rd., Murphysboro, IL 62966-6416, <ajohnson@som.siu.edu>.

1956

Dave '55 and **Mary Sue Taggart Shields** live in the Twin Cities region of Minnesota. Mary Sue loves the people, parks, theatres, and the progressive social and polit-

ical climate. She finds her job, teaching English as a second language to adults newly-arrived in the U.S., to be challenging and rewarding. Mary Sue serves as an elder in a new church development. She counts boating, the theatre, traveling, hiking, reading mysteries, and time with friends among her pleasures. She and Dave have three adult children and four "remarkable" grandchildren. Mary Sue recalls hilarious dorm parties, coffee and cinnamon toast at the Student Union, the Scot Marching Band, inspiring teachers, and deep friendships developed at Wooster.

Bill Stoops and his wife, Karin, picked a unique place to retire. They live on a houseboat at Lake Travis, TX. When not boating, they enjoy traveling, snow skiing, and camping. Bill began work in the field of corrections in 1958. He then served for 20 years with the U.S. Parole Commission, retiring in 1994. Bill's work involved conducting parole hearings for federal inmates. What experiences at Wooster do you suppose prepared him for that field?

Pat Kressly Taylor has had a wide variety of experiences since graduating from the College. She started out as a social worker in East Harlem, New York City, then spent five years as an educational missionary in Zambia, Venezuela, and Washington, DC. During that time, she did volunteer work for U.S.A.I.D., various international schools, and the U of West Indies libraries. In 1980, Pat moved to Sebring, FL, to assume duties as secretary and bookkeeper for the family citrus business. She is an active member and officer in the local Methodist church where she sings in the choir. An officer of Scholarship Recognition, Inc., Pat was named a Paul Harris Fellow for Rotary International. She volunteers with public school programs for Spanish-speaking students and in elementary school libraries. Her hobbies include reading, traveling, hot-air ballooning, and grandchildren.

Jane Van der Veer is the art director for the Head-Royce School in Oakland, CA, and manages the fine arts department of 14 teachers in studio art, film making, music, drama, and dance. She was honored as Teacher of the Year in 1992. Jane started out as a college teacher and civil rights worker in West Point, MS. She also led some ecumenical work camps in the U.S. and abroad. She has a sculpting studio in her home where she creates figures and fountains. Her projects include a clay mosaic wall and a sculpture garden. Jane continues with her musical interests, singing in the Montclair Presbyterian Church choir. She has many Wooster memories — President Lowry's chapel talks, inviting him to the Sadie Hawkins Dance (he accepted), starting the Trumps Club, building a model of the Globe Theater as part of her I.S., Girls Chorus tours, the Gum Shoe Hop, Western Civ class, and teachers Floyd and Smith.

Secretary: **Pat Young Silver**, 3740 Silver Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-9249.

1955

We'd like to hear from you!
Secretary: **Margaret Pardee Petersen**, Route 1 Box 232, Mazeppa, MN 55956.

1954

Pat Lockwood writes, "Yes, I've moved again. This is a wonderful career where one can see the country and choose the best place to be. Now, I've come full circle, back to the U of Denver, where I started this profession of house directing seven years ago. I have a super group of bright, directed young women — there's still a lot of hope for Generation X! If you come skiing or just passing through, I'd love to see any or all of you." Write to Pat at P.O. Box 130222, Denver, CO 80250.

Secretary: **Margaret Casteel Bloom**, 2409 W. Lincolnshire Dr., Muncie, IN 47304, <00glbloom@bsuvc.bsuv.edu>.

1953

I (**Nona**) write this during a writers' workshop on Martha's Vineyard, while, across the Sound in Falmouth, more packing awaits, prior to a move to Georgia to be near daughter Anne and her family. See my new address below; my phone number is (912) 764-9729.

Frank Cook called one August day from Florida. Two years ago he was remarried, to a nurse named Janice (aka "Sue"). Frank enjoys his new work as a hospital trauma social worker. He continues to resist putting even one toe over the Mason-Dixon line, so we only can talk about him, not with him, in June. The Cooks' new address, which they share with two Corgis and two rag doll cats, is 7245 Hendry Creek Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33908.

John Evans, who spent only one year with us at Wooster, called this summer from Woods Hole where he had come to buy a sailboat. Retired as Montana's Holly Sugar Company general counsel, John has changed directions. He attends Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston and hoped to finish in December. Years ago, John had been attracted by the ministry and notes that his current endeavor keeps him off the street. Following graduation, he plans to live on his boat and sail it to Belize, where he's been called to the Anglican priesthood. His new address is P.O. Box 535, Belize City, Belize.

Dick and **Gwen Watkins Kiefer** sent a post card in June during a three-week trip to England and Wales. Gwen wrote, "It's beautiful here. Will be even better when it stops raining." One of the card's three views was of Garreg-Ddu. Now is that the reservoir, the tower, the bridge, or the mountain in the picture?

Marleen Bengel Allen's most recent card came in August from Greece during a 10-day land-sea tour. Back in Tennessee, she's building a new house and seriously considering real retirement.

Ah, the delights of e-mail, bringing news of **Pat Gilman** from the other side of the world. Pat will miss the 1998 reunion because of graduation at the American School in Tokyo, Japan. Pat teaches English, composition, mythology, psychology, and literature there (not all at once) to some rambunctious 10th graders. She loves Tokyo and her job, takes time out for shiatsu, acupuncture, onsens (hot tub), tai chi — and was taking voice lessons. When Nelson Mandela was freed in 1990, Pat decided to liberate herself and took her first overseas job at Robert College in Istanbul. Tokyo followed, and retirement seems a far-off option. Her e-mail address is <igilman@asij.ac.jp>.

Peg Stout Miller and **Pat Jenkins Visser't Hooft** are among those on **Ruth Gwynne Dullien's** list of must-sees at this reunion. In October Ruth had lunch with her almost-neighbors, Jim '52 and **Viv Tuttle Hughes**, at their farm in King Ferry, NY. Ruth writes, "We are enthusiastic for the reunion," her first ever. Her semi-retirement includes teaching French in a continuing education program near her home in Ithaca. She's planning what she calls Retirement Number Two — next year.

George Breakwell's Christmas letter arrived in June. It hadn't gotten lost, rather he'd waited until May to write it. Health problems in 1996 added up to a bad year for George, first with respiratory ailments and treatment for emphysema and then a serious auto accident. George now feels wonderful, breathing with the help of oxygen. By Easter, he was able once again to do his usual competent two-footed organ pedaling. He and Becket, the poodle, vacationed at their Ogunquit, ME, cottage this summer and touched base with **Dorcas MacKay Brenner** and her sister, who were vacationing nearby.

Our sympathies to **Jane Rice LaRue**, whose father, Warner G. Rice H'53, died last January (see *Wooster*, Fall 1997). Dr. Rice spent his 40-year academic career at the U of Michigan, as head of the English department and in charge of the university libraries. In retirement, he accepted visiting professorships at SUNY/Albany and Texas Christian U. He published a number of professional articles and maintained an interest in research, especially at the British Museum in London. Jane's mother died in Oct. 1996. Jane and a younger sister survive. When we talked, Jane was anticipating working with small children during an Elderhostel on a Utah Navajo reservation.

Word came to me (**Don**) via **Dick Duke** of the death of **Dave Pierce** after a struggle with cancer. Dick had called Dave for a chat only to find that Dave had died that very morning. This hit especially hard since Dick's wife, Naomi, had also died of cancer in the past months. Dave had retired from teaching at Bard College and had

selected Blowing Rock, NC, as his spot to enjoy his days and stage his fight against the disease. Our sympathies to Dave's widow, Joan, and his family. I now sense much deeper reasons for Dave's advice in his last letter — not to ask "why" about the happenings in life.

Our sympathies also go to Dick for his loss. Dick and Naomi were a remarkable couple and those of us who had a chance to get to know her were especially blessed. He reports that a support group in his Episcopal church is helpful, as has been at least one visit with **Mark** and **Pris Gallinger Allen** in their woodland cabin. Relationships that didn't always have time to flourish at Wooster have been able to do so through encounters at reunions and elsewhere.

On a different note, I (**Don**) made contact with the Al "**Sandy**" **Wishart** household in Pittsburgh, PA. Sandy wasn't home since he was off to London, Paris, and Brussels conducting business and visiting son Scott '79. However, I probably learned more from his other son, Craig, than I ever would have from Sandy himself. A quick review: after Wooster, Sandy went off to Union Theological Seminary in New York where he met his wife, Barbara, on a blind date (as Craig's story goes).

From Union, Sandy was off to the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh as an associate pastor. The church was home to many big names in the steel industry, then undergoing drastic downsizing. Protesters often picketed the church. Then Sandy was called to a pastorate in East Orange, NJ. As his son recalls it, in those days of turmoil, tanks were rumbling down the streets, riots were everyday occurrences, and Sandy felt that the church had to do more to respond to build bridges across society's chasms. Sandy left the active ministry at age 40 to direct The Pittsburgh Foundation. Both Sandy and his wife have served on countless committees and boards that have given form to dreams. Sandy still helps raise funds for The Pittsburgh Foundation. Unlike the Heinz Foundation, which he also headed for some years, his current group receives its contributions, big and small, from people from all walks of life and implements programs that reflect that broad base of support.

Sandy hasn't overlooked the church: on occasion he still takes to the pulpit and has played his role as a minister in various ways. Craig expressed great pride in the accomplishments of his dad in helping to mold a city that is one of the country's top choices in which to live — but he voiced even greater pride in having a father who had influenced him to believe that the amount of one's salary is less a measure of success than that person's contributions to the community.

In the midst of an October heat wave in Southern California, **Marcia Klerekoper Orr** has tried in vain to trigger my (**Don's**) recollections about the weather during our freshman year football games. As she tells it, everyone would come prepared for cool fall

days and get just the opposite. I was probably too busy trying to find out how to wear my band kilt. I do remember trying to keep that silly beanie on while walking around campus. I hope some of you will be at our reunion to dredge up similar memories while sharing your own.

Bob Anderson sends news on several classmates. **Bill** and **Marge Fox '56 Gardner** visited Bob last year in late spring (in Minnesota that could mean early summer). They had "an absolutely super time talking over old presidential campaigns and friends from Wooster." I (**Don**) wonder if they touched on Truman's visit to campus, left out, unfortunately, from the recent PBS documentary. Bob reports that **Bill** is the in-house lawyer for his large law firm.

Bob also had a visit from **Joel Connolly** who said he had left his "reclusive" (Joel's view of himself) status long enough to travel from Cape Cod to Seattle. Joel has apparently "achieved a lifelong ambition" by spending at least the last 20 years content on the Cape where his house is regarded as "possessed by spirits."

Bob expected a visit from **Morley '51** and **Maureen McLaughlin Russell**, passing through on the way to **Morley's** 50th-year high school reunion in Northfield, MN. Is there anyone among us from **Douglass Hall** who doesn't gratefully remember **Morley** as one of our counselors?

Bob Kurth has retired from teaching in Sante Fe; **Dave Augspurger** still consults occasionally; **John Keitt** oversees his business "gently and from afar;" and **Don Leber** has been retired "so long no one can remember when he last worked." To him, "Every day is Saturday now."

One extraordinary insight into the past arrived in the form of the 1995 book, *Ask for the Order — After all, the Customer Expects It!*, by **Ron Price**. It exudes Ron's enthusiasm for selling, which he did masterfully as Westinghouse Electric's vice-president for original equipment manufacturing. The book stirs many memories for those of us who shared Ron's early years along the Ohio River, not far from Pittsburgh. It also provides an insight into the varied lives that our classmates experienced while at Wooster.

Not everyone stayed inside the Ivory Tower. Ron details his early plunge into sales, selling Kirby sweepers to those in town who had not yet discovered how much they needed one. If you don't want a Kirby, don't let Ron — even now — get anywhere near your car with the buffing attachment! He also cites the value of mentors and recounts those who played big roles in his own success (including **Stanley Gault '48**).

I (**Don**) have been interested to learn how some of us discovered (or were discovered by) mentors at Wooster, and some of us didn't (or weren't). In Ron's active view, if he suspected that certain mentors had value, he sought them out rather than waiting to be spotted. Which makes another possible topic to discuss at our reunion — mentors whom we had or wish we would have had.

Ron asks, "What is selling? It's packaged excitement! It's stimulating both psychologically and academically, and it's the most fun I've ever had." These days, Ron is selling the reunion: y'all come, hear? Who would you like to see there? Contact us (Nona or Don) for addresses and phone numbers.

Secretaries: **Nona Williston Coates**, 115 Echo Way, Statesboro, GA 30458; and **Donald Orr**, 13460 Marlette Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638-2813, <DorrScot@aol.com>.

1952

Jane Morris Rex reports a new address: 8470 Lewis Rd., Olmsted Falls, OH 44138. She has moved into her "dream house," a log cabin on a wooded lot beside a river. Jane spent a summer vacation in Maine with one of her five children and four of her 15 grandchildren. We are glad to hear that she has "recovered pretty well" after a stroke.

Visiting **David** and **Joyce Palmer's** camp on Fourth Lake in New York's Adirondacks was a great experience for me (**Jean**) in September. Palmer Point, just off Route 28 near Old Forge, has several cottages and offers numerous types of boats — and a magnificent view. With the closing of the camp for the winter, Dave continues to recover from recent knee surgery at their winter home in Sun City Center, FL.

I (**Warren**) am now retired from medicine but busier than ever, doing projects around the home and visiting our children who are stretched coast-to-coast. The most exciting event has been the building of a cabin high in the mountains on an old gold mine claim. It is reached in the summer by four-wheel drive and in the winter by snowmobile or cross-country skis. Classmates who come by will be invited to use it. It is quite secluded yet has a fantastic view, all the way to the Idaho border.

Since 1995, **George Kuzmishin** has lived in Naples, FL, after retiring from 36 years of medical practice (surgery) in the Akron, OH, area. He and his wife, Kitty, enjoy the Sunshine State. Their two daughters and a son (and seven grandchildren) are scattered throughout the country. George and Kitty had a "wonderful" trip to Italy this past year with the Wooster Alumni. They pursue the "usual retirement hobbies: golf, saltwater fishing, etc."

Our sympathies go to **Bill** and **Diantha White Horton**, whose daughter, Carol, died on Sept. 29, 1997.

Secretaries: **Jean Snyder Felt**, 549 A. Kenwood Ave., Delmar, NY 12054; and **Warren M. Swager Jr.**, 112 Bieler Ln., Sheridan, MT 59749-0555.

1951

Last June **Bill** and **Lynn Wunder Lankton** took six women Golden Agers on a



(Left to r) **Jim '53** and **Kathleen Lautenschlager Haun '48** with **Tom** and **Ellie Wright Bousman, '50s**, enjoying the geological, historical, and artistic aspects of Cappadocia during a three-week tour of Western Turkey. **Kathy** and **Tom** first met in 1945 when their missionary families lived next door to each other in Wooster, on University Street behind the Wooster Stadium.

trip to Michigan which included Mackinac Island and an overnight stop in Traverse City, where they saw **Mac** and **Ruth Homrighausen Taylor**. Bill also commented that he participated in the outdoor memorial service for **Greg Smith '52** with whom Bill had enjoyed hiking ever since they were roommates in Kenarden Hall in 1949. Greg was a well-known environmental activist. (See *Wooster*, Fall 1997).

Ruth Campbell Ackerman writes that the book, *Consumers as Providers of Psycho-Social Rehabilitation*, includes a chapter about the recovery group of her son, Larry.

Your secretary (**Florence**) had a chance to visit with **Jean Howard Morton** at the Gathering of 5000 Presbyterian Women in Louisville, KY, this past summer. Jean shared her dreams for the small congregation she serves as it redefines its mission. During that meeting, I was installed as churchwide secretary and look forward to my three-year term and its responsibilities.

It is with the deepest regret that I (**Roy**) report to you the news I received the week after Labor Day. **Tert Watson Revnyak** told me of the Aug. 28 death from a heart attack of **Ginny Fravel Denison**, a widow living in Mt. Vernon, OH (see *Obituaries*).

As promised, here is more on the retirement of the Rev. **William J. Murphey Jr.**, better known by many as either "Murph" or "Bill," from the pastorate of the Camp Hill (PA) Presbyterian Church. The photo of Murph in a long feature in the May 10 Harrisburg (PA) *Patriot News* shows that, although he now sports some white hair, his broad smile has not changed. The headline reads: "In retirement, pastor seeks to return values to business." No rocking chair, just yet, for our Murph, who continued:

"My feeling is that people who are important in today's world are the ones who wear business suits. Hopefully, we can get them sensitized that you don't have to rob, steal, or cheat in order to be a success in business." Murph told the newspaper that "he would like to assemble a team from a corporation for a week or weekend and give

them back better people." "And if you have better people," he said, "you've got to have a better organization."

After WWII service in the Marine Corps and his four years at Wooster, Murph earned a B.D. at Pittsburgh's Western Theological Seminary. One of his early career stops was Greenwich, CT, as an assistant to our former campus pastor, the late C. John Bates, who had gone from Wooster to Greenwich.

In a letter, Murph said some fine things about Wooster, including the following: "My wife, Jan Johnson '48,...taught school to help make possible the Wooster education of our daughters, Christine '74 and Diane Murphey Land '76. Along with so many other WWII vets, I arrived at Wooster with expectations of gaining an education for life. What I didn't quite realize is that, thanks to Wooster, I would get a whole new meaning for life. I am...always quick to proclaim that the College was the turning point of my life...for without those four years, I have no idea what I might have done with this life.

"...When I first arrived (in Wooster), the Scot Band was without a director. The (Wooster) high school band director...tried to keep us going. In those days the College didn't have money for extras, so I dared to go to speak with Mr. Freedlander. He encouraged me to see if I could get four snare drums, two tenor drums, and a Scotch bass drum, all in sparkling gold pyralin, from Frank's Drum Shop in Cleveland. I assured him that I could do that, and that I would train the section. So began the Wooster Band drum line elite! We worked hard, played hard, and were featured in all kinds of ways. When we marched near other bands, we delighted in overpowering their drum lines, often causing their bands to break step.

"You have remembered me (in a recent column) as drum major. Not so — drum captain...yes. We had great drum majors, but I was always with the seven drummers drumming (including **Bill Aber**). Those were wonderful years...when Dr. Stuart Ling

became band director, he loved the drum line and probably gave us more praise than we deserved.

"So now, at 71, still on occasion playing drums and still recovering from 43 years of ministry,...I am discovering that Saturdays are wonderful without that final sermonizing; that there really is time to 'smell the roses.' *Semper Fi!*"

Secretaries: Roy W. Adams, 12500 Edgewater Dr. #308, Lakewood, OH 44107-1664; and Florence Reeder Morrison, 14068 Bay View Ave., Traverse City, MI 49686-8329.

1950

After she left Wooster, **Marjorie Allen** graduated from Miami U of Ohio with an A.B. in music in 1950. In August of that year, she married Robert Faris. Bob is a State Farm Insurance agent, and Marjorie is minister of music in the First Presbyterian Church in Clarksburg, WV. She directs three bell choirs, two children's choirs, and an adult choir. They have two children: David, an ophthalmologist who practices in the area, and Anne, a homemaker, along with four grandchildren. Bob and Marjorie proudly live on around 2,000 acres that was given to the Faris Family 200 years ago by the Governor of Virginia as a land grant before West Virginia was even a state. Their son has built a home on it, and their daughter plans to do the same.

Phyllis Train Burke retired from 30 years of teaching in 1991 and, like all retirees, wonders how she found time to work. She is involved in many music groups — two orchestras plus occasional service with the Chattanooga Symphony, a professional piano trio which provides wedding music, receptions, and programs, and a string quartet. When not playing or rehearsing, Phyllis volunteers at Children's Hospital at the information desk and in the neonatal unit as a "cuddler," rocking very small babies. She says that some of these infants weigh less than the cans in our kitchens! While reading the hospital news publication, Phyllis discovered that Donn "Chip" Baker '80 is one of the vice presidents of Erlanger Hospital (of which Children's is a branch). At that time, Chip was administrator of Children's Hospital. Chip and Phyllis frequently have opportunities to share things that they remember about Wooster. She says that being younger and a more recent graduate, he remembers more! Chip's father is Dr. William D. Baker '41.

When Phyllis is not carrying violin and music, she carries a tennis racket and water bottle. Husband Joe is semi-retired but still involved as a manufacturer's representative. He travels some but does most of his work by phone or fax. Their six children and 10 grandchildren are spread all over the U.S. One son is in Nairobi, Kenya, serving with the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Jo Brumbaugh Smith reports that her "new knees" (Feb. '96) stood her in good

stead in a year filled with company and travel, and enabled her to enjoy snorkeling in Maui last winter. Jo was active in swimming at Wooster and a waterfront counselor for many years after college. After years of living and traveling abroad, she and husband Fran have recently crisscrossed the U.S. visiting family and friends.

Clint and Willie St. Chair Rila recovered from health problems in time to take in the Rotary International Convention in Calgary in 1996, driving "by way of Alaska." Another out of the ordinary event for them was watching a grandson show a llama in the Houston Livestock Show.

Tom and Ellie Wright Bousman had an exceptionally busy summer, including a trip to Turkey, visits to Ellie's brother, Norm Wright '47, in Ohio prior to his death, and returning for his funeral in August. Ellie also helped daughter Peg, after Peg's knee replacement surgery, and she and Tom prepared a home for their daughter, Kathy, and family who are spending their sabbatical year from the U of Bergen, Norway, at UC-Santa Cruz. In his "spare time," Tom is an interim pastor in Palm Desert, CA!

Dick Lupke has embarked on his third vocation — in real estate sales — with his wife, Suzanne. He still puts on his "ministerial hat" half-time during snowbird season at a Phoenix-area church, visiting the home-bound and helping with the liturgy.

Bobbie Bucklin Anderson writes this tribute to **Charlotte Trumbull Fowles**, who died last May (see Obituaries), "Char and I were friends in high school and chose to enter Wooster together. We both majored in Spanish, belonged to the Trumps, and were roommates our sophomore and junior years. Our senior year we roomed side by side in Babcock. There was a special friendship and bond between us, always. She was a lovely person, kind and considerate, and always had a twinkle in her eye, seldom complained and was a diligent student...Even with starting families and moving about, we kept in touch through the years, and roomed together at our 45th. What a great time! I shall always miss her."

We send our condolences to Class Secretary **Jan** on the death of her husband, Bill '48, in December. Note Jan's new address below.

Secretaries: Janice Wilson George, 19476 N. Coyote Lakes Pkwy., Surprise, AZ 85374; and Sylvia C. Taylor, 412 Kenyon Ave., Elyria, OH 44035.

1949

You will all be saddened to learn that **Robert Reuman**, husband of **Dorothy Swan Reuman**, died on Aug. 29, 1997. Our sympathies and love are extended to Dorothy and their five children, Martha, David, Jon, Ann, and Beth. Bob and Dorothy had a special summer. They went back to the College Cevenol in Le Chambon, France, for the

reunion of the international participants from the work camp where they had met 50 years ago. Following the reunion, they enjoyed a fine Elderhostel centering on Impressionist painters which included a week-long barge trip on the Seine. Bob's heart problems began six years ago, and, in Dorothy's words, "These six years have been an extra gift: his whole life has been a true gift of love." She expresses a great spirit.

I (Evelynn) was privileged to attend the last meeting of our '49ers 50th Anniversary Fund on Sat., Sept. 20, at the College. Every time I see the College, the campus is more beautiful! It was really nice to see so many classmates — and get some up-to-date class notes. The Scot Band was wonderful. They looked good and sounded super — and Wooster beat Denison!

John and Marge Yapple Compton were also at that September meeting. John has written an introduction to a book by Philip Hallie, *Tales of Good and Evil, Help and Harm* (HarperCollins, 1997) about the lives of five people and their problems. John recommends it.

Bob and Jeanne Tuttle Herst are off again to their second trip to New Zealand where Bob will be an interim pastor for a year. This is the second time that the Hersts have traveled to New Zealand. Their new address is 46 Paraekaretu, Hunterville, North Island, New Zealand, phone: 011-646-322-8127, fax: 011-646-322-8134. They would be happy to have visitors and would especially like to hear from friends while they are there. The Hersts had a family reunion this past summer and hosted their own family plus the many foster children, for a total of 17 children, whom they've parented over the last 30 years. There were tents everywhere on their 40 acres. All had a great time.

Bob and Jeanne had a mini-reunion at Chautauqua, NY, this past summer with **Dave and Ellie Hagerman Castle** and **Ed and Marian Kleinsasser Towne**.

Ed, professor emeritus at Christian Seminary in Indianapolis, has published *Two Types of New Theism: Knowledge of God in the Thought of Paul Tillich and Charles Hartshorne* (P. Lang, 1997). Marian also has a new book, *A Midwest Gardener's Cookbook* (Indiana U Press, 1996). Our best wishes to both authors.

Betty Kilgore Grandy was on the pastor nominating committee of their church in Lakewood, OH, and says it was an exciting time of learning, and searching, finding their new pastor. **I (Evelynn)** spent the weekend with Betty and **Bruce Grandy** and had a grand time. Their new home is lovely, and it was good to be together, though the time went all too fast.

Last fall **Joe Lane** was surprised to see family members and other "important people" at a particular Kiwanis meeting. He was further surprised to be awarded the George F. Hixson Fellowship from the Kiwanis International Foundation, on behalf of contributions from his local chapter. The funds go towards an international effort to help

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My husband, Bob, and I (Evelynn) are planning a two to three-month sight-seeing trip next spring and summer. We need to find someone who would like to house-sit our home for that time. We will do some time-sharing exchanges and mostly will be in our motor home. So some of you just might hear from us along the way, asking if we might meet for lunch. If anyone would like to have a long visit in southern California, please call SOON, (909) 682-8382.

Secretaries: **Evelynn Cheadle Thomas**, 4230 Central Ave., Riverside, CA 92506-2919; and **Lloyd Vandersall**, 1448 S. Kohler Rd., Orrville, OH 44667.

1948

Dear **Betsy Cowles Sprengle** answered my (**Joyce's**) cry for help with a long newsy letter. She and her husband, Roger, visited **Suzanne Twineham Hammer** in Tasmania. The beauty and unspoiled nature of the area were well worth the 28 hours on the first lap of their journey. They landed in Australia where Suzanne's husband, Herb '49, met and wined and dined them. The next thrill for the Sprengles is a tour of the western national parks in the U.S. It's amazing that Betsy had time to write.

Another nice letter arrived from western correspondent **Jan Jensen Garton** in New Mexico. The class of 1948 certainly covers the world! Jan, as usual, is full of good ideas and even better news. After a scary experience, she's now back in the fine form. Let's nominate her for our new secretary.

Our eastern correspondent, **Roger Swene Truelsen** of Vermont, heard from **Dick Hollingsworth**. The two old buddies talked about the Tribe and remembered that 1948 was a good year for the Indians, too!

Dick is planning to come to the reunion this June, are you?
Secretary: **Joyce Jarman Little**, 130 Center St. 7A, Chardon, OH 44024-1153.

1947

"Cease your comments on old age or you'll miss the sunset." That cheerful advice was heard last June at the reunion. If Shaw didn't say it, he should have. So how are your sunsets these days? Up on the hill here they're fine, thank you.

One of the treats of our 50th was the tree tour led by the chief of the College grounds crew. Among the facts picked up as we walked: between 700-800 yellow tulips are planted each spring to bloom by graduation — or else. It takes \$150-\$200 worth of seed to raise the June turf behind Kauke. It's perennial blue grass; the blue fills in later. The elms on the quad were taken out in one day in the 1960's, the victims of Dutch Elm

disease. Some 20-30 replacement trees are set out each year. It takes five to seven semi-truck loads of mulch to care for the campus trees each year. Cornelian cherry, dogwood, umbrella magnolia, oak, maple, and birch are just a few of the types of trees on campus. In the oak grove behind campus, you'll find a black oak which dates from 1681 and is now 49 inches across, and a white oak 100 years older than the College.

There's no late news this time except for a sad note: **Marion "Johnnie" St. John Graham** sent word of the death of **Norm Wright** in Coshocton, OH on Aug. 26, just two months after he and Helen Agricola Wright '48 had been to the reunion (see Obituaries). Among many other accomplishments, Norm was an expert amateur anthropologist. His special interest was Paleo-American Indian pre-history. In a 40-acre field near Coshocton, he had uncovered approximately 13 cubic feet of materials including 176 fluted points.

My (**Cornelia's**) husband, Hank, and I enjoyed sharing this mutual interest with Norm at the last two reunions. A month before he died, Norm sent us paleo reports from a dig in "his" field. We had planned to send in return a report of a site near our home. To our regret, time ran out, but we will remember with pleasure the conversations that we shared.

In her note, Johnnie added, "Wasn't it fun to see everyone again in June!" To that we say, "Amen."

Tom Maxwell's book, *Hiking in Wildwood Regional Park: Natural History, Folklore and Trail Guide*, will soon be off the presses. Keep us posted!

The Class of '47 reunion booklet is a great way to catch up on many in the class. **Betty Baker Stevens** is a member of a small inner-city church in Rochester, NY, which is engaged in neighborhood ministries. She's excited to use her skills as a retired library media specialist in a Saturday school and homework club, tutoring, telling stories, etc.

Doris Reitz Buchanan had an exciting week last June. She attended what she describes as a "hilarious ceremony" when her son, Neil, received his Ph.D. at Harvard. Doris came from there to reunion. She still enjoys her studies in skin care and her hobby of nature photography, for which she's won several awards.

Evelyn Slater Frazier took a two-week train trip to Montana's Glacier National Park with a daughter in July. They also visited Los Angeles.

Joan Ray Morrison says that, with five daughters and six grandchildren, she's as busy as ever, doing a lot of chauffeuring and volunteering.

Sarah Jane Smith Johnson and Paul '48, of Fayetteville, NC, lead a busy retirement life. Paul is a counseling consultant at Methodist College, and Sarah's active in their church.

Don Swegan and Dawn live in Copeland Oaks, a retirement community in Sebring, OH, and spend their winters in

Florida. After 25 years of fund raising for colleges, though, Don can't quite give up. He works part-time in the same field for Baldwin-Wallace College.

Wedding anniversary congratulations to **Ron and Dede Bender Seaton**, Dec. 22; to **Larry '49 and Marge Neiswander Hoge**, Aug. 31, on their 50th; and to **Jim and Louise Grifone** on their 40th, Nov. 2.

I (**Cornelia**) write this with one eye on the World Series, the only Cleveland Indians fan on the high plains of Colorado. A bit distracting, rounding third and typing up news. You'll just have to wait till next issue for more enticing tidbits from Alumniland '47. Secretary: **Cornelia Lybarger Neuswanger**, 32148 Highway 34, Wray, CO 80758.

1946

It is amazing how music is a magnet which draws classmates together. On Oct. 12, the San Diego Master Chorale in which I (**Arol**) have sung for 30 years opened the concert series of the La Jolla Presbyterian Church with the Mozart *Requiem* with orchestra and Brahms' *Liebesslieder Waltzes*, sung in German. **Joanne Bender Regenhardt** came to speak to me after the concert. She serves on the concert music committee. To my surprise, **Patricia Workman Foxx** and **William Foxx '44** were also in attendance. They visit in La Jolla every fall. En route, they stopped to see their daughter, Jacqueline '72, in Tucson. Pat told me that Jackie attended her 25th class reunion at Wooster and took her daughter, Tara, with her.

All of us are interested in hearing about what our classmates are doing. It isn't bragging to share your activities and accomplishments in our retirement years. When you share your bits o' news, it helps to bring us closer together as a class, when the times and geography find us so far apart. Have a good winter, and please send your news! Thank you!

Secretary: **Arol Noble Escamilla**, 4974 Dafter Dr., San Diego, CA 92102-1362.

1945

Mary Louise Findlay Hudson wrote last May that her family was getting ready to open their camp at Eagle Bay in the Adirondacks. By now (October), they have probably closed up. What a short summer; hope it was a happy one for all.

What a treasure **Connie Pixler Slettebak** sent to me (**Virginia**). It is a 1942 snapshot taken in front of Kauke showing Connie and me along with two dear friends who are no longer with us — **Helen "Chick" Chandler Kimmich** and **Sally Sargent Bleichrodt**. The picture brings back such pleasant memories.

Harry and Nancy Helm Hueston still sing the praises of the great Southwest. In August they enjoyed a trip to Glacier

National Park. A snapshot shows Nan and Harry beaming with pride when their oldest son, Harry, received his Ph.D. from the U of Arizona in May.

The summer of 1997 will stand out for Dwight and Margie Rath Stauffer. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their whole family — 20 people in all — at their log cabin in Canada, built by Margie's dad 60 years ago. All people and supplies for the two weeks had to be ferried across by boat. That was quite an undertaking, but it was accomplished with humor and patience. A good time was had by all. An early celebration in July 1996 for the Stauffers was a Rhine River Cruise to see the land of their ancestors. From Margie's description, they didn't miss a single thing of interest. The trip will never be forgotten.

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church had a Cabaret Night last spring, and Margie starred in a comedy skit that she had written about Mme. Shuman-Heineke, "an aging diva" singing Poor Butterfly. Mme. Shuman-Heineke apparently could not "tolerate interruptions of any kind" so Margie made sure that there were many in the skit. Love your picture, Margie. You make a lovely Shuman-Heineke. Continuing a long Wooster tradition is granddaughter Heather Stauffer, Wooster Class of 2000. Margie also is justifiably proud of her brother, Charles Rath '40, who received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College last summer.
Secretary: Virginia Kroehle Wengatz, 7450 West 130th St., Cleveland, OH 44130-5707.

1944

A hearty congratulations to College Trustee Dwight "Pete" Hanna who received the 1997 Special Achievement Award from the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. With this honor, the ASPRS recognizes "an outstanding physician who has brought credit and distinction to plastic surgery." With 65 scientific articles and book chapters to his credit, Pete fits the bill. He has chaired the American Board of Plastic Surgery and the Residency Review for Plastic Surgery, and has presided over the American Association of Plastic Surgeons, among many other professional duties. After "retiring" 10 years ago, Pete began teaching and performing reconstructive surgery at a major hospital in Miraj, India. He has returned on three occasions, has established a division of plastic surgery and a burn unit there, and has raised money for a cardiovascular wing.

Male Call recipient this time was Denny Kuhn, memorable as an outstanding shooting guard on our potent basketball team. [He paid me (Russ) to put that in.] As of Feb. 1997, Denny has lived down South, though with no noticeable change in his accent yet. He and his wife, Libby, have built a new home on a lake about eight miles from Pinehurst, NC. Denny plays lots of golf and

enjoys visits from six grandchildren. No long trips recently, but he fondly remembers those taken with the Smeltzes, Wests, Smiths, and Wagners. Asked about his favorite Wooster memory, Denny said that mainly it was the guys he ran around with. Asked if there was anyone to whom he'd like to send a special greeting, he replied, "All the 'girls.'"

A note from the Church of St. Mark the Evangelist in Syracuse, NY, announced that the Rev. Dave Talbot was being honored for his 50 years as a priest in the Episcopal Church. Congratulations, Dave! That's quite a record. We're proud of you.

Speaking of 50th anniversaries of a different sort, John Smeltz and wife Barb celebrated theirs with a trip that included Greece and ended up in Paris. Given that Barb is an accomplished artist, that visit to Paris must have been one to remember.

One of my (Russ's) great ideas fizzled. I had received a few e-mail notes from Don Coates (the latest to put him in touch with Bob Kendall so that they could reminisce), and so I thought that if I included my e-mail address in this column, I might get a bit more mail. Not true.

So here's a little personal news. My (Russ's) wife and I returned from an extended summer in Maine on Oct. 1. Come January, we're off to England to visit our two grandsons, courtesy of daughter Kim, and to attend the wedding of our godson in Hampshire. Otherwise we enjoy life in our Quaker retirement community in the southeastern corner of Pennsylvania.

A working freighter is taking Laurretta Wright Cipra on a trip around the world. She and 10 other passengers, most of whom are British, will be aboard for four months. Doesn't this spark your sense of adventure? Larrie's extensive travels have included previous freighter experience. She was at Wooster for only one year and sends greetings to all who knew her. Larrie graduated from Oregon State U and earned a master's degree in psychiatric social work. Home is La Jolla, CA, but she spends much of her time at her beach house in Baja.

Verna Wefler lives with her brother on the family farm near Massillon, OH. Verna transferred to Western Reserve U and earned her degree there in 1944. She has retired from working as a medical technician in hospitals in the Massillon area but not from her musical activities. She frequently attends concerts, and, last April, she played a program on her four-octave marimba.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Betty Proctor Lawther. A note from Enid Robinson Totten and a telephone conversation with Betty's daughter, Susan Gonzalez, informed us that Betty died in Rocky River on June 19, after several years of ill health. We remember her with fondness and extend our sympathy to her two daughters and their families. We remember also Betty's husband, Bill Lawther, who died in 1981.

Enid and Paul Totten '42 recently returned from an extensive trip to Nova

Scotia with their daughter and her husband. For the Tottens, who started from their home in Marble Falls, TX, the miles added up to 7,000. Bill and Helen Hibbs Bingaman also piled up the miles this past summer. They spent a day in Rochester, NY, where they saw Frank '41 and Virginia Beifuss Coe, and Lois Kolmorgen Edwards. And how many classmates did you see during your stay in Wooster? We're looking for a report!

Marilynn Eccles August and Bob '43 look forward to the Bingamans' visits. They have discovered that one of the many benefits of living in Wooster is the stream of visitors who pop in. The Augusts also enjoyed the four years that their granddaughter, Sarah McCulloch '97, spent in Wooster. Sarah now attends graduate school in Florida.

The international career of Anne Melone Deidrick's son, John, began with Peace Corps service in Upper Volta. Later, traveling to Lesotho where John was working, Anne saw several countries in West Africa. And last January, while visiting him, she traveled through southeast Asia. John now works with Population Services International on an AIDS project.

Less than two years until the 55th reunion! Hang in there and keep right on truckin'! We're looking forward to seeing you in Wooster in June 1999.

Secretaries: Eleanor Webster Arnold, 2005 Briarcliff, Bethany, OK 73008; and Russell Haley, 53 Ulverston Dr., Kennett Square, PA 19348, <russh@locke.ccil.org>.

1943

Dan De Lelys left Wooster in June 1941, planning to earn enough money to return, but then came WWII. Having taken flying courses offered by the government, he became a civilian instructor for the U.S. Army Air Corps, and finally was a pilot with a troop carrier in Europe. After the war, he returned to Rochester, NY, to attend the U of Rochester. Married in 1950, Dan and his wife, Marie, have four children and eight grandchildren. Dan was manager of the aviation department and chief pilot for Sperry Rand, and as such, flew all over, sometimes taking Marie with him. He retired in 1986. Dan has had a number of boats, with which they had 12 years of wonderful trips until Marie's severe arthritis made that impossible. They now spend winters in Estero, north of Bonita Springs, FL, and the rest of the year in Redding, CT. Dan kept track of two Woosterites with whom he had gone to high school, the late Jack "Mux" Muxworthy and Bob Edwards, who died last May. Dan notes that they were both wonderful guys, and he feels privileged to have known them.

Doris Anderson Stryker Drake was at Wooster for one and half years. At Hoover, she roomed with Alice "Tink" Carter Vitelli and Maryalice Cremeans Blocher (who died in 1996). She remembers Tink doing her hair

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and nails before every dance. Doris went to secretarial school and married Charles Stryker '41 in 1943. A grandson, Daniel Stryker '98, attended Wooster for one year and still has friends there. A widow, Doris is an elder in her church, an avid golfer, and has been involved in condominium management in Vero Beach, FL, for 20 years. She and Gerald Stryker '42 keep in touch through his nephews, her two children.

Lucille "Lucy" Hay Culbertson has lived in Wooster almost all of her life. She attended the College, living at home her first two years, then attended the Wooster Business College for a year, then was employed locally as a secretary in the Nationwide Insurance office for almost 10 years. During that time, she married and had two children. Divorced later, she went back to college, this time at Ohio Northern U. After graduating, Lucy taught in a local school for two years before moving back to Wooster, where she taught third grade for 20 years. Her son and daughter both live within 20 miles of her, and she has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Travel? Oh, yes! She's been to Europe (a tour of the nine capitals of Europe) and to Bermuda and other Caribbean sites. When she wrote, she was getting ready to travel to the British Isles. Lucy sees **Phoebe Houser Hunt** occasionally, and Marilyn Eccles August '44 most every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church. Lucy volunteers there, and also for the Salvation Army Auxiliary and People to People.

After **Haines "Rike" Reichel** left Wooster, he obtained a B.S. from Ohio State U. From 1947 until he retired in 1981, he worked as sales manager and managed marketing, research, and business planning for General Electric. He and his wife, Elinor, have four children. This information comes from the report which Haines sent to Wooster for our 50th. He then said that his favorite Wooster memories were "working at the Timken Roller Bearing Co. full-time for three years on the night shift" and Section activities.

Rike says now that, much as he hates to leave golfing, Rotary, and other friends in Huron, OH, he and his wife are trying to sell their home and move to the Marco Island, FL, area. They just celebrated their 50th anniversary with all of the family, including eight grandchildren. In the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Rike still teaches and inspects over 1,000 boats for safety each year but no longer dives or attempts water rescue. He keeps in touch with Dr. **Jim Pope**, whose parents both attended Wooster. Rike plans to attend our 55th reunion.

That's June 4-7, and we hope to see you there too! Let's have a *big* turnout!

While I (**Ida**) have greatly enjoyed being your class secretary since 1983, I'm ready to "retire"! Please be thinking about whom you'd like to nominate for the office (preferably both a man and a woman) or better yet, volunteer your own services!
Secretary: **Ida Snodgrass Arthurton**, 4737 Trina Ave., Del City, OK 73115.

Celia Retzler Gates forwards this news of **Marc Naylor**: "After leaving Wooster, Marc earned a master's and Ph.D. in two years! Wow! He worked on the Manhattan project for a time and then went to DuPont where he worked in research until he retired. He has many interests — bonsai, growing azaleas and rhododendrons, and sailing. Sounds great!"

Martha McCreight Rowand and **Dick** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last June 28. Congratulations from all of us!

You recall from the reunion and the fall issue of *Wooster* that we as a class determined to make a difference. Rather quaint, don't you think, that a bunch of 75-pluses think that they can bend the course of history. More power to us!

Well, there has been some discussion. **Ruthmary Woolf Cohen** thinks that there are some worthwhile ideas in James Michener's last book, *This Noble Land: My Vision for America*. **Scotty Halkett** and **I (Cameron)** think that campaign finance reform should top our agenda on the basis that big money in campaigns distorts the whole legislative process.

We're going to need some more ideas for issues and action if we are going to put our paw prints on history. Communicate with the class secretaries or our presidents, **Jim Bean** and **Gene Beem**. And how about some news? What better have you to do than send off a note to your class secretaries?
Secretaries: **Barbara McConnell Kempf**, 31 Asbury Ln., Elyria, OH 44035; and **Cameron Satterthwaite**, 308 E. Colorado Ave., Urbana, IL 61801-5918, <csattatt@uiuc.edu>.

1941

Bob Laubach writes, "I'm playing grandpa here in Pamplona, Spain. My oldest daughter, Laura, is married to Ramon, a Basque. The Basque country is in the north-west of Spain and some in France too. I'm looking forward to the next '41 reunion in 2001!"

Fred George, in our time president of Kenarden's Sixth Section, has put his post-Wooster life into a neat bundle. After graduation, Fred worked for the Wooster Rubber Company, and married Jean Smith '40. Lou Black '40 and **William "Bill" Miller**, our first class president, ushered at the wedding. Jean and Fred often saw Bill and **Barbara Caldwell Miller** (later McClure) before Bill's heroic death, trying to save another man's life in 1954.

As a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps, Fred was in Japan on the day of the Japanese surrender. In civilian life, he dealt with real estate, first selling in Columbus, OH, then appraising in Pasadena, CA. In 1992, Jean and Fred moved from California to Florida. Sadly, in March 1997, Jean George died after

a short illness, ending, in Fred's words, "56 years of a tremendously happy marriage." Belatedly, we send our sympathy to Fred, two daughters, three grandsons, two step-granddaughters, and three step-great grandchildren.

Alfie Gabriel Campbell writes, "Two by two, and one by one, people we know are changing their lifestyles." Ruth and **John Knox Hess** are beginning their second season at the well-planned Plymouth Harbor retirement colony in Sarasota, FL, and loving it. Their close friends, **Richard "Dick"** and **Eileen Thompson '40 Miller** are changing their lifestyles, too. They have sold their Wooster home and moved to a retirement center near Columbus.

Word of **Earl Zeigler's** death last June has reached us (see *Wooster*, Fall 1997). Earl had a 10-week stay in the hospital, during which he and his wife, Mary Jane, marked their 50th wedding anniversary. Our sympathy goes to his wife, daughter **Debbie Shively '74**, and other family members.

An executive in the Acme chain of grocery stores, Earl brought intelligence, energy, and skill to the business world. A "P.K." (preacher's kid), he used the same talents in the Germantown Presbyterian Church, as Sunday School superintendent, elder, and trustee. An alert and even temperament served him well in both church and business. Earl was an avid golfer and sports enthusiast. He rooted for Little League. His only grandson plays baseball, like Earl did at Wooster.

Some time ago Earl had triple bypass surgery and a heart valve implant. He recovered nicely. Last April, though, bronchitis and a wrenching cough put him in the hospital. The strain brought on congestive heart failure. Earl had won four bronze stars with the U.S. Marines in WWII. Doubtless he has a gold star now.

Secretaries: **Jeanne Simmons Brand**, 7093 Village Dr., Mason, OH 45040-9249; and **Jim Blackwood**, 1932 Baywood Terrace, Sarasota, FL 34231-4721.

1940

The sympathy of the class is extended to **R. Proctor Ferris**, whose wife, Katy Royon Ferris '38, died in the fall (see *Wooster*, Fall '97). Proc started with us at Wooster but graduated from Case Western Reserve U. He now lives in Safety Harbor, FL.

George Joseph, who lost his wife, Jeanne, in 1995, continues to serve on the boards of the southern Nevada YMCA and the Las Vegas/Southern Nevada Salvation Army. Earlier this year, he was put on a retainer for two major life insurance companies. This requires some time, but he still plays golf several times a week and has a 16 handicap. He has been doing some traveling, mainly to Pacific Rim countries.

Secretaries: **Frank Thatcher**, 717 Maiden Choice Ln. #622, Baltimore, MD 21228-6116; and **Nancy Ostrye Miner**, 509 Smithbridge Rd., Wilmington, DE 19807.

1939

Scott Behoteguy asks, "Where is everybody?" Scott's address is 4811 Remington Dr., Sarasota, FL. 34234, phone (941) 351-1560 or fax (941) 351-0058. If you answer his query, send a copy to one of your class secretaries, too. Scott attended two Elderhostels last year. In April he took a barge trip down the Seine and Rhone from Chalons to Marseilles, France. During a brief stop in Marseilles, he talked with **Albine Farges Petriqnani**, who sounded "in fine form." Then, in June, Scott went to the U of New England in Biddeford, ME, "ostensibly to study lobstering by the natives. The real reason was to visit a niece in nearby Bath and her two teenage sons."

Scott also had two reunions on his schedule. He reports that, since it was not a Wooster year, "I was reduced to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan, organized for the surviving players of that epoch, of which I was a minor actor in Paris. The reunion was divided between George Washington U and Harvard. It ended with the commencement address in Harvard Yard by Madeleine Albright on June 5, the 50th anniversary of Secretary of State Marshall's famous address."

In mid-September, Scott traveled to Norfolk to attend the third annual reunion of former shipmates on the *U.S.S. Pollux* (AKS4), on which he served as supply officer. Having attended two previous reunions of this group, Scott says, "There are quite a few survivors of that far away time, and we enjoy getting together to exchange lies about the war years."

In August, Scott escorted a grand-nephew, a high school senior, to Wooster, Oberlin, and Denison. The young man was very impressed with Wooster and plans to apply. Scott "took the opportunity to admire the new library inside and out, as well as the dramatic upgrading of the old Severance gymnasium."

Scott's son was organizing a big family bash for his dad in mid-November at the Biltmore Hotel in Miami, in honor of Scott's 80th birthday. Scott says that, "To get in the mood for all of this life-threatening activity (i.e. welcoming relatives and friends from all over, including Costa Rica), I am booked for a four-day cruise the week before to the Bahamas and environs."

He concludes wryly, "Now aren't you sorry you ever asked: 'News anyone?'"

Ruth Allison Thompson and I (**Paul**) recently enjoyed a brief visit to Martha's Vineyard and are booked for a seven-day cruise in the southern Caribbean.

When **Stan** and **Amy Wright Vandersall** decide to take their vacation, they don't let anything stop them! This summer they were about to leave when their water heater developed a leak. Rather than delay their plans, the Vandersalls got instructions as to how to turn the system off and took off

for Ohio. Needless to say, the plumber had lots of work to do when they got home. Although Amy still does some quilting, she now plans to do smaller pieces such as wall hangings — after a cataract operation.

Stan recently had an interesting chat with Peter Gomes, the commencement speaker last year at Wooster and also at the U of Nebraska-Omaha. A lifetime trustee at Roxbury Latin School, where Stan graduated in 1935, Peter was interested to know that three of the 30 members of Stan's class reside in the Midwest.

Hubert and **Phoebe Houser '43 Hunt** planned to sail on a Princess fall foliage cruise, departing from New York and terminating in Montreal, with colorful scenery promised for the entire journey.

Dorothy Waxenfelter Mills must be one of the busiest persons in southwestern Pennsylvania. Always interested in service for the elderly, she has served for many years on the Beaver County Advisory Board for the Office of Aging and has been asked to be a member of the newly-formed Regional Council for the Aging of Southwestern Pennsylvania. She is also a member of the Beaver County Library Board, the Meals-on-Wheels Steering Committee, and very active in A.A.U.W. But Dorothy doesn't spend all her time on work, for she also belongs to reading circles, women's clubs, and bridge clubs. In one of the bridge clubs are three members who have been friends since childhood.

Dorothy is fortunate that two of her children live in the Pittsburgh area, and a third lives in Sandusky, OH. Dotty goes there to watch her grandson play football and hear her granddaughter play in the high school band. A fourth child lives in Boston. Dorothy, your activities certainly tell us that your life is busy and happy and that you are helping lots of people as well. You are a role model for many of us.

Secretaries: **Margaret Stockdale McCoy**, Apt. 308 Sherwood Oaks, 100 Norman Dr., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066; and **Paul Thompson**, 9 Johnston Dr., Convent Station, NJ 07960.

1938

During homecoming weekend at Wooster, **Margie Bowser Rose**, **Al Foster**, **John Johnston**, and your secretary (**Jeanne**) met to plan our 60th Reunion — June 4-7. Mark your calendars now, contact classmates, and plan to attend.

Your secretary cannot write a column without your help. Let's hear from you! Secretary: **Jeanne Lyle Kate**, 1256 Delverne Ave. SW, Canton, OH 44710.

1937

On this beautiful day in October, with our backyard a blaze of color, it's hard to believe that this column is for the winter issue of our alumni magazine. However, the first flocks of juncos and white-crowned sparrows made their appearance at the feeders this morning, so winter must be on its way. By the time you read this, Christmas will be over, and we'll have greeted 1998. The years go by much too fast!

A few classmates have done some serious traveling. **Betty Meek Stewart** and **Martha Fleming Snyder** loved their trip in June to the Yorkshire region of England. They stayed at Harrowgate, with daily trips to the surrounding points of interest. They did regret, however, missing our 60th reunion.

Opal Hamilton Johnson, along with five friends, toured Alaska by plane, train, and bus, and returned by ship along the inland passage. Judging from Opal's report, it was a wonderful experience.

Hugh and **Charlotte Gunn** enjoyed a "perfect" 10-day cruise in October from Boston to Halifax to Quebec and back to Boston where even the weather, so often foggy that time of year, remained clear.

However, **Martha Rider Gambill's** planned trip to Italy last June did not take place due to a recurrence of severe back problems dating to an accident in 1981. Her current activities are quite restricted, but her spirits are good and her conversation lively.

Betty Claypoole Baldrige decided that she no longer needed all the room in her home of many years and has moved into an apartment in a retirement complex at 500 Elmington Ave., Apt. 515, Nashville, TN 37205. She reports that **Bob McCracken '34** also has an apartment in the same complex.

Two falls have complicated the moving preparations of **Luella Sillaman Moffat**. Knowing Luella, she will not be slowed down very long.

In July, we (**Van Bolts**) drove to Holt, MI, to call on **Ruth Ferris Smith**. We had read in the Summer 1997 *Wooster* of the death of her husband, **Vernon '35**, in May. Ruth is in good health. She made a trip to New England this past summer to visit her children. She now is grappling with owning two houses, one in Holt, the other in Punta Gorda, FL, where Ruth planned to go for the winter.

Mary Jane Bricker Sterrett is in good health, still is very much involved in country western line dancing and ballroom dancing, and has recently taken up t'ai chi. (This form of "meditation in motion" is highly recommended as a means of improving balance — do try it!)

Mary Engle Ehrich is also blessed with continuing good health. She volunteers about 40 hours each month, 30 as a Pink Lady, and the rest as a Friend of the Library. She attends the Presbyterian church in

Coshocton, OH, where her brother-in-law, Walt Crawford '35, plays the organ every Sunday. Walt points out that he is no longer the "regular" organist, but that he arrives early on Sunday mornings and plays a 20-minute medley of familiar hymns before the service begins.

Bob "Bouncy" Taliaferro sent along the program for the 1997 "W" Association Hall of Fame Banquet held in September in Wooster. He was the only one of our Class of 1937 Hall of Fame members who was able to attend. Bouncy was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1986, **Mim Siegfried McDonald** in 1987, **Bob Chegwiddden** in 1984, and the late **Carl Mathis** in 1983. Bob reports, "The table conversation was good, the food excellent, and it's an inspiration to hear of the accomplishments of the modern athletes."

We (the Van Bolts) have received a copy of **Wally Creighton's** 1997 book, *Warings's War* (Commonwealth Publications, Edmonton, AB, Canada). Roger has claimed first dibs on reading it — why not rush to your local bookstore and buy a copy? I wonder if we could get Oprah to select Wally's book for her reading club.

Along with 12 others, we (the Van Bolts) attended the annual fall luncheon at Atwood Lodge in southeastern Ohio in October. Bob and **Bernice "Bee" Reid McClester** came from Mechanicstown, OH; **Bob** and **Lee Andrews** from Farmerstown; **Don '39** and **Mitch Young Mills** from Sebring; **Dorothy Johnson Knight**, her daughter, Amy, and her grandson, Roger, from New Concord; **Jo Miller Budde**, Jeanne Lyle Kate '38, and **Arleen Dodez '36** from Canton. Arleen lives in the same retirement complex as Jo and Paul Budde. After comparing notes, Arleen and Bob Andrews have decided that they are somehow related. As with the Hall of Fame dinner mentioned above, the conversation was good, the food excellent, and Bee McClester surprised the Van Bolts with a cake to celebrate our 56th wedding anniversary.

Bee, as usual, had made the arrangements for the luncheon. If you remember her from Wooster (she transferred after two years to Ohio State), you will be pleased to know that she still moves at top speed, is a super-organizer, and willingly volunteers her services. She is the only person we know in our age group who takes absolutely no medication, not even an aspirin. During the first week in October, the McClester farm, Kenwood, was visited by some 3,000 people who took part in the fourth Annual Country Living Field Day, sponsored by the Ohio State Extension Service. Bee has published several volumes dealing with the cemetery census of Carroll County.

Betty Louise Olson Tiller is very much involved in the lives of her two grandchildren who, with their mother, Ruth, share her home. Betty Lou keeps busy as a docent for children's school groups at a Civil War home in Atlanta, GA. She also teaches an adult Sunday School class. She sent along a copy of Ruth's book for children, *Cats Vanish Slowly*

(Peachtree, 1995). We mentioned Ruth's first book, *Cinnamon, Mint, and Mothballs* (Browndeer Press, 1993), in a previous column.

Elaine Steele Kiefer sent the sad note that **Betty Roscine "Ross" Robinson Feeley** died on Aug. 4, 1997. She had been in ill health for several years, and John had cared for her during the years she was bedfast.

Paul Ricatto recently wrote and published *Basketball (Unbelievable Discoveries)*. Paul details such interesting and entertaining historical tidbits such as the use of peach baskets (bottoms intact) in the earliest basketball games, and games played in the 1920s by the City College of New York on a barge in the Hudson River! Paul is trying to locate a basketball made in 1920's-1930's, one with an inner bladder. Can anyone help? See *Small World* on page 58 of this issue for more about Paul.

Quite by chance, we (the Van Bolts) learned of the death of **Jane Seager Salisbury** on Aug. 16, 1997 (see *Obituaries*). We had dialed her old number in order to check on a new address in a recent class print-out, and the telephone was answered by a son-in-law, saying that the family had gathered for Jane's funeral. When we had last talked with Jane, two years ago, she was in good health, active with club affairs, and doing volunteer work.

Those of you who knew me (**Mollie**) well at Wooster will remember that, for three years, my roommate was **Charlotte "Nunny" Fader Bodley**, who died in 1994. However, my first roommate was **Elizabeth "Bettie" Wurtz Wallace**. Bettie and I shared a room on the third floor at Colonial our freshman year. We got along well as roomies but had very different habits of study. I was a "serious" student, determined to keep the scholarships which made my college education possible. Bettie's consuming interest was in the correspondence she carried on with her hometown boyfriend. She did not return to the campus after Thanksgiving vacation; she explained in a letter that her father had not been pleased with her mid-term grades. We eventually lost touch, but a determined search located her in 1987, living in Pittsburgh, PA. (She was married, but not to the hometown boyfriend). For the past 10 years, Bettie and I had exchanged frequent letters, so it was a shock when a letter arrived from her daughters stating that Bettie had died on Sept. 14, 1997. She had been in good health until the brief illness which resulted in her death.

Until these recent losses, we (the Van Bolts) were able to state with confidence that over half of our 324 class members were still alive. That balance has now been altered, not surprising since we are all octogenarians, but still a bit unsettling. We are considering preparing the third edition of our class directory so that you will be able to contact those friends who were such an important part of our lives for four years. In the meantime, we appreciate your letters and telephone calls, keeping us up to date.

Secretaries: Roger and Martha Tilock Van Bolt, 2020 Glendale Ave., Flint, MI 48503-2111; phone (810) 233-5107.

1936

Isabelle Sproul Bear traveled through the Panama Canal during the last two weeks of October.

Don Rupert writes, "After a 1981 white-water rafting trip with Fred Cropp (geology), I promised my family that, if any of them wanted that experience, I would pay their way and go with them. Well it is now, "Mission Accomplished." During trips in 1985, 1987, and 1989, all four of our daughters and seven grandchildren shared the experience — some more than once. (Grace has never gone with me on these trips because she prefers a Hilton to sleeping on the sand.)

"Last July on my final venture (also Fred Cropp's last one as tour leader), my son, Mark, and granddaughter, Shana Levine, made the trip, fulfilling my pledge. Joining us were Mark's wife, Gina, her sister Ellen, our four daughters, Jean, Doris, Joyce and Kathy, and Jim Levine, Shana's father.

"It was a wonderful experience! As usual there were a lot of very nice people along, and they, with my family, took good care of this 83-year-old! My son, Mark, and son-in-law, Jim, were particularly helpful on the hikes. Without them, I could not have participated as much as I did. And my daughters were very helpful at the camp sites.

"After I had a week at home to rest up from the vacation, I realized that the trip had built up my strength and endurance and improved my agility. Two of my sons-in-law have not had this experience, but their wives plan to take them after they retire.

"It won't be quite the same without Fred," Don adds.

Don looks forward to the reunion in June 2000!

Isn't it great that some classmates are still going and doing!

Secretaries: J. Ralph Gillman, 565 Malvern Rd., Akron, OH 44303-1735; and Harriet Knight, 905 Portage Rd. Apt. 41, Wooster, OH 44691-2079.

1935

It is very interesting to read the biographical material sent into the Alumni Office and to see how many different directions our lives have taken since we came to Wooster in the fall of 1931.

Alice Tooker, now retired and living in Santa Barbara, earned a master of nursing degree at the former Western Reserve U in 1938, and then spent many years traveling around the world with international programs to bring unification between peoples.

They produced plays, musicals, and movies with this theme, and, at times, she also used her nursing training.

Alice spent a year in New Zealand, time in India, Africa, and Brazil, and made several trips to Russia and Europe. For five years, she worked with the "Up With People" program and again traveled extensively. Lately she has renewed an early interest in art and keeps involved in that field as a watercolorist.

I (Helen) am fast running low on news. Please share your Christmas letters with me.

Secretaries: **William J. Burger Jr.**, 1300 South Border Ave. #264, Weslaco, TX 78596-7422; and **Helen Hieber Garvin**, 3 Salter Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-2140.

1934

Three cheers and many thanks to those who answered my (Libby's) recent cards! They brightened the heart and encouraged the pen of this column writer.

Marian Starr and her brother, George '27, tend to stay home, so they changed their surroundings with new paint, paper, carpet, and upholstery. It was "chaos" for a while but what fun! "If all goes well," Marian said in the fall, "we should have added cause for Thanksgiving in November." She hears from **Ethel Colbrunn** and **Helen Hayward**, both "active and interested in current affairs." At a recent talk on "aging with attitude," Marian learned, "We don't get old, just older!" That covers all of us!

Paul and Ginny Gruber Smith say they are slowing down but still active. "Benches around the park look increasingly attractive as we walk our daily mile." They report no long distance traveling this summer but two delightful weekends at Wooster for the Ohio Light Opera, a week at the Shaw Festival, and trips to Cleveland for plays. "The Tempest was outstanding," they say. They enjoy the Youngstown theaters and music, and Paul has a season ticket for football. Wow! Who needs to wander far afield? What enjoyment they must have just talking together after each performance.

Different activities fill **Mae Ashman Ziegler's** life. She's a mathematician, mom, and music-maker! She serves as ruling elder in the Whitfield Presbyterian Church (first drive-in church in the U.S.) and plays piano and organ in a smaller church. She also brings the enjoyment of music to five nursing homes each week. "I am trying to give back to Sarasota for having been so good to me." Her career was teaching math, in which she has master's and doctorate degrees, and writing math text books, one of which was used in 28 states and the armed forces. Retired from teaching, she uses her math as a cashier two evenings a week in a large hospital. With "four wonderful step-children," Mae has 12 great-grandchildren, one of whom dances nightly at Lincoln Center during win-

ter months and is guest ballet dancer in the East. Mae has had wonderful travel experiences here and abroad. She finds time to do mission knitting and leads Bible study. Sounds as if she serves the church and community out of a grateful heart. She closed her note formally and properly, "In Christian Love," but ended with a surprise twist, "with a Hug!"

Many of you say nice things to me (Libby) and I cherish and appreciate them all, but modesty suggests that I don't mention them!

Sadly, some of our classmates lead restricted lives in nursing homes for one reason or another. So it is with my good roommate at Wooster, **Eunice Nichols**. She lives in her own silent world and rarely in this one. She says, "Good," when fed ice cream by her faithful nephew and his wife, Roger and Jeanne Harris, who provide family affection and small pleasures. Recently Eunice had a visitor, Wendall Bigony '33 who was on 'a sentimental journey.' He had written to the Harrises asking to see Eunice, as he had known her and her sister, Esther Nichols Harris '33, at the College. When Wendall's name was mentioned, Eunice said, to everyone's amazement, "I went to school with him." He talked to her of Wooster days and of Mrs. Van; Eunice acted as if he stirred old memories. Let us remember this when we visit or write to old friends — they may recollect earlier happier days. Thanks to Jeanne for a sad but sweet telling of this visit.

Grace Thayer Switzer sends greetings from Andover, OH, and Pymatuning Lake. "I am retired and tired but still enjoy volunteer work." She used to be secretary for various organizations; now she serves on their boards. One of her volunteer jobs is a first for me (Libby) to hear about, "dispatch duties with the Andover Police Dept." Most unusual! Her last statement is more common, "With four grandsons, I'm also into grandmothering!"

Joe Allen tells of another kind of sentimental journey that he and Grace had this summer. Feeling peppier than usual, they drove to Wooster from Virginia to deliver his mother's mementos of 1901-05 to the College. They went on a "3233 mile peregrin-

nation in seven Midwestern states and Kentucky, partly to get Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana state capitals on slides, partly to deliver my father's 1901-05 Louisville Seminary mementos, and not least, to search out the landscape to find what of the 1920's and '30's on country roads retained its ancient glow, and what architecture was relatively intact or authentically restored. We joyfully discovered that much is well-maintained. Most town businesses were active, not empty." The Allens are resting up in a temporary apartment because of ongoing construction and dreaming of a "ramble through the Old South." Joe, long may you ramble and write!

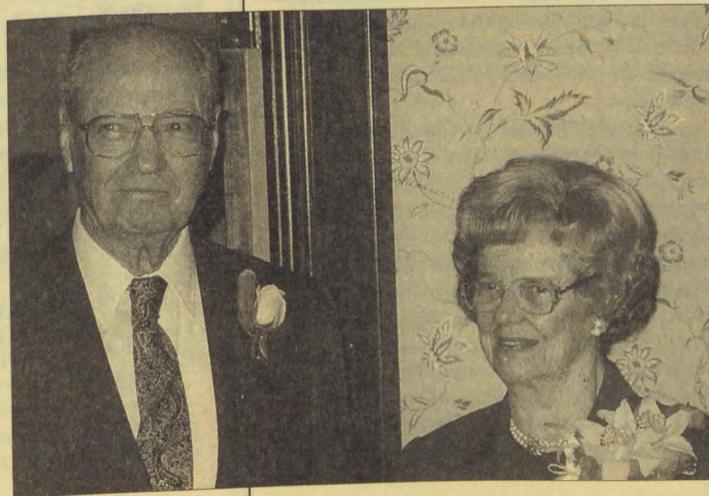
Eleanor Fenner Shaw hosted **Mil Schuenemann Johnston** and **Beryl Young Denny** this summer for a week at her house in Estes Park, CO. They talked, toured Rocky Mountain National Park, and took turns watching deer and elk visit close to the house. With a grandson at West Point, Eleanor makes "boodle" (care packages) for him. She says that she walks rather than hikes now, plays bridge, and keeps house. With a son in Omaha and a daughter in Denver, she has frequent visitors.

Jean McBride French called after I (Libby) attended the memorial service for her sister, Ruth McBride Jenkins '30. Jean and her husband, John, were not able to come to Cleveland for the service but are fairly well. They were glad to have their daughter, Jane, represent them. Our condolences to the family.

Lastly, a halo to **Bob Bean** for writing without receiving a card! He and Lois are in a retirement community, "in satisfactory health, but the energy level is way down." And you, dear reader, thought you were the only one! Bob's career has had to do with geological studies of water for California. He joined the UN in 1966 to work on water supplies for developing nations. In 1971 he returned to California, and since then has divided his time between consulting and university teaching.

With two co-authors, Bob has recently published "History of Engineering Geology in the California Department of Water Resources." He comments, "Rather than send

Celebrating their first wedding anniversary last month were Hal Bowman '31 and Katherine Iches Bowman, shown here on their wedding day, Jan. 29, 1997.



CLASS NOTES

you the whole article (jointly published by the Geological Society of America and the Association of Engineering Geologists), most of which could be quite boring," he sent a summary. The study led to a master plan for the state. Boiled down into layperson's terms, it seems that Californians owe a debt of gratitude to these geologists, Bob among them, every time they turn on a spigot and get clean drinking water! What a valuable life-long study to benefit so many — what a thrill to be part of it! Thanks, Bob, for letting us know, and congratulations!

Secretary: **Elizabeth Lapham Wills**, 3873 Montevista Rd., Cleveland, OH 44121-1612.

1933

Only a few months away — the Class of 1933 65th reunion. Include a trip to Wooster and a meeting with classmates on your 1998 calendar. We hope that many of you will be there to meet and greet old friends and catch up on events in each others' lives. See the last issue of *Wooster* for the names of classmates who serve on the planning committee, with Class President **Bert Colclaser** and me (**Ethel**). We will keep you advised as plans for the weekend are finalized. Suggestions are welcome — send them to any committee member or the Alumni Office. One category mentioned was "Campus Memories": this evoked both sad and glad memories as well as amusement.

Think reunion! Turn to the June calendar page immediately and mark June 4-7 in Black and Gold!

Secretary: **Ethel McCullough Schmidt**, 100 Brookmont Rd. #346, Akron, OH 44333-3094.

1932

The big news is the death of **Mary Fletcher**. After Mary experienced severe memory lapses, a CAT scan disclosed the need for a shunt. Several letters and phone calls to me (**Roenna**) from classmates revealed a delay in the operation. Fletchy was experiencing spells or strokes. Then, in a phone call from the companion who brought Fletchy to our reunion lunch, I learned that Mary had died during the night of Oct. 6. There never was an operation; conditions toward the end indicated that it may not have helped.

Carolyn Gustafson Dix, **Ford Ross**, and **Mary Oberlin** attended the funeral service. Mary Oberlin later sent the newspaper obituary article and word that a tape of the service was not successful, but that experts were trying to rescue it. A remarkable girl — **Mary Fletcher**. Consider that after the death of her parents she had no family except two female cousins. All those years! But Mary cultivated three loving families — her neighbors, her church, and her College!

Del Rice Gross and **Trev '31** are doing quite well on their adopted routine. **Roberta**

Gibson Woodall writes from Copeland Oaks in Sebring that she and Wooster friends still maintain a round-robin letter.

And, finally, a note from the reunion questionnaires. **Sophia Studer Tustin** of Orrville, a widow with one daughter, taught in the Orrville schools for over 25 years. She taught Sunday School for 60 years and is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Secretaries: **Roenna Kamerer Koste**, 2000 Cambridge Ave. #248, Wyomissing, PA 19610; and **Ned Whittemore**, 2544 S. Krameria St., Denver, CO 80222-7319.

1931

Harriett Cooper Kramer writes from Jupiter, FL, that she's doing well, enjoying life and everything that goes with it.

Mark Herbst, **Jean McCuskey**, and I (**Hal**) got together recently.

Pat Nolze McGrew still likes her lovely home at North Palm Beach (Lost Tree), but goes to North Carolina in the summer. Kitty and I (**Hal**) had lunch with **Ed Arn** at the Wooster Inn last fall. He's the same dapper guy. **Bill Georges** frequents the same club as do I and doesn't like what's happening to us. The legendary baseball player, Satchel Page, once posed the question, "How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were?" A centenarian was asked what she liked best about being over 100. "Why, the loss of peer pressure," she replied.

Secretaries: **Virginia Bourns Jeffery**, 2181 Ambleside Rd. #816, Cleveland, OH 44106; and **Harold Bowman**, 2928 Croydon Rd. NW, Canton, OH 44718.

1930

Send some news!

Secretary: **Roy Bossert**, Austin Manor, 95 Elizabeth St. #303, Delaware, OH 43015-4308.

1929

Your secretary (**Bonnie**) had a nice telephone conversation recently with **Dorothy McCuskey**. She lives in Chapel Hill, NC, in the Carolina Meadows Villa. She is well and contemplating a trip to Chicago. Among other pleasant pastimes, she raises flowers and vegetables in pots. Dorothy and I plan to get together when I visit my son, David, who lives in Durham, NC.

The news of the Green household (**Bonnie** and **Barbara**) is that we have redecorated inside and out and can barely afford a stamp for this note!

Secretary: **Bonnie McClung Green**, 3619 Dewsbury Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27104-1709.

1928

Evrell Bennett McCullough no longer teaches but does play for a neighborhood church when they want some Chopin, Schumann, etc. Evrell proudly claims six grandchildren — five boys and one girl. She says, "We are all voting for another girl, due to arrive in January. We're really in the baby business!"

Secretary: **Louise Irwin K. Clark**, 28 Heinrick Cir., Queensbury, NY 12804.

1924

George McClure Jr. '58 sends the following missive from his father, **George McClure Sr.**: "As of the present, I am the sole survivor of my generation of our family. My parents died many years ago, and my brother Robert and my sisters, Mary, Eleanor, and Jeannette, passed away within the last 10 years...Generally speaking, I feel well and hope to be around for some time yet.

"My principal diversion is listening to tapes of books or other articles. These are furnished free of charge by the U.S. government to blind or otherwise handicapped persons. You can choose from a catalog listing thousands of titles — travel, poetry, fiction.

"Shortly after I moved to Richmond, my four kids presented me with an easy chair on which the back tilts back and a footrest slides out from underneath and props up my feet to a comfortable height. I spend hours each day in the comfort of that chair listening to my tapes.

"On the whole, my life here at 95 is comfortable, easy, and pleasant. Come down — or up — and see me sometime." Send greetings to George at the Stratford Hall Nursing Center, 2125 Hilliard Rd., Room 106, Richmond, VA 23228.

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BIRTHS

'92 To **Erich Riebe** and Heather Hartsell Riebe, son, Brevin Michael, Oct. 22, 1997.

'89 To **Eric Knorr** and Michelle Marie Byrd Knorr, daughter, Hanna Kathryn, Sept. 24, 1997.

'87 To R. Keith and **Christen Campbell Hall**, son, Jonathan William, July 11, 1997.

OBITUARIES

'73 Keith Clifton Turner, Plain City, OH, Aug. 19, 1997. In addition to Wooster, Keith attended Ohio Wesleyan U. He earned a degree in nursing from the U of the District of Columbia. Keith served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy from 1971-75, being honorably retired for commendable service, as a disabled veteran. He is survived by his wife, Jenel, whom he married in 1977, and a daughter.

'72 Elizabeth Daugherty Beebe, Oconomowoc, WI, Sept. 21, 1997. She died in her sleep at home. Born in Cleveland Hgts., OH, Elizabeth graduated from Cleveland Hgts. High School in 1968. She left the College in 1971 to enter the School of Medicine at the U of Virginia. Elizabeth earned an M.D. in 1975 and completed a residency program in pediatrics at Georgetown U in 1978. As Dr. Daugherty, she started a solo practice in Fairfax, VA, the next year and continued it until she moved to Brookfield, WI, in 1990. Starting in 1991, Elizabeth practiced for two years before being forced to retire due to illness. An accomplished flutist and avid musician, she volunteered her talent for local churches and other musical events.

Elizabeth is survived by her husband, Jim, two sons, a grandson, her mother, and two sisters, including Sarah Daugherty '69. Even through mortal pain and confusion, her love for her family defiantly remained. Stubborn and beautiful, she forced iron will against the devil and won.

—James Beebe

MAT '72 Betty Acker Staebell, Wooster, OH, July 25, 1997. With a degree from Bowling Green U, this Wooster native also studied at the U of Toledo. In 1951 she married Armer Staebell; he died in 1982. Betty directed Toledo's YMCA for nine years, taught in Wooster for six years, and retired in 1992 from the North Central Local Schools after 22 years. She belonged to Wooster's Westminster Presbyterian Church where she served as a deacon. She was past president of the Wooster Emblem Club and press correspondent of the state Emblem Club. Betty co-chaired the Ohio Republican Education Association Caucus, served on the governing committee of the N.E.A. Republican Caucus representing the mid-Atlantic states, and belonged to the National Association of Republican Women. She was elected to the Second Ward Republican Committee and the Wayne County Executive Republican Committee. She is survived by her mother, Verda, a sister and brother, two nephews, and grand-nieces and -nephews.

'72 John "Jay" A. Watson III, of Pittsburgh, PA, May 1, 1997, in Clarksburg, WV. Born in Pittsburgh, he was active in theater while at Wooster. Aside from a nagging back injury suffered in the early 1980's in a motorcycle mishap, Jay was in apparent good health with no indications of any

impending problems. He was stricken, however, while driving his car back home to Pittsburgh from a week's visit to North Carolina to attend a music festival, one of his many absorbing hobbies. Apparently able to pull off the road safely, he was discovered shortly and taken by ambulance to the Clarksburg Hospital nearby. He had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and passed away 48 hours later.

Jay had only recently returned to Pittsburgh to live, having spent many years in California, mostly in the San Diego area. He is survived by his parents and a brother.

—J. A. Watson Jr.

'70 Meredith Menk Culp, Kent, OH, Nov. 7, 1997. All who knew and loved her mourn the loss of Meredith Anne Culp, mother, wife, daughter, sister, friend, artist, gardener, and gift-giver extraordinaire. Throughout an extended illness, Meredith was surrounded and sustained by a loving family and a large circle of exceptional friends. She died at her home.

Meredith was born in Paterson, NJ, the middle child and only daughter of Sally and Sidney Menk '39. Summers and vacations were spent in West Barnet and Ryegate, VT, where Meredith began a life-long love affair with that corner of the world. At Wooster, Meredith played on the tennis team and taught inner-city children in Philadelphia during an urban field experience. She also learned the art of pottery making and had the distinction of being the last Color Day Queen at Wooster. She graduated with a B.A. degree in history and then completed a Master of Arts in teaching at the College.

Meredith taught first grade in Nashville, OH, was a child care worker at Boys' Village in Smithville, and developed and ran the ceramics program at Weaver Workshop in Tallmadge, where she worked for 20 years. She possessed uncommon physical beauty as well as the artist's gift of recreating beauty. These talents were evident in her gardening, photography, pottery, and chocolate masterpieces.

Meredith will be greatly missed by her devoted husband, Joel Culp '71; their young son and daughter; her father, stepmother, and two brothers; in-laws Lee '41 and Kay Smith Culp '42 and Cheryl Culp Dixon '75; and countless others who had the privilege of calling her a friend.

The family requests that memorial gifts be directed to Case Western Reserve U, in care of Dr. Gambetti, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Research, Institute of Pathology, 2085 Adelbert Rd., Cleveland, OH 44106.

—Jo Ammerman McGarvey '71

'62 Dirck C. Cruser, Asheville, NC, Sept. 29, 1996, of a sudden heart attack. Born in Newark, NJ, he graduated from Pinary School in Elizabeth, NJ. He was a self-employed artist who frequently worked with wood sculpture. His pieces, "Increments of Fear" and "Centerline," were featured in the second Alumni Art Invitational exhibit held at the College in 1989. Dirck is survived by

his wife of almost 30 years, Karen, and two daughters.

'62 Carol Young Drummond, Milwaukee, WI, May 5, 1997, of cancer. She came to Wooster from Muscatine, IA. Carol married Robert Drummond '61 in 1960 and moved to Durham, NC, the next year. She earned a B.A. in history and an M.A.T. from Duke U, where she was inducted into Kappa Delta Phi (national honorary society). In North Carolina, she taught world history at the Durham High School. In 1964 the Drummonds moved to Milwaukee where Carol taught as a substitute for four years. She joined the University School of Milwaukee in 1980 as a history teacher and taught there until December 1996. Carol received an award for teaching excellence in 1989. While she coached the school's academic decathlon team, the team won the state contest and competed on the national level nine years out of 10. In 1997 University School created a book award named in Carol's honor.

She was an active student at Wooster, serving in the concert choir, on the Student Senate, as secretary of the Social Board, and co-chair of the Freshman Orientation board, and participating in KEZ and the Sharks. Carol continued that devotion to the College throughout her life. In Milwaukee she was a co-chair of the Wooster Club. She served on the College Alumni Board (1969-72), as Alumni Admissions Representative (1980-83), and president of the Alumni Association (1983-85).

Carol became president of the North Shore Newcomers within four months of moving to Milwaukee. She volunteered with art festivals and numerous organizations. Carol served on the Fox Point Bayside School Board (1978-87), heading the board for one year, and presided over the Junior League of Milwaukee in the 1970s. At the North Shore Presbyterian Church, she formerly taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She is survived by her husband, a son, and a daughter.

'56 Stanley W. Frey, Wilmington, NC, formerly of Creston, OH, June 8, 1997. Born in Wooster, Stan left Creston at age 14 with his mother and sister to join his father, a school superintendent in Japan. He graduated from Yokohama American School. At Wooster, he belonged to the Chemistry Club and Fourth Section, and was elected to the chemistry honorary.

Stan did graduate work and was junior instructor in chemistry at Johns Hopkins U. He joined the U.S. Army in 1957 and was stationed in Germany. Here he met his future wife, Karin; they married in 1960. Returning to the U.S., Stan worked as a chemist with Carling Breweries until retirement, at offices in Cleveland, OH, Bedford, MA, and Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He belonged to the American Society of Brewing Chemists. Stan is survived by his wife, a daughter and son, and a brother and sister.

'53 **John Tanner Smith**, Wooster, OH, Apr. 3, 1997. Born in Canton, OH, he graduated from Wooster High School. He majored in political science and English at the College, where his activities included Fourth Section, symphonic band and orchestra, and the staff of the *Voice*. John pursued graduate study at Vanderbilt U and was appointed to the business staff of the *Law Review* there. He also studied at the U of Cincinnati and Ohio State U. John served as museum curator at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus and later as a consulting architectural and art historian. He belonged to St. James Episcopal Church, the Print Club of Philadelphia, and the Society of Architectural Historians. In 1991, he moved back to Wooster. Surviving are an aunt and a cousin.

'51 **Virginia "Ginny" Fravel Denison**, Mt. Vernon, OH, Aug. 28, 1997. Born in Mt. Vernon, Ginny belonged to Peanuts at the College. After teaching for two years in Marion, OH, Ginny married Karl Denison in Aug. 1953. He preceded her in death. In addition to her Wooster degree in sociology and education, she earned an M.A. from Ohio State U in 1977. She was retired from the Mt. Vernon school system where she had been a middle school counselor. Ginny was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (woman's education society) and First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon. In previous years she had worked with the Ohio Child Conservation League and had taught bridge at the YWCA. Survivors include a daughter and a son, and sisters Kathleen Fravel Funk '48 and JoAnn Fravel Barnard Leber '53.

'50 **Charlotte "Char" Trumbull Fowles**, Chardon, OH, May 8, 1997. Born in East Cleveland, OH, Char belonged to the Spanish Club, Orchesis, and choir at Wooster. She married Herbert Fowles in 1950. For 25 years, Char drove a bus for the West Geauga School System. She was a Campfire Girls sponsor and assistant leader. At Christ Presbyterian Church, she served on the board of the Women's Association and sang in the choir. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, and eight grandchildren.

'50 **Walter "Bo" Bowyer Meeker**, of Troy, OH, Apr. 5, 1997, in Arizona where he was vacationing. Bo was born in Troy and played football for Troy High School, among many other activities. During WWII, he served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. At the College, Bo presided over First Section, played on the freshman football team, and belonged to the Premedical Club. In 1952 he married Marguerite Krebbiel. He completed a medical degree at the U of Cincinnati School of Medicine and interned at Miami Valley Hospital in general surgery where he became chief resident by 1959. Bo practiced medicine in Troy for 31 years, first focusing on surgery and then expanding to general practice by the 1960's. After retiring in 1990, he stayed on as the Miami County Coroner, a post he had held since 1984. Bo was the director of the American Red Cross in Troy

(1961-67), past president of the local Rotary Club, and had headed the local \$50 Million Fund Drive. He participated in other funding campaigns, for the United Appeal, Community Chest, and The College of Wooster.

Bo belonged to the American Medical Association and the Ohio State Surgical Society. He founded Save Our Hospitals, which focused on local health care needs, and chaired its board. He was also involved in a men's prayer breakfast which he began 21 years ago at Troy's First Presbyterian Church. A Presbyterian elder and Sunday School teacher, Bo had served as chair of Christian education and led a Boy Scout group. Over the years, he also attended First United Methodist and Leland United Methodist churches. He is survived by his wife; three daughters, including Marguerite "Kay" Meeker White '76 and Nancy Meeker Hunt x'79, and one son; and brother Robert B. Meeker '51, College Trustee Emeritus.

'48 **David R. Stambaugh**, Pike Road, AL, Apr. 12, 1997. Born in Avalon, PA, he belonged to Fifth Section at Wooster and earned a law degree from the U of Maryland in 1957, where he served on the *Maryland Law Review*. He was assistant director of leasing for the Rouse Co. in Maryland before becoming a partner with Interstate Properties in Clifton, NJ. In 1974 the Stambaughs moved to Montgomery, AL, where David had accepted a position with Aronov Realty Co. as vice president of leasing. He left in 1983 to start the Commercial Leasing/Development Co., of which he was president. Recently he served as corporate counsel for Aronov Realty. The author of a number of articles for magazines such as *Real Estate Today*, David also taught with the International Council of Shopping Centers Leasing Institute and lectured for the Urban Land Institute and the U of Alabama. David was a member of the Maryland Bar Association. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Jane, and three sons.

'47 **Norman L. Wright**, Coshocton, OH, Aug. 26, 1997. He was born in Portsmouth, OH, to Leigh '15 and Gladys McKinney '18 Wright. Norm was originally in the Class of 1945 but left the College during WWII to serve as a navigator with the U.S. Army Air Corps. Based in England, Norm completed 31 combat missions over Europe and was one of few American officers assigned to detached duty with England's Royal Air Force. He later retired from the Air Force Reserve as Lt. Col.

Upon returning to the College, Norm participated in the Congressional Club and served as editor of the *Voice*. He married Helen Agricola '48 on the day of her graduation and earned an M.D. from the School of Medicine of the former Western Reserve U three years later. In 1952 Norman and Robert R. Johnson '46 founded a practice in medicine and surgery, later called Family Physicians of Coshocton. Norman held various positions on the staff of Coshocton

County Memorial Hospital and the county medical society. In 1973, he became a Diplomate and a charter member of the American Board of Family Practice. He retired from medical practice in 1990 and was Coshocton County Health Commissioner (1993-96). At the Coshocton Presbyterian Church, Norm had served as both deacon and elder and sang in the choir.

Norman was a member of the Coshocton County Board of Education (1964-84), adviser to the high school medical interest club, and served for many years on the Muskingum Valley Boy Scout Council. As an amateur archaeologist and the author of articles on archaeology in Coshocton County, in 1989 he was elected to the honor roll of the U of Maine's Center for the Study of the First Americans. Norm donated his own large artifact collection to the Johnson Humrickhouse Museum in Coshocton. A Rotary Club member since 1954, he had served as club president and received its highest award. Norm enjoyed woodworking with lumber salvaged from downed trees, kayaking, and traveling. Survivors include his wife, son Steven '74, two daughters, including Susan x'75, brother Kenneth '49, sister Eleanor W. Bousman '50, and four grandchildren. His parents and a sister, Relda Jean W. Johnson '46, preceded him in death.

'46 **Lillian Mae Kesel Larew**, Roanoke, VA, July 28, 1997. Born in Canton, OH, she majored in philosophy at the College where she served on the *Voice* staff and participated in sports. She also studied at the U of Steubenville and Kent State U. Lillian worked in Washington, DC, as a translator for the American Chemical Society and in Canton as woman's program manager for a radio station. The Canton Public Library then hired her to establish a music and record department. Lillian also worked as a reporter and librarian for the *Canton Repository*. She and her husband, John Larew, met at a Great Books discussion and led such groups in many locales after their 1951 marriage. After earning an M.S. in library science from Radford College in 1969, Lillian taught at Hollins College and served as a teacher and librarian at Stonewall Jackson Junior High School before retiring in 1989. She was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church and the Democratic Party of Virginia. Lillian served as Class Secretary for her College class from 1966-71. Among her many hobbies, she enjoyed ballooning, model airplane building, sport horses, photography, and sports cars. She is sorely missed by her husband, two daughters, sister Rose Kesel Mokodean '48, and two grandchildren. Son Guy x'76 died in 1988.

x'41 **Alice Mitchell Ferris**, London, England, June 30, 1997, suddenly, at her apartment. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, Alice graduated from the U of Pittsburgh with a B.A. in 1945 and an M.A. in fine arts in 1959. She and her husband, Frank "Hal" Halliday Ferris '40, moved from Canada to England in the early 1960's. In a regatta off Britain in

1979, Hal died after his vessel capsized in a storm. An authority on early Chinese porcelain, Alice wrote the catalogue for a major exhibition in Toronto. She was active in several ceramic organizations and owned an extensive collection of rare 16th, 17th, and 18th century blues and whites. Opera and ballet intrigued her; she attended study groups in both.

A remarkable person! Not only for her trenchant views of the human comedy, but also, in the face of constant pain, remarkable for her courage. Having been seriously injured by a head-on collision in Italy, and later sideswiped by a lorry in London, she walked with two canes. Yet she led an active life, displaying admirable courage — without complaint, self-pity, or bitterness.

After a long absence, Alice returned to Wooster when the Class of 1941 held its 50th reunion. On trips to England, Connie and Hiram Tindall '41 often dined with her. By chance Hiram also met Alice at Sotheby's new Bond Street establishment just a few days before she died. He was almost certainly the last of her classmates to speak with her. In the words of Marjorie Kemp Macone '41, Alice's close friend, "She was an original — intelligent, *au courant*, with a mischievous wit and a wry turn of phrase." Survivors include two sons, five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

—Jim Blackwood '41

'41 John M. Morris, Youngstown, OH, May 2, 1997. Born in Vienna, OH, at the College he participated in Sixth Section, the Scot Band, and the Madrigal Singers. John served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII and also was a pilot for Capital Airlines. He worked in the sales department of Sharon Steel Corp. until 1949, when he joined his brother in purchasing the John N. Morris Lumber Co. of Vienna. John married Nancy Kearns in 1953. He and a friend bought A. G. Sharp Lumber Co. in 1961, and John presided over the business. He was active in many community, business, and church organizations. John belonged to St. John's Episcopal Church. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren. Two sons are deceased.

'41 Marion A. Cole Stukey, Chardon, OH, Apr. 10, 1997. Born in Cleveland, OH, she graduated from Cleveland Hgts. High School. Marion graduated from Vassar College in 1941 with a major in child study, after attending the College for two years. She taught at the Lakewood (OH) Day Nursery and headed the nursery school at Cleveland's Park Synagogue before marrying Arthur Stukey in 1947. Marion was a lifelong member of the Baha'i faith and a former member of the Chardon Village Zoning Board of Appeals. She was an avid mystery fan and animal lover, and offered a home away from home for her children's friends. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, a son, brother, and five grandchildren.

'41 M. Robert "Bob" Thomas, Mantua, OH, Apr. 23, 1997, after a brief illness. Born

in Cleveland, OH, this teacher, writer, businessman, and local politician graduated *cum laude* from the College with honors in American history. At Wooster he belonged to the Young Republicans, Sigma Tau Delta, and Kappa Theta Gamma. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and then earned an M.A. *magna cum laude* from Ohio State U in 1949. Bob married W. Jean McCauley in Sept. 1947. After some years of teaching high school social studies in Marion, OH, he joined Samuel Moore & Co. as personnel director in 1951 and moved to Mantua with his growing family. Bob held local political positions, serving as president of the Mantua Village Council and then as mayor of the village for a record-setting 16 years beginning in 1960.

At the First Congregational Church in Ravenna, Bob taught Sunday School, moderated the church, and chaired several boards and committees. He authored "The History of the Last 25 years," for the church's 175th anniversary publication. As the local representative of the American Bible Society, he actively promoted their campaign and participated in fund raising. Bob was past president of both the Portage Unit of the American Cancer Society and the Mantua Rotary, where he had not missed a meeting in 44 years of membership. In addition to his column, "Whatever," in local weeklies, Bob published articles on history and politics in journals, and opinion pieces in the *Record-Courier's* editorial section. Survivors include his wife, three sons, two daughters, and five grandchildren.

'40 B. Jean Fraser, of Cary, NC, on Feb. 20, 1997. After Wooster, she served with the American Red Cross on the Pacific island of New Caledonia. When Jean returned to the U.S., she lived in Bethlehem, PA, and held a variety of different jobs, including bank teller and stenographer. In 1947 she was appointed to the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church and moved to Vian, OK, as a dormitory supervisor for Dwight Indian Training school. Jean earned certification for occupational therapy from Washington U in 1951, and an M.A. in education from the U of Pittsburgh seven years later. She spent the remainder of her career as a staff therapist at hospitals in the Midwest and East. She enjoyed needlepoint, reading, and interacting with people. A brother survives.

'39 Conrad Payne Mook, Sept. 1, 1997, Norfolk, VA, of congestive heart failure. A retired geophysicist who did atmospheric and geothermal research at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, he moved to Norfolk last June from Arlington, where he had lived since the 1940's. This Titusville, PA, native participated in Fourth Section at Wooster. In a letter to Roger and Molly Tilock Van Bolt, '37s, Conrad wrote last summer, "I feel more like a member of your class than a '39er. After two years at Wooster, just before the junior year in 1935, a car came onto the sidewalk in my home-

town and injured me severely." It was not until the fall of 1936 that Conrad recovered enough physically and financially to return to Wooster for a year. During 1937-38, he worked for the weather bureau in Akron and took courses at Akron U, and finally returned to the College. In 1943, he earned a master's degree in meteorology from New York U. He was a meteorologist with the National Weather Service early in his career and trained Navy pilots during WWII. One of his assignments involved culling data from Northern Hemisphere weather maps to be used by those planning the 1944 invasions of Europe. Conrad worked for the Diamond Laboratory in Washington for three years before joining NASA in 1960. He retired from NASA as a program manager 10 years later.

Conrad was a member of Little Falls Presbyterian Church and a founding member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, both in Arlington. He also belonged to the Geophysical Union, American Meteorological Society, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and Explorer's Club. The author of several scientific articles, he was also interested in genealogy and once presided over the state chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. His wife, Barbara Heer Held Mook x'41, died in 1989. Survivors include two daughters; a brother and a sister; and six grandchildren.

'38 Marcy E. Riddle Wray, Mechanicsburg, PA, Mar. 13, 1997. Born in Wheeling, WV, she came to the College from Lewistown, PA. At Wooster she was a member of the Classical Club and president of both the judicial board of the Women's Self Government Council and the Sunday Evening Forum. Marcy earned an M.S.W. from the School of Social Work at the U of Pennsylvania in 1942 and worked at the Children's Aid Society in Philadelphia while a student. She married Dan Wray in Nov. 1941. They raised their family in Camp Hill, PA, where Marcy belonged to the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church and participated in other civic activities. She enjoyed visiting with Wooster friends and caring for her grandchildren. Marcy moved to Mechanicsburg in 1996. She is survived by a son, two daughters, grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. Dan died in 1983.

'37 Jane Seager Salisbury, Yarmouthport, MA, Aug. 16, 1997. Born in Geneva, NY, and raised in Phelps, NY, she married Leonard V. Salisbury in 1940. After her family was grown, Jane earned an M.A. and taught for eight years in Burnt Hills, NY. She and Leonard moved to Cape Cod in 1977 and enjoyed retirement pursuits such as golf and travel. Jane was active in P.E.O., the Friends of Yarmouthport Library, and the Friday Club. She is survived by three daughters, a son, and four grandchildren. Her husband died in 1982.

'37 Frederic C. Warner, of Canton, NY, May 2, 1997, in Atlanta, GA, while traveling. Born in Whitesboro, NY, Fred studied

at Syracuse U and Cornell U and earned a master's and Ph.D. from the U of Buffalo. He married Idella Hill in 1940. Fred taught math and physical education in public schools and at Buffalo State U before joining the math department of St. Lawrence U in 1953. He later served as assistant department head at St. Lawrence, retiring in 1980. Fred belonged to professional societies and was an active member of Canton's First Presbyterian Church. His wife died in 1994; a brother also died previously. Survivors include a son, daughter, and three grandchildren.

'34 **Florence C. Cellar**, Cleveland, OH, June 2, 1997. Born in Westerville, OH, Florence earned an M.S.N. from the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at the former Western Reserve U (1938). During WWII, she served with the Fourth General Hospital Unit of the U.S. Army (also called the Lakeside Unit) in France. For 39 years, Florence worked at University Hospitals of Cleveland, moving from staff nurse to supervisor to positions on the nursing faculty and in administration. Upon retirement in 1975, Florence endowed the nation's first gerontological nursing chair, also the first fully endowed professorship at Frances Payne Bolton. Each year an expert in the field of nursing for older people fills the Cellar Chair; the annual Cellar Conference on Gerontological Nursing focuses on pertinent issues.

In a different arena, Florence managed her family's business, Cellar Lumber, serving as chair from 1976-82, director for 27 years, secretary for 12, and president for three. She sold the business upon her father's death in 1982. A member of Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Florence participated in local and national nursing groups, belonged to Sigma Theta Tau, presided over the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing Alumni Association and served on its board of directors, and was elected to the board of overseers of Case Western Reserve U. She also served on the editorial board of a gerontological journal. A sister, Helen Cellar MacInnes '34, survives.

'34 **Thelma Martin Dyer**, Wooster, OH, June 22, 1997. Born in Burbank, OH, she sang in the choir and played intramural athletics at the College. Thelma married Robert Dyer in December 1941. She pursued graduate study at Ohio State U, Ashland U, and Kent State U, and was designated a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar in 1969. Thelma taught math in Marshallville, Shreve, and the Northfield-Macedonia area before her children were born. In 1958 she returned to teaching, this time in the Wooster City Schools. Upon retirement, she volunteered with the American Red Cross Bloodmobile, the Wayne County Historical Society, and Meals-on-Wheels, which she once served as treasurer. Thelma also served on the committee for her College class 50th anniversary fund and helped plan class reunions, including the 60th in 1994. She belonged to Delta Kappa Gamma (honorary for women teachers) and the Wooster United Methodist

Church. Thelma enjoyed needlework, gardening, and travel. Survivors include a son and a daughter, five grandchildren, and a brother.

'33 **Grace Lucille McCabe**, Zelenople, PA, formerly of Coraopolis, PA, July 6, 1997. Grace came to Wooster from Coraopolis. She was a quiet, studious person who majored in French and sang in the Glee Club. After graduation, she took business courses and worked as a secretary in the executive offices of the U.S. Steel and Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel companies. After Grace retired in 1988, she enjoyed reading, bridge, walking, and hospital volunteer work. She belonged to the Presbyterian Church at Coraopolis where she sang in the choir for 30 years and participated in a number of organizations. She traveled to Europe, the Caribbean, and Hawaii. Grace's sister, Mary Ellen McCabe Clouse '29, died in 1986; two brothers also preceded her in death. She is survived by nieces and nephews, including Nancy McCabe Salters '82.

'32 **Robert Ewing Hosack**, Moscow, ID, Aug. 18, 1997. Born in Smiths Ferry, PA, he went to school in the Pittsburgh area. At the College, Robert belonged to Phi Delta Kappa, the Spanish Club, and Sixth Section. He earned an M.A. in political science from the U of Chicago in 1934 and married Nancy Weeks three years later. In the 1930s, Robert taught American government and history and was athletic manager at Weir High School in Weirton, WV. He taught political science at Duke U in 1942 while pursuing a Ph.D. During WWII, Robert came to the U of Idaho, planning to teach there for a short while. He stayed for 31 years, teaching political science and chairing the social science and political science departments. He completed the Ph.D. from Duke in 1951. Specializing in comparative government, international relations, and Chinese government, Robert advocated détente between China and the U.S. long before it actually came to pass.

On a Fulbright fellowship, Robert served as a visiting professor at Tunghai University at Taichung, Taiwan (1967-68). After retiring from the U of Idaho, he served two terms in the Idaho House of Representatives (1974-78). An elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Moscow, he had also served as director of the Idaho Institute for Christian Education. Robert was a former chapter president of both Phi Beta Kappa and the American Association of University Professors, and he belonged to the Association for Asian studies, among other professional and civic organizations. He enjoyed travel and spending time with his family. Survivors include a son, two daughters, and four grandchildren. His wife died in 1992.

'32 **William P. Miller**, Mercer, PA, June 2, 1997. Born in Burgettstown, PA, this college president belonged to Seventh Section while at Wooster. Bill earned a B.S. in 1934 from Ohio State U, and the M.Ed. and Ed.D.

from the U of Pittsburgh (1950, 1958). He devoted his life to education, beginning as a teacher and administrator in Wellsville, OH, and Burgettstown, PA, and moving on to superintendent in Canonsburg, PA. In 1960 he joined Muskingum College in the department of education. He later served as vice president and interim and acting president there before being elected president in 1971. Upon retirement in 1975, Muskingum honored Bill as its first President Emeritus and awarded him an honorary doctorate. In addition to numerous professional associations and committees in Pennsylvania and Ohio, Bill served on the National Advisory Committee on Adult Education. He belonged to: Sigma Pi Sigma, the honorary physics fraternity; Pi Mu Epsilon, honorary mathematics fraternity; and Phi Delta Kappa, education administration fraternity. Bill served as president of Wooster's Class of 1932 in the 1980's and chaired the class nominating and 50th reunion gift committees.

Bill was a life member, elder, and Sunday School teacher in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) where he also served on presbytery and synod committees. At the time of his death, he belonged to Trinity Presbyterian in Mercer. Bill's civic duties included a term on the Burgettstown City Council. He was on the board of directors of the Cambridge (OH) Area Chamber of Commerce, member and president of the New Concord Board of Trade, active in the Boy Scouts since 1937, and served for 15 years on the Guernsey Memorial Hospital board in Cambridge. In recognition of these and other contributions, Burgettstown held "Bill Miller Day," and *The Daily Jeffersonian* in Cambridge named him "Man of the Year" (1974).

Survivors include his third wife, June Morgan Evans Miller, whom he married in 1988; three step-daughters; twelve step-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister. His first wife, Evanna Cook Miller, died in 1952, his second wife, Delcie McPeck Sandres Miller, in 1985.

'32 **Shirley Gardner Seaman**, East Lansing, MI, formerly of Wooster, July 31, 1997. Born in Wheeling, WV, she lived in East Lansing after graduation from the College as an English major. Later she resided in Wooster for many years before returning to Michigan. She was a charter member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Lansing and former vice-president of the church's women's association, and had belonged to the League of Women Voters in Wooster where she chaired the committee on water resources and quality. Shirley attended many class reunions and summer offerings at the College. She loved flowers and was an avid traveler. Survivors include daughter Carrie S. Gardner '68; three sons, Gregory '59, David '62, and J. Arthur '67; and grandson Matthew '94.

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'31 Frances Mary McDonald Seaman, Wheeling, WV, May 17, 1997. Born in Wheeling, Frances majored in English at the College. During WWII, she worked for the U.S. Army Security Agency. Frances also was employed at the Seabright Construction Co. and later taught at Sherrard High School, both in Wheeling. She married William M. Seaman '30 in 1964 and moved to Michigan. They returned to Wheeling after Bill retired in 1975. Frances belonged to Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church. Bill died in 1985; a brother also preceded Frances in death. Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

'31 Cathryn "Kate" E. Rhodes Unger, Chandler, AZ, May 10, 1997. She was one of the seven children of Gertrude and Lewis Rhodes, who was general manager of the Wooster Brush Co. After graduation from the College, Kate worked for the Alcoa Aluminum Co. in Massena, NY, and Cleveland, OH. She married George "Cap" Unger in 1939; the couple lived in Lakewood and Cleveland Hgts. before moving to Pittsburgh, PA, in 1945. Kate devoted her time to her family and groups such as the Boy Scouts and P.T.A. boards and committees. In 1961, after Cap retired and they had moved to Arizona, Kate enjoyed working part-time at Scottsdale Elementary School. Her husband died in 1972. Kate moved to the Scottsdale Village Square retirement center in 1995 and maintained good health until last April. As the last of her siblings, she is survived by her two sons and their families.

'30 Marian Wilcox Ackerman, Crystal Lake, IL, June 13, 1997. Born in Cleveland, OH, she majored in biology at Wooster and married Arthur Ackerman '30 in May 1931. The couple lived in Crystal Lake for most of their life together and traveled to Europe, Russia, and Turkey and 49 of the U.S. states. Marian belonged to P.E.O. and the Crystal Lake Women's Club and League of Women Voters. She had served as a Girl Scout leader, an officer in the First United Methodist Church, and director of the Recreation Board of Crystal Lake. She enjoyed travel, sewing, and gardening. Arthur died in 1989. Marian is survived by a son and two daughters, nine grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

'30 C. Lucretia Cameron Lavelle, Bethel Park, PA, Nov. 22, 1996. Born in Rossiter, PA, Lucretia was a member of Pembroke Literary Society and the YWCA at Wooster. She majored in Latin and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Lucretia married William Lavelle '31 in 1932; he died in 1963. Lucretia and 19 classmates made a promise before graduating, which brought them a spot on the *Phil Donahue Show* and an article in *People* magazine in 1989. They started a round-robin correspondence which kept the group in touch for over 60 years. Lucretia is survived by two sons and six grandchildren.

'30 F. Leslie Speir Sr., Herndon, VA, Apr. 27, 1997. Born in Monroeville, OH, Leslie majored in English at the College. After graduation he taught at the American

Mission School in Alexandria, Egypt, before returning to the States. He earned both an M.A. in social studies (1936) and an Ed.D. (1963) at the former Western Reserve U. Leslie married Evelyn Claspill in 1934. He began teaching in the Cleveland Public Schools and published *Cleveland-Our Community*, a social studies text. After a stint in Washington, DC, as a magazine writer, Leslie returned to Cleveland and performed war work during WWII. He then assumed the position of directing principal of Cleveland Public Schools' East Elementary District and, later, supervisor of safety education and social studies.

Leslie joined Kent State U in 1957 as director of the University Center in Cleveland, which offered courses to help students to qualify for teaching positions. By 1962, he was director of KSU's expanding extension division. After a year at Lorain County Community College, where he was the first dean of students, Leslie returned to KSU in 1965 as assistant to the vice-president and dean of faculties. He was later associate provost. After retiring in 1970, he and his wife moved to Virginia. Leslie belonged to national, state, and local education associations. He is survived by his wife, son F. Leslie Speir Jr. '64, and a daughter.

'26 Frances "Fran" Kerby Kille, Winter Park, FL, Aug. 3, 1997. Born in Canonsburg, PA, she belonged to the Castalian Literary Society and the Girls' Glee Club at Wooster. After graduation, Fran taught business courses for two years in Pittsburgh-area high schools. She married Frank R. Kille '26 in 1929 and actively supported his work in higher education in the U.S. and abroad until his retirement in 1972. Although a math major at Wooster, Fran pursued handcrafts, especially weaving, educating herself about design and color. Her woven articles included table linen, drapery, upholstery, and items made of fashion fabric; they appeared in juried exhibitions in Minneapolis, New York City, and Lincoln, NE. Fran belonged to craft and weaving clubs in these cities as well as Albany and Rochester. She also enjoyed travel and music. The Killes moved to Florida in 1978. Fran was a member of the First Congregational Church and the Woman's Club, both of Winter Park. A son survives; her husband died in 1993.

'26 Kenneth H. MacKenzie, Strongsville, OH, formerly of Brecksville, July 5, 1997. He was born in Cleveland and majored in economics at Wooster. Ken married Karoline Gloeckler in 1938 in Memorial Chapel at the College, with Ralph "Racky" Young '29 officiating. Ken taught mathematics in Cleveland before joining the Federal Reserve Bank in 1927 as a statistician. During WWII he compiled statistical studies for the War Planning Board. He retired from the bank in 1945 as vice president to pursue his avocation, dairy farming, full-time. After he had sold the bulk of his Hinckley Township farm and helped to develop it into Pine Hills Golf Club, Ken returned to teaching high school and junior high in the

Cleveland Public Schools. He had been a member of the Bennett's Corners Community Methodist Church since 1936 and assisted in building and remodeling church properties. He was former president of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Statistical Association and a member of other professional organizations. After building and living in several homes, in 1987 Ken and his wife moved to Chippewa Place Retirement Community in Brecksville, where he gardened and maintained the greenhouse until Karoline's death in 1994. He moved first to East Park Retirement Community and then Falling Water Health Care Center, both in Strongsville. He is survived by a foster daughter, three nieces, and a nephew.

'26 W. Nelson Stoops Sr., Cary, NC, July 12, 1997. He was born in Wooster. After graduating from the College Phi Beta Kappa and *magna cum laude*, Nelson earned the M.S. in chemistry (1927) and Ph.D. (1929) from Princeton U. In 1932, he married Mary Alice Duncan Galloway. She died in 1958; two years later, he married Margaret "Elaine." Nelson worked as a research chemist at the Westinghouse Co. in Pittsburgh, PA, before joining Union Carbide in Charleston, WV. In Charleston he belonged to the Kanawha Presbyterian Church and presided over the Chamber Music Society. He retired in 1969 as associate director of research after 35 years with Union Carbide.

Nelson and Elaine then moved to North Carolina where Nelson taught part-time and volunteered for numerous agencies, including Meals-on-Wheels and hospice. For many years he served as vice-president of Wooster's Class of 1926. An elder at the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church, he formerly served on the board of the Greensboro Urban Ministry and the advisory council of Western Wake Senior Center. He was named Republican District Chair for Cary Precincts, delegate to the 1980 White House Conference on Aging, and 1995 Outstanding Senior Citizen of Cary. Nelson is survived by his wife, three sons, including William Nelson Jr. '56, three daughters, 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

x'25 Marcelyn Ketchum Lengel, Elyria, OH, May 18, 1997. After leaving the College, Marcelyn entered a nurse's training program at Cleveland's Lakeside Hospital. She worked as a newspaper proofreader before marrying Manhattan Lengel x'25 in July 1926. The wedding took place in the manse of the College chaplain, who performed the ceremony. In 1941 the Lengels moved to North Ridgeville from Elyria and enjoyed restoring their Western Reserve farmhouse, designated a century home in 1976. They collected antiques and cultivated more than 25 varieties of herbs on their acre of land. Marcelyn was a long-time member of the First Congregational Church in Elyria and belonged to Elyria Chapter no. 165, Order of Eastern Star, and the North Olmsted Garden Club. She served as secretary for the Class of 1925 from 1965-80. Marcelyn moved to the United

Methodist Home in Elyria four years after her husband's death in 1982. She donated her body to Case Western Reserve U. Survivors include daughter Pat Lengel Venable '52, a son, a sister, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

'24 **Mary Edith Fisher**, Canton, OH, formerly of Brewster, OH, May 6, 1997. She was born in Bolivar, OH, and graduated from the Western Reserve Academy in Hudson. Mary Edith studied social work at the School of Applied Social Sciences of the former Western Reserve U. After working at various Cleveland agencies, she moved to Roanoke, VA, where she served as the district director of the state Children's Home Society. Active in the American Red Cross, her hobbies included reading, painting, and gardening. Mary Edith had resided at the Canton Regency Health Care Center for four months, having moved there after 13 years in Brewster. She is survived by two brothers, three sisters, including Jean Fisher Eberly '44, and 12 nieces and nephews. A sister, Ruth Fisher Pfau '24, died previously.

'21 **Anna Henderson Gardiner**, Seattle, WA, Apr. 9, 1996. She earned an M.A. in mathematics from Yale U in 1925 and married George Gardiner on Feb. 3, 1926. After teaching and working as a research associate for the Bureau of Standards in Washington, DC, Anna moved with George to Las Cruces, NM, where they helped develop the physical science laboratory at New Mexico State U. Anna supervised the ballistic reduction section. The couple retired in 1961 and moved to New York City. George died four years later. Anna enjoyed genealogy and entertaining friends passing through New York. She moved to Washington state in the 1980's. Two nieces and a nephew survive.

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William Edgar Hoffman Jr., professor of education emeritus at The College of Wooster, died at his Imperial Street home in



Wooster on Dec. 7, 1997. He was 72.

Hoffman taught at Wooster for 26 years and served as chair of the Department of Education for all but one of those years. He retired from teaching in 1993. An expert in curriculum, teacher education, and education administration, Hoffman also

was director of the Summer Quarter (1967-76) and director of the Master of Arts in Teaching Degree Program (1967-75).

Prior to joining Wooster's faculty in 1967, Hoffman taught at Washington College in Chestertown, MD. Earlier in his career, he was the curriculum coordinator for the Randolph High School in Randolph

Township, NJ, and taught at Milton Hershey School in Hershey, PA, and Graveraet High School in Marquette, MI. He was a chaplain's assistant in the U. S. Coast Guard (1943-46).

Hoffman was born on Sept. 14, 1925, in Reading, PA, and graduated from Reading High School in 1943. A 1949 graduate of Indiana U of Pennsylvania, he earned his master's degree from the U of Michigan in 1955 and his doctor of education degree from Temple U in 1965. He held teaching certificates in Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania and administrative certificates in Ohio, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

During his career, Hoffman wrote on a variety of topics. In 1952, he authored "Signal Corps Industrial Mobilization" and "Signal Corps Storage," both of which were published at Fort Holabird in Maryland. With Daniel J. Casey, Hoffman wrote "The Platonic Intrusion: A Modern Dialogue," which appeared in the Sept.-Oct. 1967 issue of *Education*. His article, "The Human Oriented High School," was published in the *Innovative Curriculum Series* in 1970. In 1984, Hoffman wrote a chapter titled "Broadening a Minority Perspective: An Innovative Approach" for *Teacher Education for a Culturally Pluralistic Society*.

Hoffman belonged to several professional associations, including the American Educational Research Association, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Comparative and International Education Society, Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, International Reading Association, National Education Association, and Ohio Association of Private Colleges for Teacher Education. He was president of the latter organization from 1977-79 and served as its secretary-treasurer from 1982-92. He also belonged to the Wayne County Council of the International Reading Association.

Hoffman is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ardell Kock of Philadelphia; a daughter, Connie A. Storck, and her husband, Richard, of Wooster; a grandson, Jason Storck '00.

Two of Hoffman's former Wooster students — Allison Hitchcock Schmidt '75 and Anne Harbottle Gates '83 — are now members of the College's Department of Education. At a Memorial Service on Dec. 16, 1997, Schmidt and Gates joined Theodore Williams (chemistry) in offering their memories of Hoffman.

Said Schmidt: "Bill was a teacher. He saw himself clearly as one who was here to help others gain insight, knowledge, and understanding."

Gates, like Schmidt, knew Hoffman as both teacher and colleague. She remembered his pride at having two of his former students working alongside him.

"What a wonderful gift to give others in our lives: the genuine feeling that we are proud of them for who they are and what they have accomplished," said Gates.

Contributions may be made to The William E. Hoffman Jr. Prize in Education Fund at The College of Wooster.

William I. Schreiber, the Gingrich Professor of German, emeritus, died on Jan. 12, 1998, at Wooster Community Hospital. He was 91.



Schreiber was born on Sept. 15, 1906, in Bonn am Rhein, Germany. He taught at Wooster from 1937 until his retirement in 1975. In 1960, he founded the Wooster-in-Vienna program, which he directed until 1985.

More than 700 people attended a Memorial Service

honoring Schreiber on Jan. 25 in McGaw Chapel. Wooster President R. Stanton Hales called Schreiber "one of this College's greatest servants." In addition to Hales, the Memorial Service included remarks by Al Van Wie '52, who was an advisee of Schreiber's during his student days and later became a colleague as athletic director and head basketball coach; Richard Figge, who is currently the Gingrich Professor of German at Wooster; and Raymond H. Swartzback, minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church from 1967 to 1972.

Prior to joining Wooster's faculty, Schreiber was a professor and head of foreign languages at Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, and had been an assistant in German at the University of Illinois.

Schreiber attended the Gymnasium Julich and received his bachelor's degree from Conception College in Missouri. He also attended the U of Dubuque. Schreiber earned his master's degree in philosophy from the U of Wisconsin in 1929 and his Ph.D. in German from the U of Illinois in 1933. In 1934, he married Clare Adel Mentz.

His fields of special study included the Renaissance and humanism. He was especially interested in the cultural heritage of Germans in the United States and was an internationally recognized authority on the Amish.

His book, *Our Amish Neighbors*, was acclaimed as one of the 53 best books of 1963 by the American Library Association. The book went through 10 printings and shared the American Folklore Prize, which is bestowed annually by the University of Chicago's Department of German. In 1992, Schreiber purchased the rights of publication and continued the book's distribution with the College.

Schreiber also was the author of other books, including *The Fate of the Prussian Mennonites* and *The Hymns of the Amish Ausbund*. He wrote more than 25 scholarly journal articles, among which are "The Swiss Brethren in Ohio" and "A Day with the Amish" in the *American-German Review*, "The Obituaries of the Sugarcreek Budget" in *The Midwest Folklore Journal* and "Die 'Old Order Amish' — Mennoniten in Norda-

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merika Ihre Sprache und Gebräuche" in *Rheinisches Jahrbuch für Volkskunde*.

In 1984, the City of Vienna awarded Schreiber the Ehrenkreuz (Golden Service Medal) for "his noble service in maintaining The College of Wooster's Vienna program over a sustained period of years in the Austrian capital city." The Baldwin-Wallace College Friends of Ritter Library awarded him the Hilbert T. Ficken Award in 1983 as "a person who has attained distinction in the field of language teaching."

Schreiber was a life-time member of the Modern Language Association of America. In addition, he held terms as the president of the Modern Language Teachers of Ohio and as the secretary, vice president and then president of the Modern Language Teachers Association. He was a member of the American Folklore Society and the Volkskunde Verein. Schreiber was co-chair with William Krauss of the Ohio Agricultural Museum Committee during the United States Bicentennial in 1976.

Schreiber was a member of Delta Phi Alpha and Phi Kappa Phi. He also was a 60-year member of the Wooster Noon Lions Club, which he served as president in 1947, and was a Marvin Jones Fellow. Schreiber was a member of the Wooster City School Board and served as its president in 1957. He was the first male president of the Beall Avenue Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association. A member and elder of Westminster Presbyterian Church, he was the institutional representative to Troop 61 of the Boy Scouts of America.

He is survived by Clare Adel; three sons, Dr. William M. and his wife, Sandra, of Louisville, KY; Stephen T. '67 and his wife, Jill, of Princeton, NJ; and James L. '60 of Wooster; four grandchildren, William Jr., Alexandra S. Thurston, Emily Clare, and Stephen Theodore; and a great-grandson, Conrad Gray Thurston. One son, Ralph W. '64, preceded him in death in 1988.

Memorial gifts may be sent to The College of Wooster for the William I. Schreiber Fund.

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Charlotte Comber Farber, Sterling, OH, Sept. 19, 1997. Born in Mineral City, OH, she married Curtis Farber and lived in Sterling most of her life. Charlotte worked as a cook at Sterling School and Lowry Center Dining Services at the College (1972-75). Survivors include a son and a daughter, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

C. Keith Gaumer, Wooster, OH, Oct. 4, 1997, after a lengthy illness. Keith was born in Loudonville, OH, and graduated from Loudonville High School. He married Mary Lucille Grassman in 1950. From 1980 to 1989, Keith drove the College bus. After retiring from that position, he worked part-time as a College airport shuttle driver. He was still employed at the College at the time

of his death. Keith belonged to St. Mary Catholic Church and volunteered with the Boy Scouts. Survivors include his wife, six daughters, four sons, 18 grandchildren, a sister, and two brothers.

Irene Rose Mosher, Wooster, OH, Oct. 9, 1997. Born in Barberton, OH, she attended business college. Mrs. Mosher was a house mother in Holden Hall and worked as a secretary at the College's athletic department for coaches Boles, Swigart, Munson, Murray, and Hole. She married Harold Mosher in 1933. Before his death in 1985, they explored Peru, Europe, and Japan. Irene loved to fish, garden, and search for mushrooms. She was a dedicated member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and a charter member of P.E.O. Chapter AP. She also belonged to the Wooster Garden Study Club, volunteered with Meals-on-Wheels and the Wooster Community Hospital, and helped found the auxiliary at West View Manor, where she resided for the last 10 years. Surviving are three daughters, including Jane Mosher Bobel x'61 and Jan Mosher Neapolitan x'61, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Donald L. Noll, manager of the Florence O. Wilson Bookstore from 1968 to 1983, died on Oct. 12, 1997, in Richardson, TX, at the age of 64. He was born in Fulda, OH (Noble County), and earned a B.S. in business administration from Ohio State U. Mr. Noll served in the U.S. Air Force (1951-56) and managed stores in Iowa and Colorado before coming to Ohio Wesleyan U as bookstore manager in 1965. He helped to create the Ohio College Association Purchasing Group and the Ohio Association of College Stores, of which he once served as president and board chair. From Wooster Mr. Noll moved to direct the university bookstores at Southern Methodist U in Dallas, TX. He lectured nationwide for the National Association of College Stores and published articles in journals such as *Publisher's Weekly*.

Survivors include his wife, Jane, a daughter and a son, a grandson, his mother, and two siblings. His father predeceased him. Memorial contributions may be made to the Don Noll Memorial Scholarship Fund at The College of Wooster.

We have received the following death notices but have no further information.

- H'72 **Don K. Price**, July 10, 1995.
- x'68 **Linda L. Brown**, Dec. 1, 1996.
- '56 **Ronald B. Hendee**, June 30, 1997.
- x'43 **Betty Radford Hollinger**, Sept. 26, 1997.
- x'37 **Charles E. Howe**, Aug. 23, 1995.
- x'37 **Elizabeth Wurtz Wallace**, Sept. 14, 1997.
- x'25 **Marion Galehouse Poutsma**, Apr. 30, 1997.
- x'20 **Gladys Hersman Lewis**, Sept. 13, 1995.

We have received the following death notices. Obituaries will appear in a future issue.

- '69 **F. William Exline**, Sept. 15, 1997.
- '62 **Priscilla Sandy Smith**, Sept. 29, 1997.
- x'58 **G. William Dando**, Oct. 6, 1997.
- '58 **Frances Shutt Pratt**, Oct. 4, 1997.
- x'56 **Nancy Hough Soliday**, Nov. 8, 1997.
- '51 **Richard H. Grenert**, Oct. 2, 1997.
- x'50 **Marilyn Christman Colvin**, Oct. 29, 1997.
- '48 **William E. George**, Dec. 30, 1997.
- x'46 **W. Allen Heflin**, Aug. 3, 1996.
- '44 **Betty Proctor Lawther**, June 19, 1997.
- '41 **John M. Brinkerhoff**, Jan. 28, 1997.
- '41 **Arthur F. Pockock**, Jan. 13, 1998.
- '39 **John L. Burgoon**, May 16, 1997.
- '38 **Margaret McCulloch Null**, Sept. 12, 1995.
- '38 **Arthur R. Pomeroy**, Nov. 25, 1997.
- '37 **Betty "Ross" Robinson Feeley**, Aug. 4, 1997.
- '37 **James C. Hough**, Oct. 19, 1997.
- x'37 **George Stacy**, May 26, 1994.
- '36 **J. Bailey McNitt**, Sept. 25, 1997.
- '35 **Clinton Gattshall**, Oct. 26, 1997.
- '34 **Donald F. Lehman**, Feb. 26, 1997.
- x'34 **Jonathan M. Williams**, Oct. 13, 1997.
- '33 **Catherine Lundy Rossiter**, Nov. 4, 1997.
- '30 **Ruth McBride Jenkins**, Sept. 24, 1997.
- x'30 **John G. Sager**, June 8, 1997.
- '29 **Mildred Mary Ramage Soule**, Nov. 17, 1996.
- '27 **Mary Shields Rosnagle**, July 4, 1997.
- '27 **L. Everett Seyler**, Sept. 9, 1997.
- '26 **Elizabeth Miller Baker**, Jan. 2, 1996.
- '25 **Susan "Elisabeth" Sloan Detrow**, Oct. 3, 1997.
- '25 **Helen Hoagland**, Oct. 6, 1997.

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The wedding of Diane Bryant '92 and Sidney Childress on June 28, 1997. (Left to r) Jennifer Bond Baitinger '92, Deb Drysdale Merrill '93, bride, groom, Emily Stoltzfus Shook '92, Tina Irwin '93.

Wedding Photo Policy

Editor's Note: *Wooster* is pleased to share the wedding photos of alumni as space permits. Our requirements are these: The photo should include the bride, groom, and others in the party from The College of Wooster. Photos must be received within four months of the wedding date. Complete information for captions should include names and class years of alumni pictured. Do not send photos that you wish to have returned.



At a party after the wedding of Anne McLean '88 and Robert Denman on June 7, 1997. (Back row, l to r) Meredith Rucker Spitzmiller '96, R. Edwin Spitzmiller '94, Vicki Clark '88; (Front) Mercy Garland '88, bride, groom.



The wedding of Diane Thompson and Colin MacKinnon '64 on July 19, 1997. (Back row l to r) Laverle Berry '64, groom, Jim Switzer, Ed Hershberger, '64s; (Front) Joyce Keeler Thompson '64, bride, Bob Abel '64.

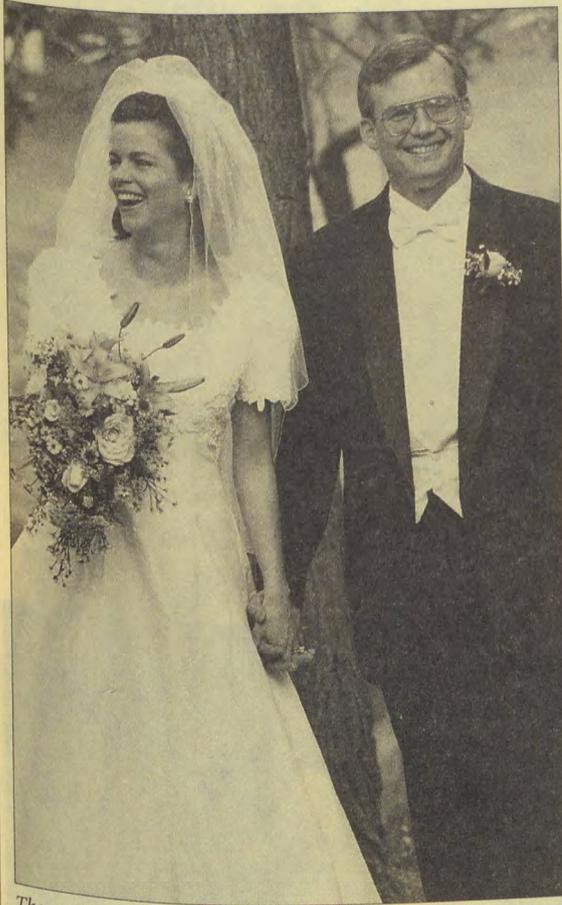


The wedding of Laura Shouha '92 and Naseem Rahman '90 on Aug. 2, 1997. (Back row, l to r) Rebecca McCreight Wharton '63, Emily Wharton '92, Deidre McGuire (music), Anil Parwani '89, groom, bride, Tom Blackford '91, Kimberly Wing, Jennifer Shauf, '92s; (front) Afshad Irani, Mahbub Alam, '90s, Qaisar Imam '91, David McGuire (music).



The wedding of Shannon Majors '93 and Kevin White on Aug. 30, 1997. (Left to r) Gatt Lavine '91, Andy Hubacz, Charles Fisher, '94s, Ann Schmitz Fisher '93, bride, groom, Hattie Gorman Sima '94, Lisa Clark Armstrong '93.

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The wedding of Susan Williams '86 and Brian Ellis on May 31, 1997.



The wedding of Mary Thomas '96 and Andrew South '95 on Aug. 2, 1997. (Back row, l to r) Dave Broehl, Stuart Miller, '69s, Margaret Johnson Miller '76, John Bone '69, John McDonough, Libby Price Thomas, Roy Thomas, '75s, Richard Gilmore '61, Deepak Sitaramen, Mike Grau, '95s, Charles Williams; (Third row) Yvonne Williams (Black studies, political science), Margo Raudabaugh Broehl '70, Theodore Williams (chemistry), John Thomas '69, Elizabeth Warner Thomas, Rachel Shobert Taylor, '44s, Christine Farrell '94, Andrea Kincaid; (Second row) Daniel Adams '69, groom, bride, Rick Gibson '98, Chad Jessup '95; (Front) Emily McLarnan '96, Tony Hughes '95, Eli Thomas, Dave Arthur '95, Megan Hout '94.



The wedding of Jobie McCreight and Seth Fagans, '97s, on Aug. 2, 1997. (Back row, left to r) Suzanne Fletcher '97, Tim McCreight '73, Michael Fagans '91, Emily Wien, Joshua Fagans, '93s, Eric Fagans '65, Erik Peterson '97, Katherine Varney '00, Andrew Weaver '97, Eric Burkhart '96; (Front) Jennie Nichols '97, Michelle Parker (Career Services), Tina McCreight Robie '74, Jay Edwards McCreight '73, Lois Kolmorgen Edwards '44, groom, bride, Jenny Earl '97, Meredith Graham '96, Mandy King, Sarah Davenport, '97s, Sarah Ford '99, Miriam Wahid, Kirsten Came, '97s.



The wedding of Anne Gedwill '88 and Matthew Lucas '87 on Sept. 13, 1997. (Back row, l to r) Susan Limkemann Evans '88, Matthew Amiri '87, Lisa McNerney; (Third row) Peter Ragone '87, Heidi Ragone, Shawne Van Deusen-Jeffries, Patrick Jeffries '87, Paresh Arora '87, Catherine Arora; (Second row) Cheryl Anderson, Brian Pennington, Shari Warner Pennington, Tom Kelley, '88s, Carol Genet, bride, groom; (Front) Tom Anderson, Patrick Warny, '86s, Kevin Burns '87, Eric Greenman '85.

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The wedding of Cris Das '95 and Will Alsum on Oct. 11, 1997.



The wedding of Margaret Melby '93 and Scott Cody '92 on Oct. 4, 1997. (Back row, left to r) Kevin Cropp '93, Steven Remley '92; (Third row) Dave Knox '94, Kenny Temple, Kim Walter Remley, Kristen Whitaker Knox, '93s, Amy Jo Loser '92, Jen Jaeger Newman, Eva Geil Horton, '93s, Ariel Walsh '94; (Second row) Peter Horton '92, Jay Womack '91, Nathan Fretz, Rachel Sweeney, '93s; (Front) Marc Debree '93, groom, bride, Sondra Santoni, Amy Steigbigel, Heather Brandstetter, Sara Renzulli, '93s.



The wedding of Shireen Behzadi '90 and Michael Hollingsworth on Aug. 3, 1997. (Left to r) Adam Cohen '89, groom, bride, Elizabeth Smith '91.



The wedding of Deborah Smeltzer and Chris Dumont '91 on June 1, 1996. (Left to r) Greg Savidge, Joel Geiger, '91s, bride, groom, Steve Davidow, Marcy Foltz Geiger, '91s. Not pictured: Paul Gamble '91.



The wedding of Alexandra Bertrand and Russell Gaenzle '91 on Oct. 18, 1997. (Back row, left to r) Russell Dunn '90, Catherine Sykes-Dunn '91, Ted Merkel, Elise Merrell-Breen, Michael Breen, '90s, Robert Timken '91, Wilhelmina Smith Gaenzle '62; (Front) bride, groom.



The wedding of Amanda L. Avery '95 and Alfred S. Bryant '94 on June 7, 1997. (Back row, left to r) Jared Ripps '95, Chip Bieler '94, Kristen Whitaker Knox '93, Kyle Haines '94, Paul Kletzly, Jamie Bowman, '95s, Robert Drake '69, Dave Knox '94; (Front) Heather Altstaetter, Laura Slingluff, '95s, bride, groom, Sue Anne Esterly, Jonah Rees, Nancy Flanigan, '95s.

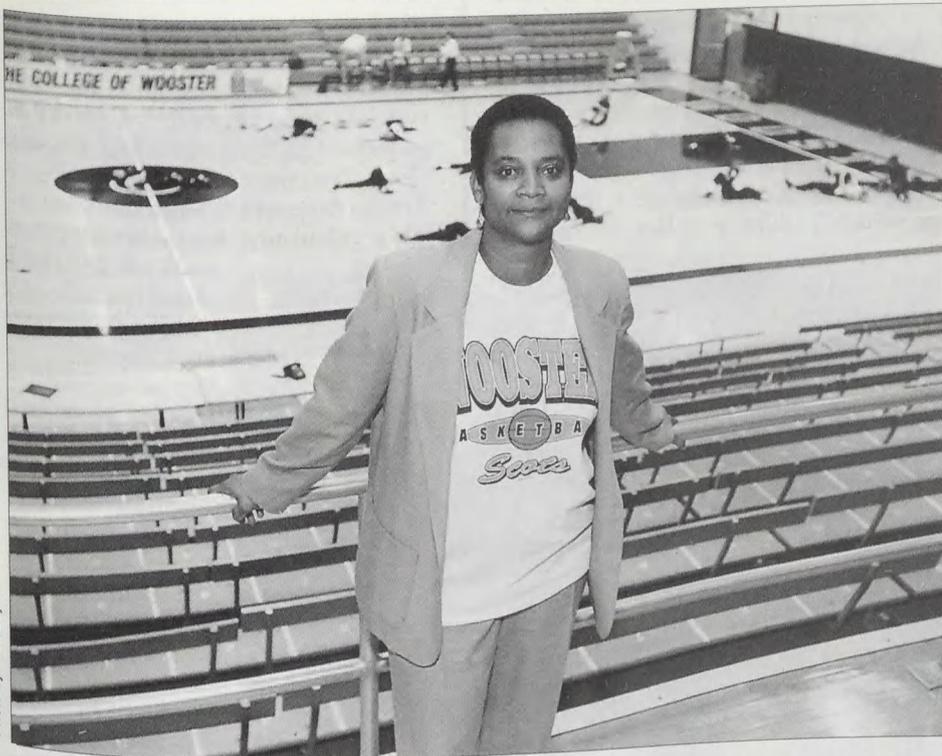


Photo by Matt Dilyard

Getting in the Game

by Jeffery G. Hanna

In Dayton, Ohio, where she grew up in the 1960's, the opportunities for Alpha Alexander '76 to participate in organized athletics were all but non-existent.

A family friend did offer a couple of tennis lessons. And there was a brief, painful encounter with softball. She got spiked in the foot. "My father didn't like that at all," Alexander remembers.

So instead of participating, Alexander did a lot of watching. Her father, who had played football at the University of Wisconsin, took Alpha to watch Oscar Robertson play for the erstwhile Cincinnati Royals of the National Basketball Association. There were also trips to watch the Cincinnati Reds play baseball.

Alexander's experience was fairly typical of girls in those pre-Title IX days. They sat, and they watched the boys play.

Memories of that era came into focus again for Alexander on a mid-December afternoon in East Cleveland where she was a featured speaker at a YWCA branch which was dedicating a

Alpha Alexander '76 has made her mark in American amateur sports.

new gymnasium floor.

Currently the director of health and sports advocacy for the YWCA of the U.S.A. and arguably one of the most influential women in American amateur athletics, Alexander was one of several speakers at the YWCA event. Another was Michelle Edwards, the starting point guard for the Cleveland Rockers, a women's professional basketball team which plays in one of the two women's professional basketball leagues.

The existence of two such leagues attests to the difference that 30 years have made in women's sports.

For Alexander, though, the real difference can be found at a far more elemental level. The difference shines in the eyes of an eight-year-old girl who waits patiently for the East Cleveland dedication ceremonies to conclude so that she can have a chance to bounce a basketball on the new floor which Nike, at Alexander's behest, has built out of used sneakers.

"Today was special for me," Alexander says on the drive from Cleveland to Wooster where she will watch the second annual Nan Nichols

Basketball Tournament. "I deal with the grass-roots level. What happened there today gives an opportunity for those kids, a place for them to play. That's where it all starts, and I never want to forget that."

Alpha Alexander was named after her mother. Partly, at least. "She was Alpha Omega. I didn't get the Omega. My middle name is Vernell," Alexander explains. "I've been teased about Alpha my whole life. People insist that it can't be a name."

Born in Nashville, Tenn., Alexander moved with her family to Ohio when her father couldn't find a teaching job in the South, even though he had been the first African-American to earn a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin. "He ended up working at the post office all of his life," recalls Alexander, "and he was darned certain that I was never, ever going back down South to go to college."

Her father's insistence ultimately won out over Alexander's own desire to attend Tennessee State University in Nashville, where the women's track team, the Tigerbelles, was renowned for turning out Olympic champions like Wilma Rudolph and Wyomia Tyus.

So instead of going South, Alexander ultimately chose The College of Wooster, based entirely on its connection with the Presbyterian church. But while her father had won that battle, another one was brewing. Alexander's father was dead set on his daughter becoming a doctor. Alexander had no such plans. She always intended to pursue a career in physical education.

"My father used to get on me early in my Wooster career about the courses I was taking. He'd ask, 'When are you going to take biology?'" she recalls. "Well, I did sneak into biology, but I did it backwards. I took kinesiology first and anatomy second with Dr. (Don) Wise.

"I took both in my freshman year, and it almost killed me. The only reason I passed was that Brenda Meese '75 (currently associate professor of physical education and head field hockey coach at Wooster) made me study. It pleased my father that I took those courses, but I swore that, when I finished those two classes, the biology department would never see me over there again."

And they didn't. Instead, Alexander kept to her own plan of majoring in physical education. She also took advantage of the new opportunities Wooster offered and joined the volleyball

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and basketball teams. Although she waited until her sophomore year to begin volleyball, she started basketball in the winter of her first year. Started quite literally. Until Wooster, she had never played the game in her life — a story she relishes telling.

"I'll never forget this. I had made it known that I was interested in basketball, so Brenda Meese drags me over to the old Severance Gym where Nan Nichols (physical education, emeritus) still had her office even though the P.E.C. had opened," Alexander explains. "This is how silly I was: I'd already signed up to be on the bowling team and didn't even know when basketball season was. Since bowling and basketball seasons were at the same time, I had to drop out of bowling."

Whatever prowess she might have had as a bowler, the decision benefitted Wooster's women's basketball team, known then as the "Scotties." Alexander contributed immediately, using what she laughingly describes as "my natural talent, whatever that means."

"Alpha had ability," recalls Nichols, "but she'd never had any opportunity to show it, certainly not in a team setting."

The women's basketball squad consisted of about nine players then, and Alexander was not the only one of those nine for whom Wooster was their first chance to play an organized sport.

"Remember when this was," says Nichols. "Several of the players were just like Alpha in that they had some ability but had never been allowed to use it in a competitive setting."

Being part of a team was a wondrous new experience for Alexander. She still marvels at the exhilaration she felt at jumping for a rebound or hearing the swish of a successful shot. "For me to have that opportunity was the best thing since sliced bread," she says.

Alexander's records in volleyball and basketball were impressive enough that, in 1993, she was inducted in the "W" Association Hall of Fame.

Certainly her participation in varsity sports was instrumental in Alexander's eventual development as one of the national leaders in women's sports. But there was more to it than that. Her time at Wooster corresponded with the dawning of change in the status of women's athletics. In fact, the year

Wooster, Wright State, and Central State.

"To give you an idea of where the Wooster students came out, it was all I could do to get any of them to take the walk-run test that I was using," she says. "Back then, very few of the very few African American females who were at Wooster had anything to do with athletics. It was odd that I played sports."

After graduating from Wooster, Alexander chose Temple University in Philadelphia to pursue advanced degrees in physical education. She quickly discovered that her I.S. experience would be an invaluable asset in graduate school. "I had done my I.S. with Maria Sexton (physical education, emeritus), and she was rough. Compared with what I had done for Maria, the master's thesis was a piece of cake.

When I went to Temple, the first

semester of graduate school was about research and methodology. I'd already done that. When you do senior I.S. at Wooster, you've been there. Wooster makes you tough. You look back at the different people you were exposed to and the intellectual prodding you received, and you realize that you can hold your weight anywhere."

At Temple, Alexander explored issues of sport psychology and sociology. Her master's thesis was a pioneering study on the status of minority women within the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, then the governing body of women's college sports. Her doctoral dissertation examined the relationship between athletic participation and self-esteem for African American females. The theories she explored continue to have a clear impact today.

"There is no question that participating in sports helps make young girls stronger and more self-confident," Alexander says. "It's an area where you can fail, you can lose, but you don't suffer life consequences."

While studying at Temple, Alexander was also beginning to realize her career goals. What began as a part-time administrative assignment within

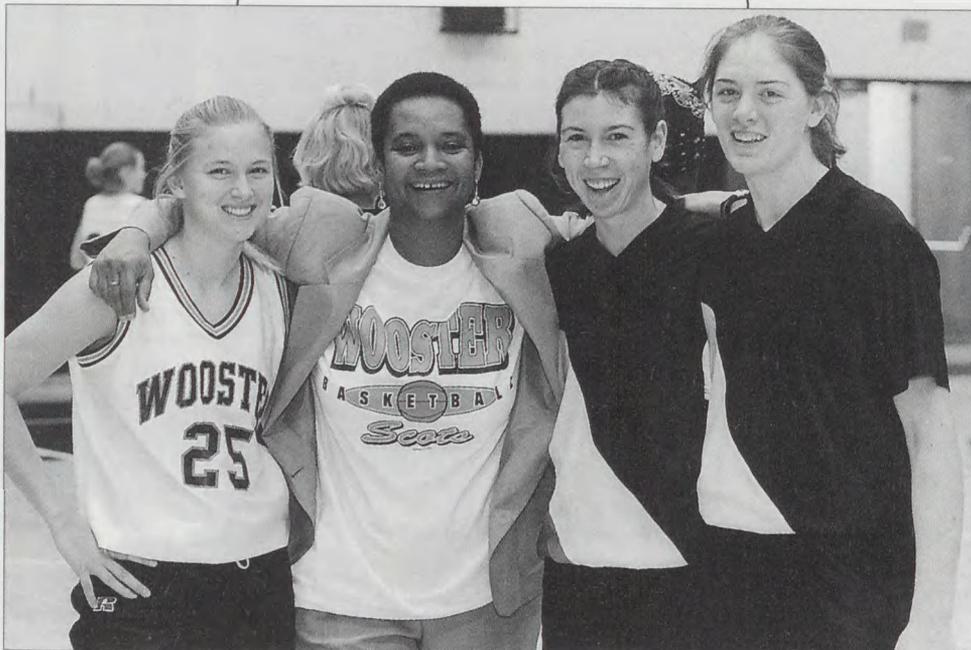


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Wooster Hall of Famer Alexander meets the current Lady Scot basketball captains. From left, Sue Roberts '99, Alexander, Katie Montague '99, and Heather Dales '98.

that Alexander entered Wooster, the College was taken to task for its lack of support for women's athletic teams. A position paper that was circulated on behalf of women's sports then described how, in 1971, the championship game of the women's state volleyball tournament being held at Wooster was stopped in progress so that the men's basketball team could use the gymnasium for practice.

Alexander herself remembers vividly that Ginny Hunt, then women's athletic director, took a class of Wooster students to Oberlin to hear a discussion of new federal legislation, something called Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. "It was one of those intellectual discussions about what people thought the impact of Title IX might be," says Alexander of the legislation that specifically prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender in educational programs and activities. "I'm not certain that, 25 years later, we yet know the whole story about that impact."

For her senior Independent Study in physical education, Alexander compared the level of physical fitness of three separate populations of African American women — students from

Temple's athletic department turned into a position as that school's first full-time assistant athletic director for women. At 26, Alexander had become one of college athletics' youngest African American female administrators.

In 1981, when she received her Ph.D. from Temple with honors, she was finally able to tell her father that she was a doctor, "just not the kind he had expected."

Alpha Alexander was on a fast track to success in athletic administration when a series of tragedies temporarily derailed her.

In short succession, her mother died, her Philadelphia apartment burned down, and her father died. At the time, she had been named associate athletic director at Temple. She resigned to return to Dayton and settle her father's estate.

That was in the summer of 1983. Suddenly, her ambition changed. Her new goal was to become a world-class beach bum. She moved to Los Angeles and hung out with Mechelle Dille '76. "I just wanted to live on the beach, nothing more," says Alexander.

Eventually one of Alexander's mentors, sports psychologist Carole Oglesby, sought her out and asked whether it wasn't time for her to get back to work. A few months later, Alexander joined the board of the Women's Sports Foundation in San Francisco. When the Foundation closed its San Francisco office, Alexander signed on with the YWCA in San Francisco. Eight months later, the national office spotted her, and she went to New York to begin an 11-year relationship that has led in any number of different directions.

The list of Alexander's accomplishments is long and growing. In addition to her position with the YWCA, Alexander serves as president of the Arthur Ashe Athletic Association, which focuses on public policy issues, and is vice president of the Black Women in Sports Foundation. She has twice led U.S. delegations on women in sport to South Africa. Three items on her resume are of particular note:

- In 1995, *Black Enterprise* magazine named Alexander one of the 30 most valuable professionals in the business of sports. She was one of only two females on that list.

- In 1996, she became the second woman in history to receive the U.S. Olympic Committee's Olympic Shield

Award in recognition and appreciation of her outstanding service to the committee. She has been a member of the USOC Board of Directors since 1988, a member of the USOC Task Force on Women since 1992, and a member of the USOC nominating committee since 1992.

- In 1997, Alexander received the Women's Sports Foundation's Billie Jean King Contribution Award. In her introduction of Alexander, legendary tennis star Billie Jean King praised Alexander's "strongly held belief that preparing future athletes is not as important as helping young people develop skills that will serve them well in life."

How does Alpha Alexander go about helping young people develop those skills? Quietly, perhaps, but with dogged determination to give others, especially women and minorities, access to opportunities that eluded her.

When she sits in Madison Square Garden and watches a game in the Women's National Basketball Association, Alexander can reflect on the clear strides that have occurred since her high school and college days.

One report, issued in June 1997 as part of a 25-year assessment of the impact of the Title IX legislation, estimated that more than 100,000 women participate in intercollegiate athletics now, representing a fourfold increase since 1971. Further, 2.4 million high school girls represented 39 percent of all high school athletes in 1996 compared with only 300,000 or 7.5 percent in 1971. The 1996 Summer Olympic Games saw American women win a record 19 Olympic medals.

"Has it been Title IX? To a degree. Has it been the exposure of women in the Olympics? To a degree," Alexander says. "For me, though, what has been remarkable is the marketing and media savvy at work in the explosion of women's sports during the past three or four years."

According to Alexander, women control 51 percent of the sporting goods market. They are players in the court that counts most. "Nike refers to women as 'growth engines,'" says Alexander. "We women control the market. We're the ones who purchase the stuff, whether it's a golf shirt for a husband or shoes for a daughter. We're the buyers. Add to that the fact that one of the fastest growing markets for the National Basketball Association is women. So the sporting goods makers see their future market as

women — whether they're viewers or actual participants."

That growth has a potentially negative side in Alexander's view. Along with the professionalism of women's basketball have come the same sleazy agents, the same shady deals, the same propensity to lose sight of proper values that have plagued men's professional sports. "It's sad to me to see that happening, but it is," she says.

Is that the natural outgrowth of a culture that may seem to overemphasize sports in comparison with other countries? Or is that really the case?

"Well, we Americans are definitely different in our approach to athletics," says Alexander. "Is sport that important to the United States? I don't think so. At least, not the kind of sport that is important to me. Here's a simple question: why do we have the most unfit youth in the world?"

The issue, for Alexander, seems to go right back to spectating versus participating. One image that stands out in her mind is from one of her trips to China for the USOC. "I'd get up every morning to take a walk, and there were these elderly Chinese out there square dancing. Square dancing!" she says. "Physical activity is a part of everyone's daily life in China."

To a certain degree, Alexander maintains that the situation she faced in Dayton remains a fact of life today. "In America, you pretty much have to pay to play," she says. "We have a president who believes in jogging. But putting the meat and the dollars behind the President's Council on Physical Fitness is something that needs to be done. It's one thing to talk about wanting to involve the kids in this country, but it's another matter to do some aggressive things and reinvest in the inner cities, just like that part of East Cleveland where kids will now be able to play on that nice new basketball court.

"We need to get into these communities and give the kids something to do. Rather than standing out on the street corners, they need activity. They want to do something. At that YWCA in East Cleveland, a little boy came up to me and asked me where he could get a ball. He just wanted to play. We've got to give these kids a chance to play."

That, finally, is what Wooster gave Alpha Alexander. 

Playing at 50

by Lisa Watts



Janice Fischer remembers how her mother, Ruth MacKenzie, would start driving very slowly each year as August rolled toward September. A long-time teacher at The College of Wooster Nursery School, MacKenzie was on a mission: tracking turtles. Her catch would become that year's Poky, a pet much loved by her young students, along with Minnie the guinea pig.

Fischer's story is one of hundreds that parents, former students, college faculty, and townspeople love to tell about the College's Nursery School. Rich in history and traditions such as Poky and Minnie, the school dates back 50 years to its founding in the basement of Memorial Chapel. Now, dozens of former students are the moms and dads picking up their own young children at Westminster Church House. They recognize some of the same art projects, hum many of the same songs.

From the start, the teachers have focused on letting young children be themselves. Play and creativity are promoted in a positive, child-safe environment. Those ideas and the significance of the years between ages three and five are well established now. But in the late 1940's they were novel concepts. The school's founder, Jean Bates — wife of the then-pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church — was one of the first Nursery School teachers to be trained in early childhood development.

Many see Clare Adel Schreiber, director of the Nursery School from 1956 to 1985, as the soul of the program. During her tenure, the school's ownership was transferred from the Wooster Women's Civic Club to the College. It moved from the Chapel basement to its specially-designed quarters in Westminster Church House, grew to morning and afternoon sessions, welcomed special-needs children, and brought in Wooster students to help or observe as part of their psychology and human development studies.

Schreiber, mother of four boys and wife of the late William, then professor of German at the College, had originally trained to be a journalist. While raising her own children, she helped with church programs and met teachers, connections that eventually led to the invitation to help teach at the Nursery School.

In 1976, when the Nursery School was only 30 years old, Donald Matthews '78 assisted Elisabeth Knorr. Seventeen years later, Elisabeth '93 graduated from the College. Her mother, Jean, teaches in the Nursery School while her father, Frank, is a director of development at the College.

During leaves with her husband, Clare Adel Schreiber studied at George Washington University and visited the Yale Child Study Center and the Child Therapy Center and Nursery, two world-renowned programs. Her first formal courses in child development "really opened my eyes to what happens in those early years. Now everybody accepts that, but 50 years ago, this was new," she says.

Al Van Wie '52, now retired as basketball coach and athletic director, sent two of his children to the Nursery School. Schreiber's insight amazed him. "She could spend a day with your child and know as much about him as you did," Van Wie says.

Schreiber and the other teachers gave parents an end-of-the-year written report on their children, a practice the teachers still follow. Those reports have become the stuff of legends, Schreiber acknowledges. She has heard of them being read at wedding rehearsal dinners and other momentous occasions.

Hayden Schilling, professor of history, speaking at a 50th anniversary celebration of the Nursery School last spring, recalled the reports written about his own two children, Kathy and David. "Reading them now, almost 30 years later, one is struck by how well the teachers knew our children, sometimes better than we ourselves, how wise their gentle admonitions were, and how judicious a single sentence could be — 'a room full of Davids would be strenuous but fascinating' is a masterful understatement."

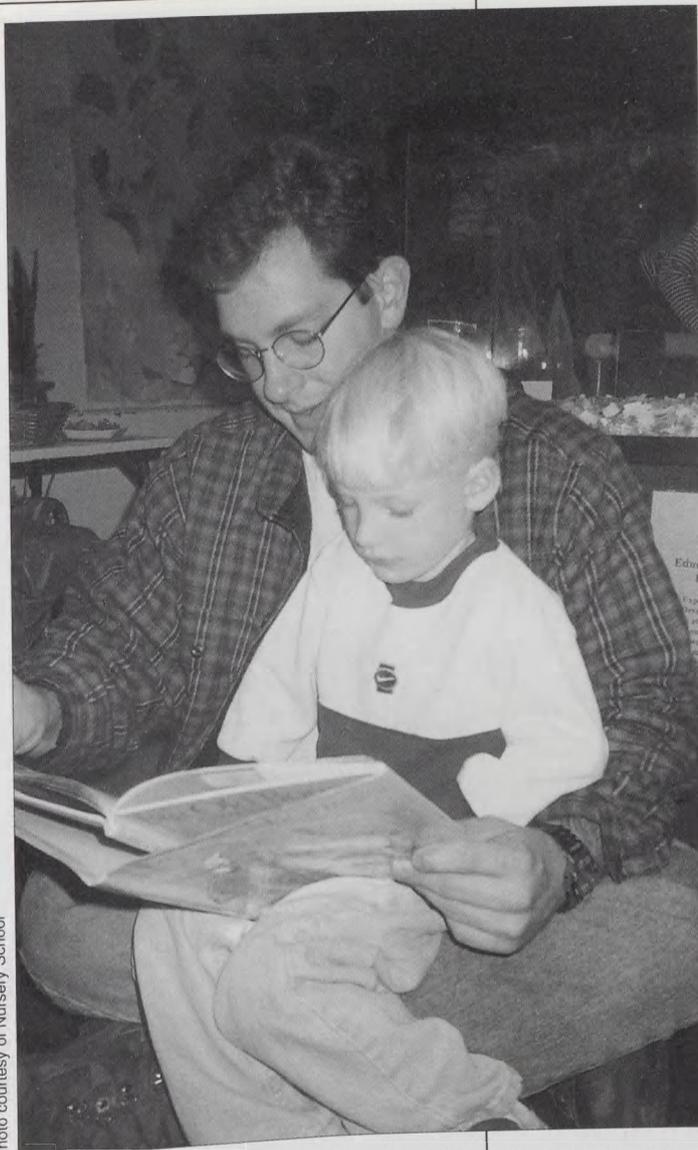
Schilling went on to note how the teachers reminded parents "that children are people too, with their own legitimate needs, to be talked with and listened to, and that active learning was something that parents and children alike could share for years to come."

Those are big lessons. Schreiber and her two successors — Lynn Okum from 1985 to 1990 and Carol Stewart since 1990 — know that working with parents is no small part of the Nursery School job.

"My whole point was to build up everybody — child, parents, grandparents," says Schreiber.

Stewart says that the interaction and contributions of the parents are just part of what makes the Nursery School so unique. Parents visit to share with the children their varied careers, from an Ohio State agricultural researcher talking about growing corn to veterinarians, doctors, farmers, and race-car drivers.

Photo courtesy of Nursery School



During the fall 1997 semester, Wes Forbes '98 of Medina, shown reading to Sumner Blanton, was among the students who helped in the Nursery School as part of a psychology course.

Having all of the Wooster campus to explore also distinguishes the school, Stewart notes. Field trips have included walks to see the monkeys in the psychology lab, the post office, bookstore, bakery, gym and athletic fields, and the chemistry and geology labs. Having college-student "helpers" adds still more flavor to the classroom.

An emphasis on the natural world and young children's easy connections to it has long characterized the school. In 1971, Schreiber presented a report on this philosophy, "Green Grow the Children," to a national convention of early-childhood educators. That report put the Wooster Nursery School on the national map, she says, with many requests for visits and invitations to speak on the subject.

Walks to collect rocks, leaves, and twigs along with non-competitive games on the quad such as "Switch Trees" continue that emphasis on nature today. "The natural world around them is

accessible to any child," says Stewart. "You don't need high-priced toys to have a quality preschool program."

Some of the pine cones the children collect each year become Christmas ornaments, covered in glue and glitter. All across Wooster, Stewart says, families still proudly hang these glittery pine cones on their trees.

The significance of all of these decades of collective experiences shared among families — potluck dinners and gift collections for the People-to-People agency, end-of-year slide shows and Christmas programs with wind-up toys — isn't lost on administrators at the College. As Susan Figge, dean of the faculty and professor of German, wrote on the occasion of the Nursery School's 50th birthday, "[You have created] a community within Wooster that extends way beyond the happy rooms in Westminster Church House." 

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Reversing field: 1-9 to 9-1

by Matt Sherrieb '91

When Wooster hired Jim Barnes as its football coach on Valentine's Day in 1995, no one could have foreseen what would happen on a wet, muddy November Saturday in Delaware, Ohio, three years later.

Barnes had taken over a program which, if not dying, was critically ill, a program that had managed only one winning season in 14 years and was coming off a turbulent 1-9 campaign.

Winning and Wooster football seemed to have taken adversarial roles. Fan support and morale within the program had dipped to all-time lows.

That made the scene in Delaware last fall all the more remarkable. There, by virtue of a workmanlike 28-14 victory over Ohio Wesleyan on the final week of the season, Wooster finished with its best record in almost three quarters of a century. The 9-1 record marked the best season since L. C. Boles's 1923 team went 9-0. More than that, the Fighting Scots earned one-third of the 1997 North Coast Athletic Conference championship. And not since 1959, when Wooster won the Ohio Athletic Conference crown, had there been a championship season in football.

Few would have believed it possible. Fortunately, Jim Barnes was one of those few.

"I felt that Wooster was a ripe program when I took the job," said Barnes, a 1981 graduate of Augustana College and a former assistant coach at both Marietta College and Ohio Wesleyan University. "I thought the downslide that preceded my coming here became bigger, like stopping a runaway car going down hill. The downward momentum became too much for the people here."

Barnes's assessment is born out by one of the players who was already on board when the new coach arrived.

"I couldn't believe how bad it was when I first got here," said senior center Frank Reutter. "It was depressing. There was a lot of apathy in the program; people didn't believe in themselves. It was strange."

Barnes took the 26 players who



Photo by Matt Dilyard

remained in the program and who were willing to accept his philosophy, sprinkled in a few strong recruiting classes, and resurrected the Fighting Scots, bringing the program full circle.

What transpired on the gridiron last fall was both magical and improbable — from 1-9 four years earlier to 9-1 and North Coast Athletic Conference tri-champions in 1997.

"The program has come a long way in a short period of time," said senior defensive back Chris Bodle. "From 1-9 to 9-1 in four years is impressive. It's a testament to the hard work we put in. We accomplished a lot in a short time."

What the program has accomplished in Barnes's brief, three-year tenure transcends the sheer numbers and is proof that Barnes and Wooster were an ideal match.

"The biggest thing was that in Barnes's first year the talent wasn't any different, but the attitude was different," Reutter said. "Our attitude won us five games alone that first year. What he did that first year was get in touch with who we were. He believed that hard work paid off. He got us to believe that."

"He got us to believe that we were deserving of good things if we worked hard. That is his best trait."

Barnes's sales job was so convincing, so powerful, that he caught the attention of not only the 26 players who remained in the program, but also of some athletes who had strayed during the lean, losing years.

"When I came to Wooster, I came as a baseball and football recruit," said senior defensive lineman Bill Miklandric. "I decided to play just baseball my first

The Fighting Scots celebrate their victory over Ohio Wesleyan which clinched a third of the North Coast Athletic Conference championship.



two years, and I was glad I didn't play football my freshman year when they were 1-9.

"But I saw the excitement that Coach Barnes brought to the program, and it inspired me to go out during my junior year. I knew something great would happen here. I didn't know what, but I didn't want to just sit in the stands and watch it happen. I wanted to be a part of it and contribute to the program."

And, this season, that something great did happen.

For the first time since 1959, Wooster defeated Wittenberg, pinning a 21-19 loss on the perennial national power. The Fighting Scots also took a major step toward respectability on the national scene by finishing fifth in the NCAA Division III North Region's final

rankings. Only a one-point loss to Allegheny on the sixth Saturday of the season stood between a 10-0 record and a berth in the 16-team national tournament.

"It was the best thing I've ever experienced in my time affiliated with sports," Miklandric said of his last two seasons as a member of the football squad. "Going from not being considered a contender to being conference champions brought a lot of excitement to the program and the campus."

"It was a complete 360 from when I first came here," he added. "It proves that if you are willing to put in the effort to work, good things will happen."

Therein lies the very basic foundation of the Wooster football under Barnes — hard work and dedication.

"Kids can do remarkable things if

they believe," Barnes said. "When I first came here, I wanted to take the players already here and get the best from them. A lot of people think that to turn around a program you need to bring in new talent. My first job was to re-recruit the players already here."

"I truly felt there were some outstanding kids on the squad who could have their enthusiasm and competitive nature for the game revitalized. It's all in the way people think and act. That will always be my focus."

Along with those players already on campus, Barnes managed to lure what was arguably the most talented recruiting class the Fighting Scots had ever seen in the fall of 1995.

Among the 70 new students who entered the program with Barnes were record-setting quarterback Rich Judd

and receiver Brandon Good. In three seasons, Judd and Good have established themselves as the most prolific passing combination in Wooster history. In 1997 alone, Judd set 10 Wooster records while Good established six marks. What's more, both have a year left at the College.

Barnes also points to the graduated classes of 1995 and 1996 who contributed to the remarkable reversal of fortune by laying the ground work.

"I wanted to instill the values of selflessness and hard work when I came," Barnes said. "The seniors that first year helped lead the turnaround. The selflessness began when Jim Smucker '96 moved from quarterback to wide receiver because he realized we had a young quarterback in Rich Judd who needed to develop. Jim went out to receiver because he knew he had the ability and could help the team.

"There was Chad Stuckey '96 who fought through injuries all season and helped the team; Anthony Natale '97 who moved from linebacker to defensive end; and Scott Amstutz '97 who moved from quarterback to safety.

"A number of players placed their trust in us, as a staff, and saw results," Barnes continued. "That's what football is all about. That's where the turnaround was."

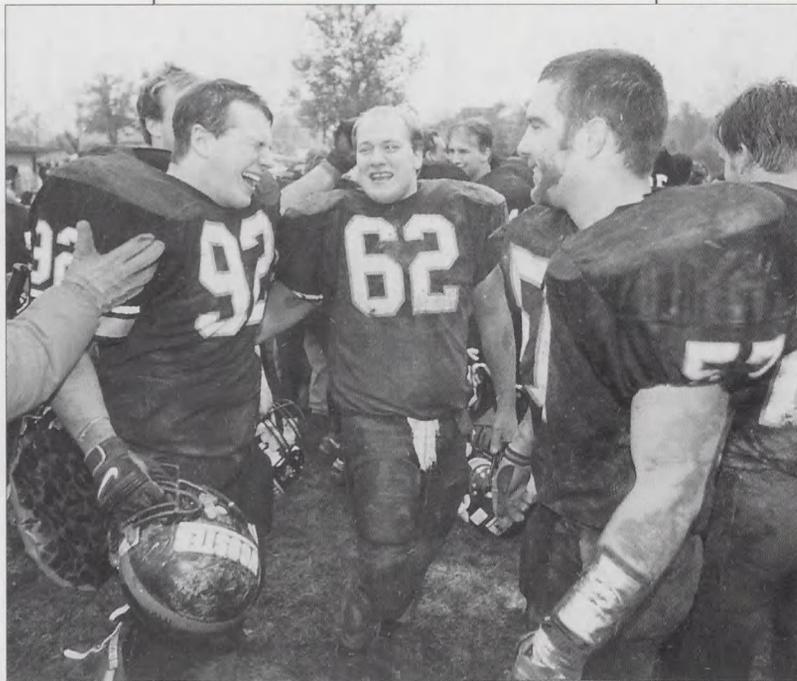
With each class, the program took another step toward its ultimate goal — respectability.

In 1995, the Fighting Scots finished 5-5 and fourth in the NCAC. They followed that with a 7-3 campaign and a third place NCAC showing in 1996.

The program began feeding on itself and started to gain momentum.

"It was as if each class took the team a couple of rungs up. Each year we went higher up the ladder," Ruetter said. "After my sophomore year, we finished fourth in the conference, and Barnes declared that we would finish in the top three the next year. It was bold on his part to come out and say that. That gave us confidence. It gave us motivation."

Barnes's confidence and the memories of that horrifying 1-9 season, which had included a 66-0 loss to Wittenberg and a 62-7 loss to Allegheny, drove the eight seniors on the 1997 team



Photos by Matt Dilyard

Top, from left, seniors Jason Legg, Frank Reutter, and Mike Noble share a triumphant moment following the upset of Wittenberg; above, junior Rich Judd passes his way into the Fighting Scot record books.

to take the program to the next level.

"The whole 1-9 thing was the basis of my, and the other seniors', speeches all year," Reutter said. "It stuck with us. It was our motivation, and the team rallied around that."

More importantly, the team rallied around the seniors' attitudes and their approach to the game. Each of the eight seniors accepted his own particular role throughout the four years. Reutter moved from guard to center in his

junior year and became an all-conference performer as a senior. Bodle moved from wide receiver to defensive back for his senior season and joined classmates Miklandric, Mike Noble, Dan Rittenhouse, and Jason Legg as key contributors on one of the top defensive units in the conference. There were Gary Boldizar, a leader on special teams, and Jon Drover, who played an important backup role.

"The program has taken on a selfless personality, and a number of these seniors exemplify that," Barnes said. "Boldizar and Drover didn't start, but they selflessly gave of themselves in practice. That became a motivational factor for the

team. They all gave of themselves for others and were examples of the dominant characteristic of what I want Wooster football to become."

What it has become is a not just respectable but a bona fide championship contender, and that is something of which the entire program and campus can be proud. But this group of seniors takes with them an experience which no other class before or after can begin to appreciate.

They were there in 1994, and they saw the worst. They were there in 1997, and they guided Wooster football to one of its finest moments.

"As the season went on, the seniors stepped up their leadership mightily," Barnes admitted. "These men, more so than any other prior group, stepped up and laid the plan. I wasn't sure at first that I had the players to lead things. The fact is, these guys got it done."

And, how does it feel leaving the program?

"As a senior, you think back to the beginning and where you came from," said Rittenhouse. "It was depressing my first year, but what we accomplished since then was fun. This gives me a great sense of accomplishment and pride."

"Looking back on this year, I will never forget losing to Allegheny. But you can't always look back."

For Wooster football, there seems every reason to look forward. 

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The Oak Grove

A collection of stories from around the Wooster campus and beyond.

The College of Wooster has joined forces with Wayne County Alcoholism Services to establish a new campus-community initiative to address alcohol abuse and, in particular, the problem of binge drinking.

The initiative has been established through a \$25,000 grant from Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth, which is working in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS). Wooster was one of 11 Ohio institutions to receive grants to address the topic.

"Anytime that I meet with colleagues from other institutions, the issues that invariably dominate our conversations are alcohol abuse in general and binge drinking in particular as it relates to students on our campuses,"

said Dwayne Davis, director of residential life at Wooster and author of the grant proposal. "This initiative is an effort to be proactive."

One of the first steps in the new initiative at Wooster was the appointment this past fall of the program's coordinator, Ahna Cattarin, who joined the Wayne County Alcoholism Services staff under a contract to provide prevention services and consultation at the College.

"Ahna's appointment enhances the relationship that already exists between Wayne County Alcoholism Services and The College of Wooster," said Nancy Anderson, director of Wooster's Student Health Center. "Wooster has had several effective programs in place for a number of years. This grant and additional funding support from the College and Wayne

County Alcoholism Services makes it possible to develop enhanced prevention and early intervention programs for the campus community."

The American Medical Association (AMA) reports that 10 million Americans under age 21 are drinkers and that nearly half of that number drink to excess, which the AMA defines as five or more drinks in a row. The AMA also indicates, on average, that males take their first drink at age 11 and females have their first one at age 13. While most students with alcohol abuse problems in college started to drink in high school or earlier, ongoing research indicates that the highest incidence of drug and alcohol abuse among college students occurs during the first year of school because students assume that this is a time to experiment. Other research has shown that student drinking is not a problem of the colleges alone, but of the entire community. Consequently, collaboration by campus and community officials to rework the social, legal, and economic environment that drives student alcohol consumption can effectively reduce such behaviors as binge drinking.

One of Cattarin's plans is to develop training programs for everyone on the Wooster campus so that students will receive consistent messages about alcohol use and specifically the dangers of binge drinking.

"Our aim will be to get everyone to the same level of education so that faculty and staff members will be able to recognize a student who may have an alcohol problem and provide appropriate intervention and necessary referrals for that person," said Cattarin.

In addition, Cattarin wants to move beyond the traditional approaches to combating alcohol abuse by college students and head in more promising directions as indicated by recent research.

"Traditional alcohol awareness programs have presented information about substance abuse with the expectation that once individuals have the knowledge, there will be a behavioral change," observed Cattarin. "Research is showing that knowledge does not produce a behavioral change. What does work is to change individuals' attitudes and perceptions through an environmental approach. In the case of student drinking, you have to look at all aspects of their environment, including faculty and staff, dorms, alcohol policies, and types of social functions."

One type of social function that has proven successful for Wooster is a

new Wednesday night coffee house in the basement of Kittredge Hall, where students can gather to enjoy coffee and bagels while listening to music. According to Cattarin, the coffee house's organizers planned for an attendance of about 40 students when the program began this past November. However, more than 200 students showed up that first evening. Now in addition to preparing sufficient food and coffee for the crowd that gathers each Wednesday evening, the organizers also offer donated door prizes to add to the fun and appeal of the event. Plans call for this program to continue in the spring semester. — *Wesley Tree*

Small World

Elizabeth Blough Corathers '44 sends this Small World note. She belongs to OASIS (Older Adult Social Information Services), the senior citizens organization of Newport Beach, CA. Elizabeth writes, "Last month I read this write-up (in the OASIS newsletter) about **Paul Ricatto '37** — he had been my math student teacher at Wooster High School in 1937. I hadn't heard his name or seen him since then. I called



Paul and suggested that we meet at OASIS at our first

pancake breakfast of the new season.

"Since I was one of Paul's many math students, he wouldn't have remembered me. But he said that he would wear an Angels baseball cap. From his picture in the newsletter, I recognized him immediately. I thought it interesting, meeting for the first time in 60 years, though we have lived only three miles apart — for many years as it turns out. He lives on Balboa Island, and I live in Corona del Mar (both part of Newport Beach). We had even attended some of the same Wooster Day gatherings held along the coast but had never met before."

Another alum reports a similar sighting but with a twist.

"You meet Wooster alums everywhere, sometimes in the strangest places," writes **Willem Lange '57**. "I was at the University of Vermont's Ira Allen Chapel in early December to do a Lane Series performance of *A Christmas Carol*. While changing into my costume in a men's room, I spotted a familiar face looking up at me from the floor on the page of a local newspaper.



Elizabeth Blough Corathers '44 and Paul Ricatto '37 renewed acquaintances in California.

"It was **Ron Takaki '61**! His picture was on the front page of the *UVM Record*. Ron had just given the keynote address at the university's second annual anti-racism conference.

"The article described Ron's address in glowing terms, and noted Ron's comments on his own college, Wooster, which accepted him in 1957 even before he applied. 'An early version of affirmative action,' he called it."

Will concludes, "It was a pleasure to see Ron again, even if in somewhat unusual circumstances."

Send Small World encounters to *Wooster*, The College of Wooster, 1189 Beall Ave., Wooster, OH 44691-2363.

Wooster in the News

In his weekly column, "On Sports," in the Nov. 14, 1997, editions of *The Wall Street Journal*, Frederick C. Klein focused entirely on Wooster President R. Stanton Hales, his personal passion for the sport of badminton, and his philosophy of balance in college athletics.

Klein observes that Hales may be the only former national champion in an Olympic sport to be a college president. (Hales held the U.S. men's singles title in 1970 and 1971.)

Citing well-publicized abuses in "big-time" college sports, Klein quotes Hales as arguing that college athletics can properly serve as "a rallying point for campus and community involvement" provided they are put in their place — "You play your game, take your shower, and go back to the books."

For a reprint of *The Wall Street Journal* article, write Jeffery G. Hanna, Director of College Relations, The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH 44691 or e-mail <jhanna@acs.wooster.edu>.

Meanwhile, several other national stories that had connections to the College included the following.

- The Nov. 7, 1997, edition of *Science* carries a story about the research being conducted by Mark Wilson (geology) and colleagues at Smith College. The work, conducted on a reef on the island of San Salvador in the Bahamas, suggests a sea level change triggered by sudden cold snap in the global climate. (For further details, see *Wooster Reports* Winter 1997.)

- The national journal *Syllabus* cited the way that Mark Weaver (political science) uses the World Wide Web in his First-Year Seminar course as one of its case studies in the November/December 1997 edition.

- *The New York Times* referred to the annual survey of college guides that is administered by Jeff Hanna, director of college relations, in a story about the burgeoning college guide business in its business section on Sept. 18, 1997.

- In October, Carol Wheatley, director of admissions, was a guest on a cable television program produced by the *Princeton Guides* and aired on cable channels in the New York City, New Jersey, and Connecticut area.

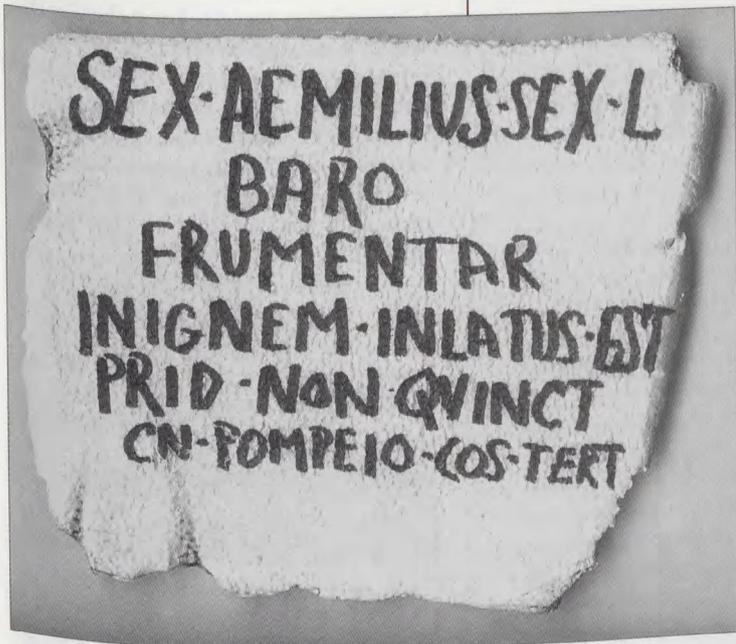
- James Perley (biology) was quoted in a recent *New York Times Education Life* story about changing attitudes toward the professoriate. Perley is president of the American Association of University Professors.

- Jennifer Hayward (English) was the guest on the public radio program, "Mind Over Media," on WJHU in Baltimore. She discussed the topic of the relationship that television audiences forge with characters. For information about Hayward's new book about audiences and serial fiction, see page 60.

Wooster sports contests now on the Web

WooInfo, Wooster's home page on the World Wide Web, has added the enhanced capabilities offered by Real Audio. With the cooperation of radio station WQKT of Wooster, all Fighting Scot and Lady Scot athletic contests that are aired live by that station will be available on the Web through Wooster's home page.

For further details, go to the Athletics section of WooInfo at <<http://www.wooster.edu/athletics/>>.



Students in Vivian Holliday's introductory Latin course scour the campus for inscribed "artifacts" such as this one, which is a slab from a tomb in Rome from 52 B.C.E. It reads: "Sextus Aemilius Baro, freedman of Sextus, a grain merchant, was placed in the fire on July 6, in the third consulship of Gnaeus Pompeius."

Wooster students 'excavate' inscriptions to learn Latin

In order to demonstrate the original vitality of Latin as a language, College of Wooster classical studies and history professor Vivian Holliday has her students "excavate" campus locations in search of inscriptions that date from the time of the ancient Romans.

OK, so the Wooster campus didn't actually exist during the time of the Roman Empire. Holliday takes care of that little glitch by writing Latin inscriptions in black marker on irregular chunks of Styrofoam that are made to resemble pieces of old stone. She then places about 30 of these Styrofoam "artifacts" in various places on campus where students enrolled in her beginning Latin class can "discover" them as part of their final exam.

Once the artifacts are located, the students must then translate the inscriptions, which range from Roman road markers to advertisements for food or lodging to graffiti on the ruins of a tavern wall in Pompeii. When possible, Holliday tries to match the ancient inscriptions to analogous campus locations. For instance, she might place an item about the Roman baths near the swimming pool in Wooster's Armington Physical Education Center.

Holliday has collected the Latin inscriptions for several years from a variety of sources. She has recorded some at archaeological sites she has visited, while others come from published collections of inscriptions. Included among her collection are the words on a sign outside a bath:

THERMAE
M.CRASSI - FRVGI
AQVA - MARINA - ET - BALN
AQVA - DVLCI - IANVARIVS.L

"The sign for a Roman bath announces that both salt and fresh water were available at the bathing establishment of Marcus Crassus Frugi," translates Holliday.

Another from outside an inn proclaims: "Travelers, hear me. If you would like, come inside the inn. There is a bronze tablet inside that will tell you about what is inside the inn." And "Signs Here" is a simple advertisement for a sign maker, who practiced his trade during the first century B.C.E. in Sicily. Yet another is an acrostic that can be read up and down as well as forwards and backwards.

Not all of the inscriptions are in perfect Latin, especially some of the graffiti which often contain misspelled words and incorrect grammar. Other examples of this ancient graffiti include drawings of people. This is the case with a Pompeian example, which depicts a minor argument about who should be served first in the tavern.

"All of these inscriptions show that Latin was alive and was used every day by all kinds of people," observed Holliday. "Language is the primary tool for expressing culture and thought. My students have a deeper understanding of the Romans and their society when they study Latin as a living language. This exercise challenges the students and brings them to a higher level of Latin competency earlier in their college careers." — *Wesley Tree*

On the Road Again

The Wooster Chorus and the Scot Symphonic Band will make their annual spring break tours again this March.

The Chorus has concerts scheduled in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Missouri while the Scot Band's schedule takes it to Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois as well as two stops in Ohio.

Wooster Chorus Spring Tour

- **Indianola Presbyterian Church**
Columbus, Ohio
7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 7
- **South Frankfort Presbyterian Church**
Frankfort, Ky.
4 p.m., Sunday, March 8
- **Reid Presbyterian Church**
Richmond, Ind.
7 p.m., Monday, March 9
- **Tabernacle Presbyterian Church**
Indianapolis, Ind.
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 10
- **Saint Louis Symphony Community Music School**
University City, Mo.
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 11
- **Grace Episcopal Church**
Kirkwood, Mo.
7:30 p.m., Friday, March 13
- **First Presbyterian Church**
Evansville, Ind.
7 p.m., Saturday, March 14
- **Covenant Presbyterian Church**
Springfield, Ohio
4 p.m., Sunday, March 15

Scot Band Spring Tour

- **Shawnee High School**
Lima, Ohio
7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 7
- **Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church**
Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.
4 p.m., Sunday, March 8
- **Crawfordsville High School**
Crawfordsville, Ind.
7 p.m., Monday, March 9
- **McKinley Presbyterian Church**
Champaign, Ill.
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 10
- **Batavia High School**
Batavia, Ill.
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 11
- **Christ Presbyterian Church**
Toledo, Ohio
7:30 p.m., Friday, March 13

Soaps & Sojourners

DOMESTIC
CONSTRAINTS
AND THE
BREAKDOWN OF
INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENTS

JEFFREY S. LANTIS

Domestic Constraints and the Breakdown of International Agreements

by Jeffrey Lantis (political science)

When President Clinton failed to gain enough support in Congress last fall for the so-called "Fast Track" authority, that failure illustrated the way in which internal, domestic constraints can impact a country's agreements in the international community. And that, in turn, illustrated the basic argument that Wooster political scientist Jeffrey Lantis makes in his new book, *Domestic Constraints and the Breakdown of International Agreements* (Praeger Publishers).

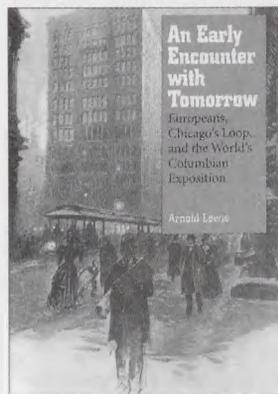
As Lantis explains, President Clinton committed to the creation of a Free Trade Area of the Americas (a southward expansion of NAFTA) at a special summit of Latin American leaders in December 1994. "But Clinton's inability to mobilize domestic support has hampered his ability to keep that pledge," Lantis says.

In fact, Lantis's new book is based on eight case studies of the foreign policy decision making process in the Federal Republic of Germany relative to commitments to the European Community and NATO in the 1970s and 1980s. His exploration of "post-commitment politics" takes a distinctly different tack than the most popular explanation in foreign policy analysis literature — the two-level game model.

Lantis argues that this model does not fully account for surprising defections from agreements. A new framework is presented which interprets international defections as the product of domestic constraints on foreign policy making that often materialize in the

"post-commitment" ratification process, the period when domestic conditions and actors align relative to an international agreement.

The study concludes that factionalism in the major party government and inter-party coalition differences are primary, but often hidden, constraints on a leader's ability to uphold international agreements. It shows how international commitments can awaken dormant domestic constituencies along the road to ratification. Having committed to an agreement as a matter of foreign policy, Lantis says, it is sometimes the case that a leader cannot uphold such agreements because domestic constituencies can mobilize to undermine these efforts. "Leaders have lost their jobs over such matters," he adds.



An Early Encounter with Tomorrow: Europeans, Chicago's Loop, and the World's Columbian Exposition
by Arnold Lewis (art, emeritus)

Writing in the Winter 1997 issue of *Wooster*, Arnold Lewis described the manner in which Chicago "awed but also disquieted foreign observers." In comparison with early 20th-century European city-centers, Chicago's "Loop" seemed "too over-scaled, hectic, dirty, inartistic, and consumed by business."

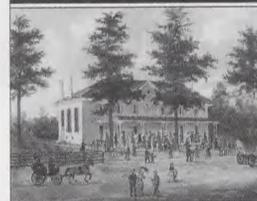
Lewis's new volume, *An Early Encounter with Tomorrow: Europeans, Chicago's Loop, and the World's Columbian Exposition* (University of Illinois), on which his essay in *Wooster* was based, makes the case that Chicago, more than any other American city, represented a preview of the future.

As Martin Filler's review in *The New York Times* observes, it was in

Chicago's commercial Loop that "such pioneering firms as Adler & Sullivan, Burnham & Root, and Holabird & Root had recently mastered the audacious new vocabulary of steel-frame high-rise construction that within a generation would revolutionize the practice of architecture more fully than at any time since the Renaissance."

Lewis makes the case that the combination of these innovative buildings and the pace of life in the Loop challenged the traditional European belief in the civility of city life.

Sojourners No More
The Quakers in the New South
1865-1920



Damon D. Hickey

Sojourners No More: The Quakers in the New South 1865-1920

by Damon D. Hickey (Director of Libraries)

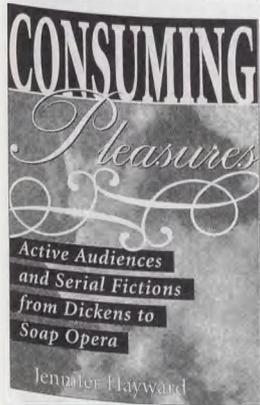
What began as a graduate school paper, grew into a master's thesis, and became a doctoral dissertation is now a book that one reviewer calls "a much-needed counterpart" to other studies of American Quakerism.

Damon Hickey's examination of southern Quakerism following the Civil War, *Sojourners No More: The Quakers in the New South 1865-1920* (North Carolina Friends Historical Society), shows how the state of the Quakers in the South changed dramatically.

As Hickey writes in the preface, "Before the Civil War, Quakers in the South were a despised minority — anti-slavery, anti-war, anti-secession. Sojourners in a hostile region, they kept to themselves or moved away. By the time the war ended in 1865, most southern Quakers had migrated to the Midwest. But by 1920, their numbers in the South had swollen into the thousands. Many were leaders of the 'New South.' And much of their distinctiveness had vanished. They were sojourners no more, physically or spiritually."

In a review published in the Autumn 1997 issue of *The Southern Friend*, Thomas D. Hamm of Earlham College praises Hickey's "insight, care,

and thoughtfulness" in telling the story. Writes Hamm: "I doubt anyone will produce a better history of how North Carolina Quakerism, as we know it now, came to be."



Consuming Pleasures: Active Audiences and Serial Fictions from Dickens to Soap Opera

by Jennifer Hayward (English)

Are fans of television soap operas the ignorant dupes of the media? Or do they actually represent one of the most active and savvy audiences for fiction?

In her new book, *Consuming Pleasures: Active Audiences and Serial Fictions from Dickens to Soap Opera* (University of Kentucky Press), Jennifer Hayward, assistant professor of English at Wooster, debunks the popular misconception that soap opera viewers become unable to distinguish between "soap excess and real life."

Citing the way that audiences have always participated in the development of serial fictions, beginning with Charles Dickens's serialized novels and continuing through the serial comic strips that helped newspapers maintain readership, Hayward argues that the audience for serial fictions is like no other audience in a number of important ways.

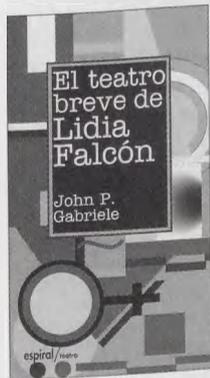
For one thing, serials "cement social bonds" by "providing neighbors and workmates who might otherwise have no interests in common with an instant topic of conversation."

As her examination of fan letters to authors of serial fiction makes clear, devotees of Dickens's *Our Mutual Friends* and devotees of television's *One Life to Live* share an important trait. They both have been the beneficiaries of a large cast of fictional acquaintances about whom they can gossip. Writes Hayward: "Soaps function to open lines of communication between viewers. ...Early soaps provided a shared community and a neutral field of discussion for women isolated in their respective homes and nuclear families. Contem-

porary shows serve a similar function for homemakers as well as college students, office workers, and NBA and NFL teams."

Moreover, today's soap operas are tackling more and more "socially relevant" story lines — everything from AIDS and HIV to gang membership to the importance of voting. With so many different people discussing the events on a daily show, writes Hayward, the impact on society is powerful. "Soaps act out conflict in a space apparently free from consequences, thereby offering low-threat opportunities for debating politically charged issues," she writes.

Just as Dickens received suggestions for future plot twists from readers of his serials and just as cartoonist Milton Caniff was the beneficiary of fan suggestions for his serial trip "Terry and the Pirates," viewers of daily soap operas are characterized by their active involvement with the shows they watch. The involvement takes several forms, including letters to producers and even organized protests or campaigns that can now be mounted on the Internet.



El teatro breve de Lidia Falcón by John P. Gabriele (Spanish)

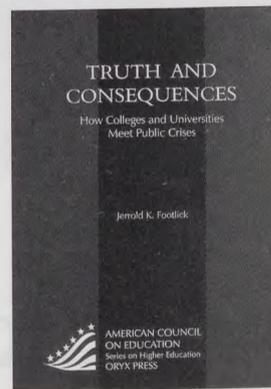
Lidia Falcón, born in Madrid in 1935 to a radical and artistic family, was twice imprisoned under Franco. Spain's foremost feminist theorist and activist, she founded the Spanish Feminist Party and has led local, national, and international feminist organizations, such as Sisterhood is Global. Although Falcón is also a published playwright, American critics have written little about her work. With *El teatro breve de Lidia Falcón* (Editorial Fundamentos), John P. Gabriele undertakes to fill that gap.

The volume, written in Spanish, begins with a brief discussion of Falcón's affinity for drama and a defense of feminist theatre, both written by the playwright herself. An interview by Candyce Leonard further explores Falcón's feminist philosophy and revolutionary ideals

in their personal, political, and artistic representations.

In the second portion of the book, "Estudio Crítico Preliminar," John Gabriele offers more biographical background and analyzes Falcon's dramatic works in political as well as literary context. Gabriele describes Falcón's fight against both the oppression and the romanticization of woman in literature (as well as in reality) as integral to the global world of feminist drama, mentioning many writers from other countries, including Wendy Wasserstein and Myrna Lamb.

El teatro breve de Lidia Falcón ends with just that — four of Falcón's short dramatic pieces: *¡No moleste, calle y pague, Señora!*; *¡Parid, parid malditas!*; *Tres idiotas españolas*; and *Tu único amor*. All are one-act plays.



Truth and Consequences: How Colleges and Universities Meet Public Crises by Jerrold K. Footlick '56

A former education editor for *Newsweek*, Jerry Footlick has seen colleges and universities at their best and at their worst when dealing with any number of different crises.

Using the case study method in his book, *Truth and Consequences* (Oryx Press), Footlick has selected a wide variety of incidents that have thrust colleges into the spotlight, from the punch that Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes threw at a Clemson linebacker to the questions raised over cold fusion at the University of Utah. Footlick sets the stage with in-depth reporting on the issues, then outlines the diverse ways in which the institutions responded to the crisis at hand.

As each case unfolds, Footlick offers lessons that can be drawn from the various responses. Published as part of the American Council on Education's series on higher education, *Truth and Consequences* has intriguing stories to offer those inside and outside of higher education. 



Photo by Matt Dilyard

Members of the 100 Years of Football Celebration Committee "huddled" in the Gault Alumni Center last November to plan the celebration. From right to left, Ronald Whitaker '69, chairman; John McIlvaine '67; John Smeltz '44; Robert Whitaker '60; Marian Cropp (Alumni Relations); Richard Lowe '74; and Randolph Snow '68. Committee members not shown include Geoffrey Belz '90; Thomas Boardman '70; Craig Lombardi '89; and Donald "Cash" Register '59.

Football centennial

by Jeffrey Todd '83

100 Years of Football to be Celebrated at Homecoming Next Fall!

On the very weekend last fall that Wooster defeated Wittenberg in one of the Fighting Scots' biggest football games in many years, a committee of former football players under the leadership of Ronald Whitaker '69 met to help plan a celebration of 100 Years of Football at Wooster.

The celebration will occur during the 1998 Homecoming Weekend (Oct. 9-11, 1998). All former football players and coaches are being invited to participate in this milestone occasion. Between now and next October, there will be periodic mailings about this event.

Any former player or coach who fails to receive information about the celebration should contact the Gault Alumni Center.

Reunion Weekend June 4 - 7, 1998

The countdown has begun to the 1998 class reunions. Alumni Weekend will be held June 4-7 on the campus and will feature reunion activities for those classes with years ending in 3's and 8's.

By this time, several mailings should have reached members of those reunion classes about the event. These materials include a letter from class presidents along with a reunion questionnaire.

Alumni are urged to complete the questionnaires and return them to the Office of Alumni Relations and The Wooster Fund as soon as possible.

A special publication, *Reunion News*, offers details of the upcoming events, and the Alumni Weekend brochure will be mailed in early spring. That brochure will include the opportunity to make reservations for the various events. Alumni are encouraged to return

that reservation immediately in order to take advantage of the early bird discount.

If you are wondering which of your classmates plan to participate in your reunion, check the reunion section of WooInfo, Wooster's World Wide Web page at <http://www.wooster.edu/alumni/>. Several reunion classes are maintaining their own web pages in advance of the event.

John D. McKee Award goes to Members of Class of '48

The Alumni Association will present long-time Wooster volunteers Malcolm and Jean Malkin Boggs, '48s, with the 1998 John D. McKee Alumni Volunteer Award.

The Boggses have volunteered for the College for several decades. Together they served as class secretaries until 1994. Jean Boggs has been secretary/treasurer of the Capitol District alumni club of which Mal has served as president. Mal has also been a class agent and is a former member of the Alumni Board.

Both Mal and Jean served as volunteers during the Campaign for Wooster and, since 1993, they have chaired the Class of 1948 50th Anniversary Fund.

The McKee Award will be presented during the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association on June 6, 1998.

CALLING CLEVELAND AND CHICAGO ALUMNI!

Wooster alumni in Cleveland and Chicago will be participating in fund-raising phonathons for The Wooster Fund in March and April.

The Cleveland event will be held on March 30 beginning at 6 p.m. (EST) and will be hosted by Allen Gerard '83. The Chicago phonathon is scheduled for April 1 at 6 p.m. (CST) and will be hosted by Grant McCorkhill '84.

The evening will offer an opportunity for alumni to renew acquaintances, both in person and by telephone, while helping the College in its Wooster Fund efforts.

There will be a wrap-up party afterwards in honor of the volunteers.

For more information on either of these opportunities, please contact Gayle Glanville at (330)263-2616 or gglanville@acs.wooster.edu.

Regionally Speaking

The following regional events for alumni, parents, and friends have been planned for this winter and spring. Individuals in these areas of the country will receive invitations by mail. Anyone who does not live near these regions but would like information about the events should contact the Office of Alumni Relations & The Wooster Fund.

A schedule of regional events is also listed and updated on WooInfo at <<http://www.wooster.edu/alumni/>>.

- Feb. 22Tampa, FL
Speaker: R. Stanton Hales
- Feb. 23The Forest Country Club
Ft. Myers, FL
Speaker: R. Stanton Hales
- Feb. 24Venice Yacht Club,
Venice, FL
Speaker: R. Stanton Hales
- April 13Baltimore, MD
Speaker: Susan Stranahan '68
- April 14Washington, DC
Speaker: Susan Stranahan '68
- April 19Nashville, TN
Speaker: R. Stanton Hales
- April 21Chicago, IL
Speaker: Arn Lewis
(Art History, emeritus)
- April 29Hartford Country Club,
Hartford/New Haven, CT
Speaker: R. Stanton Hales
- April 30Westchester/Fairfield, CT
Speaker: R. Stanton Hales

Travel Update

If you've never traveled with us, this is your year to become a Wooster Traveler! Join fellow alumni, parents and friends for an extraordinary travel experience in 1998 enjoying a close-up perspective of the "real" Alaska from the decks of the yacht-like *Yorktown Clipper* or cycling through Austria, one of Europe's most scenic countries! Both tours have limited space available!

The Hidden Fjords & Glaciers of Alaska's Inside Passage Cruise

August 15-22, 1998
Optional Heartland Adventure Pre-Tour
August 11-15, 1998

Share an enriching travel experience with fewer than 140 fellow passengers as we sail extraordinary, glacier-carved Tracy Arm; scan the cliffs for mountain goats and search passing ice floes for bald eagles and harbor seals; view the remarkably blue Sawyer Glacier, perhaps Alaska's most beautiful glacier; visit Taylor Bay in Glacier Bay



Photo by Marian Cropp

Wooster travelers pedalling on cobblestone streets through picturesque Aeroskobing, on the island of Aero in Denmark.

National Park and Preserve; and view the seabird colonies of the Inian Islands before stopping at the charming community of Elfin Cove, where boardwalks serve as sidewalks and the rain forest is accessible right behind town. We will search the calm waters of spectacular Misty Fjords National Monument for pods of orcas and humpback whales. Join the ship's experienced naturalists as they lead expeditions ashore, point out wildlife from deck, and present lectures on the area's natural history!

Ports of call include Juneau, Tracy Arm, Glacier Bay National Park, Inian Islands, Elfin Cove, Sitka, Petersburg, Misty Fjords, and Ketchikan. A waiting list is now in effect for this trip.

Austria: Inn River Bicycle Tour September 5-18, 1998

Discover why Austria is paradise for cyclists, regardless of age or experience. There are wonderful bicycle paths on even terrain surrounded by awesome mountains, some are snow-covered year-round. We will start in southern Austria, near the Italian border, in the village of Krimml. We will cycle along the Salzach River, in the direction of Salzburg, passing Bramberg, Uttendorf and Taxenbach. Spectacular scenery, chalets with flower-covered balconies, mountains everywhere and good clean air abound.

After exploring Salzburg, we head for Oberndorf, entering Bavaria and

head to Burghausen where we meet the river Inn. We will pedal through fertile farmland, picturesque villages with pastel-colored homes and cobble-stoned squares. The tour ends in Innsbruck (Bridge over the Inn).

Comfortable Dutch bicycles are provided with two European guides to offer a historical perspective to this memorable "ed-venture"!

Coming in 1999: Amazon River Tour with Optional Extension to Machu Picchu — Jan. 30-Feb. 6, 1999

For details about Wooster Travels, contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

Contacting Gault Alumni Center

Need to update your address or obtain information about an alumni program? Here is a list of telephone numbers and e-mail and Web addresses for you:

For general information about alumni programs and services:

Phone: (330) 263-2324

E-mail: skiser@acs.wooster.edu

Web: <<http://www.wooster.edu/alumni/>>

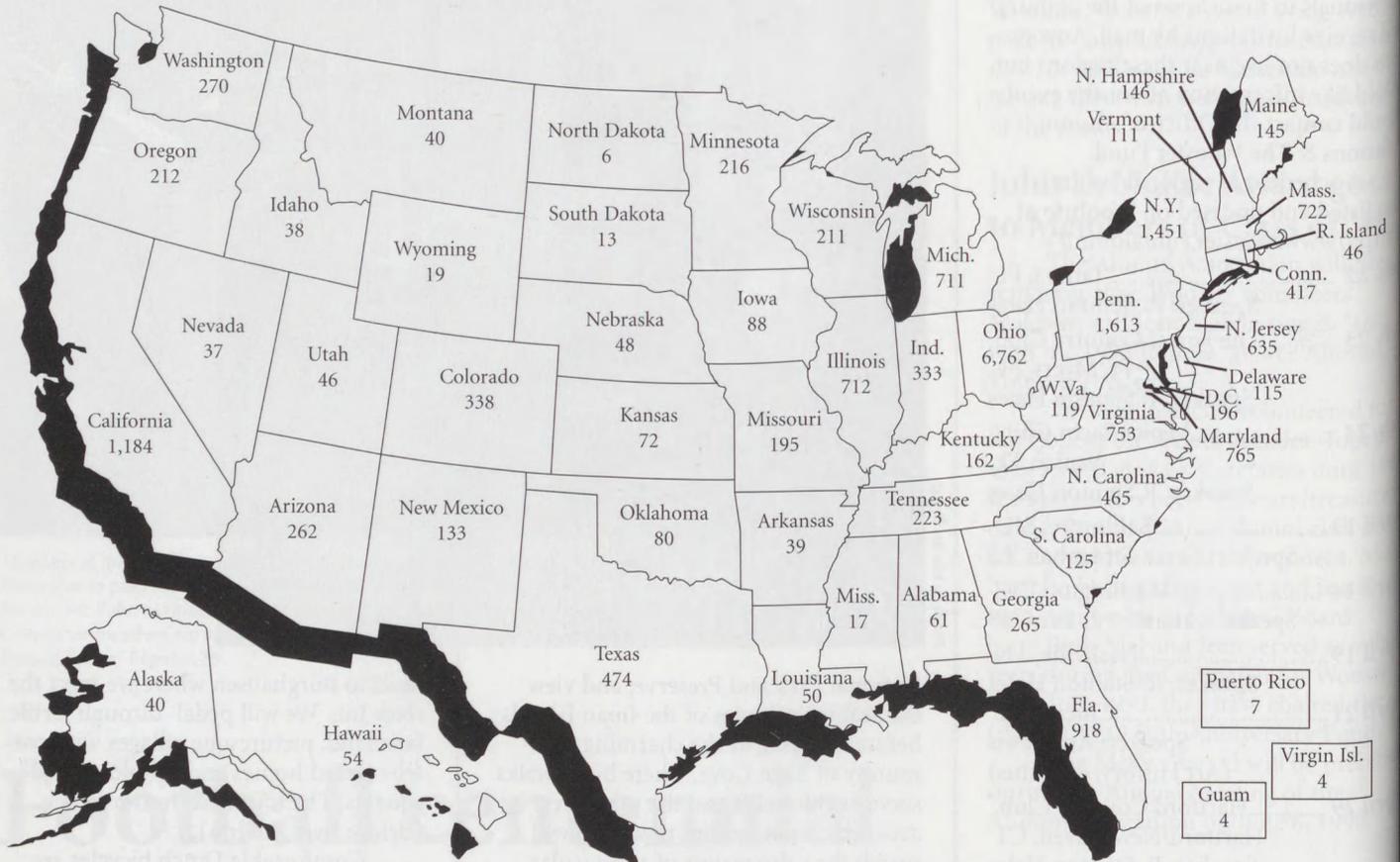
To update an address:

Phone: (330) 263-2327 or 2328

E-mail: tposten@acs.wooster.edu

Web: <<http://www.wooster.edu/Alumni/LinkFiles/Form.html>> 

Where in the world?



As of July 1997, Wooster had "good" addresses for 22,854 alumni, which included 16,461 individuals who received degrees from Wooster and 6,393 who attended the College but do not have Wooster degrees.

"Good" addresses mean that this issue of *Wooster* should have reached you. The number of alumni living in each state appears on the map above. The list of alumni abroad follows:

Argentina	2
Australia	9
Austria	5
Bangladesh	2
Belize	1
Bermuda	3
Brazil	6
British West Indies	4
Cameroon	4
Canada	87
Chile	2
Colombia	1
Costa Rica	2
Cyprus	3
Czech Republic	2
Democratic Republic of Korea	1
Denmark	7
Dominican Republic	1

Ecuador	2
Egypt	2
Ethiopia	1
Finland	3
France	17
Germany	18
Ghana	1
Great Britain	1
Greece	27
Guatemala	5
Hong Kong	11
Hungary	1
India	47
Indonesia	12
Ireland	1
Israel	1
Italy	8
Japan	36
Kenya	20
Luxembourg	2
Madagascar	1
Malawi	7
Malaysia	26
Mexico	6
Nepal	7
Netherlands	35
New Zealand	4
Nigeria	1
Norway	8

Pakistan	2
Panama	2
Peoples Republic of China	1
Peru	3
Philippines	17
Poland	18
Portugal	1
Republic of Korea	27
Saudi Arabia	5
Scotland	11
Senegal	1
Singapore	1
South Africa	1
South-West Africa	1
Spain	1
Sri Lanka	1
Swaziland	1
Sweden	1
Switzerland	1
Taiwan, Republic of China	1
Tanzania	1
Thailand	1
Turkey	1
United Arab Emirates	1
United Kingdom	1
Venezuela	1
West Africa	1
Zambia	1
Zimbabwe	1

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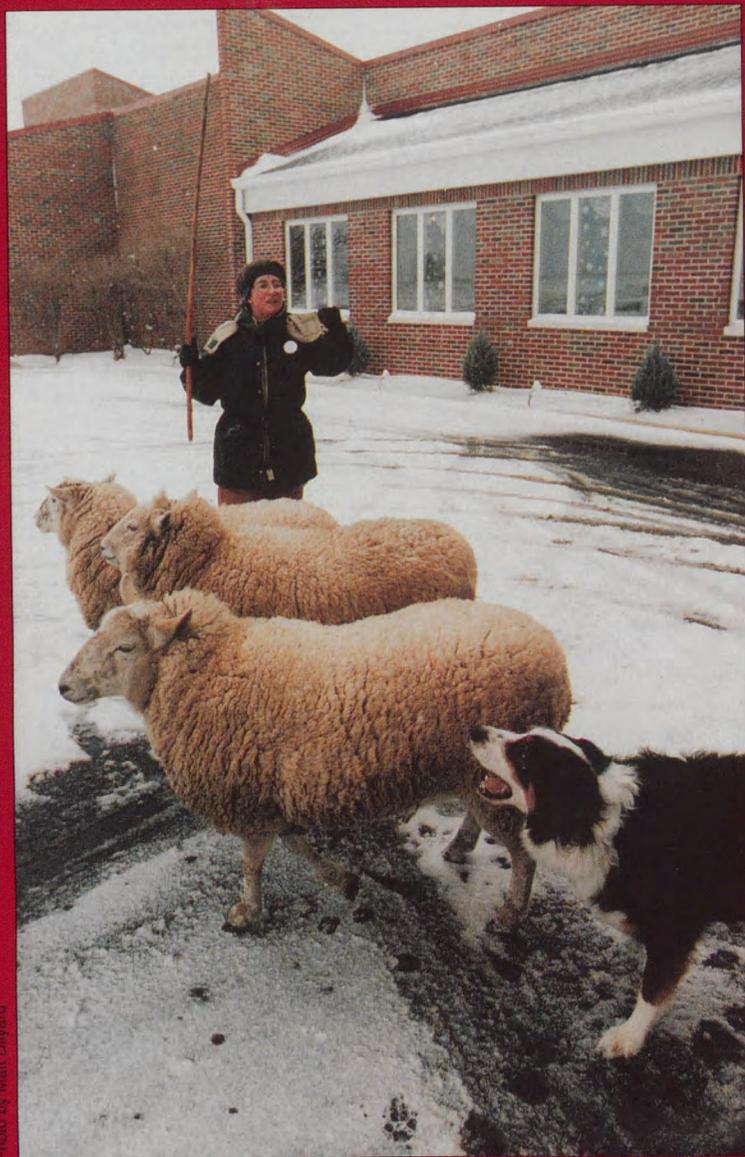


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Anna Pioplis Andrews '87 and her dog, MacLeod, put a trio of sheep through their paces on a snowy December afternoon. See story on page 14.