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# Taking Note

## What mentors learn

OUR FRIENDSHIP BEGAN under slightly contrived circumstances: a day of ice-breaking exercises and presentations in Mackey Hall. We were new to Worthy Questions, a mentoring program offered by the Office of Interfaith Campus Ministries. By the end of that Saturday workshop, we were supposed to pick someone for our staff-student pairs.

What struck me from the start about Ilana Zafran '06 was her energy — it spills out of her even when she's telling you how tired she is. I learned that she was from Boston, she was raised Jewish, and she was frustrated that she couldn't find room in her first-year schedule to sample all the classes that interested her.

I guess I related to Ilana. I had moved from the East Coast a few years before her. I worried about how she would feel in such a religiously conservative part of the country. I hope that I once had as much intellectual curiosity as she had.

So I chose Ilana, and happily she chose me. We got together, she met my husband and kids, we started meeting for lunches and dinners. We've talked about guys who act like your boyfriend and then ditch you, roommates who vanish for days, the challenges of raising adolescents — oh yeah, and sometimes the meaning of life.

Each year her schedule gets busier and we see each other less. But we seem to pick up where we leave off. Last year we met after Ilana had spent a semester away in the Borders program, studying and living on the Texas/Mexico line. The experience clearly transformed her. Her plate of Chinese food grew cold as she talked of new-found friends, political interests, and professional goals. I smiled, remembering that same energy in the slightly more timid, uncertain freshman I first met.

You can read about how Ilana's religious beliefs have changed and strengthened in her four years at Wooster (page 10). Her interview with Angela Bilancini '05 — also a Worthy Questions alumna — tells part of the story. Like so many other students, Ilana has flourished in this small, liberal arts environment where she feels safe enough to speak up, ask questions, take responsibility. I can't wait to see where all of her energy takes her.

I send many thanks to Linda Morgan-Clement, our campus minister, for her help with this issue. She served as a resource even as her assistant and friend, Pat Lavelle, was fighting an aggressive cancer. Linda learned of Pat's diagnosis the same day last spring that she defended her thesis for a doctor of ministry degree; she helped organize Pat's memorial service this fall just as she was moving the campus ministries office. Incredibly, Linda agreed to write a reflection on grace for us (page 16) at the same time.

Linda's prayers are often my favorite part of events like Convocation. She steps to the lectern, a petite Asian-American swimming in white robes whose words speak great truths. She asks, can we work to make the College a civil community that values all of its members? Can we learn to respect rather than rant? Worthy questions.

— Lisa Watts, editor

Grace, it's a name for a girl.  
It's also a thought that changed the world.

— BONO, U2, "GRACE"





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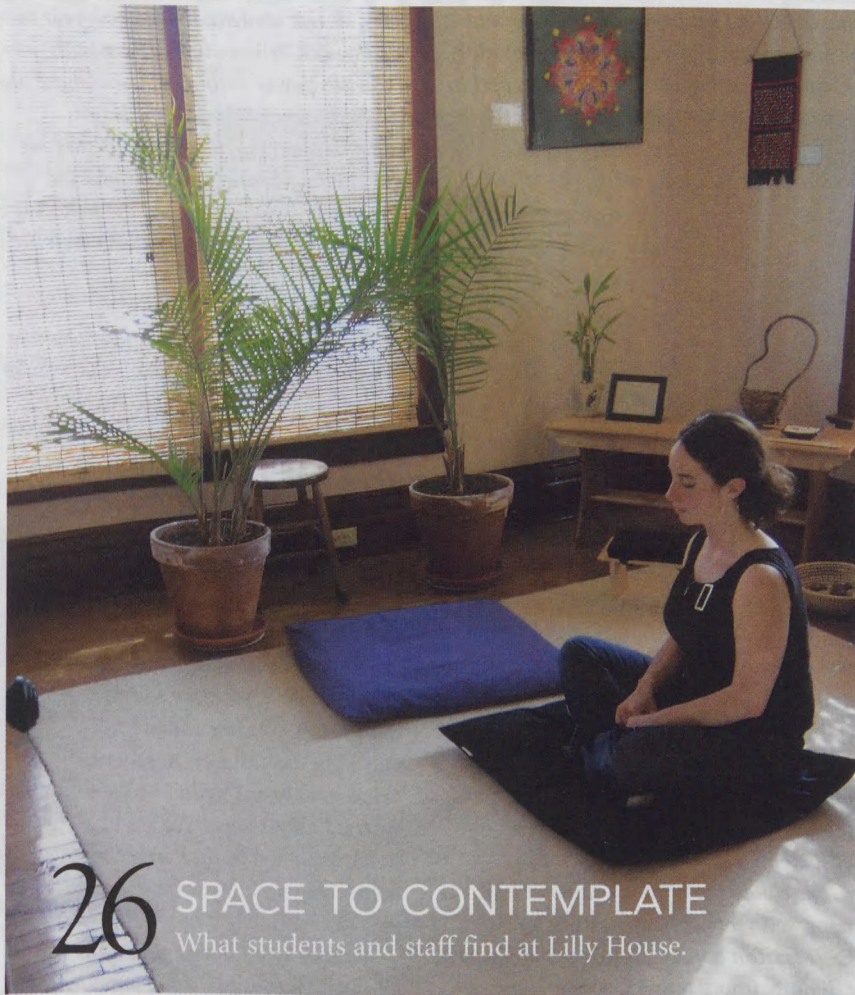
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# Viewpoint

## After Katrina: 'We're not alone'

As a volunteer she focused on mission and ministry to refugees in Mexico and Arizona. As the vice moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA) she experienced first-hand the enthusiasm and vitality of organized Christianity across the United States and in places like the Democratic Republic of the Congo. But the Rev. Jean Marie Peacock '83 now faces a new challenge: to minister to

and rebuild a shattered community on the banks of Lake Pontchartrain.



Peacock '83

The Lakeview neighborhood of New Orleans, home to Peacock and the church she serves as associate pastor, was

among the first to be inundated after Hurricane Katrina. Floodwaters reached about eight feet up the walls of Lakeview Presbyterian Church and its school. Like most of the congregation, Peacock and husband Peter Kulakosky fled the city just before the storm, eventually taking shelter with Peacock's parents in Illinois. They thought they'd be gone for a few days, until they saw images of their waterlogged neighborhood on TV.

The call to the ministry came to Peacock after seven years of mission work on the U.S./Mexican border. She earned a master's of divinity from Louisville Theological

Seminary in 2000. Rick Ufford-Chase, moderator of General Assembly in 2004, chose Peacock, his former colleague in border ministry, as vice moderator for a two-year term.

Peacock believes that a deep faith — "Christ's power within us" — and the people and congregations of the larger Presbyterian church will get her and her parishioners through the loss and the cleanup process. She posted the following on the Presbyterian Church (USA) Web site in mid-September.

"WE HAVE THIS HOPE AS AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL, FIRM AND SECURE." (HEB. 6:19) A little over two weeks ago, Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc on our lives and hundreds of thousands of others. The scope and magnitude of the loss have yet to sink in fully.

Lakeview Presbyterian Church members have checked in to share their whereabouts and learn news of our church family: "We are safe." "We have found temporary housing and are enrolling the children in school." "Have you heard from —? We're worried about her." "We are in a hotel, but need to find an apartment. Do you know of a church that can help us?"

Similar stories are being told all along the Gulf Coast. Precious lives have been lost. Countless more have been deeply scarred by trauma, suffering, and grief. Whole communities have been destroyed — homes, businesses, schools, and churches.

We are but one of many congregations in the Presbytery of South Louisiana and throughout the region with church buildings that are inaccessible or heavily damaged. Church members, scattered across the country, are resettling into temporary homes and employment, trying to establish some sense of normalcy in the midst

of loss and uncertainty.

We pastors find ourselves facing new challenges as we work to minister to our congregations and those displaced. Soon after the floodwaters inundated New Orleans, I had a phone conversation with a Lakeview member. "How are we going to get through this and rebuild," she asked, "when it's not only our church building, but so many members whose homes and jobs and family life have been impacted?"


I assured her that we are not alone. Christ's love is present with us and is made manifest in his body, the church. I reminded her that we are part of a connectional church that will see us through this. Messages of hope, prayers, financial support, and other assistance have poured



Broken levees after Hurricane Katrina flooded Lakeview Presbyterian School and its New Orleans neighborhood.

into the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance offices. Churches are organizing work teams to help clean up and rebuild.

"That gives me encouragement and hope," she replied. "I have been feeling so overwhelmed."

God is with us. God's presence is in the love and support, the embrace and care that are, and will continue to be, extended in Christ's name. Anchored in His resurrecting power, standing on the promises of God, let us hold on to each other, as we know that God is holding on to each one of us. 

### tell us about it

WE WELCOME YOUR thoughts on the magazine's contents. Write to Lisa Watts, editor, *Wooster Magazine*, 1189 Beall Ave., Wooster, OH 44691 or [lwatts@wooster.edu](mailto:lwatts@wooster.edu). We may edit letters for clarity and length. Include a phone number.



HAPPENINGS  
AROUND THE  
WOOSTER  
CAMPUS

# Oak Grove

## WHITE HOUSE SECRETS

*John Dean opens annual Forum series*

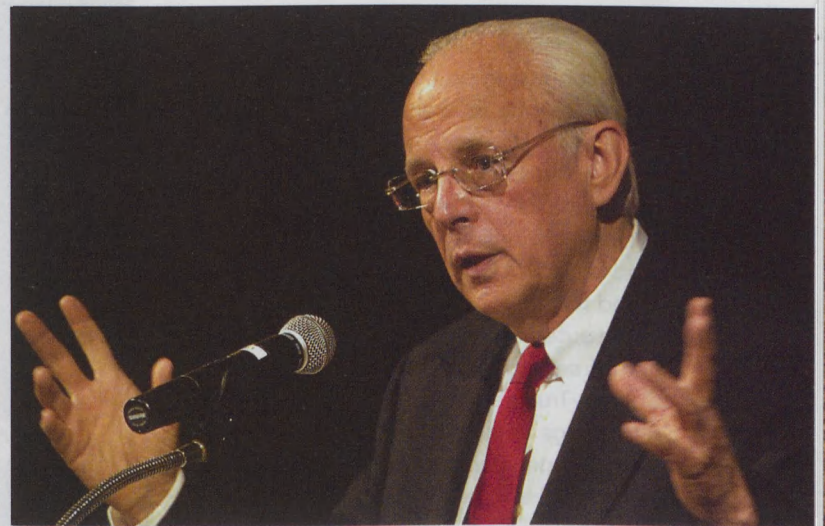
John W. Dean '61, former White House counsel to President Richard M. Nixon, opened the 2005 Wooster Forum by criticizing the Bush administration's penchant for secrecy and drawing parallels between this administration and the one in which he served from 1970 to 1973. Dean addressed a crowd of almost one thousand students, faculty, and local residents in McGaw Chapel in September.

Dean, author of the recent *Worse Than Watergate: The Secret Presidency of George W. Bush*, also asserted that an unprecedented level of authority has been concentrated in the office of Vice President Richard B. Cheney.

"Decisions that used to go into the president's office now go into the vice president's office and don't go any further." Cheney acts as "a super chief of staff who is president in all but name," Dean claimed. "But the problem is Cheney doesn't answer any questions. He only has to answer to George Bush."

During the question and answer period, one student drew laughter from both Dean and the crowd by asking why Dean's Independent Study is "missing from the library's special collections."

A double major in English and political science, Dean explained that John Baker (political science), the adviser for his I.S., "Verisimilitude in the Political Novel," later became head counsel for the National Council of Churches in Washington. One day, when Dean was serving as White House counsel, their paths crossed.



MATT DILYARD PHOTO

Dean's appearance on campus drew a crowd of 1,000

"John looked at me and said, 'You know, I never liked your Independent Study,'" Dean recalled. "I think that's what happened to it."

Other key speakers for this year's Forum, with the theme of "Integrity: Local Actions and Global Reactions," include Kavita Ramdas, president and chief executive officer of the Global Fund for Women, and Richard Heinzl, founder of Doctors Without Borders, Canada. — *John Hopkins*



### WHY BLACK STUDIES

Manning Marable (left), founding director of the African-American Studies Program at Columbia University, shares a meal with Africana Studies majors during his campus visit in September. Marable, who is working on a biography of Malcolm X, convened the first of four Black Studies/Africana Studies teaching workshops on campus under the sponsorship of the Great Lakes Colleges Association and the Hewlett Mellon Foundation. Marable answered the question, "Why Black Studies?" with examples of stories buried in the "master narrative" — "lost history" such as the thousands of blacks who were lynched from 1882 to 1927.

SAMATHRYN WITHAM '06 PHOTO



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## MORE MUSIC, 24/7 WCWS station gets facelift, now WOO 91

Listeners can tune in any hour of the day, any day of the year, to the College's newly transformed radio station, WOO 91 FM. Formerly WCWS 90.9, the station hopes to reach a broader audience on campus and in the community with a wider range of music and round-the-clock convenience.

The changes began a year ago when a radio conglomerate challenged the College's license, hoping to share or take over the station's frequency because WCWS was on the air little more than half the year. The Federal Communications Commission rejected the challenge, but College officials decided to fend off future threats by moving to a year-round format.

An automated system, purchased with a grant from a discretionary fund provided by a College Trustee, allows more than seven thousand songs from nearly forty different genres to be pre-programmed days and weeks in advance. The system can also be used by disc jockeys during live programming.

In addition to its radio frequency, the station can be heard online by visiting the Web site, [WOO91.wooster.edu](http://WOO91.wooster.edu).

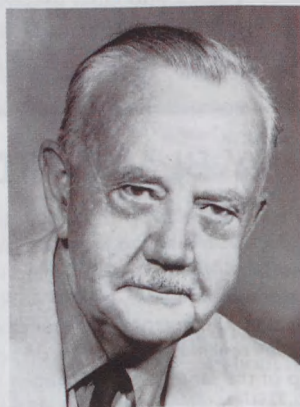


WOO 91's student leadership team: Rachel Grinnan '07, general manager, and Tom Hull '07, assistant general manager.

## Hustwit compiles tribute to Prof. Castell

IN 1963, President Howard Lowry persuaded Alburey Castell to leave the University of Oregon and join the faculty at The College of Wooster. Lowry sought faculty members whose passion for the liberal arts paralleled his, and Castell believed that a liberal arts education provided an ideal foundation for a life of learning.

Castell's beliefs are summarized in a collection of papers, lectures, and presentations from his time at Wooster gathered by his colleague, Ron Hustwit (philosophy), in



Alburey Castell

*Who Needs a Liberal Arts College? A Philosophy of Education* by Alburey Castell (Edwin Mellen Press, 2005).

In his ten years at Wooster as the Elias Compton Professor of Philosophy, Castell befriended and mentored Hustwit, who joined Wooster's faculty in 1967.

"Castell believed that the development of cultured thinkers was critical

to the College's mission," says Hustwit. "He believed that educating students in philosophy, in particular, was the best

preparation for a professor. He was especially attracted to the education of primary and secondary school teachers as well as professions in law, ministry, and the psychological and medical arts. His goal was to prepare students to become effective thinkers, or what he called 'rational agents.'"

A lifelong adversary of B. F. Skinner, Castell believed that students were not "stimulus-response mechanisms, but resourceful reasoners assembling connecting links to conclusions." He described the function of a liberal arts college as one that "provides a foundation for the technical skills acquired at the graduate and professional school level." — *John Finn*



## Five profs promoted

The College promoted three faculty members to full professor:

- **Heather Moir Fitz Gibbon** (sociology), at Wooster since 1990. Her research focuses on definitions of motherhood within the welfare system and differences among for-profit, nonprofit, and family day care providers.

- **Madonna Hettinger** (history), here since 1989. The Lawrence Stanley Professor of Medieval History, she is an expert on labor and social mobility in the Middle Ages, and peasant revolts.

- **Garrett Thomson** (philosophy), at Wooster since 1994. He is the author of a series of introductory texts on Descartes, Locke, Aristotle, Kant and Leibniz.

**Paul Edmiston** (chemistry) and **Matthew Krain** (political science) were each promoted to associate professor with tenure.

## New faculty hit the tenure track

**EIGHT FACULTY MEMBERS** joined the College this fall in tenure-track positions:

- Nancy L. Aarts, communication Ph.D., Northwestern University
- Katherine Holt, history Ph.D., Princeton University
- Michelle J. Camou, political science Ph.D., University of Colorado
- William J. Macauley, English Ph.D., Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Brian J. Cope, Spanish Ph.D., University of California, Irvine
- Pamela Mitchell, communication Ph.D., University of Wisconsin
- Catherine P. Fenster, biology Ph.D., University of Alabama, Birmingham
- John Rudisill, philosophy Ph.D., University of Iowa

## ARCHITECTS CHOSEN FOR NEW RESIDENCE HALL

**THE COLLEGE** has selected MacLachlan, Cornelius & Filoni Architects Inc. to design a sixty-five-bed residence hall on the north side of Wayne Avenue near Beall Avenue. Stanley C. and Flo Kurtz Gault, '48s, announced in June that they will fund construction of the new facility, tentatively scheduled to begin next summer.

“Wooster’s campus and architecture create an ideal setting for fostering the values of a liberal arts education,” says Albert L. Filoni, president of the firm. “This environment is simultaneously human in scale and stately. We look forward to the challenge of creating a residence hall that respects the college’s rich architectural history and yet challenges the students of the future.”

MacLachlan, Cornelius & Filoni is the project architect for the current renovation of Kauke Hall, designed the Gault Admissions Center, and directed the renovation of Kenarden Lodge and Gault Alumni Center.



## HELPING THE GULF COAST

Students have held fundraisers this fall ranging from a car wash by the women of Epsilon Kappa Omicron and Delta Phi Alpha (above) to make-your-own sundae stations and a battle of the bands, all to raise money to help the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



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## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTS 7

'W' Association honorees now number 194 former stars

The "W" Association inducted seven alumni into the College's athletic hall of fame during Homecoming weekend in October.

**LISA BLACKADAR '87** of Lexington, Kentucky, was a defensive specialist for Wooster in field hockey and lacrosse. She earned first-team All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors twice in each sport, but Blackadar particularly excelled on the field hockey pitch. She was the "link" of the backfield on teams that advanced to four consecutive NCAA Div. III Tournaments — the only such stretch in team history.

**TODD FACH '88** remains the only Scot athlete to win three individual titles at the NCAC Cross Country Championships — as a freshman, junior, and senior. On the track, he won five individual conference titles, including three in the steeplechase, as he reset his own school record each season. He lives in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

**BOB MCFADDEN '81** was a key contributor to Wooster's best pitching staffs as the Scots led all of Div. III in ERA in both 1979 (1.87) and 1981 (2.73). In 1980, McFadden went 11-0 during 13 games as part of his OAC-record 21 consecutive victories (a record that still stands) and led the league in strikeouts with 96. For his career, McFadden posted a 23-2 record, 2.53 ERA, and 201 strikeouts over 188.1 innings. He lives in Avon Lake, Ohio.

**EMILY MOOREFIELD-MARIOLA '94** only spent two years at Wooster, but the transfer from Muskingum College became the most accomplished women's cross-country runner in school history. She finished among the top 20 at the NCAA Div. III Championships each of her seasons (1993 and 1994) with the Scots, highlighted by a fifth-place



Riebe '92, a four-year point guard

national run (18:03.6, 5K) as a senior. Also that fall, Moorefield won individual NCAC (18:55) and Great Lakes regional (18:06) championships before becoming the Scots' first — and still only — All-American harrier. She earned All-American status during an equally impressive track career which saw her win six individual conference titles. Moorefield, who came in fourth at the 1994 NCAA meet in the 1500 meters (4:38.70), was selected to the NCAC All-Decade Team (1993-2003) for cross country.

**KIRSTEN PATTON '88** is the best women's tennis player to attend Wooster. She remains the only Scot to

receive a bid to the NCAA Div. III Championships, playing in the national singles tournament three times (1986-1988). She played at No. 1 singles all four seasons for Wooster, compiling a record of 60-15. In her sophomore year, Patton swept the No. 1 singles bracket at the Great Lakes Colleges Association Championships. She also won the GLCAs as a junior. Patton lives in Nocona, Texas.

**ERICH RIEBE '92** was the stand-out recruit of basketball head coach Steve Moore's initial first-year class. In 1988-89, Riebe immediately stepped into a starting role at point guard and stayed there for four years, directing Wooster to an NCAC regular season or tournament title every year as well as two NCAA tournament appearances. He remains Wooster's all-time leader in assists with 444, or 4.0 per game. Riebe made the All-NCAC First Team three times and earned first-team all-district recognition as a senior.

**LEWIS MANLEY '25** earned nine varsity letters in football, basketball, and track and field despite not playing sports in high school. The Erie, Pennsylvania, native played a key role in

Wooster's famous 7-7 tie against Ohio State University in 1924 and was selected to the All-Ohio Team that year as a guard. Manley went on to graduate school at Tufts University, where he also joined the football staff. He eventually chaired Tufts' economics department for 25 years and remains the school's all-time leader in coaching victories (60-48-12 from 1930 to 1945).



Moorefield-Mariola '94



## Arthur Vining Davis gift endows scholarship

*Campaign crosses \$30 million endowment threshold*

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations have endowed a new scholarship at Wooster with a grant of \$200,000. The gift pushes the amount of new endowment raised to date in Wooster's comprehensive campaign to \$30 million. The College hopes to raise \$53 million in new endowment by the end of the campaign in June 2007.

"This significant investment in our 'human capital' by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations is a wonderful vote of confidence in the College and underscores the importance of a strong endowment to a national liberal arts college like Wooster," says President R. Stanton Hales.

The foundations' grant will yield

approximately \$10,000 in scholarship support each year, which will be available to any student with financial need. Two-thirds of all Wooster students receive some form of need-based aid. Most of that aid — over \$17 million this year — comes from the College in the form of need-based grants and scholarships rather than loans.

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, based in Jacksonville, Florida, were established through the generosity of the late industrialist Arthur Vining Davis. The foundations award grants primarily in private higher education, secondary education, graduate theological education, health care, and public television. — J.H.

**Total Raised: \$110.2 Million\***



\*Includes \$6.5 million in undesignated gifts and pledges

## Wilson named a director of Association of Governing Boards

**THE ASSOCIATION** of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, a national organization dedicated to strengthening the performance of boards of public and private higher education, elected James R. Wilson '63, chairman of Wooster's board of trustees, to its board of directors.



James R. Wilson '63

"AGB is the principal advocate of best practices for higher-education governing boards," Wilson says. "This is not only a

personal honor, but great recognition for The College of Wooster and our tradition of strong institutional governance."

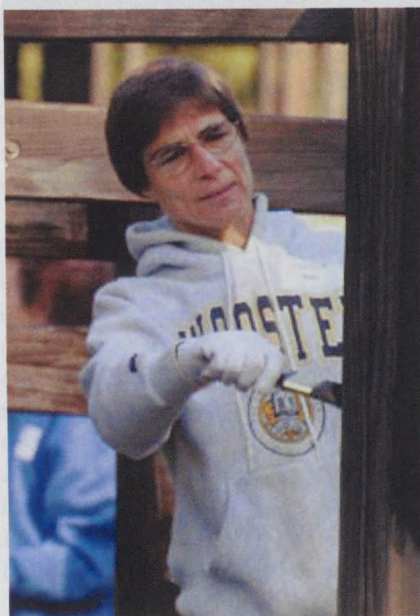
The AGB serves more than 34,000 trustees, regents, presidents, chancellors, and senior administrators affiliated with 1,800 member colleges and universities.



**EARLY GRAFFITI:** Workers renovating Kauke Hall found generations of student signatures, such as a few here from the Class of 1941, on the massive roof trusses. Matt Dilyard photo.



# Alumni News



## SCOTS IN SERVICE 2005

Top left, Paul Geiss '01 volunteers at Habitat for Humanity in Canton, Ohio.

Top right, alumni and friends take a break from cleaning debris on a nature trail in North Carolina. Bottom, a volunteer seals playground equipment at Christmas Run Park in Wooster.

## Rolling up our sleeves

*Sharon Coursey Rice '90 on why Scots in Service means more than a day of digging in the dirt*

My son Evan proudly boasts that he has every Scots in Service t-shirt. It's true. Part of my job is to coordinate Scots in Service, so I've pressed Evan, his little brother Landon, and his dad into service all five years that we've run this event. In the largest sense, SIS is a family affair celebrated nationwide by Wooster students, friends, alumni, and parents.

Thanks to national co-chairs Kim Krebs Easton and Katie Erdman Lyons, '92s, and their months of planning and recruiting, the College held SIS events in twenty-three cities this year. My family and I were privileged to travel to Denver to experience one of the original SIS projects. Alumni and friends work on the grounds of Butterfly Hope, a science and creative arts program based at Cheltenham Elementary in

inner-city Denver.

When we got to Cheltenham on Saturday morning, we found Julie Carr,

## 2005 SIS SITES

- Atlanta
- Boston
- Canton
- Chicago
- Cleveland
- Columbus
- Dayton
- Denver
- Detroit
- Los Angeles
- Louisville
- Minneapolis/St. Paul
- New Jersey
- New York City
- Pittsburgh
- Portland
- Raleigh/Durham
- Rochester
- San Antonio
- San Francisco
- St. Louis
- Washington, D.C.
- Wooster

For photos, see <http://alumni.wooster.edu/scotsinservice/2005/default.php>



Butterfly Hope's director, and local leader Erin May '86 getting tools out of the shed and setting up a light breakfast. Erin pressed cash into my husband's hand and asked him to go get more ice. Frank Duncanson, husband of the late Margaret Eisenberger Duncanson '42, sent a contribution to help cover our expenses that day. Frank told Erin that while his alma mater taught him how to make money, Margaret and Wooster taught him to care about his community.

Thirty-seven of us — alumni from the Class of 1950 through the Class of 2005 along with family and friends — worked throughout the morning in the



Sandy Kozera '98 works at Pittsburgh's Construction Junction

beautiful, 80-degree sunshine to winterize the gardens. (Little did we know that just nine days later, Mother Nature would dump ten inches of snow on Denver.) We pulled root vegetables to share with the neighborhood. We paint-

ed, pulled weeds, tilled soil, hauled dirt, and picked up trash. I loved getting my hands dirty alongside other alumni and watching my kids paint a tool shed with one of my classmates.

David Land '81 brought along chocolate-chip cookies that his oldest daughter baked for us. And we heard great things about the Butterfly Hope programs from Antonio, a fifth-grader at Cheltenham.

Yes, we transformed Butterfly Hope. But we also deepened our connections to Wooster, our fellow alumni, and the local community.

*Sharon Rice '90 is assistant director of alumni relations*

## ALUMNI GATHERINGS

A large crowd of alumni, parents, students, and friends got together on July 30 in **Scituate, Massachusetts**, for a clam-bake. More than 80 guests joined Kevin and Joan Blanchard Mosher '78 at their home for an afternoon of volleyball, frisbee, and socializing. Ric Martinez '69, associate admissions director, welcomed local members of the Class of 2009, who would soon depart for their first year at Wooster, and their families. Thanks to the Moshers for hosting the event.

More than 65 alumni, parents, and friends met in **Chautauqua, New York**, in August. The group gathered at The Athenaeum Hotel for a social hour followed by a Chautauqua-style presentation by Iain Crawford, vice president for academic affairs, on "Dickens and the Victorian World: England's First Reality Show."

Sixty alumni, parents, students, and friends from the **Cincinnati** area met at The Taft Museum of Art for a special behind-the-scenes look at the exhibit, "An Impressionist Eye: Painting and

### Save the Date: Winter Events

On Sunday, December 11, at **Boston's** Omni Parker Hotel, Iain Crawford, vice president for academic affairs and a Dickens scholar, will give a reading of *A Christmas Carol*. Watch for an invitation in the mail or write to the alumni relations office, [alumni@wooster.edu](mailto:alumni@wooster.edu).

The **Wooster** Symphony Orchestra will celebrate its 90th anniversary during the weekend of February 25, 2006. Alumni will be invited to participate in orchestra rehearsals and a performance as well as enjoy a variety of social gatherings throughout the weekend. Watch

your mail for details, or write to [alumni@wooster.edu](mailto:alumni@wooster.edu).

**Wooster in Florida!** Pianist Brian Dykstra (music) presents his "Rags and Tangos" in Jacksonville, Venice, Ft. Myers, Miami, and Boca Raton during the week of February 12, 2006.

**Chicago** alumni, parents, and friends can enjoy the Chicago Jazz Orchestra and a reception on February 19, 2006. Our guest will be Jeffrey Lindberg (music), artistic director of the Chicago Jazz Orchestra.

Sculpture from the Phillip and Janice Levin Foundation." Joined by several members of the Class of 2009, the Wooster group had the opportunity to meet the Taft director, Phillip C. Long, and enjoy an after-hours viewing of the museum.

Young alumni from the **Cleveland** area gathered for a happy hour at The Treehouse in Tremont in September. More than 40 alumni came to catch up with friends and network. Thanks to Emily Cole '01 for her planning help.

**Fort Wayne**-area alumni and friends gathered at the home of Tom '50 and Jane Boyer Dickson '51 in September. President R. Stanton Hales updated guests on the status of the *Independent Minds* Campaign and current life on The College of Wooster campus.

On August 30 alumni, parents, new students, and friends watched as the hometown **Detroit** Tigers walloped the Toronto Blue Jays at Comerica Park. Before the game, guests enjoyed lunch at the Detroit Beer Company.



Interviews by Angela Bilancini '05

Photography by Matt Dilyard

# Seeking the SPIRIT

Student religious leaders tell us why they participate, what they believe, and why they still ask questions

**O**n any given week this fall, a Wooster student looking for inspiration could attend a Shabbat dinner in Stevenson, meet in Mackey Hall for an informal service of music and prayer, attend an evening talk on the Sermon on the Mount in Douglass, sip tea while journaling in Lilly House, attend a service in Babcock Lounge with the Wooster Christian Fellowship, pray with Muslim students, or meet with women of many faiths for a discussion group.

These are not your father's chapel worship services.

The flurry of spiritual and religious activities on campus might surprise alumni who have been away from Wooster for a decade or more. The increased student interest in matters of the soul mirrors trends at other colleges and in the country at large: an enthusiastic search for deeper meaning in life, a quest driven not by staff but by students.

This is not your father's Presbyterian college, either. Since 1969, when the Synod of Ohio withdrew its financial sup-

port of colleges, Wooster's relationship with the Presbyterian Church (USA) has evolved. Wooster's trustees, for instance, recently voted to reduce the required percentage of Presbyterian members on the Board of Trustees from fifty to twenty-five percent. And where once all religion faculty members had to be Presbyterian and all religion classes about Christianity, the department now offers popular courses in Judaism, Zen practices, and other world religions.

But the school that was founded on the principal of "science and religion from one source" hasn't strayed as far from its roots as some may think. If Wooster was founded on the belief that education should address both "those questions which may be empirically tested and those for which there are no definitive answers," as one College historian put it, that conviction still holds true. The position of campus minister, created in 1995 through an endowed gift, and the Interfaith Campus Ministries office help to coordinate students' interests and activities. Students participate in volunteer service activities in great numbers and

have embraced Lilly House, a five-year program to help students and staff explore vocation and theology.

Here, five student leaders of campus religious groups share thoughts on faith, beliefs, and why they participate.

## MEGAN SNIDER '06

*Snider is co-president of the Newman Catholic Student Organization. The group provides a community for students and encourages them to develop their faith through activities such as small group meetings, on-campus Masses once a month, walking to Mass together on Sundays, eating dinner in Lowry on Wednesday evenings, retreats, and other get-togethers. Snider devotes at least five hours a week to Newman group activities or planning.*

When I was a first-year, I questioned a lot about the Catholic tradition in which I was raised. I knew that the only way that I would find answers to my questions was to ask. Newman was a place





Megan Snider '06

where I could ask my questions and feel a sense of community that I never had at my home church.

I was not very active in church as a youth. My Christian friends would invite me over to their church activities, like vacation bible schools and mission trips, but I rarely interacted socially with my own church congregation.

I have come a long way in the past three years, developing what it is that I believe. I don't doubt that I will continue to ask questions and ponder the truth of my fundamental beliefs. My faith is definitely still Christian, and I have regained assurance that I can call myself Catholic (I was unsure of that a few

years back). I think that doubting makes my faith stronger. It was only through doubt that I came to find answers that made sense to me.

I also have an interest in other religions, so I am minoring in religious studies. I enjoy talking about these issues at the Office of Interfaith Campus Ministries, where I work, and I've talked to professors in my religion classes. I've discussed issues like the authority of the Pope, the validity of Catholic teachings about Jesus and his life, the truth of the Bible and numerous Catholic doctrines, why we do certain things, and why certain teachings are so strict.

I have accepted that the Bible is not lit-

eral truth, but it guides people in their faith and life. I accept other people more because I understand more; I understand more because I asked. Wooster, specifically Interfaith Campus Ministries, has been my sanctuary for asking questions.

I'd guess that seventy-five percent of the students at Wooster would say they grew up with a religious background. However, I would guess that only forty to forty-five percent of the student body are practicing their faith in some way.

My faith gives me morals to live by. I try to act as Jesus did and try to share my faith through my actions. Faith is a huge aspect of my life. That's why I put so much time into it here at school.



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## ILANA ZAFRAN '06

*Zafran is a member of Worthy Questions, a non-denominational campus group about spirituality and questioning, and she's a coordinator of Hillel, the Jewish organization on campus. She spends around four hours a week between the two groups.*

My Resident Adviser nominated me for Worthy Questions in my freshman year. I've stayed involved because, well, I like to talk about deep things sometimes!

I became involved with Hillel because I am Jewish and come from an all-Jewish community back East. Even though I wasn't a deeply religious person when I got here, I wanted to continue to be part of that culture.

I have a lot of questions about my faith. I definitely would call myself a spiritual person and a Jewish person but I don't know ... the part I'm still working on is intertwining those two pieces. For me, Judaism is very much a cultural thing and not so much about my beliefs. I have other parts of me that are spiritual, and I haven't figured them out entirely.

Because Jewish students are a minority on campus, I define myself here in a more traditional Jewish way. I find myself reacting to stuff on campus. For example, on one Scot Spirit Day the Fellowship of Christian Athletes got out clothespins that said "Jesus Loves You" and stuck one on my (Jewish) friend's backpack.

So, on campus I am forced to think more about my Jewish identity and accept it. There's still work to be done in promoting understanding of the many religions at Wooster. People will do things without realizing what others might think — they aren't always aware. And they don't want to sound stupid, so they don't ask questions.

Freshman year was hard in some ways because Hillel wasn't active. The group held a mock seder at The Wooster Inn but no actual seder on Passover. So my friends and I planned our own. We found

a Haggadah and wrote some of our own additions to it, and we invited friends, Jewish and non-Jewish. That year, we had about ten or fifteen people. We did it again sophomore year and had a few more. Then last year, forty people came! I really enjoyed teaching other people about Judaism. We had to make our own community by teaching and trying to make people aware that, hey, we're Jewish and it's fun. We started putting a Yiddish-word-of-the-week in the Pot.

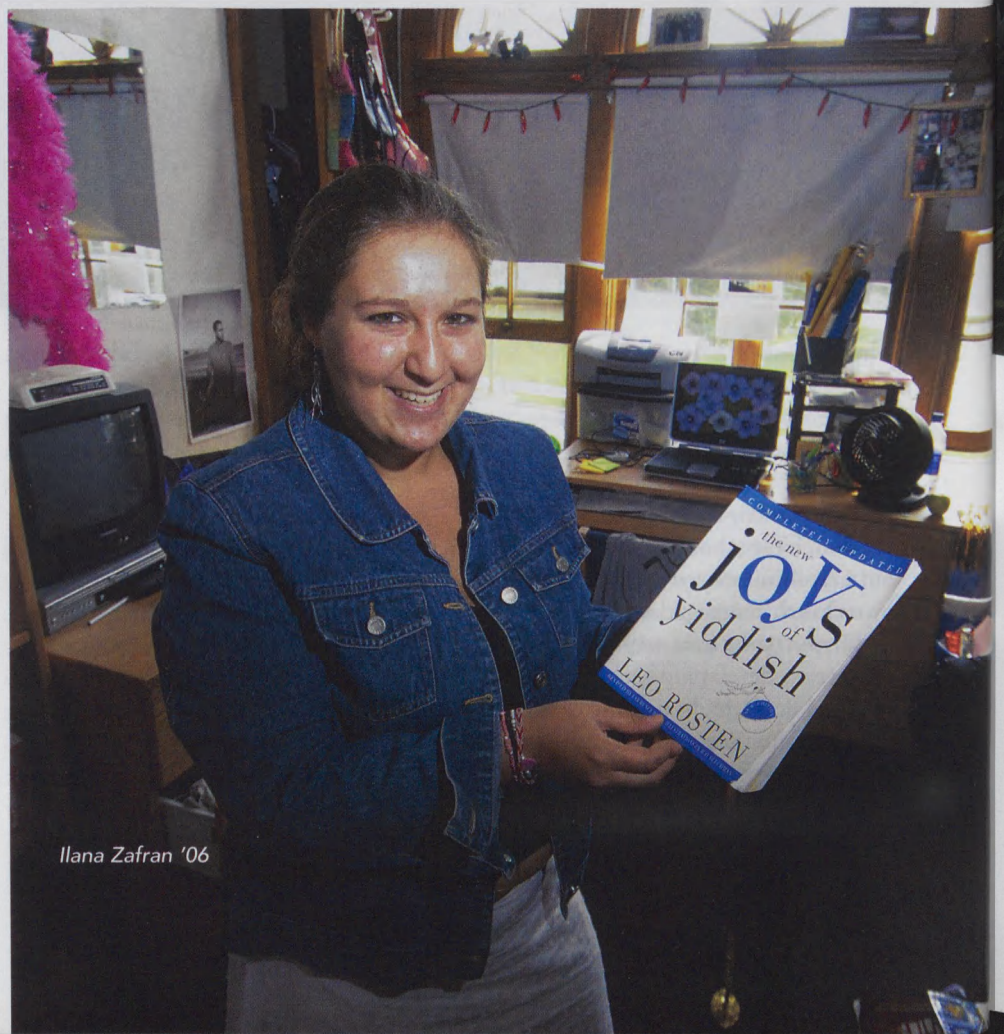
Many of my good friends here are Christian. They've been raised always grappling with traditional religious problems, and their questions force me to ask questions of myself and my faith. Before I came to Wooster, I had never met anyone who went to church every Sunday or whose dad was a minister, like my best friend here.

I believe in prayer now. I never did before I came here. When talking about

prayer, I would always call it "hope." Then something came up in my sophomore year, an intense situation for one of my friends. I felt I had to turn toward prayer. So I've become more traditional with religion, and I've learned a lot about other religions through my friendships.

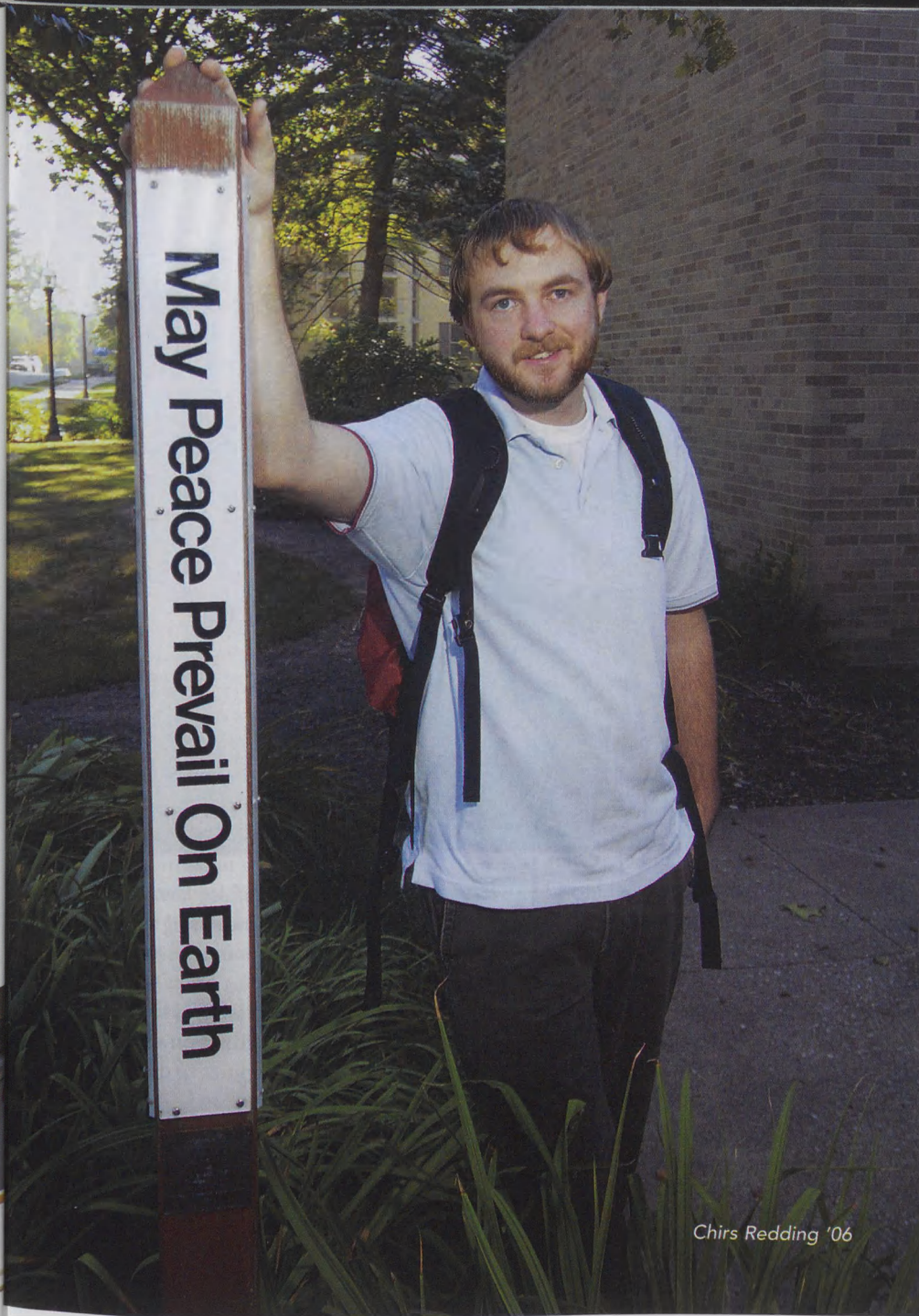
I think the main lesson I learned from my upbringing was to treat people fairly. Promoting equality and peace are the big values I've been given by my religion. I was taught to practice charity, and at Wooster I've been able to do volunteer work. I did a study abroad component about politics and conflict. The Jewish community I grew up in was a left-leaning liberal group, and here it has been easy to support liberal activities.

The main things I've learned are to be open-minded, hold onto your faith, and remember your ancestors.



Ilana Zafran '06





Chris Redding '06

## CHRIS REDDING '06

*Redding is a founding member of En Route, whose mission statement reads, "We are a student-led Protestant Christian group, celebrating the presence of the Spirit and pursuing a relationship with God in Christ. We are committed to being an open, accepting, affirming, and loving community where students can ask and explore questions of faith." He spends about ten hours a week with En Route. A few years ago, Kara Olson '07 and I began talking about how there was no Protestant group like this on campus.*

We brainstormed together and with other students. We talked to K. P. Hong (associate campus minister) about our ideas, and he was very enthusiastic.

In November 2004 we had our first worship service, Praise and Pie. In February 2005 we began a weekly worship service, a biweekly discussion group over dinner, service events, and fellowship activities.

I took the initiative to begin En Route because I felt Wooster needed a group to explore our faith in community. It can be hard — with so many ideas, experiences, and people — to process

everything that is happening at college. At times it is challenging, while at other times it is very enriching.

It seems like the majority of Wooster students come from religious backgrounds, but most of us are in the period of our lives when we are independent for the first time and trying to figure out what we believe for ourselves. If you were to ask most students, my guess would be that they would say they are exploring spiritually but not religiously.

As with the larger culture, most students are fine with people believing what they want as long as it does not infringe on their personal beliefs. With the constant demands of numerous classes, activities, and people, religious activities or practices usually get forgotten.

I have been fortunate to have many opportunities to discuss religious and spiritual issues with professors and other staff members. My Worthy Questions mentor, Paul Edmiston (chemistry) and I have talked about these issues. His interest in the science and religion dialogue led him to create The Edge of Knowledge as a first-year seminar, and I am his teaching apprentice for the course.

When I participated in the sophomore research program, Madeline Duntley (formerly religious studies) and I discussed religious issues, both research-related and personal. Most helpful have been my conversations with K. P. Hong. His Bible study and personal conversations have helped in challenging my perspective in how I think about religion and my own faith.

My foundational belief in God and Jesus Christ has remained fairly constant. Not to say that it hasn't been challenged — studying religion in a secular institution, Bible study with K. P., and other experiences have changed how I think about, approach, and define my faith. While I still have lots of questions, I have found that not knowing exactly what I believe can be a good thing. I know that when I figure it out in the future, I will have stronger beliefs.



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### MOHAMMAD QASIM NAQVI '07

*Naqvi is a member of the Muslim Student Association. The group meets on Fridays for congregational prayers and for other activities during the year.*

When I was a freshman, the Muslim Student Association was pretty much inactive. Nobody was in charge of prayer on Friday. There were just two of us, Ali Shah '07 and I, who talked to people just casually about praying on Fridays. As time went by, the numbers went up. Right now, Linda Morgan-Clement (campus minister) is our adviser, and we consult with Muslim professors when needed.

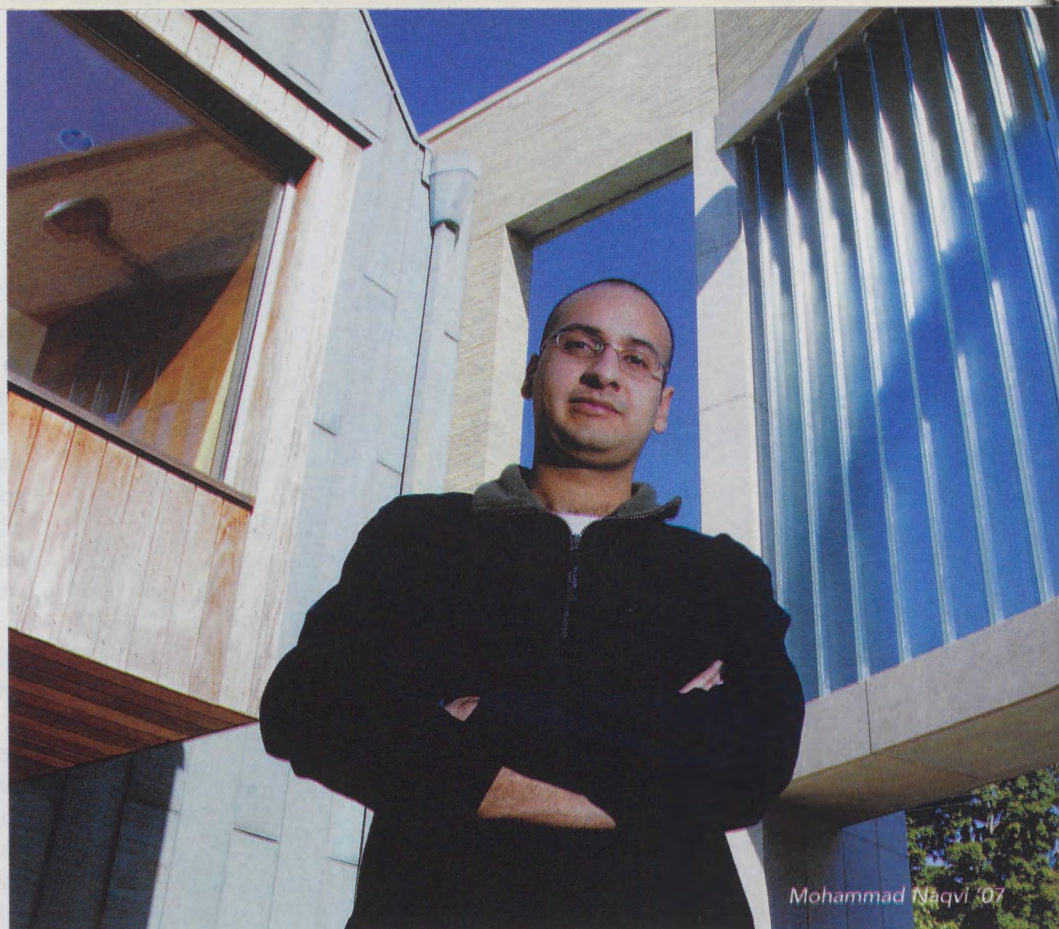
My beliefs have become stronger at Wooster. I'm from Pakistan, so I grew up in a large Muslim community. In this small Muslim community, I feel that we have a responsibility to show the rest of the college community what it means to be Muslim.

My faith feels well-formed. Islam provides a lot of concrete answers, so I feel like I grew up knowing many answers to traditional religious questions.

Also, being religious in college is entirely your own responsibility. When you live at home, your parents tell you about religious duties. Here, it is all your responsibility, with nobody checking up on you. When you do everything on your own, it strengthens your beliefs — you decide whether or not to make time for things.

We're a small bunch in MSA. When people have questions about our religion, we need to know answers.

Before I started college, I had some worries about how I might be treated, but once I got here I felt I was at home and everyone was friendly. People were respectful of religion, no one questioned it, you were allowed to practice what you



believe. Wooster is a religious school to a certain extent, so I felt easy, I felt comfort.

During Ramadan we're fasting all day. One of our C.O.W. Card swipes (for meals) is transferred from Lowry to Mom's Truck Stop, so we can eat after sunset. MSA students talked to the dining services department so we would be able to do that.

You mature in college as you learn about yourself and your religion. I've been taking religion courses and discussing things with my professors. I've also had many casual chats with friends about their traditions and religions. I think the most important issue is peace and how that is a universal issue in all religions.

### ROB ADAMS '06

*Adams oversees the small-group Bible study as one of three senior interns who staff the Wooster Christian Fellowship, a student-led group whose purpose is "to advance a witnessing community of students and faculty who follow Jesus Christ and are growing in love for God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture, and God's purposes in the world."*

*He spends about twelve to fifteen hours a week preparing for and participating in WCF meetings and Bible studies.*

Entering Wooster, I knew I wanted to be involved with a Christian group on campus. WCF offered opportunities to deepen my relationship with God and strengthen my faith. The community that WCF offers is one founded on the Word of God and focused on growing closer to God as individuals and as a community. This fellowship has challenged and blessed me throughout my time at Wooster, and I praise God for bringing me to Wooster and WCF.

My faith is the essence of who I am as a student, friend, leader, and simply as a person. My faith in God has increased throughout college, and even though questions arise about God, I have come to know God as faithful in helping me work through those questions. My faith permeates every aspect of my life, and I strive to glorify God with everything I do.

During college I have become more aware of God's purposes throughout the world and my responsibility as a Christian to follow the example of Jesus in issues such as social justice. I have



become more convinced of God's truth as found in the Bible and the authority of scripture. My beliefs have not changed, but they've become more founded in scripture, and I am more confident answering questions concerning my faith.

I was raised in a Christian home by parents who impressed upon me the importance of having a relationship with God through prayer, Bible study, and seeking His will for my life. They demonstrated a relationship with God that I wanted to have, and with their guidance I was able to make that decision myself.

I was involved in youth group activities in junior high and high school including Bible studies, service projects and mission trips. I grew up in an Evangelical Free Christian church; however I believe that the denomination I associate myself with is not as important as the relationship I have with Jesus Christ. That is the foundation of my faith.

*Rob Adams '06*

## *A sampling of student groups*

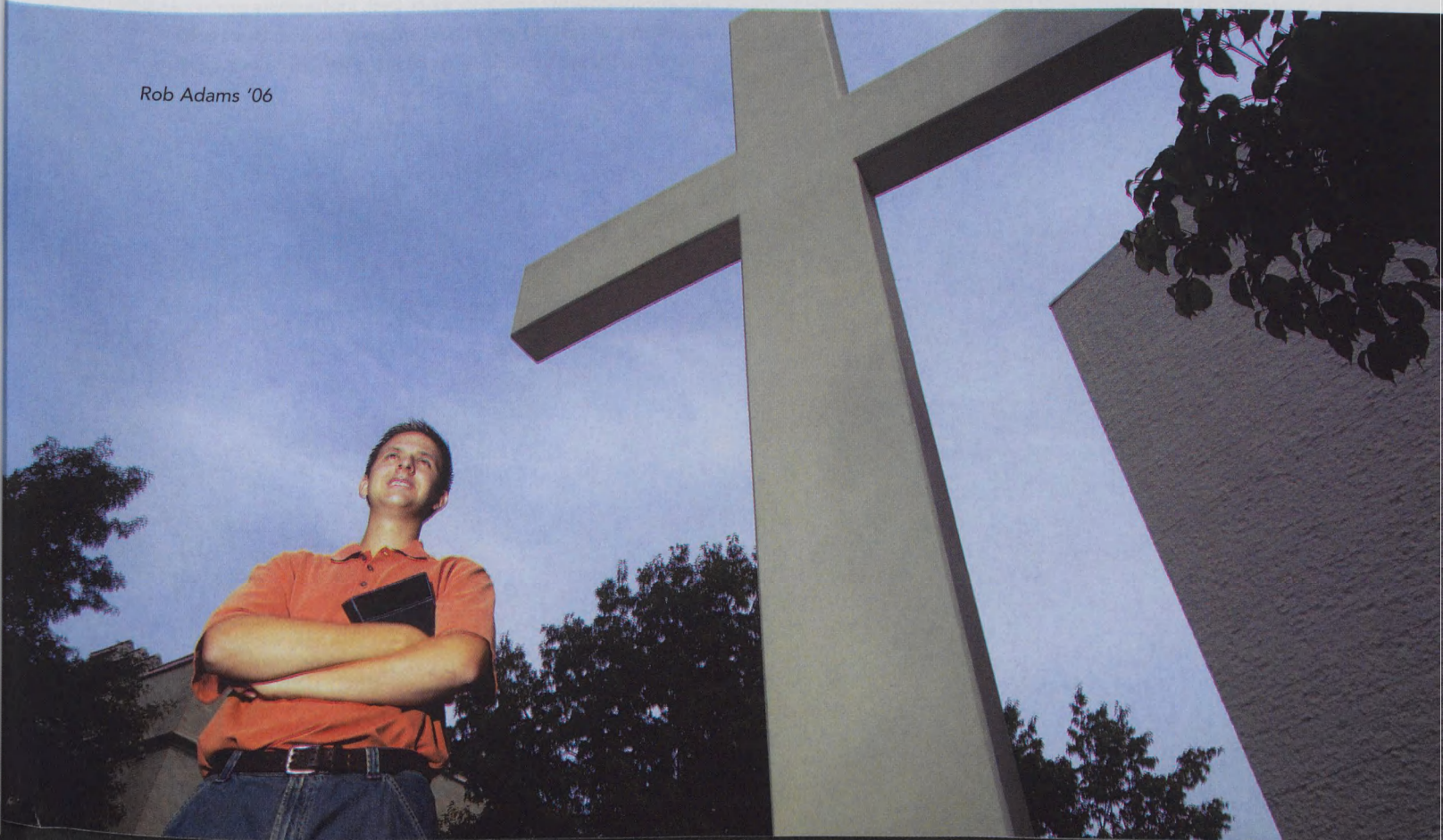
- **EN ROUTE**, Protestant Christian group, weekly worship.
- **FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES**, Christian community, meets weekly.
- **HILLEL**, for Jewish and non-Jewish students, serves as a liaison to the local synagogue.
- **INTERFAITH COUNCIL**, made up of representatives of the chartered student groups, meet monthly.
- **MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION**, holds Friday congregational prayers and Eid festivals.
- **NEWMAN CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION**, organizes social events and weekly discussion groups.
- **PEACE BY PEACE**, meets weekly, sponsors annual vigil against the School of the Americas.
- **SISTERS IN SPIRIT**, chapter of the National Network of Presbyterian College Women, meets weekly for non-denominational dinner and/or discussion.
- **WOOSTER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**, chapter of national organization, holds weekly worship.
- **WORD UP! BIBLE STUDY**, meets weekly.

I've had many discussions about spiritual issues with my adviser, Michael Casey, in the psychology department. Because of those discussions I felt comfortable choosing an I.S. topic that incorporates what I have learned about psychology with my faith. I will be looking at the relationship between stu-


dents' attachment security to their parents with their attachment style to God. I'll also examine the influence of parents' spirituality as I look at student spirituality.

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# Recognizing Grace

By Linda Morgan-Clement

I AM A FIRM BELIEVER THAT GRACE, unearned and undeserved care, and the possibility for renewal and transformation exist in all lives.

In her book, *Amazing Grace*, Kathleen Norris writes:

“... The baby was staring intently at other people, and as soon as he recognized a human face, no matter whose it was, ... he would respond with absolute delight. ... I realized that this is how God looks at us, staring into our face in order to be delighted, ... I suspect that only God, and well-loved infants, can see this way. ... Even when we try to run away from our troubles, as Jacob did, God will find us, and bless us, even when we feel most alone, unsure if we'll survive the night. God will find a way to let us know that [God] is with us *in this place*, wherever we are, however far we think we've run.”

The challenge, for those of us blinded by the glitter of global affluence or seduced by post-modern deconstructive impulses, is to recognize the small beacons of grace. Living gracefully does not mean ignoring the pain, hurt, evil, and sorrow of the world. It does mean that we are better equipped to face them with courage and work creatively to challenge their power. God and



the well-loved infant live in a world of abundance. Both are able to live comfortably with the tension between essential interdependence and radical particularity. Others of us, wishing to live gracefully, must create strategies of grace.

Strategies of grace are ways of engaging the world that allow us to live out of the reality that much of what we have and are given is never earned or owed. They help us to see others with delight rather than judgment, with compassion rather than fear, as partners rather than competitors. Strategies of grace help us love ourselves with patience and act with courage.

Stories of grace are one of the best ways to learn to recognize this gift. In our multifaith communities, Wooster students tell and receive one another's faith stories. We glimpse universal themes and find our limitations stretched. In these intimate dialogues, we hear and tell of grace. These stories and this community create a hunger that lasts beyond the time at Wooster. Students write back telling of how their passion for interfaith understanding and their ability to forge relationships has shaped their work in academic, humanitarian, and political institutions. Their strategies of grace with those whose faith tradition varies from their own are contagious.

Locally, the stories come from across the campus. A chemistry professor advises and mentors a young woman who

inspires him to teach a first-year seminar that asks questions about the relationship between religion and science in a new way. A small group of faculty and staff, some of whom have not met before, gather for dinner to share stories about people who make their lives better at Wooster. A young man travels to Mexico to serve in a Mayan village; he promises to return. The following year he raises the money to return with several of his friends. The Muslim Student Association asks me, a Presbyterian minister, to be the group's adviser.

The College of Wooster has been and continues to be a wonderful place to build strategies of grace. Over the years it has been a place of nurture for many who commit themselves to the healing of our world, without regard for merit — simply out of love for clan and strangers alike. The call to campus ministry at Wooster has brought me into contact with remarkable women and men who have allowed me to accompany them on their religious and spiritual journeys. From the multiple communities and diverse people who live and learn, who laugh and weep, who fight and love one another, resilient strategies of grace emerge and overflow from this small, hilltop campus.

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Rev. Donald "Cash" Register '59

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*Four alumni and  
the less-traveled paths  
they've chosen to  
live out their beliefs*

## *Putting 'love thy neighbor' into action*

**REV. DONALD  
"CASH" REGISTER '59**

He was in seventh grade and hoping to play football when a doctor found a murmur and slight leakage in Donald Register's heart. His aunt and uncle, a Baptist couple who were raising him in Akron, took the boy to healing services and tent meetings.

"I remember praying, 'Lord, just let me get well so I can play football and go to college. If you let me get well, I will serve you the rest of my life.'

"I meant that I would keep going to church all my life," Register says, "but I guess the Lord had other ideas."

Indeed. "Cash" Register '59 became healthy enough to earn honors in track and football at Wooster while majoring in political science. He was also active in Westminster Presbyterian Church. The

denomination suited his intellectual curiosity, he says, and he loved the hymns. A chance encounter in his senior year with Professor William Schreiber (German) convinced him to enroll in the seminary.

A life in urban ministry followed, one that has earned Register national and international recognition for his efforts in public housing advocacy and multicultural, interdenominational cooperation.

Register's work began in St. Louis in 1963 as an urban intern, selected by the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church (USA) and assigned to Berea Presbyterian. He moved from assistant minister to the Presbyterian representative for a public housing authority in the city, where for the next seven years he led such efforts as organizing a food pantry that could accept federal food stamps, opening a thrift shop to help stretch families' dollars, and organizing a rent strike.

"The sixties were an exciting time.

There was an aura in the country that things could change. We believed we could develop Camelot," he says. "St. Louis was just big enough, but small enough to get things done. Those days were filled with possibility, and a lot of change was enabled by the church."

In 1971 Register was named associate for presbytery mission in the Presbytery of Chicago. For sixteen years he worked on urban strategy and program development, including such things as welcoming ten congregations of Korean immigrants into the church, starting a summer seminarian program, and continuing the public housing advocacy that he began in St. Louis.

In 1988 he moved to Sixth-Grace Presbyterian, where he served as pastor in the heart of Chicago until his retirement this past spring. While continuing his community activism, Register also kept the church financially healthy and strong in numbers during a period of declining membership elsewhere.

"When I retired, people didn't talk



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about my sermons. They talked about the relationships I formed, serving all those funerals and baptisms and weddings," he says. "And I left the church in solid financial shape."

Always, community activism seemed "natural" to Register.

"You get thirsty, you see water, you drink it. I see people organizing, I want to help."

"The desire for justice and 'love thy neighbor' are the themes that run through all the ministry I've been involved with. And much of my work has been multicultural. Wherever there are people, there's a need for God's word."

Register plans to volunteer as a substitute to give urban ministers a paid sabbatical for a few months, something he would have appreciated as a pastor. Besides, he's having a hard time adjusting to retirement.

"It's hard to sit now and just listen to a worship service. I ask myself, 'What am I doing sitting here?'"

— Lisa Watts

## God's hands and feet

### JULIA JONES '97

Despite her own strong faith (and the fact that her father is a Presbyterian minister), Julia Jones '97 did not immediately dive into any religious group or activity when she arrived at Wooster.

"When your dad's a pastor, that's not what you want to do. My first two years were a chance to stay away from all that," she explains.

In the spring of her sophomore year, Jones spent a semester studying in Bogota, Colombia. "I lived pretty comfortably with a middle-class family. And it awakened in me a curiosity about how

other people are living in this country and if they're not as well off, why? I learned about connections between the U.S. and Colombia that perpetuate poverty."

It was the beginning of an interest in Latin America and issues of global poverty, economic development, and social justice that she has pursued ever since. Back in Wooster, Jones co-founded Pueblo de Esperanza, a group to promote awareness of peace and justice issues in Latin America. She joined Sisters in Spirit, a chapter of the National Network of Presbyterian College Women. A Spanish and political science major with a minor in women's studies, Jones wrote about the human impact of World Bank economic reforms imposed on Nicaragua for her I.S.

After completing a master's in Latin

American Studies at Ohio University, Jones moved to Washington, D.C., and did an internship with a coalition of organizations, including the Presbyterian Church (USA), working to influence U.S. policy toward Latin America. From there it was on to New York and two years with the Presbyterian Church's United Nations office. Jones coordinated seminar programs on women's issues, the rights of children, AIDS in Africa, and a host of other topics.

"I got to enjoy listening to the speakers, too," she says, "but I also saw people asking some of the same questions I had asked, like what does all this politics have to do with God and me?"

Her answer? "It has everything to do with God. Christians like to say, 'I have a relationship with Christ.' I say, great,



LLOYD DEGRANE PHOTO

Julia Jones '97



that's a first step, but what is God calling us to do? It's important to read your Bible but also to read your newspaper and figure out where you can be God's hands and feet."

Jones has certainly followed that advice. She has helped monitor elections and rebuild communities following two devastating earthquakes in El Salvador, studied eco-theology in Nicaragua, and worked with the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program in Louisville.

In 2002, she moved to Illinois to be closer to her family "and met a wonderful guy, Michael Mann, who is now my husband." Mann is pastor of a Methodist church in downtown Rockford. ("He went into a Presbyterian seminary and came out a Methodist," Jones says.)

Jones is an ordained elder at First Presbyterian Church of Rockford and manages the children's section of a local Barnes & Noble. In 2004, *Presbyterians*

*Today* named her one of the church's emerging leaders — "young men and women, all under 40, whose energy, commitment and fresh ideas are already influencing the denomination."

"I just know," Jones says, "whether it's something like travel and mission work abroad or being active in a local congregation and helping bring the world to them, this is something I'll always be involved in." — *John Hopkins*

## Calling on a greater power

REV. HENRY HOPPER '58

He describes his ministry as "out on the fringes," but Henry Hopper '58 has always worked in the thick of things,

never shying from change or controversy. After leading urban and suburban Presbyterian churches in South Philadelphia and California early in his career, Hopper settled in Pennsylvania to raise his family. And while he enjoys preaching, he soon decided that the administrative work of running a church was "not my bag."

Along came Operation Native Son, in which the city of Philadelphia tried to encourage young people to return to the city by showcasing job opportunities. "I put on a tie and tried my best, at thirty-five, to look young, and went downtown to see what I could find," Hopper says. "They were looking for parole officers, so I thought I'd try that."

He stayed in the parole field for twenty-seven years, refusing promotions that would take him away from the frontlines of working with parolees. Supportive of gun control, he was one of the few parole



Rev. Henry Hopper '58

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officers who refused to carry a weapon. The work was gratifying when his parolees did well after prison, frustrating when state laws conspired to return them to prison over petty violations.

For the last seven years, Hopper has fused his life's vocations by volunteering two mornings a week at a prison near his home in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He leads a Zen meditation session for inmates one morning and a spiritual discussion group another.

Hopper discovered the power of meditation a decade or so ago after undergoing prostate surgery. He met an ordained Buddhist priest, a woman who had studied in Japan, who taught him about sitting meditation three mornings a week.

"It's not a tradition that Christianity has ever pushed," he says of sitting in quiet contemplation. "I think I could be a Buddhist very easily."

He also admits to having more than the usual energy and intensity and a penchant for social service. For years he has worked pulpit supply jobs, filling in when congregations need a substitute preacher. He has never been afraid to speak out on such things as the role of women and homosexuals within the church (he supports them) and going to war (he opposes it).

"I have a deep appreciation for my religious past," Hopper says. "I felt nurtured by the church I grew up in (in Yeadon, Pennsylvania), especially by my pastor, Robert Tignor ('27). He was brilliant, passionate about his work, and still one of the best preachers I've ever heard."

"My emphasis is not on what traditional Christians seem to emphasize, the whole cosmic redemption thing," Hopper says. "My emphasis is on the genius of Jesus. The guy was a social critic, because the church was in bed with the government in his time. He was prophetic about things, and he was willing to break some religious laws to bring about change."

"My faith is more in the power of God, in the energy of the universe," Hopper says.



Kristen Leslie '83

He describes a nightly ritual that he shares with his wife, Alison Swager Hopper '58, before dinner. They pause for "a significant silent minute or two" and send their thoughts and prayers out

to people who they think need their help.

"I don't even understand it, really," he says, "but I know that as human beings, we can affect each other." — Lisa Watts



## Justice, Not Comfort

KRISTEN LESLIE '83

For more than twenty years, Kristen Leslie's career kept her fairly comfortable in the familiar worlds of church and academia. The daughter of an Ohio Wesleyan University chaplain, Leslie herself served as chaplain at Adrian College in Michigan before earning a Ph.D. in theology and taking a teaching position at Yale University.

That's when things got interesting. Leslie's 2003 book, *When Violence is No Stranger: Pastoral Counseling with Survivors of Acquaintance Rape* (Augsburg Fortress), led officials at the United States Air Force Academy to her as they grappled that year with widespread sexual harassment and assaults of female cadets. The officials invited Leslie, an ordained Methodist minister and therapist who teaches pastoral care, to train their chaplains in counseling the assault victims. She was invited back two more times, in 2004 and 2005, with a group of graduate students to generally assess and enhance the work of the chaplains.

What Leslie found on the Colorado Springs campus, plopped down in the middle of basic training for a week, astounded her. Air Force chaplains did many good things but also "some really bad things," she says. Though a public, non-sectarian institution, the academy's environment was stridently evangelistic. One chaplain declared during a Protestant service, for instance, that those who weren't yet born again "will burn in the fires of hell." Chaplains and faculty members urged cadets to convert their fellow students. And the academy's second-in-command sent an e-mail to all cadets saying, "the Lord is in control. He has a plan for every one of us."

Leslie's 2004 report to the commanding officer of the chaplain corps became

known as "the Yale report" and offered a record of growing religious intolerance. When her report was made public this past spring, Air Force officials commissioned their own review, which confirmed much of what Leslie saw.

She testified at a Congressional hearing in June on the climate of religious intolerance at the academy. Two months later, the Air Force issued guidelines to all of its commanders cautioning against supporting one religion over another and calling on chaplains to respect and minister to those of all faiths, and of no faith. The guidelines are a good beginning, Leslie says, but she hopes the Air Force leadership will refine them so that religious intolerance isn't left to individual interpretation.

As a Wooster undergraduate, Leslie never knew her work would eventually focus on survivors of sexual assault. She only knew that she wanted to pursue matters of peace and justice, and the ministry — she's the tenth ordained person in her family over six generations — seemed a good way to do so.

Leslie's time as a college chaplain quickly taught her how prevalent acquaintance rape is on campuses. She sought training in how to counsel victims and wrote her dissertation on the topic. She isn't sorry that her work has led her to argue issues of First Amendment rights before Congress.

"I feel I'm called to be just, not comfortable. Sometimes that means we're damned uncomfortable." — Lisa Watts

### IN THE FIELD

Total alumni who have earned divinity degrees: 828

#### ORDAINED, PRACTICING CLERGY

Presbyterians: 152	Lutheran: 2
United Church of Christ: 13	Catholic: 2
Methodist: 12	Mennonite: 2
Congregationalist: 8	Society of Friends: 2
Baptist: 5	Anglican: 1
Episcopalian: 5	Assembly of God: 1
Unitarian	Ordained but denomination not specified: 49
Universalist: 3	
Jewish: 3	



#### ORDAINED BUT WORKING IN ANOTHER OCCUPATION

Presbyterian: 18	Catholic, Congregationalist, Romanian Orthodox: 1 each
Unitarian Universalist: 2	Unknown/not identified: 12
Episcopalian: 2	

Source: Alumni Records database, from alumni who self-identify their profession.



By Lisa Watts

# The Separation of Church & Slate

They arrived on campus three years ago with all the energy and trepidation that junior faculty bring to their jobs. Unique to Mary Bader and Mark Graham's situations, though, are the challenges of teaching religious studies to students who range from agnostics to deeply committed Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Add the work of advising Independent Study projects, which may involve helping a student to balance religious beliefs with academic inquiry, and Bader and Graham knew they could use guidance themselves.

They turned to the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. Based at Wabash College and funded by the Lilly Endowment, the center sponsors workshops and fellowships to enhance the teaching of religion at colleges and universities.

"Religion courses are so emotionally laden," says Lucinda Huffaker, Wabash Center director. "An undergraduate religion course may be the very first time that a student self examines his or her beliefs, and that can be an unsettling experience."

It's a coup for The College of Wooster that Bader and Graham each won a Wabash grant in 2004. "It speaks very highly of them that we chose two people from the same institution in the same year — we rarely do that," Huffaker says.

The one-year grant is structured as a "yearlong, sustained conversation" among fifteen pre-tenured faculty and four senior faculty. Bader, who came to Wooster from the Lutheran School of Theology in

*Two newer faculty members meet the challenges of teaching religious studies today with support from the Wabash Center.*

Chicago, looked at how to help students move from faith-based to academic studies of the Bible. Graham, who came from Indiana University, looked at the challenge of mentoring I.S. students who have questions about religious and artistic vocation.

At the end of the workshop last spring, the center offered a second grant, essentially a summer research fellowship allowing faculty to finish a manuscript. Bader and Graham each won a second grant.

*Where art, religion, and vocation intersect*

"From the perspective of new faculty members, the intensity of Wooster's Independent Study program is overwhelming," Graham says. "It stretches you beyond anything you were trained to do in graduate school."

Many of Graham's students come to him with deep commitments to religion or the arts, and sometimes both. "In a religious studies class, we can talk about bracketing these things — this may be your religious commitment, but let's put it here while we talk academically about

these things," Graham says. "When you get into I.S., you can no longer say, 'I want you to bracket your personal experience.' Deep parts of their personalities come into play with their projects, and they have to integrate that into their academic work."

Graham read a great deal and interviewed colleagues at schools with programs similar to I.S. His research is a work in progress and may lead to a longitudinal study on such mentoring challenges.

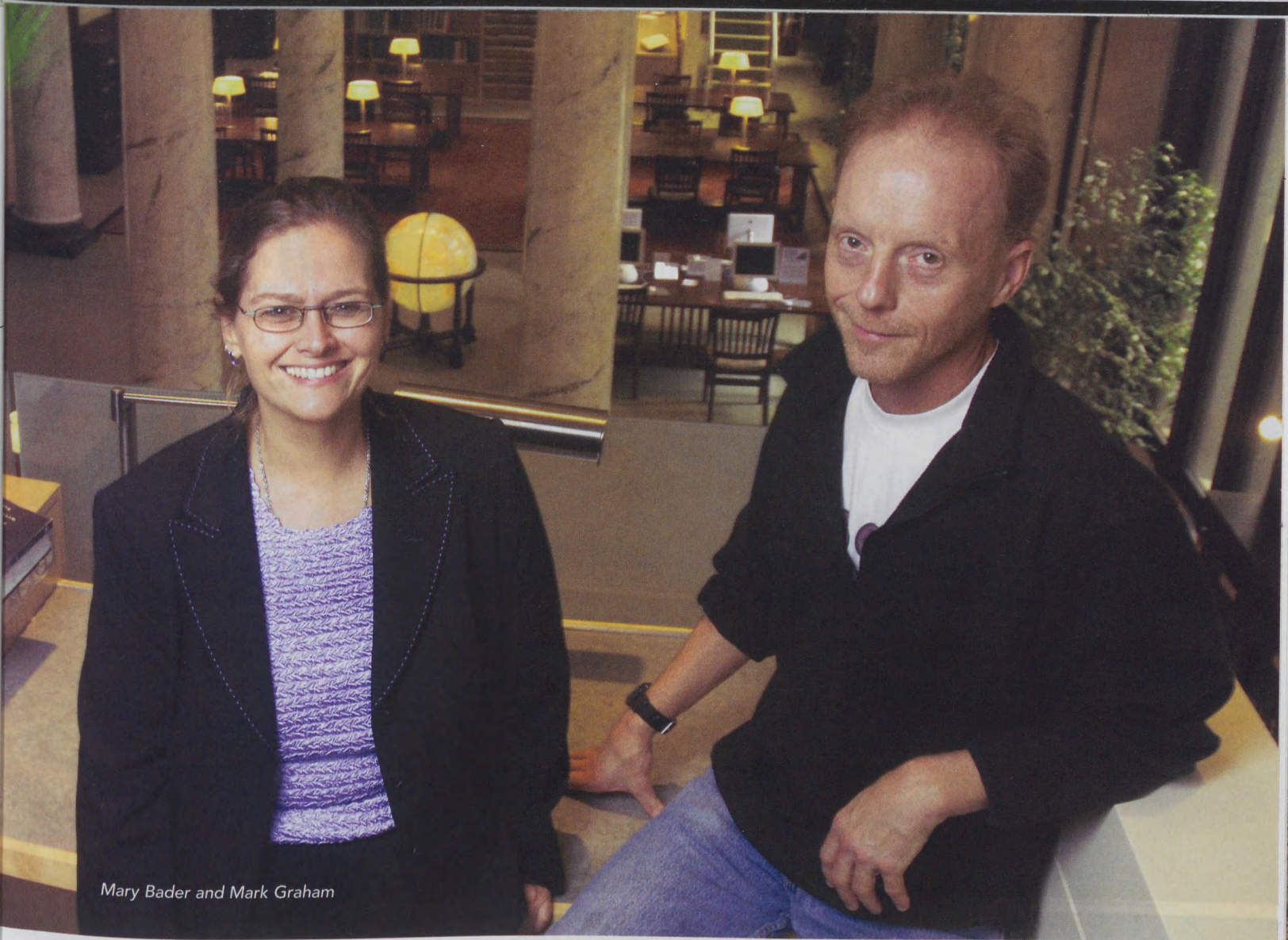
His second Wabash grant allowed Graham to wrap up research on memorials to the May 4, 1970, shootings at Kent State University. The school commemorates the day with one official memorial and a collection of smaller ones closer to the site where the students died.

Graham found a photo of one proposed memorial, a sculpture depicting the story of Abraham and Isaac. As told in the Book of Genesis, the Lord directed Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, in sacrifice. At the last minute an angel intervenes, saves Isaac, and promises good things to Abraham and his family.

"It's a hard story in both the Jewish and Christian traditions," Graham says. "And it's not particularly appropriate to the Kent State memorial."

Rejected by Kent State, the sculpture was later installed at Princeton University. The question of how such choices are made about public art, and the historical context surrounding those decisions, intrigues Graham. He has written two journal articles and drafted a third.





Mary Bader and Mark Graham

### Moving beyond prior knowledge

Mary Bader focused her first Wabash grant on ways to assess the knowledge and attitudes that students bring with them to courses about the Bible and ways to move students from a faith-based to an academic approach to those courses.

"I teach at least three sections of Introduction to Biblical Studies a year," she says. "Each class of thirty-plus students is a microcosm of the world. The evangelical Christian sits next to the person who thinks the Bible is outdated nonsense" — not to mention any number of non-practicing Jews and Christians and a handful of Wiccan, Muslim, and Hindu students.

"No one comes to the study of the Bible as a 'clean slate,'" Bader notes. "And many students have never had the opportunity to consider that the word 'Scripture' may mean something com-

pletely different to the person sitting next to them."


Bader began surveying her introductory students during the first class. She asks the students to complete the statement, "The Bible is..." and then talk about that answer, where they have gotten their ideas about the Bible, and how they think other students may answer the question.

In the next class Bader presents the students' answers, anonymously, opening the way to a dialogue that sets the tone for the class. Bader can then move from devotional reading of the Scripture, which may be all that some students have known of the Bible, to academic biblical criticism.

In the final weeks of her courses, Bader surveys her students again. Then she gives both surveys back to the students and encourages them to talk about the changes they see.

"This has been really helpful," she says of her results. "On a practical level, the survey has given me language to use with students, to understand their presuppositions."

Bader presented her findings at the Midwest Society of Biblical Literature Meeting in Illinois last winter. This month she speaks to the national Society of Biblical Literature in Philadelphia.

She used the second-level Wabash grant to turn her Ph.D. dissertation into a scholarly monograph, *Sexual Violence in the Hebrew Bible*. The book, to be published by Peter Lang in early 2006, looks at the issue of sexual violation throughout the Hebrew Bible. She focuses on the portrayal of two episodes of sexual violence — one involving Dinah, Jacob's daughter (the main character in Anita Diamant's novel *The Red Tent*), and one involving Tamar, King David's daughter. 







On the north end of campus, not far from the frenzy of all-night study sessions and noisy residence halls, sits a retreat offering quiet, reassurance, and encouragement. At Lilly House, a restored, ninety-five-year-old Beall Avenue residence, students and staff know they can consider some of life's most basic questions: Who am I? What am I here to do? What vocation should I pursue?

Wooster established the Lilly Project for the Exploration of Vocation in 2003 with a five-year, \$1.78 million grant from the Lilly Endowment. "The goal has been to create a campus climate of engage-

## Wooster's Lilly Project enables the campus community to ponder questions of vocation and mission.

well as a reintegration program, which helps students reacquaint themselves with college life after spending a semester or more studying off campus. In addition, the project provides funding for major speakers and offers mini-grants to help students, faculty, and staff

groups on campus to provide funding for such things as Worthy Questions, a program developed by Interfaith Campus Ministries. Lilly funding also allows the College to explore the expansion of its service-learning course offerings, which combine classroom and field work with a local social service agency.

"Our efforts are directed at helping students and others on campus to answer what vocation means to them," says Rhyan. "We help them explore what they want to do with their lives and what they want to accomplish."

Rhyan insists that such issues cannot be addressed without adequate spiritual

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ment that focuses on questions of meaning and value, such as what is worth doing, and how can our lives contribute to that which has ultimate significance," says Dianna Rhyan, director of the Lilly Project. "Our mission is to challenge individuals and communities to transform their personal and collective spiritual lives while envisioning what is possible beyond what currently exists."

To support that mission, Rhyan and her colleagues, Susan Hawkins-Wilding and Joyce Howard, have developed a range of programs, internships, events, and activities. They hold Friday teas, where members of the campus community can gather for a respite after a hectic week, and creative journaling sessions, when students, faculty, and staff can share their experiences with one another. The Lilly Project has sponsored a number of retreats and conferences as

promote a better understanding of vocation, ethics, and service through creative group programs.

Lilly's summer field experiences have attracted students interested in exploring vocation. Medical humanitarian internships, for example, place students in Central America to do volunteer medical work. Legal humanitarian internships send students to work with nonprofit organizations. The Azimuth experience offers students grants to explore how to integrate a deep personal interest with a significant community need, anywhere in the United States, for a summer. Seminary Semester offers an off-campus study program open to students of any major or religious background who are considering religious vocation, advocacy work for peace and justice, or any sort of religious study.

The Lilly Project partners with other

reflection. "We have to consider who God has called us to be," she says. "This is not about choosing a career, finding a major, or getting a job, but something much deeper."

Midway through the five-year grant, Rhyan is encouraged by the project's impact and direction. "We are in an adaptive mode, constantly changing to meet the needs and address the questions of those who participate," she says. "None of our programs are exactly as they were in the original proposal. We're learning as we go."

She's still concerned about questions that have yet to be asked, and more aware of what this post-September 11 generation of students ponder.

"I often wonder if students are out to save the world," she says, "and are searching for the meaning of life now more than ever."

A Lilly journaling session, top and left; right, the quiet meditation room is gaining popularity.



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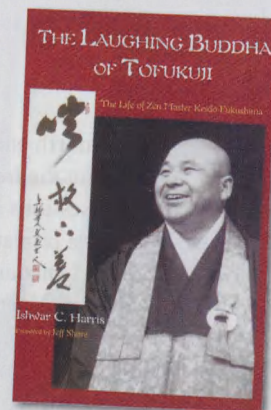
By Ishwar Harris

Ishwar Harris, Synod Professor of Religious Studies, spent much of 2001 living and studying in Kyoto, Japan. He lived among Buddhist monks, studied calligraphy and flower arranging, and interviewed at length a Zen master, Roshi Keido Fukushima. His experiences resulted in his book, *The Laughing Buddha of Tofukuji* (World Wisdom, 2004). The following is an excerpt from the chapter, "Hey, Throw it Away."

His 2001 sabbatical to Japan was one of many trips Harris has taken to that country. In 1961 Harris traveled there as a college exchange student from his native India. In 1972 he met Fukushima when the two were housemates and graduate students at Claremont College in California. Fukushima's commitment to Zen Buddhism fascinated Harris. The two stayed in touch, and Harris made his first visit to the Tofukuji monastery in 1998.

In his twenty-four years at the monastery, Fukushima has mentored more than one hundred Zen monks. Harris notes that Fukushima is a "master *koan* trainer whose deep, penetrating insight has awakened in his disciples an awareness of Zen." And as one of the few Japanese Zen masters who speaks English, Fukushima "sees himself as a harbinger of international Zen," Harris says. "He is a bridge-builder who wants to integrate the best of Western values with those of the East." Yet he worries about the dilution of Zen as it reaches America. "He is greatly concerned that the appeal to Western audiences produces 'weak Zen,' which he says is detrimental to spiritual growth."

A bridge-builder himself, Harris now adds Buddhism to the list of Eastern religions he has studied, including Hinduism and Islam, and his expertise on Indian culture, civilization, Gandhian thought, and the Sarvodaya movement. — John Finn



*Behind the door in my office* is a long scroll with Keido Fukushima's calligraphy. It reads (in Chinese characters), "Hey! Throw it away!" It is there as a constant reminder of my "attachments."

When I asked Keido why he had chosen this theme as a topic of his calligraphy, he said that he was inspired by the famous Zen master, Joshu. The Roshi had studied Joshu at Otani University and was fond of quoting from him. He told of a famous incident in which a disciple of Joshu tells him that he had taken off all of his illusions, now what should he do? Joshu responds, "Throw it away." At once the student retorts, "I already told you that I have no illusions." Joshu, in his Zen mind, responds, "Okay, keep it." And the disciple is enlightened, because he had the insight to recognize that his master was not attached to his own answer.

Zen focuses on two types of attachments — conscious and unconscious. It is easy to recognize conscious attachments but very difficult to be cognizant of the unconscious ones. People may think that they should be happy because they are

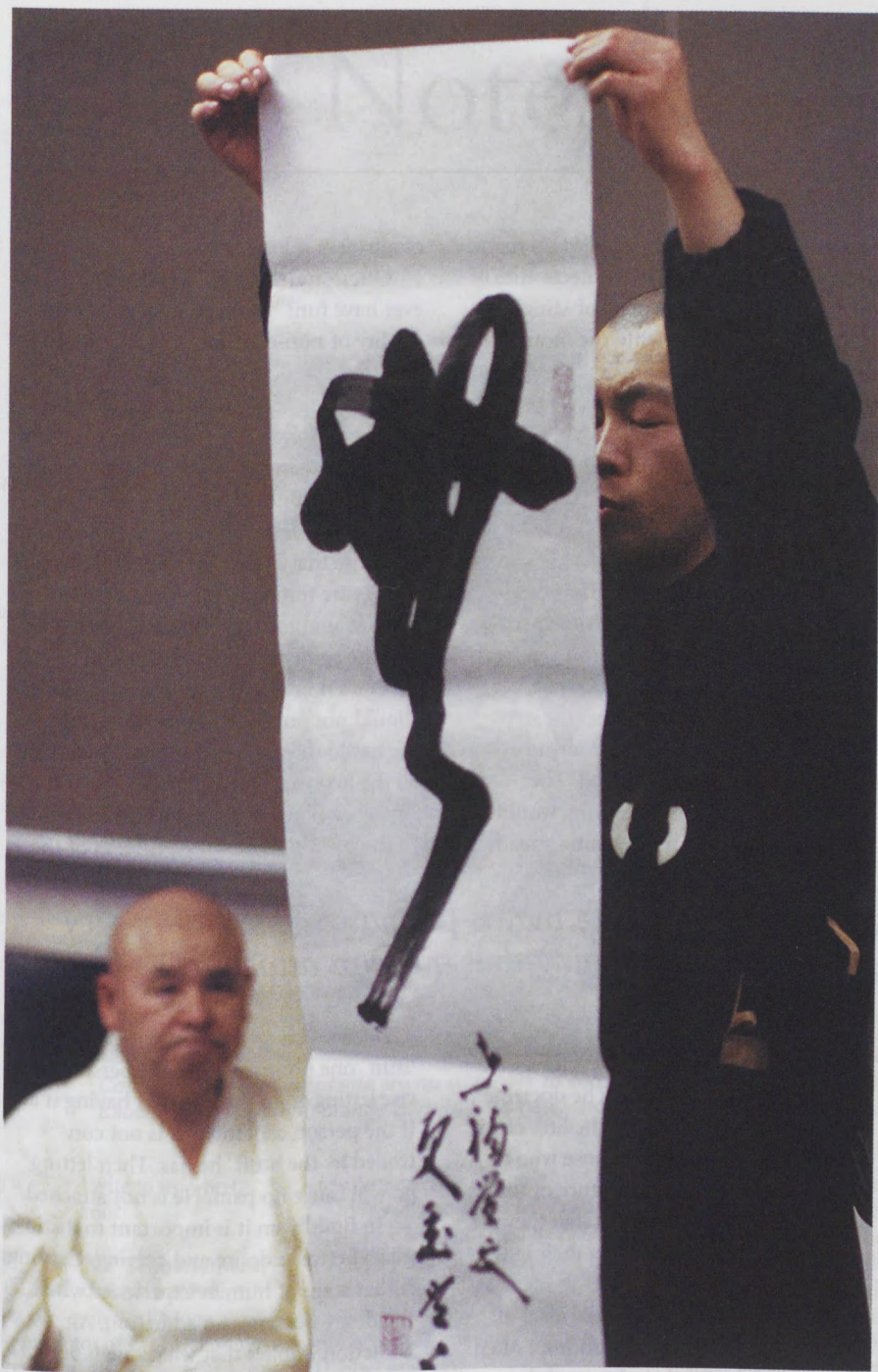
detached from many material things, but they remain unhappy. They are unconsciously attached to many things, including the desire for detachment.

Even the monks are faced with this danger. That is why the winter *sesshin* (usually in December) is critical in Zen training. The Roshi remarks: "During the winter *sesshin*, which is so tough and abnormal, I can tell whether or not the monks have penetrated their unconscious minds. Usually during the *koan* study in *sesshin*, I can tell whether a monk has experienced his first *satori*. Those who break through have a unique experience and can truly 'throw it away.'"

When I mention that Zen and psychoanalysis seem similar, the Roshi points out one major difference. "Through psychoanalysis, what is restored as a healthy self is an ego-laden self. This is not the case in Zen. Detachment comes through the experience of ego-lessness. However, a 'restored self' can work to obtain egoless self."

The problem of attachment is linked with the problem of ego. It is for this rea-





Zen master Roshi Keido Fukushima, left, observes a calligraphy workshop given by one of his student monks during a 2001 visit to Wooster (Matt Dilyard file photo).

son that Buddhism emphasizes the doctrine of *anatta* (no-self). In Buddhist psychology, there is a clear understanding of how desire arises due to ego. The human tendency is to quench desire by fulfilling it. The next time, the desire returns with a higher magnitude. Fulfilling the new desire now requires more energy and resources. Having fulfilled this, the intensity of the desire increases and the process continues. The end result of this cycle is

that ultimately the individual finds himself suffocating in the web of desires. The fulfillment of desires produces attachments. Some of these attachments (illusions) remain on the conscious level; others find their place in the unconscious mind. The end result is suffering.

The materialism so prevalent in modern economies is based on the assumption that the more we consume, the happier we will be. The advertisers on radio,

TV, and the Internet send us the same message – buy more and you will be happy. The needs are created artificially, and we are told that it is good for our economy. Buddhist economics challenges this norm. It asserts that the sellers, through their advertisements, attack where human nature is weak. They manipulate and capitalize on the weakness of the need to quench desires.

When I posed this problem to Roshi Fukushima, he asserted that the problem was an ancient one. After all, this is what Siddhartha Gautama discovered under the Bodhi tree. It seems that he was able to transcend the consequences that stem from attachments. For the average individual, the web of desires produces physical and mental suffering even though one may not realize it. Buddhism, including Zen, teaches the method of nullifying the effects of attachments through *dhyana* (meditation) and *prajna* (wisdom). The wisdom comes from understanding the Buddha *dharma*. Meditation provides an exercise in self-purification.

The Roshi recognizes that although minimization of wants is a Buddhist ideal, certain desires and wants are necessary for survival. Therefore, the vows that a lay person takes are less severe than the ones taken by the monks and nuns. The goal for both is ultimately the same — to transcend all attachments.

The Roshi explains that a distinction can be made between “good” and “bad” attachments. To covet a neighbor’s wealth is a bad attachment. However on a higher level of spiritual development, even desiring *nirvana* is a good attachment. He points out that when the monks first come to Tofukuji, they may be motivated to have a Zen experience (*satori*). In fact they should think positively about having an enlightenment experience. But in the later stages of training, all talk about *satori* is given up. I found this to be true in my time there. Once I asked a senior monk if he was close to *satori* experience, and he responded “ha-ha-ha.”

The Zen tradition is replete with many anecdotes and stories that bring the problem of attachment closer to home. Consider the following question: “If you



# THE ZEN OF THROWING IT AWAY

are walking down the street and meet the Buddha, what do you do?" "Kill him," comes the answer. How absurd! Can we really kill the Buddha? This saying means that one has to kill the attachment to the Buddha.

One of my favorites is the story of two monks who come upon a stream that they have to cross. Standing by the stream is a young maiden who also wants to cross. Seeing her dilemma, one monk picks her up and wades across, puts her on the other shore, and continues walking. The other monk, witnessing the event, finally breaks the silence by protesting that the other monk had touched the woman. He had surely broken the monastic rule that prohibits association with women. The monk's reply to his friend's protest is most telling. He says, "Oh! I left

proves of evil, he does not hoard up many things, and with regard to the necessities of life he is free from the taint of stinginess. He gains familiarity with the notion of impermanence, and, when he follows that up, also the notions of ill and not-self will stand out to him."

How does attachment to ideas, doctrines, things, etc., become the cause of suffering? Buddhism affirms that there is nothing in life that is permanent. We often hear that the Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, who believed in the impermanent nature of things, said, "You can never step in the same stream twice," meaning that the second time one steps into the stream, the water has already flowed, the reality has changed. The Buddhist response to this saying would be, "You cannot step in the same stream

of altruism is lost.

Often students ask, "Do Buddhists ever have fun?" To them it seems that the quality of non-ego, non-attachment, and self-control lead to a very dull life. If this were the case, Buddhists would be the saddest people on Earth. On the contrary, they express contentment and joy. For the Zen master, Buddhist understanding of happiness is not based on gratification, in the sense that happiness comes when all desires are fulfilled. Happiness takes on a new meaning when desires are controlled and the egotistical self is given up.

Does non-attachment mean that one should not possess the good things that life has to offer? Can a lay person who has all the luxuries of life still practice Buddhist non-attachment? Yes, according to the Roshi. "This is the problem of the

— *Buddhism affirms that there is nothing in life that is permanent. All of reality is in constant change, so there is nothing that one can attach to.* —

the girl near the shore. It seems you are still carrying her."

In the preface to *Zen Mind, Beginners Mind*, Huston Smith narrates an incident when he visited Roshi Shunryu Suzuki. While they were talking, Huston Smith remarked that in his teachings, the Roshi didn't talk much about *satori*. Upon hearing this, Mrs. Suzuki remarked, "Because he has not had one. Shunryu Suzuki laughed and said, "Do not tell any one." This is yet another example of living in the spirit of detachment.

In Buddhaghosa's text, *Visuddhimagga* ("The Path of Purity"), there is discussion on the "recollection of death." The text describes the various ways in which death approaches and terrifies human beings. The monks and nuns are expected to contemplate on the text as an exercise in meditation. Buddhaghosa describes the benefits of this exercise this way:

"And the monk who is devoted to this recollection of death is always watchful, he feels disgust for all forms of becoming, he forsakes the hankering after life, he disap-

even once, let alone twice." This is to emphasize that nothing is the same; that change occurs all the time. The doctrine of impermanence is due to the link of the chain of cause and effect. Those who do not see the impermanent nature of things will attach to them, thinking that they are permanent. This is caused by their ignorance (*avidya*).

Working with the Buddhist ideal of non-attachment in the classroom, I often find that students misunderstand the concept. They understand what attachment means, but detachment poses a problem. For most, detachment suggests escaping, running away, being in isolation. To them it means being emotionally non-engaged in daily life. The Roshi refutes such an understanding. In the spirit of the *Bhagavad Gita*, detachment means non-attachment to the fruits of one's action. It means keeping the ego out when undertaking a task. Actions undertaken with selfish motives divert the focus from the action to the individual. Once the actor (individual) becomes the focus, the spirit

degree to which one is dependent on the 'stuff' one possesses. Can the person exercise letting go in the midst of having it all? If the person can, then he is not controlled by the 'stuff' he has. Then letting go will cause no pain. He is not attached."

In Buddhism it is important to distinguish between desire and craving. Craving is that stage of human experience when the desire becomes an addiction. An addiction implies that what one is addicted to now controls the individual, as is the case with an alcoholic or a drug addict. The loss of self-control leads to the loss of the power of discrimination. Thus the mind is defiled. In Zen, particular attention is given to the state of mind.

Keido Fukushima's calligraphy, "Hey! Throw it away," is a constant reminder to me of my attachments.

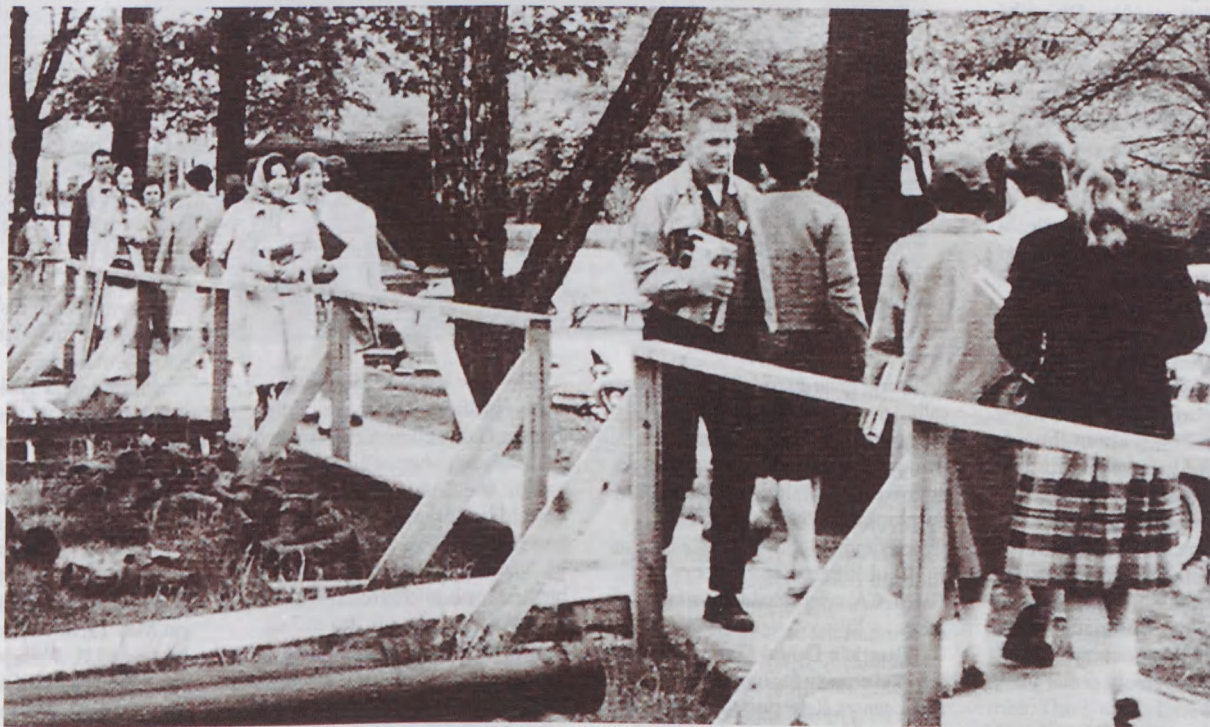
When I asked the Roshi if he had any attachments himself, he laughed and said, "I have many good attachments. I like coffee, chocolate, and Joan Baez." Knowing the Roshi, I know that he can throw these attachments away at any time. **W.**



# Class Notes

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Class Notes



College of Wooster students are no strangers to construction, as this shot from the 1963 Index reveals. This year, with the Kauke Hall renovation, orange barrels, hard hats, and heavy-duty machinery are as common on campus as cell phones.

**1933** Write to us, won't you?

**1934 Mil Schuenemann Johnston** was choosing classes in the lifelong learning program of U of Delaware, an interest of many years.

**David Prosser** says life at Copeland Oaks is "as close to heaven as I expect to be!"

**Beryl Young Denny** writes of difficulties in repairing damage from the 2004 hurricanes. "Materials are hard to get, and workers are scarce." She feels lucky that a son-in-law has come to help: "He's able to do most anything." Beryl returns from Florida in the summers to her Lakeville, Ohio, home. I'm grateful for her faithful correspondence!

Another faithful is **Helen Hayward**. She says writing is more difficult for her, but she keeps on! Helen helps me (**Libby**) gather news. It's so discouraging to send many cards to classmates and get

few responses — or none!

We sadly note that **Mildred Clapper Morgan** died in 2002.

**Mary Yunck Cort** moved from Breckenridge Village to Heath, Ohio, close to her son in Granville. She has not been well but enjoys visitors. I (**Libby**) miss her.

**Margaret Hawkins Byington** of Golden, CO, taught after graduating and volunteered in Girl Scouts, schools, church school, and DARE. At 85 Margaret was president of her P.E.O. chapter. She and her husband traveled to every state and visited each capitol building. Margaret and **Ruth Balentine Foight**, her Wooster roommate, exchanged Christmas gifts for 70 years. A record?

Also responding to the questionnaire was **Kathryn Dilger Metcalfe**. She went from Wooster to Parsons School of Design in New York and studied in France. Kathryn taught, was a library display illustrator in Yonkers, and did painting and

stenciling. Kathryn and her husband visited the places where her grandfather served during the Civil War. His letters and diary guided them. She wrote a book about their experiences, with photos, and had it printed. Kathryn and her Wooster roommate are not far apart — **Nancy Casey** lives in Hen Ox, ME, while Kathryn is in Plainfield, MA.

**ELIZABETH LAPHAM WILLS**, 36500 Euclid Ave. A255, Willoughby, OH 44094.

**1935 Betty Ann Bonsall McCorkel** died on Feb. 4, 2005, in State College, PA. Her sister, Mary Bonsall Mikkelsen x'42, died on Mar. 10 at a nursing home near Pittsburgh, PA (see Obituaries). Jim McCorkel '61 tells us about a memorial service celebrating the sisters' lives in the manner of the Society of Friends at the McCorkel Tree Farm in Warrior's Mark, PA.

"It was quite the Wooster gathering! Betty had married Roy

McCorkel '33, and Mary had married Jim Mikkelsen '42. Five of their children were present: Jim McCorkel '61, Betty Ann McCorkel Jansson '63, Mary Lou McCorkel Rozdilsky '64, Jim Mikkelsen '67, and Ed Mikkelsen '71. Martha Jenkins Rosaker '63, Betty Ann's Wooster roommate, also attended.

"There were two former members of the Wooster Alumni Board present, Nancy Braund Boruch '64 (daughter of Ann Bonsall Braund '37 and niece of Mary and Betty) and Bill McAfee '32, Roy McCorkel's Wooster roommate. That brought the number of Wooster alums to eight! Roy and Bill went to Ewing Christian College in Allahabad for the Wooster in India program, overlapping for a year. Bill deserves an award for driving alone, at age 95, from Washington, DC, to central Pennsylvania for the service.

"The event was held outdoors with over 80 people attending — not counting the lovely black snake



that slithered through the circle.”  
**Ray Shame!**’s son tells us that Ray will no longer be able to handle the duties of class secretary. We wish Ray all the best.

**VIOLA STARTZMAN ROBERTSON**, 687 Greenwood Blvd., Wooster, OH 44691-4923, <VSR@aol.com>.

**1936** Won’t you fill this space?

**RALPH GILLMAN**, 1256 Lisa Ann Dr., akron, OH 44313

**1937** The news in the summer issue of *Wooster* included reports on the 90th birthdays of classmates born in January, February, and March, 1915. This column is about the April, May, and June celebrants.

**Marian Frey Pratt** observed that she wasn’t surprised that she had lived so long. The surprise would have been if she had NOT made it to 90, since her parents were both very long-lived. Marian’s family party was held in her new apartment (304A) in her retirement center in Encinitas, CA.

On the other hand, **Mariam “Mim” Siegfried McDonald** prefers not to be reminded of her age. She said she avoided the subject of a celebration as long as possible, but on the big day, she and Hill McDonald ’34 went out to dinner with two other couples in Poland, Ohio. Mim supplied a birthday cake.

**Myra Schweininger Carpenter**’s family — children, grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren — assembled in Norwalk on the weekend of a major April snowstorm. Her garden club had a surprise party for her, and her church circle celebrated with high tea.

**Robert McCalmon** went out for dinner with his son, Jeff, and his wife in Denver. Bob is still a working man, a manufacturer’s representative.

**Eunice Alborn Marshall** had a “perfect day.” Her son, both grandchildren, and their families came to Bradenton. They all ate out for breakfast, lunch, and a dinner, which included a birthday cake. Eunice received many flowers from friends.

All of **Betty Claypoole Baldridge**’s family joined her in Nashville — daughters, grandchild-

The wedding of Scott Dixon ’92 and Stela Burdt, July 17, 2004. (Left to r) Katye McCullough Russell ’91 with Mara, bride, groom, Tim Russell ’92 with Matthew



dren, and great-grandchildren. She calls occasionally just to chat.

**Margaret Miller Townsend**, who now lives in Washington, PA, enjoyed a large family gathering at Southminster Place, planned by three granddaughters.

**Paul Ricatto**, in Newport Beach, CA, celebrated with a family party.

**Querida Duval Dunn**’s daughters had a party for her at her retirement center. Referring to a comment in an *AARP* magazine interview of actress Candace Bergen that Candace hopes to live to be 90, Querida remarked that she once dated Edgar Bergen. (Amazing what one learns during these telephone conversations!)

**Betty Gillam Fuller**’s daughters had a party for her at Park Residences in Waterville, ME. Betty’s two sons work overseas.

Owen “Pat” ’36 and **Mildred Senff Patterson**’s four children joined them at their retirement center in Walnut Creek, Ohio, for a birthday celebration. During the weekend, the children dismantled the house in Millersburg, where the Pattersons lived for many years.

**Jeffrey Westover** and the son with whom he lives in Milwaukee had a birthday dinner, but the real celebration occurred during Jeffrey’s annual July visit with his daughter in Maine.

**Betty Olson Tiller** described the special party her daughters arranged for her in February at the local golf club in Atlanta — a highlight was being transported there and back in a limousine.

**Eleanor Karch Rigterink**’s August birthday is included in this report to let you know that her two sons were with her both for the celebration and to get her ready to move from Maryland to 517 Luce Rd., Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

Now for the bad news. The birthday calls uncovered two deaths: **George Winslow** died last December (remember him playing in **Arnie Carlson**’s band?), and **William Yochheim** died in June 2004. Both were with us as freshmen and sophomores.

The deaths of six other classmates have occurred since the summer column was written: **Paul McClanahan** in April; **Elizabeth “Libby” Thompson Dale**, **Arthur Sadler**, and **Lila Scheetz Wagner**, all in May; and **Wesley Stoneburner** and **Robert “Bouncy” Taliaferro** in June. We grieve for all of them. Watch for their obituaries.

I (Mollie) am gradually doing better at coping with widowhood. Your cards and letters are a great help. Thank you.

**MARTHA “MOLLIE” TILOCK VAN BOLT**, 2020 Glendale Ave., Flint, MI 48503-2111, phone (810) 233-5107, <rvbmvb@sbcglobal.net>.

**1938** We would love to hear from you.

**LOUISE HARRIS SOUTHARD**, 950 Cherry St. Apt. 264, Memphis, TN 38117.

**1939** **Earl** and Ruth Lyle ’37 **Relph** moved to Portage, MI, to be near their daughter, Carolyn. Their granddaughter, Valerie, was awarded a

Ph.D. in chemistry at the U of Wisconsin, and grandson Jeff graduated from the U of Michigan and taught in a technical university in China before beginning graduate work in Asian literature.

Please note the change in my (**Dean**’s) address. We had planned to downsize and move the 13 miles from our ocean view home in Harpswell into Brunswick (where the action is). That was the plan before my wife, Alice, had triple bypass surgery. She is fine, but the downsizing is not easy. For now, at least, we’ve avoided moving into a retirement home.

Please follow Earl’s lead and let us hear from you.

**DEAN F. DAVIES**, 1 Apple Tree Dr., Brunswick, ME 04011, <docdean@gwi.net>.

**1940** The family of **Anna Lou Craig**

**Plessinger** reports that Anna died on May 11. She was the widow of **Clarence E. Plessinger** and suffered from Alzheimer’s disease. We send our sympathies to her family.

We also report the death of **Lucy Anne Ormond Johnson** on Mar. 3 (see Obituaries). Her husband, C. Byron Johnson ’36, survives, in addition to children and grandchildren. Our condolences to the family.

On a happier note, an excited and delighted **Marguerite Lane Bowden** is the great-grandmother of twins. April, who’s married to Marguerite’s grandson, Aaron, gave birth to Samuel Richard on May 31 at 9:13 p.m. and to Logan Robert at 11:47 a.m. on June 1! Not many twins have different birthdays — and in different months, too. Aaron is the younger son of Joe Bowden ’66. Congratulations to the great-grandmother and grandfather Joe and his family.

Alumni Weekend ’05 is gone but not forgotten. Eleven members of the Class of 1940 met for our 65th reunion — with only two canes and one and a half wheelchairs. Our class of over 300 graduates still has nearly half of its members living! Those present were **Florence Dunbar Kerr**, **Nancy Ostrye Miner**, **Josie Thompson Simmonds**, **Betty Olnhausen Cummings**, **Doris**





The wedding of Amy Marie Tsacoumangos '00 and Guy Benjamin Mulligan '01, July 3, 2004. (Left to r) Nizar Hallak '01, Erin King '04, Christi Stern, Connie Piontkowski-Levine, '00s, bride, groom, Adam Ratliff '00, Molly Dulmage, Dustin Dobos, '01s, Liz Strain '04, Stacy Cameron-Berliner, Evan Berliner '00s, Davin Korstjens '02

**Wilson Blanchard, Clara Smith Patton, Marguerite Bowden, Cliff Smith, Joe Lindcamp, Clark West, and Howard Shaw.** We were also pleased to have: Carl Cummings; one of Cliff's daughters and his son, Phillip '85; Nancy's son, David '66; Doris's daughter, Karen '75; Josie's daughter, Jean, and Clara's daughter, Sara (development).

Several of us gathered Friday evening for the delicious Scots Forever dinner and heard an overview of the College by President Hales. Next, we were pleasantly entertained at a reception hosted by Clara Patton. Thanks, Clara!

Thursday night was a treat for those who attended the Ohio Light Opera preview. Our luncheon was held in Ebert Art Center (the old gym!). Becky Schmidt (development) attended, as did Peter Schantz (physical plant), who presented "what's going on at Kauke."

Marguerite Bowden was re-elected president and Florence Kerr, secretary. Men's secretary **Frank Thatcher** asked to be relieved of his duties, and there was no replacement. So, men, send your news to Flo. Many thanks, Frank, for a great job these many years!

The class voted to withdraw current bank funds (\$759.81) and add the money to our scholarship fund at the College. This year \$4,235 in financial assistance was awarded.

We note with sorrow the passing of 48 class members since our last reunion. Belated condolences to Cliff Smith, whose wife, Norma, died last fall. She attended reunions faithfully.

Nancy Miner continues to work

at Winterthur Museum.

**Dorothy Heiser Chynoweth** is in the New York State Veteran's Home. Her address is P.O. Box 357, Hilbertsville, NY 13776.

Doris Blanchard and sister Janice Wilson George '50 enjoyed a tour of Montana, including Glacier National Park and other sights (see p. 44).

**Marion Howard Horne** wrote what many of us think: "Though I still feel 35 on the inside and use neither cane nor walker nor wheelchair, I do have my limitations, and will not be able to attend (the June reunion)." Marion's four children live in Cincinnati suburbs, near her.

On July 14 Frank Thatcher fell and broke his right arm in two places. He had surgery and was recuperating in Darsey Center in Charleston (his residence center).

Our ladies' secretary (Flo) enjoyed a weekend in Louisville with her two sisters, seven nieces and nephews, and a few spouses — a lovely reunion. Florence moved to a retirement center in Washington State, near daughter Beth '66. See Flo's new address at the end of this column and send news! Thanks to Marguerite Bowden for preparing this column, while Flo was moving.

Clark West was honored this spring by the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, which created the Clark West Chair in Pediatric Nephrology. Clark officially retired in 1989 but has continued to work at the center. He's now their oldest employee. He's seen the staff grow from 16 physicians to 385.

**Janet Holt Moffett** lives in an independent living area of a retire-

ment community in Knoxville, TN, with Sam, her husband of 62 years.

You would not know that Betty Cummings had knee surgery last summer! Betty and Carly Cummings '41 enjoy homes both north (Pittsburgh) and south (Florida). They're pleased to have their retired son and his wife living in Florida.

The Class of 1940 felt honored to have Karen Blanchard '75, Doris's daughter, preach at McGaw Chapel on Alumni Sunday. Karen is an associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood, MO.

Sixty-five years since we graduated! On to 70 in 2010! Marion Horne says: "If you live to be 100, I hope you look as wonderful as the alumna (Alice Childs Grosjean '27) on the cover of the spring issue of *Wooster!*"

Keep in touch! Just e-mail me (Flo), send a fax, leave a message on my answering machine, or call me on my cell. I'll get back to you A.S.A.P.

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## 1941 Mary Elizabeth Johnsten Ellis

writes from Cedar Rapids on the occasion of the graduation of her daughter, Mary Ellis Snyder, from Dubuque Theological Seminary. This year, two grandchildren graduated from college, another from high school, two granddaughters got married, and her family planned to celebrate Mary Elizabeth's 85th birthday. She says, "I can't believe I've lived so long." Her photo looks like she's 18!

A picture of the rafters in Kauke Hall (see p. 7) shows the name of **Winifred Parsons Empson.**

Winnie, how'd you do that?

**Hal "Moose" Limouze** sends an interesting account of a certain dinner in Babcock our senior year, but he marked it "Classified, FYEO." Moose, please declassify it. It would make an interesting paragraph.

"Feeling great sympathy for class secretaries" prompted a letter from **Hy Tindall** in Canandaigua, NY. Hy and his wife live near their youngest child and family and close to their Finger Lakes summer cottage. Hy recounts a good recovery from an auto accident (not his fault). His wife's recovery from a broken hip at about the same time has not gone as well. On a brighter note, they made a "third farewell trip to London," after annual trips for 30 years.

The Tindalls are enjoying the (belated) status of grandparents. Hy reminisces about going to high school with **Jim Blackwood**, visiting Jim and Louise in Florida, and being the first couple that Jim married. The Tindalls have had cards from **Marian Roller Chelson** and **Dori Bennett** and **Bob Haring**.

The prize for the longest letter goes to **Max Keck**. His great biographical sketch makes no mention of playing the ocarina (with **Jim Wise** at the piano) in the Douglass basement, though! Max's self portrait makes us wonder if it really was a Hollywood great, not our classmate, who's a research chemist, retired from Goodyear.

Max and Joan Bailey '48 Keck enjoyed trips to Europe and Japan. With 23 U.S. patents in the polymer field, Max worked under Nobel Prize winner Paul Flory and "loved my job at Goodyear. I was provided with assistants, a laboratory, and a budget. In return I was expected to invent new polymers that would make money for the company." See the Kecks pictured on the next page.

For a further account of Japan, Germany, aiding a Japanese orphan, and hobbies and interests, don't miss the next issue.

**Jeanne Simmons Brand** (and her wheeled walker) had a noteworthy trip to Alaska with her sons and their wives. Jeanne turns the job of



class co-secretary over to **Mary Wilcox Hughes**. Thanks, Jeanne, for your years of faithful service.

**Dru May Gillespie** has moved to a retirement facility at Ashford Ct. Apt. 201, 1700 The Greens Way, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250.

For those who are in step with the times, contact me (**Len**) at my e-mail address (below).

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**1942** Write and tell us about something that you remember about your years at Wooster. It could be something important or just a nostalgic memory.

For example, every spring when I see lilacs blooming, I think of the lilacs that bloomed on the south side of Memorial Chapel. I remember going back to the dorm late at night after play practice and how fragrant the soft spring air was — and how I always had to stop and touch Abe Lincoln's hand for good luck.

The next suggestion comes from Jay Boyd '70, "I am the son of **John and Jane Cotton Boyd**. I was recently reading *Wooster*, and as I always do, checked the Class of '42 column. I noticed that you're having trouble getting classmates to respond. Unfortunately, my mom and dad have both passed away. However, I thought your classmates would be interested in the accomplishments of their granddaughter, Stephanie Boyd Gehres.

"My father was an orthopedic surgeon in Albuquerque for 45 or 50 years, but none of his three sons showed any interest in the practice of medicine. However, my daughter, Stephanie, recently graduated "with highest honors" from the U of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis. In addition, she had our first grandson, Kellan Edwards Gehres, in January. She and her husband, Shaun, are staying in Memphis for at least the next four years while she completes a residency in internal medicine and pediatrics. There is finally another doctor in the Boyd

family!"

Our children and grandchildren are doing so many interesting things. Write and tell us about them.

**Tom Perkins** and Jean Stratton Perkins '43 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their family in Galveston, TX.

Tom called recently and asked for **Bob Dunlap's** address. We have a new list of our class members with addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails. Give me (**Celia**) a call if you want to contact someone, and I'll be glad to give you the information.

**Erdine Maxwell Mellert** has a new address, 5100 Sharon Rd. Apt. 357 AW, Charlotte, NC 20210.

There is some sad news. **Edgar Merkel** died on July 5 of a lung infection. His wife, Betty, two sons, and a daughter survive. The address is 9 La Villa Ct., Spanish Lakes, Fort Pierce, FL 34945.

**Marc Naylor** tells us of the death of his wife, **Julia Brockman Naylor**. Julie had been in ill health for the past ten years. Two daughters, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a sister survive, in addition to Marc. His address is 909 Suncrest Pl., Morgantown, West Virginia 26505.

We send our sympathy to both of these families. Obituaries will appear in a future issue.

Leady Maher, the daughter of **Barbara McConnell Kempf**, wants to correct and clarify the obituary for Barbara printed in the last issue. She writes, "Barbara taught high school English and Latin for one year in West Lafayette. In 1943 she married Robert Kempf of Coshocton, Ohio (a Case graduate). She traveled with her husband, as he taught soldiers to pilot planes for the U.S. Air Force in WWII. In 1961 a tragic car accident took Robert's life. Barbara returned to education in the Berea Schools at Midpark High School. She taught and then became a guidance counselor there, after earning an M.Ed. at Case Western Reserve U (1966).

"Barbara always held The College of Wooster dear to her heart, serving as class secretary and keeping in contact with her friends. She lived the last 13 years years at the Elyria Methodist Village."



Max '41 and Joan  
Bradley '48 Keck,  
married for  
55 years

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**1943** Please forgive the typo in the summer issue, indicating that **Bob Moreland** volunteered with the IRS for over 50 years — it should be five. Bob's been mighty busy all of his life but not that busy!

**Jean Dowling Coughlin's** husband phoned and said that Jean died a couple of years ago. They were married for 53 years. Jean worked for a long time in a large law firm in Cleveland. Her husband was in sales. They had no children.

I'm sorry to report one more death — that of **Marjorie "Marni" Thomas Braeuning** in May, only two months after her husband's passing (see Obituaries). As **Phoebe Houser Hunt** notes, Marni was a precious girl, and so modest. What an active life she led!

The "mini-reunion girls," who met every September for the last 25-30 years, are all too fast disappearing. Now Marni, along with **Marilyn Neilson Strock**, **Gwen Polen Barrick Stockdale**, and **Martha "Marci" Stark Hughes**, all are gone. Those left are **Anne Harms Cox**, **Alice "Jill" Walker Thomas**, **Fran Barr Curtis**, and **Phoebe Hunt**. **Jean "Scotty" Coleman Bender** used to be part of the group, too, before moving out of the area. On Aug. 17 Anne, Phoebe, and Jill met at the Wooster Inn in honor of Anne's birthday.

Celebrating another birthday on Apr. 19 was **Jiny Lewis Bradley**. **Anne Freeman Conkle** joined Jiny for dinner at their favorite B & B Victorian House Restaurant on Jiny's island, Whidbey, WA, off the coast of Seattle, where Anne lives.

During WWII **Bob Talkington** served on the U.S.S. *Hornet* and married Connie Garvin '44 as soon

as he was discharged in 1945. They moved to the DC and Maryland area, and he worked in the personnel office of the Library of Congress. At his retirement in 1977, Bob was with the division for the blind and physically handicapped in contracting.

Bob and Connie retired to Sarasota. To keep busy, Bob did income tax for H & R Block for a few years. In 1990 they moved to a mobile home park, still in Sarasota, which they thoroughly enjoy. For seven years Bob volunteered at their hospital in radiology — a "different experience," he says. They have a daughter in Maryland and a son in Texas, each of whom has two sons and a daughter.

**Haines "Rike" Reichel** and wife Ellie live in Naples, FL. They went north in July for daughter Judy's 50th birthday. They're so lucky to have daughter Jean living in their park. Rike wrote, "Her husband can fix anything that I can't — everything!"

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**1944** **Bill and Helen "Hibble" Hibbs Bingham** took an interesting paddleboat trip on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in July, learning about the Lewis and Clark expedition. Daughter Anne visited them in Mesa, AZ, after taking her daughter, Mindy, to the U of Arizona. Mindy is working on a Ph.D. in chemistry there.

Helen and Bill spent two weeks in Maui in June with daughter Anne Bingham Horst '72, her husband, son Carl, and his wife. Of special interest was the place where Bill's Marine group went between military operations during WWII. Next for the Binghamans were two weeks in Sedona, AZ.

Merle Seal, the husband of the



late **Evelyn Baker Seal**, was like a brother to Bill Bingaman. Merle was also a good friend of Wooster, so it is with sadness that we mention his death on June 8.

Male Call this issue went to **Al Linnell**. When I (**Russ**) caught him, he and wife Ann had just sat down on their patio to enjoy a glass of wine and their lake view. Seattle, they tell me, is an ideal place in the summer. Al was forced to miss our 60th by a misbehaving heart. Now, after a triple bypass, he is "fully recovered" and is enthusiastically working out.

He's traveling again, too. Last June he and Ann visited their East Coast kids and Al's sister. And he's publishing papers at an impressive rate and working diligently on a grant with another professor. Binary stars remain at the center of Al's astronomical interests.

This being a time for WWII memorials, you'll be interested to learn that Roger Secrest '43 was one of the driving forces behind the establishment of a Veterans' Memorial to commemorate Camp Fannin in Tyler, TX. During WWII it was a prominent basic training center. The camp introduced several of us to the U.S. Army.

In addition to Roger and myself (**Russ**), a number of Woosterians spent the summer of 1943 there learning to be soldiers. Among them were: **Stege Jones**, **Johnny Smeltz**, Perry Narten '43, Glenn Garratt '46, Stan Williams '45, **Denny Kuhn**, **Bob Kendall**, and Bob Taylor '48. Have I missed anyone? If so let me know. Denny has a picture of the first group of recruits to arrive at Camp Fannin.

The memorial's official dedication was in April, a major local event. They had a color guard, flags flying from all branches of the service, and representatives of each branch and Congress. Letters from President Bush on down congratulated the organizers. The memorial is complete with an original bronze statue of a soldier.

**Pete Hanna** says that thus far 2005 has been a bust! A major problem developed with his previous hip replacement, so he had surgery to replace the prosthesis.



Woo grads gathered for Katherine Rath-Coursey Siefker '99's baby shower in April. (From left) Charles Rath '40, Tracy Wilkes Altman '99, Katherine, Betsy Rath '72, Betty Kate Rath '39, Jeremy Siefker '99

The operation was a success. He still has to deal with his metastatic prostate cancer, but he has no symptoms and is working toward getting back on the golf course.

**Bill** and Pat Workman '46 **Foxx** keep traveling. In June they flew to Minnesota to see their daughter, her husband, and their granddaughter, Aliya (5). In July they were in Wooster to see six productions of the Ohio Light Opera. They say it gets better each year; this year the voices were "strong and lovely." Frank Knorr '59, newly retired director of development, and wife Jean hosted the Foxxes during their stay. Pat and Bill also visited Peg Reed '45 and John Clay '43 and Norm Wiebusch '43 and saw many friends on campus.

In August they attended the wedding of a granddaughter in Oregon. Then they retired to Pat's parents' retirement apartment in La Jolla to enjoy the surf.

**Margaret Gibbons Lake** and husband Jim stayed in Tucson for the summer and celebrated Jim's 87th in August. He still goes to his lab, where he separates metals from junk. Margaret affectionately calls him her "junk man." Jim's busy in his new greenhouse growing orchids and finding new recipes to try. Margaret enjoys working on her computer. (She was one of the first in our class to "discover" computers.) Part of that is business, but Margaret's learning some new things, like making greeting cards and editing. No one's getting old in that family!

**Don Coates** planned to spend two weeks in his mountain condo in Blowing Rock, NC, and then travel to Albany in September for the wedding of a grandson. His summer was filled with the usual — bridge, concerts, ping-pong (a new skill?), dancing, fitness classes, and socializing. He volunteers at two venues. There is the Mote Marine Laboratory, an oceanographic institution with labs, aquarium, classrooms, and an auditorium. There he works with dolphins, sea turtles, and manatees. He also volunteers at DeSoto National Memorial, a National Park Service facility with museum, gift shop, hiking trails, movies, and reenactments.

**Al Spreng** hunkered down at home this summer. In June two of his children from Colorado joined him to make a brief trip to Wooster. They visited friends, including Mary Pontius Berry '49, and saw a "splendid performance" of *Die Fledermaus* by the Ohio Light Opera. This is the second year that the Sprengs have made that safari.

**Ben Kline's** granddaughter, Jessica Riviere '05, is off to Germany on a Fulbright scholarship. Ben regretfully didn't attend her Wooster graduation, because of his new and intelligent outlook. He recognizes that we aren't indestructible, so he no longer travels. He told his seminary that he will not teach again — a difficult decision. Ben will teach an adult class at church, however.

**Hank and Jinny Clark Miller** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Mexico with all the kids and grandkids. In May they spent 10 days on a small ship in the Sea of Cortez. Hank says, "That's about as far away from home as we want to be right now."

Jinny notes, "My happiest time is spent as a volunteer in the ER twice a week. There I see true tragedy and many small miracles."

I (**Russ**) made my annual drive to Ohio and stopped in Wooster to see how the 60th reunion of the Class of '45 was going. The dorms to which we were assigned were an exciting experience for people our age. The first night I woke up at 3 a.m. Figuring it unlikely that anyone would be in the "unisex" bathroom at that hour, I burst in, almost sending a little old lady into orbit. It gave us something to talk about to friends at home!

**Marjorie "Danny" Danforth Stafford** claims that she is "busy going to country clubs and funerals." She's still involved in selling real estate and set up the Gates Mills tennis program for the summer.

Sympathy is extended to **Carroll "Squeek" Reed Vickers** on the death of her oldest sister last fall. Squeek wintered in her Florida condo and returned in May to her home in Lewiston, NY.

**Anne Frasher Moore** and husband Al planned to travel from their home in Sarasota to Key West by catamaran and then on to Ft. Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas. Al has recovered from heart bypass surgery.

The latest from **Phyllis "Phid" Van Duzer Burger** includes a visit with her sister, Marge, in Naples, FL. Her summer trek along with husband Jim to the family cottage on Owasco Lake outside of Auburn, NY, was to be a special treat — 70 family members were to celebrate Phid's mother's 90th birthday. Not since 1987 have all of her siblings been together.

I (**Anne**) am envious, since Auburn is also my hometown. With my sister now in Florida, I doubt that I shall return there again.

**Catherine "Kenny" Compton Chase** had two family



weddings. Grandson Christopher Long married Katie Paulson; both of them are teachers. Kenny's and Sherret's daughter, Alice, married Robert Robeson. They have five children between them.

I (Anne) had another hip replacement, a "pop-out" of the same two months later (painful), and then arthroscopic shoulder surgery. But I sandwiched in my fourth and last granddaughter's graduation from the U of Redlands, plus some sightseeing. Note my new e-mail.

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**1945** What a reunion! When we were in college, I (**Jeanne "Swanee"**) thought people who graduated 25 years earlier were really old. Here we are 60 years out of college, and, though I didn't see any classmates running up the stairs, we seem pretty spry.

**Margaret Reed Clay** spent a marvelous 12 days in Ireland and England after the reunion. Peg's husband, John Clay '43, stayed home, but she went with friends to the wedding of other mutual friends in Ireland and then toured England. All five of Peg and John's children and their families gathered for a wonderful weekend reunion during the summer. Feeding 20 people kept Peg busy!

It was a relief to have a grandson safely home from Baghdad after 15 months. He spent the summer helping out at Clay's Park Resort in Canal Fulton, Ohio. Another grandson, also in the military, is stationed in Mississippi.

After our 60th reunion, **Jeanne Haffa McKown** spent the summer quietly at home, swimming. Her grandson, Kevin, son of her daughter, Andrea McKown Bhatt '71, and his fiancée plan to marry next fall. Kevin went to Princeton and is attending Harvard Business School.

**Ruth Frost Parker** traveled from our reunion to see her grandson, Christopher, graduate from Ohio State U. In July "Frosty" hosted a Parker family reunion. It was a

Bill Johnson '45 (left) and Class of '45 president Al Kean



great occasion — 115 people. The day I (Swanee) called for news, Frosty was expecting a grandson from Chicago to arrive later in the afternoon with friends. They were headed to Cedar Point on Lake Erie.

On Aug. 28, the 60th anniversary of his ordination in Wooster, **Albert Kean** preached at the Euclid Avenue Christian Church in Cleveland. Al went to Yale Divinity School after college. Al and Beverly plan to go to an Elderhostel at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore to study Mozart and attend symphony concerts each night! Both of their daughters graduated from Wooster, as well as a cousin and his wife and their three children.

**Jack MacLeod** called Al to ask about John Anderton '44. John started college with us but finished his classes to graduate a year early. He is fine and works for a laboratory company in Canada.

We have received word that **Harriet Drake Morrison's** husband, Lincoln, has given a most generous gift to the Wooster Fund in her memory — a wonderful tribute.

Moving to a retirement community center seems to agree with **William and Hope Ringland Benson**. Bill chairs a play reading group. The Bensons help with assisted living residents and deliver Meals on Wheels in town twice a week. Bill still enjoys playing golf. Their children all live nearby.

We missed **Bob and Margaret Russell Emmons** at the reunion, since they almost always attend. They had the wedding of a grandchild and the high school graduation of another — as valedictorian. Peg and Bob went on a camping trip in early August.

**Margaret Goldsmith Hydorn** had a wonderful month-long visit with a daughter in July.

**Jim and Jean Ann Pierce Gow** picked up Jeanne McKown

and brought her to the reunion. They had a busy summer with house guests and visits with their grandsons, Dave (24) and Rob (21). Rob is a junior at Ohio Tech, living in an apartment with friends. Dave is in New York City.

**Margaret Rath Stauffer** sent photos of her and Dwight's home in the Breckenridge Village Retirement Community.

It was great to have Norman Wengatz at the reunion with his daughter. We remember his wife, **Virginia "Gina" Kroehle Wengatz**, fondly. She was a terrific class secretary for many years. Norm sent a picture of the two of them in front of their bicentennial barn, a favorite shot of Gina's.

We were also glad to see **George Woodman** at the reunion. A man from his church drove him over from Youngstown. George is another classmate who is almost always at reunions.

**Miriam Neely Keller** was there with her husband. I'll try to get more news from them.

**Ernest and Emily Kuhles Infield** are thankful to be in their home, having found someone to stay with them. They attended the Alumni Weekend lunch at the Wooster Inn, and Emily was in the class picture.

Gordon and I (Swanee) had a busy summer, with a grandson's wedding, a granddaughter's high school graduation, the Wooster reunion, and, over the July Fourth weekend, a Swan family reunion with my two sisters, Ruth Swan Steffen '47 and Dorothy Swan Reuman '49, and their families. This took place at our son's home in Oxford, Ohio, the town where our great-great-grandfather built two homes in the early 1800s (they are still lived in), so that his children could get an education at Miami U.

There were 80 of us there, most

of the family. We had a wonderful four days, talking into the wee hours of the morning. On July Fourth they celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary with a brunch and beautiful cake with two pictures — from our wedding and a current one.

**JEANNE SWAN GARNETT**, 5310 Loruth Terr., Madison, WI 53711-2630.

**1946** I (**Arol**) read in our local paper of the passing of Donald Walter Bender '53 on May 29 in San Diego. Donald was the brother of **Joanne Bender Reegenhardt**. The service of celebration was held at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, adjacent to UCSD Medical Center in the Hillcrest area, where Don fought a courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis. Joanne provided piano selections by Don's favorite composer, Frederick Chopin.

Calling all classmates: It is less than a year until we get together on campus for our 60th reunion.

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**1947** Perhaps you, like me (**Cornie**), often turn first to the obituaries in your new copy of *Wooster*. With a touch of apprehension, we look for classmates' names. Finding them, we may learn something we never knew before and thus enrich our memories.

"**Mim**" Alden, who died in February, I remember as tall and blonde and good at expressing her opinions. Now I've learned of her love for interior decorating, playing the stock market, painting, and serving her church.

I didn't know **Harold Hitchcock**, who left us last February. His obituary says he was awarded Gold Wings as a naval bomber pilot in the Pacific Theater in WWII. He became an attorney in Wooster and served his community well. Now he is more than just a name on our class roll.

Richard "Dick" Steffen, who died last January, seemed almost like one of our own. A Methodist pastor and counselor, he was the husband of **Ruth Swan Steffen**. The two often





College of Wooster roommates celebrated 60 years of friendship in Ft. Myers, Florida, in June. (Left to r) Marion "Johnny" St. John Graham, Arline "Mally" Malecek Giddings, Marilyn "Corky" Cordray Lilley, '47s

visited Wooster and were both at our 55th reunion. Our sympathy goes to Ruth and her whole family.

Last March we received a warm letter from **Bob McMillan**. Alas, it got mislaid in our file until now. Bob left his home of 79 years in Minerva, Ohio, and now lives in Bradenton, FL, five miles from the Gulf of Mexico. His address is 3715 41st Ave. W, Bradenton, FL 34205. Bob is always busy, attending theatre and musical productions, being active in his church, playing bridge, and biking to his athletic club.

His sister, Betsy McMillan Remberg '46, died in Sept. 2004. She founded a scholarship in Bob's name at the College, a worthy honor for a deserving brother.

A correction here: Bob's good friend in Durham, NC, is **Don Fluke**, and not **Don Fordyce** as I reported.

Don Fluke and his wife, Pepper, attended the Functional Ceramics Workshop in Wooster in April. He reports, "I had plenty of time to visit the College...took my time roaming around the campus on a beautiful spring day. Got into the Wellness Center that replaces Hygeia and also Bornhuetter Hall, which I had to hunt for. Then I hit the libraries, spent a while in Andrews and a longer while in Timken, looking over the stuff in the end pavilion that our class helped fund. Then the bookstore. And a pause to reflect at the rock, the crossroads of the campus in our day. Where do current students most often run into each other?"

**Lovina Kelley Nace** and husband Ted moved from Annapolis to Colorado Springs in July. They love

their new home in the foothills. Their address is 2636 Patriot Hts., Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Lovina writes, "I can look to the south of Pikes Peak by day and see a vast spread of lights far below at night. Recently a fawn and its mother wandered onto our south deck as I ate breakfast."

**Cam and Lorraine Duckworth Lyon** say their lives "move in a delightful pattern that we break occasionally to visit friends in Hawaii, or snorkel, or climb at 9,000 feet — but slowly!" All of their children live in California. The Lyons are involved in a fistful of "helping hand" activities: teaching ESL, delivering Meals on Wheels, cooking for Loaves and Fishes, and singing in their church choirs.

Last June **Marilyn "Corky" Cordray Lilley** turned "cook and bottle washer" at son Rick's Denver-area condo, the very fortnight, she says, that Colorado had "torrents, floods, hail, and tornados. I nearly had to swim to the airport!"

**Jan Gladden Baus** often sends e-mails that are fun to read. She lives in Weeki Wachi, FL — that name intrigues me. Tell us more!

**Barb Hampe Hempleman** wrote an e-mail, but it got lost (punched the wrong button!). Please write again!

**CORNELIA LYBARGER NEUSWANGER**, 32148 Hwy. 34, Wray, CO 80758, <cornelia1@mailstation.com>, and **EDITH BENDER SEATON**, 102 Greenbrier Dr., Hinton, WV 25951, <ronedseaton@citynet.net>.

**1948** Despite foot surgery followed by gout (in the same foot), **Birdie Lawrence**

**Frey** keeps busy with many activities, including a feeding and clothing project for the homeless of Indianapolis. She also helps with the landscaping at church.

**Geri Rice Burden** and husband Bill '49 attended the College's June graduation ceremony. Granddaughter Abigail Johnson '05, who's the daughter of Michele Burden Johnson '71, gave the Burdens "three generation status." Geri and Bill enjoyed a picnic with Rhoe '47 and **Liz Baker Benson** and Larry and Alice Spohrle Gabriel, '49s.

**Ed Powers** sends greetings. He is "enjoying teaching, consulting, and my family." New York City is a great place to live and work, Ed declares. He's in his 26th year of teaching at New School's Graduate School of Management, in the field of organizational development.

**Lollie Holmes Peckham** urges anyone coming to southwest Florida to visit ECHO in North Ft. Myers. Educational Concern for Hunger Organization, a Christian group, works worldwide as a technical support arm, sending ideas, information, and seeds. Lollie and her husband, George "Peck" Peckham '51, have volunteered there for 10 years. After Peck retired, they moved from Guatemala back to the U.S. and visited **Ev** and Martha Stoll '49 **Ballard** in Sanibel. The Ballards introduced them to ECHO.

Lollie's four kids and eight grandchildren are scattered from Maine to Denmark, to China, Montana, Idaho, and Florida. "We've gone international!" she writes.

**Harry Scheifele** reports some excitement. While on a North African cruise out of Lisbon, his wife, Katherine, was taken ashore with a ruptured appendix. "She's fine now," Harry says. They live just south of me (**Mel**) in San Diego.

**Ann Dorfman Brundage** and husband Don had a great trip to California. They enjoyed a reunion in Ukiah with their daughters, Lisa and Ellen, and their husbands.

**Esther Stottle Harris** divides her time between Fort Myers, FL, and Spencerport, NY. She has three children and eight grandchildren. Esther has visited spots worldwide, from Russia to Alaska.

**Margaret "Jij" Chaffee** slipped on the ice last winter and fractured her pelvis. Two months later, though, she took a cruise to Bermuda. Years ago Jij did field work there, so she enjoyed renewing old friendships.

**Kathleen Lautenschlager Haun** and husband Jim '53 have finally retired. Kathleen says it takes some adjusting, but they're making plans to travel. They enjoy their two great-grandchildren, and Kathy continues to sculpt.

**Nancy McKee** is good about sending clippings from the Wooster newspaper. One article reported on the generous donation for a new residence hall funded by **Flo Kurtz** and **Stan Gault**. We'll check that out in 2008. Nan says that **Mary Lee Phipps Ports** sold her house in Wooster. My (**Betsy**'s) new address list indicates that Mary now lives in Asheville, NC.

**Jim Holroyd** is thinking ahead to our next reunion and has an arrangement with **Jim Weygandt**. Please send photos from Wooster days to Jim W., and he'll put them into a video presentation: Jim Weygandt, 120 Crestwood Dr., Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085. **BETSY COWLES SPRENKLE**, 380 S. Las Flores Dr., Nipomo, CA 93444-9629, <sprenkle@best1.net>, and **MEL SNYDER McDONALD**, 30507 Rue de la Pierre, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, <melmacrpv@cox.net>.

**1949** Greetings from Colorado. We (**Evelynn** and Bob) enjoy our new lives here. The mountains, the clean air, and the lack of traffic congestion are wonderful. However, our little town of Pagosa Springs (around 4,000 pop.) is growing. We're delighted with the wonderful arts and music in the area. Our community chorus has about 65 members and sounds great, performing two or three concerts a year. The Music Boosters put on two big events a year. In July they did *Oklahoma* with a 20-piece orchestra.

I hope to join the chorus in the spring. I had my second knee replaced on Aug. 29. It would be great to see any of you, and the guest



room is always ready, so come along.

**Dave and Ellie Hagerman Castle** write that their days continue to be filled with amazing events and people. David wrote the story of his and Ellie's involvement in Koinonia as an addendum to his memoirs.

**John Worley** sent his Christmas letter, along with a nice note, in June, telling me that I am now on his holiday letter list. Please, all of you, follow his excellent example.

The Worleys have six wonderful grandchildren and have moved from the mountains in Montana to the outskirts of Bozeman (and spend the winter on the Texas coast). They have a "guest addition" called the Annex and welcome all their friends.

**Bill Hewett** complains that age has diminished his strength and stamina, but you'd never know it to look at his swimming success. In mid-June a field of over 10,000 seniors descended on Pittsburgh for the National Senior Olympics. To participate in this invitation-only affair for seniors from all 50 states, entrants had to place among the top three in their specialties in an earlier state event. Bill entered five swimming events and earned a bronze medal in the individual medley. He also won two sixth and two eighth places!

Bill and Evelyn Fischer Hewett '48 vacationed for three weeks in Finland and Norway. They learned much about the history of these countries and enjoyed the beauty of the fjords and the Arctic region.

Bob and I (Evelynn) hope to spend some of this winter at time-shares in southern California and Arizona. So long for now, and keep those notes of your whereabouts and doings coming. With good wishes and greetings to all of you.

**EVELYNN CHEADLE THOMAS, 169**  
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81147, <eethomas@mailbug.com>.

**1950** **Kate Gurney Crawford** and husband Cris have enjoyed residing in Boulder, CO, since 1993. They moved there after 20 years with Aramco in Saudi Arabia. Their children and Kate's siblings live across the U.S. (All in that group are COW grads — their spouses, too!)



The wedding of David Jonathan Miller and Jaime Lynn Wolfe, '02s, Jan. 8, 2005, in Kittredge Hall. (Back, left to r) Don Jacobs (physics), Carolyn Buxton (deans' office), Jennifer McMullen (libraries), Ben Gillig '04, Josh Lynch, Dave Reeves, '02s, Tom Prendergast (English), Mike Ludwig, Molly Malany Sayre, Chuck Nusbaum, '02s; (Third row) Mellisa Melvin '02, Sheri Smith '01, Sarah Bellet, Thar Roeung, H. Casey Henderson, '02s, Rachel Dawson Ludwig '01, Nils Erickson, Jacob Dodson, '02s, Erik McLaughlin '01; (Second row) Rachel Renkes, Elizabeth Collins, '02s, Donna Jacobs (libraries), Calissia Clarke, Holly Laufman, '02s, Elizabeth Knight '05, Dana Schrum McLaughlin, Elizabeth Kriynovich, Liz Farina, '02s; (front) bride, groom

The Crawfords often visit them and just returned from Alaska. (See more about Kate on page 44.)

Several classmates shared their disappointment at not being able to attend the reunion. In March I (**Jay**) lunched with **Lynn Beier Hartwell** and **Phyllis Evans Davies**, who was visiting her daughter, Phyllis '78, in Tucson. Phyl then was planning to attend the reunion. But she had walking pneumonia in June and decided to keep her germs at home.

Dale '52 and **Hellen Chacos Birkbeck** were on the way to the reunion and visiting family in the Chicago area when Hellen's reoccurring back problem caused them to return to St. Louis. I had a nice phone conversation with Hellen in June. She knows my niece, Karen Blanchard '75, through Presbytery and C.O.W. contacts. (I was pleased to hear Karen preach on the Sunday of Alumni Weekend!)

In June **Ed** and **Charlie Carson MacAllister** were moving to a new retirement complex in Houston, close to medical and therapy facilities for Ed's recently diagnosed Parkinson's. They were especially sad to hear of the death of John Garver '51, as he and **Meredith Hunter Garver** had been so thoughtful to their son when he was a cadet at West Point.

**Nancy Fischer Caldwell** also

had to pass up the reunion due to a prolonged recovery from a hip replacement in January. Nancy had a nice driving trip with a daughter and a grandchild to California in July but says she's given up gold for Mahjong and bridge!

**JANICE WILSON GEORGE, 19476 N. Coyote Lakes Pkwy., Surprise, AZ 85374.**

**1951** If you plan to attend our 55th reunion, June 8-11, 2006, you may wish to dine at The Shack. **Walt Grosjean** says it's an "in" place to dine. "I have lunch there at least twice a week," Walt says. "They are also open for dinner on Friday and Saturday nights and do such good business that they require reservations. It's the kind of place where locals keep running into each other. I have yet to see a College student come in, but that's understandable, with Mom's Truckstop in lower Lowry and the Underground in lower Compton. How things change!"

"For many months, I have intended to write to you (**Mas**) and thank you for the Wooster CD," writes **Guy Sittler**. "We play it often. It brings back great memories." Guy continues, "My wife, Joan, and I keep busy. We spend winters in Florida, where our home is, at a

development called 'Silver Dollar Ranch,' the largest trapshooting facility in Florida. We don't compete anymore, but I do enjoy shooting trap and skeet for fun. A few years ago, Joan was elected to the Ohio Trapshooting Hall of Fame. She was selected for the All-American team for nine years in a row in the '70s.

"When in (Newark) Ohio, I volunteer for our museum, dedicated to local history and industry and affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution. I spent several years restoring a streetcar made in Newark in 1919 and help with management and exhibit planning. I make cherry furniture in my home workshop.

"Every summer, we go fly-fishing in northern Ontario and fish for muskie in Wisconsin in the fall. I'm planning a raft trip through the Grand Canyon. (I'd better hurry, before I'm too old to get off the raft.)"

Guy's first novel is about a geologist who attended a small Midwestern college and studied under a gruff but kind professor. While hunting somewhere in Ohio, he finds a stone that turns out to be a diamond. Read the book to find out what develops! He's writing another novel about a savant 16-year-old.

I (**Mas**) went on an Elderhostel white water rafting/camping trip on the Salmon and Snake Rivers that began and ended in Lewiston, ID —



six days (five nights) of magnificent scenery, delicious food, excellent guides, lots of exercise, beautiful weather, and a congenial group of 21 (I was the oldest). I rented a tent but did not use it, since it was warm and clear at night. I slept in my sleeping bag on a camping pad. At one point, paddling down the Snake, we passed the boundary of Washington and Oregon on our right, Idaho on our left.

Your East Coast secretary, **Ruth Ann**, and her husband, **Joel**, had five trips to New Hampshire to enjoy Lake Winnepesaukee or tend the antique business at Burlwood in Meredith this past year, and spent a week at Mishawaka, IN, near South Bend. There was lots to do, including flea markets at Shipshewana, visiting Monticello, where Ruth Ann spent some of her childhood, tending the shop space at Peru, IL, and spending a day in Chicago.

In July we traveled for the third year with friends Joe and Angela Orsene from Cheshire, CT, to Pittsburgh, PA, for the Phoenix and Consolidated Glass Collectors Club Convention. Angela and Ruth Ann arranged a window display, "Violet Visions," of the Consolidated milk glass lines hand-decorated with violets, as well as other Phoenix and Consolidated glass in shades of violet. They were surprised and thrilled to find that it won first place. Ruth Ann came home as the new club treasurer, having her baptism under fire by keeping up with the bookwork of the large auction.

Plan to return to Wooster for our 55th reunion. **Don Van Cleef** is excited and will make sure that it's a great gathering.

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**1952** **Wes Crile** sounds like he's enjoying retirement, "My wife, Marion, and I are snowbirds. We live in Marion, Ohio, in the summer and have a condominium in DeLand, FL, for the winter. We continue to enjoy good health and spend a lot of time outdoors, mainly playing golf and

traveling. We recently returned from a 'Rails to the Rim, plus Las Vegas' trip that we took with AAA. We both like racing and go to the Indianapolis 500 and Michigan 400.

"I have been a pilot and owned four airplanes, I'm an avid boater, owned and raced a midjet red race-car, and took a parachute jump to celebrate my 75th birthday. I remember Wooster with fondness and wish all of you well."

For 30 years, **Jeanne Milanette Merlanti** was president and CEO of personnel systems at Arbor Technical Staffing and Arbor Temporaries, in Ann Arbor, MI. In 2001 Jeanne and her husband, Ernest, established Merlanti Ethics Initiative in the College of Business at Eastern Michigan U. The effort aims to strengthen ethics and corporate social responsibility coverage in the business curriculum and enhance community outreach. The program offers a seminar with presentations by business professionals, case studies, and student projects on handling ethics dilemmas in business.

Jeanne serves on the board of the EMU Foundation and the advisory board for the University Musical Society, among several other activities. She recently was chosen as one of the Most Influential Women in Washtenaw County.

In Sept. 2003 **Pattie and Marty Kleindienst** celebrated their 50th anniversary with a river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. This spring they toured the U.S. National Parks, from Yellowstone to the Grand Canyon, ending up in Las Vegas, a great trip. Marty finished a third term on church session and 12 years on presbytery committees. "Time for the younger ones to have a chance to serve," he says. They have four grandchildren, one step-grandchild, and two step-great-grandchildren.

Except for a major annual trip, **Tom and Fay McCutcheon** "are pretty much stay-at-homes," Tom writes, loving "the blessing of our five children and nine grandchildren. Last fall we enjoyed 22 days in Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji."

We extend condolences to **Jean Campbell Kizilbash** on the death of her brother, J. Chandler "J.C." Campbell '50 (see Obituaries). Find

Jean at <mjkizilbash@adelphia.net>. **NANCY CAMPBELL BROWN**, 1220 Portage Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-2042, and **WARREN M. SWAGER JR.**, P. O. Box 555, Sheridan, MT 59749-0555, <wswager@3rivers.net>.

**1953** I (**Nona**) was sad to learn from **Frank Cook's** wife, Janice, that Frank died on June 30 of complications from esophageal cancer. Frank, a native Ohioan, enjoyed life in Florida, insisting that he never again would go north of the Mason-Dixon line. He willingly joined Janice, however, on a memorable trip to Alaska in 2003.

I called **Duncan McKee** at his summer home in western Pennsylvania. He was disappointed that health problems prevented him from attending our 50th reunion. Several surgeries last year corrected some ailments, but the death of his daughter, Susan, in a house fire on June 13 set back his slow recovery. Paul, one of Duncan's four surviving children, is living with him temporarily.

I surely speak for the class in wishing both Janice and Duncan comfort in their sadness.

**Marj Jillson** and I shared a carry-in lunch in Detroit in July. Health problems continue to plague Marj, but we were able to laugh over silly things.

**Georgia Leary Weber** and Al moved in August from their home of 45 years in Illinois to Lakeway, TX, near Austin. Their address is 204 Morning Cloud St., Lakeway, TX 78734. Their two older grandchildren live with their parents near the beautiful Texas hill country. The Webers often traveled to visit their other daughter's family in overseas Air Force duty stations, where their son-in-law, an endodontist, is assigned.

**Tania Chirikov Mosher** laughs and says, "I am finally a grandmother at the age of you-know-what." Natalie Elise's birth on Aug. 5 to daughter Cathy and her husband conferred the G-word at last. It was a caesarean birth, so for a while Natalie and her parents lived with a tired but happy Tania.

A cheerful message on my answering machine from **Howie**

**King** began, "Good news, bad back, we're all falling apart! Semper Fi - Go Blue!" He could have added "Grandpa Howie," in honor of Tommy's birth in 2002 to daughter Beth and her husband in Ann Arbor. The Kings live in Traverse City, MI, where Liz is the president of her own successful company. Howie frequents Ann Arbor, where for 34 years or so he's been the stadium announcer for the U of Michigan's home football games. The university honored him as an honorary letterman, with the Michigan letterman's ring to prove it; with the Bob Ufer Yellowjacket Award (Ufer was a well-known announcer for the large stadium); and the university's Distinguished Alumni award.

Alumnus — of the U of M? Laughing, Howie says the university assured him it can make an alum of "anyone we want." "Havin' a ball," Howie says, "working harder than ever, don't sit at home at all."

Unlike Howie, **Marilu Darone Pehrson** and Don have been sitting home since January, when Don fractured a hip in a fall, then the other hip on July 2. Marilu says Don's attitude is great (hers is, too). Ten nearby grandchildren delight them.

The summer was hot, and the lake invitingly cool at the home of **Mark and Pris Gallinger Allen**. Visiting family members appreciated the swimming and boating. The Allens attend a nearby gym and pack and deliver Meals on Wheels.

Pris reminds us that the 50th wedding anniversary of **Mary Elliott** and **Bob Archibald** was Aug. 22.

**Dave** and Nancy Orahood '56 **Mellon** also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 31 in Daytona Beach. Son Jeff and daughter Janet and their families attended, in addition to nieces and their families. Nancy and Dave married on June 11, 1955, when Dave was at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and after Nancy's junior year at Wooster. Nancy graduated from the U of Pittsburgh. They each retired in 1994, Nancy from the West Hartford, CT, schools where she was a speech, language, and hearing therapist, Dave from the New Britain



Area Conference of Churches, where he was the executive minister. They reside in Ormond Beach, FL.

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**1954** I (**Gordon**) talked with **Tom** and Mary Ronsheim '53 **Ford** at the Cadiz, Ohio, annual high school alumni association banquet. Tom has had some health problems but was looking forward to participating in a wilderness canoe, camping, and fishing trip on the French River of Ontario, Canada.

**Warren Tatoul** advises us that **Winslow "Reb" Drummond II** died on Apr. 7 in Little Rock, AR (see Obituaries). Warren writes, "I loved him like a brother — we were friends since the fourth grade."

Warren and his wife, Judy, enjoyed an incredible experience in China in May. It was so good that they have to go back!

**John** and **Rachel Collins Eby** were also in China for about a month on an Elderhostel tour. The long flights and the great time difference required sleeping about 16 hours per day for four days upon their return to Vermont.

Formally retired from the ministry for more than 10 years, **Paul Clark** enjoys working with two "snow bird" congregations in El Centro, CA (close to the Mexican border). This ministry (about 180 members) is active for about six months a year. Paul also teaches World Religions for the philosophy department of a community college. His wife, Mary Jean, teaches kindergarten/first grade. They spent a month in Greece this summer. Paul's new e-mail address is <pmjclark@sbcglobal.net>. The Clarks live at 716 Yucca Dr., El Centro, CA 92243.

**Diana Bond Holtshouser** and **Harriet Refo Locke** attended their 55th high school reunion last summer, at which Harriet gave a seminar on her time with the Peace Corps in Nepal. They saw their Woo roommate, **Betsy Decherd Lane**, there. Harriet has a new e-mail address, <harriet@planet.com>.

**Gary** and **Corinne Snuffer Wilson** live in Surprise, AZ, where Corinne leads nature hikes in the blooming desert. She also plays hand bells at the Presbyterian Church and taught a few quilting classes with her sister. The Wilsons spent the summer in Logan, UT, where Utah State U opens its doors and dorms to provide a wonderful program.

On page 27 of the Aug. 19, 2005, *Woman's World* magazine is a picture of Emily Combs, the granddaughter of Don and **Marilyn Price Combs**. Emily is the blond girl near the teacher, Amy Sheldon '97.

**Pat Lockwood** has changed titles from house manager at the U of Arizona to house director at Purdue U. (Both positions are in connection with sorority houses.) Being closer to three of her five children was a major factor in Pat's move. Her new address is 801 David Ross Rd., W. Lafayette, IN 47909.

In July **Russ** and **Sylvia Buttrey Huning Tillotson** enjoyed a leisurely drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway from their home in Asheville, NC, to Pisgah Forest, NC, for dinner at the home of **Lemuel** and **Marilyn Van Meter Miller**. They undoubtedly had lots of fresh vegetables from Marilyn's garden. (I'm told that Marilyn is an organic gardener in a big way.)

We end on a sad note. John N. and **Peggy Ballard Turpin** died on Aug. 14 in an automobile accident. They were returning home from their lake cabin. The Turpins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June at a party hosted by their children. An obituary will appear in a future issue of *Wooster*. **GORDON HALL**, 33074 Hidden Hollow Ct., North Ridgeville, OH 44039, <gragoret1@aol.com>.

**1955** Where are you, Class of '55?

**NANCY MUTCH DONALD**, 161 Lake Breeze Pk., Rochester, NY 14622-1946, and **FRAN BAUER PARKER**, 715 S. Webster St., Jackson, MI 49203-1637, <fjparker@ameritech.net>.

**1956** Our deepest sympathy goes out to **Bill Kardos**, whose wife, Nancy Peters Kardos '57, died on July 4. The

David D. '53 and Nancy Orahood '56 Mellon celebrated 50 years of marriage



memorial service took place at Northwood Presbyterian Church in Houston on July 8. Daughter Lynn Kardos Bernau and three grandchildren also survive. Watch for an obituary in a future issue.

**Eleanor Keep Harle** and her husband sold their home and headed out to travel every road in the U.S. They've already covered 110,000 miles. Eleanor's attendance at the reunion will depend upon where they are. She should have some interesting stories to share.

A reminder: We had a very good return of the anonymous surveys sent to everyone in the class in June. A most interesting "Portrait of the Class of 1956" is emerging. If you have not yet returned the survey, we encourage you to send it in to complete this picture. If you have misplaced the form and would like another, please contact me (**Pat**) or **Jan Douglas Grim**.

Plans for the reunion continue to fall into place. We hope that you can join us, June 8-11, 2006.

**PAT YOUNG**, 464 E. Highland Ave., Wooster, OH 44691-9249, <Pjyoung52@aol.com>.

**1957** It was a pleasant surprise to receive an e-mail from Don "Cash" Register '59. He and his wife, Dolores, went on a cruise to Alaska that stopped in Sitka. There Cash's jacket, with Wooster boldly displayed, caught the eye of **Gordon Wright**, who lives in Indian, AK, and was volunteering for a state arts conference for youth at Sheldon Jackson College. Cash writes: "He (Gordon) asked if I went to Wooster. That began a fairly long conversation." Cash, full of enthusiasm from the recent meet-

ing of his class's 50th anniversary committee, urged Gordon to attend his own 50th reunion and perhaps even direct an alumni choir.

GINNY WENGER MOSER '59, class secretary, kindly sent an obituary for **Al Edell** from the *Washington Post*. Al died on July 11 from the cancer that had weakened him for several years. He attended our 45th reunion in 2002. Al was married to Lee Bruce '59, the sister of our classmate, **Jo Bruce Hillocks**. We send our condolences.

At the Images 2005 exhibition, **James Gwynne** was selected as Best of Show for his painting, *Nude*. The annual fine art exhibit is sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts. **ANNE KELSO JOHNSON**, 78 White Tail Rd., Murphysboro, IL 62966-6416, <ajohnson2@siumed.edu>, home <ajohnson@globaleyes.net>.

**1958** By the time this is in print, **Alice Hageman** and Aubrey Brown will be married. Alice and Aubrey have known one another for 40 years. Some of us met Aubrey at the 45th reunion, where he fit right in! The wedding is scheduled for Oct. 29 in Boston. I (**Anne**) will be there with husband **Bruce Hunt**. Forty-eight years and 2 months prior to this event, Alice was a bridesmaid at our wedding. The newlyweds will live in Boston. In January Alice takes on the task of moderator of the Boston Presbytery (PCUSA).

In July Alice had lunch with David '55 and Priscilla Cortelyou Little '56, who recently purchased a second home near Alice's in Rowe, MA, on the Vermont border. Alice also reports a dinner in Manhattan with Marlyn Hartzel Klee '61 in



May. Marlyn's life partner, Basil Pollitt, had died a few weeks earlier.

One Sunday Alice opened up her copy of the *Boston Globe* to find the house of **Tom and Judy Pennock McCullough** featured on the front page of the real estate section. The McCulloughs have since settled into their new digs south of Boston (see class notes, Summer '05).

Early this summer, **Sally Dunn Sprengett** wrote that she had been in NYC and had lunched with **Nancy Shea Metcalf**. We can just imagine the girls giggling over a menu that featured "chicken salad breast." Sally writes, "We were unable to imagine what that might be and finally decided it must be chicken salad formed in the shape of a breast. Nancy looks wonderful and is full of interesting anecdotes," she adds. The two then spent some time at the New York Historical Society.

Carol Whitacre '63 and **Roger Hall** now have a small home in Folsom, CA, near their daughter and her family. They spend half of the year there and half the year in a one-story, easy-care home in Cleveland near their other two children and their families, alternating every two months.

In July **Ned Willey** traveled to Opichen, Mexico, with 20 young people and adults from the First Presbyterian Church of Defiance, Ohio, for a week-long work camp. "We built three Sunday school classrooms using cement blocks and made a concrete roof," he writes. "Each afternoon, we held Bible school with more than 70 children." This was Ned's fourth trip to the Yucatan, a five-hour bus ride from Cancun.

"We saw tremendous joy and happiness in the people of Opichen, even though they have very few material things," he reports. "Our young people and adults continue to return here every three years, because we see the appreciation for the things which we helped the people accomplish. Their pastor calls us 'Heroes of Faith.'" The church created a scholarship that allows Opichen young people to become nurses and teachers and earn other college degrees from Yucatan colleges.

In the course of moving my

(Anne's) mother, we packed up a number of items that were personally meaningful to her. In many of them, slips of paper or tags told the stories of these treasures: "When Dad and Mother became engaged, Dad took her to Rochester to meet his employers. He wanted her to have a souvenir of the visit. She chose this crystal creamer and sugar." Thus began a project to photograph family items and record their histories. Inspired, I e-mailed classmates, asking them to share how they are creating legacies. The initial response yielded a wonderful variety of interpretations. We invite other responses.

"After preserving photos and genealogy records, I'm still left with family stories sent to me from relatives in Norway," writes **Janet Gabrielson Ehlers**. "Unfortunately, they're in Norwegian! They include stories of the Nazi occupation. I'm attempting with my limited language skills to translate these stories so they won't be lost to my children. Some day, I might write some stories, too."

**Nana Newberry Landgraf's** tribute to her mother at two memorial services in 1995 was titled "My Heritage from My Mother." "I had a great time writing my talk and delivering it," she says. "I hope R.J.'s and my children are living legacies of us, legacies that are worthwhile for society." Nana feels that her involvement with literature and music constitutes leaving a legacy, as well as working with future-oriented organizations like Fairmont Presbyterian Church and Fortnightly Musical Club of Cleveland. "Both have lots of programs for children and youth, generations from whom future leadership will come."

"Legacy is the keynote of a project for which I am a consulting historian in Fort Royal, VA," e-mails **Cathy Tisinger**. For the past three years she has assisted in determining what should be preserved for economic and technological history from an American Viscose Company plant, shut down for environmental reasons in the late 1980s.

On Sept. 19 the last major building, an enormous powerhouse, was imploded as a community event,

Cathy writes. The entire project, including the remediation of the site for alternative uses, is cast in the context of the company's legacy in the northern Shenandoah Valley.

Cathy and husband Walt were off on a 10-day cruise of the Mediterranean as the summer ended.

**Lillie Trent's** life is never dull. She sent us an e-mail in spite of surgery for a detached retina. Lillie's legacy is the thousands of students she's taught, to whom she's passed on the love of the French language and culture. As a high school teacher, she took more than 500 students to Europe.

"I hear from so many of them, sometimes years later," she writes. "They tell me that I was their favorite teacher because I opened new vistas for them and made language learning a fun experience." Many earned advanced degrees in French or studied another language, she says with great pride. How many of us wish we'd had a language teacher like this!

**Phyllis Hancock Leimer** writes, "I've thought about leaving a legacy. I do volunteer work that makes a difference. Besides giving time to my church, I volunteer with arts organizations in the community. I think that next year I will do school volunteer work, especially tutoring in reading. Since I do not have children, whatever money I may have will be left to churches and the College to assist them in continuing to make a difference."

There are many ways to create legacies with lasting impact. **Mila Swyers Aroskar** advocates and demonstrates the value of continual learning and prayer.

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**1959** The 50th anniversary committee for the Class of 1959 met at the College for the first time on June 4-5, under the leadership of **Eugene Bay**. Twenty-four of the 29 members attended and began to plan our 50th reunion. President

Stan Hales addressed the Saturday afternoon session. **Jim Clarke**, chair of *Independent Minds: The Campaign for Wooster*, reported on the campaign (see p. 7 for latest figures). We were reminded that gifts and pledges made by '59ers to this campaign by June 30, 2007, will count toward the total class gift.

**Frank Knorr** then led the committee on a tour of the campus. At dinner later at the Wooster Inn, he reviewed Wooster traditions regarding anniversary funds and celebrations. Ron Price '53, who chaired the very successful anniversary committee for his class, told us to make it fun, generate enthusiasm, and set a challenging goal for our class gift.

On Sunday Roger Proper, an attorney with Critchfield, Critchfield and Johnston, talked with us about estate planning. This was followed with a discussion about ways to reach our classmates and entice all to come to the reunion.

**Don "Cash" Register** recently retired as pastor of the Sixth Grace Presbyterian Church (USA) in Chicago. He preached his last sermon there on Easter Sunday. Reunion committee member **Ron Rolley** was there.

Among many honors, Cash was awarded Good City's William H. Leslie Memorial Urban Pastor Award in May. Good City is a Chicago-based organization that promotes neighborhood community organizations. The plaque honors Cash for "producing creative urban missions, developing urban pastors, and affirming cross-cultural activity in the City of Chicago."

Cash and his wife, Dolores, took their first cruise after 42 years of marriage — the inland passage to Alaska. Not only did they find beautiful sea and landscapes but also Wooster people at work and play (see the Class of '54 column). Cash spent an hour with **Joan Bowser DeLon** and her husband, Richard, at Denali National Park. He tried to convince Joan that the United Methodist Women can get along without her in June 2009, so she can attend our 50th reunion.

Cash met a retired teacher from Slippery Rock College and asked her if she knew **Sue Braham Mullen**



and her husband, Tom. The woman spoke glowingly about them and about Wooster. Cash says that being reminded of the wide visibility and positive reputation of the College made a fine trip more worthwhile. (See more about Cash on p. 18.)

Former class secretaries **Art and Marion Stuart Humphreys** also met classmates on their travels last summer. They visited with **Tom and Judy Agle Ward** at the beautiful retirement home the Wards had designed and built in Newcastle, ME. They also saw friends from Mansfield, Denny '62 and Polly Davis, at their cottage in Port Clyde.

**Roger Ramseyer** is finishing his 14th year as adjunct professor in the education department at the College and still loves it. His long tenure in public education included eight years as a superintendent and 18 as a high school principal. Roger just completed his second book, *Life Is Good Most of the Time*. His first book, *The ABCs of Living Happy* is in its sixth printing and has sold 23,000 copies. Both books, published by Carlisle, are available at the Wilson Bookstore.

My (**Ginny's**) co-class secretary, **Nancy McCarthy**, is off to Africa on another photo shoot of animals and scenery. In a recent venture (an extended safari in several countries with many professional photographers), Nancy produced many fine photographs, 38 of which were selected for a beautiful book, *On Safari: The Source for Safaris in East and Southern Africa* (Focus on Africa) by David Anderson.

We send sincere condolences to **Lee Bruce Edel** on the death of her husband, Al '57.

**NANCY MCCARTHY**, 188 Cafferty Rd., Pipersville, PA 18947, <nbcz@com>, and **GINNY WENGER MOSER**, 8201 Greeley Blvd., Springfield, VA 22152, (703) 451-7469, <ginny.guide@verizon.net>.

**1960 Ellie Elson Heginbotham** sends an update of her life since "retirement." The term is used loosely — Ellie has simply shifted focus. Caring for a recuperating mother, tackling several academic projects, and downsizing in preparation for a

The wedding of Estella Anku '02 and Isaac Kidd '00, June 25, 2005. (From left) Christabel Dadzie '04, groom, bride, Jonathan Adu '05



move were all-consuming. But Ellie's son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren Naoki and Hiroki add balance to her life. Her new address is 10500 Rockville Pike 1624, Grovenor II, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Send her e-mail, <Heginbotham@csp.edu>.

Note **Vicky's** new e-mail address. **NANCY BROWN TYBURSKI**, 3622 Croydon Dr. NW, Canton, OH 44718-3226, <nancyty4@aol.com>; **VICKY FRITSCHI**, 16 King Philip Tr., Norfolk, MA 02056-1406, <vfritschi@netzero.com>.

## 1961 Don and Karen Kinkel Barnes

have completed their third year of teaching English and chemistry at Guangxi University in southern China. Last year, they were both surprised and pleased to find in their freshman English textbook an excerpt from a U.S.-published book by **Ron Takaki**.

For the past 15 years, Sedona, AZ, has been the home of **Mary Ellen Jacobson Korsholm**. Mary invites classmates to look her up.

**Jeanne Leick Reiss Myers** was a member of a Kansas City medical group that disbanded a several years ago. Since then, she has been in solo practice, doing clinical neurophysiology about 20 hours a week. About three years ago, Jeanne had some health issues and, as she puts it, "got religion." She had not been to church for about 40 years but was welcomed back by members of the church of her upbringing. She became a deacon and married the preacher (in Aug. 2004)! Her husband, Scott's, mother and grandmother were both Wooster grads. Jeanne hopes to attend our class reunion next June.

Many classmates traveled this past summer. **Joan Mackenzie Marshall** took advantage of retirement to drive across the country,

into Canada, and to Anchorage, AK, where she had a reunion with **Judy Weir Powell**.

Judy supervised the Lupus Foundation of America's national convention in Anchorage last summer and was presented with the Volunteer of the Year award by the organization. This year Judy is presiding over the foundation.

**Tressa Mahy Mangum** had a trip to West Virginia, North Carolina, and Wooster, which she hadn't visited since graduation.

Your humble scribe and his wife, **Larry and Nancy Morning '63 Vodra**, went to a wedding in Washington, DC, in July (see Class of '69 column).

As some of you know, **Genie Bishop** both raises and shows Cardigan Welsh Corgis. Last May her dogs competed against several hundred other Cardigans in conformation, obedience, and agility, at a show in Sturbridge, MA. Genie also attended a "sheep chasing" event in Lebanon, CT. She signs her note, "Genie, still 6 ft. tall but gray-haired and no longer underweight."

Two of **Ginny Sauerbrunn Everett's** oil paintings were accepted at a juried art show at Sarasota Art Center. Ginny created one of those (and others like it) about 40 years ago, after graduation, and they hung in her homes over the years.

**Fred and Ethel Bair Brooking** divide their time between a leased downtown apartment in Celebration, FL, and a new home in Flat Rock, NC. They enjoy the mountains and welcome classmates.

**Bill Cool** is still working, doing "pretty much" what he's done since 1977 — computer capacity planning with the aid of statistics, queuing models, and similar tools. For the past 10 years, Bill has been doing this for the U.S. Department of Defense through his employer, EDS,

in Herndon, VA. He and his wife, Bessie, are heavily involved in Truro Church in Fairfax, currently concentrating on helping a Pakistani Christian family who fled to avoid persecution by radical Muslims.

**Mary Ellen Kindell St. John** and her husband, Lee, are both professors, emeriti, Mary Ellen from Central Ohio Technical College (Newark) and Lee from Ohio State U (Newark). They are certified as lay speakers for the Methodist Church and travel to the West each summer. Each teaches a section of biology at OSU (Newark) during the winter.

On Oct. 30 **Gary Pinder** retired after 40 years of ministry — the last 37 at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean, VA. A church member, Elizabeth Witherspoon McElroy '71, spilled the beans!

As I (Larry) keep repeating, if you haven't heard from me recently, I don't have your e-mail address. **LARRY VODRA**, 51 High Ridge Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804-3517, <JLVodra@aol.com>.

**1962 David Seaman** continues to teach French at Georgia Southern U near Savannah. He spent five weeks last summer in Tuscano, teaching in a summer program. He also spent a week in Abruzzo with Italian, French, and Brazilian avant-garde artists who are part of the Inismo movement. David's art can be seen at <art-exchange.com>. He fixed up his beach house on Tybee Island and invites visitors off-season. Reach him at <dseaman@georgiasouthern.edu>.

**Ann Walker** has two new hips and has been on sabbatical for a year. After helping a student with her dissertation, going to the International Conference on Bioinorganic Chemistry in Cairns, Australia, and taking a couple of domestic trips, she was off to Germany, to do research at the University of Lubeck. She included seminars in Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. Ann hoped to get to her home in Guatemala this summer before settling into her teaching duties in Tucson.

**Robert Boell** has been a climatological observer for the National Weather Service for 16 years, in





The wedding of Jennifer Cox '98 and Jason Rosenthal, Apr. 3, 2005. (Left to r) Lorraina Raccaia, Kristen Silver Moore, '99s, Kian Goh '96, groom, bride, Michael Cox '66, Brad Rank '99, Polly Hicks, Kate Gardner, '98s

addition to being pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Corning, NY. He considered meteorology as a career before entering the ministry. Robert retired from 39 years in the pulpit (19 of them in Corning) on June 1. He and his wife, Jean, moved to Swarthmore, PA.

**Carl Cotman** has worked for over 30 years at the U of California-Irvine, researching the causes and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. A professor of neurology and neurobiology and behavior, Carl was one of three people honored by the Orange County chapter of the Alzheimer's Association for founding and directing UCI's Institute for Brain Aging and Dementia. Last year Carl received the UCI Medal, the school's highest honor, for accomplishments in research and teaching, as well as his service to UCI. In 2001 he was named by the Society of Neurosciences as one of 100 highest-cited researchers in the nation. And during a gala to celebrate its 25th anniversary, the Alzheimer's Association named Carl Community Partner of the Year. Congratulations!

**LINDA PARK**, 1848 Beersford, East Cleveland, OH 44112, <veggiepark@sbcglobal.net>.

**1963** **Bill Riggs** and wife Renate have lived in the Netherlands for the past two and a half years, working with a Dutch partner to start a medical device company using a novel diagnostic technology. They hope to return soon to their home in southern Maine.

**John** and Susan **Wendelboe**

are "just peacefully surviving" in rural upstate New York. Susan is trying to sell old farms, and John says he's involved in "too many projects."

**Lynne Larson Cleverdon** was selected Supervisor of the Year in 2004 at the Southern Illinois U School of Medicine. Lynne works in the area of physician-patient communication. She balances work with fun, enjoying a vacation last fall with her son in London and an early spring vacation with her daughter and family in Israel.

At home Lynne is improving her gardening skills and "lightening the load" — clearing drawers, closets, and the attic, "places we secure our past and heedlessly let it accumulate." Lynne notes that the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum are now open at the university in Springfield. If you're interested in visiting, contact her.

**Ron Eggleston** has been semi-retired for over eight years but continues to do consulting in community-based long term care, alternatives to nursing homes. He volunteers in the area of music, writes blues CD reviews for a newsletter, and works at blues and folk festivals in the Lansing, MI, area. He was on the Ingham County Park Board for seven years, four as chair, and he's involved in Lansing City Park activities. Ron and his wife, Sue, enjoy being grandparents and like to travel, especially for nature appreciation and birdwatching.

Ron meets regularly with Stu Paterson '62, who shares Ron's interests in politics and Michigan State athletics. Ron's correct e-mail

address is <ronandsueeggleston@comcast.net>.

**Jim McGavran** also sees Ron on occasion, as he passes through on his way to visit his daughter in Ann Arbor and the family cottage in Empire, MI. Jim still enjoys teaching English at the U of North Carolina-Charlotte and is writing a book about northwest Michigan.

**JEANNE ROBINSON NOBLE**, P.O. Box 358, Jeromesville, OH 44840, <JeanneRNoble@aol.com>.

**1964** Won't someone send some news?

**JIM SWITZER**, 891 Elmore Ave., Akron, OH 44302-1238, <jswitze@uakron.edu>.

**1965** Greetings from your new class secretaries! We (**Lill** and **Chuck**) were

commandeered during the class reunion lunch in June. **Grant Sherwood** was railroaded into being class president. We want to thank those who responded to our class letter that we sent out soon after the reunion. We appreciate your letters and e-mails. A special thanks to **Kadi Depew Stevens** for serving as class secretary for the past five years.

**Barb Kurz** and a friend have a local travel/tour business that specializes in trips off the beaten path to places in the Carolinas, focusing on unique spots that larger tour companies and individuals can't get into. They avoid interstate highways, fast food, and outlets and never sing on the bus! Barb recently returned from a trip to England, starting in the south and finishing in London.

She's also the executive director for Historic Rock Hill, a local non-profit preservation group. They have just acquired the second oldest house in Rock Hill, SC (ca. 1837) to renovate for educational programs, meetings, receptions, etc.

**Dick Robertson** is completing 18 years as vice president for student services at MiraCosta College, a community college with about 10,000 students at three sites in San Diego County, CA. Dick and his wife, Pat (a retired elementary school teacher), live in Oceanside and love the climate, diversity, and opportunities for recreation. Pat vol-

unteers at the humane society, and Dick volunteers in a medical center emergency room. He recently completed a year as president of the state Community College Chief Student Services Administrators Association. In April he received the 2005 Michigan State U College of Education Distinguished Alumni Award.

**Sara Allen Shook**, a learning disabilities tutor in the Cuyahoga Falls (Ohio) City Schools, sends greetings. She was unable to attend our reunion, due to the passing of her mother-in-law in March. Sara and her husband were busy cleaning out his mother's house and having garage sales. She hopes to be retired and able to attend our next reunion.

Speaking of retirement, **Lill** retired after 35 years as a speech-language pathologist in our local hospitals, and **Chuck** plans to retire from teaching chemistry at Whitman College next June. We look forward to traveling, volunteering, and visiting with daughter Laura Templeton Aosed '95 and her family, a couple of hours away, and daughter Sharon in Santa Rosa, CA.

We also look forward to hearing from you via e-mail, letter, or phone. **CHUCK and LILL RICHESON TEMPLETON**, 925 Alvarado Terr., Walla Walla, WA 99362-2101, (509) 525-6746, <templeton@whitman.edu>.

**1966** **Ed** and **Ginny Keim Brooks** have retired after a 36-year tenure in the religion department ("teaching, chaplaining, and dorm parenting") at Northfield Mount Hermon School. They were honored at the June baccalaureate by many of their colleagues. The tribute to Ginny began, "For more than 30 years, Ginny Brooks has been the heart and soul of Northfield Mount Hermon School." Ginny and Ed moved to 103 South Rd., Harrisville, NH 03450. Daughter Laura has a new foreign service post in London.

**Linda Hager Bailey** retired from legal work in natural resources and is pursuing a life-long interest in textiles and weaving. Children Jeny (27) and John (29) live near her in northern



California. Linda celebrated her 60th sailing the "Turquoise Coast" of Turkey; she visited the Amazon this spring. Her address is 571 Clover Dr., Upper Lake, CA 95485. She spends the summers in New York and is eager for visitors: 627 Co. Hwy. 3A, Unadilla, NY 13849.

An article appeared in January in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on **Ansley Coale**, president of Germain-Robin. His company makes brandy that was served (in a bipartisan manner) by President Ronald Reagan to Mikhail Gorbachev and by President Bill Clinton at his 1993 inaugural ball (There is still a barrel reserved for the White House in the Mendocino County warehouse.)

Ansley joined with French cognac maker Hubert Germain-Robin in the 1980s, turning his 2,000-acre ranch into a site for the distillery and production of their award winning brandies. Visit the tasting room at 3001 S. State St. No. 35, Ukiah, CA or check out <www.germain-robin.com>.

#### David and Barb Stevens

**Lazor** moved from Houston to the northwest flank of Mt. Rainier. Their new address is P.O. Box 369, Carbonado, WA 98323. Or reach them by e-mail, <jdlazoroilgas@aol.com>. They have built a house in the woods on a 10-acre spread. Daughter Jennifer Lazor Jackson '96 has two children and lives just north of West Point in New York.

**Jim McHenry** writes that Tim Tilton '65 stopped by while traveling cross-country. They renewed a friendship that started when Tim recruited Jim to coordinate Emphasis Africa at Wooster in 1965 and to run for SGA president (1965-66). Jim encourages other Wooster friends heading east or west on I-70 to consider a visit. His address is 2439 NW 35th St., Topeka, KS 66618-1511, e-mail <jmchenry@cox.net>.

**ELIZABETH WESTHAFFER O'BRIEN**, 73 Prospect St., Madison, NJ 07940, <ebrien@drew.edu>.

**1967** **Tim Smucker** was elected to the board of directors of Hallmark Cards Inc. He also serves on the boards

of Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream, Grocery Manufacturers of America, and Ohio Business Roundtable. A native of Orrville, Ohio, Tim has been married for 37 years to Jenny Coddington Smucker '68; they have three adult children and four grandchildren.

**SARA BRADLEY**, P.O. Box 599, Chautauqua, NY 14722.

**1968** In July the New Hampshire Pediatric Society honored **Greg Prazar** of Exeter with a special achievement award. The society recognized Greg for promoting state participation in the American Association of Pediatrics program, Pediatric Research in Office Settings, that supports collaborative, practice-based research. Greg helped write a chapter of a manual for parents of children with mental illness that explains the pediatrician's role in caring for these youngsters. He's worked on providing optimal medical care to children with special needs and has collaborated on ways to identify depression in mothers. Greg is an adjunct assistant professor of pediatrics at Dartmouth Medical School.

**PAT SILVEY** and **DENNIS YANCHUNAS**, 618 Bowen St., Longmont, CO 80501-4412, <dryanchunas@comcast.net>.

**1969** **Richard E. Vodra** married Jane Heller on July 23 in Falls Church, VA. Best man was the groom's son, Paul '97. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Vodra, the son of Nancy Morning '63 Vodra and her husband (Dick's brother), Larry '61. Another Vodra brother, Bill '65, also attended. The newlyweds live in McLean, VA.

In Florida **Donald Pocock** has a new job: chief medical officer for Morton Plant Mease Health Care, a four-hospital division of Baycare. **JUDY SIMKINS HAINES**, 2643 Brook Valley Rd., Frederick, MD 21701, <tomjudyhaines@hotmail.com>.

**1970** Where's the news from all of you? **LAURA WOLFSON LIKAVEC**, 1702 Mendelssohn Dr., Westlake, OH 44145, <lauralikavec@yahoo.com>.

## Small World of Woo

**Greg Peacock '90** tells an unusual small world tale. As an assistant Summit County prosecutor in Akron, Ohio, Greg prosecuted a nasty, high-profile child abuse case that got some national attention. He was not the only Woo alum on the case, however. On the other side of the courtroom during the appeals were attorneys **Bob Campbell '89** and **Wesley Johnston '88**. "All three of us were on campus at the same time," Greg says. "Wes and I were English majors; Bob majored in history. Bob and Wes are now defense attorneys, and I am a prosecutor."

While on a bus trip to Idaho and Montana in July, **Doris Wilson Blanchard '40** and **Janice "Jay" Wilson George '50** found themselves in tiny Big Fork, Montana, on an unscheduled stop. They grabbed a

sandwich at an ice cream parlor, sitting next to a grandma and two granddaughters. In a "where are you from" conversation, Jay says, the other woman spoke of Worcester, Massachusetts, "and I countered with Wooster, Ohio. In disbelief the woman said that her dad graduated from Woo in 1924, at which point her son appeared — **Mark Berkey '86**!"

Andy George, Jay's son, had his own Wooster moment this spring. Attending a business conference, he was passing the time in conversation with a colleague from Minneapolis. Andy was surprised to discover that she was the daughter of **Kate Gurney Crawford '50**, his mother's classmate! As Kate says, "How often do you think the topic 'where my folks went to college' is likely to come up in conversation?"



Doris Blanchard '40 (left) and Jay George '50 ran into Mark Berkey '86 (center) in Montana.

**1971** Silence is not golden, in this case.

**JAMES K. LOWERY**, 1675 Riverwood Dr., Jackson, MS 39211-4828, <jlowery@jam.rr.com>.

**1972** "Where have the years gone?" asks **Anne Weaver Rock**. "And where is everyone from '72? I work in suburban Chicago (40 miles south of the city) as the technology project coordinator for elementary school. Finally got around to getting a master's in educational technology from Boise State U. I enjoy my work. No two days are the same. **JAY YUTZEY**, 1254 Norwell Dr., Columbus, OH 43220, <yutzey.2@osu.edu>.

**1973** **Paul and Kathy Lull Seaton** write: "We are thrilled that our fourth child, Timothy '09, is at Wooster! Our other children are lifelong learners. Erin and Daniel are in doctoral programs at Harvard and the U of New Hampshire. Kara is a first-year at Penn State U Medical School in Hershey, and Andrew

(12) is in middle school. We look forward to trips to Wooster and spending time with Kathy's adviser, Gordon Collins (psychology, emeritus) — when we're not in Boston visiting our first grandchild, David Jay, or working to pay the tuition!" Reach Kathy at <kathleen.seaton@erols.com>.

Hearing from former roommate **Ann Stamp Miller** inspired **Ann Sax Mabbott** to write: "The interest in foreign languages that I had while at Wooster finally led to a career in second language teacher education. I am the director of a large ESL and bilingual teacher education program at Hamline U in St. Paul, MN. I also help public school teachers become more effective with immigrant children. My husband, **Gary Mabbott**, teaches chemistry at the U of St. Thomas, also in St. Paul. Contact us at <amabbott@hamline.edu>." **SUZANNE SCHLUEDERBERG**, 3385 Carl Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, <suz@umich.edu>.

**1974** With an M.Div. from Harvard and a





The wedding of Steven Postal '98 and Megan McCabe '97, July 2, 2005. (Back row, left to r) Jessica Buell '98, Liz Conrad '96, John Drover '98, groom, Holly Ferguson '97, Matt Sprang '98, Amy Clatworthy '97, Van Harter '98; (Front) Mary Risley '05, Ashley Strigle '97, Mike Rohan '98, bride, Jesse Fowler '98, Wendy Demarest '97, Katie Doyle-Myers '96, Ellen Freeman '97

Th.D. from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, **Pat Dutcher-Walls** has worked as a professor of Hebrew Bible in Presbyterian and ecumenical seminars, first in Toronto, Canada, now in Vancouver. She writes, "I love teaching and also have done quite a bit of administration. I got married while at Berkeley, and my husband, Tim, a Lutheran pastor, and I have two kids. We have become Canadian citizens — a blessedly sane perspective from which to view the U.S.

"We've been active in social justice ministries, including anti-war, human rights, and housing. Our oldest child, Ruthie (20), is with the Ford Modeling agency, traveling the world and having some success in print and on the runway. Our son (13) is a drummer in a rock band.

"I've stayed in touch with **Diane Teichert** and **Julie Dickson**. I remember fondly: a great philosophy and religion department at Woo that allowed me to do the oddest of inter-departmental majors; living my senior year in an apartment near the golf course; and spending junior year away from Wooster exploring my future while getting credit." E-mail Pat at <patdw@vst.edu>.

**Chris and Shanda Franck** checked in. "We are cruising in Knoxville, TN. All three boys, Clint '08, Cody, and Carson, are in college (Wooster, Wittenberg, and Rollins), with future daughter-in-law Irina Chernichenko '06 also at Wooster. We have an empty home

for the first time in over 22 years — weird. After Shanda's heavy involvement in Knoxville swimming for the last eight years, she fills her days giving coaching and stroke tips.

"We just returned from the wedding of **Tim and Sue Kinney Fusco's** son, Justin, and Laura Nesler, '03s. We stayed for a few days, playing golf. Clint and I traveled to Moscow in the summer of 2002 to visit Irina (see photo, p. 46). I saw a lot of changes from when I was in Leningrad in 1990." E-mail the Nicelys at <chrism@clayton.net.>

**Chuck Buzby** checked in early this summer from Houston: "Just came back from Pinehurst, NC, where I played golf with **Jeb Connor** and **Dave Buss**. It was great to see them again after 30-plus years. **Cindie Gammon** is doing great as a part-time social worker at Memorial Hermann Hospital.

"We have two boys, Matt '06 and Eric, who entered Vanderbilt this fall. I've been a financial adviser for American Express for about six years. I worked for 20 years with Amoco and left in 1999. We're adjusting to being empty-nesters with mixed emotions — thrilled to see them growing up but sad that this stage is ending." E-mail Chuck at <cebuzby@aol.com>.

**Steve Geib** is the regional sales manager for the northeastern U.S. at Moyno Inc., which manufactures pumps and transfer systems for a range of industries.

**DD Stillson**, a Banks School counselor, is one of two people

named as Oregon Elementary School Counselors of the Year. This is DD's 10th year as the school's counselor. She sees about 70 students a week.

Your secretary (**Kim**) is working on a huge fundraiser, a Battle of the Bands on Oct. 29 at the OARDC auditorium in Wooster for our local chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and the Suicide Prevention Coalition. Check out the Web site to see how it went, <www.nami-wh.org>. Please keep those e-mails coming or call me on my cell, (330) 465-8689.

**KIM TAPIE**, 5511 Canaan Center Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-9611, <ktapie@whmhrb.org>.

**1975 Nicos Chakkas** sends this plea from Cyprus, "I am trying after so many years to get in contact with classmates. Better late than never!" Contact Nicos at <nemeci@cytanet.com.cy> or P.O. Box 27540, Engomi 2430 Nicosia, Cyprus.

**ANDREA J. STEENBURG SIMMERS**, 2121 Breeds Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117-1646, <asimmers@mail.ruxtoncountryschool.org>.

**1976 Stephen K. Shaw**, <skshaw@cinci.rr.com>, has greatly enjoyed raising his "three lovely daughters" in Cincinnati: a college graduate, a sophomore at Elon U, and a high school sophomore. "I hope the youngest will play soccer at Wooster!" Stephen writes.

He continues, "I get to see some of my Delt friends, including Mark Seker '77, **Kit Arn**, **Jeff Jae**, and, more recently, Chuck Haas '77. I have practiced law for 26 years. After 19 years in one practice, I explored other options. I've been an attorney in a small private practice, in a large law firm, in solo practice, in government practice, and I'll finish my career as general counsel for U.S. Financial Life Insurance Co., an AXA Financial Company (a French insurer).

"I miss seeing Woo friends and hope they will come to either our 30th reunion or the annual Delt golf reunion, which benefits the Byron

Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund. We need ALL of you guys to come in 2006! My best to all!"

And from **Neil Marko**: "I visited the College in April to attend an impromptu reunion of Beta Kappa Phi (formerly First Section). It was a hoot to see **Glenn Forbes** and the likes of Jim Kazlo, Doug Smith, Rick Whitney, '74s, Tim Spence '75, Jerry Lantz, Scott Lafferty, Joe Starc, '77s, and others, a great time.

"I live in Hillsdale, MI, with my wife, Kari, a son (3), and a daughter (1). I own a business in Pioneer, Ohio, that manufactures mower blades, door hinges, and job shop metal items for other companies. I also have a small business in Singapore that I visit annually. Another business I started a few years ago is Ramps.com, an online retail store focusing on skateboard ramps and products. It also builds municipal skate parks. We've opened a new park in Adrian, MI." Find Neil at <nmarko@soss.com>.

From Alexandria, VA, **Bob Morrow** writes: "In November Johns Hopkins U Press released my book, *Sesame Street and the Reform of Children's Television*." E-mail Bob at <rmorrow602@comcast.net>.

**Margaret Kirkpatrick** is vice president and general counsel for Northwest Natural Gas Co., after a few months as interim general counsel. She has been a partner at the Portland, OR, office of Stoel Rives since 1991, specializing in land use, natural resources, and environmental law. Margaret is active in several conservation groups, including the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission and the American Wind Energy Association. She is married to U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer and has two daughters, Emily (15) and Claire (12).

**Mark and Cindy Fisher Freer** have lived in Indonesia for 12 years. Ordained Methodist ministers, they teach at Wesley International School in Malang on Java Island and do mission work with OMS International. They are helping with the tsunami relief by translating and distributing water, kitchen kits, and UNICEF-provided tarps and hygiene kits. Mark and Cindy have two sons. Matthew (17) helped clean



out contaminated wells after the tidal wave; Andrew (21) attends Wheaton College.

**DANA VANDENBERG MURPHY**, 3175 Warrington Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44120-2428, <dmurphy1@sbcglobal.net>.

**1977 Matthew Easley** has joined Allstate Financial as vice president, life products. Matt is responsible for product development, pricing, management, and underwriting policy for life insurance products. He had over 20 years with Nationwide Insurance, recently as vice president of fixed annuity actuarial.

In the spring **Fay Nielsen** was appointed associate dean of student life at Fresno Pacific U. Any alums in the area? Feel free to look her up, at <fnielsen@pacbell.net>.

**Ann Johnston** writes of attending the 50th birthday party of **Janet Smeltz**. Ann says, "I have been in touch over all these years with **Maureen Hylton**, also an attorney. She works with family law issues. I've practiced environmental law for more than 20 years!"

**Hilary Peterson** is taking flying lessons and now has her pilot certificate. After years of doing computer work on a contract basis, she took an "in-house" job with Progressive Insurance. To cut down on commuting, she sold her house in Berea, Ohio, and bought her cat a slightly larger place in Solon. Her e-mail address is <tohrp@yahoo.com>.

**Beata Wiggen** recently became the vice president of the German Nepal Friendship Association. She edits the biannual, 100-page magazine that goes to 700 members. Nepal continues to be Beata's country of interest, even though traveling there is tough due to the political situation. Beata will start a part-time enterprise in Holland next year (see <www.chautara.nl>), promoting contemporary art from Nepal. Her son just turned 19, and she and her husband celebrated their 50th birthdays. Get in touch with her at <wiggen@dctp.de>.

**BONNIE SAVAGE**, 4306 River St., Willoughby, OH 44094-7815, <bonniesbee@sbcglobal.net>.

**1978 Debbie Sauder Franzen** writes, "After Woo, I did some teaching and worked in a juvenile facility. Then I got involved in hospital marketing and public relations, as the field took off in the '80s. I learned TV commercial and production work while actually doing it.

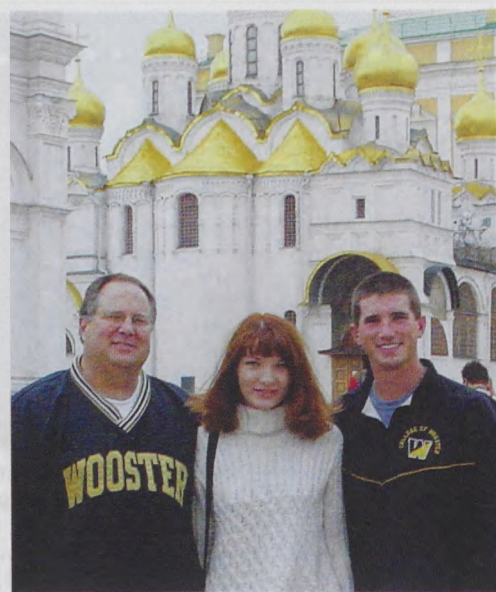
"I then opened a public relations consulting business (The Joseph Co., named after my first child), so I'd have more flexibility as our family grew. In 1994 we moved to Sewickley, PA. My husband, Mike, is chief of neuropsychology at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. I closed my company to be home with the kids (Joe, 14; Tim, 11; Rose, 8).

"I keep busy with the kids, volunteering on the board at a children's center, and leading Community Bible Study. I also speak to various groups at events and workshops. We're about 15 minutes from the airport, so if you ever get stuck, call." Find Debbie at <debfranzen@comcast.net>.

At Wesleyan U in Connecticut, students appreciate the work of registrar **Anna van der Burg** and her colleagues. No longer standing in long lines to register for classes, Wesleyan students now enroll and drop or add classes via the Internet. "By automating these processes, we are saving the students, staff and faculty time and money. Since it's all done on computers, we might be saving some trees, too," Anna told a Wesleyan reporter."

A native of The Netherlands, Anna also lived in the States, Luxemburg, and Germany as a child. At Wooster she met **Andrew Saslow**; they later married and moved to Connecticut where his family lived. Anna worked for 22 years in the registrar's office at Yale U before taking the position at Wesleyan in 2000. Anna and Andrew live in Cheshire with sons Nate (17) and Jake (15), who play football.

**Margaret Scherbel Deutsch**, <margaretdeutsch@yahoo.com>, writes, "Greetings from Sewickley, PA. After struggling with a personal crisis for two years, I'm finding my way again. I hope all is well with my Wooster friends. It would be great to hear from you. If you're in the



Chris Nicely '74 (left) and son Clint Nicely '08 show the black and gold in Moscow with Irina Chernichenko '06 (center).

Pittsburgh area, please stop by!"

**WENDY BEATTY-BURG**, 340 Gosling Dr., North Wales, PA 19454-2726, <BeattyBurg@aol.com>, and **MARY BREINER**, 1092 Homewood Dr., Lakewood, OH 44107-1450, <mtbreiner2002@yahoo.com>.

**1979 Jim Wilkins** writes, "My daughter, Katie '08, began her sophomore year, so I find myself making the drive from Akron to Wooster on a regular basis. The campus still feels like a second home." Find Jim at <jwilkins@kwlablaw.com>.

"Here's a quick catch-up," writes **Ann Poindexter**. "I taught elementary school, did campus ministry, and then went back to graduate school for an M.Ed. and a J.D. I have been a prosecuting attorney in Chesapeake, VA, for the past 14 years. I'd love to hear from other alums at <annpoin@juno.com>."

**Liz Barker Brandt**, a law professor at the U of Idaho in Moscow, will be the law school's associate dean for faculty affairs beginning next summer. She writes "I'm married and have twins, Carolyn and Christian (15). My husband, Tom Brandt, is a high school math and chemistry teacher. I'm off the beaten path and see few Wooster folks." Reach Liz at <brandt@uidaho.edu>.

**Don Kilburn**, a Boston resident for over 20 years, is president of Pearson Learning Solutions, a division of Pearson PLC, a large British media company. Don writes, "My wife, Anne, and I have two children, David (3) and Karina (5). I'd love to

hear from Wooster grads in the area at <Don.Kilburn@PearsonCustom.com>. (Has it really been 25 years?)"

**Carol Bowers** reports a mini-reunion at the McLean, VA, home of Cindy Mache '78: "On July 30 Cindy hosted her annual Watermelon Rolling Party (see photo, p. 48). Nancy Toll '78 and Bill '77 Huffman and son Andy were in town, so we got to see them along with **Shelley Griewahn** and family, who live in Arlington. Susan Arthur Maclean '69, a Wooster mom, was there, too. Watermelon rolling involves rolling a watermelon down the street to see whose goes the farthest," Carol explains. "The kids loved it, and the adults seemed entertained, too. My family (Harley and Carson Hopkins) and I would love to hear from anyone passing through DC, at <cbowers@asce.org> or <hbbowers@cox.net>."

Carol spoke with **Kathy Chambers Emmons** recently. Kathy's still in the Bethlehem, PA, area; her middle child graduated from high school this spring.

Shelly Griewahn writes, "All's well in our corner of metro DC. Jessamine, our daughter, entered fifth grade this fall. She visited Wooster with us last year and fell in love with the campus. My husband, Pat, runs a geologic consulting firm, Upstream Resources, in Falls Church. My company, Cooper Wright, is four years old. We specialize in organizational communications and change management. Clients range from Fortune 500 organizations to the U.S. House of Representatives. Much





The wedding of Allen Ward '00 and Amanda Dieterich '01, May 16, 2004. (Back row, left to r) Jennifer Mix, Tim Peter, '02s, David Dieterich '68, Amelia Lorenz '01, Greg Boettner '99; (Front) Hilary Jones '02, Sarah Moseley Dieterich '68, Jacquelyn Gray '00, bride, groom, Mary Beth Hawthorne Duffey '40, Megan Hooker, Caroline Mulcahy, Craig Dorer, '00s, Helen Hagerty '01

current work centers on business transformation, never a dull moment! We'd love to hear from alums in our area at <sgriewahn@cooperwright.com>."

**Erin O'Hara** went to the College Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati for graduate school and then spent several years singing as an apprentice with the National Opera Company in Raleigh. She writes, "I now work at the local newspaper in marketing and spend my off hours singing with several groups, such as the North Carolina Master Choral Chamber Choir and Oakwood Waits. Reach me at <ohara@newsobserver.com>."

The Ohio Academy of Family Physicians named **Philip M. Diller** as the 2005 Family Medicine Educator of the Year. Philip is program director of The Christ Hospital/U of Cincinnati (UC) residency training program and associate professor of clinical family medicine at the UC College of Medicine. He's also the medical director of the Forest Park Family Practice Center.

**Al Scales** sends "a little catch-up on my life. I married Jayne Baldwin in 1980. We have two children, Caitlyn (20), a junior at Indiana U, and a son, Ian, a high school senior. (Yes, Ian plans to visit Wooster.) We live in St. Charles, IL, a suburb of Chicago and a great place to raise our children. Jayne and I are active at church and on local boards.

"Several years ago we visited **Jeff Spatz** and family while they were in Aberdeen, Scotland. Rachel '09, their eldest, is at Wooster. I keep in touch with **Norm Voller** in Raleigh, NC. He and wife Janet have three children, Norm, Katy, and Mark.

"I started a company, RSA Inc., after graduation. RSA engineers and sells automation solutions to the machine and manufacturing industry. We have offices in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana and a wonderful team of people. I'd love to hear from others with whom I have lost touch. Woo was a great four years, and I enjoyed everyone I got to know there. Jayne and I would happily entertain anyone visiting the Chicago area from the Class of '79." Write to Al at <allan@rsainfo.com>."

**Vanessa Oliver-Ward** stepped in when her husband, **Daryl Ward**, pastor of the rapidly growing Omega Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, fell ill. Vanessa has a degree from United Theological Seminary. She's not only preaching but also managing the church's school, urban development project, bookstore, and over 40 other ministries. Daryl is expected to recover fully.

**JENNIFER REED JONES**, 3721 McClelland Blvd., Joplin, MO 64804, <xojones@aol.com>, (417) 781-4215, and **PATRICIA STOCKER CLINKER**, 1805 Heritage Cir., Dover, OH 44622, <trishie007@hotmail.com>, (330) 343-6477.

**1980 John H. White Jr.** has his own weekly television show, "Lookout," in Rhode Island. His goal is to educate Rhode Islanders about their elected officials, so they can push for change. John's image appears on billboards, ads on the sides of buses, and other public formats. He is president of his family's business, TACO Inc., which makes water pumps and heating and cooling equipment.

**SUSAN ESTILL**, 1817 Keller Lake Dr., Burnsville, MN 55306-6378, <sestill58@comcast.net>; **DON LEAKE**, 300 High Gables Dr. Apt. 208, Gaithersburg, MD 20878-7428; and **JENNY WATSON**, 1551 Oakmount Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121, <jlwats626@aol.com>.

**1981** In June **Carey Pelto**, medical director of the busy emergency department at St. Thomas More Hospital in Cañon City, CO, received Team Health's Medical Director of the Year Award for affiliate Team Health West. In the remote front range of the Rockies, it's the only hospital for residents of Fremont County, including inmates at the 13 correctional facilities within a 10-mile radius. Carey joined the emergency department staff as Team Health West medical director two years ago. He volunteers with law enforcement and works with the Central Mountain Training Foundation to coordinate medical, EMS, and police departments in planning for possible disasters.

**LOU OCKUNZZI**, 9789 Woodhurst Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1375, <louockunzzi@yahoo.com>.

**1982 Pete and Sue Curie Briss** have lived in Atlanta for 13 years. Pete is a doctor at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He works on the *Community Guide for Preventive Services*, reading research on a variety of topics and making recommendations for the prevention of diseases. Susan is an at-home mom, volunteering with PTA and

a homeless shelter, writing a couple of organizations' newsletters, driving her daughters (16 and 13) everywhere, and doing all she can to help Democrats regain the majority in Congress in 2006!

**Dave Tomola** spent the summer traveling to New York City and Toronto. He looks forward to spending time with my (**Susan's**) Wooster mates, playing bridge. He writes, "Our group continues to meet monthly, to enjoy each other's company and to watch the children grow up and our bellies expand! **Grace Farnsworth Gregg**, **Chris Voelkel Snoddy**, Dan Snoddy, Beth Farnsworth Engelhart, '80s, Kathi Colmey Gardner '81, and I, along with parents, spouses, children, and friends, gather to play cards and eat!"

**Jane Cairns Murray** still lives in Elkton and is practicing law as a solo practitioner after 17 years as a public defender. She spends most of her free time watching her son (15) play baseball, football, and ice hockey. Her daughter is a junior at the U of Miami, and Jane's vacation this year was taking her daughter back to school on Amtrak's auto train, with a stop at Disney World.

**Dawn Marie Krause** has transferred with her job. She can be reached at P.O. Box 1941, New York, NY 10163. She loves the city.

**Will Evans** is moving from Chicago back to Colorado. He's developing a consumer litigation practice for Methner and Associates in Denver. He and wife Meredith will live in Parker, where they can hike, fly fish, ski, and mountain bike.

**Laura Andrews Schulte** is a research director for Harcourt Assessment Inc. in San Antonio. The group creates and publishes tests used by speech-language pathologists. Laura would love to hear from **Susan Tomlinson Carpenter**, **Amy Brunner**, her former roomies, and anyone from Holden Second New from freshman year (1978).

Our thoughts go out to **Laura Winitzky Coker** as her husband battles liver cancer. Laura is still involved with a local theater company (to keep sane). The couple has two daughters.

**Betsy Atwood Sparr** of



Shreve, Ohio, was reappointed to the Ohio Water and Sewer Commission for a term ending in 2007. Betsy also is the director of planning for the Wayne County Commissioners.

**Peter Zornow** writes of a Wooster gathering at the home of **Nancy Frisch Hugos** (see photo, p. 49). Cameron Thrall '81, who attends Ohio State U, joined Peter and Nancy. Peter would love to hear from Wooster alumni, at 1117 Beech St. Apt. B, Mt. Vernon, OH 43050, only an hour away from the College, or by e-mail, <zornowpd@juno.com>.

**Macharia Kamau** is the new United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) representative for South Africa. Macharia began his career with the UN in 1985. A native of Kenya, he is excited about the new position. He'll focus on child survival and protection, specifically HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

**BARBARA BROWN**, 2151 Fairmount Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105, <wishboneandbarb@hotmail.com>; **JOHN P. SHAFER**, 6208 Ridge Pond Rd. Apt. F, Centreville, VA 20121-4061, <shaferjp@hotmail.com>; and **SUSAN LANCASTER TONER**, 11593 Westbury Pl., Carmel, IN 46032, <susan\_toner@hotmail.com>.

**1983** No mail or e-mail, no news.

**DAVE MARTIN**, 6874 Rosedale Ct., Mason, OH 45040, <dkmboater@hotmail.com>.

**1984** **Steve Ehrlich** serves as chairman, president, and CEO of Affinity Bank, a bank he founded two years ago. Affinity's first branch and corporate headquarters are located in Wyomissing, PA. Its second branch will be located in Reading, PA, where Steve previously served as chief lending officer/chief credit officer for Main Street Bank. Steve, **Sarah Purdum Ehrlich**, and daughter Brittney live in Spring Township, PA.

**Mary Fenderson Hotchkiss** and husband John moved to Pittsburgh last year after John accepted a position in the department of critical care at the U of Pittsburgh. Mary's own medical career is on hold due to the birth of Luke Fenders last August. He joined

brother Andrew (12). The family's address is 115 Witherow Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143.

John and **Jackie Addis Renna** visited the East Coast and stayed with me (**Sue**) and my family. We had a great time catching up and look forward to visiting the Rennas in Albuquerque in a year or two.

I (**Sue**) want to hear from **Dave "DBer" Bryant**.

**SUE STEINKRAUS McDANIEL**, 81 W. Church St., Fairport, NY 14450, <Mcdanielfive@aol.com>, and **LISA YOUNG PAGE**, 690 Lanark Ln., Painesville, OH 44077, <Lypage@sbcglobal.net>.

**1985** As your new class secretaries, we (**Katie and Barry**) are enthused by the response we received from you to our mass e-mail. Our policy going forward: If you send it, we will try to include it; if you don't, we'll pester you with increasingly intriguing requests.

And now, a word from our new class president, **Jamie Haskins**: "I am honored to have been asked to serve our class as president for our 25th reunion. I know 2010 seems far away, but make a note in your Blackberries to meet in Wooster that June. I was thrilled to hear from so many classmates while planning the 20th reunion, and I look forward to continuing our correspondence. Please contact me at 212 E. Sydney St., Philadelphia, PA 19119, (215) 753-7040 or <jdhaski@aol.com>."

**Phylliss Izant** extends greetings from the Seattle area, where her activities include service as a board member and head of the fund development committee of the Pierce County YWCA. As her "sidebar interests," Phylliss says, "In May I ended up at a Seattle 'Xena Warrior Princess' convention with my good friend, who is a Xena impersonator. What a hoot! I now have a Xena t-shirt. Unfortunately, I've not seen the show."

In June Phylliss attended the 2005 BookExpo America in New York City. "As you can imagine, Harry Potter promotion and trinkets were big at the Scholastic booth," she writes. "Both events were a real kick, interesting looks at two different



(Left to r) Shelley Griewahn '79, Cindy Mache '78, Bill Huffman '77, Nancy Toll Huffman '78, Carol Bowers '79, and Susan Arthur Maclean '68 had fun rolling watermelons this summer.

industries and subcultures."

"After teaching music in churches, private schools, and preschools without a music degree for the past 11 years," says **Julia Church Hoffman**, "I'm going back to school for a master's in music education at the U of New Mexico." Julia's focus is early childhood. She's the graduate assistant for the U of New Mexico Music Prep School, a Saturday program for children and their families that "supplements the meager music education available in the public schools." Julia lives in Albuquerque with husband Jeff and sons Devon (16) and Jonah (7).

For nine years **Martha Lucius** has run a bagel bakery in downtown Baltimore. Husband Michael Myers, a carpenter, helps at the bakery, too. They have a daughter, Sally (6). A group, including several folks from the Classes of '85 and '86, gathers for "a mini-Woo reunion" each Memorial Day weekend — music, beer, camping, and hog roasting at the farm of David Weiss '86 in the Shenandoah Valley. Martha says, "The strongest, most encouraging community — my Wooster pals!"

Can you imagine a Harry Potter-style book that not only involves "sea people" and parasitic pirates but also meditation on evolution? **Jack Fitzelle-Jones** is writing it. "My Wooster religious studies background influenced the book," he says.

The story contrasts a society based on a view of evolution that stresses symbiosis, co-evolution, and life's creativity with today's social Darwinism. The characters are based on Jack's wife, **Mary Fitzelle-Jones** (an M.S.W. mental

health therapist), their children, and Jack himself. A minister and community college chaplain in Warwick, RI, Jack says he hopes the book will evoke "religious awe at the wonder of the scientific evolutionary process." Jack and Mary would love to hear from friends at <fitzellejones@aol.com>.

**Jay Childs** checks in from Oklahoma City: "For four years I've lived my dream as a social studies teacher at Casady School, an independent Episcopal Day school." Jay also serves as dean for grades 5-8. He's "obsessing" over a Web site for his students and invites classmates to check it out, <childs.j.casady.org>, and provide advice or criticism.

Jay plans to earn a Ph.D. in Semitic languages, attending an Arabic program in Jordan, Syria, or Israel. He and wife Marnie have two sons, a third grader and a sophomore at Casady. "Any Woo folks in the Oklahoma City area, religious studies people or OATs?" he asks. Find him at <childs.j.casady.org>.

In Georgia **David and Cheryl Trautmann Boop** are "in a state of flux." Dave, with a Ph.D. in higher education from the U of Georgia, is job hunting. Cheryl is a pediatric occupational therapist at the Athens Regional Medical Center, working "with children who have learning disabilities, ADHD, autism/Asperger's, and anxiety/depression." She also sings with the Athens Master Chorale. The last two summers, Cheryl and **Becky Sears Drumheller** volunteered at a camp for kids with cancer in Millville, PA.

**Bill Pazos** lives in Miami with his wife, Shelby, and children Andres (15), William (11), and Morgan (4).





(From left) Peter Zornow, Nancy Frisch Hugus, '82s, and Cameron Thrall '81 met in Farifield County, Ohio.

An environmental finance specialist with Ecoinvest (Americas) LLC, he went to London and India this summer. He describes his work as "finding projects that reduce greenhouse gases, quantifying emission reductions, and selling them to companies that have reduction commitments."

As the director of athletics and football coach in Dedham, MA, **Bob Moore** is used to road trips. But not the kind he took in March, to Romania. A group of students and other faculty traveled to Bucharest to work with the Romania Children's Relief organization in children's hospitals. He reports, "We painted murals, helped feed infants, played with kids, and did other things to help abandoned, orphaned, or sick kids." The group also delivered duffel bags filled with items donated by the school.

In Potomac, MD, **Ronna Halbgewachs** and her partner, Chris, are "thrilled with the adoption of our daughter, Grace (21 mos.), who's talking up a storm." They made several trips to Russia before bringing Grace home. Ronna, assistant vice president for planning and health affairs at George Washington U, took us up on our query about book recommendations: "Besides reading *Goodnight Moon* and *Pajama Party*, I'm relishing *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri." Reach Ronna at <mcarlh@gwumc.edu>.

And **Kathi Whalen** writes from Nashville: "In Apr. 2004, after a long, challenging adoption process, I brought my daughter, Eva Grace, home from Guatemala. She was born in Mar. 2003. She shares her energy, curiosity, and joy with everyone." Kathi does ethics and compliance work at Hospital Corp. of America and invites "anyone passing through Nashville to look us up, at <kathiwhalen@comcast.net>."

Kathi says that **Diane Weisz-Young** has moved, along with husband David and their children, to Guatemala for three years. Find her at <dndweiszyoung@yahoo.com>.

**Karen Christen Shilling** was sorry to miss our class reunion, but she spent a day on campus in August as she and her family traveled east from a vacation in Yellowstone. "It was fun to show my daughter, Mariel (12), and son, Larson (9), where I went to school," says Karen. "My husband, Brian, was amazed at the variety of foods offered in the cafeteria." Karen is a National Board Certified ESOL teacher in Montgomery County, MD, where she taught high school for 15 years. This fall she's teaching middle school. "Contact me if you're in the DC area at <bkshilling@verizon.net>."

**Karen Doerbaum Brooks** is doing franchising work from home in Raleigh, NC. "In 2003 I became a single mom to my two boys (now 10 and 5)." On exercise, Karen says, "I've been retrained on working out with weights, which I hadn't done in 20 years. I hope to make this my newest habit."

**John Wilkinson** checks in: "After 16 great years in Chicago, we moved to Rochester, NY, in 2001." John and spouse Bonny Claxton have two children, Kenneth and Ann. "I am privileged to serve as the pastor of Third Presbyterian Church, which has lots of Wooster connections, as does Rochester," John says. "I stay in touch with **Steven Price, Michael Mann, Aaron Buda, Dale Grubb, and Jonathan Huener**, all doing well." **BARRY EISENBERG**, <beyesn@aol.com>, and **KATIE HOPPER**, <k8hop@aol.com>, 15736 Buena Vista Dr., Rockville, MD 20855-2656.

**1986 Eric Hartman** writes, "I've been married for 14 years, with two kids, Sorchia (12) and Connor (6). I'm still in the U.S. Army (for more than 18 years) and still a Foreign Area Officer, so most assignments are overseas. After a short tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom, we returned to Virginia in Dec. 2003. I was promoted to Lt. Col., and we're off to Europe. I'll be the senior representative for training and doctrine command in Germany.

"A hobby of mine is investment theory, and I write quite a bit on The Motley Fool Web site. This led to an opportunity: I was asked to contribute to a book on Warren Buffett's right-hand man, Charlie Munger. *Poor Charlie's Almanack* (Donning Co., 2005) focuses on Munger's thinking patterns and investment philosophy. It was proofed by Buffett, Munger, and Bill Gates, quite the thrill. I even flew to Pasadena, where I met Munger. I'd love to hear from anyone at <hartman\_birge@yahoo.com>."

**PETER ANDERSON**, 15336 Faysmith Ave., El Camino Village, CA 90249-3914, <panderson3@aol.com>, and **CHARLES RYAN**, 1302 Ridge Rd., Laurel Hollow, NY 11791, <Charles.Ryan@frx.com>.

**1987 Charles Hall** married Jennifer Propp on May 14 in Chicago. Charlie has worked for the EPA in air quality enforcement for 12 years. The couple resides in the Chicago area. **LISA DIMENT PANEPENTO**, 4130 Mallard Way, Wooster, OH 44691, <LPanepento@wooster.edu>.

**1988 Andy Doud** was honored in a special Woo way earlier this year. His wife, **Monica Fox Doud**, and her friend **Candy Sweet**, bid on a command performance of the Scot band at a benefit auction — and won. They organized the event on Jan. 15, as a surprise for Andy's 40th birthday. Over 75 friends and family enjoyed the performance by an ensemble of band members. Andy was surprised!

It's a big year for these birthdays, so let us know how you plan to celebrate or already celebrated! Note my

(Cathy's) new e-mail address. **DEB CELINSKI**, 6890 Talbot Dr., Parma, OH 44129-5410, and **CATHY CAMPBELL WRIGHT**, 40 Maplewood Dr., Athens, OH 45701, <catcwright@yahoo.com>.

**1989 Matica Moros Taylor** earned an M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary (following an M.T.S. from Harvard). She won a fellowship for her work on religion and society. Matica and her husband, John '88, are the parents of Alexa, Omar, and Elena.

Jim and **Molly Chesher Jones** live in West Chester, Ohio. Molly, who was an environmental consultant for 10 years, now works part-time in Jim's asbestos lab. She also continues to do asbestos inspections for three school systems. "Our daughter, Jessica (5), keeps me busy, but I love it!" Molly writes. She keeps in touch with **Alison Myers Miller**, who has two sons, Neil (5 mos.) and Carlton (3).

**Eric Foo**, <fooman@mac.com>, now lives in Kota Kinabalu, Borneo, Malaysia, after five years in Kuala Lumpur. His video company produces short films and promos, as well as some corporate work and weddings. He does video work for church and has some upcoming projects for other nonprofit organizations. Eric also has documentaries and a music video in the pipeline — and he teaches scuba diving.

An optometrist for Sears Optical in Willoughby, Ohio, **Diane L. Giffen**, <drgiffen@quixnet.net>, moved to Twinsburg Twp., where she is raising daughter Dana (4).

**Emily Fortnum Nardella**, husband Joe, and daughters Meghan (5) and Katie (2) call Mechanicsburg, PA, home. Since 2000 Emily has worked from home as a public relations consultant for several firms. She's nearly completed her first book, a history of the movement against sexual violence written for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape. "With just over six months to complete the task," she writes, "it's been like I.S. on steroids. But it's a little more difficult now to recover from an all-nighter! Hopefully there will be a Tootsie Roll for me when



I'm done!" Find Emily at <emjnarde@msn.com>.

**Shelby Hatch** is the director of chemistry labs and a lecturer at Northwestern U. She also teaches a freshman seminar, Wake Up and Smell the Coffee (the history, economics, art, and chemistry of coffee). "My partner, Ann-Louise Haak, and I recently became parents to Marcus (8) and Chris (10)."

**Beth Kurtz Fenner** still works for DuPont in research and development in Wilmington, DE. She and husband Bill have two boys, Kyle (6) and Ian (7), and Bill has a son, Joe (23). "There's too much testosterone in my house!" Beth says. Console her at <Beth.A.Fenner@usa.dupont.com>.

**Rich Danch** is in his 10th year of working for the College. He's the PGA professional and manager of the golf course, the men's golf coach, and the P.E. golf teacher. He continues to play competitively in Ohio during the summer. Send your 11- to 17-year-olds to his Fighting Scot Golf Camp in July. Rich and **Deb Esty** have been married for 13 years and have a son, Colin (8). Deb is a visiting assistant professor of psychology at Baldwin-Wallace College. Rich, <rdanch@wooster.edu>, would especially like to hear from the long-lost **Brent Bizyak**.

**Michelle Jividen** lives in Charlottesville, VA, and has worked as a school psychologist for almost five years. This past July she became a first-time aunt to nephew Kai.

My (Beth's) old friend, **Courtney Miller**, lives up the street from me in Columbus. He's a senior associate doing patent law at Calfee, Halter and Griswold, LLP. He'd love to hear from **Andrew Traglia**, **Vic DeMarco**, and **John Granato**. So would I!

**Laura L. Yoho**, <llyoho@msn.com>, says, "After nine years in Atlanta, I'm back home, close to my family in Ohio, trying to get rid of my Southern accent. I bought a lovely old house, started a new job in a relatively new career (cardiac nursing — I love it!), and am trying to get re-acquainted with family and friends. Reach me at 3300 Enfield Ave. NW, Canton OH 44708."

**Laurence Myers**, <boulmyers@europe.com>, wrote in June, "Alas, summer has come! The time of year



The wedding of Chris Brown '94 and Katie Hildner, June 5, 2004. (Back row, left to r) Jennifer Sheffield Paglieri '95, Sara Koester Snowden '93, Jane Hillier Sahota '92, bride, groom, Elicia Wise Goldenberg '92, Rachael Wilds Fleischaker '95, Sandy Eyre '94 (alumni relations and Wooster Fund); (Front) Mike Paglieri, Adam Myers, Barron Moody, Dan Fleischaker, Steve Nichols, '94s

when a teacher can sit back and relax. But teaching in Malaysia has added its share of international travel. This summer's plan? Kuala Lumpur to Paris, on to Bogota, Colombia, to visit the in-laws, to Athens, Greece, to visit the family, then back to Kuala Lumpur. All told, I'll fly over 40,000 miles!"

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**1990** Your class secretaries (**Stephanie, Daniel, and Shireen**) are excited to keep you up-to-date on your classmates. We can only report what we are told, so get your correspondence to us early and often!

Since graduation I (Shireen) have been in the Chicago area. I now live in Bolingbrook, IL, with my husband of eight years, Michael, and our two children, Jimmy (4) and Maggie (2). I've taught in some capacity since 1990. Right now I teach preschool. I earned a master's in English literature in 1997 and hope to put it to good use once I get back into public school teaching.

I keep in touch with friends such as: **Margaret Stumpff**, who lives in Los Angeles and is tutoring and writing; **Kelth Nahigian**, who lives in Virginia, is married, and has his own political consulting firm; and Adam Cohen '89 and Elizabeth Smith-Cohen '91, who live in Chicago with children Ethan (5) and Rachel (2). I'd love to hear from

more of you, so drop an e-mail to <sbholli@comcast.net>.

Another secretary, Stephanie (who's in charge of our new e-mail address), lives in Parma, Ohio, and works at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital as a pediatric nurse. Outside of work, she keeps busy with travel, Web design, photography, computer games, and browsing the online personals.

Stephanie has kept in contact with a few Wooster buddies, including Shireen and Daniel, and gets occasional e-mails from **Denison von Maur** (who lives in Montana), but she would love to hear from more of you, at <funiaz@funiaz.com>. Be sure to visit her personal Web site, <www.funiaz.com>.

Stephanie says, "Our 15-year reunion at Woo was a great time! It was wonderful to see so many classmates and meet their families."

Fifteen years after Wooster, your third secretary, Daniel, finds himself in West Hollywood, CA (for three years). While moving from Massachusetts to California, Dan obtained an M.B.A. (e-Business) in 2004 through an online program. He formed a business, North American Capital Group Inc., providing professional services such as cash flow analysis and lender brokering.

Daniel reconnected with several class members across the U.S. This bodes well, as he has a deep affinity for travel. If he knows you're out there, he'll visit when he's in the area. Be sure to send a note to <Daniel@Radvansky.com>.

**Margie Singleton** reports, "After more than a year of a grueling job search, I'm now the health and environmental science teacher at the Lab School in northwest DC. I work with kids with learning disabilities, challenging at times, but my own struggles with ADD help me understand the difficulties my students face. Teaching has always been a passion of mine." Contact Margie at <margiesingleton@verizon.net>.

**Sheila Hostettler Rutt** was recently appointed vice president of Diebold Inc. in North Canton.

**Caitlin Cary**, a successful solo country singer, songwriter, and member of the trio *Tres Chicas*, is also performing duets with Nashville artist and longtime friend Thad Cockrell. The two toured listening rooms and clubs this summer, performing from their album, *Begonias*. They're being compared to legendary duos such as George Jones and Tammy Wynette.

**SHIREEN BEHZADI HOLLINGSWORTH**, 897 Bonnie Brae Ln., Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1130; **STEPHANIE ZACHARY**, 3411 Brookdale Ave., Cleveland, OH 44134-2226; **DANIEL RADVANSKY**, Apt. 4, 1340 N. Crescent Heights Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046-4532, <wooster90@funiaz.com>.

**1991** Elizabeth Dussing Quinlan shares the following awful news, "Our dear friend, **Christine Monk Huxtable**, has suffered a horrible loss. Her son, Benjamin (4), passed away in a tragic accident on Father's Day 2005. Benjamin was struck in the chest and killed by an errant baseball while attending his father's baseball game.

"A beautiful memorial service — a true celebration of Ben's life — took place in Maryland. Wooster friends traveled from far and near to attend. Those of us who know Christine's enthusiasm for elementary school teaching can imagine what an incredible life Ben had. His life was short but filled with love, fun, and learning. Ben took trips, enjoyed nature, loved crafts, played sports, had lots of friends, attended countless birthday parties, was doted upon by grandparents, and became a big brother.



"Christine is married to a wonderful guy, Jonathan, the head of the newly-founded Harford Friends School in Maryland. With their son Nathaniel (2), they will find their way through this difficult time. A fund has been created to build a Little-League-size baseball field in Maryland. If you'd like to donate, the address is Ben's Ballfield Fund, c/o Harford Friends School, 1212 Main St., P.O. Box 208, Darlington, MD 21034-0208. Reach the Huxtables at 4219 Long Green Rd., Glen Arm, MD 21057 or <chuxtable@comcast.net>." Find Elizabeth at <edqlfq@aol.com>.

It was great to hear this from **Holly Hustwit Tate**: "I live in Wooster with my husband, Jack, and two dogs, Max and Brandt. I work as a renal social worker at the local dialysis clinic. We've completed home improvement projects and put in a pond. We travel frequently to Myrtle Beach and plan to visit my brothers, Ron '95 and Heather McCone Hustwit '98 in California, and Will in Mississippi.

"I'd love to know how several classmates are doing: **Laura Calliguirri**, Chris Alghini '92, **Brad Longbrake**, **Hank Moore**, and **Rich Bailey**. I refuse to re-join the technological revolution and do not have e-mail or a cell phone. I can be reached via good old pen and paper, 758 Hamilton, Wooster, OH 44691" **DON CAMPBELL**, 2316 20th St. NW, Apt. 1, Washington, DC 20009-1412, <dcampbell@fec.gov>, and **KATIE JONES MCCLELLAND**, 1263 Circle Dr., Arbutus, MD 21227, <rmcclelland@prodigy.net>.

**1992 Lora Koenig Heller** wants to reconnect with **Travis Moyer** and would love to hear from Wooster pals at <lora@mybabyfingers.com>.

In July 2004 **Scott Dixon** married Stela Burdt in Lanesboro, MN (see photo, p. 32). Contact Scott at <srddixon70@yahoo.com>.

**Miles Simmons**, <ecruj1@comcast.net>, is back in the DC area (at Ft. Myer, VA), "singin' for the next three years as a tenor in the the U.S. Army Chorale." His address is 2310 9th St. N #303, Arlington, VA 22201. Miles is look-



The wedding of Marissa Bambrey and Kevin Wolfe, '05s, June 25, 2005. (Back row, left to r) Mike Gould '05, Colin Turner '06, Lizzie Smith, Jess Metcalf '05, bride, Clint Nicely '08, Brandon DuGar '07; (Middle) George Morrison '04, Sarah Nicholson, Ann Marie Bliley, '05s, Irina Chernichenko, Lois Ribich, '06s, groom, Adrienne Brayman '05, Adam Yack '04, Todd Koenig '06, Michael McGrath '04; (Front) Aileen Cameron '07, Zach Carter, Andrea Drew Danielson, Sarah Core, Katie Schneider, '05s

ing for **Chris Chamberlain**, **Aaron Becker**, and Anne Adams '93.

**KATHLEEN QUINN**, 241 Johns Hill Rd., Highland Heights, KY 41076, <quininkl@email.uc.edu>.

**1993 Steve Page** says, "My bride of five years, Kat, and I are still in Cincinnati. I'm director of research in physical medicine and rehabilitation at the U of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Currently I have three National Institutes of Health grants, two FDA trials, and another funded clinical trial, all in the area of stroke rehabilitation and neuroplasticity (not bad for a non-science major!). Visit my lab Web site, <www.rehablab.org>, or send e-mail to <Stephen.Page@uc.edu>. We got a black Lab in April who'd be insulted if I didn't mention her."

**Gordon Calhoun** continues to work at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum and the battleship *Wisconsin*, <www.hrmn.navy.mil>. He also runs a horse breeding operation, <www.perfectpeacefarm.com>, and welcomed "four beautiful horse babies this year." Gordon adds, "I continue to shoot my mouth off, see <perfectpeacefarm.blogspot.com>."

**Matt Trantum** has lived in Nashville for five years and works for a local bank. He corrects his e-mail address that was in the spring 2005 issue: <mtrantum@yahoo.com> or <matrantum@fjb.com>.

**Dori Tinker Stiles** started a new job at Fidelity Investments in Marlborough, MA, and enjoys being the mother of Julia (16 mos.). Dori

and husband Bob live in Worcester.

**Cara Nicol** recently defended her thesis for a Ph.D. in psychology.

**Susan Shaffner Tipper** says, "After college, I lived and worked in Chicago for six years. The company I worked for (as marketing and advertising manager) opened an office in Charleston, SC, where my husband (then boyfriend), Keith, and I transferred and lived for four years. We now live near Wausau, WI (90 miles west of Green Bay), in a log home near the base of a small mountain, 10 miles from the nearest stop light. We got married in Aug. 2003 and have a son, Jackson (6 mos.). I'm now at home with him.

"I regularly talk to **Shelly "Kay" Crissman** and **Lydia Amerson Murray**, who were in my wedding. Shelly's also a stay-at-home mom, with two boys. I'd love to hear from people at 1820 E. Otter Ln., Mosinee, WI 54455 or at <SusanTipper1@aol.com>."

Class president **Dart Schmalz** sent a note this summer, "I accepted a tenure track faculty job at Clemson U! I'm excited, nervous, and overwhelmed with finishing my post-doc (at Penn State) and getting ready for the move. I just got back from a two-week trip to Japan."

I (**Charlie**) saw **Marc DeBree** this spring while he was in San Francisco visiting family. Marc entered an M.B.A. program in Durham, NC. Other visitors have included Scott Shlaes '98 and Kyle Haines '94, who were in town from Portland for Scott's birthday, and Hans Peters '95 and fiancée Liz Luna. I heard from

Jake Mercatoris '97, an M.B.A. who works at KPMG in Pittsburgh. He and wife Becky Crane bought a house.

My (**Kim**'s) husband, Steve '92, and I attended a Woo alumni clam-bake here in Boston in July. We enjoyed catching up with other alums. We are busy, working full-time and watching our boys (4 and 1) grow up (so quickly). I look forward to hearing from anyone!

**CHARLIE GALL**, 1030 Larkin St. Apt. 12, San Francisco, CA 94109, <charlesgall@hotmail.com>, and **KIM REMLEY**, 21 Woodbridge Road, North Andover, MA 08145, <kimandstevell@comcast.net>.

**1994 Chris Brown** writes, "Hard to believe that I've been in Washington, DC, for 11 years! I'm continuing my career as a lobbyist and in Apr. 2004 became the director of government relations for the Air Conditioning Contractors of America, a small trade association in Arlington. Running the entire lobbying operation keeps me on Capitol Hill about 90% of the time. The hours can be long, but I love the work and continue to be fascinated by the political scene.

"The biggest news from 2004 was my marriage to Katie Hildner on June 5 (see photo, p. 50). The wedding was fun and populated with Wooster alumni. We honeymooned in Hawaii and settled into domestic life in Alexandria."

**Carrie Phillips Gerard** says, "The Gerard family still loves



Louisville. Ethan (5) enjoys introducing little brother, Graham, born Dec. 10, 2004, to the fun and excitement here." Carrie coordinated the area's first Scots in Service.

**Anna Mihalega** still lives in Pittsburgh, PA, and now works for Point Park U as an instruction/reference librarian. She spent last summer traveling to Chicago and Mackinac, MI. Contact Anna at <amihalega@pointpark.edu>.

"Yes, I'm finally married," writes **Sarah Prince Carlson**. "On May 8, 2004, I married Glenn Carlson in Davidson, NC. He's a former engineer turned massage therapist. My attendants included **Mary Beth Henning** and **Robin Woodall Mullins**. **Rich Mullins** was also here with their daughter, Anna (then 8 mos.). I'm a family physician at Davidson Family Medicine and provide health services at Davidson College."

**Wendi Henderhan** lives in Columbus, Ohio. She finished law school and passed the Ohio Bar. She'd love to hear from friends at <wendistanley@hotmail.com>.

**Cyra Choudhury** earned an M.A. in political science at Columbia U. She then spent five years with the National Academies of Science, "doing research on topics from education to compliance with international labor law and child labor." Meanwhile Cyra graduated from Georgetown Law Center with a J.D. She lives and works in New York as an attorney in the corporate finance practice of a UK law firm, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer.

In 1996 Cyra married Ben Hamlin '93, a researcher in health policy for the Institute of Medicine. He's working on a master's in public health at Columbia.

**Laurie Peterson Kosanovich**, <lkosanovich@bakerlaw.com>, and husband Dan welcomed Eric Daniel the week of Thanksgiving 2004. He was baptized with Laurie's uncle, John Dorko '75, as his godfather. (John has a daughter, Lindsey '09.) **Johanna Fouse Patena** attended the baptism with husband James, whom she married on Apr. 2, 2005.

Laurie says, "While on maternity leave, I saw Johanna, **Rachel Tansey**, and **Sandy Eyre** (alumni



The wedding of Lynn E. Switzer '01 and R. Bruce Clayton '99, May 28, 2005. (Back row, left to r) Marjorie Walter-Echols Hillyer '97 and Connor, Nicole Brinkmann '99, Meris Mandernach '01, Christy Rauch '99, Daren Batke, Andy DeYoung, '02s, Emily Gamber '01, Jamie Williamson-Anderson '00, Liz Farina '02; (Middle) Ana Hutton Kehrberg '99, Amy Farley '00, Molly McKinney '01, Megan Dishong '00, Joe Anderson '01, Dana Sommers '99, Carrie Lippert Reinhardt (formerly career services); (Front) groom, bride

relations) and received mothering advice by phone from Jacquie Boulanger Grindall '92 and moral support from **Erin Long**."

"Life has been exciting since I married Sam Wells of New Jersey on April 2," writes **Tara Burgy Wells**. "We live in a historic house, built in 1830, on a scenic river and lake in Mays Landing, NJ. We've enjoyed entertaining other Wooster grads, fishing, and canoeing in our backyard! For six years, I've been the director of public programs for Briar Bush Nature Center, north of Philadelphia, often the site of Scots in Service projects. I welcome news at <tlburgy@yahoo.com>."

**SARA KEREWICH-TAYLOR**, 60 Bayside Ave., Oyster Bay, NY 11771, <Skaylor@optonline.net>; **JESSICA AMBURGEY-RYAN**, 32443 Briarwood Dr., North Ridgeville, OH 44039, <Ryanjs@hotmail.com>; and **STEPHEN S. NICHOLS**, 341 Stevens Ave., Wooster, OH 44691, <Nichols\_145@yahoo.com>.

**1995 Rob Kugler** is the new vice principal/athletic director at Penn's Grove (NJ) High School. He writes, "It's great to have a fresh start in a place that has its act together. Everyone is focused on the needs of the kids and the district." For details, send e-mail to <rakugler3@msn.com>.

**Scott Parnell** was married in Oct. 2003. He and his wife, Dana, had their first child, Benjamin Thomas, on July 13, 2005. Scott is the guitar instructor at Bluffton

(Ohio) U; his wife works for the American Cancer Society in Findlay, where they live. Reach him at <sparnell80@peoplepc.com>.

**Sybil Smith**, who is in Athens, GA, completed an M.F.A. in fabric design at the U of Georgia and is "waiting to hear which company desperately wants me!" Sybil wants to hear from Woo-ites, especially **Andrea Kibby Burnham** and **Steve Young**. Find her at <sybilsmith@msn.com>.

**Jim Folk, Scott Meech, Mark Berger, Matt Haas**, and Chris Macky '94 gathered in Big Rapids, MI, for their seventh annual camping retreat and spiritual renewal weekend. Jim recalls, "It was quite memorable. After getting flooded out of our campsite by thunderstorms, we decided to spring for a hotel. We traveled to Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City and enjoyed the indoor water park. The next day we drove to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and enjoyed the sights." Contact Jim at <jfolk@net-port.com>.

**Lisa Hannan** married Antonio Mora last fall in Montville, NJ (see photo, p. 53). She writes, "I work as an employment law attorney, and Antonio is a chef. We live in Cranford, NJ. I'd love to hear from alums at <lmh1073@aol.com>."

As for me (**Brad**), I am in my third and final year of a pediatric nephrology fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. I hope to obtain a faculty position

with an emphasis on basic research. My wife, Holly Kyle Dixon '98, our daughter, Tress (2), and I welcome visitors, especially Wooforks who can reminisce about the "old days."

**Warren Cham-a-koon** and a friend played doubles in the Thomas E. Price Metropolitan Tennis Championship this year in Cincinnati. This is Warren's fourth trip to the Met; he plays weekly. At Wooster he was All-American in tennis in his junior and senior years. In a news article, Warren describes his game as "steady, solid...not a whole lot of flash." **BRADLEY DIXON**, 3869 Marburg Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45209, <ppageno@aol.com>.

**1996** After graduating from the U of Pittsburgh School of Law last August, **Brian Purvis**, <bpurvis36@yahoo.com>, moved to Philadelphia, where he's an attorney for the ACLU. **MICHELLE PERRIGO**, Apt. C19, 2114 Sunnyside Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49048, <meesch@stratos.net>, and **ANDREW VELLENGA**, 7510-11 Cove Point Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613, <vellengae@4mcd.usmc.mil>.

**1997** Steve Postal '98 and **Megan McCabe** got married on July 2 in Cambridge, MA (see photo, p. 45). Megan writes, "We got together after we graduated from Wooster and were living in the Boston area. It took us a long time to find each other, considering that we grew up



on the same street in the same town in New Jersey and both went to C.O.W. We settled in Cambridge, where Steve is a chef and I am a social worker, but we're currently living for a year in Barcelona, Spain. If you are in Spain in the next few months, e-mail me, <meganlmccabe@hotmail.com>."

**Philip Verhoef**, <philip.verhoef@case.edu>, started a med-peds residency at UCLA, and his band, the Cap Gun Cowboys, just released their second album.

**Sara Mickelson Hughes** writes, "Husband **Jeff Hughes** took a civil engineering job with the U.S. Air Force. We live in Columbus, MS, with our two kids, Heather (2) and Charlie (7 mos.). We'd love to hear from you (especially tennis teammates and Wagnerites from '93-'94), at <mickelson\_sara@hotmail.com> or <jeff\_hughes34@hotmail.com>. Come and visit us in Mississippi!"

**Jennifer Erin Earl** has bought a house in Milwaukee, WI. She writes, "I still am an assistant professor in athletic training at the U of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. My fiancé is an account manager for a large Milwaukee radio station."

On May 31, 2003, **Chris Seibert**, <cwiseibert@yahoo.com>, married Shannon Lombardia, "a beautiful woman whom I met at a bar and then found that she worked in the same office as my father!" Doug Peacock, Gary Nye, and Scott Crawford, '96s, were in the wedding. Shannon and Chris bought a house in Nanuet, NY, and enjoy "the love of our lives, Mia Marks, born on Dec. 22, 2004 — the best Christmas present. She has my baby blues."

From Winston-Salem, NC, **Karen Lynne Buchmueller** says hello: "I am a new assistant professor at Wake Forest U, starting up my own biochemistry research lab and loving it. I'd love to hear from long-lost friends at <buchmukl@wfu.edu>."

"GROOVE is in the heART," an exhibition of new paintings by **Erik R. Sosa**, opened in July at Big City Swing Studio in Chicago. The exhibit represented a kaleidoscope of forms and styles. Erik feels that each show offers the chance to create a unique atmosphere. "I'm continually inspired...each canvas is my coloring



The wedding of Antonio Mora and Lisa Hannan '95, Oct. 3, 2004. (Left to r) Emily Weidner, Sara Gonzalez Brintnall, Rebecca Stuart, Cathy Lecky Muller, Sue Anne Esterly Parrish, '95s, bride, groom, Anne Deffenbaugh, Ellen Harris, '95s

book. I scribble out some lines, fill in with color, and go with the flow, creating till something clicks."

Erik earned the 2005 VOX/Out Emerging Voices of Style + Design award. The award was created in 2001 to honor openly gay and lesbian individuals whose works signify style, vision, and design. Erik has a solo show opening in January, "The Art-See — Fart-See Show." For details, see <www.erikRsoa.com>.

**Shannon O'Kane and Jeremy Harris** welcomed son Connor James on May 21. Shannon writes, "Connor looks like his dad and will hopefully play Wooster football someday." Send congratulations to <okanasha@hotmail.com>.

**Thom Pease** served as a junior fellow at the Library of Congress this summer. He processed and cataloged music and spoken word recordings. He relished the opportunity to wander the stacks and reading rooms. Thom graduated from Indiana U in August with an M.L.S., specializing in music librarianship. **SUZANNE M. FLETCHER**, 727 North Nevada Ave. Apt. 1, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, <siouxfletch@yahoo.com>.

**1998 Colleen Ryan** invited us (**Sally** and **Terry**) to go on her backpack trip to Peru. Colleen finished a family medicine residency at the U of Colorado-Denver and was in Peru to brush up on medical Spanish before starting to work at a clinic for the

underserved in Boulder. Find her at <leenryan9@yahoo.com>.

We're grateful that Colleen didn't ask us to join last year's working vacation at the "the diarrhea hospital" in Bangladesh! (Even we could not have made that up!)

**Wendy Vaerewyck** married Peter Scholke on May 21 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands (see photo, p. 55). Several Wooster folks attended, including **Katie Ziegler**; Katie's mom, Candy (also the mother of Tim '00 and Andy '05); and Martha Alarie-Harris (former recycling coordinator). The group took a canal cruise through the city. The couple honeymooned in Turkey, "splashing in the Mediterranean, soaking up the sun and culture." They live in Milwaukee. Peter works at Valuation Research; Wendy attends the Medical College of Wisconsin.

**Brooke Abernethy** enjoyed a mini-reunion with Danielle Baughman '99 and **Ryan Catteau**. When in DC, Brooke keeps busy with her job at Vanguard Communications and holding Woo gatherings. **Chad Zimmerman**, <zimmerman\_chad@hotmail.com>, and wife Patti celebrated their first anniversary by moving from Wooster to Parma.

**Bill Dewar**, <billcdewar@yahoo.com>, moved to Los Angeles, where he's a volunteer assistant coach for the UCLA women's volleyball team. Bill loves the sunny weather and admits that it's tough living down the street from the beach.

**Laura Shaffer**, <laura.shaffer@nathancummings.org>, moved back to NYC after completing a master's in economics. She works at a private foundation, engaging corporations on issues relating to global warming and energy efficiency.

After a few years of moving around, **Katie Rhoads**, <krhoads369@hotmail.com>, finished her first year as the solo pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Willard, Ohio.

**Jon Huger**, <jonhuge1@yahoo.com>, moved from Portland to Wellfleet (a little town on the end of Cape Cod) in 2002. Jon works as a project manager for a building firm, with most of his job sites overlooking the water. He practices kayaking, surfing, sailing, scuba diving, and fishing with his wife, Theresa, and daughter, Madeline. The proud dad reports that Madeline is "very cute" and she has just learned to "walk/RUN." Jon invites everyone to crash at his place. Sounds like a nice spring vacation!

After two years of marriage, **Amy Beatty-Freadling** and her husband moved into a house. Amy is a clinical counselor at Marymount Behavioral Health Services/Concern Employee Assistance Program, part of the Cleveland Clinic Health System, and president of the Ohio Mental Health Counselors Association. She also returned to school for a Ph.D. in counseling. She isn't rich and famous yet, but Amy did make an appearance on "Antiques Road-



show" a couple of years ago. If you missed it, e-mail her and ask for a video, <amybohio@yahoo.com>.

**Jeff** and Heidi Cloughly '99 **Bird**, <woobirds@comcast.net>, moved to Claremont, CA. They welcomed daughter Alyssa (Class of 2027!) on July 11. Ainsley is a proud big sister. Jeff teaches high school band, and Heidi has a private music studio in their home, teaching voice, piano, violin, and music theory.

**Megan Schatz**, <megh\_schatz@hotmail.com>, is in the process of moving from San Francisco for a new life and new job in Sacramento.

**Betsy Nettelbeck** is planning a career move after a long year of teaching ESOL. She reports, "I'm using my liberal arts degree to the fullest extent, trying out many things and finding what I don't like." Betsy is contemplating a job in horticulture. Find her at <enettelbeck@yahoo.com>. She visited **Heather Heitsenrether-Bradley** and husband Clark in Raleigh, NC, where Heather works as a speech language pathologist at a nursing home.

**Heidi Haverkamp** changed e-mail addresses, to <heidih76@yahoo.com>.

**Jonathan Billings**, <billings@cmu.edu>, lives in Pittsburgh, PA, and works at Carnegie Mellon U's School of Computer Science as a research systems programmer. He often hears CMU's pipe band, which brings back happy memories. (Jon must never have tried sleeping on Saturday mornings while the pipers practiced under his dorm window.)

Also in Pittsburgh, **Andrea Shreve Neiger** earned a Ph.D. in May in clinical psychology and started a post-doctoral fellowship at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. She and husband Brad enjoy being near family. They'd love to have visitors, so e-mail them if you're going to be in the 'Burgh, at <andreashreveneiger@hotmail.com>.

**Angie Lombardo, Candy Panigutti**, and Tony Panigutti '97 competed in a half-ironman triathlon in August. (We'll cheer you on, but don't ask us to participate!) Reach Candy at <cgutti77@hotmail.com>.

Angie lives in Denver and works for the U of Wyoming in its Denver

office, helping seniors with job searches. It makes her feel like she's "a senior with no idea how to get a job!" Reach her at <angelombardo@hotmail.com>.

**Jen Ropelewski** got high on life by jumping out of a plane! Yes, little ole Jen strapped on a parachute and stepped out of a perfectly safe airplane thousands of feet above the earth. Fun or crazy? If you know Jen, you know that she's both!

She recently paid a visit to Terry in DC in May. Jen conquered the town and had a good time, Woo style, finding time to see an historical site or two. She moved to Cleveland from Chicago about two years ago and works as a seminar planner for NCS Credit.

And now on to the news that you all have waited for — about us! Sally visited Terry in DC for our own adventure sport: we watched a whole season of "Average Joe: The Joes Strike Back" in one sitting. We even lured **Leah Montesano** out on the town.

**TERRENCE HEUBERT**, 618 F St. NE #9, Washington, DC 20002-5250, and **SALLY THELEN**, <woosterclassof1998@yahoo.com>.

**1999** The Class of '99 has been successful in dealing with the law, in good ways.

In mid-summer **Ben Mizer**, <ben\_mizer@yahoo.com>, wrote from The Hague, where he's served for the past year as a law clerk to President Theodor Meron at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. He writes, "I've had a terrific year, particularly traveling to East Africa for work and all over Europe for pleasure. I'll finish the clerkship at the end of the summer and plan to do more traveling. Eventually I'll get back to DC for a job with the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale & Dorr."

We hear of another courtroom success, **Elizabeth Howard**, a senior associate attorney with O'Hara Spradley in Jacksonville, FL. Much of her time is devoted to the defense of construction defect claims involving mold. She successfully defended an appeal to create a class action group against one of her clients. What's next, "Court TV?"



Friends from the Class of 1999 in Washington, DC. (Back row, left to r) Curtis Gore, Tasha Stolle Peacock, Leslie Knapp, Gretchen Maier Pattison, Jeff Pattison, '99s; (Front) Debbie Krudwig Gitowski, Jody Clauter, '99s, Amy Johnson '01

**Halle Morrison** moved from sunny California to the windy city! She teaches chemistry and geology at Marmion Academy, a small, private military school for boys in Aurora, a western suburb of Chicago. She's also the adviser for the school newspaper. Write to her at 799 Royal Saint George Dr. Apt. 721, Naperville, IL 60563-2989.

Josh and **Colleen Dunn Halpern** welcomed Robert Jude on Aug 10. **Sheana Balasuriya Cross** is Robert's very proud godmother.

(See more additions in Births, p. 57. What if all of these kids meet in the Class of 2023?)

**Steve Brandes** is the new assistant general manager for the Idaho Stampede basketball team in Boise. Last season, as the director of ticket sales and game operations, he helped increase attendance and improve the overall game-day experience for Stampede fans. He's been with the team for four of its eight seasons. Check it out, at <www.idahostampede.com>.

**Diane Spence** and **Matt Camlin**, <matt@camlin.net>, celebrated the birth of Afton Caitlyn on May 17. Matt says, "We took her name from the Robbie Burns poem, 'Sweet Afton,' about a river that winds through southern Scotland. We anticipate moving from New Jersey to Youngstown, Ohio, where I'll serve my first solo pastorate in the Presbyterian church."

**Deidra Reid**, <dr820@hotmail.com>, says, "For two years I worked at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA, as the assistant volleyball coach and compliance coordinator. I'm now the head volleyball

coach and sports information director for Spelman College in Atlanta. If anyone is in the area, please look me up."

**Kate Klonowski** joyfully reports, "I'm the proud mother of a beautiful daughter, Naomi, born on Dec. 20, 2004. We moved back to the Cleveland area, so drop a line, to <klonowski314@hotmail.com>."

**Matthew Brock**, <mbrock@alservices.com>, lives in Denver. Contact him if you're in town.

In August I (**Debbie**) visited Washington, DC, for a reunion with **Jody Clauter, Leslie Knapp, and Tasha Stolle Peacock**. We had a wonderful weekend! Jody and boyfriend Paul recently adopted a black bunny named Hawk. Jody is a crew chief for Historic Research Management Services in Milwaukee. Leslie enjoys her work at the Beauvoir School in DC. Tasha and Doug Peacock '96 and family are surviving a well-timed renovation of their farmhouse in Anchorage, KY.

Our little group was expanded one evening with the addition of **Jeff and Gretchen Maier Pattison, Curtis Gore**, and Amy Johnson '01 (see photo, above). The Pattisons own a home in DC. Jeff recently joined the U.S. Department of Education as a special education researcher, and Gretchen is a senior project manager in the Government Accountability Office. They shared news of **Sue Roberts'** marriage in Cleveland in July. Congrats, Sue!

Curtis and Amy enjoyed the wedding festivities of **James Cubie** and Tara Speaks '01. Cubie even donned a kilt. They brought news of **James Pilachowski**, a sales repre-





The wedding of Wendy Vaerewyck '98 and Peter Scholke, May 21, 2005

representative for Pfizer in Morristown, NJ, and his fancy dancing. Go, Pila!

In May **Jeanine Edmonds** graduated from the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute as valedictorian. She holds an associate degree in specialized technology and has completed *Le Cordon Bleu* Program in *patisserie* and baking. Jeanine was awarded the professionalism award for outstanding achievements and potential in the hospitality industry. After an externship at the Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner, VA, she moved to the Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans. Reach her at <jeedmonds@hotmail.com>.

**Mark Schlabach**, former basketball coach in Loudonville, Ohio, is the new head coach at his alma mater, Berlin Hiland High School. Mark and his wife, Amy, have lived in Berlin for seven years and have two children (Will, 3, and Gracie, 1). While Mark coached at Loudonville, the team challenged for the district title every year.

**DEBORAH KRUDWIG GUTOWSKI**, 1111 Churchill Rd., Lyndhurst, OH 44124, <Wooster1999@aol.com>.

**2000 Elizabeth Conrad Reiter Tomlinson**

writes, "We've had a whirlwind year. Ed Tomlinson and I married on July 10, 2004, and moved to Cleveland. We built a house and relocated to Streetsboro in July. I'm in the master's in English program at John Carroll U."

**Jen Hayman**, <jenhayman@yahoo.com>, began her fifth year as an academic adviser for student athletes at George Washington U. She traveled to Maui with the volleyball team in March and spent time in Dayton and Cincinnati with the men's basketball team.

"The highlight was watching them in the Atlantic 10 tournament!"

**Margaret Buckingham** earned a master's in speech language pathology from Northeastern U.

**Holly Deeds** graduated from Ohio State U's Moritz College of Law and works as an assistant attorney general in Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro's office.

**John Norris**, a history teacher at Walsh Jesuit High School, is the head basketball coach for the men's team at Walsh. John played basketball and baseball at Wooster for two years before transferring to Kent State.

**MAURA FINN**, 1035 Washington Ave. Apt. 2J, Brooklyn, NY 11225, <maurafinn12@hotmail.com>.

**2001 Joe Jaquette** bought a home in Portland, OR. He writes, "Rachel Kirley '03 moved here after earning an M.F.A. in arts administration from the U of Akron. I still work as a systems analyst with Integra Telecom, a medium-sized company. I attended the wedding of **Kate Smanik** and Simon Moyes at the beginning of the year. I'd love to hear from any alums at <joe@jaquette.net>."

**Dhruv Roy** moved to Chicago after graduation and started working for an investment consulting firm, Ibbotson Associates. He fell in love with the city. He now works in the corporate strategy department of ABN AMRO's LaSalle Bank Corp. and is studying for an M.B.A. at the U of Chicago School of Business.

**Everett Peachey** earned an M.A. in law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and accepted a job with IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board) in Dushanbe,

Tajikistan, this June. He administers Edward Muskie Graduate Student Fellowships for Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. Alumni in Central Asia can find Everett at <everettpeachey@hotmail.com>.

**Kyle Abraham** earned the J.D. and M.B.A. from Willamette U in Oregon. He planned to take the bar exam and take a position with the U.S. Air Force as a commissioned officer in the JAG Corp. Kyle wrote: "I'll learn the location of my assignment sometime in September and leave in November." Good luck!

**Russell and Sarah Nichols Kohrs** have moved into their first home, in the Shenandoah Valley, after months of demolition, renovation, and addition. They have a huge garden, berry patches, and two puppies. Reach them at 1748 Cave Ridge Rd., Mt. Jackson, VA 22842.

On July 2 **Andrea Jorjorian**, <ajorjorian@yahoo.com>, married Joseph E. Twomey III, "the love of my life," she says. "Not only was the weather perfect, but we also were surrounded by our closest family and friends (including several alumni)!" Andrea is in a physician assistant program at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

**Mark A. Matienzo**, <mark@thesecretmirror.com>, moved to the Washington, DC, area to join the National Anthropological Archives at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. **JOY BISHOP LOVE**, P O Box 566, Westfield Center, OH 44251, <joybishop22@hotmail.com>.

**2002 Cara Weiser** and Devin Keithley (a George Washington U and Bucknell grad) live in Arlington, VA, with their two cats. Cara left the Brookings Institution to become the new annual giving specialist for the DC area Girl Scout Council, and Devin works for the World Bank. Find Cara at <carajanine@mac.com>.

**Tony Springer** has been out of touch: "I've gotten married, and we had our first child, daughter Emily, in April." Reach Tony by e-mail, <anthony.springer@gmail.com>.

**Kimberly Christensen** lives in New Hampshire and works as a cor-

porate travel coordinator at a technology firm in Chelmsford, MA. On Apr. 30 she married Joel DiGregorio. She writes, "**Robin Ragsdale**, Jenn Pock '01, and **Laura Kriska** were bridesmaids. **Courtney Anson**, **Miriam Esber**, **Alec More**, Konah Duche '03, and Maria Streng '05 also attended. It was a great celebration." Send congrats to <kimberlyc@traininghott.com>.

**Robyn Kocher**, <robynmelanie@gmail.com>, now is the marketing manager for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

In May *Crain's Cleveland Business* did a short profile of Cleveland Heights resident **Meghan Wills**. Meghan works as a fundraiser for a local nonprofit.

**Sara Austin**, <sara.austin@dvnc.com>, still resides in Oklahoma City. She was offered a full-time geologist position with Devon Energy, effective when she gets her master's. She writes, "I'll try hard to find undiscovered oil and gas fields to bring those prices down! I'm also starting a consulting business with Arbonne International, an all natural, botanically-based skin care line featured on 'Oprah'."

**Dave Miller** and **Jaime Wolfe** got married in January (see photo, p. 38) in Kittredge Hall. Jaime writes, "It was wonderful to have so many Wooster folks celebrating the momentous day. I teach second grade in the Philadelphia public schools and love it! I'm also a graduate student at the U of Pennsylvania, pursuing a degree in early childhood education and literacy. Dave is studying for a Ph.D. in computational biophysics at Drexel U. He earned a master's last year. we enjoy living just a couple of blocks from the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Any alumni in the area, please look us up, at <millerdj@srexel.edu> or <jaimelwolfe@yahoo.com>."

In Accra, Ghana, **Estella Anku** married Isaac Kidd '00 (see photo, p. 42).

**MAREN L. MILLER**, 326 Piney Creek Dr., Blacklick, OH 43004, <marenmiller@netscape.net>.

**2003 Jennifer Rodda** is teaching pre-K (4-year-olds) at Dublin (Ohio) Prep



Academy. She has a new address, 7805 Heathermoor Dr., Columbus, OH 43235.

**Rebecca Knight**, <bekasaje@yahoo.com>, married Eric Flowers ("not the one who graduated from Wooster") on June 25 and started graduate school at the U of Pittsburgh in speech and language pathology.

**Ryan Hartschuh** received a graduate research fellowship from the National Science Foundation, one of 11 awards presented nationally in his field of condensed matter physics. Ryan is in the U of Akron's polymer science department working on plastic and rubber-like substances used for advanced technological applications.

**Barbara Patrick and Gabe Thompson** were married on June 18 in Canton. Barbara writes, "We both teach in New York City, in the Bronx. I'm with Teach for America, and Gabe works with the New York City teaching fellows. We live in a tiny but comfy apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Send e-mail to <gabrieltt@gmail.com> or <bejthompson@yahoo.com>."

**Melissa Santas** is a portfolio manager at Karpus Investment Management in Rochester, NY.

**Bisma Loan**, <bismaloan@gmail.com>, graduated in May from Baylor U with an M.A. and moved to New York. She says, "I worked for a while with the Pakistan Mission to the UN, which I loved — living out my international relations dream! Sadly that came to an end, and I joined NYC in parks and recreation." Bisma enjoyed seeing everyone at Gabe and Barbara's wedding.

**Gabe Leifer** enjoys his work as a systems engineer with one of New York State's largest computer networks. He also joined a band that plays around the area. Gabe notes, "The big event in my life occurred on July 21, 2003, when my son, Drew, was born. If anyone feels like catching up, reach me at <loweratmfees@yahoo.com>."

**Sharonica Raglin Cleveland**, <sharonicacleveland@hotmail.com>, is married to Lawrence Cleveland and lives in Dallas. She says, "We're an outgoing couple



The wedding of Ryan Banach '98 and Amelia Hankin, July 17, 2004. (Back row, left to r) Travis Snyder, Yael Moore Snyder, Chaya Cashin, '99s, Margi Hazlett '02, Brooke Abernethy-Braun, Adrian Braun, '98s, bride, groom, Kathy Ward '98, Sara-Becca Smith '99, Jessica Critchlow '01, Ethan Williams, Colin Hartnett, '03s, Ryan Lewkowski '98; (Middle) Danielle Baughman '99, Lesley Hankin '04; (Front) Kassie Arnold, Jenny Schroeder, Kate Allender, Meg Hall, Kate Messer, '99s, Jane Shull, Erin Skinner, '04s, Ryan Catteau, Pat Kreider, '98s

and would love to show you around. I'm trying to reach **Erika Miller**."

Note **Marta's** new e-mail address. **HANNAH RUSSELL**, 99 John St. Apt. 810, New York, NY 10038, <hwr203@nyu.edu>; **KENDRA HEFFELBOWER**, 3127 11th St. NW, Washington, DC 20010, <kheffebower@yahoo.com>; and **MARTA ZABOROWSKI UKROPINA**, 800 W. 38th St. Apt. 4204, Austin, TX 78705, <Martau@grandecom.net>.

**2004** In May **Jimmy Ellinger**, <kappa.centauri@gmail.com>, and **Eliot Fackler** finished 100 miles of the Tour of the Scioto River Valley bike tour in Ohio. "It was grueling but fun," Jim says, "and we hope to do it again." Jimmy lives in Chapel Hill, NC, with Matt Thurman '05 and works at the Thurston Arthritis Research Center.

**Lari Meyer** moved to Chapel Hill last August: "I recently moved into a house with my sister, Keili Meyer '03, and a few friends. I work with an orthopaedic surgeon at Duke Sports Medicine. I spend my time between the operating room, patients in the clinic, and research projects, including those of medical residents and fellows. Keili and I love it here, so please come visit. Reach me at <larimeyer@hotmail.com> or <meyer049@mc.duke.edu> and Keili at <keiliann@hotmail.com> or <kmeyer@med.unc.edu>."

**Jackie Zagrans** and David Merriman '05 can be found at 10115 Old Orchard Ct. Apt. 1C, Skokie, IL 60076.

**Eliza Cramer** spent last year as a Writing Center intern at the College. In July she started an M.Div. program at Princeton Theological Seminary.

From Kentucky **Colleen Call** wrote in July, "After 10 months of serving my country by yelling 'Spirit, Discipline, Purpose, Pride' on Copley Square in Boston, I retired my City Year (Americorps) jacket to return to my home state. My year with Americorps tested my understanding of life after Wooster. Officially, I worked as a service learning coordinator for middle schoolers in Boston. I have no problem admitting, though, that much energy went into understanding what a 'diverse working environment' really meant.

"Living at my parent's bed and breakfast in Frankfort was an entertaining way to spend the summer. (Anyone looking for an adorable place to experience Kentucky's charm should definitely look up Meek House Bed and Breakfast. I recommend the blueberry pancakes.) I head back to school this fall at the U of Kentucky to take classes toward a master's in secondary education."

**Michael Himes** resides in NYC and works for Cline Davis and Mann in account services. He's also in a band on Anvil Entertainment Records. "I'm open to people contacting me about Pharma, advertising, indie music labels, and living in the city," <mhimmes@clinedavis.com>."

**Rachel Glickel** writes, "Feeling my way as a non-student and figuring out my identity in the real world — refreshing and surprisingly chal-

lenging. I'm having a blast living in Athens, Ohio though. I just finished an Americorps program, working with at-risk youth. I married Carson Bennett '03 on Aug. 27 in Boston on the beach. I plan to run the Nike Women's Marathon in San Francisco in October with **Sarah Drewes** and **Maren Mayer**. Then Carson and I head to Africa with the Peace Corps."

**Amy Clark** misses "old Wooster" but is doing well in Lafayette, CO. She's signed up for a second year of Americorps with the I Have a Dream Foundation.

**Nathan Collins** worked in Alaska this summer but resides in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and does volunteer relief work for the Free Burma Rangers along the border.

**Laurajeanne Cerniglia** lives on the south side of Pittsburgh. She performs at night and teaches drama in inner-city schools during the day. Laurajeanne works for the Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theatre and Sewickley Sweetwater Center for the Arts. Contact her at <ljboud@yahoo.com>.

"Since moving to Denver, I've climbed to the summit of four of the highest peaks in the lower 48 states," **Joseph Kuhns** says. Each is over 14,000 ft. above sea level."

**Samantha Ferm** returned from five weeks of volunteering in Ghana and headed off to an orphanage in Santiago, Chile, for six months.

Note my (**Sarah's**) new address. **SARAH SIEBERT**, 7632 Clark St., Olmsted Falls, OH 44138, <ssiebert@wooster.edu>.



**2005** Hider House girls had a reunion to celebrate the marriage of **Tracy "Trassy" DiBiasio** and Stephen Noga on Aug. 13 in Westlake, Ohio. In attendance were **Alexandra Curley, Rebecca Hicks, Aubrey LoCascio, Courtney Miller, Julia Smith, Elizabeth Yuko, and Michelle Durham**. They partied at Dave and Buster's — a great time!

**Matt Foulds** writes, "My avant-jazz band, which includes **Andrew Waldman** and **David Drake**, was signed to Blue Note records. Our first album will be out in December, with a European tour to follow."

**Lauren Gilbert** has a job in Atlanta, working for an investment company, Well's Real Estate Funds.

**Kathy Haines** traveled to China with the Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra in June. In high school, Kathy played in that orchestra. The group performed in Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Wuzhen, Hefei (sister city to Columbus), and Hong Kong. See more at <www.dispatch.com/china>.

**Mindy Horst** entered the chemistry Ph.D. program at the U of Arizona (in Tucson) this August. She lives with **Liz Lucarelli**, a student in audiology at the U of A.

**Annie Kissling** started graduate studies at the S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse U. She's in an intensive master's program in photography. In August she visited another art major, **Julie Tift**, at Julie's family's house in Skaneateles, NY.

**Matt Linman** moved to Chapel Hill, NC, along with James Ellinger '04. Matt worked in the chemistry department at UNC this summer



The wedding of Colleen Dunn '99 and Joshua Halpern, Mar. 12, 2005. (Left to r) Katherine Geldrich Turnbull '99, Carrie Sekerak '00, groom, bride, Sheana Balasuriya Cross, Sarah Weimann Stein, '99s

and started a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry there. Stop by, Matt says: 1100 W. Hwy. 54 Bypass, Apt. 46, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. Reach him at <mclinman@email.unc.edu>.

Some short takes: "I was hired by Sprint in St. Louis," **Eric Seling** writes. **Jeffry Liptak** moved to Seattle and works as a design consultant for Roche-Bobois. **Sula Hood** moved to Nashville to do research at Meharry Medical College and pursue a Ph.D. The College residence life office hired **Joshua Nowack** as an area coordinator for first-year centers. In May **Bobby Vega** joined the Cleveland Browns as a scouting assistant. **Charles Van Gombos** works at Fidelity Investments as a benefits specialist.

**Douglas Palmer** is based in Charlottesville, VA, working for the Young Democrats. He's trying to get Tim Kaine and others elected.

**Shoshana Raskas** is a research analyst with the labor union, UNITE HERE, in Palm Springs, CA. She's working on a campaign to organize casino workers.

**Brittany Wellner** spent the summer living in Xi'an, China, teaching English to Chinese high school students. She and her room-

mate of four years, **Meaghin Kennedy**, had a vacation in Prague and Budapest in June. Brittany plans to enter the University of London for a master's in Chinese studies.

Before Meaghin moved to DC to attend graduate school at George Washington U, she and **Emily Ryan** visited DC and Baltimore. Meaghin later visited **Melisa Kundracik, Michael Ruttinger, Emily Pagano, and Christopher Bender** in Ohio. **Kelley Hubbell, Ashley Hecker, Erica Frazier-Young, Allison Mione, Julie Tift, and Mary Risley** also did some traveling after graduation (see photo, below).

**Kait Remenaric, Nicole Greene, Kaitie Ross, and Chris Petronio** all moved to NYC this summer. Kait Remenaric started fashion school.

**ELIZABETH PEEBLES**, 7914 Central Park Cir., Alexandria, VA 22309, <egpeebles@aol.com>.

## Births & Adoptions

'00 To Brian and **Katherine Varney Ritchie**, a son, Jack Nicholas, June 6, 2005

'99 To Jeff '98 and **Heidi**

**Cloughly Bird**, a daughter, Alyssa Jacqueline, July 11, 2005, joining sister Ainsley (2)

'99 To Anthony and **Ruth Kyle Hall**, a daughter, Bronwyn Lillian, Mar. 9, 2005

'99 To **Jeremy and Katherine Rath-Coursey Siefker**, a daughter, Emma Kate, June 2005

'97 To Peter '95 and **Tricia K. Smith James**, a daughter, Emily Keene, July 18, 2005

'93 To Stan '92 and **Katherine Lederer Aukamp**, a daughter, Emily Kay, Jan. 31, 2005, joining sis-

ters Sarah (6) and Jillian (3)

'91 To **Scott** and **Brenna Palmer**, a daughter, Kaleigh Anne, July 13, 2005

'89 To **Becky Mellinger** and Nikos Tzetos, a daughter, Clio Sophia, Mar. 25, 2005, joining sister Thalia

'88 To Mark and **Heather Duncan Simpson**, a son, Evan Duncan Simpson, July 19, 2004

## Obituaries

'82 **Peter Renfrew**, Coshoc-ton, Ohio, Mar. 15, 2005. Peter earned an M.S. at Wright State U (1990). He worked as a counselor with the common pleas court in Dayton, the Children's Home in Xenia, and Timken Mercy Hospital in Canton. His parents, Tracy and Joyce Kempf '47 Renfrew survive.

'70 **J. Stewart Simonds**, Wooster, Apr. 5, 2005. Stewart co-owned Photography Unlimited in Wooster (1970-96) and was a former Wayne County Park Commissioner. He flew an antique J-3 Cub airplane and led fishing charters in Lake Erie for 10 years. Also a talented metal sculptor, he restored the statue of Abraham Lincoln for the College and participated in its dedication in 1999. Created in Stewart's Windfall Forge studio, his art was featured in several exhibits. His wife of 27 years, Dulcie Wynn Simonds, and a brother survive.

'68 **Carolyn J. Mantek**, New York City, NY, Feb. 9, 2005, unexpectedly. A member of Trumps and the Campus Christian and Student Government Associations, Carolyn majored in religious studies and took part in the Wooster-in-India program. She earned an M.S. in early childhood education at Bank Street College in 1974 and married Peter Geldrich the next year.

Carolyn taught elementary school in Manhattan and Congers, NY. She participated in several community groups, such as the Mother's Center of Rockland County, and theatre and music activities. Her husband, daughter Katy Mantek Turnbull x'99, son, and two siblings survive. Mary Beth Neely '69 writes, "Carolyn was a dear friend, especial-



Celebrating atop Mt. Cardigan, New Hampshire. (From left) Kelley Hubbell, Ashley Hecker, Erica Frazier-Young, Allison Mione, Julie Tift, Mary Risley, '05s



ly in the years after college — a talented and dedicated teacher, a warm, caring friend, and a loving wife and mother. She died 10 days before her daughter was married.”

**'59 R. Frederick Smith,** Westerville, Ohio, Apr. 6, 2005. At the College, he played football and belonged to Seventh Section. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, a buyer at Rubbermaid, and later the production manager at Denison Hydraulics. Frederick enjoyed bowling and golf. He belonged to Central College Presbyterian Church and attended Iberia Presbyterian. His wife of 29 years, Barbara, nine children, 20 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren survive.

**'57 David Bryce Anderson,** Shelburne, Ontario, Canada, Feb. 19, 2005. David majored in economics and was a member of Seventh Section. He served in the U.S. Army at Fort Meade, MD, where he managed the golf course. David then moved to Montreal and worked at branches and the head office of the Royal Bank of Canada. He retired after 30 years, having held positions in Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto. David kept in contact with many Wooster friends. His wife, Catherine Russell, and sisters Marguerite Anderson Ritchie '52 and Anne Anderson Williams '55 survive.

**'56 Richard Ho,** Pleasant Grove, UT, May 21, 2003. He majored in biology. A military veteran, Richard worked as a technologist at American Fork Hospital. He was buried in his home state, Hawaii. His wife, Alice, a daughter, two grandchildren, and five siblings survive.

**'55 John M. Ackerman,** Fredericktown, Ohio, Jan. 19, 2005. John majored in geology and belonged to Fifth Section. He completed an M.S. in engineering at Ohio State U and worked for Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Co. in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York. John later opened a geological consulting office in Fredericktown and provided oil well completion services and consulted in hydrology.

He belonged to several professional associations.

A trustee at the Fredericktown First Presbyterian Church, John served multiple terms on the village council, school board, and historical society. His wife of 45 years, Loretta Fancsalszki Ackerman, three children, and brother Phillip '61, survive. A brother, David x'60, and sister died previously.

**x'54 Donald J. Blahnik,** Gibsonia, PA, Mar. 10, 2005. Don wrote for *The Voice* and belonged to Second Section and several musical groups. He completed a B.A. at the U of Pittsburgh (1954) and ran Blahnik & Associates Inc., a Pittsburgh insurance agency. He and his wife, Eleanor Weis Blahnik, played in a musical group called Rainbow Express — she directed and played the keyboard while he sang and played the ukulele. Don enjoyed swimming, genealogy, horses, and “music and humor.” His wife, four children, and 10 grandchildren survive.

**'54 Winslow Drummond,** Little Rock, AR, Apr. 8, 2005. Winslow majored in history at the College and graduated from Duke U's School of Law, where he edited the *Law Review*. He presided over the Greater Little Rock Urban League and the school board, fighting for racial justice in the 1960s. In 1987 he advised federal courts about the problems of school consolidation.

Winslow practiced law for 48 years, 25 with Wright, Lindsey and Jennings and 23 with McMath Woods. He was tough but a gentleman — professional and honest with wide-ranging interests. Judges respected him, colleagues admired him, and juries trusted him. Winslow taught at the U of California Hastings College of Law and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. His wife, Katherine Pace Drummond, seven children, brother Robert K. '61, sister Dorothy Drummond Jarvis '57, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive.

**'53 Herbert Q. Himes,** Mansfield, Ohio, Mar. 17, 2005. Herb first came to the College in 1946, under the Naval V-5 program. He earned

aviator's wings in 1949, served in active duty until 1952, and returned to Wooster to major in mathematics. He belonged to Seventh Section and played baseball and basketball. In 1949 Herb married Patsy Nigh '50. He dedicated 38 years to public education in Mansfield, as a math teacher, school counselor, and principal. In 1960 he earned a master's in school administration at Bowling Green State U.

Herb was an outdoorsman and enjoyed golf. A “charitable individual,” he was actively involved in the Wooster Alumni Association and community groups. At First Presbyterian Church of Mansfield, he served as an elder and usher. His wife, two sons, including B. Thomas '79, three grandsons, including Michael '04, and two brothers survive.

**x'53 Raymond A. Sorensen,** Shingle Springs, CA, Mar. 13, 2005, of heart failure. Ray transferred to Carnegie Mellon U and earned a B.S. (1953) and Ph.D. in physics (1958). After a short time at the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen and at Columbia U, he returned to Carnegie Mellon, where he taught until 1997, chairing the department from 1980 to 1989. Ray's research focused on theoretical nuclear physics. In 2001 Ray and his wife, Audrey, moved to California to be near their daughter. He greatly enjoyed the outdoors — hiking, biking, canoeing, and camping. Audrey died in 2002; a daughter survives.

**'52 Archibald W. Hall,** Bonita, CA, Aug. 24, 2004, of emphysema. Archie married Barbara Ann Minnich '50 in 1950 in Memorial Chapel. He served in the U.S. Army and later earned an M.B.A. from Kent State U. Archie was a production manager with B. F. Goodrich Co. in Akron. He served on the vestry of Christ Church Episcopal in Akron. After moving to California in retirement, Archie presided over the community association and worked on city council task forces. His wife, two children, and several grandchildren survive.

**'52 Robert J. Ingram,** Metairie, LA, Mar. 20, 2005. He

served in the U.S. Army before coming to Wooster, where he majored in geology and belonged to Section Two and the Geology Club. Bob earned an M.S. at the U of Pittsburgh. He worked for Chevron Oil in Louisiana for over 32 years, retiring in 1986. In addition to professional associations, Bob belonged to the Ulster Project of New Orleans, helping Irish youth, and the Jefferson Parish Civic Association. He also was an elder at Parkway Presbyterian Church. Bob's wife, Ruth, four children, a sister, and seven grandchildren survive.

**x'51 John Garver Jr.,** Bethesda, MD, May 22, 2005. John earned a B.S. from the U.S. Military Academy in 1952 and married Meredith Hunter '50 that June. He was a major in the U.S. Army and won several military honors. He earned an M.A. and Ph.D. from Syracuse U and taught earth science at West Point. After retiring from the Army, John was the senior assistant editor and director of cartography at *National Geographic*. He enjoyed golf, tennis, and squash and pursued genealogy. Meredith died in 1985. Four children, a sister, Josephine Garver Bischel '48, and 11 grandchildren survive. Another sister died previously.

**'50 Marjory Helen Bentley,** Fairport, NY, Mar. 22, 2005, of kidney disease. Marjory majored in English, belonged to Keys, and sang in the Wooster choir. In 1956 she earned an M.Ed. from the Columbia U Teachers College. Marjory taught kindergarten and nursery school for 25 years across the U.S. and in places such as Iran and Beirut. She kept in touch with many students. Marjory volunteered at the library, tutored, and was active in the Presbyterian church. Her sister survives.

**'50 J. Chandler "J.C." Campbell,** Sarasota, FL, Apr. 10, 2005. J.C. earned a Ph.D. from Indiana U. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a management consultant to business and industry for many years. J.C. also was an accomplished organist and a member of the American Guild of Organists and



## Family Loss

We sadly report the deaths of four former members of The College of Wooster Board of Trustees. Look for tributes in future issues.

**Helen Armington**, Oct. 3, 2004  
**Henry Luce III**, Sept. 7, 2005

**Elinor L. Erhman '43**, Sept. 10, 2005  
**Patrick S. Parker**, July 6, 2005

Manasota Theater Organ Society. He played the accordion in the Suncoast Mummery String Band. J.C. was a licensed pilot and loved flying. He retired to Sarasota and made several cross-country trips by motorcycle. His son died previously. A daughter, several grandchildren, three siblings, including Jean Campbell Kizilbash '52, and a devoted friend, June Manselle, survive.

**'48 Leland W. Johnson**, Ashland, Ohio, Mar. 4, 2005. Leland attended Denison U and served in the U.S. Army in WWII before coming to Wooster. He married Mary Ellen Baker '48 the summer after graduation. Leland attended Colgate Rochester Divinity School and spent his career with the YMCA, retiring from the Ashland Y as executive director in 1983. He began outreach programs at each facility he served. Leland helped establish the First Baptist Church in Ledyard, CT, where he taught Sunday school. He owned a hobby shop in retirement (1983-89) and belonged to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Toastmasters. Leland also volunteered with the Laubach Literacy program. His wife, three children, six grandchildren, a great-grandchild, and a sister survive. A twin brother died previously.

**'48 Paul Sheldon Johnson II**, Brookfield, WI, Apr. 27, 2005. He fought in WWII with the 503rd Parachute Infantry. Paul majored in chemistry and played Scot football. He married Sarah Jane Smith '47 in 1947 and graduated from Temple U Medical School (1951). Certified in anesthesiology and psychiatry, he was in private practice (1954-84), mostly in Racine, WI. Paul then became chief of psychiatry at the veterans' hospital in Fayetteville, NC, and was on staff at Womack Army Hospital at nearby Fort Bragg. He and Sarah spent time in India as medical missionaries. Sarah, four children, including Eric P. '81, and seven grandchildren survive. A sister died previously.

**'47 Richard E. Caton**, Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 10, 2005. Dick belonged to Sixth Section. He

attended the Indiana U School of Business and worked for Ameritrust Co. for 29 years, retiring as vice president in 1981. He enjoyed gardening and genealogy. Dick was an active member of the Church of the Master (Baptist) and former membership director of the Cleveland Athletic Club. Several cousins survive.

**x'46 Warren S. Hall**, Dallas, OR, Dec. 19, 2004. Warren belonged to Second Section at Wooster. He completed a B.S. at Colorado A & M College (now Colorado State U) and spent his career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the forests of the Southwest. He married Josephine Gonzales in 1954; they had three children. Jo died in 1979. In retirement Warren was a consulting forester, maintained a tree farm, and volunteered with the American Tree Farm System as the district chair. He enjoyed mountain climbing. His wife, Katherine, whom he married in 1980, and children survive.

**'43 Marjorie "Marnie" Thomas Braeunig**, Sandusky, Ohio, May 14, 2005. At Wooster Marnie was involved with YWCA, Women's Athletic Association, Zeta Phi Gamma, Big Four Board, and the Psychology and Sociology Clubs. She worked for the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. and in 1948 married Leo Braeunig. Marnie worked for the Erie Shores Girl Scout Council for 20 years as the field and program director, retiring in 1975. Among other activities, she was a past officer of the Erie County Community Council and a member and group officer at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Leo died earlier this year; two siblings and a grandson also died previously. Five children, 14 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren survive.

**x'43 Roberta Marshall Reed**, Harmony, PA, Aug. 18, 2004. A member of choir and Scot band, Roberta majored in music. She earned a degree in secretarial science at Robert Morris School in Pittsburgh. In 1948 Roberta married

Donald Reed; they had two children. She directed the choir at the English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zelionople, PA, for many years.

**'42 Richard B. Crandell**, Sylvania, Ohio, Mar. 6, 2005. Dick played Scot basketball and majored in math. He married Mabel Tyler in 1947, after serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. He was comptroller and treasurer of Keeshin Transport Systems for more than 25 years. He later became president of the Red-Yellow Cab Co. Dick enjoyed playing golf and cards. His wife, five children, and nine grandchildren survive. Two brothers died previously.

**x'42 Mary Bonsall Mikkelsen**, Mt. Pleasant, CA, Mar. 10, 2005. In 1941 Mary wed James Mikkelsen x'42. For 40 years she was the office manager for the family greenhouse business, Mikkelsen Inc., in Ashtabula, Ohio. Mary and Jim retired to South Carolina, where they belonged to Beaufort Presbyterian Church. After Jim died in 2001, Mary moved to Mt. Pleasant, closer to her family. Sons James Jr. '67 and Edward '71 survive, in addition to several grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**'41 Robert S. Ricksecker**, Galion, Ohio, Feb. 10, 2005. Bob wrote a column for *The Voice* and majored in political science. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during WWII in the Philippines and Japan. Bob graduated from the Western Reserve U College of Law (1948) and became a partner in the firm of Moulton, Ricksecker, Wagner, and Hoover.

During the Civil Rights Movement, he went to Mississippi to register voters. He also led a fight against banning politically sensitive books from the Galion School Library in the 1950s. Bob presided over Planned Parenthood of North Central Ohio and served on the school board, among other civic activities, and belonged to First Presbyterian Church. Surviving are his

wife of almost 55 years, Jean Smeltz Ricksecker '42; sons Peter Lawrence x'66 and J. Cleve '75; daughter M. Ann x'73; eight grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a sister, Margaret Ricksecker Baxter '34.

**'40 Lucy Ormond Johnson**, Ashtabula, Ohio, Mar. 3, 2005. Lucy majored in biology and worked as a research technician at Abbott Labs in Chicago after graduation. In 1942 she married C. Byron Johnson '36, a doctor in the U.S. Navy. After raising their children, Lucy earned a degree in education at Kent State U and taught at Happy Hearts Schools in Kingsville for seven years. The Johnsons enjoyed traveling and sailing. Byron, four children, brothers Allen Ormond '50 and David M. Ormond x'45, and six grandchildren survive. A brother died previously.

**'40 Wilson Gault Newell**, Brighton, MI, Feb. 13, 2005. A biology and chemistry major, he played in the Scot band. Wilson earned an M.D. at Northwestern U and served in the medical corps in Okinawa during WWII. He married Ilene Vuolle in 1948. Wilson worked as a radiologist, diagnosing and treating cancer patients. He enjoyed time at the family's summer cottage, fishing, chopping wood, and playing horse-shoes, and he loved to snowmobile and cross country ski. Wilson belonged to the Community Unitarian Universalist Church. His wife, four children, including Derrick W. '72, and four grandchildren survive.

**'40 William K. White**, Fullerton, CA, Jan. 17, 2005. Bill majored in chemistry and belonged to First Section. He was a retired colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps as well as a retired assistant vice president for financial planning at First Interstate Bank of California.

**x'39 Catherine Coppes McDonald**, Nappanee, IN, Jan. 14, 2005. At Wooster Cate especially enjoyed the mentorship of music professor Eve Richmond, who persuaded Cate's parents to allow her a summer in New York City. Cate studied voice there with Erno



## 'A beacon of light': Remembering Helen K. Osgood

Helen Kaslo Osgood, Michael O. Fisher Professor of History, Emerita, died in Wooster on May 24, 2005, at the age of 84. Born in Minneiska, Minnesota, Professor Osgood graduated from the Western College for Women (Oxford, Ohio) in 1942 and spent the next two years as an instructor in history at the Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Massachusetts. She earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in American history in 1947 and 1954, respectively, from the University of Minnesota. From 1947-49 she taught at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

In 1951 Helen accepted an appointment to Wooster's department of history, where, for the next 34 years, she taught the American history survey course, Colonial American history, Revolution and Constitution, and Indians and Other Americans and supervised Independent Study projects in early American history. Over the years, she also taught Introduction to Liberal Studies, Freshman Colloquium, and Freshman Studies (forerunners of the current First-Year Seminar). She was a charter member of the staff of Education 100, a bold interdisciplinary course that has been required of all public school teaching candi-

dates at the College since 1970.

Mrs. Osgood retired from the faculty in 1985 but remained active in College and community affairs: she was a long-time member of the Wayne County Peacemakers, presided with distinction over Classics Club, and supported the Chamber Music Series of the Wayne Center for the Arts (now sponsored by the College) from its inception. Her husband, Ernest S. Osgood H'83, died in 1983. A brother, Max Kaslo, of Phoenix, Arizona, four nieces, and two nephews, survive, as well as many grateful students, appreciative colleagues, and loving friends.

Helen Osgood was a model student and a consummate teacher. In 1951 she described her professional aim in these modest words: "To be the best kind of history teacher my abilities allow." And so she was! Daniel F. Calhoun, chair of the history department in 1970, wrote in her annual teaching evaluation: "She gives a marvelous lecture. She has a rich, resonant voice, a deep understanding of her subject, and a fervor for communicating that understanding to students. Humor, drama, compassion, pathos, wit — her lectures have them all."

Younger colleagues in the department listened with envy as students raved about Dr. Osgood's courses; those junior faculty members must have realized that the bar of excellence in teaching had been set very high indeed. Helen insisted that each student give the most of which he or she was capable. Lack of preparation, slipshod reasoning, or inept writing were simply unacceptable. Helen's I.S. advisees had her complete attention — and she expected theirs in return.

She exacted the utmost commitment to the topic at hand, as did her husband, an historian of the American West, who advised a few Wooster senior history majors each year after retiring from the University of Minnesota. Several genera-



tions of students treasure memories of rigorous and exhilarating I.S. conferences with one or the other of the Osgoods. It is indeed fitting that following her husband's death, Helen established a scholarship fund in both of their names, a gift for students that bore the highest expectations of academic performance.

Helen was also an impassioned scholar. For her the meaning of history did not reside only in raw data,

## Unforgettable adventures with 'a wonderful woman' — friend

For many years, Helen Osgood spent her summers in a small cabin on Alice Creek in Montana, not far from the spot where Meriwether Lewis crossed the Continental Divide on his trip East in 1806. Montana was a special place for Helen's husband, Ernest, a historian of the West. But Helen also drew great joy from the endless sky, rolling mountains and stone-cold streams. Each spring, when classes ended, the Osgoods and their dachshund, Rex, would pack up and abandon Ohio for Montana's splendor. Our paths crossed there on two occasions. They produced memories of a wonderful woman I will never forget.

The first occurred during the

summer of 1967. I was living 30 miles outside Helena, in the mountains of the Helena National Forest, tending to a family with four small children while squeezing in I.S. research on my days off. Ernest Osgood was my adviser, and I had picked a topic that captivated us both: the newspapers published in Montana's gold-mining camps in the late 1800s. I had exaggerated my qualifications to land the babysitting job (actually I had no qualifications whatsoever) in order to have a roof over my head, a car at my disposal, and blissful days reading microfilm at the Montana Historical Society.

On one especially chaotic afternoon, the Osgoods showed up for a

visit to our mountain lair. Mr. Osgood (I could never call him anything else) immediately became engrossed in the history of the tiny gulch in which we lived. A half-century before, he had fished and hiked this valley as a young high school teacher in Helena. His stories of those days captivated my employer, leaving me to ride herd on the kids, even more rambunctious with this tall female stranger as an audience. I raced around, plucking the seven-year-old from the roof of a shed, snagging the baby before she tumbled headlong into the creek, broke up several fights, staunching lots of blood, all the while keeping up a non-stop game of "Mother May I?"

in which Helen cheerfully hopped backward, took eight giant steps, and flapped her arms to the kids' glee.

As the afternoon waned and it came time to say goodbye, Mr. Osgood said his farewells from the porch of our house, oblivious to the cacophony that had raged for hours outdoors. I escorted my visitors to their car, sad to see them go so soon. As she opened the car door, Helen Osgood pulled me aside. "Quick. Jump in!" she said, frantically motioning into the car. "I'm afraid you'll never see Wooster again."

I did, of course. The world lost one babysitter in perpetuity, but my love for Montana — and Helen Osgood — was cemented that sum-



## od history, emerita

nor did she view the study and craft of history as academic sleights of hand. She delved beneath the surface of mere fact in search of the sights and smells and pulse of life in Colonial America and spent two study leaves (1961-62 and 1969-70) tracing the footsteps of colonial settlers in New England and in the South-eastern states. During both leaves she wove art and artifacts into her sense of the past, returning to the campus with photographs of architecture, furniture, and textiles and with vivid accounts of documents from the Colonial period. (Earlier in her career, of course, she had become a part of the coursing energy of the American West. The many summers she shared with her husband near Helena, Montana, sharpened and intensified that vital attachment.)

Helen believed that practicing history was nothing less than a moral undertaking of ultimate consequence and urged her students to recognize that the past has palpable lessons for both the present and the future which we ignore at our peril. At mid-century, as civilization advanced from one major catastrophe to the next (for instance, the Cold War, the Korean Conflict, the

war in Viet Nam) Helen's hopes for humankind and for global peace moved from fervent concern to doubt and thence to a deeply grounded pessimism. Nonetheless, in her later years she found great nourishment in friendships with faculty colleagues and former students and was energized by new curricular developments on campus. Who among us will ever forget her presentations in the early 1970s on Anna Ahkmatova and Anzia Yezierska, lectures which quickened our determination to create a Women's Studies program at the College?

Helen spent her last years savoring the beauty of the natural world (she was a familiar sight, striding across Bowman Street, up Beall Avenue, and down Cleveland Road) and yielding to the power of music and art. She never gave up on history, although she may have come to regard it from a rueful distance.

I will always prize the memory of her thoughtful intellect, her uncompromising integrity, and her deep, infectious laugh. She will remain a beacon for all who knew and loved her.

— Deborah P. Hilty  
Professor of English, emerita



Walter Hill '71 on graduation day with Osgood (center) and his mother

### 'Dr. Osgood put me on course'

I loved Helen Osgood. I may have been her first Black senior I.S. history student. As a sophomore I thoroughly enjoyed her courses. I was a Black Student Union leader and became interested in the Black Power Movement of the day. My junior I.S. adviser, James Hodges, recommended Dr. Osgood to serve as my senior adviser, and she agreed.

I experienced a wonderful year with Dr. Osgood. We picked each other's brains to come to some idea of what the Black Revolution was about. We spent countless hours together — in class, in her office, on campus, at her home. I remember going with her whenever she took her dachshund for walks. Her husband could not do those walks anymore; he was some twenty years older than she.

I wanted to pursue graduate studies in history. Dr. Osgood arranged for me to study under a former student of hers who was a professor at Northern Illinois University. I went there for the master's degree and became a radical history student, because the Northern Illinois history department in those days clearly stood on the left. I went on to earn a Ph.D. at University of Maryland, College Park. Helen Osgood put me on course.

Whenever I returned to Wooster, I had to see three people: Ted Williams (chemistry, emeritus), Dr. Viola Startzman (retired health center director), and Helen Osgood. Four years ago, when my son, Matthew, was looking at schools, we visited Wooster. I went to see Helen in a retirement center. Alzheimer's disease had set in, but she knew exactly who I was. We had a lovely moment. — Walter B. Hill Jr. '71

## ient and former student Susan Stranahan shares a few escapades

mer. Long afterward, she delighted in recounting our afternoon on that mountainside.

Several years passed before I finally made it to Alice Creek. My Wooster roommate and intrepid post-college traveling companion, Judy Kraseman Meade '68, and I arrived at the Osgoods' cabin late one afternoon. We unloaded our tent, and Helen immediately steered us to what she proclaimed was "the perfect camp site" — a soft, grassy bank beside the creek, where she often sat on a log and read. The three of us pitched the little tent as Mr. Osgood watched without saying a word. Later, after Judy and I had settled into our sleeping bags, we were

enchanted by the sound of beavers slapping their big tails in the water. Soon, however, came the unfortunate realization that a creek bank might not be the best spot in which to sleep. By morning, we had no doubt. Soaked to the bone, we clambered out of the tent and decamped. This time Mr. Osgood chose the spot — in a meadow, far from the water.

That evening, Ed, the rancher who owned the cabin, joined us for dinner, which Helen cooked on the old woodstove. Judy and I had stopped at Yellowstone enroute to visit the Osgoods, and the subject of rogue grizzly bears came up over dessert. "You know what they do with them, don't you?" Ed asked us.

"The rangers trap them and haul them up to the head of the Alice Creek and let 'em loose." For good measure, Mr. Osgood volunteered: "They've been busy this summer."

We may have been dry that night, but sleep didn't exactly come quickly. Each rustle of the tent sounded distinctly like the snuffle of a hungry bear. Judy eventually dozed off, but I lay awake waiting for The End. Finally, after what seemed like hours, I decided the noise wasn't a bear, but a loose tent flap. I crawled outside, re-staked the tent, and discovered a sky so huge and crammed with stars that I was mesmerized. Forgetting the prospects of becoming bear bait, I wandered across the meadow,

oblivious of everything but the heavens. Then I heard a noise and saw a blurred shadow moving toward me. Afraid to run, I stood my ground, hoping a scream might at least summon help. Even before we collided, I realized I had nothing to fear. The "bear" was Helen Osgood, blackened flashlight in hand, as enraptured with the skies as I had been. Eyes fixed to the heavens, she never saw me until she backed right into me. "I was coming out to check on you," she said, recovering her balance — and dignity. "Come on," she said, "let's walk." For the next hour or two, we strolled side by side, heads craned upward, marveling at the spectacle above us. — Susan Q. Stranahan '68



Balogh and gained an artistry that she never lost. She sang in the Women's Chorus at Wooster.

Cate married Walter McDonald in 1947. She was honored both for her many years as choir director and organist at Nappanee Presbyterian Church and for her performances at Nappanee Civic Theatre. Cate's family describes her as "a poet, an actress, and a loving, encouraging person." When deafness robbed her of the ability to enjoy music, she wrote about her experience and taught sign language to schoolchildren. A stepson died previously. Her husband survives, as do sons Brian '70 and Malcolm x'72 and stepson Robert McDonald x'62.

**'39 Dorothy Ann "Sid"**

**Meyer**, West Alexandria, Ohio, Apr. 12, 2005. Dorothy earned a graduate degree at the U of Illinois and was a U.S. Army recruitment officer in New York and New Jersey during WWII. She then worked at a Methodist mission in Hawaii before returning to Ohio, where she worked for General Motors and the Kroger Co. in Cincinnati. A gourmet cook and avid gardener, Dorothy was a former garden club member. Her sister, Mary, survives. Three brothers died previously.

**'37 Elizabeth "Libby"**

**Thompson Dale**, State College, PA, May 7, 2005. Libby majored in chemistry and biology. She worked briefly as a lab technician in Harrisburg, PA. She married H. Thompson Dale in 1939; he died in 1986. Libby volunteered at the community hospital, food bank, and medical society and taught Sunday school at State College Presbyterian Church, where she was a long-time member. She enjoyed fly-fishing, golf, and playing bridge and loved to cook, sew, and knit. Three children, a sister, Josephine Thompson Simmonds '40, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive. A son, William P. '70, and two brothers died previously.

**'37 Paul H. McClanahan**,

Lakeland, FL, Apr. 25, 2005, of heart failure. Born in Egypt to Presbyterian missionaries, Paul majored in

English. He hitchhiked, traveled by train, and did odd jobs across the U.S. before going to Egypt to visit family. Paul returned to the States and married Ruth Kempton '40, his college sweetheart. He graduated from Union Seminary and served in Egypt for 10 years, presiding over Assiut College there. He later became the chaplain and professor of religion and ethics at Monmouth (IL) College, retiring as professor, emeritus. He marched for civil rights in the 1960s. Paul loved poetry and music and was a choir director, member, and soloist. He was generous with time and resources and able to communicate with people of all ages and walks of life. Surviving are his wife and four children, including Neal x'62, Paul '64, and Alice '67.

**'37 Arthur L. Sadler**, Oster-ville, MA, May 1, 2005. Art majored in history, played the trombone in band and orchestra, and belonged to Section Seven. He served in the U.S. Army in WWII and then worked as the production manager for the *Christian Science Monitor* for 40 years. Art loved to travel and was active in the Highland Light Society of Cape Cod. His wife, Irene Armstrong Sadler, died in 2001, after 60 years of marriage. Three daughters, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive.

**'37 Esther Swift**, East Palestine, Ohio, Dec. 3, 2004. In 1952 Esther earned a master's in math and education at Ohio State U. She taught high school in Irondale (1937-58) and Poland (1958-75), Ohio. Esther belonged to a craft group, a book club, and a literary society. She drove for Meals-on-Wheels and E.I.S.H. (Friends in Sending Help). She also tutored and loved to garden. Esther also served as class secretary for a time.

**'37 Arthur M. Taliaferro**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Jan. 4, 2005. At Wooster Art earned three letters each in football, track, and swimming. Art's wife became ill in his senior year, and he left the College. He returned to take the remaining 16 credit hours and graduate — 34 years later. In 1968 Art

retired from the Cleveland Police Department after 25 years as an officer. He spent the next 13 years teaching criminal justice at Cuyahoga Community College. Art looked forward to renewing friendships at alumni events. His wife, Jane, and two sisters died previously. Survivors include three sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Art's brother, Robert '37, died in June.

**x'37 George W. Winslow**, Monroe, NY, Dec. 6, 2004. George changed his major to music in his sophomore year and left college to perform. He played the saxophone and piano in several groups, including the Sammy Kaye band, and also arranged pieces. George had his own band in Chicago before moving to New York, where he played in a group with his son and daughter-in-law. His wife, Dot, died previously.

**x'36 Walter H. Mason Jr.**, Raleigh, NC, May 31, 2002. Walt ran track and was on the swim team during his year at Wooster. He completed a B.A. at Duke U (1939) and earned a J.D. from the Duke U School of Law (1950). Walt was an attorney for Great Western Insurance Co. and owned and directed Camp Iroquois for Boys.

**x'36 Bernice C. Barlow Stentz**, Cambridge, MD, Apr. 22, 2003. After a year at Wooster, Bernice attended Ohio State U. She married Thomas Stentz in 1938; they had four children. The family moved often, and Bernice volunteered at hospitals wherever they lived. Tom died in 1971.

**'35 Donald W. Falconer**, Adamstown, MD, Apr. 2, 2005. After graduating with majors in physics and math, Don worked for Mackintosh-Hemphill Co. as a machinist and then a production assistant. In the U.S. Army during WWII, he rose from second lieutenant to major, then worked for the U.S. Department of Defense. He became director of engineering research and development. He won several awards for his work and served in an inter-

national organization. Don also was a trustee, deacon, and elder at Frederick Presbyterian Church. His hobbies included home mechanics, bridge, and golf. Don's wife of 56 years, Lydia, died in 1998. Three siblings also died previously. Nieces and nephews survive.

**'35 Elizabeth Bonsall McCorkel**, State College, PA, Feb. 4, 2005. Betty was involved in Student Senate and YWCA and earned honors in her major, history. She married Roy McCorkel '33 in 1936. Betty directed and taught at Swarthmore Presbyterian Church's nursery school. She and Roy developed a wooded hill near Warrior's Mark, PA, and encouraged an intentional community of simple living. Betty earned an M.A. in child development at Bryn Mawr in 1967. She advocated for racial justice, environmental concerns, and global peace. In retirement Betty lived in Foxdale Village, a Quaker community. Her sister, Mary T. Bonsall Mikkelsen x'42, died in March; Roy died in 1966. Three children, Mary Lou McCorkel Rozdilsky '64, Elizabeth McCorkel Jansson '63, and R. James '61, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren survive.

**x'35 Rachel Bonner Penney**, Utica, NY, Jan. 4, 2005. Rachel attended Syracuse Secretarial School and became a legal secretary. She married artist James Penney in 1953; he died in 1982. Rachel served as the president of Kirkland Art Center in the 1970s.

**'34 Ralph S. Cooley**, Tucson, AZ, Oct. 27, 2004. Ralph earned an M.S. at the U of Pittsburgh in 1935 and married Ann Black the next year. He served in the U.S. Navy (1942-45) and then worked as a petroleum geologist and engineer in charge of the West Texas and New Mexico district for Sloan and Zook Co. He wrote about this experience for the *Alumni Bulletin* (Jan. 1938). Ralph later started his own geology business, Cooley and Holcomb. Ann died previously.

**'33 Emily Koester Foster**, Toledo, Ohio, Mar. 10, 2005. She



sang in the Women's Glee Club and choir, participated in Women's Self-Government and YWCA, and worked in the library at the College. Emily earned a master's in library science at Western Reserve U (1934). She worked at the Cleveland and Toledo Public Libraries and the Federal Reserve Bank Library. In 1936 Emily married Edward S. Foster Jr. '35. They settled in Toledo in 1946.

Emily was a 58-year member of Fairgreen Presbyterian Church and sang in the choir. She volunteered with PTA and the local hospital. Emily had a passion for word games and puzzles and was a talented pianist. She is remembered by family and friends as sweet, gentle, and pure-hearted. Surviving are four children, brother David W. Koester '36, 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Ed died in 1995; a sister, Margaret Koester Welty '26, also died previously.

**'33 William A. Ruf**, North Andover, MA, Feb. 26, 2005. He majored in chemistry, participated in the Drama Club, and belonged to Section One. Bill earned a master's from Western Reserve U (1937) and taught high school in Westlake, Ohio, where he met Elizabeth "Bette" Weir '38. They married in 1942. Bill served in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII then took a position in the English department at SUNY-Brockport.

While working on an Ed.D. at the U of Buffalo (earned in 1960), Bill taught English and literature and was the adviser for the yearbook and the senior class. He instilled in his students and his daughters a love for reading and a respect for learning. In 1974 he was named professor, emeritus. An avid sailor, Bill raced weekly. He and Bette loved to travel, especially to Greece. They celebrated their 50th anniversary on the Island of Crete. Bill also enjoyed participating in summer theatre productions. Bette, two daughters, and two granddaughters survive.

**x'32 Agnes Dye Kerr**, North Canton, Ohio, Mar. 29, 2005. Agnes graduated from Kent State U in 1936 and taught school for many years in

Jefferson and Carroll Counties in Ohio. She was a founding member and a deacon of Northminster Presbyterian Church in North Canton. Agnes and her husband, George Kerr '31, managed a 100-acre tree farm, and in 1990 they received a Forest Stewardship Award from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Agnes belonged to First Families of Ohio and the DAR. George and five siblings, including J. Willard Dye '27, Loretta Dye Burt '28, and Helen Dye Batchelder x'37, died previously. Surviving are three children, including William C. '62 and Marcy '65, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**'31 Julia "Judy" Elliott Harris**, Indianapolis, IN, Jan. 30, 2005. At Wooster Judy belonged to the French and International Clubs, played in the orchestra, and played almost every sport offered for women. She met George Harris '33 at Wooster's Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He frequently visited her in the library, where she worked. They married in 1934 during a tornado and ferocious thunderstorm. Judy taught high school French, Latin, and English and supported George in his ministry, as a chorister, Sunday school teacher, youth leader, and pianist. She belonged to Eastern Star and worked for 21 years with youth conferences, among other activities. George died in 2004; three children, four grandchildren, and five great-granddaughters survive.

**x'30 David R. Limbach**, Madison, WI, June 13, 2000. Dave graduated from Western Reserve U. He married Lucille Harris, and they went to WRU's School of Medicine together. The couple had three children. Dave served in the U.S. Army in WWII then worked as a radiologist. He devised a stretcher that an accident victim could stay on during treatment, rather than being shifted from the stretcher to a bed. Dave's wife and sisters Bernice '15, Edith '20, Helen Limbach Talbot '24, and E. Daphne Limbach Notestein '23 died previously.

**'30 Thomas J. Mills**, Arlington, VA, Apr. 6, 2005. Tom majored in economics, earned an M.A. from the U of Pittsburgh (1932), and took further coursework at Yale U. He was an economist for the National Science Foundation in Washington, DC. Tom married Bernice Kryeski in 1938. He enjoyed travel, history, and gardening. He spent 20 years as a docent at the Smithsonian Institution and served as class secretary for many years. Tom was the only '30er to march in the parade at the 70th reunion. Walking, he carried the class banner. His wife and brother, W. Paul '25, died previously; a son survives.

**x'30 Josephine Bowlus Reed**, Beulah, MI, Sept. 18, 2001. Josephine grew up in Pemberville, Ohio, with Bernice Rees Snively, Riess Siebert, and Gladys Swartz Thomas, '30s. At the urging of their Presbyterian pastor, David Deen '18, they all came to the College. Josephine married Mel Reed '30; they had two sons. Mel died previously.

**'25 Regena Stalter O'Donnell**, Needham Heights, MA, Apr. 13, 2005, at age 104. Regena presided over the YMCA and majored in English. She worked as a teacher and bookkeeper. The oldest member of Carter Memorial United Methodist Church, Regena received a life membership from United Methodist Women. She volunteered with the Wrentham State Hospital for Mental Retardation, the Public School Association, and the Girl Scout Council, and sent care packages to families in Norway and Czechoslovakia after WWII.

Regena lived life to the fullest, playing bridge weekly until just before her death. She was involved in the New England Centenarian Study and was featured in a news article last year when she went to the polls to vote. A Fox TV news interview of Regena is up for a New England Emmy. Her husband, David O'Donnell, and sisters Harriet Stalter Romig '30, Martha Stalter Tignor '28, and Helen Stalter '26 died previously. Surviving are two daughters, three granddaughters, and two great-grandchildren.

**x'24 Corinne France Dolbear**, Lorain, Ohio, May 28, 2003. Corinne earned a B.A. at Flora Stone Mather College of Western Reserve U (1923) but always held a fondness for the College, where she belonged to Willard Literary Society. In 1932 she married Calvin Dolbear. The couple owned a food market in Cleveland. Corinne volunteered with the AAUW, school board, and National Audubon Society. Calvin died previously.

## Staff

**Patricia Fitzgerald Lavelle**, administrative assistant for campus ministries, died on Aug. 12, 2005, after a three-month battle with lung cancer. Pat was born in 1950 in Indiana to James and Mildred Pope Fitzgerald. She joined the College in 1998 and thoroughly enjoyed working with students. She was a mentor for Worthy Questions and served on the hourly staff committee. Pat also was a certified laughter leader with Laughter Clubs International.

Surviving are her husband, Tom, whom she married in 1973, children Thomas, Katherine, and Patrick, her mother, and six siblings. Her father and a brother died previously.

On October 14, 2005, students, staff, and faculty gathered on campus to celebrate Pat's life.

**M. Lois Neilson Tait**, a former College employee, died on June 23, 2005. Born near Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Lois graduated from the University of Alberta and took further study at the University of Toronto, the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, and the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, where she met Gordon Tait. They married in 1955.

Lois worked in the Dean of Students' office and Andrews Library. She belonged to Westminster Presbyterian Church, where she was an elder and faithful member of the Women's Gathering. Lois is remembered for her love of flowers and poetry and rich sense of humor. Husband Gordon (religion, emeritus), son Paul, and grandson Neilson survive.



# Family History



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Attending chapel, 1965, when male and female students could sit beside each other in Memorial Chapel.

## Required Reflection

MEMORIAL CHAPEL STOOD witness for almost seventy years, the site of moving sermons by College presidents, clergy, and faculty and speeches by the likes of poet Carl Sandburg. The Class of 1902 first planted the English ivy that eventually covered the exterior.

Students were required to attend chapel services every weekday, sitting in assigned seats, men on one side, women on the other. On Sundays Westminster Presbyterian Church worshipped there, with College students required to attend.

In 1936 students began to question chapel requirements. The obligations relaxed a bit, allowing more "cuts." But it wasn't until 1964 that men and women could sit in the same pew. For the next five years the campus hotly debated mandatory chapel, especially the

finer imposed for cuts.

On June 1, 1969, the College community came together for the last service in Memorial Chapel. Structurally unsound, the building had to be demolished. By the time McGaw Chapel opened in 1971, mandatory chapel was also a thing of the past.

Although they complained mightily while crowded on the hard pews day after day, alumni fondly remember Memorial Chapel. Many couples said their wedding vows under the stained glass windows (one of which is preserved on McGaw's second floor). Wooster graduates often speak of frequent pranks (such as alarm clocks set to go off during chapel talks) and favorite guest speakers as among their fondest College memories.

— Kate Carden '06



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### Be With Us

Oh God,

You were there when the words of peace  
were encoded in the ancient Sanskrit of  
India,

You were there with Ruth, the Moabite  
woman, when the words of love and commit-  
ment and promises were written upon the  
heart,

You were there on the mountain of Horeb,  
in Midian, when Moses heard the words of  
time and justice and freedom,

You were there in the Jordan Valley when  
Deborah sang her songs of praise,

You were there in Bodh Gaya, under the  
Bo tree, when Buddha awoke and knew how  
to withdraw from the world and return to the  
world, filled with enlightenment,

You were there with K'ung Fu-tzu, in  
Shantung, where the gift of humility and  
learning made one man a university,

You were there in Mecca when Muhammed experienced the necessity of submitting  
to the power greater than himself,

You were there at the foot of Olympus when Aristotle gave wisdom to Alexander  
and Western thought began its course,

You were there at the Jordan when all humanity, in the form of Jesus, was declared  
your beloved family, at the upper room and the empty tomb, when love and forgive-  
ness became the covenant force for redemption in the world,

You were there with Indira and Golda, when teachers became prime ministers,

You were there with Jimmy, a man of prayer, who brought together Anwar and  
Menachem, Christian, Muslim, and Jew.

O God, be with us now, in this time and in this place. Bring to our campus community  
all the gifts of your presence, that one day, our children's children might say, God was  
dwelling among them, and they were God's people. Amen.

— *The prayer of invocation on the inauguration of R. Stanton Hales, Ph.D., as tenth  
president of The College of Wooster, September 7, 1996, by The Rev. Carroll C. Meyer,  
D. Min., pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wooster*



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