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The Decisive Role
of Teachers

True Stories

The History
Department



SPRING 1987



Henry Copeland joined Wooster's history department in 1966. He was asked by then-Vice President Fred Cropp '54 to join the College's administration as Associate Dean in 1969. He has been President of the College since 1977. John Corriveau found him in a relaxed mood in his office in Galpin Hall for this photograph.

On the front and back covers stand the rest of the 1986-87 history department in front of Kauke Hall on a breezy March morning. On the front cover, they are, from left to right, Christopher Hill, Karen Taylor, James Hodges, Vivian Holliday, Hayden Schilling, and John Gates.

On the back cover, also from left to right, are Carlos Nelson, Maryann Brink, Daniel Calhoun, Floyd Watts, and John Hondros.

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Veduta del Tempio di Cibele . . .
Giovanni Battista Piranesi (Italian, 1720-1778)
Etching, black on eggshell
From the John Taylor Arms Collection, a Gift of Ward
and Mariam C. Canaday.

Memory's Gift

by Peter Havholm

In quiet contrast to what has gone before, the last chapter of Edward Gibbon's *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* is a meditation on how completely Rome has disappeared. In the Rome of Gibbon's time, the largest portion of the seven hills was "overspread with vineyards and ruins."

Giovanni Piranesi (1720-1778) drew the mossy ruins Gibbon saw, and his visions of a double decay are haunting: Not only are the symbols of empire in ruin; the people who run their wash lines between ancient plinths and graze their goats in the temple yard know nothing of, care nothing for the past. Surrounded by their history, they ignore it.

Are they the worse off?

At the Round Table (where Wooster historians and others gather at lunch—see page fourteen), Gordon Collins of the psychology department mentioned a new diagnostic technique for Alzheimer's disease. He was asked what it would feel like to have the illness. "In the last stages, you'd be terrified," he said. "All the faces in your life, including the one in the mirror, would be the faces of strangers. You would be surrounded, permanently, by the unknown."

I had not before thought of memory as a hedge against fear, but several of you responded to our questionnaires about the benefits of majoring in history by writing of its role in establishing one's individual and social identity. Collins' stark image of the stranger

peering out of the mirror brings it home. Without memory, without history, we are little more than lonely and fearful.

Robert Tignor '55 has been doing history since he was at Wooster and teaching it at Princeton University since earning the Ph.D. at Yale. Currently Chair of his department, he has published five books and numerous arti-



PHOTO BY JOHN CORRIVEAU

William Dannley '72.

cles, often concerned with nineteenth- and twentieth-century Egypt. As has been the case with every alum we've asked to write for us, he took the job out of curiosity and then performed it with verve. The performance is on display beginning at page four.

Sara Patton '67, Vice-President for Development at Wooster, contributes "True Stories: Reality Illumined" (page eleven) this issue. It shows a pleasure in language and character she usually shares with us through a flow of editorial ideas, a tasteful eye, and one of the sharper editorial pencils around. You will enjoy reminiscing with her.

William Dannley '76 is a consultant to the oil and gas industry based in Wooster and a graduate student in journalism at Ohio University. He proves that geologists, like historians, can do anything in his story about dance at Wooster, beginning on page twenty-eight.

John Finn once again shows his flair for connecting Wooster personalities and issues in sports with national headlines. Of course, it didn't hurt that Wooster's Al Van Wie '52 has become a part of policy-making for the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Read all about it starting on page twenty-two.

Tom Ward '86 has spent his first year after graduation working as the News Services Intern, in which position he has composed hundreds of news releases. One result is that

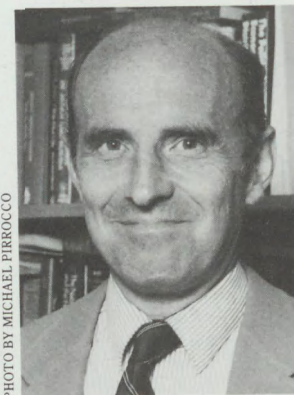


PHOTO BY MICHAEL PIRROCCO

Robert Tignor '55.

he has yet to choose between graduate school in English and a job in journalism. Beginning on page twenty-five, he reports on changes in the lives of some Wooster faculty.

David Albin '87 appears twice in this issue. He happened to be sitting next to Jim Hodges in the Leadership Seminar when John Corriveau took a picture (page fifteen). And he has written a meditation on the value of work-study which resolutely refuses to take itself very seriously. That's on page twenty.

This is the place to thank both photographer John Corriveau for his wonderful work and the members of Wooster's present history department for their cooperation. They gave us much of their time, allowed us to flash bright lights in their classrooms, and went on about their business, which is our subject.

It is also the place to note a historical error in the preceding issue. Harvard University is not 250 years old (as I wrote in a sidebar on Robert Atwell '53 on page seventeen) but 350. My thanks to Cynthia Weiler '80 (whose husband Blake Moore '80—a history major—has just left the NFL for Harvard Law) for drawing the error to my attention.

Win Some, Lose Some

Editor: I read with great interest the two short articles on the Freshman Seminar. I clipped them out so that I could send them to my daughter, Christina, so I will not be able to refer to them directly, but I want to comment that I, as a parent of a Freshman who took part in the seminar this Fall semester, am very pleased with it. My impression of the readings is that they were very good, although I am sure there are other books that would be equally stimulating. The real strength of the seminar was the involvement of Christina and her classmates with faculty in a context outside of their subject areas. I think it is tremendously valuable for young people to interact with scholars in ways that will show that they too wrestle with the trials and tribulations of life, that their thinking is not confined to their limited academic area. Chris got to know at least one professor, not just as an expert in chemistry, but also as a man, albeit a little wiser perhaps, certainly more experienced.

I remember my Freshman year at Wooster in 1956 when we read a number of classics and discussed them and wrote papers about them. I wish we had had the chance also to share our thoughts more directly with the faculty. It would have lifted those readings out of the abstract and into the reality of my world and of theirs. The experience was good for me in the long run, but I think the way the College is doing it now would have made it even better.

I read *Habits of the Heart* this summer and came up to Wooster to hear Robert Bellah speak. Sharing in this experience with Chris was very meaningful, but more importantly, knowing that she was thinking about the dilemma of our modern age and what it may mean for her future was even more valuable.

I hope that the seminar will continue in the way that it is now structured. Judging by the comments in *Wooster* and Christina's reaction, it is the best seminar you have had yet.

Alan W. Boyd '60
Athens, Ohio

And So It Goes

The *idea* of a Freshman Seminar was always a good one. The execution will always exceed its grasp, just as it should.

But as a "distant" disciple of the University of Chicago school, I am comforted by the views of Mark Weaver on the subject. To paraphrase—"let us first attempt to comprehend some of the classical views in order to understand that with which we disagree."

I was a contemporary of Kurt Vonnegut in the "university of General Electric" in the late forties. At that time he was writing some fascinating sci-fi for *Saturday Evening*

Post and others. *Player Piano* novelized, though not as excessively as it sounds, many of the GE Schenectady mores we encountered during that period. It was a comic and useful exposition of its era.

I have never understood why he has not written anything since.

And so it goes. Having opened the Seminar gates, assuming Weaver's advice will not be heard, the Seminar will now be free to pursue the similar talents of, say, Bette Midler, Dr. Ruth and, if the price is right, Oral Roberts — whose subject by then might be titled "A Fate Worse than Life."

Unfortunately, the candidate list expands almost daily.

P.S. Vonnegut should envy much of the writing in this Winter issue. You are performing a service that is wholly worthy of the name and heritage of The College of Wooster.

Arthur W. Cowles '40
Tucson, Arizona

On "Beyond Self-Interest"

May I congratulate you on your thoughtful and sensitive essay in the winter edition of *Wooster*? I notice that a letter in today's *New York Times* carries a similar message; however, your introduction is its own proof of the aims and successes of education—else you could not have thought nor written of the issues.

A brilliant introduction and commentary: may it find the attention it deserves.

Douglas K. Candland
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Do You Publish Only Laudatory Letters?

We are dumbfounded to find ourselves, of all people, aligned with the reactionary elements. All other alumni seem to consider the new *Wooster* a big improvement over the old *Wooster Alumni Bulletin*. Or do you publish only laudatory letters?

Well, you probably won't publish this one, though it would be interesting to see if anyone out there agrees with us. But since it is written by alumni supporters of forty years' standing, read and consider its contents.

For starters, Rod[Williams '48]'s scenic cover pictures on the old *Bulletin* spoke Wooster to us, awakening fond memories. The new *Wooster* has a face on it. How original! A face on a magazine cover!! It blends with all the other magazines on the coffee table! The new magazine has lost its look of distinction.

Secondly, perhaps dropping "Alumni Bulletin" from the title was a wise move. It no

longer seems to be a magazine for alumni. What does an old grad (to whom the College looks for support) look for first in the magazine? Class News, of course. What's happening with the people at Wooster? Then he leafs through the College news. Lastly, he turns to the articles.

Finally (and this has bothered us for a decade), what is the excuse for a year's elapsing between the time news is submitted and when it is printed? In a quarterly magazine, alumni news should make the next issue (and once did!). Now, class news items have become stale and dusty before they are printed. I was embarrassed, when asked by the family to submit an obituary, that it did not appear for six months. Last August I sent in an address correction and some class news. It still has not appeared in the (February) magazine.

Lest we be written off as total reactionaries, the articles are more diverse and interesting than they used to be.

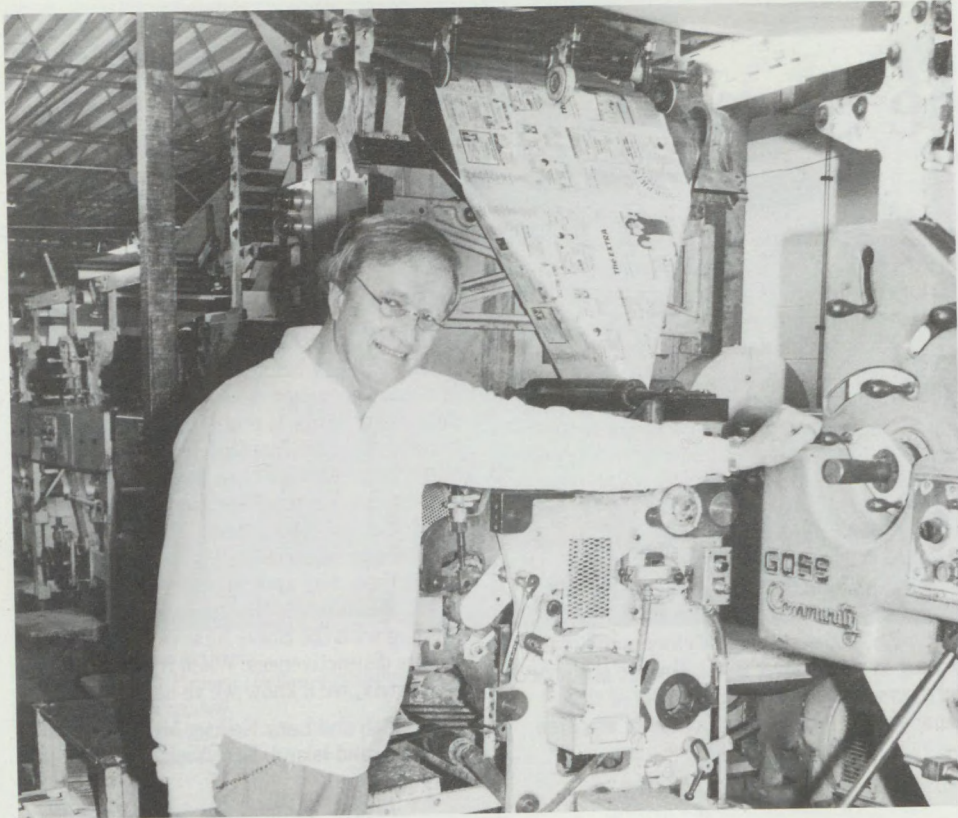
Perhaps the *Wooster* new look is in keeping with the *Brave New World*, but it's lost its distinctiveness. When it gets printed in dot matrix, we'll know we've had it!

Bob and Lucy Kellogg Mehl '48s
Grand Island, New York

In fact, "Letters" has featured several unfavorable comments about Wooster. We tend to print all we get; mail is a sign that people are paying attention. For the first time this issue, because of the size of "Class Notes," we have had to keep back four letters for next time. Readers must wait until then to learn who was really having dinner in Babcock in which year and the identities of the skater and her audience and some of the snow blockade builders.

If a note comes in after deadline, it could be nearly six months until it arrives back at your mailbox in print; that is the nature of quarterly publication with a small staff. And there can be other delays. Class Secretaries do a wonderful job, but we cannot expect them to make us the first priority in busy lives. In the "Notes" this issue are events probably first reported last December in Christmas letters—and which may have occurred months before that. But since much of the information in the "Notes" is about new jobs, promotions, address changes, the births of children and grandchildren and other events of long-term significance, this seems not to be a real difficulty. They are "Class Notes," after all, not "Class News."

Since the address correction you sent was made to College records (you get Wooster), we think we know what happened to the news you sent with it. Sometimes, such a correction goes to our Records office, or to another of the several offices related to the College's substantial record-keeping operations, where it is put into the computer file. It is rare, but accompanying materials are mislaid on occasion or, because the address change is being handled by someone new to the job, put directly in a paper file without passing the Class Notes Editor. It is best to send all "Class Notes" materials directly to the Class Notes Editor. We owe you an apology, whatever happened, because we have no record of the news you sent. —Ed



The Decisive Role of Teachers

by Robert Tignor '55

Even more obvious, however, are the similar and indelible impressions which the Wooster history department left on students, no matter what their generation or who their teachers. If there is an advertisement for the richness and relevance of the liberal arts, it is to be found in these personal statements.

Robert S. Kendall '46 is the owner, with his wife and children, of controlling stock in four small newspapers, three shoppers, and one body shop. They also have a computer systems firm that they'd "sell for a couple bux."

"It's a living and a chance to raise hell in public," says Kendall, a history major at Wooster.

In countless scenes repeated at colleges and universities across the country, a confused sophomore approaches his favorite history teacher and asks: "I love history and have enjoyed all the courses I have taken. But what will I be able to do after I graduate if I major in history?" The bemused mentor, having heard this question more times than he or she cares to remember, may be inclined to answer: "All that history really equips you for is a career in teaching."

In this admittedly unscientific survey of graduates of the College of Wooster's esteemed history department stretching out over nearly six decades (1930-1986), the results suggest that this quick, almost dismissive answer is not far wrong. Yet it takes little account of the occupational diversity that has followed and even been shaped by a history concentration.

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Seventy generous and thoughtful persons responded to the questionnaire sent out to a group of history majors. No fewer than twenty-seven of the respondents, when asked about their careers, answered that they had entered the field of teaching. College and university careers outnumbered primary and secondary teaching by a ratio of almost two to one (seventeen to ten). But the other widely disparate occupations raise questions of how history prepared these graduates for their endeavors. We would of course expect to find history graduates practicing law, pursuing careers in journalism, and serving as clergy. But less common are careers in sculpting, wood working, nursing, and the Marine Corps. Nor did all of the teachers become historians. Among the respondents some are professors of nursing, psychology, and political science.

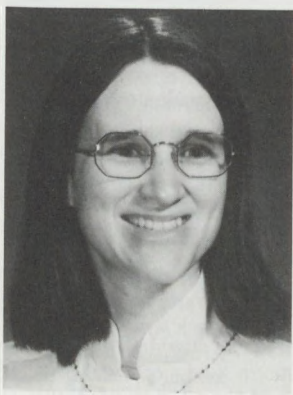
Although the respondents reveal unanticipated occupational diversity, striking congruences run through their replies. Work experience notwithstanding, the Wooster graduates are like-minded in assessing how well the Wooster history department prepared them for their careers and how powerfully the study of history infused other aspects of their lives. Even more obvious, however, are the similar and indelible impressions which the Wooster history department left on students, no matter what their generation or who their teachers. If there is an advertisement for the richness and relevance of the liberal arts, it is to be found in these personal statements.

When I undertook this assignment, I assumed that my own personal views would have to assume a major role in the essay. How else could I bring order out of what I assumed would be a bewildering diversity? As a professor of history I also expected my own experience to shape my reaction to the thoughts of

other graduates. I have of course not suppressed my own views. In particular, I invoke an author's prerogative to reflect on the influential career of Professor Aileen Dunham, my own mentor. But my role has been a diminished and less demanding one than I originally anticipated.

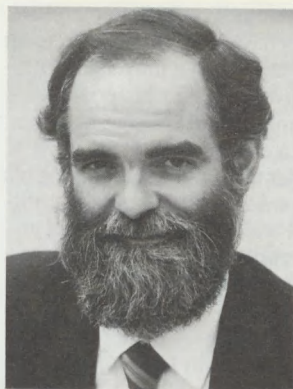
I have mainly served as an interlocutor, selecting and arranging material from a most eloquent group of persons who reflected wisely on the history department at Wooster and its impact on their lives. To those of you whose remarks I have cited, either verbatim or in paraphrase, my warm appreciation. If I have done injustice to your observations, please accept my apologies.

We commence by asking how well history prepared a person for a career and for the larger world beyond the workplace. A few assert unequivocally, albeit without bitterness, that history had no bearing on their career choices. Marine Captain James Webster '79 writes that he cannot honestly say that history at Wooster influenced his choice of a career. But "it has enabled me to communicate better, write better, and deal with people on a day-to-day basis." He adds that his continuing contact with a Wooster professor is a source of deep personal satisfaction and inspiration. A businessman echoes this sentiment, asserting that while history taught him writing skills and the use of a library, it had no direct bearing on his career. His work was agricultural and technical; history training he considered to be classical.



Susan Farnsworth '72 teaches at Trinity College in Washington, D.C. "The thing I've yet to learn to do with Floyd Watts' grace and ease is to enjoy and welcome the reversal of roles that comes at the moment when the I.S. student, who previously needed professorial guidance and impetus, becomes the expert who is doing more of the giving and teaching."

For others—not just the teachers—a training in history inculcated essential skills in research, writing, analyzing, communicating, and influencing the behavior of others. The emphasis here is markedly different from those Wooster science graduates featured in an earlier issue of Wooster, for whom problem solving had great salience. History-concentrators are palpably people oriented and much less problem directed. They manifest a desire to interact with people, to solve social rather than technical problems and to use the skills of communication, carefully honed in their re-



Walt Hopkins '66 is a management consultant, president of his own company, Castle Consultants Corporation, in London, who works both in Europe and the U.S. "I chose history because it had more of the courses with subjects and profs I wanted. I took the whole range of courses that would provide the big view. Non-lab chemistry with Bill Kieffer was vital in that sense. So were the plays I did with Win Logan."

search endeavors (especially their Independent Study undertaking), to create a world more in keeping with their strong social and religious values.

One graduate believes that history gives a perspective on world events—"a wider view." Robert M. Sekarak '34, a retired professor of psychology, has a more elaborate formulation. "The study of history," he writes, "could point to the issues of greatest concern to all people and to provide experience (vicarious) in methods which were of success or failure in dealing with them. The kind of history taught at Wooster in those days identified factors which brought about either social harmony or conflict." For Albert O. Kean '45, a minister in Westlake, Ohio, history gives "a perspective on all of the planet which helped prevent provincialism and encouraged an appreciation for other cultures."

Jack Maxwell '36, a history major and now a retired editor of the *Canton Repository*, states that history helped him in writing for the paper and editing other people's writing.

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While recognizing the increasing professionalism of his field, he would still argue that "the ideal newspaper applicant today would be a graduate of some outstanding liberal arts college, like Wooster, with a strong journalism major that included some classroom instruction and a lot of hands-on training, especially in view of the prime importance of computer technology in present-day newsrooms."

For the large number of history teachers the question of their undergraduate training as preparation for careers might seem easy to answer. In reality it proved difficult and challenging. Many young men and women

entered Wooster, as Robert Calhoun '58 did, without a clear sense of vocation. For Dr. Calhoun, now a professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the turning point in his career occurred when Professor Robert Walcott critiqued his junior I.S. paper, written while on junior year abroad in Scotland. "[Walcott's] first sentence praised my hard work and thoroughness, and then he spent the rest of the two pages dealing with my style, organization, and interpretation—areas I thought so much a matter of personal artistry as to be beyond criticism. Finally came the summing up and verdict: B plus. In two years of sustained effort I had risen from a low to a high B plus. And yet I had an eerie sense of well being."

Professor Calhoun also expresses well the rigor and high expectations of the history department. "My teachers gave me equal doses of realism about my limitations and credit for the flashes of interpretive insight and a strong appetite for research."



Elizabeth Carswell Richards '57 is Laboratory Supervisor at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. She is involved in basic research in the field of cancer immunology and the production and purification of monoclonal antibodies for clinical use. Her work in history had no influence on her career choice, but "it gave me a personal sense of place within not only the present world but the past."

Bonnie Conrad Knutsen '66, a housewife and substitute teacher, questions whether history provided her with tangible and marketable skills. Yet her conversations with business and journalist graduates show how little many of these people have read and how bounded their vision of the world is.

The later satisfactions from the study of history are abundant to its graduates. For Susan Farnsworth '72 the study of history in college was part of a generalized intellectual awakening, a discovery of the variety of the human experience in other times and lands. Now an assistant professor of history at Trinity College in Washington D.C., Professor Farnsworth writes that while she had taken numerous history courses in high school, her attitude toward history was transformed by Professor John Gates' introductory American history course.

Ms. Farnsworth came to class believing that history was dates and facts. Professor Gates challenged students with "competing and provocative interpretations about key

Further Comment

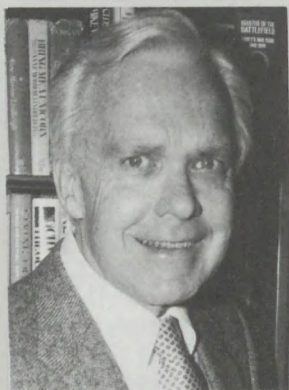


"Miss Dunham had only shortly before completed her Ph.D. at the University of London. She giggled frequently; she was not particularly graceful, but when she lectured she brought past ages, scenes and personalities to life in a fashion unequalled by any I ever knew."

Russell H. Seibert '30
Retired Vice President for Academic
Affairs
Western Michigan University

"The stories of the centuries offer better portrayals of power and ambition, psychological development of person, marital ups and downs, influence of family life upon the next generation, and even great adventure than any created by novelists."

Dorothy Robins Mowry '42
Research Associate
Woodrow Wilson International Center
for Scholars



"Without the foundation of a liberal arts-history major, I doubt if I could have managed successfully the curriculum at Yale [Divinity School]. Church history, Biblical studies, philosophy, theology, social ethics are non-existent without a history base."

David Poling '50
Pastor, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Co-author with George Gallup, Jr. of
The Search for America's Faith

events which I assumed could be comprehensively and completely described. I began to see that history did not unfold a universal truth—that history is given shape by historians—that one had to master the evidence and then integrate it into a convincing argument." It is clear that Wooster was only the beginning of a life-long quest for deeper understanding rather than the final and definitive chapter of an intellectual enterprise.

Work in history also helps to dispel confusion and to promote comprehension of national and world events. Rather than being mystified and perplexed by the rapid social and international changes which they see all around, history graduates see these changes in the light of historical developments already studied. Professor Hale's course in Chinese civilizations, for example, enabled Robert Sekarak "to identify the strengths and weaknesses of Chinese leaders whose wisdom carried Chinese culture through thousands of years."

To be sure, not all of the job satisfactions are so other-directed.

Whether those who gravitated to the history department already had strong social consciousness or whether history defined this trait for them is probably unanswerable. A high proportion of the respondents see their training in history and their subsequent careers as socially constructive. Teachers write of the satisfactions of opening up the world to young minds. Lawyers comment on having a broad vision of the law while ministers discern spiritual verities in the past as well as a calling to enrich the spiritual lives of others.



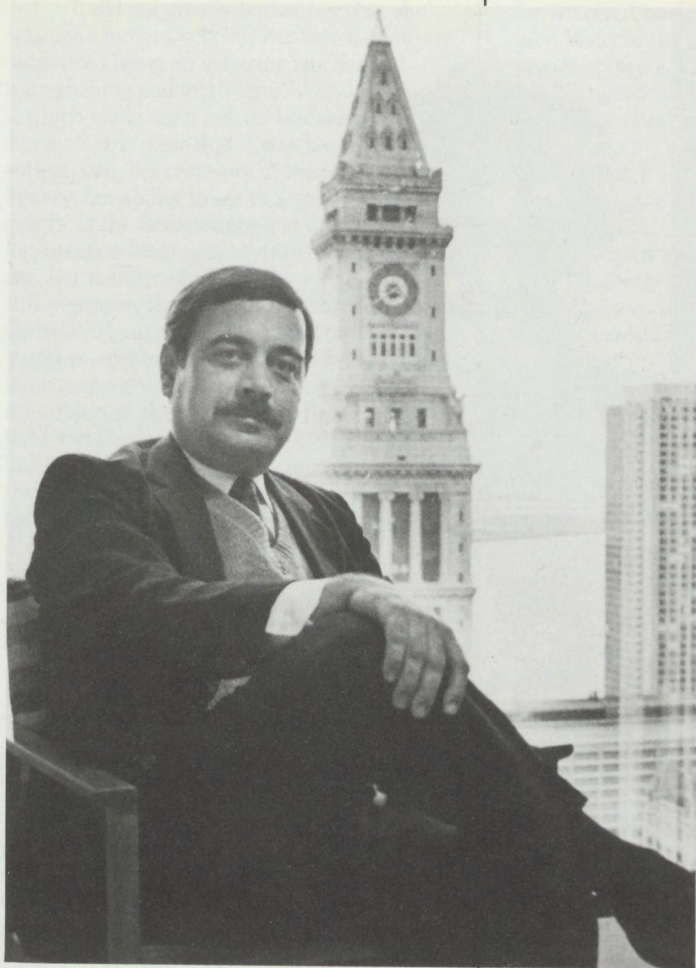
Jocelyn Granet Lindsay '68 is "a housewife with a sweet husband and two children—just like in the movies." On the side, she has produced one full length mystery novel ("not yet published, but I'm working on that part!") and has started another book manuscript. "I don't yet know if writing these things will be a career, but it is an occupation."

To be sure, not all of the job satisfactions are so other-directed. History awakened in many a wanderlust, which was satiated only through the study of foreign languages and travel to foreign cultures. It seems as if the eagerness for learning set in motion in undergraduate days is an ever expanding drive. Equally self-serving, though no less commendable, is a desire to order one's own time, energies and commitments, which many of the history graduates feel able to do in the classroom with its invigorating combination of research and teaching or in the ministry where writing, reflection, and preaching are intertwined.

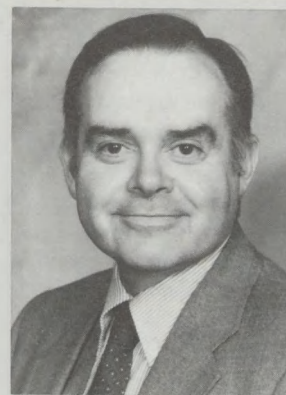
The careers of history graduates have of course their share of dissatisfactions. The most frequently commented on, especially by teachers, is declining prestige and emoluments. Equally frustrating to nearly all of the respondents is the volume of work demanded of them and the paucity of time available. For those in large schools, corporations, and legal firms, impersonal bureaucracies weigh heavily.

Though the questionnaire asks for comments about careers and later life the underlying unities in the answers bring one back to the undergraduate history experience. Life in the history department at Wooster had an energizing and enabling effect. The response from the oldest graduate to reply, Russell H. Seibert '30, alerts the reader to the decisive role of teachers. "I had gone to Wooster expecting to major in mathematics, but that was before I entered the classroom of Miss Aileen Dunham. She convinced me that I should go into history and at the college level. I did!" The graduates of the 1980s sound the same themes.

In the best undergraduate institutions



David S. Mortensen '64 is a litigator and Senior Partner of Hale and Dorr, one of Boston's largest law firms, with a national and international practice. "Wooster's history department confirmed my belief that law was a learned and honorable profession, allied with the historic and constitutional processes of law-making, worthy of following."



"History provided me with the essential tools that have shaped my career and almost everything I have done since leaving Wooster, twenty-five years ago."

Albert T. Klyberg '62
Director
The Rhode Island Historical Society



"Independent study and the weekly one-on-one tutoring helped me to learn to do research, and research is what I do now for a living."

Linda White Linert '64
Performance Auditor
California Legislature



"My husband (who is retired) has been putting together a history of our part of Pennsylvania and the forces that shaped its civil and economic development. We have no TV — we read history aloud to each other instead; it is more compelling than the nightly news."

Elizabeth Byers Felker '65
Manager of Corporate Finance for an engineering and construction company
Kintnersville, Pennsylvania

teacher-student relationships are apprenticeships. The master teacher must be more than an inspiring lecturer. One-on-one meetings develop a shared sense of intellectual discovery. Often the subject matter is not nearly so important as the personality and values of the teacher. S. Berne Smith, an attorney from the class of 1962, expresses well this indebtedness. "I don't know how much history I remember, but I sure can remember the teachers. They were the kinds of persons whom I wanted to be like in my interaction with others throughout my life."

To be sure, in any kind of apprentice enterprise the relationship may not always succeed. One respondent—who otherwise was ecstatic about his study of history—had a devastating junior I.S. experience. His adviser

The faculty of the history department come to life through the recollections of their students.

was "cynical, sarcastic, and perfunctory with me, and I never felt him encouraging me or curious about what I was doing."

The faculty of the history department come to life through the recollections of their students. The affection felt for them is obvious in the recalling of nicknames ("Pappy" Hale and "Pinky" Ellsworth to mention the

most often cited) and the reciting of cherished anecdotes. But with apologies to Walcott, Hale, Ellsworth, Calhoun, Watts, Osgood, and countless others whose names appear over and over again, let me dwell on the career and influence of one notable professor—Aileen Dunham. Not only did she teach and inspire me, but as a young instructor in the 1920s she even taught my father. Until her retirement in the 1960s she was a dynamic presence in what was easily the most esteemed humanities-social science department on the campus.

The name of Miss Dunham, as she was invariably called, reverberates through the replies of students over three decades. Robert Calhoun writes: "Aileen Dunham's teaching of modern Europe was so bound up with her convictions about foreign policy, war and peace, and responsible public discourse that her teaching was a model of history as discipline, calling, political persuasion, and civic responsibility." Another respondent remembered Miss Dunham reporting with evident satisfaction and personal pride that a recent study had shown that Wooster was third in the state of Ohio in the production of history Ph.D.s, trailing only Ohio State and Oberlin. No doubt she enjoyed these findings which confirmed what she herself could see in the

"Architecture, which Frank Lloyd Wright referred to as 'frozen music,' is also frozen history. My design work tends to reflect strongly its environment, whether the project is a house on five acres of open field or a commercial building erected between two Victorian business structures. I believe I owe much of my sensitivity to these issues, as well as an appreciation of the natural environment and of the efforts in industry, to my I.S. work with Helen and Ernest Osgood."

Malcolm Collins '71
Senior Architect, Design Alliance
Portland, Maine

"I started in Merida, Mexico, wandered through Tikal (and thought a lot of Helen Osgood, my history advisor), sailed up the Panama Canal, visited the Galapagos, climbed Macchu Pichu, and descended by riverboat into Peru's Rio Madre de Dios, a tributary of the Amazon. My fate was sealed."

John O. Browder '74
Assistant Professor and Program
Coordinator
Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin
American Studies
Tulane University

"I honestly believe that with the exception of a few (and considering the antiquated case method of law study, the emphasis is on few) vocational skills picked up in law school, I was as ready for the practice of law after history at Wooster as I was after law school at Michigan.

Ron Wilcox '75
Vice President for Business Affairs
CBS Records

"At Wooster, I had never heard of investment banking. But I think training in history at Wooster let me have a career choice and a choice and a choice."

Thomas B. Gibian '76
Vice President in Municipal Finance
Salomon Brothers, Inc.

"When we see that there were other ways of organizing lives in the past, we can prevent ourselves from thinking that what we have in the present is the 'only' way to do things. History presents options which make it possible to change society."

Judith A. Miller '78
Assistant Professor of History
University of Tennessee

"My training in history probably influenced my career choices, but what's more certain is that it made it possible for me to exercise those choices by influencing my employers to hire me."

Tracy Robinson '79
Technical Writer/Editor
Lotus Development Corporation

"Most of all, I think history showed me I can do whatever I set my mind to and be proud of the results."

Kenyon Mau '86
Account Executive, WROC-FM
Cleveland, Ohio



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Kathleen Lautenschlager Hawn '48 has "been a self-taught wood sculptor for nearly thirty years." About her study of history: "It taught me to collect and compile information impartially. It taught me to question, analyze, ponder, theorize and conclude. It taught me to think independently and creatively. And, particularly through the Independent Study program, it taught me to be my own teacher."

classroom—that she and the other history faculty were inspiring a whole generation of students to expand the boundaries of historical knowledge and disseminate its truths widely.

The future history teachers were not the only ones to be caught up in the Dunham mystique. Kathleen Lautenschlager Hawn '48, a wood sculptor now for thirty years, was reared in China and intensely interested in world history. She offers a fitting tribute to Miss Dunham: "To me she was the ultimate history professor. Her enthusiasm for the subject was contagious. Her classes were challenging, and she demanded excellence. She took history beyond memorization and made it vibrant and relevant. Whatever I did I wanted to do as she did, with dedication and gusto."

But Professor Dunham was not all sweetness and encouragement. She knew—or at least thought she knew—what constituted historical truth; she had a deep commitment to the value of internationalism. She rallied

student and local opinion to American world responsibilities and out of pacifism in the 1930s and again in the 1940s. She did not tolerate contrary opinion very well. One 1950s graduate was taken to task for seeming to step over the boundaries of student prerogatives and also criticized for his I.S. topic on military history, which Professor Dunham apparently did not think fitting for a Christian and humanist college.

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contrary opinion very well.*

The heavy teaching demands at Wooster prevented Miss Dunham from being a research scholar. She did publish her London University dissertation and was immensely pleased when the book was republished in the 1950s. When I went to Yale graduate school in history in the 1950s, all of my professors considered me a student of Robert Walcott since he was the most widely published of the Europeanists at Wooster.

It did not greatly bother her that she was not a famous scholar. Her satisfaction came from being an inspiring teacher and from shaping and motivating lives. What was it which made her a master teacher? Her students make it clear that it was her infectious enthusiasm, her certainty of the relevance of history, her ability to see in arcane and distant events, of the Renaissance and Reformation, for instance, lessons to be drawn for the present. Her manner of teaching surely did not suit everyone. Her "pop" quizzes in Western Civilization survey could intimidate. Some students—probably those who did not major in history—grumbled that she wandered off the subject at the beginning of the lecture hour and then tried to cram too much into the last fifteen minutes. But for most, those first thirty-five minutes of enthusiastic and inspired "digression" were the heart of her courses. Anyone could learn facts from a text book. What was truly exciting was to see a

Wooster was a feminist institution before feminism was discovered.

powerful historical mind reflecting on personalities and events of contemporary relevance.

As several respondents intimate and one or two assert forthrightly, Wooster was a feminist institution before feminism was discovered. And well it should have been. Forget for the moment the petty and often unsettling social restrictions on women, to be sure a reminder that different expectations were held

for women. Consider instead the Wooster faculty. Many of the College's most influential professors were women—Dunham and Helen Kaslo Osgood in history, Mary Z. Johnson in political science and, from my own recollection, Rebecca Thayer in English, Frances Guille [Secor] '30 and Pauline Ihrig in French, Elizabeth Coyle '26 in biology, and Ruth Smythe in mathematics. No doubt the list could be extended. That Wooster's students were taught by women as well as men must surely have influenced their sense of appropriate role models.

"They were women and therefore demonstrated that I, too, as a woman could be a professor."

In contrast, when I joined the Princeton University faculty in 1960, not only did the school have an all male student body, but it had not a single full-time professorial female faculty member. It struck me at the time that institutions like Wooster were greatly advantaged by hiring women faculty.

Marilyn Hartzell Dalsimer '60, presently chairperson of the department of political studies at Adelphi University in Garden City, New York, remarks on being influenced by Dunham and Osgood. "They were women and therefore demonstrated that I, too, as a woman could be a professor." Susan Farnsworth believes that the feminist spirit of the department was still very much alive in the 1970s when she was a student. "The faculty

whom I knew best at Wooster were all men and all feminists. I had traditional goals, acceptable for young women, and the Wooster faculty with whom I worked believed I could achieve anything I wanted and more if I did my best to realize my potential. At Wooster as an undergraduate I became liberated because my faculty mentors made it possible."

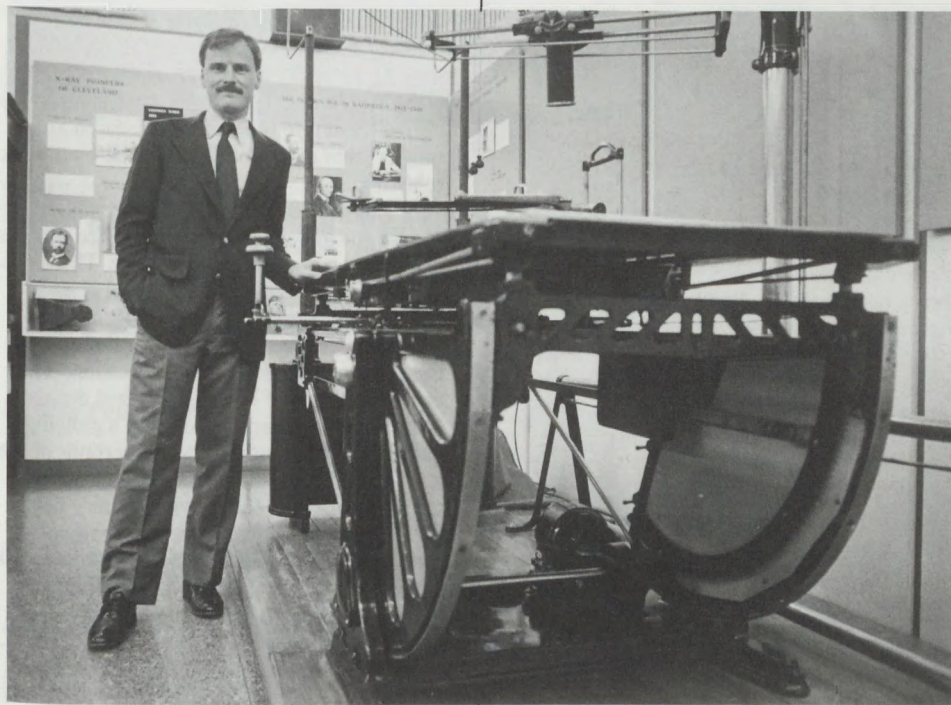


Robert M. Calhoun '58 is Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. "My first conference with my senior I.S. advisor Dan Calhoun was a brisk walk to the library, where he literally placed in my hands the bibliographies I would need. He paused for a minute and then waved his hand across those fat volumes and said that 'the really important thing will be the play of your mind on the stories of these people.' I had never thought of history that way before, and I still find that kind of work novel and refreshing."

Advising and one-on-one contact notwithstanding, lectures remain at the heart of undergraduate teaching. They inform, inspire, and provoke curiosity. Cecil Rhodes, for example, was fond of saying that he became a cru-

"I can still feel the emotions in that class that day in Kauke Hall each time I teach that segment to my own students."

sading imperialist because of a dynamic lecture he heard as an undergraduate at Oxford University. The Wooster respondents, like Rhodes, can still recall their favorite lectures. Carol Y. Drummond '62 recalls vividly Aileen Dunham's "poignant rendition of the failure of the United States to ratify the Treaty of Versailles after World War I. She told the story of Woodrow Wilson's idealism for a world without war in the future brought about by 'his' League of Nations. In describing the turn of political events that resulted in crushing his hopes and plans she was magnificent and by the end she was in tears and so were we. . . . I can still feel the emotions in that class that day in Kauke Hall each time I teach that segment to my own students." Whether it was this lecture or Ellsworth's explorations into the material lives of ordinary Americans or Watts' recounting of the European partition of Africa, the lecture did indeed grip, inspire, and motivate generations of Wooster history students.



James M. Edmonson '73 is Curator of the Dittrick Museum of Medical History and a professor in the history of science and technology at Case Western Reserve University. "I can't look at even the most commonplace thing without wondering who made it and how he/she felt about the work. Studying other societies and cultures continually compels one to reassess America's insularity and ignorance of other peoples."

On Herb Lawrence '40

(This is a story that has been rattling in my head for many, many years—just how many you'll soon see—demanding to be told. So here it is, in your lap, off my chest. It does not have a happy ending, but the middle is pretty exciting and says a lot about what Wooster—and great teaching—can do.)

Herb Lawrence '40 was a casualty of World War II, killed flying a Marine Corps B-25 over the South Pacific. But this story is about his senior year at Wooster and the History Department of that era and Clayton Sumner Ellsworth.

As a student, Herb Lawrence had an extraordinarily clear view of where he was going with his life. He was going to be some kind of bio-chemist working in agriculture, probably starting at the Agricultural Experiment Station in Wooster. He had worked there all of his college summers, put in some time there weekends during the school year, and they had a slot for him whenever he was ready.

In his first three years Herb had wrapped up the course requirements for his major, and was left with nothing but electives to take. They were of course "electives" in name only, covering fields far away from corn, wheat and soy beans, but he accepted the requirement without complaint, like a good citizen with a parking ticket.

That's how he and I—two years behind him—happened to be classmates in Ellsworth's American history course. Which gave me a front row seat for a wonderful educational spectacular.

Sidebar on the Clayton Sumner Ellsworth of those days: To call him "shy" is like calling King Kong large. Ellsworth's shyness was like a badge, a plume that set him apart from the ordinary. He lectured from an office chair with springs and a swivel, and he rocked in it constantly, with his eyes always fixed on the far upper corners of the classroom, never, never glancing at the class.

As you might expect, if you remember Kauke classrooms of those days, a chair being constantly rocked will occasionally get stuck, with its back caught under the rail for erasers and chalk—part of the blackboard assembly. Note that a person occupying a chair caught in this fashion is almost flat on his back, like an overturned beetle. When this happened to our Prof. Ellsworth—as it did every couple of weeks—he simply ignored it. Maybe his rosy high cheek-bones flamed a little brighter, but he went on with his lecture, gazing at the far corners of the ceiling while four or five athletes rushed up and extricated him. And we all pretended it hadn't really happened.

Back to the story. A month or two into this course Herb Lawrence was helplessly

hooked. Ellsworth's rich and colorful unfolding of this nation's beginnings, embellishing the sturdy substance of Morison and Com-mager, demolished Herb's Life Plan. Down with bio-chemistry, up with history.

I have no idea how many Advisor Conferences and departmental meetings it took, but the upshot was that in the second semester of his senior year, Herb took enough courses to graduate with an additional major in history. I can't remember how many credit hours he was carrying, but I watched him do it.

When he wasn't attending classes or his chores as headwaiter at Hoover (or was it Holden?) he sat himself in a chair in the room he shared with Dick Denton ['40] in Kenarden II and read books. He'd start with a knee-high stack of books on one side of the chair, and a day later they'd be on the other side, having been read. And this went on all night, night after night, which I know because I was there. While Denton slept away in his bed and Herb rode his chair, I lay on Herb's bed pursuing an informal reading program of my own—heavy on Saroyan, with Eliot, Faulkner, Hemingway and Shakespeare—which got me bounced out of Wooster forever, come Spring. I slept afternoons, but when Herb did, I have no idea.

The whole thing had a festive air. Herb and I wore funny clothes, like gas station coveralls, almost always with tuxedo vests—see the handy little pockets for cigarettes? We took coffee breaks, and both were allowed to say, "Hey, listen to this," and read a brief passage. But we both knew that something extraordinary was happening; we had in our midst a man with a mission, a calling. Herb Lawrence was making himself a historian.

He graduated with his multiple majors and went on down to Ohio State to start on his Master's in history. He was glad to be there, although he had a few wry remarks about the pomposity of some of the bigshot professors he was exposed to there. Pretty soon after Pearl Harbor he signed up in the Navy's V-5 program, won his wings and headed out to the Pacific. His letters to me during his training period were full of the excitement of flying, but I'm not so sure it was up to the high of that winter and spring of 1940.


Edward Muir x'42
Larchmont, New York

Although the continuity of the Wooster experience over the decades is the theme I want to highlight, it would be incorrect to leave the impression of a history department unchanging and perhaps even ossified. Change has been an abiding feature of this department. One need only consider the evolution of the curriculum and the appointment of faculty to note how fundamentally the teaching of history has altered over the years. In the pre-World War II years respondents refer to Dr. Hale, Wooster's historian of China. Professor Hale's presence at Wooster (at a time when many larger institutions did not teach Chinese history) must surely have been owing to Wooster's religious emphasis and the College's obvious desire to be part of a world-wide Christianizing effort.

After World War II a major change occurred in the curriculum, not confined to the history department, but noted by its graduates. In 1948 Independent Study was introduced. The first person to comment on the I.S. project, David W. Stewart '51, remarks that "my independent study projects gave me a

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head start on a career in which scholarly research is important. Work on my dissertation and other research projects in graduate school was made infinitely easier because I had prior training in historiography at Wooster." Although there are occasional complaints, most of the respondents praise I.S. for having initiated them into the world of research and taught them responsibility for their own work schedule.

By the 1950s, if my recollections are accurate, the history department offered courses in European and American history. The 1960s and 1970s shattered that smug and Euro-American universe. Student activism appeared on the campus (and is mentioned in the questionnaires from those decades). The core curriculum of Wooster changed dramatically, not only reflecting America's growing global concerns, but also taking account of the emerging interest in non-Western historical traditions. In 1986 the Wooster history department numbered thirteen faculty (a big increase over the handful who inhabited a small corner of Kauke Hall in the 1950s). It taught courses in Marxism, war, oral history, Africa, Latin America, China, Japan, the Middle East, Afro-American history, women's history, and all manner of European and American history. Indeed the history department has come a long way, but if its graduates are to be credited, its ethos has remained unchanged. 



True Stories: “Reality Illumined”

by Sara Patton '67

What comes through most clearly is the power of professors' personalities and teaching which remains vividly alive in the memories of their former students.

Aileen Dunham, emerita professor since 1966, shown here giving the Centennial Lecture “Where Do We Go from Here” in 1966. President Howard Lowry '23 listens in the background.

“History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illumines reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life. . . .”

Cicero

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The recollections of Wooster history majors are remarkable in their vitality. More than seventy history graduates, representing classes from the 1930s to the 1980s, when asked to reminisce about a favorite history class or a history professor, responded with stories that do, indeed, illumine the reality of their own experience. What comes through most clearly is the power of professors' personalities and teaching which remains vividly alive in the memories of their former students.

Dorothy Robins-Mowry '42 writes that “At Wooster, I was blessed with professors who gave excitement, life, vitality, and current meaning to the forces of history. I ‘majored’ under Aileen Dunham, but also greatly loved my work with Clayton Ellsworth.”

Alma Payne '40 recalls, “Miss Dunham’s *complete* involvement in the events in Europe which pointed ahead to World War II. Her opposition to the isolationism of Midwestern Ohio was an eye-opener, especially where her position was often opposed by many.”

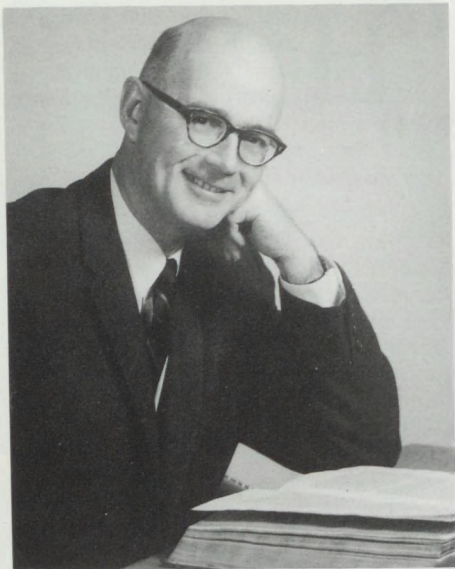
Bill Aber '51 claims to remember, “No stories except apocryphal ones that probably never happened. (Did Mr. Ellsworth *really* come to class with coat and tie but no shirt?)” Well, almost. John Emmett '43 describes “Ellsworth coming to class one morning dressed in a new suit but without shirt and tie on. It was winter, and ‘Pinky’ had his long johns buttoned up to the neck.”

“Miss Dunham propped her lecture notes on her purse and peered out over the class.”

Berne Smith '62, who “always expected to major in history,” had special affection for Professor Ellsworth. “I found him amusing and kind. He could laugh at himself. I don’t know how he could talk so much with pencils and books jammed in his mouth to keep himself from talking! I loved to listen to him because he got excited about his subject.”

Not every eventual history major was so easily enamored of the discipline. Mary Jane Thompson '58, who switched from English to History, reports that in one of Ellsworth’s classes she “first sat in the back, but found that I did get interested in some of the stories he told.” As the semester progressed, Jane moved “closer and closer to the front of the room as he captured my imagination and made American history live for me by telling the stories of the people who made it.”

Every generation of students was impressed by the history faculty’s high standard of excellence. Robert C. Hull '55 remembers



Robert Walcott, Jr., emeritus professor since 1975.

“the wonderful way Miss Dunham called attention to a special moment in history by prefacing the announcement with ‘Mirabile Dictu!’” He remembers, too, “being soundly scolded by Miss Dunham for trying to fake a review of a book I had not read (a personal conference in her office); not to put me down or to humiliate me, but for not living up to my true potential.”

That standard was also reflected in the faculty’s personal commitments: James Edmonson ’73 began his Freshman year “with John Gates’ course on the history of war, which at the time was uppermost in everyone’s mind. Looking at this topic historically put things in better perspective for me and others in the class.

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“Professor Robert Walcott’s announcement that he had calculated the percentage of the federal budget devoted to defense (read war), and then simply deducted a like percentage from his tax return brought amazement and awe to our faces.”

History alumni hold in common an appreciation for their faculty both as individuals and as members of a memorable team. Remarking that “it is unusual and special for a small group of scholars to succeed as a ‘department,’” Susan Farnsworth ’72 remembers “how often fellow majors and I in my years at Wooster referred to the department as an entity. We never overlooked the individual talents and eccentricities of the members, but we had a strong respect for the collectivity whose deliberations and interactions helped to shape our education. That ability to integrate individuals of divergent backgrounds and interests and mutually support their efforts to promote the highest quality in

teaching and writing is rare. I’ve met hundreds of history faculty members, and the Wooster faculty ranks with the very best.”

Dynamic interaction with students—in and out of the classroom—is what students remember, and it is clearly a key to the department’s longstanding success. Marilyn Dalsimer ’61 expresses it well: “Miss Dunham always wrote a quotation on the blackboard to illustrate each lecture. She propped her lecture notes on her purse and peered out over the class. I felt in each lecture that she was speaking to me personally.”

Walt Hopkins ’66 also remembers the “personal attention” he received: “One afternoon right after a big lunch in Kenarden (and probably after a late night of studying and talking), I sat down in my seat directly in front of Miss Dunham for her lecture on the Reformation. Sometime later I distantly heard Miss Dunham say to my neighbor, ‘Would you please awaken Mr. Hopkins? I don’t want him to miss this.’”

Elizabeth Carswell Richards ’57 still bubbles with enthusiasm as she recalls her faculty adviser’s generous spirit. “Helen Kaslo (Osgood) had an old Chevy sedan which she seldom used. Somehow she trusted my driving ability and encouraged me to use it, just to keep the battery charged and the car exercised, and I was a very happy history major. Now that’s what I call a good student/professor relationship!”

One might also call it treating students as responsible human beings in and out of the



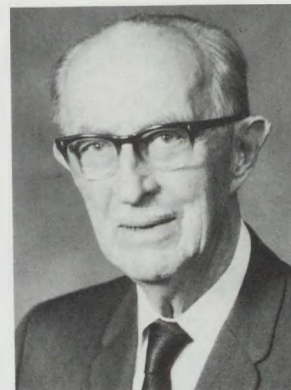
Clayton Ellsworth, emeritus professor since 1971.

classroom. James Beumler ’80 remembers the difference it made to him when, in a class team-taught by Jim Turner and John Gates, “I was first asked to present a paper, not as an enrolled student, but as someone with some expertise in an area of history (‘Education in Wooster in 1850’). I will remember that occasion as long as I live.”

The most tantalizing note we received was from Jocelyn Granet Lindsay ’68 who writes that “My favorite story could not be used; at least not in print.” But she offers a runner-up: “I had the privilege of auditing Floyd Watts’ African History course. It was delightful because I didn’t have to worry about a grade—the other forty students were sweating their eyeballs out. During a dull class on Lugard’s colonial reforms I was the only person in the room not writing notes like

crazy, and was able to look up at Dr. Watts. As usual, he was sitting crosslegged behind the podium—but that day he was also enjoying himself by making hideous faces at his bent-head listeners. When he saw me looking up he very slowly—gracefully, in fact—stuck out his tongue and wriggled his ears. Did I say I studied history to find out what people are like?”

Clayton Allard ’86 suggest another reason for the history department’s popularity: “Perhaps humor is the history faculty’s greatest asset. They are people with few preten-



Ernest Osgood, visiting professor from 1959 to 1969, died 1983.

sions; they have fun, occasionally even at their own expense. They can laugh at themselves, and they do laugh at and with each other.”

Supporting evidence is offered by Sue Purves McCaffray ’76: “I have fond memories of all my history classes and teachers. Hayden Schilling was my colloquium instructor—back when I couldn’t tell that *The Bell Jar* was a feminist novel. In 1976, when the Peanuts were having their rush period, in appropriate garb, he claimed to believe they were campaigning for Jimmy Carter. In John Gates’ military history class, my favorite was the day he played the Kaiser and entertained advice from his inner sanctum (us) on what kind of Navy to build.”

A number of alumni mentioned the jokes that history faculty are known to perpetrate upon their colleagues, to the great delight of all. Stephen Montgomery ’73 recalls that “every time Gates taught the course in Latin American history, Jim Turner walked down the hall whistling ‘La Cucaracha.’”

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From Ron Wilcox ’75: “I hope Jim Hodges will own up to the practical jokes that the history professors were always pulling on each other!”

Well, no, he didn’t, but how about this story from a student “perpetrator” (John C. Johnston III ’71): “I was taking a Russian history course from Dan Calhoun during my Senior year and as the first of May approached he

Helen Kaslo Osgood, emerita professor since 1985.

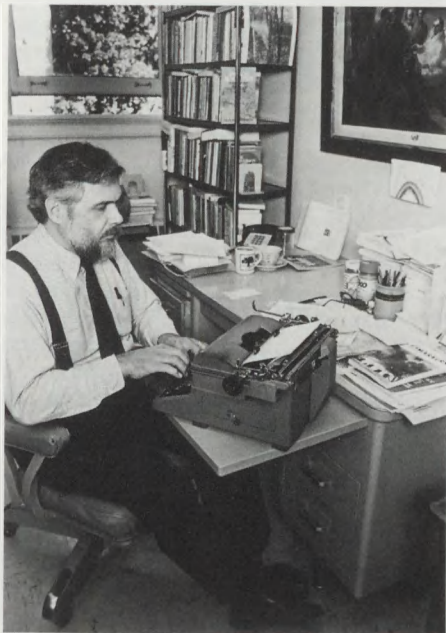


made some remark in class about commemorating May Day. Three of us from that class managed to fill his office with all manner of red paraphernalia and capped off the job by sealing his office door on the inside with red paper. We left only the cryptic message that this May Day celebration had been the work of 'the Troika.' Throughout the final weeks of that course, Professor Calhoun used all his best CIA training to identify the culprits. While we did not damage his office or his property, we did arouse his intellectual curiosity, causing him to spend several hours developing a list of suspects. In view of the significant amount of humor he used throughout his courses, the list of suspects grew to include practically everyone in the class. It was good cover for the guilty parties."

Another thread that runs through the fabric of more than fifty years of memories is the ability of history faculty members to inspire in their students a belief that, as Sue McCaffray says, "to study and to teach history is one of the finest lives a person could hope for."

David Hartley '62 recalls Aileen Dunham's "personal, sometimes emotional, recounting of the Twentieth Century. I still have a lump on the pen side of my middle finger from frantic note-taking to the presto cadence of her lectures as she shoehorned yet another year's observations into her lesson plan. A quarter of a century has passed, but a new year's ritual is to recall what from the year past might be significant enough to qualify for Dunham's course."

Sandra Sanders Breuer '58 evokes "Another Aileen Dunham memory: Her famous 'World War' lecture. It ended with a throaty evocation of the Battle of Britain, ending 'Churchill said, "future generations will say this was their finest hour"—and it was.' (Big pause—all eyes filled with tears—audience mesmerized.) Then she chirped 'But it was a close squeak.' Big laugh. ("You had to be there.")



James Turner, professor, died 1986.

The history faculty are also remembered as passionately alert to the full significance of history in the making. From David Mortensen '64: "My most striking memory harks back to the day of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Word reached the campus just after lunch, on a day in which I was scheduled to have a Senior I.S. conference with Ernest Osgood. Upon learning the news, I phoned him. He had not yet heard, and his reaction was, 'Oh, God. Save the Republic.'

"That startled me. After a while I wandered over to Kauke, to seek some solace or guidance from the history faculty. The bell of the old chapel was tolling. Most of the faculty were in their offices—I seem to recall Floyd Watts, Aileen Dunham, Clayton Ellsworth, Dan Calhoun—all comforting one another, and eventually me, when they noticed me forlorn in a corner.

"Only then did I realize that the grief they were expressing, in addition to that shared by all Americans, was broader. They

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understood immediately the deeper threat to the Republic and the upheaval involved far more clearly than I. It took me years to come to appreciate that fully. Yet, in the middle of that bleak afternoon, they also noticed the student in the corner and responded to the student.

"A week later Jean [Bowman Mortensen '64] and I drove to Duke to apply for graduate school, only to be told that we had been 'stood up' on the interview by a professor home grieving over the assassination. After having driven that distance, by-passing Thanksgiving at home, we never got the interview.

"Same assassination. Same grief.

While the episodes are not entirely congruous, the impression they left concerning the difference in attitudes toward serious young students made a lasting impression."

Barbara Fisher Stamas '60 echoes the difference made by the Wooster faculty's "combination of demanding scholarship and compassion. Though I feared their exams, I never doubted that they cared about us as individuals they wished to nurture."

And they never gave up, no matter the provocation. Sue McCaffray writes: "In Professor Jim Turner's class 'Interpreting the American Experience,' we spent ten weeks wrestling with a plethora of interpretations of Reconstruction and the New Deal—and I thought he'd faint on the last day of class when a student raised her hand and said, 'I just have one question: What *really* happened?'"

So much for "reality illumined." ■

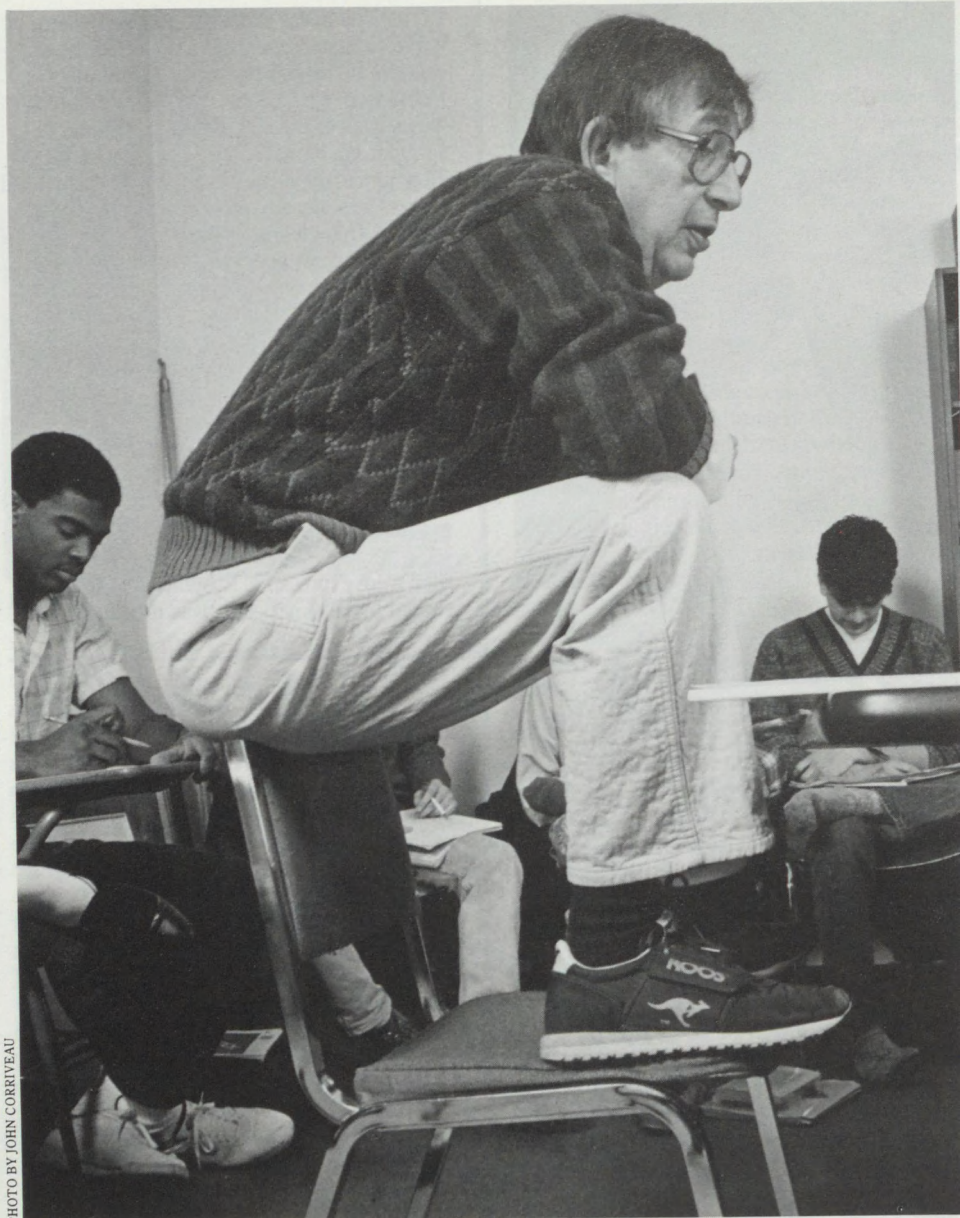


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The History Department

by Peter Havholm

In 1968, brand-new Eisenhower College advertised for an entire faculty, and six of Wooster's historians decided to offer themselves as a package. Dan Calhoun wrote the letter, and Assistant Professor Henry Copeland was part of the deal.

Floyd Watts, teaching in the Walcott Seminar Room in Kauke Hall. Maxime Gilles '89 takes notes l. and Mark Dudrow '87 r.

One should mention at once that the history department at Wooster fits no known academic stereotype. They are presented here through their jokes (most often at one another's expense), their determined rejection of conventional structures, their superb scholarship—sometimes visible only through jest, and their decades of excellent teaching. But they have not been tidied. Readers are asked to fasten their seat belts.

Wooster might have had a very different history department from the one gracing our covers, this issue. In 1968, brand-new Eisenhower College advertised for an entire faculty, and six of Wooster's historians decided to offer themselves as a package. Dan Calhoun wrote the letter, and Assistant Professor Henry Copeland was part of the deal. Fortunately for Wooster, and for the six, now-defunct Eisenhower wanted only three or four of them, and they were not interested in splitting up.

It was convenient to do some of the research for this piece at the Round Table in the southwest corner of Tausch Faculty Lounge, at lunch, where historians continue to avoid splitting up. The only difficulty is that they are almost never serious. What does one do with stories about the Automatic Dean, a machine that picks up the phone and says "I'll get back to you"? about the time Turner and Gates interrupted Schilling's "Hitler and the Rise of the Nazi State" class to award him the Order for Excellence in Teaching, Second Class? about the difficult problem of determining whether a faculty member is brain dead (there are no observable symptoms)? and about Hodges' Alabaman pronunciation, nurtured by a high school football coach who thought it effeminate to wear socks?

"There has developed a sort of folklore about the Round Table," says Hayden Schilling, who joined Wooster's history department in 1964. "People will come up to you and ask 'What does the Round Table think?' It is important to realize that the Round Table often doesn't think; it reacts."

The present department has its roots in what President Henry Copeland, who joined it in 1966, calls "a genuine golden age. Aileen Dunham was a legend in her own time," he says, "and one could sense that in every conversation around campus. Bob Walcott was brilliantly civilized and the author of a wonderful monograph that is still cited. Helen Osgood was a superb teacher, and Clayton Ellsworth's classes were packed with incredible richness. Calhoun, Watts, Hodges and Schilling rounded out a formidable department. And then very rapidly after I came, because classes were filled with students, we added Gates and Hondros and Turner and Gedalecia and Goings. It was genuinely a good, going, open department."

Golden Ages, of course, do not last forever. And though no one seriously thinks the department has fallen, it is certainly the case that its leadership is less visible than in the days of the great Chairmen of the '60s. ("Miss Dunham insisted upon being called 'Chair-

man," says Vivian Holliday—who has been giving one sixth of her time to the department since she arrived to teach classical studies at Wooster in 1961.) But that was no accident.

Dan Calhoun, who arrived in 1956, explains: "Walcott and I gutted the office, deliberately gutted the Chairmanship so there was no longer a head of the department. At that point, we started rotating, and what we wanted to do was to go down through the ranks, each of us keeping it for about three years, and then start over with the most senior person.

"Unfortunately, somebody discovered that there was no power involved—it was mostly passing on messages from the audio-visual people or making out a budget that we won't keep anyway—so nobody really wants the job. They're always looking for matters of great principle on which to resign."

There was a year in which the department had three different official leaders (Schilling resigned; there was a brief "Voceroship" held by Latin Americanist John Gates; and Watts lasted a month or a summer—no one can remember which). There was another year during which it had none. "We were so angry over the medieval position that none of us was willing to take the Chair in the face of what we perceived as a fundamentally bankrupt institutional policy," remembers Calhoun. (The incumbent of the medieval position had been denied tenure on "structural" grounds—to avoid a fully tenured department—rather than for lack of merit.)

The chair's file cabinet is on rollers installed by Kenneth Goings (who joined the department in 1976 and is on leave this year) when he held the office. It holds, according to Calhoun, "about three working files, and the



PHOTO BY JOHN CORRIVEAU

Vivian Holliday has taught the history of ancient Greece and Rome for the history department since 1961. She is always invited to their department meetings now that she has completed her term as Dean of Faculty.

John Hondros.

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rest is history." But when Calhoun tried to clean out some of the less current materials—such as files more than a decade old—his colleagues expressed righteous indignation: no historian throws away documents. He had to put them all back.

The department has abandoned hierarchy purposefully, even gleefully. Its high enrollments, exactly in the style of the Golden Age, continue as well.

Those who arrived before Miss Dunham's retirement in 1966 were told they could

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make their own places for themselves at the College. If they were good enough as teachers, their sections would draw enough students to justify a place for them in the following years. "I was number six in the department," says Calhoun, "and was warned very sternly by Miss Dunham that if I didn't collect my share of majors, my job was on the line."

"Miss Dunham was not an imperialist but an enthusiast," says James Hodges, who joined the department in 1962. Floyd Watts (1958) remembers Miss Dunham's giving the "briefing to potential majors and saying, quite spontaneously, 'I feel so sorry for people who don't major in history.'"

"Everywhere else in the country, history took a real tumble in the '70s, but it did not here, and I think that was because we are a collection of characters," says Watts. "When we hired people, the two questions were 'Is this person really good?' and 'Will this person really like I.S.?'—even when we thought the person might be an uncomfortable colleague, like John Gates. He was good and he would obviously like I.S., and he still is and still does. But we were *all* uncomfortable colleagues. I mean, we shout at each other in department meetings."

"I think historians have consciously tried to keep the discipline accessible," says John Gates, who arrived in 1967. "They have been concerned that history not be jargon-ridden, that historical methodology not be rigid,

not be dependent upon highly specialized skills. We haven't come very far from Thucydides in a general sense. At the undergraduate level, therefore, history is very accessible. A student can come into a history course and connect up with what's on television and what's in *Newsweek* or *The Daily Record*."

The accessibility of the discipline has not gone unnoticed elsewhere. There is a small joke in the political science department: "How do you teach a course in historical method? Hand out calendars."

Hodges says, "I think the reason we have had a lot of success in majors—probably more than we deserve—is that we are enthusiastic and we have had great stability through the years, and that was meaningful to the students. They knew what was going to happen."

The history department's piece of what was really a national academic expansion in the '60s ended with David Gedalecia's arrival in 1971. Kenneth Goings, the youngest tenured member, arrived in 1976. There are four new people this year: Maryann Brink and Karen Taylor are in continuing positions, and Carlos Nelson and Christopher Hill are leave replacements for Goings and Gedalecia. Calhoun has been here thirty-one years; Hodges himself celebrates his twenty-fifth year at Wooster this spring. When Ken Goings returns from leave next year, it will be to begin his eleventh year.

Stability has not meant stasis, however. "I think we have changed in some fundamental academic ways," says Dan Calhoun. "When Miss Dunham was in charge, a student began a history curriculum with the Western Civilization survey or with the American history survey, and you took a full year of that and that was your grounding. Then you took probably two thirds of all the upper-level courses we offered, and then the grand finale was the comprehensive exam. It made sure you knew that Charlemagne was crowned on Christmas day of 800 and that Napoleon came later, not earlier.

"I think it is significant that our 101 course now is 'Introduction to Historical Investigation.' It asks 'What is a historical fact? How does a historian go about validating one? How do you go about challenging one? When you have a collection of historical facts, what



Carlos Nelson listens to a student in "Comparative Slavery."

is a valid interpretation of what they mean? We don't care if you can't remember two years after you get out of here what your I.S. topic was. What we are trying to do is bend the mind in a more fundamental way. We are emphasizing critical thinking, if you like, and we want the I.S. experience to be one in assembling valid historical fact and making valid critical judgments."

The change was gradual and, like most things in the history department, less than smooth. There are members who would prefer a more sequential structure. Some sense of the intensity of the battle (and of all battles in the department, no matter how trivial the issue) can be gleaned from these excerpts from the minutes of the October 14, 1976, meeting of the department. Gates was Secretary.

"The Department then moved to the serious business of discussing the curriculum proposals submitted by Gates and Goings, and for once the meeting took on an unusually sober, if noisy tone. The discussion began with Goings [note that Goings is proposing curricular changes during his first semester in the department; Wooster's historians have never been shy] and Gates summarizing their proposals. A general debate and occasional melee followed. . . .

"Goings noted the problem of students' jumping from course to course in a curriculum that seemed to have no coherence or sequence. Hondros, as usual, clarified the issue with a cogent explanation: 'It's called diletantism, and it's in vogue now.' The statement by Hondros was one of the few made to which there was no objection.

"The debate proceeded along the lines already drawn until an attack on structure by Hodges prompted an 'Oh Christ!' (with feeling) on the part of Turner. Turner then observed 'The Department is a pyramid standing on its head.'

"Hodges continued his objection to a curriculum that had 'itty-bitty' courses 'down here,' a second level of courses at approximately shoulder height, and a final level 'way up here' (arms extended in an almost Nixon-like gesture). The Secretary only wishes he had the artistic talent to capture the full exposition of Hodges' ideas. At approximately this point the Secretary also began to wonder if

Hodges' index finger would cramp in the point position or discharge in someone's face. Fortunately, there were no casualties. Perhaps the finger wasn't loaded."

The argument against sequence prevailed, and the courses the department teaches today vary more cross-culturally than chronologically. The course offerings are often clearly relevant to contemporary problems and respectful of cultures and categories of persons ignored by the traditional Western approach to history. One detects the influence of the '60s.

"The wonderful thing the '60s did for us," says Calhoun, "was to confront us with that insolent young man who gets up and asks 'Why is that relevant [although he'd probably say 'revelant'] to me and what's it got to do with the Vietnam war and let's get to the real point, Mack.' It made us ask ourselves 'What are we doing?' and 'What are we doing it for?' Were we really just getting our kicks from reading dead people's mail?"

The addition of new courses since 1962 was facilitated by the mutual respect of department members. Says Gates, "I taught the Vietnam war course first in 1979. I later found out that that was a very early date for teaching a Vietnam course, which I think says as much about the department as it does about me. I just said I wanted to teach a course on Vietnam and no one said anything. They didn't so much support it; they just accepted it. No one said, 'No, you can't,' or 'You

The Medievalist and her students: Maryann Brink, upper left, listens to a question. Regan Knapp '89 is at her right, Lisa McFadden '88 to the rear, and Joseph Bickley '89 in the shades.



shouldn't,' or 'We ought to think this through.'

"Floyd Watts' interest in South Africa predates all of the current excitement about divestment. Calhoun also developed Russian History early on. Perhaps that made it easy for them to sit back and watch as other people developed what they wanted to do: Hodges with Southern history, me with military history, or Hondros with the Middle East."

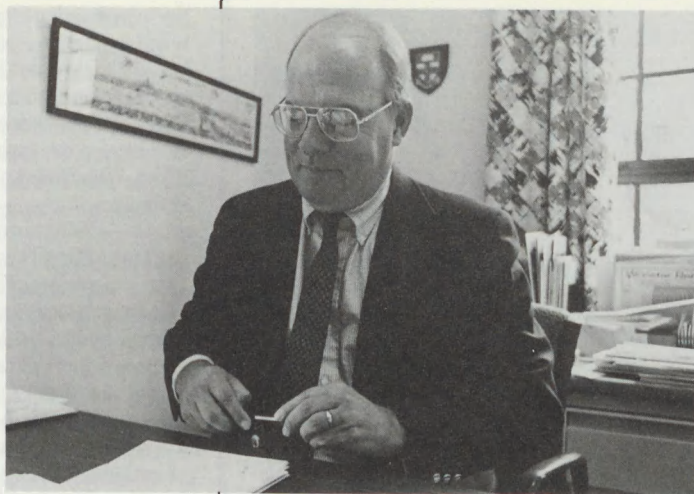
Some of these developed instant legends. When Schilling was Chair and teaching both "The Age of Louis XIV" and "Hitler and the Rise of the Nazi State," he became "the Sun Führer" in departmental meeting minutes. Actually, members acquired scurrilous nicknames in the minutes on far less provocation. A trip to Spain and an incautious remark about Castilian pronunciation and Turner was "Franthithco."

The history department generates mythology at a great rate, and on the flimsiest of foundations. Shortly after Hodges began teaching "The History of the South," he was inundated with pig paraphernalia.

"I had to come to grips with the 'other South' [of yeomen farmers who were not planters and who did not own slaves], as it is called," he explains. "And you don't have to look very far in that direction in the 1830s and '40s to find that lots of the whites were herders. Well over half of the land in the South was unimproved herd land. There was open range farming throughout the highlands, and one of their products was hogs—pigs. In the southern Appalachians, a principal means of livelihood was open-range pig farming; they pulled together massive herds of pigs and drove them to market. Many of the southern Appalachian towns started as way stations on the agricultural drive from the mountains down to the Carolinas.

"So I waxed eloquent on the pig and its importance to southern history. I waxed eloquent on the first hog hotels. (There were wild turkey drives, by the way, which must have been terrible things.) But I waxed eloquent on the importance of the pig to an understanding of Southern history. As a matter of fact, there is a very influential article, in the *Journal of Southern History* by Forrest McDonald and Grady McWhiney, in which an early sentence says that 'hogs especially have been neglected' ["The Antebellum Southern Herdsman: A

Hayden Schilling is currently Dean of Admissions and Men's Tennis Coach at Wooster, but he teaches a history course or two each year and directs several I.S. projects.



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"The students liked the idea of the pig's being an overlooked animal. The first thing I knew, students started to give me pig stuff. Evidently, pigs are big in American newspapers. There is seldom a week that goes by without publication in a newspaper of a pig's photograph. Often students and colleagues cut these pigs out for me. Evidently, when they see these pigs, they are reminded of me. But I have seen so many pigs, now! I am up to my ears in pigs."

Though he is the only historian known to deal so extensively in livestock, Hodges is not alone in wearing his scholarship lightly. In part, it goes with the territory. There is little opportunity for direct display of specialized expertise in undergraduate courses.

The department's scholarship is impressive nonetheless. Along with numerous articles and presentations at scholarly meetings, it boasts four books: one each by Hodges, Gates, Calhoun and Hondros. The books provide an opportunity to discuss another aspect of the department's approach to its discipline. Essentially, they seem more bemused than awed by the strivings of the human race.

"My view of history," says John Hondros, who joined the department in 1969, "is that it is ironic. People do one thing in an attempt to achieve a goal, but their action creates a situation that is totally unexpected. Sometimes people get it right, but not very often."

Hondros explains that his *Occupation and Resistance: The Greek Agony, 1941-44* (New York: Pella, 1983—selected as an outstanding academic book for 1984-85 by *Choice* magazine), contests "the dominant view of the Greek Resistance" that it was "just part of a Communist campaign to seize power in Greece. Instead of three rounds of Communist effort to take over, what you have is interaction, with each side making decisions and taking actions which it thinks will be advantageous. And, of course, the actions had different consequences from what was intended."

One's eye is drawn to a paragraph in the "Introduction" to Hodges' *New Deal Labor Policy and the Southern Cotton Textile Industry, 1933-1941* (Knoxville: U. of Tennessee Press,

1986—just out to excellent reviews): "At every turn failure awaited those in the southern cotton textile industry who struggled to use the swiftly changing New Deal labor policy to achieve unionization. 'History,' wrote Richard Hofstadter, 'forces us to be aware not only of complexities but of defeat and failure; it tends to deny the high sense of expectations, that hope of ultimate and glorious triumph that sustains good combatants.'"

Schoolbooks and Krags: The United States Army in the Philippines, 1898-1902 appeared in 1973 (Westport, Ct.: Greenwood Press), and, along with a stream of articles since, has given John Gates an excellent reputation among military historians.

The casual observer might conclude that Gates is an apologist for the military—and some have, at their peril. He is far more a connoisseur of paradox. One senses that it pleased him to publish in 1973 a book about an exemplary—because essentially thoughtful and humane—Army campaign against a rebel force in an Asian nation.

In his class lectures, Calhoun describes the jagged moves of the Soviet state with extraordinary relish. His *The United Front: The TUC and the Russians 1923-1928* (Cambridge: Cambridge U.P., 1976) is an admired study of Trotsky's attempt to establish links with the British Trades Union Congress, an attempt whose failure was followed by Trotsky's expulsion from the Communist Party. A sentence from the conclusion is typical Calhoun: "In one of the glorious ironies that make the historical discipline so appealingly enigmatic, British trade unionists, in 1927, played a modest role in achieving that objective which had eluded British infantrymen a decade earlier: the great Trotsky had finally been humbled."

The history in these books is that of ignorant armies clashing by night, except for Gates' study of a real army. That volume might have been designed to confound the dominant expectations of the academic world in the '70s. One is tempted to label Wooster's historians "revisionists," except that they are skittish to a person about over-arching hypotheses. They are not out to change the world, only to ensure that our expectations of it are not naively hopeful. A week of class visits tends to confirm this judgment.



I Left with an Education

I had no intention of majoring in history when I entered the College of Wooster in 1966. I was the first in my family ever to go to college, and to me a college education was the door to success, higher income, and economic stability. I had planned to become a high school teacher and coach, an important step upward from my working-class Appalachian background. History had always meant the boring repetition of unrelated facts and dates, something to be memorized briefly for a social studies test and then quickly forgotten. It seemed to have no relevance in the present and provided neither excitement nor potential for great wealth.

Then I met Jim Hodges, a young assistant professor from Alabama who seemed comfortably out of place as a southerner on a Yankee campus. My freshman advisor had placed me in Hodges' American History Survey, and I enjoyed the high-spirited lectures, the familiar accent, and the straight-forward challenges to my assumptions about life and the American experience. My family too had joined the southern migration to the North a few years earlier, and Hodges not only introduced me to my first lessons in southern history but also confronted my beliefs about race, social justice, and the American Dream. I took other classes in history: from Clayton Ellsworth who made the Depression and the decline of the family farm more than just statistical facts, from Professor Watts who forced me to reconsider the idea of war, and from Helen Osgood whose class in the history of education challenged my ideas of service and commitment. The 1960s was an era of rising social consciousness, and the history department forced us to think beyond our narrow expectations about life, to challenge us to active citizenship and the commitment to social change. It made history relevant, even central to our individual lives and to our hopes for society.

These were years of personal awakening and growth. I came to question why my family had been forced to leave the South, why there was so much poverty and unemployment in the mountains, and why I had been the first of eight generations of a mountain family to go to college. Hodges knew little about the history of my part of the South, but he challenged me to pursue my identity, to search out the history of my people through Independent Study, and later to begin to write the history of Appalachia from an Appalachian perspective. I came to The College of Wooster looking for a career; I left with an education.

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It begins with Vivian Holliday's describing the early first-century B.C. fissures in the Roman Republic. She speaks of the development of client armies, the breakdown of the old morality which had made killing a fellow Roman unthinkable, and the proscriptions of political enemies by the hundred, all of which make possible the dark days of the later Empire.

Next, Maryann Brink explains that after Charlemagne's death, "things started to fall apart very quickly. Charlemagne lived so long that only one son was left when he died. This was the son, as fate would have it, who had been brought up to enter a monastery, and, eventually, all three of *his* sons went to war against him. They also went to war with one another."

Down the hall, Gates suggests that the great disadvantage of the democratic style of war which began with the American Revolution is that if everyone's in the war effort, everyone is also a legitimate target. Further, since the war is now an effort of national will rather than an avocation of the nobility, wars are fought to the death rather than for ransom and territory. As war has evolved, the survival chances for nations who go to war have decreased dramatically.

In Carlos Nelson's class on slavery, the question is whether slavery is eliminated primarily for economic rather than moral reasons. After all, an industrial society cannot support slavery; it needs an educated working class to produce and purchase its goods. The working hypothesis by the end of the discussion is that the abolition of slavery is at least in the economic self-interest of the power elite.

Watts talks about the Boers' Great Trek north from the Cape Colony. "Between 1836 and 1846, as many as 14,000 Boers trekked. It would be like moving the town of Wooster into the wilderness. It was a small number of people scattering themselves over an enormous amount of land. And always, wherever they went, there was the Boers'

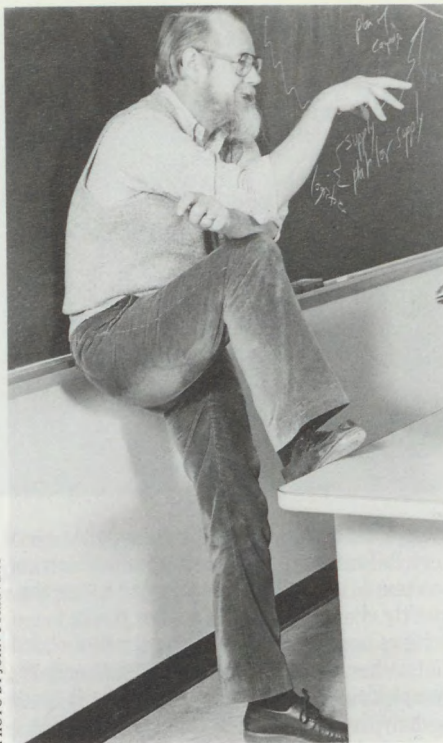


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John Gates in a Kauke classroom. The class is "The Evolution of War."

sense of themselves as the chosen people. There were no slaves, only 'such regulation as shall preserve the proper relation between master and servant.'

"When the Boers came over the Drakensburg Mountains and looked down on Natal, a lush area, obviously cattle country, they remembered how the Children of Israel looked down on the land of Canaan. Natal was obviously their chosen land. Unfortunately, Shaka Zulu and his people already lived there.

"In The Battle of Blood River in 1838, it would appear that 20-30,000 Zulu were killed. The reason for the heavy Zulu losses was that asegaais were useless against men on

horseback using elephant guns. No asegai will reach a man on a horse."

One's notes from Hondros' class discussion of twentieth-century terrorism bring the Story of Civilization up to date. The discussion moved too rapidly for speakers to be identified. What follows came from fifteen different voices.

—"What is terrorism?" Was the bombing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem in 1948 a terrorist act? How about the hanging of two British sergeants and the booby-trapping of their bodies by the Irgun? Was killing Gestapo officers in France during the occupation an act of terror?

—Terrorism is different from random violence, which is a straightforward product of pathology. Going into a MacDonald's with a machine gun is not a political act.

—There are random violence, ideological violence (the Ku Klux Klan, the Baader-Meinhof Gang), terrorism sponsored by a state against its own people, as in South Africa or Kampuchea, and national liberation movements such as the PLO and the FLN in Algeria.

—If you're weak, and you cannot afford a Phantom bomber, you throw a grenade in an airport.

—The only way to establish Israel was to get the British out.

—It worked, yes, but was it right?

From the proscriptions in ancient Rome ("you could arrive at the Senate to find your own name on the list of those condemned," says Holliday) to the PLO, there is anguish, desperation, failure. Things fall apart.

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Perhaps this department, so much the product of graduate work done in the '60s and teaching styles honed under the pressure of students demanding "revelance," sees things only through the anger of its formative decade? Perhaps a more modern view would be more distanced, less engaged?

Not according to the four new people in the department this year. Carlos Nelson says, "I have always considered myself to be a scholar activist. I think it is necessary to develop the connection between what is happening in the classroom and what is happening outside of the classroom, the world of work and the world of study. To some extent, I place much more emphasis on what is happening outside of the classroom. But I don't see an independent existence for either; I see them as interconnecting, as elements that cannot work independently: one needs the other in order to work."

In addition to courses in Chinese history, Chris Hill has taught the history of India, this year. His enthusiasm is boundless, his knowledge extensive, and his opinions open.

"The funny thing was that last semester the only major complaint from several stu-



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Karen Taylor (l.) and Amy Zuberbuhler '90 before the "Women's History in America" class after Amy's opening report.

dents was that I was too anti-imperialist," he says. "I suppose I should have emphasized more that the British made the trains run on time."

Hill seems unrepentant when he talks about Hollywood imperialism. "I just saw *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, and I was furious with it. Things have not progressed since *Gunga Din* fifty years ago—with Sam Jaffe from Brooklyn playing Gunga Din. It's just incredible. I know people came away from *Indiana Jones* thinking that all Indians have monkey brains for dessert. It was a disgusting film."

Maryann Brink talks about her Ph.D. dissertation, in progress at Brown University: "A theory about the late Middle Ages has to do with the rise of private property as a means of defining the modern individual. What I have ended up trying to do—though I didn't realize I was doing it when I started looking at these property contracts—is to see the creation of a public persona for people in Avignon in the late fourteenth century."

"The Pope moved in in 1349. A dinky little town on the south Rhône went from a population of about 2-5,000 to 50,000 people within twenty years."

"What you find after about ten years of the Pope's living there is that no one is anyone's neighbor anymore. As a matter of fact, they don't even know who their neighbors are. In the late thirteenth and early fourteenth centuries, people write in the first person; the notaries go down to the house or the garden and are themselves witness to the transfers of property. After about ten years of the Pope's being there, the language shifts to the third person and into the past tense. The notaries shift from being people to being offices."

"In Medieval Europe, essentially agrarian communities were based on personal ties. Even politics was based more on personal ties than on some kind of institutionalized way of defining relationships. The changes in the structure and language of the Avignonese contracts indicate a change from personalized to institutionalized property transactions as the city becomes larger and more complex. I am looking at the end of the Medieval period."

"I'm looking for an explanation of family violence," says Karen Taylor of her dissertation, in progress at Duke. She is comparing patterns of family violence in America and Australia in the nineteenth century, looking at economic, political, and ideological questions as she examines the variety of forces working on the family.

"I have looked at medical statistics closely, and that is when you begin to see how really awful it is. The doctors, for a variety of reasons, did not recognize or choose to recognize that people, particularly children, were being brutalized by their own families. Which means that the people who were supposed to be protecting them had no knowledge of what was happening to them."

"You look for repeated injuries, fractured tibias, burns, injuries of the same type in different children in the same family, or a



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James Hodges, r., teaching the Leadership seminar in Scovell. John Fernandez '87 is at far left, David Albin '87 at left.

wife who returns month after month having 'fallen down the stairs.' And there's lots of it."

"It would be easy to blame the doctors for not recognizing and doing something about it, but they're caught in the same sort of cultural structure. If they begin to attack the families publicly, they're opening up the door for dismantling the family and the prerogatives that go with being a parent."

From Nelson's classic activism to Brink's examination of the invention of depersonalization to Hill's anger at continuing Western arrogance to Taylor's investigation of a continuing tragedy, the department's latest members are no less concerned with the relevance of the past to present problems than their colleagues. Their styles of teaching are quite as engaged. Their admiration of human progress is no less restrained.

They seem happy here. Asked for her perspective, Taylor says: "We all start out as educators who want to help people learn, and I think somewhere along the way—maybe it's at that point in graduate school where you discover that you really don't know anything—you become afraid someone's going to find out that you don't know. From that point on you can become more and more protective of your territory, trying to keep people from suspecting that there are things you don't know."

"But that just doesn't go on, here. I think it's because people in the history department aren't afraid to yell at one another. It's done on a level of joking, but there's a seriousness to it, too. I think that dispels a kind of pent-up simmering that goes on in a lot of places."

"If I had to describe this history department in one word or less, I would say 'fun.'"

Here, one remembers Watts saying that

it is impossible to describe Miss Dunham's giggle. More, one remembers the comments from alumni about how Miss Dunham not only brought the past to life but was powerfully, clearly, openly concerned with the present.

The history department's interest in the present is no mere manifestation of the '60s. That decade of change at Wooster was a source of renewal. It may have added a tinge of bitterness, a willingness to see failure in human endeavor, as it did nearly everywhere in Western universities and colleges. It certainly saw the development of a department of modernists. But the department's present style is part of a long tradition. Observation, documents and testimony suggest that what we have now is what Miss Dunham meant by the "good teaching" she demanded of her juniors.

During the break in the middle of Watts' South Africa class, I ask the student sitting next to me to show me on our hand-out maps which countries are "the buffer states." After he has helped me place Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia and Angola, he tells me, with pride, that Malawi is his country. He is Thoko Banda '90, cousin of Albert Banda '72, friend of Thomas Kazembi '75, and some of his forbears were Zulu. We have been discussing his history.

History at Wooster is not just the memory of Western culture; nor is it a mindless march to the dubious triumphs of the present. It is an effort to create accurate and vivid images of the past. The habits of mind engaged in that creation are both independently valuable and vital means of understanding present problems. Everyone's problems. ■



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David Albin '87, McGaw crew stalwart, in his domain.

Missing the Karamazovs

by David Albin '87

In the midst of Independent Study as I am, I must confess that the stress and strain have pushed my resiliency to the limit. I'm tired, and I'm starting to ask myself questions which are entirely detrimental to the efficient completion of my work. Will I finish? Is it any good? Is there a more comfortable chair I could be sitting in? What if I had used a computer instead of my typewriter? How could Jon have hung that poster where he did, and why isn't there more coffee in this room? With my deadline only a week away, I am pretty sure I should be focusing what faculties I still possess on rhetorical and research problems posed by my thesis, not aesthetic problems imposed by my new surroundings.

I normally live in Andrews Hall, a wonderfully comfortable place the residents recently christened "the luxury dorm." For the time being, however, over Spring Break while I finish my I.S., I am ensconced in Kernarden Lodge. I must confess that the accommodations are quite adequate. Jon Barclay and Ken Shepard, both of the Class of '88, graciously donated the use of their room, which I deeply appreciate. But it has been a rather awkward adjustment to have to make, for at a time like this, with I.S. worming its way into every waking moment, the last thing I needed to do was pull up stakes in Andrews and pitch camp in a totally alien atmosphere in Kernarden. It is a feeling not completely unlike being sick in a motel room when you wish you were at home in your own bed.

In fairness to myself, I must admit that

I have weathered the change fairly well. I now know how to operate the stereo and the coffee maker; I've positioned my books around the most comfortable chair in the room; and my electric typewriter cord is just long enough to reach the only electrical outlet. I even brought a couple of plants and some pillows. Such touches have made it feel more like home. I feel that I'm adapting pretty well under the circumstances—showing remarkable flexibility.

I have heard that "the real world" requires of a person various practical survival skills, skills unknown to me now, but which I must have managed to acquire while at the College. I would think that flexibility, the ability to adapt to various situations, as I have to Jon and Ken's room, might be foremost among such skills. For a person who still does not know what he wants to do with his life, flexibility sounds like an enormously valuable trait.

One is born with flexibility. It cannot really be taught, but it can be honed, sharpened. I didn't realize it at the time, but when I was thrown into the work-study arena of McGaw Chapel as a freshman, I was just beginning to apply the whetstone. My work-study experience provided me with more than just spending money. It provided me an opportunity to test my flexibility and resiliency.

I weathered the news that I was to be a work-study student quite well. The prospect of combining work and study might seem intimidating to some, but to a wide-eyed Midwestern boy, the task seemed none too large.

My brother and sister had toiled under similar programs at their respective colleges. In fact, it seemed rather a romantic notion, working my way through college: investing a little sweat into each book so that I might invest a degree of security in my future; burning a little of the midnight oil after a hard night's work so that I could dutifully produce my assignments for stern taskmasters the following day; contributing to the prestige and efficiency of the College by producing not only for the academic community but for the working community as well. And the hours weren't bad.

Such romantic notions were quickly bootied by the cold realities of section parties, a serious lack of midnight oil (and oil lamps in general), an eight o'clock Geology class, more section parties and the disillusioning realization that a ten-hours-a-week job can demand some of the most inconvenient chunks of time

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imaginable. That last cold reality dawned on me my very first night on the job as I wandered McGaw Chapel locking doors and turning off lights at one o'clock one January morning. But I was flexible, so I didn't fret too much.

The nature of the work in McGaw is such that the crew might mop floors in the morning, then get away for class and lunch, only to return in the afternoon to load in a travelling show of some sort for a performance that evening. Such a day usually yields about ten or twelve hours on the time-card and about ten or twelve minutes in the library, but it's a challenge and we get to meet some interesting people.

The crew I speak of consists of eight very diverse people who have little in common besides being flexible folks who can work at all hours of the day or night. Our fearless leader, Bryan Gillooly, '87, the McGaw student manager, started working at McGaw about the same time I did. We find ourselves looking back from time to time at our four years of service and invariably conclude that had we not had such a flexible, open-minded crew, we might never have been able to stage some of the shows we've hosted.

One potential disaster wanted to occur a couple of years ago when The Flying Karamazov Brothers were in town. Because their normal properties man was gone, the Brothers needed two of our crew to help them execute a crucial segment of their program. Todd Fach '88, and I were charged with the task of climbing the catwalks (about fifty feet above the stage) and dropping heavy sandbags precariously close to the heads of two of the Brothers during some insane sequence of their show. As I say, these were heavy bags, and Todd and I were reluctant to take these men's lives into our own hands; we'd never dropped sandbags toward anyone before. Accidentally

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bashing one of them in the head would prove inconvenient in the long run (court dates, lawyers' fees and the like), or, at best, would immediately spoil the evening's performance.

But they calmed us down, told us their insurance covered such mishaps, and shooed us off to the catwalks. This was small consolation, but Todd and I realized it had to be done and proved our enormous flexibility in the face of possible manslaughter with two well-placed drops by their ankles. They gave us the heartiest of congratulations after the show.

The most recent occasion when it dawned on me that my work-study job was sometimes inconvenient and demanded quick-thinking adaptability was just a few weeks ago as I watched a truck in McGaw's parking lot catch on fire. In my four years of work in McGaw, I had never seen anything catch on fire. Folk singer Don McLean left a cigarette smoldering in one of the Green Room's ashtrays, but I didn't worry too much about that. People leave cigarettes to smolder in ashtrays all the time—that's what they're for. The Alchemedians, a comedy/mime duo who performed in McGaw last fall, played around with some flaming hoops in their show, but since they were certified New York City Fireguards—a fact verified on the back of their

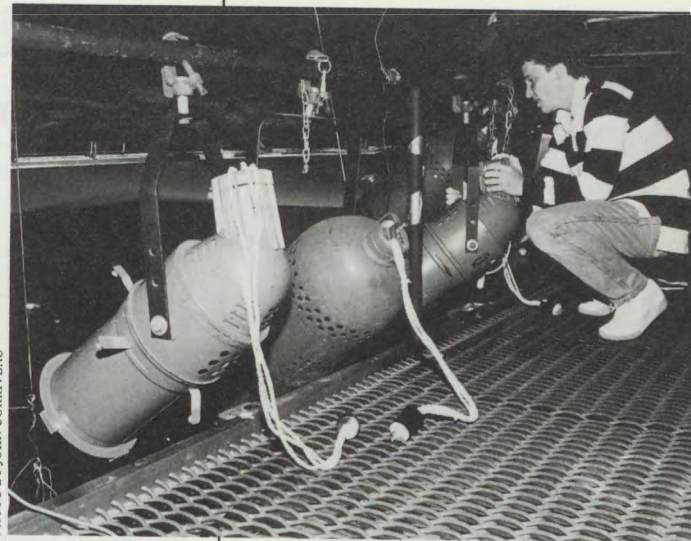


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Bryan Gillooly '87, student manager of McGaw Chapel.

Todd Fach '88 on the catwalk overlooking McGaw's stage.

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programs—we of the McGaw crew weren't overly concerned that there would be any mishaps that night. In fact, after four years in McGaw, I'd had so little exposure to flames and flammables that I wasn't even sure where our fire extinguishers were.

But that night a few weeks ago, I simply couldn't help but notice that the Ryder truck parked before me was ablaze. The hydraulic "Tommy Lift" on the rear of the truck had developed an electrical "short"—a serious one which made a lot of noise—and the attendant greases and oils associated with the undersides of such trucks were rapidly succumbing to a deluge of flying sparks.

The balsa wood and papier mache palm tree I was holding seemed fairly unimportant in the face of this growing peril. It also seemed like the kind of thing that might flame right up if held too close to raging grease fires, so I tossed it out of harm's way and scanned the immediate vicinity for a blanket or a bucket of water. Everyone else dropped his or her

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palm tree and did the same, while we all simply dropped our jaws in disbelief. For such a large crew we were incredibly quiet at that particular moment.

It was a little after midnight, and we were loading out *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, the show we had just helped stage. The show and its crew hadn't required any water. Why, then, I expected to find a bucket of water just sitting in the parking lot, I don't know. How I expected to put out a grease fire with water, I don't know either, but such a discovery would have been a convenient thing, I thought, in an otherwise inconvenient situation. Instead, I had to try to remember where our fire extinguishers were.

"James!" I screamed to my comrade, James Bridgman, '89. "Get outta the truck!"

"Why?"

"We need a fire extinguisher!"

"What for?"

"Well, you see," I said as I pointed to the underside of the truck, "the truck's on fire and we need—"

I had never realized James was so quick, and almost before I knew it he was out of the truck, into McGaw, and back out again with fire extinguisher in hand and the fire in his sights. It was an impressive display on James' part, and I told him so.

Until just recently, I had felt rather bad about not remembering where McGaw's fire extinguishers were. But looking back, I now understand the incident as a stirring example of my ability to adapt to yet another potentially disastrous situation. I exercised my flexibility at a pivotal moment and perhaps awakened long dormant leadership qualities when I decisively commanded James out of the truck to find a fire extinguisher. Had I not been there to identify the problem and coordinate the subsequent action, James and countless balsa wood palm trees might have perished. Flexibility seems to be the key.

If this is the case, then I have my work-study experience to thank for helping me discover it. Working at McGaw Chapel the last four years has been quite an experience despite its often inconvenient hours. McGaw has hosted distinguished scholars, Broadway plays, special interest films and prominent politicians; world class authors, travelling shows, concerts and theologians. As crew members, my cohorts and I have been charged with tailoring McGaw to suit the specific needs of all these various events. It has taught us to be very flexible.

As I look around my temporary lodgings in Kenarden and at the I.S. before me, I understand that such a lesson is indeed invaluable; that flexibility is, for me, a cherished skill. While I'd rather be enjoying Spring Break anywhere but Kenarden Lodge, I realize that the task before me is not so large, not so intimidating. Much like dropping heavy sandbags in close proximity to famous performers, it is an inconvenient task that I'd rather not deal with. But I'll adapt. After all, I remind myself, those sandbags didn't hit the Karamazovs. ■

Al Van Wie and the NCAA

by John Finn

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, established in 1906, has become the governing body for more than 800 colleges and universities nation-wide. During the past eighty-one years, the NCAA has served its members well by providing a number of services, including national statistics, rules for each sport, and a forum for opinions and concerns.

Recently, however, the NCAA has encountered more than its share of problems. National attention has been focused on the organization for its investigations into recruiting violations, drug abuse and poor academic performance by college players. The negative publicity has cast doubt on the NCAA's effectiveness and has raised questions about its ability to govern so diverse a group.

College of Wooster Athletic Director Al Van Wie '52, who was elected to the NCAA Council in 1986, will play an important role in shaping the course and direction of collegiate athletics during his four-year term, and the outspoken Dutchman has some interesting things to say about the organization and its problems.

A native of Schenectady, N.Y., Van Wie graduated with a degree in physical education. He earned his master's degree from Northern Michigan University, and after eight years of teaching and coaching on the high school

level, he returned to Wooster to assume a staff position in the department of physical education. He became head basketball coach in 1961 and guided the Scots to 303 victories during a brilliant twenty-one-year career.

Van Wie has served as Wooster's athletic director since 1974, and today, as chairman of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics, he oversees one of the most comprehensive athletic programs in Division III, a program that includes eleven sports each for men and women. He also serves on the executive committee of NACDA (National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics), and he was a driving force behind the formation of the North Coast Athletic Conference. In addition, he created Camp Fighting Scot, one of the first summer basketball camps for young men in Ohio, and he originated the Wooster Basketball Classic, an annual tournament that brings some of the top Division III basketball teams in the nation to campus during the Christmas holiday.

As a member of the NCAA council, Van Wie's primary interest is in the issues that affect Division III, but he admits that a great deal of his time will be spent studying, analyzing, and trying to solve problems in Division I.

"There are a number of key items which the NCAA will have to deal with this year," says Van Wie, "and the way the organi-

zation handles each issue will be observed closely and evaluated thoroughly by the media as well as the member institutions."

Van Wie singled out what he considered the most important issue in collegiate athletics today, and offered a detailed observation of each, including a Division III perspective.

According to Van Wie, one of the key issues is the ever-widening gap between the needs of Division I schools and the philosophies of Division III institutions. "We have to ask ourselves whether there is room under the same umbrella for all of us. Can the NCAA serve schools like Ohio State, Notre Dame, Penn State, Oklahoma, Yale, Harvard, Ashland and Central State, while, at the same time, trying to work on behalf of schools such as Wooster, Denison and Oberlin?"

"As it stands now, Division I has a voice in structuring Division III legislation and vice-versa," adds Van Wie, "but because

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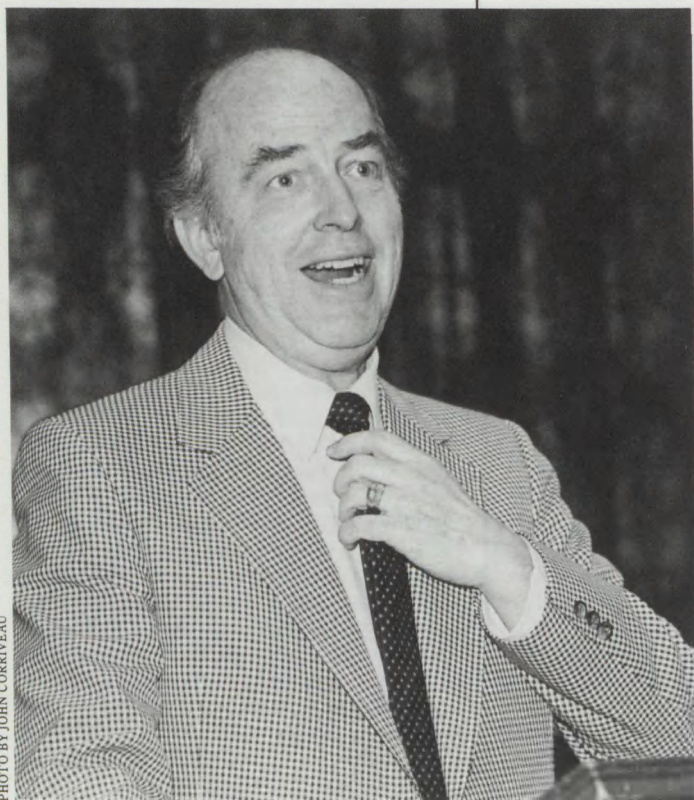
of the diversity in size, philosophy, goals and priorities of the different schools, I don't think that can continue much longer."

So what are the alternatives? "Well, the NCAA already has begun to move in the direction of federation, which means that each division will take more responsibility for its own issues," says Van Wie. "As an example, Division I and II recently voted to limit the number of baseball games in one season to seventy, while Division III chose to limit its baseball season to forty games. This is one instance of how each division can operate separately while still belonging to the same organization."

A second issue that has caught the attention and raised the ire of some educators is Proposition 48, which states that minimum academic standards must be imposed on incoming student-athletes. Specifically, athletes must pass a minimum of eleven core courses in high school and score at least a combined total of 700 on the verbal and quantitative Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SATs) before they become eligible for varsity competition. Students who do not meet these requirements can be admitted, but they cannot participate in NCAA-sanctioned athletic contests.

Proponents applaud the legislation for its potential to upgrade the academic performances of varsity athletes and to better prepare high school athletes for the rigors of a college curriculum. Opponents argue that it discriminates against blacks and other minorities who come from school districts where the quality of education is inferior.

Van Wie suggests that Proposition 48 be judged for its long-term value. "I agree there are inequities in the system as it exists



Al Van Wie '52



Women's track: Rhonda Belcher '89 receives the baton from Colleen McCauley '89.

now, particularly with the SAT scores, but we have to start somewhere," he says. "One of the reasons this legislation is so unpopular among high school counselors and administrators is that it forces them to re-evaluate their operation and look for ways to improve their system. It is their job to make students aware of the consequences of not taking or not passing these core courses.

"As far as the student-athletes are concerned, we're doing them a favor by forcing them to prepare themselves better for a college education," he adds. "Something has to be done to put an end to a system that admits students who are ill-prepared for the demands of a college education."

Minimum standards are not as much an issue in Division III because the academic requirements at many of these institutions are generally higher than at their Division I counterparts—in some cases, considerably higher.

"Coaches at Wooster and throughout the [North Coast] conference realize that they must recruit student-athletes who first will be able to meet the requirements of the college or they will not be admitted," says Van Wie. "It's that simple."

One of the most publicized issues is the one that deals with mandatory drug testing for athletes. In addition to the concern over marijuana, cocaine and other substances, the introduction of anabolic steroids also has become a concern.

Van Wie says the NCAA should do everything in its power to rid college athletics of drugs but admits the solution will not be an easy one.

"Drug testing is a very complex issue," says Van Wie. "We still have not resolved whether or not it is a violation of a person's rights to conduct the tests, and, although I do believe the tests serve as a deterrent, I don't think they go far enough.

"In addition to testing, I favor a plan to

introduce a comprehensive drug education program," adds Van Wie. "Let's give the athletes the facts about drugs, so they know what they are dealing with from the beginning."

As for drugs in Division III, Van Wie says, "We are kidding ourselves if we say they don't exist, but I think it is important to point out that most student-athletes, whether they're in Division I, II or III, get an opportunity to become involved with drugs before they come to college. Drugs are certainly a problem in collegiate athletics, but no more so than in society."

Cheating is another major concern of the NCAA. Probably the oldest and most common form of cheating occurs during recruiting. Because of the pressure to win, especially



Men's tennis: Dave Baka '87

from alumni and fans, many coaches adopt a philosophy of doing whatever it takes to be successful, even if it means violating NCAA rules and regulations.

"Coaches, athletes and institutions who willingly and knowingly violate NCAA rules should be dealt with in an appropriate manner," says Van Wie. "The pressure does not justify cheating on any level."

Recruiting in Division III differs significantly from recruiting in Division I. There is often much more at stake when several Division I schools battle for a top athlete because that athlete may be able to turn a program around. For example, before Tony Dorsett came to the University of Pittsburgh, the team was a perennial loser, but he helped lead the Panthers to a national championship in 1976, bringing tremendous exposure, not to mention revenue, to the institution.

"Although the competition for the blue chip student-athlete is intense in Division III, the pressure to win and generate revenue for the institution is not," says Van Wie. "It just isn't part of our philosophy.

"Also, each institution keeps a watchful eye on what its coaches are doing in an effort to prevent any such violations," adds Van Wie. "In Division I, the presence of booster groups that become involved with recruiting makes it more difficult for the athletic department to keep tabs on its activities. As a result, many of the violations occur in this area."

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Should freshmen continue to be eligible for varsity competition? This issue, on which the NCAA has vacillated for several years, is expected to be the key issue at a special NCAA session in Dallas next month. At one time, freshmen were not eligible for varsity competition, but responsible people have become concerned about growing athletic, academic and social pressures facing freshmen athletes in Division I.

Van Wie strongly opposes freshman eligibility in Division I. "The first year of college represents a major transition for all students, but when you add the pressure of varsity athletics, you are asking for trouble," says Van Wie. "There are examples of freshmen who can perform well academically and athletically, but this group is a minority.

"Students coming to college need a year to get adjusted to new faces, new studies and an entirely new environment," he adds. "We can support their year of transition by removing the burden of varsity athletics from their shoulders."

Division III is a different story, however, according to Van Wie. "In Division III, where more of an emphasis is placed on academic achievement, the seasons are generally shorter, the time commitment is much less and the pressure to perform is not nearly as

intense as it is in Division I," he says. "As a result, most freshmen can make the transition to varsity competition in college with little or no problem. In fact, athletics in Division III may provide a strong support group for a freshman."

Financial aid continues to be a major topic of concern for administrators in Divisions I, II and III, and it always will be, in Van Wie's opinion. With the escalating costs and related expenses, student-athletes are finding it increasingly difficult to finance their college educations.

"Almost all Division I athletes receive some sort of athletic scholarship, but that doesn't solve all of their problems," says Van

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Wie. "A number of student-athletes come from disadvantaged backgrounds, and they often need money for more than just room, board and tuition. What if they want to go home for a weekend, or take a date off-campus? Where are they going to get the money for this?"

NCAA rules prohibit Division I athletes from taking a job on campus, and their athletic schedules usually prevent them from working off-campus. It is situations like these that can lead to the illegal payments.

"In Division III, which offers no athletic scholarships, many of the athletes find work on campus, but the job is usually part of a financial aid package, and it is not always enough to help the athlete make ends meet."

Financial aid is a big problem, and it is one that the NCAA will be taking a long look at once again this year. This leads to the final and, quite possibly, most controversial issue. Because of the growing financial needs of the student-athlete, some are suggesting that athletes be paid like professionals for their services. After all, many athletes have allegedly

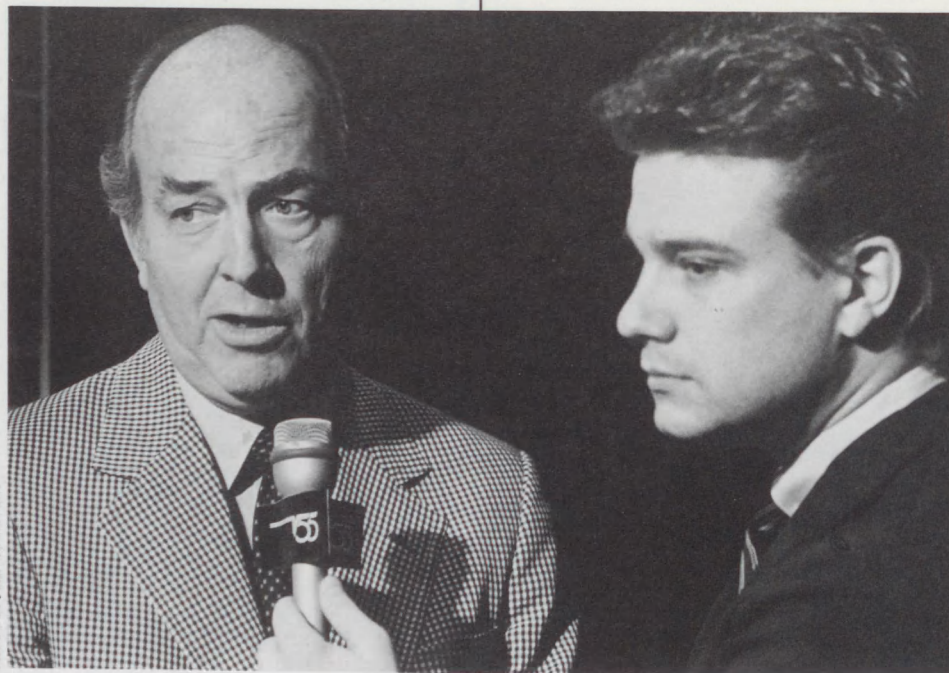


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Van Wie being interviewed by Skip Randolph of WBNX-TV, Akron.

been paid illegally for years. Why not put an end to this practice by making payments legal?

"It's not that simple," says Van Wie. "First of all, people who suggest such a plan are thinking primarily of Division I football and basketball players, whose performances bring in a great deal of money to the institution by drawing large crowds and attracting network television contracts. But what about golfers, swimmers or lacrosse players? They work as hard as football and basketball players. Should they be penalized because they don't attract large crowds?"

"On the other hand, because most other sports are barely able to support themselves with current expenses, how could athletic departments even think about paying

athletes in non-revenue sports? It would be impossible. I think an athlete, just like any other student, needs to be able to make some spending money. I'm just not sure what the best method for accomplishing this would be."

Obviously, such a proposal will not affect Division III. "We don't offer athletic scholarships now, and I don't envision us paying

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athletes for their services in Division III," says Van Wie.

Despite the problems facing the NCAA, Van Wie says the organization is doing its job in administering to the needs of college athletics. "The system is not perfect," he says, "that's for damn sure, but in most cases it is working. The vast majority of athletes, coaches and institutions play by the rules. Obviously, there are individuals within the system whose actions tarnish all of us, but you never hear about that because it is not news. I think it is unfortunate that a few isolated incidents can hurt the reputation of the organization. Within the NCAA leadership, there are men and women of integrity who are working extremely hard to preserve inter-collegiate athletics in this country, and I am excited about being part of this leadership.

"The NCAA has effectively served its member institutions for more than a century, and I firmly believe it will continue to do so."



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Men's lacrosse: Scott Miller '88

New Lives

by Tom Ward '86

Jim Bean '42

French and Physical Education

He has always been fond of Wooster, and the College can't get enough of him.

Twenty-one days after his official "retirement" at mid-year, and December's (1986) surprise public tribute and reception thrown by colleagues, friends and students, Jim Bean was back in the classroom.

"The French department had more students than they could handle, so I agreed to pitch in and teach a 102 section," says Bean. "One of my friends asked 'Hey, Jim, how was that twenty-one-day retirement?' 'Not bad at all,' I said. 'I think I'll try it again sometime.'"

Bean, who has taught French and religious studies and coached the men's track and cross-country teams for twenty-two years, does not regret putting off his official "retirement." "My French section is smaller than usual, fifteen students, as opposed to thirty, which gives me a little more space to try some new teaching methods. It's super to be able to have more one-on-one contact."

He's busier than he expected: active in the French department and "still trying to get through all the letters from the retirement party. I have a lot of people to thank." Bean adds with a chuckle, "The physical education department has been gracious. As yet, no one

has asked me to coach tennis or softball. But we'll just wait and see what happens."

Even though he's retired from coaching, Bean has left his mark on a crop of runners who are shattering all kinds of indoor track records. "It's great to see the men running so well indoors. I'm not directly involved, but I feel our super cross-country season geared them up for better performances this winter," says Bean.

An ordained Presbyterian minister, Bean tries to live by his belief "that the best way to serve God is to serve people." "Retirement" from the College has not much changed Bean's "teaching ministry."

He has delivered sermons at parishes in Dalton and Fredericksburg, Ohio, and continues "to have a ball singing in the First Presbyterian Church's choir in Wooster." In addition, Bean works in the College's admissions office, as a liaison for the church relations office and prospective students. He keeps potential students in touch with religious organizations on campus such as The Newman Club, The Jewish Students' Association, The Canterbury Club and The Seekers.

"I'm trying to help prospective students understand the opportunities for involvement in the various religious organizations, to let them know the religious component of the College is alive and well. Historically, Wooster's basic constituency was

the Presbyterian church, and we are trying to renew our commitment to that historical connection," says Bean. "We are concerned with the primary question—'how can the College's various religious communities become more visible to prospective students, and help get those students to come to Wooster?'"

In the 1987-88 academic year, Bean and his wife, Sally, will work in a Swiss Reform Parish, in the Canton of Neuchatel. "I'll move from the role of teacher/coach/administrator to that of pastor. I'll be working in homes and hospitals and teaching in the church annex. I'm looking forward to preaching in French, and I hope to get involved with the local youth groups."

After his tenure in the French-speaking Alps, Bean will return to southern France for a year to pursue his interest in the monasteries' and convents' Romanesque architecture. Says Bean, "On our last sabbatical from Wooster, we spent fourteen months researching this marvelous architecture and hardly scratched the surface. We've been dying to get the chance to continue studying and talking with the people about the stone-work and carvings. This architecture is truly alive in the native people's dialogue, and it is easier to understand modern France after looking at France's past."

J. Arthur Baird

Religious Studies

Last year, at a special retirement ceremony, J. Arthur Baird said he was ready "to begin the third part of a three act drama—finishing the research and writing that has piled up over the years."

Baird was Synod Professor in the College's department of Religious Studies for thirty-two years. Though deeply committed to completing his various projects, this avid sailor and former naval officer has skipped a number of academic voyages for the College this year.

Baird served as this year's Academic Dean for the College's twentieth Lay Academy of Religion and twenty-first Clergy Academy of Religion. The academy sessions, which brought acclaimed scholars and professionals to the campus, were open to laity and clergy. Says Baird, "The Academies' topics—'The Greed Syndrome' and 'Reclaiming the Christian Life-style'—were highly potent, and invited tough discussion on the church's relationship to a host of issues affecting the nation."

In addition to presenting the final lecture in both academies, Baird was responsible for creating a rough outline of material, contacting various scholars and professionals, coordinating the speakers' stays in Wooster, organizing sub-topics into a formal structure and presiding over each session. Although "there have been crazy times when the featured speaker has cancelled at the last minute, and I've had to deliver the main address," this year's academies suffered no major problems and produced a number of explosive sessions.



Jim and Sally Bean surrounded by well-wishers.

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J. Arthur Baird.

Baird and his three student secretaries continue to run both the Biblical Research Associates, Inc. press and Iona press from his office in Scovel Hall. The Iona press publishes religious books for the laity, such as Baird's critically acclaimed *Rediscovering the Power of the Gospel*. A pioneer in computer generated critical analyses of the Bible, Baird, co-editor of the Biblical Research Associates Inc., is currently finishing volume twenty-nine of the Computer Bible series. He and David Thompson '70, a computer systems analyst from Pittsburgh, are writing *A Critical Concordance to the Book of Hebrews*.

The Computer Bible series enables biblical scholars to pinpoint information in the Bible that was impossible to validate without computer programming. Baird and co-editor David Noel Freedman, chair of the department of Religious Studies at the University of Michigan, were the first scholars to format computers for Biblical research. Says Baird, "Biblical scholars from around the globe have contributed to this series. The books are printed in Ann Arbor and then distributed from Wooster in Greek, Aramaic, Hebrew, and English to an increasing number of scholars each year."

Baird adds, "We're on the edge of state-of-the-art technology. Currently, we are writing a computer program for Laser Greek on the Macintosh and trying to orient Wooster's Vax system to LaserWriter printing. Many biblical organizations are following our lead; recently The Society of Biblical Literature created a new program for computer assisted research."

A "retirement pilgrimage" will take Baird and a group of alumni on a Study Travel Seminar to Israel during the summer of 1988. During his tenure at Wooster, Baird headed seminars to various areas of the middle east.

In between editing and organizing, Baird makes headway on his half-dozen books. "On each academic leave I wrote a new manuscript; one book spun off from another. Now it's high time to focus my full attention on these projects."

During the academic year, Baird anchors in his home on Gasche Street; however, each June he trims his 28-foot sloop the *Iona*—his office-on-the-sea—and sets sail in the Atlantic. "I sail for half-a-day, find a quiet little cove and write for half-a-day."

Baird's *The Greed Syndrome*, which draws material from the recent Lay Academy

of Religion, examines personal ethics in the business sector. His half-completed *Maturity in Love* is a thirty-year project which reveals how Jesus' model for ethics applies to spiritual growth in relationships.

Baird expects to complete *The Holy Word* within the next two years. It examines the character of the historical Jesus through word patterns and teachings. A book on epistemology, *Growing to Maturity and Faith*, and another, *Rumors of God*, which discusses science and religion, are ample evidence for Baird's claim: "I'm retired only in title. The odds and ends of plenty of projects need to be completed."

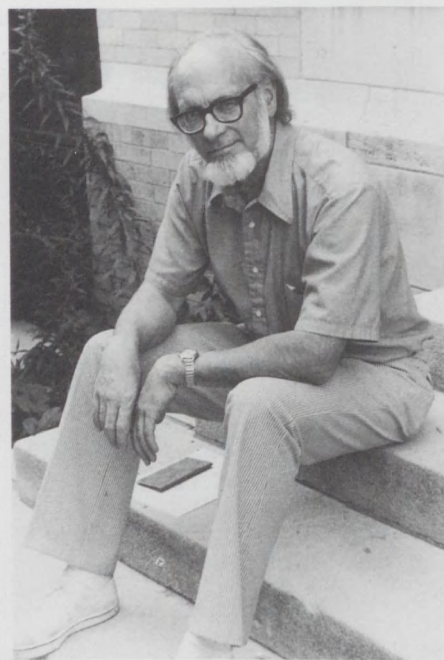
He's searching for a little paradise in which to finish his many books. "Mary and I hope to sail down the entire Atlantic Coast to Florida, or go to Greece and drop anchor off some island. Who knows? We've even entertained thoughts of filming a documentary on the life of St. Paul, right from the *Iona*. There are so many wonderful possibilities."

James Haden Philosophy

After thirty-five years of teaching philosophy, including thirteen seasons as the Compton Professor of Philosophy at Wooster, James Haden has gone back to Athens, Greece, a perfect retreat for scholars. In many a class at Wooster, he crooned that Athens was "the panacea" for Ohio mid-winter blues.

"The sand is plentiful, the sun is piping hot, and the Greek wine is cheap," he said with a chuckle during a recent telephone interview. "For all those back in snowbound Wooster who have given me up for dead, I just want you to know that I'm still alive and kicking."

However, not all of Haden's hours are spent wading in the Aegean; he works on a



James Haden.

number of research projects and publications. "Retirement has never meant and will never mean lying on my back and twiddling my thumbs. I intend never to stop reading or writing or thinking critically."

Haden's first months of "retirement" serve witness to the declaration. His recent scholarship on Plato's "Gorgias" will soon be published in the *Review of Metaphysics*. The study was begun some years ago and offers significant new insights.

Currently, Haden is focusing his attention on two projects. His commentary on Plato's "Euthyphro" will enable beginning students of philosophy to better understand and digest the text. His "Maupertius project" hints at his undergraduate training in physics and electrical engineering at Haverford College. Maupertius, an 18th century French scientist, was "an intellectual giant and probably the most effective advocate of Newtonian science." Currently, Haden is negotiating with Manchester Press about a volume of translations of some of Maupertius' scientific treatises. "This project, like much of my research," he said, "was started at Wooster—if not physically, at least in my mind."

In addition to his research, Haden is "having a whale of a time" taking a course on Modern Greece at the Hellenic American Union in Proper-Athens.

Haden and his wife Olympia now plan to stay in Athens for the next five years. His daughter Mary and his grand-daughter reside in Greece, and Haden's son will join them in touring Europe in the spring. "We love Greece, and we love the weather," says Haden. "We're hoping to travel all over Europe, from Edinburgh to Istanbul. I have a little project in the back of my mind—assembling a collection of photographs of places with philosophical connections to be used for decorations or calendars, whatever a philosophy buff might want."

Jim Haden: always dynamic and always thinking.

Frank Miller Political Science

"The mood in this office is upbeat; students are excited and eager to learn what you can tell them about off-campus study. Although it's a part-time job that eats up full time, it's been very enjoyable. Helping American students who wish to travel abroad is big business here at Wooster."

The words belong to Frank Miller, who, after twenty-four years of teaching political science at Wooster, retired from his academic post to become this year's Coordinator for Off-Campus Study International Programs. Asked by the administration last summer to fill in for Kenneth Goings of the history department, the incumbent coordinator on leave this year, Miller has remained quite active in this, his first season of "retirement."

A veteran in off-campus programming, Miller was Coordinator for the Institute of European Studies during many of his Wooster

years. The multi-dimensional demands of his current position keep him on the move. He provides interested students with program literature, holds student conferences, attends Great Lake College Association meetings concerned with off-campus programs, and counsels students who are involved in off-campus study programs not led by a faculty member.

"Our international study programs cover all corners of the globe," says Miller, "from Yugoslavia to Mexico City, from Greece to Waseda, Japan." Miller serves as leader for many of the European Studies programs and heads the Yugoslavia, Hong-Kong and Waseda programs. In addition, he is working to solidify a new off-campus study program in Strasbourg, France. Says Miller, "Students rarely view international off-campus study in terms of curricular development. They see the program as a chance to amplify their liberal education, a chance to be abroad on their own. And their continued interest in these programs keeps me busy."



Frank Miller.

Miller has continued in the classroom as well, picking up the late Jim Turner's freshman study seminar this fall. Drawing on his expertise in East Asian socio-political theory, he quickly devised an intriguing syllabus which compared the individualistic emphasis in American society with Japan's predominantly group-oriented social philosophy. "I've taught freshman seminar almost every year it has been offered, and this year was especially enjoyable," says Miller. "The level of the students' academic performance was the strongest I have ever seen."

Miller has not neglected members of the senior class. He has advised one political science I.S. project and served as second reader for two international relations theses.

In among these commitments, Miller spends time "pecking away" at his long-time academic specialty—Japanese constitutional theory. "The material stays ahead of me, but I'm doing my best to catch up. It's a dynamic period in Japan; they are working through

their own version of the separation of politics and religion."

Miller is able to stay in touch with recent Constitutional theory research through The Midwest Japanese Seminar, where "It's wonderful to see so many young professors engaged in the study of Japanese political theory. The meetings are truly positive experiences."

Andrew Weaver Biology

For Andrew Weaver, retirement has been a double blessing; it's given him time to do both the things he's never done and those he's always done.

A professor of biology at Wooster for thirty-one years, Weaver specialized in arthropod biology and histology (the study of tissues). Nationally acclaimed for his work with centipedes and small crustacea—copepods—his research took him outside the laboratory. Weaver was, and continues to be, a biologist committed to investigating the natural world.

For many years, Weaver led a group of Wooster students down south during spring break to study marine and terrestrial invertebrates. The trip included many stops along the eastern seaboard and in the Florida panhandle area. In addition, Weaver was a visiting professor for several summers at Ohio State University's biological station at Put-in-Bay, on Lake Erie. He taught a course in field entomology and was invited back repeatedly because of his expertise and enthusiasm.

Since retiring last May, Weaver has spent time examining the flora and fauna of various parks across the nation; he still enjoys the beaten trail. Says Weaver, "Retirement doesn't mean taking it easy. We've been on the move this past year more than any other time in our lives."

Weaver and his wife Gert have roughed many a wilderness trip using only backpacks and tents. Says Weaver, "We figured it was time for a change. We bought a Ford F-250 pickup to make our trips, which are now longer, a little more convenient."

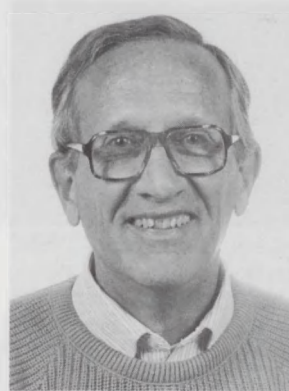
The Weavers' do-it-all "scamper," equipped with refrigerator, stove and a pop-out sleep compartment, got its first workout within weeks. Last summer the Weavers visited their daughter Becky in Yosemite National Park. They spent six weeks camping, hiking, bird-watching, boating and "here and there doing a little bit of nothing in absolutely beautiful country."

After a few months of working on assorted projects around their Wooster home, the couple loaded up the Ford in January and headed down to the Florida Keys. Along the way the Weavers visited family and friends and stopped at state parks, which were, "to no one's great surprise, heavily packed with vacationers." Weaver adds, "Our Florida trip was like all of our other trips. We took walks,

watched for birds, boated, hiked, snorkeled—spent as much time as possible outdoors."

But the clear blue of the Wyoming sky has a stronger claim on their hearts. "The Tetons are our second home. We've visited those peaks practically every summer since we've been married; we can't imagine spending a summer away from the mountains."

Come June they will again load the "scamper" and truck out to their favorite little nook in the woods, the Gros Ventre camp ground in Grand Teton National Park. "We'll do a lot of mountain climbing, float on the Gros Ventre river, and go boating on the Snake River, too."




Andrew Weaver.

A few miles south, in the Granite Creek camp ground, the Weavers will simmer their mountain-chewed muscles in hot springs. "After a tough hike up those sharp mountains, there's no better feeling than soaking for an hour or two in the ninety-five-degree hot springs of Granite Creek," says Weaver.

After thirty-one years of teaching, Weaver is finally getting a chance to take care of business around the home. "I'm five years behind on my house's maintenance, but now that's going to change," he says.

Weaver has already built a Fol-bot (a broad-keeled kayak for two), reconstructed a dry sink, and refinished some antiques. "But I've got a long way to go," he says. "There's plenty of refurbishing to do, not to mention painting, wallpapering, woodcutting and gardening."

He has quelled all thoughts of research until he completes his chores. "When the mood strikes me I'll get back to productive research, but I can't say when that will be." However, Weaver has not severed himself from biology, for his home now includes a comprehensive laboratory, complete with microscopes and slide-making equipment.

Soon the snows on the slopes of the great Wyoming mountains will melt and the Weavers will ache to go west once more. Until then Andy Weaver will keep busy around the home, "enjoying my retirement. I have no regrets." 

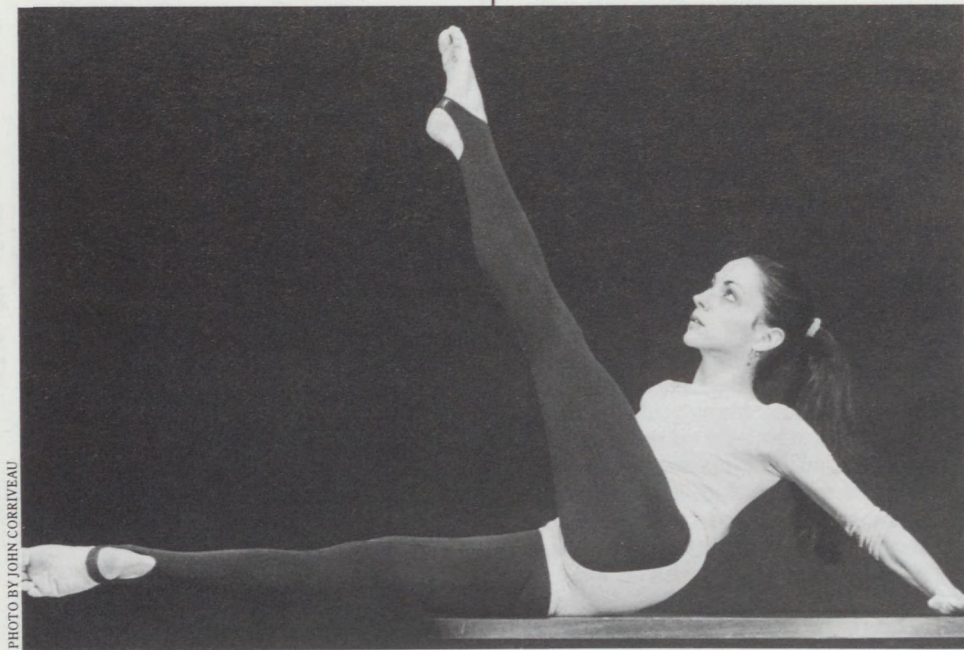


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Kim Tritt.

Dance at Wooster

by Bill Dannley '76

Fierce, bright winter sunlight stabbed through the windows of the lobby of Wishart Hall. As any alum knows, winter sunshine is a rare commodity in Ohio and should be enjoyed while it lasts. As I discussed the dance program at The College of Wooster with its instructor, Kim Tritt, we both attempted to maximize that enjoyment.

Tritt is a dark-haired, diminutive woman in her early thirties. She sat in lotus position while we spoke, wearing blue jeans and a sweater over her leotard. At first glance I would not have thought she was a dancer; she appears fragile in her slenderness. But as our conversation continued it was impossible not to observe the aesthetic grace of her common gestures, or the way the muscles in her neck and arms suddenly darted into sharp relief when she moved, even slightly. I began to realize how carefully she has sculpted her physique for the work she has chosen to do.

Tritt is only a three-quarter-time instructor, but in many ways it is remarkable that the College has any dance program at all. Dancing of any sort was banned by President Scovel in 1886. While square dancing soon returned as morally inoffensive, mixed social dancing remained taboo until the 1920s.

Dance as an art form first appeared at the College in the late 1940s with a student-organized group named Orchesis, although the physical education department had begun offering some dance courses earlier in the dec-

ade. Orchesis continued at Wooster until the late 1960s, and with its disbandment began a period of hiatus which ended in the fall of 1978 with the arrival of a freshman named Barbara Brown.

Brown '82, from Bridgeville, Pennsylvania, came to Wooster expecting to find a department of dance. Highly dissatisfied with the reality, she discovered other students who shared her interest and enthusiasm, and with them organized The College of Wooster Dance Company. By the time Brown left the College in 1983, after a post-graduate internship, dance had been expanded to four course offerings: Ballet I and II and Modern Dance I and II, each worth one quarter credit. Also, dance had become a part of the theatre curriculum, with its own part-time instructor.

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Since then the dance program has evolved further to include other courses. Two seminars are taught every other fall semester: one of them involves the study of composition and choreography, and the other examines dance, dance aesthetics, the history of modern dance, and the care and prevention of dance injuries.

The theatre department now offers Stage Movement and Dance, the only dance course required for a major in theatre. In addition, apprenticeships for the dance courses are

available to students interested in learning how to teach dance.

It is the responsibility of Kim Tritt to teach these courses and direct the Wooster Dance Company. Her background is strongly oriented toward performance. After receiving her bachelor's degree in dance in 1975 from Ohio University, where she studied under Gladys Bailin, she danced in Washington, D.C. with Jan VanDyke. She also worked with Marcia Sakamoto in San Francisco, where in addition to performing she helped run the company and studio.

Returning to academe, she studied for a year at Bennington College in Vermont before transferring to Ohio University, from which she received a master's in arts administration, dance and film in 1983. Shortly thereafter, she began to teach at the College.

After four years at Wooster, Tritt has a firm sense of the evolution of the dance program and what it can provide to the liberal arts student. While performance is essential, she emphasizes the education of students about dance rather than the attempt to turn out professional dancers.

"A dancer who wants to major in dance isn't going to come to Wooster," she stated frankly; although she noted with pride that



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Dorothy Byers '88.

one student, Barbara Curran '85, was accepted into the master's program in dance at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Students who take dance at Wooster vary greatly in experience, making the rigorous training necessary for a dance career difficult. "You have to adjust the class to who's taking it," Tritt explained.

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The lack of previous training is the most inhibiting for the two ballet courses, since the musculature and coordination necessary for ballet must be developed from an early age. However, knowledge of ballet is essential to other forms of dance. "Ballet technique is important in moving," she said. "Until [this is learned], movement isn't disciplined."

Modern dance offers the greatest opportunities for the novice. "It has a technique all its own. It has many forms and structures. It lends itself to many points of view. Creating is very strong in modern dance."

While the creative factor is essential, a firm knowledge of the rules is also necessary to the proper appreciation and future evolution of modern dance. "It is [the] job of contemporary modern dancers to develop these structures, to have an understanding of these structures, and then to break them," she asserted.

I decided to sit in on a couple of classes to get a better understanding of dance at Wooster.

Dance classes are currently held in the television studio room on the third floor of Wishart Hall. An immense, windowless warehouse-like room, one wall has been lined with portable mirrors and the traditional barre. A temporary floor and matting have been placed on the cement floors. While hardly ideal, it is functional.

The temperature of the room during my visits, however, was not ideal. Dancers require a warm environment to allow a minimum of clothing for freer movement. Television equipment, however, requires cooler temperatures. By the time class began, the students needed a warm-up in more ways than one.

The first class I attended was Modern Dance. The atmosphere was friendly and informal. Student apparel ranged from the traditional leotard to teeshirts and shorts to sweat suits. The students called Tritt by her first



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L. to r.: Marie Kilbane '89, Mia Wright '90, Michelle Bechtel '89 and John Breitmeyer '89.

name, Kim; it was apparent from the banter before class that she knew them all very well.

Class began with a slow, methodical warm-up and then progressed to more difficult exercises. There actually seemed to be two distinct classes being conducted at once. One was the actual physical movement of the dance itself; the other involved a series of small lectures and discussions about the physical movements themselves. As one student noted after class: "Kim has a real way of making people move."

Tritt explained her method earlier. "I want [my students] to understand motion and what it means. I don't want them to see a person walking the street. I want them to see a person *moving* down the street and to be able to tell something about that person by the way he or she moves."

The same approach appeared in the Stage Movement and Dance class I attended. The warm-up was nothing less than amusing. "Feel as though your arm is six feet long," Tritt told the students, who immediately began dragging their huge, distended, imaginary arms around the studio. "Feel as though your arm weighs sixty pounds." Shoulders

dropped to one side; movement took on a more awkward, lurching appearance.

"You have stiff bones, no joints," Tritt told the students. The studio was suddenly full of marionettes, lurching stiltedly about. "Melt like butter. Melt like butter." The marionettes slowly began to relax; movement became more and more relaxed, almost rubbery. "You're like slime. No bones. No joints." No longer marionettes, the students were now amoebas, oozing about the floor.

After having made the transition from "stiff" to "slime" several times, individual students were asked to behave as if they had certain physical exaggerations. One had a long nose "like Pinocchio"; one had "a big ear," another "a bubble butt." With each example, Tritt asked the same question over and over again: "What kind of person might that be?"

After class I spoke with several students about the dance program. Said Cyndi Castell '88, from Washington, D.C. and majoring in theatre, "I'm only majoring in theatre because there is no major in dance!"

The other students were from a variety of majors but shared Castell's enthusiasm. Many had taken more than one of the dance courses and were members of the Wooster Dance Company as well. None distinguish between their accredited and non-accredited activities.

Some enjoy dance for very simple reasons. "I like coming to this class . . . It makes your body feel good," explained Nancy Chisholm, a piano/organ major on a one-year exchange program from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. Dorothy Byers '88, a philosophy major from Kitanning, Pennsylvania, thinks that "It's a good class to get your mind off other things." Castell was succinct: "If you're always working your mind and not your body, you're not getting a complete experience."

The only complaint about the dance program at Wooster concerns its limited offerings. Byers complained that "I'm a junior, and after this semester there's nothing left to take!" Castell thinks there should "at least be a minor in dance."


Perhaps they should get in touch with Barb Brown. 



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L. to r.: Kristin Galbraith '89, Erin Grimm '89 and Lisa Vacca '88 in "Coming Apart."

Alumni News

by Jeff Todd '83

Opportunities

Students attend the College because of the academic opportunities that are available for them. Alumni have a natural connection to Wooster because of the academic experience they received as students. With this in mind it is appropriate that the College offer alumni opportunities for continued intellectual and cultural growth. In fact, each year the Office of Alumni Relations plans a number of activities with just that in mind.

Already this academic year, thirty-nine alumni gatherings have been planned in cities around the country. Programs for these events have included a tour of a contemporary art museum, Professor of Russian James Bernhardt talking about the Soviet Union, Professor of Music Brian Dykstra performing rag-time music, Professor of Psychology Gordon Collins discussing sport in America and Professor of History Daniel Calhoun talking on the subject "Utopia yes; Lemonade No!"

During Alumni Weekend, June 4-7, 1987, two faculty presentations will be offered. Assistant Professor of Sociology Terry Kershaw will reflect on the "Anatomy of American Racism" while Associate Professor of English and Women's Studies Joanne Frye will talk on "Thinking Forward Through our Mothers: Women, the Novel and Cultural Change."

The Office of Alumni Relations also offers travel opportunities for alumni, parents and friends of Wooster. This year trips have been planned to China, Vienna and Bavaria, and India. Wooster's travel program is designed for people interested in investigating the cultures of other countries, and sometimes a faculty member joins the trip to help the investigation.

Perhaps the most significant intellectual and cultural program offered to alumni is Wooster's Summer of '87 Alumni College. The significance of this annual program is that alumni are offered an opportunity to explore a topic of contemporary interest with current faculty members as well as other alumni. The program includes a varied schedule of cultural events.

"The Other Europe" is the theme for this year's program scheduled for June 7-13. Guest lecturer Larry Caldwell '62 and Wooster faculty members Daniel Calhoun, James Bernhardt, Thalia Gouma-Peterson and Dina Plestina will look at the extraordinary period of change taking place in the USSR and Eastern Europe.

Offering opportunities to alumni for intellectual growth is a primary goal of the Office of Alumni Relations. We hope you will watch for and take advantage of future opportunities.



Julius Komjati's etching, Merry Fellow (from the John Taylor Arms Collection, a gift of Ward M. and Mariam C. Canaday) is the logo for the Summer of '87, whose subject is "The Other Europe."

Why Not Return?

Why not return for Alumni Weekend? This year it will be held from June 4-7, and class years ending in "2" or "7" will be celebrating reunions with picnics, open houses, luncheons and other events. In addition to class events, there will also be a number of exciting events designed for all alumni.

On Friday, the "W" Association will host its annual golf tournament and Hall of Fame banquet. Being inducted in the "W" Association Hall of Fame are: Mariam Siegfried McDonald '37, Lawrence C. Price '53, Robert M. Whitaker III '60, George W. Bare '67, Jane Jacobs Herzog '70 and Wesley A. Dumas '74. Also on Friday there will be a tennis tournament, faculty lecturer, Friends of the Library Fiftieth Anniversary Luncheon, a special presentation by Dean of Students Kenneth R.

Plusquellec '57 and the Old Guard dinner with featured speaker Dean of the Faculty Glenn R. Bucher.

Saturday will begin with the All-Class Continental Breakfast during which the 103rd Meeting of the Alumni Association will be held, complete with class banners and bagpipers. At the meeting the Class of 1937 will be recognized for reaching its fiftieth reunion year and the class of 1962 for its twenty-fifth; President Henry Copeland will speak; retiring faculty will be honored; and class attendance cups will be presented. The Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to Dorothy McCuskey '29, Jon R. Waltz '51 and Ralph A. Young '29. At the same time, the John D. McKee Award will be given to Roger and Martha Tilock Van Bolt '37.

Also on Saturday, the President's Luncheon will be held to honor the Fiftieth Reunion Class (1937); Friends of the Library will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Andrews Library with featured speaker Dr. Frederick Kilgour, Chairman of the Board of the Applied Information Technologies Research Center; President and Mrs. Henry Copeland will host a reception for all alumni; there will be a Special All-Class Dinner, and the Ohio Light Opera will perform *HMS Pinafore*.

The weekend ends on Sunday with Westminster Presbyterian Church's service in McGaw Chapel. Reverend Stephen D. Geckeler '62 will be the guest alumnus minister and the Alumni Choir, directed by Emeritus Professor of Music R. T. Gore, will sing.

With all this going on during the four days of Alumni Weekend, in addition to the chance to see good friends and to see old and friendly places once again, why *not* return?

Meeting Notes

Land o' Scots

The local alumni organization, the Land o' Scots, celebrated the holidays with a special program in December. Donald W. Harvard, Wooster's Vice President for Academic Affairs, was the featured speaker. After Harvard's comments about admissions, faculty, and the curriculum at Wooster, the group enjoyed hot cider and donuts and sang Christmas Carols by the crackling fire in the main lounge of Lowry Center.

In January the Land o' Scots recognized their annual Scotspirit Night. This popular evening began at Lowry Center with Al Van Wie '52, Director of Men's Athletics, discussing Wooster's current athletic program with the group. After Van Wie's comments, the evening continued at Timken Gymnasium where the Fighting Scots men's basketball team lost

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Vincent Dowling, J. Garber Drushal Visiting Professor of Theatre, talks with Adrienne Spahn '28 and Margaret Broadhurst '28 at the City Club in Cleveland.

a hard-fought battle to Denison University. Despite the loss, the gymnasium was filled with excitement because of the taping of the game for broadcast later in the evening by Channel 51 of Akron.

Dayton

It was a fine evening for Alumni in the Dayton area who attended the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra's concert in February. Erie Mills '75 sang with the Orchestra. After her magnificent performance, Erie greeted nearly thirty alumni at a post-concert reception.

Princeton

President Henry Copeland addressed alumni, parents and friends of the Princeton area at a Wooster Gathering in the historic Prospect Association (Faculty Club) on the campus of Princeton University. After nibbling on a wonderful assortment of cheese and fruit, the group listened to President Henry Copeland discuss a variety of issues facing Wooster today. There was also an interesting question and answer session with the President following his comments.

Cleveland

Cleveland area alumni were treated to an intriguing evening of stories and poems told and recited by Vincent Dowling, the John Garber Drushal Visiting Professor of Theatre at Wooster for the 1986-87 academic year. The evening, held at The City Club in Cleveland, began with an hors d'oeuvres reception where people visited before the program. Dowling was received warmly by the nearly 100 alumni, parents and friends who attended. The stories and poems were taken from several performances that Dowling has given at The White House. As she was leaving The City

Club, one alumna said, "This was the first alumni event I've been to in many years, and I had a wonderful time!" No doubt Vincent Dowling had something to do with her enthusiasm.

Scot Band and Wooster Chorus Tours

Alumni attended concerts by the Scot Band during their spring tour that took them from Evansville, Indiana to St. Louis, Missouri as well as concerts by the Wooster Chorus in cities ranging from Canton, Ohio, to Williamsburg, Virginia.

In several locations along the tour, receptions were held following the concerts, including Evansville, Houston, Oklahoma City, St. Louis, Canton, Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C. and Towson. In Pittsburgh, alumni gathered in the Frick Fine Arts Cloister on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh following the Wooster Chorus performance at Heinz Chapel. Wooster's Vice President for Academic Affairs Donald W. Harward attended the reception and discussed a variety of activities now taking place on the campus.



Sherry Sherrard and Bob Steiner '42s at the Princeton gathering. Bob was President of the Alumni Association in 1981-82.

In Dallas, alumni met with President Henry Copeland at the Energy Club for a reception before the Scot Band performed at Highland Park Presbyterian Church. Alumni, parents and friends joined members of the Scot Band for dinner before their performances at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston and at First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio. A tasty Viennese Dessert reception was held in the beautiful, tree-filled Atrium of the Kennedy Center after a terrific performance by the Wooster Chorus in the Terrace Theatre. Nearly 250 alumni, parents and friends joined Chorus members for this reception. In St. Louis, there was a St. Patrick's Day theme at the reception for alumni and the Scot Band following the Band's concert at Sheldon Hall.

Many alumni were involved with the tours, from helping to arrange housing for students to making arrangements for events before and after the concerts. The tour was a huge success, and a big "thank you" goes to all of those involved in making it so.

Orlando


Beautiful weather (compared to last year's rain) provided a perfect setting for the second Alumni Golf Gala at the challenging Magnolia Course on the grounds of Walt Disney World. Alumni and members of the 1987 Wooster Golf Team enjoyed eighteen holes of golf. Each foursome of alumni golfers included a member of the team. Whether or not participants were satisfied with their own scores, they all agreed that it was an enjoyable and fun afternoon of golf.

Later, at the Contemporary Resort, a reception was held for the golfers and other alumni, parents and friends in the area. Dean of Admissions Hayden Schilling was on hand to bring alumni up-to-date with the College. Following Dean Schilling's comments, Professor of History James Hodges moderated a panel of John Rahe '87, Tad Mason '87, Nancy Nystrom '89, and alumnus Jerry Smith '83 in a discussion about Wooster.

Findlay

Brian Dykstra, Professor of Music, provided the program for alumni gathering at the Findlay Country Club. Dykstra provided a wonderful program of ragtime music.

Sarasota/Ft. Myers

Emeritus Professor of Speech Win Logan, who is retired and lives on Jekyll Island, Georgia, made a special trip to Florida to be the featured speaker at luncheons in Ft. Myers and Sarasota. Alumni in both cities were treated to Win's wonderful sense of humor and polished delivery as he reflected on "The Good Old Days at Wooster." 

The Written Word

As a rule, *Wooster* does not cover the news, deferring to *Wooster Reports*. But on occasion, an event occurs at the College with such obvious long-term significance that it deserves more than "coverage." Further, an issue devoted to history is the right place to celebrate a gift that links the histories of a family, the town of Wooster, and the College.

On the fifth of December, 1986, C. Paul Christianson, who joined the department of English in 1963, delivered the Inaugural Lecture for the Mildred Foss Thompson Chair of

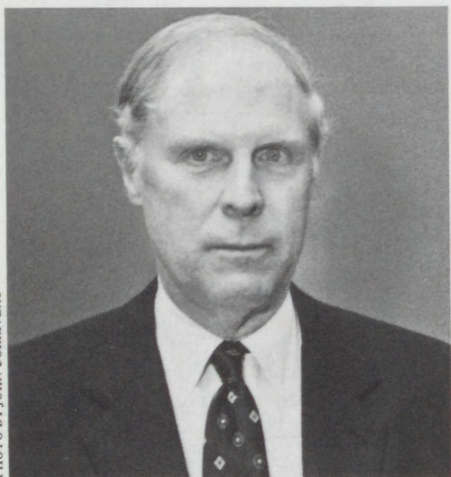


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William Foss Thompson (above) and his wife, Julie, live near Boston. Their daughter Margaret, of New York City, and brother Donald J. Thompson, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, joined them in Wooster for the dedication of the Chair which honors Mildred Foss Thompson '14.

English Language and Literature, a chair he now holds. The usual currency of academic occasions—words—was particularly suitable because the lecture's topic was an important stage in the history of the English language.

Christianson traced a new hypothesis about the establishment of modern written English in fifteenth-century London. He and other scholars argue that "the seed bed of a commonly shared literate language" was "Chancery and not Chaucer, in the literary revolution that occurred in the writing of bureaucratic records in late medieval London." In the fifteenth century, the Chancery department was an umbrella organization that included the court of equity and scribes working personally for the Monarch and his Privy Council. Essentially, it was the "great Secretariat of the government" and its largest department.

Christianson went on to place his own work of the last several years (discussed in this magazine, Spring 1982, p. 10). He has been able to demonstrate that writers working in London outside Chancery (specifically, the London Bridge clerks) adopted Chancery's

standards of scribal practice. Along with the locations of the "offices" of other writers, in the book trade and legal scribes, this is preliminary evidence for the transmission of Chancery standards.

But Christianson's were not the only words that evening. As eloquent were those of William Foss Thompson, donor of the Chair. We share with you here his tribute to his mother, to the College, and to learning.

"This is a very emotional evening for me and the Thompson family. We are gathered to honor the memory of my mother, Mildred Foss Thompson, and The College of Wooster. Mother was born in Wooster in 1892, nurtured here, learned her values of life here and was educated at Wooster as a member of the Class of 1914.

"Fosses have lived in Wooster since the first quarter of the 19th century. The last Foss of Mother's generation died in the third quarter of this century. In our family we hand down the lore of Adam Foss, my great grandfather, who bought a box of Chinese hog bris-



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C. Paul Christianson, a member of Wooster's English department since 1963, is the first Mildred Foss Thompson Professor of English Language and Literature.




The Foss family in September, 1936, on W.D. Foss's 80th birthday. Left to right, standing: Oscar H. Foss, Donald J. Foss, Clifford P. Foss, Walter D. Foss, Walter R. Foss. Mildred Foss Thompson is seated front.

bles at a postal auction and went about Wayne County in his buggy selling paint brushes. Thus began in 1851 The Wooster Brush Company which has for 135 years provided employment for Wooster people—through war, depression, peace and prosperity.

"But Wooster is more than a paint brush company. I mentioned that Mother learned her values and was educated here. Those values were imparted to my brother and me by example, not by fiat: love of God, respect for one's fellow man, a sense of what is right and what is wrong, and the need to think for oneself. We all know we live in a changing world—but some things never change. These are what I call values: honesty, honor, integrity, courage, decency.

"I believe firmly that a sound education is absolutely essential for an intelligent citizen of a country like ours. We must be able to reach responsible decisions in a logical manner. We must learn to think for ourselves. We must read. And we must be able to express ourselves in our own language. As we become more deeply affected by television, with its instant news and instant analysis, I would ask you to think how the participatory democracy crafted by that remarkable group of 18th century men for our benefit—the Constitution of 1787—is going to function properly and survive if our citizens do not receive the training necessary to think for themselves. The issues facing our country and the world are far too complex for a two-minute analysis on CBS!

"The College of Wooster is one of those centers of learning which bless this country. It is where young people come to seek knowledge, to learn and to think. It is very important to me, to you and to this country that this place and others like it be supported by all of us and especially by those of us that can make a difference.

It has been a great pleasure for all of us to meet Professor Christianson, the first occupant of the Mildred Foss Thompson Chair. As long as all of you here and your colleagues keep that flame of learning alive not only will The College of Wooster prosper, but the memory of that wonderful person who was our mother and, above all, our friend live on. 

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Does it seem possible that more than a year has passed since those last crazy days of I.S.? Fortunately, I once again have several correspondents who have shared their news of this last eventful year.

First, a friendly voice from the Netherlands: **Jeroen Touwens**, who was with us our freshman year at Wooster, reports that he is studying history and economics at the U of Leiden, Holland, and wants to say hello to everyone he knew. His address is: Rynsburgerweg 77, 2334 BJ Leiden, Netherlands.

Closer to home, **Barb Davis** is teaching and coaching at Norwayne H.S., near Wooster. I ran into Barb while shopping in Akron, a coincidence which set me wondering about fate or Wooster's magnetism or something.

Kenyon Mau, after working for TV Channel 19 (WOIO) in Cleveland last summer, is now an account executive for United Broadcasting's WRQC, a top forty station also in the city of the "North Coast." He finds sales an exciting challenge and also enjoys the opportunity to DJ a new age program at a local college radio station.

From the beautiful horse country of Lexington, KY, **Bill Townsend** writes that he is Vice President/Creative Director of b. todd advertising, inc., and is account executive for Pepsi-Cola and Buick, among other companies. While running his own production company, William M. Townsend Productions, Bill also finds time to free lance for national horse magazines. In the December issue of *Hoof Beats*, he wrote about how the Wayne County Amish use former Standardbred race horses for transportation. Isn't that appropriate for a Wooster grad?

A few miles to the north, **Cyndy Burns** is interning with the International Joint Commission in Windsor, Ontario, gathering data on all the environmental trouble spots around the Great Lakes. Her address: International Joint Commission, Box 32869, Detroit, MI 48232-2869. Presumably, the Michigan Post Office can find Cyndy in Canada.

Park Espenschade is basking in the sun of California, working for Citicorp and living at: 3525 Dimond Ave. #209, Oakland, CA 94602, Tel. 415-531-9428. I think the phone number is a hint.

Nora Land and **Kristen Lausch** report that **John Murphy** is living in Shaker Heights, OH, working as a management trainee for Elias Brothers. Also, **Barbara Pang** is back home in Hong Kong, but will return to the States in the fall to attend the Hotel Management School at Cornell U.

Lisa Dordal is working in Chicago, and **Kristen Lausch** is living in Boston. Nora is going to Case Western Law School, and her address is: 1990 E. 120th, Apt. 2, Cleveland, OH 44106. She and Kristen ask **Amy Wierman**, "Why don't you write to your friends?"

From our nation's Capital, **Andy Wert** writes that he is enjoying his volunteer work for a group which lobbies for gay rights.

Kim Smith filled me in on several people's whereabouts. **Stephanie Calhoun** is an internal auditor for Bank One in Cleveland, and **Brad Toman** is attending Cleveland Marshall School of Law along with Kim's fiancé, **Todd Kilpatrick**. Kim is working towards her M.A. in social work at Case Western.

Several others have joined the ranks of the blissfully wed (or soon-to-be). **Rick Stern** married Laura Ann Hazelton on September 13, 1986. **Kim Smith** says that at last contact, Rick was completing study at the Police Academy and will become a police officer in Ann Arbor, MI.

On October 18, 1986, **Chris Banyay** wed Karen Nolte x'87 in Durham, NC. Members of the wedding party included **John Peterson**, **Mark Welly**, Jeff Banyay '89, Lisa Banyay '84, and Barbara Stanton x'87. The Banyays reside in Columbus, OH, where Chris is in the management program with State Savings Bank.

Sherry Galloway-Renfroe married former classmate **Timothy Renfroe** on August 29, 1986. She enjoys her job as a case manager/social worker for Case Western's Mental Development Center. Their address: 10906 Gay Ave., Cleveland, OH 44105.

Carrie Wiandt and **Doug McClure** were married on May 31, 1986, and shortly thereafter returned to school. Carrie has a teaching assistantship in physical education at Akron U, working toward an M.A. in sports psychology. Doug is also a T.A. at Akron U, and he will do his thesis research in geology in the Bahamas and in Wyoming. The McClures hope to enroll in doctoral programs in the fall of 1988. Their address is: 1170 Nestor Ave., Apt. B15, Akron, OH 44314.

This coming August, **Midge Olivet** will wed Steve Webster '84. Presently, Midge works for Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington, DC, coordinating a program for assisting companies which hire deaf employees.

Leslie Winter and **Phil Gordon** are also engaged to be married on January 2, 1988. Leslie will finish her job in Texas in November and look for a job in New York City. Phil is a sales rep for Best Foods in Manhattan.

Tim Glaser is now an ensign in the U.S. Navy, after graduating first in his basic training class and receiving Distinguished Naval Graduate Honors. He began flying in February and lives at 15401 Fortuna Bay Dr. #6, Corpus Christi, TX 78418.

Susan Bloss is in her second year of graduate school at Duke, having taken advantage of their 3-2 program in environmental management. Write to Sue at Apt. 13-J, 311 South LaSalle, Durham, NC 27705.

Another graduate student, **Sid Hastings**, is spreading his photo-journalistic fame far and wide. In July he won second place in the Ohio News Photographers Association clip contest, and also captured the third prize for the feature photo story category of the National Press Association clip contest. Congrats, Sid!

Kurt Rothacker proudly reports the New York debut of his composition *Jubilato Deo*, which The Wooster Chorus premiered at our commencement concert in May. The men's and boy's choir of St. Thomas Episcopal Church (from whose choir school Kurt is an alumnus) performed the work on October 12. Kurt is now seeking publication of the piece.

I was pleased to hear from **Ann Keeler**, who spent six weeks in Spain after a short stint working for the Binghamton (NY) Symphony Orchestra. Upon her return to the U.S., Ann plans to move to Washington, DC.

Thanks again, everyone, and keep up the good work!

Secretary: **Patty Skidmore**, 707 Center St., Apt. 3, Ashland, OH 44805.

See You Down the River

by Marcia Obermiller '86

This past June, twelve "river runners," alias Wooster grads, went white-water rafting down the Grand Canyon with geology professor Fred W. Cropp '54. We rode the fastest and longest rapids in the world on motorized rafts, while being numbed by the cool forty-two degree water which "sprinkled" us.

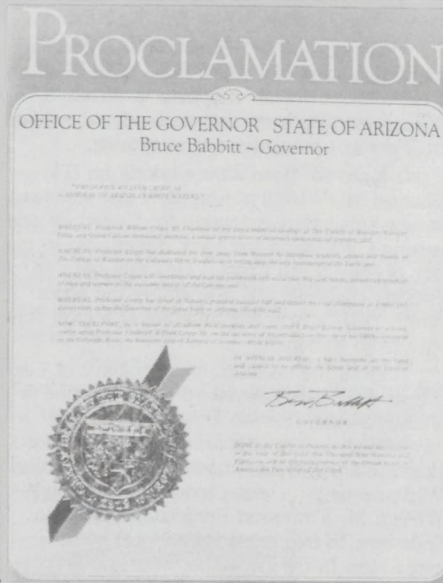
The 280 mile trip took seven nights, eight days, and forty cases of liquid refreshments — for FWC, three cases of aluminum cans of various beverages. Our daily canyon regimen consisted of 5:30 a.m. hikes, water-fall bathing, geological lectures — I mean geological reflections — and porto excursions. [FWC, consulted, explains: "porto excursions" are trips to the porto-pot or the ammunition can lined with a plastic 'baggie' and topped by a toilet seat — real class!"] Each day closed with breath-taking light shows. ["'Light show' is a call that goes out as the sun sets in the evening or rises in the morning to color the walls of the Canyon, which are most brilliant at those times." — FWC]

Members of our group included attorneys, dentists, nurses, a mortician, and a cardio-vascular surgeon. We were in fine

shape in case of an emergency, but the closest to a state of emergency we encountered was running out of cinnamon gummy bears after the fifth day!

This Canyon trip was especially memorable to all river runners because Professor Cropp was proclaimed Admiral of Arizona's White Waters by Bruce Babbitt, Governor of the State of Arizona. A well-deserved honor after eighteen Canyon trips.

Fred, thanks for an A+ experience.



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River Runners: (front row, l. to. r.) Edward Willey '58, Marcia Obermiller '86, Janet Schellhase '84, Douglas Miller '84, Edward Eberhart '55, Arthur Pearson '58. (second row) Beth Shepherd '81, Mary Ann Eberhart Litchfield '64, Patricia Eberhart Miller '84, Janet Evans Smith '51. (top row) Fred W. Cropp '54, David Willey '82.

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Well, they said it couldn't be done. C.O.W. meets Big Apple. A bunch of fresh-faced kids, armed only with their liberal arts education from a small college nestled in the scenic rolling hills of Northeastern Ohio go to New York City for New Year's Eve and rewrite Alumni News history. **Steve Price, Dale Grubb, Jon Huener, Arron Buda, and John Wilkinson** joined **Mike Mann** in his swinging Manhattan bachelor pad for a few incredible days of merry-making and reminiscing. The video will be out soon.

Thanks to **Lawrence Allen** for sending in the following news: On December 26, **Marc Miller** and **Liz Garber** were joined in marriage. The wedding and reception were held in Akron and many Wooster folk were in attendance. The guests included Lawrence, **Curtis McLaughlin**, who is working in Philadelphia for Chubb Insurance and loving it; **Dan and Nancy Neagoy Rice**, both living and working in Cleveland and loving it; **Judy Skwiertz**, living and working in Detroit for EDS; **Shawn Cotton**, attending medical school in Buffalo; **Chris Altier, Jim Shepherd**, Drew Ward '84, and **Kirsten Searle '84**. Christy Anguillare '86 was the maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Catherine Bell '87, **Carla Viles**, Sherry Gross '87 and **Leslie Belz**. Marc is working for Ameritrust in Cleveland and Liz is working for an Ameritrust subsidiary in Canton.

Lawrence is on the last leg of pursuing his M.B.A. at Penn State. One more semester and it's out into the "cold, cruel world." Write to Lawrence at 1210 N. Atherton St., Apt. 19, State College, PA 16803.

Karen Doerbaum writes with several pieces of exciting news. First, she is working for General Electric in Cincinnati. She is a procurement coordinator in a purchasing department on the way to management level. Karen's "other big news" is her December 27 wedding to Jay Brooks, church music director and organist. The fathers of the bride and groom, both pastors, performed the service. Congratulations and best wishes!!!

On the international front, we may remember that following graduation **Caryn Hommes** left the U.S. to work for the Peace Corps in the country of the Central African Republic. She is a health educator, training primary school teachers in health information. Living the true Peace Corps experience, Caryn lives in a mud, thatched roof house with no electricity or running water. Caryn sends her regards to all her fellow classmates. Her address is: c/o Corps de la Paix, B.P. 1080 Bangui, Republique Centrafricaine, Africa.

Ruth and **Chuck Craig** are getting settled into life in Covington, OH. The high school band scene is expanding with great success.

Susan Bainbridge is alive and still studying. Her new address is: 12110 Mayfield Road, #2, Cleveland, OH 44106.

Beth Mabel's life is progressing at an exciting clip. She has a challenging job and a lot to tell you about her trip to Nicaragua. Write to Beth at: 616 North L, Tacoma, WA 98403.

Howard Meyer has relocated from Aurora, OH, to Chicago's North Shore, where he is a commercial real estate broker for Dean Topping & Company. Last summer, he was

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one of four best men at the wedding of his sister, Deborah, and **Jonathan Miller**.

A loan officer at First American Bank of Kane County in Dundee, IL, **Peter Bogle** really likes his job and hopes to go back to school in the near future. He has seen several people from Wooster: Ty Walker '86, **Spencer Newton**, and Bill Granger '84.

In Oct., 1986, **Barbara Tubman's** company, Fidelity Investments, relocated Barbara from Boston to Salt Lake City to open a new telemarketing operations center for them.

William Pazos received an M.A. from the American Graduate School of International Management in December, 1986.

Greg Guelcher writes that he is still in self-imposed exile in Toyama, Japan, where he teaches English. "Those wishing to help me preserve my sanity can write to me at: Apt. 4-D, 3-1-16 Inari Heights, Inari-machi, Toyama-Shi, Toyama-Ken, 930, Japan."

"As if Madison, WI, isn't cold enough," writes **Elizabeth Atkins**, "I am doing my research on the Arctic Ocean, and in particular, on the evolution of some of its smaller inhabitants. I wonder what has become of the Scovel Hall attic dwellers of '85: Shelley, Jonathan, Fred, Nancy, Rob, Tina, Tim, Steve, Curtis, Gordon, etc.?"

That's about all. Thanks to all of you for keeping in contact, and shame on those of you who have yet to contact your lone class secretary. Do your best.

Secretary: **John Wilkinson, McCormick Seminary, 5555 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL 60637.**

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As Keith Jackson might say, "Tonight we will be spanning the globe to bring you the very best in alumni journalism. We will travel to Kenya, Taiwan, France, Japan and Denmark to bring you the drama of athletic attempts to keep in touch with fellow Wooster alumni and the tragedy of still not hearing from **Jennifer Lyn Aitken**. All this and more are still yet to come on this evening's edition of "The Wide World of Wooster!"

Our first story takes us to Nairobi, Kenya, for a visit with **Heather Pereira**.

Q: Heather, what have you been doing with yourself since you left Wooster?

A: Well, for a year and a half, I was working for the ILRAD, the research labs for animal diseases in Kenya. After that, I decided to attend The School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine in London where I obtained my Master's in medical parasitology (What else does one do with a bio major?).

Q: Did you like London?

A: London is quite a city, and I had a lot of fun!

Q: So, what are you doing nowadays?

A: I'm back in Nairobi looking for a Ph.D. position. Hopefully, I'll be working for ILRAD in the immunogenetics field.

Q: Heather, as you're well aware, most of our readers are wondering why you and John de Sousa have yet to tie the knot, especially since the two of you were one of the first couples to become engaged after leaving Wooster.

A: With John in Ireland and me in Nairobi, it just wasn't feasible to get married. He has just begun his medical internship so it looks like another year before I take the big leap!

Q: Heather, would you mind giving us your address so your many fans in the States might have a chance to correspond with you?

A: Sure, Ben, my address is P.O. Box 44687, Nairobi, Kenya.

Next we'll take you to Paris, France, for a visit with **Anne Pourreau**, but first a message from **Federico Erebia**: "Hello fellow classmates and greetings from Providence, RI, where I am attending medical school at Brown U. In addition to classwork, I have been busy with the American Medical Student Association's task force for gay medical students, and AIDS task forces for the American College Health Association and Harvard U. I spent last summer traveling around the country, attending conventions and leading discussions about AIDS, alcoholism, and military discrimination against gay servicepersons." For more information, you can contact Federico at Brown U, Box G, Providence, RI 02910. Tel. 401-941-4849.

And now to Paris, France, where we'll visit with one of Wooster's most prestigious alumnae: **Anne Pourreau**.

Q: Anne, it's reported that you went to Paris in search of a new life. Have you found what you've been looking for?

A: I actually found all that I need to be happy. I have an apartment in the center of Paris (57 boulevard de Vaugirard, 75015 Paris, France), I've an interesting job managing a women's sport shop, and I have a very, very sweet boyfriend!

Q: But what do you think of the city itself?

A: Paris is a very pretty city, and if you can avoid the bombs, it's quite charming! It has a tendency to rain a lot here, but at least it doesn't get as cold as Woo!

When we come back we'll go to Denmark to find out how one of Wooster's special students became a "Legal Eagle."

Have you ever had trouble trying to send a letter to someone? Well don't feel left out.

Drew and **Kirsten Searle Ward** know exactly how you feel. In May '86, they sent a letter to one **Ben LeVan** for publication in *Wooster*. They told of Drew's graduation from M.I.T. with a S.M. in management and their subsequent trip to 1862-D Brattleboro Ct., Kettering, OH 45440, where Drew has accepted a position with NCR as a treasury specialist. The letter never arrived until some months later. But as the old saying goes, "Better late than never!"

And now to Denmark for a few words with **Anders Nielsen**.

Q: Anders, you're described as one of Wooster's special students. How so?

A: I attended Wooster for one year before returning to the U of Copenhagen.

Q: Yet you're still in touch with the college. Why?

A: Because I enjoy hearing about my old friends, and I would like to let them know what's happening with me.

Q: Anders, it's reported that since moving to Denmark, you've become involved with the government?

A: Yes, that's quite true. After graduating from the U of Copenhagen with a Masters in Law, I accepted a position with the Danish Energy Administration.

Q: Sounds like a demanding job. Do you still have time to correspond with any of your old friends at Wooster?

A: Yes, and I'd like to hear from more of them! I can be reached by writing to: Sangfuglestien 18, 2.tv., 2400 Copenhagen NV, Denmark.

When we come back, we'll discover exactly what **Carol Rettew** was doing in Japan, but first we'd like to fill you in on some late-breaking news. You will recall that, on an earlier broadcast, we reported that **Laura McFadden** had been on the threshold of marriage. That report has now been confirmed and after a very romantic honeymoon in Acapulco and Mexico City, the new Mrs. Sangree and her husband, Dave, are residing at 3300 North Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60657. We also reported at an earlier date that **Paula Youngberg**, who is now a research associate for a worldwide pharmaceutical company, had become engaged. It also seems that her sister **Patricia Youngberg** has become engaged to William Andrew '85. We'll fill you in on the details as they arrive!

Ladies and gentlemen, we were planning to bring you a live report from Japan with **Carol Rettew**, but because of technical difficulties we are unable to bring you that report. We have, however, established a link with her close friends **Dave** and **Kristen Nicewander Carlson**, who have agreed to come off the slopes in Colorado for this interview.

Q: First of all, Dave and Kristen, thank you for joining us on "The Wide World of Wooster!" Kristen, can you tell our audience what Carol is doing in Japan?

A: Ben, Carol is working as a missionary, aiding a woman pastor in a program called Life. She is also working to teach many of the native children English. There are not many Westerners on the tiny island of Shikoku, where Carol is working, and she has become quite an item.

Q: Dave, do you have any idea what Carol will be doing when she returns from Japan?

A: Yes, she will be attending Fuller Seminary in California.

In our final story tonight, we'll hear from **Jack Whiteford** who has recently returned from Taiwan.

Q: Jack, Taiwan is quite an exciting place. Did you bring anything back with you from your trip?

A: Just a few things like a tape deck, a tailored suit, a marriage certificate, and of course some shoelaces!

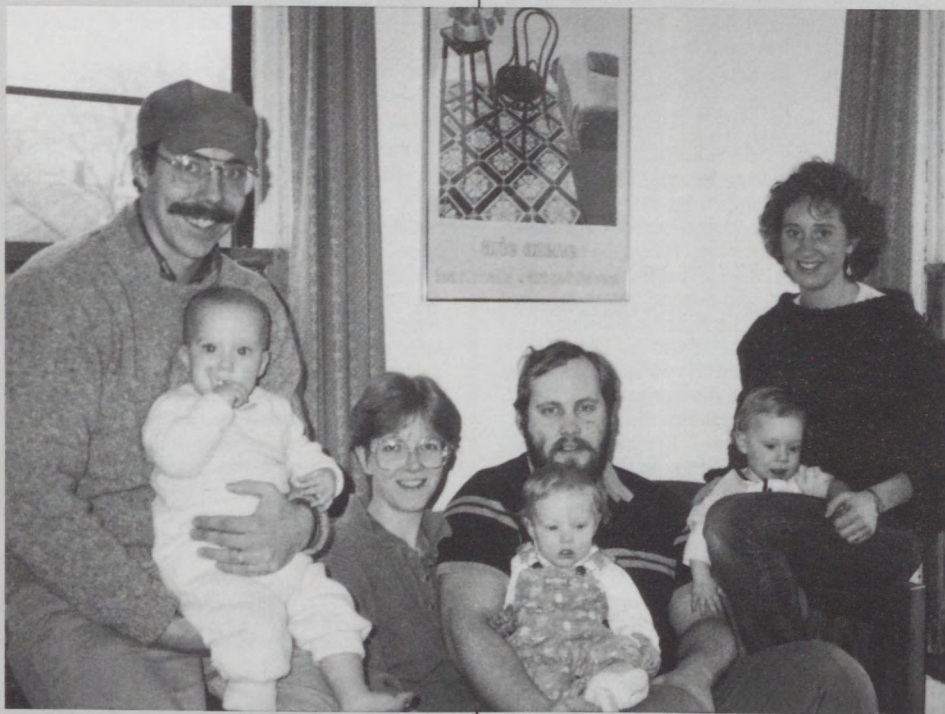
Q: Sounds like quite a collection! Have you seen any of the ole gang from Wooster since you've been back?

A: I recently passed through Cleveland and saw **Ken Dixon**, **Mike "Stretch" Kaup**, and **Jim "Pudge" Land**. I also found out that **Sarah Levy** and Mark Mawhinney '82 are planning to be wed, and I'd like to wish them the best of luck!

Well folks, that concludes tonight's edition of "The Wide World of Wooster!" P.S.

Class of 2008?

by Gary Ferner '84



(l. to r.) Gary Ferner (holding daughter Allison), Jennifer Dean Riley, David Riley (holding daughter Patricia), Pam Snider Ferner (holding son Neil).

Nineteen eighty-four Wooster graduates **David and Jennifer Dean Riley** and **Gary and Pamela Snider Ferner** have been rather busy since they left Wooster. In addition to sharing a "fixer upper" home (Circa 1890) in Rochester, NY, the Rileys and Ferners have been busy raising potential candidates for Wooster's Class of 2008.

Neil and Allison Ferner were born February 6, 1986, in Wooster, OH. Patricia Riley was born May 20, 1986, in Rochester, NY, where Dave and Jen had purchased a three-story home in need of repair. In August of that year, the newly augmented Ferner family moved to Rochester to join in the renovation project already in progress.

Pam is now working as Assistant Director of Admissions at the U of Rochester, and Gary has taken the responsibility of being the primary caretaker: "Pam carried the twins and worked full-time; now it's my turn. This is a unique opportunity to share in the day-to-day, minute-by-minute development of our children," he said. Gary gets his intellectual stimulation from his part-time classes at the University of Rochester, where he is pursuing an M.S.W.

David is currently teaching Social Studies at West Irondequoit High School, and Jen is a manager of the wall coverings department in a local interior decorating store. With all the different schedules, a unique cooperative style of child care has

developed; an outside babysitter is rarely needed. David is also taking graduate courses at the University of Rochester; his goal is a master's in education.

All in all, both couples are finding the experience invaluable. "It's really nice living with friends," says Pam, adding that "Dave and Jen helped make the move to Rochester a lot easier." Both Gary and Pam agree that sharing a home with such close friends has really added a lot to their lives. "The economics and mechanics of living in a house are shared, and that makes things easier for each individual," Dave noted.

The Riley-Ferner household is located at 140 Glenwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14613, and has entertained other Wooster graduates like Ben LeVan and Art Bailey ('84s), both of whom live in Rochester.

With all that's going on in their lives, work on the house is going more slowly than usual. Dave, Jen, Pam and Gary have found that spare time is a rare commodity indeed. In spite of that, the Rileys and Ferners would welcome any correspondence from their Wooster friends — especially if you can hang dry wall, paint, and put up vinyl siding!

The following news arrived after our program. After a year of volunteer work with the handicapped in France, **Peggy McKee** has returned to the States and is an intern with the Presbyterian Church (USA). As a program assistant, she is coordinating a program of summer trips overseas. Peggy writes, "I live at Union Seminary and always welcome visitors. Come see me!" Address: Hastings Hall, Rm. 301, 600 West 122nd St., New York, NY 10027.

Lori Birkenberger, a doctoral candidate in the department of anatomy and cell biology in the College of Medicine at the U of Cincinnati, serves as the president of the Graduate Student Association for the university.

Both **Garth** and **Linda Beane Katner** are graduate students at the U of Illinois. Garth is pursuing an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science, and Linda, a teaching assistant in the French department, is pursuing an M.A. in French literature.

After teaching Spanish for two years at Palmer School in Miami, FL, **Susan Krehbiel** has moved to Austin, TX, where she is pursuing an M.A. in Latin American Studies.

Many Wooster classmates attended the Dec. 27, 1986, wedding of **Sarah Mortensen** and Kim Patton '85. Attendants from the Wooster scene included: Karen Mortensen x'86, Linda Mortensen Haning '82, Kelly Mortensen Hebble '83, Kirsten Patton '88, **Carol Pearson**, **Vanessa Hilliard Genger**, **Jo Picciotti** and Steve Ramos '86. Married by Jim Bean at the First Presbyterian Church of Sharon, PA, they are now at home at 2726 Stratford Ave. Apt. 2, Cincinnati, OH 45220. Sarah will finish classes in May at the U of Cincinnati School of Law and receive her degree from Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary. Kim is completing his second year at the School of Architecture, U of Cincinnati.

Rob and **Beth Novak Wiggall** say, "Hi, to all our friends — come visit us. We miss everyone." The Wiggalls live at 5050-1 Open Meadows Dr., Columbus, OH 43228.

Secretary: **Ben LeVan**, 32 C Hobbes Lane, Rochester, NY 14624.

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Please forgive your secretary for not being more diligent in sending in news. This year has been one of change and transition for me. This growing up stuff is for the birds. I now live in Boston with **Edith McGandy** at: 474 Massachusetts Ave. #6, Boston, MA 02118. Edith is no longer an eighth grade English teacher. She has joined the corporate rat race and is marketing catering for a large firm in Boston. She is happy with her career change.

Please continue to send information to my parents' address listed below, as that is permanent. I promise to be more like Diane Sawyer and keep on top of the breaking news stories. Thank you for taking the time to write. Do you realize that we have one more year until our 5th reunion?

Meg Wehrly is busy managing a newly opened Radio Shack store in East Aurora, NY, which is a prototype called The Technology Store. It is one of two such stores in the western New York area. In August, Meg attended the company's annual meeting in New

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York City and saw **Laure Scaturio**, who lives in the city and works for a law firm. On Oct. 10, Meg plans to marry Tom Moore, a graduate of Buffalo State College (not a Fighting Scot! Oh, well). Her address: 715 Delaware Ave. #1012, Buffalo, NY 14209.

When **Mike** and Sharon (Moss '84) **Miller** were married on Dec. 28, 1985, in St. Albans, WV, many Woosterites crashed their celebration, especially noticeable was the presence of the old Lewis House Gang. Tim Miller '82 was best man and Wendy Lane Smith '84 was maid of honor. Sharon and Mike live in Ann Arbor, where Mike is working on a Ph.D. and Sharon is a medical social worker.

After working as a reporter and copy editor, and later as an assistant managing editor, **Dan Howes** is pursuing an M.A. in international affairs at Columbia U, studying Soviet affairs and media.

Marian Owen Bieniek and Matthew '85 were wed in the Oak Grove at the College on June 22, 1985. Matt is a second year law student at West Virginia U, and Marian, who received her MLS from Kent State in 1984, is beginning her first year of law studies at the same school. She is the recipient of the Kay, Casto, and Chaney Law Scholarship. The Bienieks would like to hear from friends. Address: 779 Chestnut Ridge #1, Morgantown, WV 26505.

David Hadzinsky writes that after working for OSHA for two years, he is now the Government Regulations Compliance Administrator at the Ohio Rubber Co., in Willoughby, OH. He and his wife have a five-month-old son. You are invited to contact David at 102 E. 291 St., Willowick, OH 44094.

Roy Johnson has been in Columbus, OH, for two years and is working for Cardinal Industries. Roy lives with Bob Van Volkenburg '84.

Cathy Fontaine also lives in Columbus and works for Beneficial Finance. She will marry Bob Van Volkenburg on June 6, 1987, in Ridgewood, NJ. Cathy lives with **Sally Widman** in the Grandview area. Sally received her M.A. from the U of North Carolina and works for Environmental Resource Management.

Both **Joe Incavo** and **Pete Padolik** attend Ohio State U and are pursuing Ph.D.s in chemistry. Pete lives with **Larry Bishop**, who has lived in Columbus since graduation and is working for Norwest Finance.

Ed Esber is attending the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo.

A graduate of U of Virginia Law School, **Tod Edell** is working for a firm in Dallas.

Dan '82 and **Carol Osborne Strauch** live in Pittsburgh, where Carol works for Carnegie Mellon U and takes classes. Dan, who received an M.A. in hospital administration, is employed by Forbes Medical Center.

Stacey Vidt lives in San Diego, where she works for a publishing company. It is reported that **Clara Nelson** has moved to Chicago, IL.

Dave Boothe works for Glidden Paint and lives in the Medina, OH, area. According to Dave, **Andy McKelvey** recently received an M.A. from Case Western, and **Dave Bickmore** is a pilot in Rochester, NY.

There was a large Wooster coalition present for the March for Women's Lives in Washington, DC, this past spring. Those giving

their energy and support were: **Jennie Saliers**, **Mary Neagoy**, **Kris and Wendy Willey Shoger**, **Sarah Howes**, Neil Sundheimer '81, **Edith McGandy**, Anne Jorgensen '84, **Krystin Buckley**, and your secretary.

Bill and Kathy Boone Burrows have bought their first house! New address: 3253 West 11th St., Erie, PA 16505. In June, 1986, Kathy began working as a sales and marketing manager at Alert Communications, Inc.

Richard Duriskin says, "Hello to LAR, EMK, and especially CFH. Please write!" His address: 12900 Lake Ave. #122, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Secretary: **Lisabeth Beatty**, 1178 Foxhound Ct., McLean, VA 22101.

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Congratulations to **Nancy Marchant James**, who received a Ph.D. in chemistry from Indiana U. She is a research scientist for Union Carbide in New Jersey.

Thanks to a tip about a job opening from Mary Grace Vlahos '81, **Amy Barnard** is teaching and coaching at Asheville County Day School in Asheville, NC. "This fall, my field hockey team played Mary's team. It was pretty humorous! I would love to hear from friends at 405 Turtle Creek Dr., Asheville NC 28803. P.J., what is your address?"

Robert and **Marlea Tallon Allan** live in Scottsville, NY, where Marlea is a full-time student pursuing a B.S. in nursing.

A self-employed composer/arranger/pianist, **Karen Dann** moved to Los Angeles in November to be near "what's happening" in the film industry. She is interested in writing musical scores for quality films.

"Hello to all my friends at Wooster from the sunny South," writes **Cheryl Buffington**. She is manager of the Coquina on the Beach Resort Motel in Sarasota, FL. "I am well and happy with my future husband, Serge Lochar, who operates his own auto repair service. Best wishes to all of you."

Robert Wollenberg writes, "In Sept., I ended my three-year career as a professional clown (you knew a Wooster grad was good for something) and got respectable (I'm at McCormick Seminary). Don't worry, I still wear my red rubber nose during my Old Testament class."

Secretaries: **Anne Howes**, 20 Cole Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185; **Barb Brown**, 3538 Michigan Ave., Apt. 2, Cincinnati, OH 45208; **Kym Thompson**, P.O. Box 80, Kimberton, PA 19442.

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Leaving the news from the sunny West Coast to **Nan**, I'll (**Barb**) relay some updates on classmates in the real world (where the sun doesn't shine 365 days a year, and people don't put pineapple on pizza!).

Lynn Vesey Hoffman wrote recently from Pittsburgh. Lynn married Dr. Robert Hoffman in October of 1985. His field is endocrinology. More exciting is their news that they are expecting the stork in May. Lynn is volunteering currently at a Senior center near their home. The Hoffmans' address: 1215 Smokey Wood Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15218.

Makis Yannas is lecturing currently in international relations, while pursuing his doctoral degree on the same subject at American U. In October of last year, Makis married Elena Tuya. Eager to take a break from writing his dissertation, Makis would like to hear from alums from Babcock, 1978-82. His address is: 4515 Willard Ave., #2018 South, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Up in New England, we find **Lisa Woodams**. Lisa is a customer service assistant for a blueprint/supply company in Boston. She and a friend recently purchased a house in Bedford which they plan to work on for the next few years. Other Woosterites in the area may get in touch with her at 19 Hume Rd., Bedford, MA 01730.

Also in Boston is **Margaret Tannehill Thibodeau**. Margaret is a school counselor/psychologist. Husband John '83 is in banking and is pursuing his M.B.A.

Our class president, **John Talbot**, and one of his roommates and fellow Kappa Chi brothers, Dave Gurney '80, recently took a "unique" vacation. John and Dave eschewed the crowds at the beach by spending a week and a half in Katmandu, Nepal! All of us who know John realize how out of character this was since he never goes anywhere that's landlocked (He and Dave live on the water in Connecticut!). They scaled the third highest mountain in the world, stayed in a jungle lodge (visions of "Raiders of the Lost Ark!"), and topped off the escapade by going rhino chasing on elephants!! Rumor has it that John fell in love while there and was going to bid farewell to Pepsi back in New York for a life of roots and berries in the Himalaya, but decided he couldn't give up wind surfing.

John and Dave also attended **Dan Haglund's** wedding this past fall in Denver, CO. Dan and wife Carolyn love Denver. Recently, Dan formed a leasing company with his brother.

A recreation therapist/counselor at Elizabeth General Medical Center in New Jersey, **Mark James** has been appointed a consulting editor to *The Journal of Music Therapy*. Mark received his M.S. from Indiana University.

Lt. **Graeme Currie**, JAGC, USNR, has returned to Long Beach, CA, after his tour of duty as the command legal assistant aboard the USS *Missouri* on her historic around-the-world cruise.

Matthew and Karen Virgil Weaver live at: 4659 Lancelot Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32110. Karen is assistant controller at Baron Oil Company, and Matthew works for Drexel Burnham Lambert, Inc., in the municipal finance investment department.

Mark Swansiger is laboratory director and chief chemist at Environmental Laboratory Services in New Castle, PA. He and his wife, Sandra, live in New Wilmington.

Julie Eckles has a new occupation and a new address. She is a speech/language pathologist for Judith L. White & Associates and lives at 1001 Rockville Pike #1618, Rockville, MD 20852.

After completing a Ph.D. in agronomy at Ohio State U in the fall of 1986, **Matthew Morra** accepted a position at the U of Idaho as assistant professor. He and Sarah were married July 5, 1986.

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Michael DiPasquale has accepted a position with the Channel 8 news department in Cleveland. Mike formerly worked for WAKC, Channel 23 in Akron.

Sorry there's not more news, but my mailbox hasn't been overflowing. If this situation doesn't improve quickly, be assured the next issue will be rather "creative" as I sit down and decide for you what you've been up to!! With a glass of wine at my side, no doubt the next updates will be even more interesting!

Secretaries: Barbara Shelli, 116 East Devonia Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY 10552-1008; Nan Fausnaugh, 1435 East Marbury, West Covina, CA 91791.

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Both **Stephen Bartlett** and his wife, Ada Asenjo, whom he married on August 24, 1985, received their M.A.s in teaching English as a Second Language at San German, Puerto Rico. They are teaching at the Jiangsu Institute of Agriculture in the People's Republic of China.

Since completing a Ph.D. in 1985, **John Stults** has been a research associate in the biochemistry department at Michigan State U. His wife, Cheryl, is in the process of finishing a Ph.D. in chemistry. Their son, Michael David, was born August 26, 1986.

Martha Avery Bates and husband Tom are renovating another old New England house. "This time it's an 1825 'Greek Revival' in East Haddam, Ct." Tom is successfully selling belts and suspenders to direct marketing companies, and I am in the "trenches" of mortgage banking at Connecticut Bank and Trust Company in East Hartford. In short, we're busier than we'd like to be and must rely on mass media to send our news and greetings to Wooster friends. Our address is: 54 Main St., E. Haddam, CT 06423

After graduation from Wooster, **Sarah Weeks Moran** lived in Paris while completing an M.A. in French at Middlebury College. She married John Moran in 1984, and they spent the first year of their marriage in London, where John studied law. They are now settled in Cheverly, MD, and would like to hear from Woosterites in the area.

D. Bowen Loeffler has joined the law firm of Meyer & Kocher in Port Clinton, OH, as a full-time associate. Formerly, Bowen was an assistant county prosecutor for Ottawa County and recently has been appointed a United States Bankruptcy Trustee for the Northern Federal District Bankruptcy Court of Ohio, Western Division.

A singer and guitarist, **Julie Adams** is a member of the Fabulous Twister Sisters. Tune in the group on National Public Radio's "Mountain Stage," live music from WV.

Rick and **Laurel Danes-Webb** are living in Logan, OH, and are busily finishing their new home. Laurel has been promoted to coordinator at Fairfield County Area VNA and has been attempting to start a hospice program in Hocking County. Friends are always welcome at: 32998 Poling Rd., Logan, OH 43138.

In September, 1986, **William Hoes** moved from Charlottesville, VA, to Wayne, PA, to become an enforcement attorney for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Philadelphia. Bill attended, with **Mike Gould**,

Bruce Englund's wedding in LaJolla, CA, in April, 1986. He reports that Mike has two sons and is a research chemist with DOW Chemical in Texas and that Bruce manages property throughout the U.S. and lives in Carlsbad, CA.

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

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Ellen McKnight writes that she has been made a partner in the law firm of the Sachnoff Weaver & Rubenstein, Ltd. in Chicago. She has been practicing law in the corporate and securities area of the firm since 1982, when she graduated from the U of Michigan. She and her husband, Jeff Schumacher, also an attorney, live at 1906 N. Burling, Chicago, IL 60614.

Your secretary received a note from **Doug Klier's** mother, saying that Doug married Gail A. Guerini on December 28, 1985, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Ashtabula, OH. Among those attending the wedding were **Al Lave, Bill Specht**, and Scott Lafferty '77. Doug and Gail honeymooned in Killington, VT, where they enjoyed the skiing. Doug is now working with Ridgecliff Hospital in Willoughby where he is Coordinator of Out-Patient Services. Doug and Gail's address is 1187-C Brookline Place, Willoughby, OH 44094.

On September 19, 1986, **Cindy Clark** and her husband, Robert Regan, welcomed their first child, Thomas Clark Regan. Cindy is taking a leave of absence from her job as an in-house counsel for WTTW/Chicago, the public television station. She sent the following news:

Susan White Supernavage and her husband, Rich, are living in Doylestown, PA. She works at Burroughs Corporation, where she has been employed since graduating from Wooster.

Jay Keller and his wife Anna spent nearly a year traveling in Africa and Asia and have now returned to the Washington, DC, area.

A long letter was received from **Joan Greitzer Karlin**, who married Paul Karlin, a New Yorker, in October, 1984. Their son Maxwell was born on June 3, 1986. Joan writes that his delivery was assisted by Dr. Jeffery Cameron '74. "Sharing Wooster memories adds more to a special event." She is currently an assistant vice-president and deposit product manager at Society National Bank. Paul is an English teacher in the Cleveland Public Schools. The Karlins often see Ted '78 and Bindy (Dinan '80) Koontz, who live in Shaker Heights, OH. In May, Joan saw **W. Frank Koster**, who lives in Chicago and is doing well. Thanks for the news, Joan!

I (**Pat**) am in my fourth year of teaching in the Painesville City Schools, though keeping an eye open for new opportunities. In addition to teaching sixth to eighth grade general music and directing the sixth grade band (which has grown from twenty-five to fifty-three members), I started a Jazz Band this year for sixth to eighth graders.

Amy Schulz Breidenbach, an employee of Marriott Corporation for the past five years, has been named director of marketing at the Kansas City Airport Marriott.

James Murphy writes that he is a happily married man. He and his wife, Diane, are busy remodeling their home. They live in Minneapolis, MN, where Jim is director of catering at the Holiday Inn St. Louis Park Hotel.

A sculptor, **Michele Bechkowiak Montgomery** is a M.F.A. candidate at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan.

Marian Schwaller is a librarian for the Office of Management Information Systems for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Boston. She is happy and settled at: 192 Lafayette St., Apt. 3, Salem, MA 01970. "Would you believe - I have taken up Karate (Kenpo) and am doing well at it. Hi - ya!"

During November, 1986, the College was pleased to have drawings executed by **Louise Glass** on exhibition. Louise received an M.F.A. from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan.

For the past four years, **Bunny McKee Alvis** has been a news anchor/reporter for KSNW-TV in Kansas. She and Arthur, whom she married on October 20, 1984, have "just purchased a lovely home - complete with its own duck ponds in back! Yes, Kansas, the Land of Oz, does have trees and water, in addition to those sweet little munchkins." Arthur has formed his own computer software company, Commtch, Inc.

Donald and Anne Beever Bordine live in Rockville, MD, with their daughter, Emily Anne. Don is Dietary Director at Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital and Anne is a fifth grade L.D. teacher.

Sara Reinberger Dyer, of Cleveland Heights, OH, has been appointed a product management officer at National City Bank. *Secretaries: Pat Stocker, 37441 Grove Ave., Apt. 302, Willoughby, OH 44094; Lisa Carter Sherrock, 3500 Colonial Dr., Springfield, OH 45504.*

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Bev Harrison Dale sent in a lot of news about Wooster friends: **Anna van der Burg** and **Andrew Saslow** were married in Sept., 1983, and are the proud owners of two English setters. They reside in Cheshire, CT. Anna works at Yale U as a programmer/analyst, and Andy is a systems analyst at The Bank of Boston.

Stuart and Robin Light Thomas are enjoying their beautiful daughter, Megan. The Thomases have bought a new home: 2801 Edgewood Ave., St. Louis Park, MN 55426. Robin is working part time, on a contract basis for the interior design department of a large insurance company. Stu, who owns and operates The Bicycle Works, is interested in starting a racing team. Anyone interested?

Geoff Good and his wife, Mary, also live in Minnesota, where Geoff manages a record store.

John and Phyllis Robinson Vandenberg celebrated their eighth anniversary with Wooster friends recently. They own a home in Durham, NC, where they live with their cat and dog. Phyllis is a full-time student at Duke U, pursuing an M.A. in physical therapy. John, who is completing a Ph.D. at Duke in biophysical ecology, is employed by the Environmental Protection Agency. He is working on the regulatory assessment of hazardous air pollutants. The Vandenberg's occasionally see

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Steve Darling, who also owns a home in Durham. Steve works at the Duke Medical Center, where he is a biofeedback technician.

Jay Andrews is completing a Ph.D. at the U of South Carolina in international relations. Word has it that he has earned himself quite a reputation as a teacher and a squash player.

Julie Atkins was to be married in September and planned to honeymoon in France before returning to Philadelphia. She graduated from Drexel U this past summer with an M.S. in instructional design. Mary Atkins '79 lives in Boston and works in management at Crate 'n Barrel. She also works as a social worker at a local clinic.

John and Bev Harrison Dale are the proud new parents of son, Jordan. John is a supervisor of the corporate information center at Hay Management Consultants. Bev is a speech pathologist at Hahnemann University Hospital and an instructor in Hahnemann's graduate school. They live in Philadelphia and would love to hear from Wooster folks. Thanks for all the news, Bev!

Rich Mascera called after the holidays to share all the news on the "Jersey Gang." Glad we finally tracked you guys down! Rich married his wife Gail in March, 1985, and they live at: 87 Linn Dr., Verona, NJ 07044. Rich is a dentist and practices in Upper Montclair.

Matt Lawrence, a beverage distributor, is also living in Verona, is married and has a one-year old son. Another married man with a one-year old son is **Bruce Brown**, who now lives in Colorado. Kenny Kolich '79 is still living in Verona, is married and is a policeman. Anyone know about **Kevin Kolich**? Rich also said that Sam Sisodia '77 has finished his Ph.D., from Georgia, and is working on research at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore. Sam was married recently. Congrats to all of you.

I (**Diana**) also talked with **Wayne Allison**, who will be getting married this summer. He just built a new home and can be found at: 147 Brian Blvd., Waterdown, Ontario, Canada LOR2HO. Wayne is an assistant athletic director at Sheridan College in Ontario.

In December, while we were in New York City, your secretary and her husband, Joe, took the train to New Haven, CT, to visit Jim '75 and **Gaye Kelly Robinson** in their new home. Kyle and Kelly are really growing up! Address correction for the Robinsons: 83 Flat Rock Rd., Branford, CT 06405. Just the week before our visit, Bill and **Cathy Hay Read** and children, Clark and Emily, also visited the Robinsons.

Dale and **Norma Smith Sessions** have moved to South Carolina (Rt. 4, Box 341, Leesville), where they both work at Morns Village, a residential drug and alcohol treatment center. Dale, a chaplain, and Norma, a social worker, are part of the new involuntary unit which opened in January, 1987. Visitors to the South are welcome to stop by and to see them.

Jeffrey Griffith, director of marketing for American Tectonics in Tampa, FL, says that "Business is booming in the Bay area and you can't beat the weather." He is in charge of marketing and development of four commercial and industrial real estate projects in the Tampa Bay area.

A graduate of Ohio State, **James Melvin** invites "all my wonderful friends that I met at

Wooster to come to the City of Lights (Las Vegas, NV) and have the time of your life." Jim is the founder and chairman of the board of The Vegas Advantage Sports Consultants, Inc.

Tom Cashman is taking part in a one-year Masters program at the JFK School of Government, at Harvard. Tom's new address is: 5 Sparhawk, Apt. 2A, Brighton, MA 02135.

In June, 1986, **Beth Kean** was named Big Sister of the year in Cleveland, OH. She was honored for her three years of work with a young girl.

After their marriage on August 27, 1983, David '80 and **Ginny Lehman Shugert** spent three years in the Los Angeles, CA, area teaching. This past summer the Shugerts moved to 16971 E. Chenango Ave., E. Aurora, CO 80015. They would like to hear from classmates.

Guy and Bonnie Coen Golembiewski live at 3121 Morin Pt. Rd., Erie, MI 48133. Bonnie would like to hear from friends.

Philip Lincoln is a teacher of classics and soccer coach at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, MA, a coed private school for grades seven through twelve. Since 1983, Philip has been a free-lance professional fire photographer, covering the state of Massachusetts. In 1986, his book, *Massachusetts Fire Apparatus*, was published by Quinlan Press. He is working currently on writing a second book. Philip and his wife, Nancy, live in Walpole, MA.

David Schieve '75 and **Julie Hawkins** were married on June 28, 1986, in Pittsburgh, PA, and now live in Fairfield, OH. Julie teaches kindergarten, and David works for Cellular One as a technical service supervisor.

Mary E. Kisinger is back in the brokerage business with Smith Barney. She writes, "We make money the old-fashioned way; we earn it!" Mary started working toward an M.B.A. in January. Her new address: 3930 North Pine Grove, #516, Chicago, IL 60613. "Where are Chicago's Woo grads? Let's hear from you!"

Secretaries: Joan Blanchard Mosher, 599 Country Way, North Scituate, MA 02060; Diana Dewey Emanuele, 508 Cascade Rd., Forest Hills, PA 15221.

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Joe Starc is looking forward to our 10th reunion in June. He and his wife Donna are the proud parents of Amanda Kay (2) and Joseph Thomas ("J.T."), born recently. Joe is a systems analyst/project leader with Babcock & Wilcox. Write to the Stars at: 681 East Tuscarawas Ave., Barberton, OH 44203.

Jeff Vasiloff received his M.D. from Ohio State U in 1981 and completed a residency in internal medicine at West Virginia U. He plans to open his medical practice in Akron in early 1987. Jeff keeps in close touch with Becky and **Tom Bellamy**, **Mark** and **Julie (Evans '78) Hoffman**, and **Ned** and **Susan Bowman Loughridge**. Write to Jeff c/o C. Vasiloff, 2622 Stewart Drive, Rittman, OH 44270.

Your secretary recently received a letter and baby announcement from **Beata Wiggen**.

She is living in West Germany and on July 28, 1986, became the proud mother of Jonas. Beata asked that news of her single motherhood be spread to her Wooster friends. She would enjoy hearing from friends and hopes to be able to attend our 10th reunion. Beata's address is: Glucksburger Str. 21, 4000 Dusseldorf II, West Germany.

After five years as a family nurse-practitioner working with migrant farmworkers, **Margaret Plews-Ogan** decided to enter medical school. She is a full-time student at Harvard.

Nancy Hallock writes that she is continuing as Latin American Catalog Librarian at the U of Pittsburgh, after taking a leave of absence to serve as head librarian on the Pitt-sponsored Semester at Sea. "A truly amazing and marvelous experience!"

Robin Carrier Burgess has been promoted to Information Systems Manager at Cincinnati Bell Information Systems. Her second child, Kristen Melissa, was born on June 2, 1986. Daughter Amy is three.

In June, 1984, **Douglas MacMillan** married Helen Krueger, a flight attendant for Pan Am Airlines. Doug is a partner and vice-president of United States Firehose, Inc.

After two years of running a group home for six emotionally impaired children and after the birth of their second child, Steven and **Wendy Gibson Warner** decided it was time to move on to a "more normal" family lifestyle. The Warners live in Crystal Falls, MI, where Steve is a junior high teacher, and Wendy is at home with Tyson (3) and Cory (1). "We are enjoying the change and love being in the Upper Peninsula surrounded by quiet north woods."

Secretary: Bruce Shaw, 253 West Brown St., Birmingham, MI 48009.

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Laurence and Abby Wilson Kurth live in San Antonio, TX, where Larry is an attorney with Fulbright & Jaworski. Abby is working for Humana Hospital on a project that involves physician education and clinical research.

Secretary: Mary Robertson, 1094 Kennesaw, Birmingham, MI 48008.

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Janice Cerne Thompson received her J.D. from the U of Akron in 1985 and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in April, 1986. She and her husband, John, are the proud parents of John Buchman Thompson, III, born Sept. 18, 1986.

Since graduation, **Frank Morgan** has at various times been a French teacher, department chairman, coach, athletic director, assistant principal, and director of an English as a Second Language program in the Richmond, VA, area. Currently, Frank is the principal of a junior high school in Colonial Heights, VA. He and his wife, Jean, have one son, Michael Thomas. Friends from Wooster are always welcome at: 2506 Lauderdale Dr., Richmond, VA 23233.

John Hallowell has completed a post-graduate surgery program for physicians'

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assistants and will be working in general surgery in New Hampshire.

On Feb. 22, a Wooster contingent went to Cleveland to hear **Erie Mills** sing the title role in *Lucia di Lammermoor*. Erie, of course, was superb. After the demanding performance, she graciously met and talked with the group.

Susan Purves McCaffray, assistant professor of history at Wake Forest College, has been awarded the Reid-Doyle prize for excellence in teaching by the college. Previously, Susan taught at Marquette U in Milwaukee, WI, for two years. She holds an M.A. and Ph.D. from Duke.

Rowland Kirks is now living in North Hollywood, CA, working as a location manager for Universal Studios. He assists in the production of the "Simon and Simon" television series.

Secretary: **Andrea Steenburg**, 12116 Greenspring Ave., Owings Mills, MD 21117.

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Previously a high school counselor for the Bryan City Schools, **Keith Van Horn** has been appointed to the administrative position of Counseling and Student Activities Coordination at Northwest Technical college. In addition to his new responsibilities, Keith is an O.H.S.A.A. Basketball official.

The Armstrong Rubber Company has named **John Sievers** Corporate Director of Planning and Investor Relations at the company's worldwide headquarters in New Haven, CT. Prior to joining the company in 1984, John had been with the BF Goodrich Company.

Secretary: **Bill Irvine**, Hyatt Regency Hotels, 123 Losoya St., San Antonio, TX 78205.

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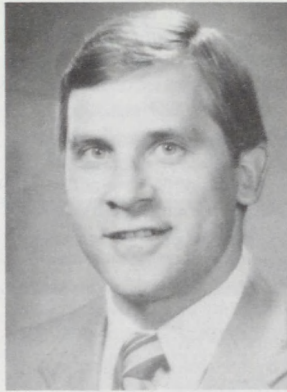
The Council for Religion in Independent Schools has appointed **Daniel Heischman** as Director, effective July 1, 1987. Dan, assistant head of Trinity School, New York City, is an ordained priest in the Episcopal church and has served as Chaplain and admissions director at Trinity since 1979.

Ann Keller Hillman and husband, Mike, moved to Baltimore in June, 1985, after Mike finished his neurology residence at the U of Pennsylvania. Ann is working part time in an agency and in a private practice counseling children.

Congratulations to **William Hoffman**, who was named Outstanding Young Man of America for 1986. Candidates for this award are chosen on the basis of outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability and exceptional service to the community. In addition to being Canton City (OH) Prosecutor, William is associated with the law firm of Hoffman and Hoffman. He and his wife, Barbara, and son, Brian, reside in Plain Township.

Shelley Cowles Bates is a systems manager in the admissions office of Chatham College in Pittsburgh, PA. She and Paul Bates were married on Nov. 22, 1986.

Warren Prill has been promoted to materials manager for Aeroquip Corporation's air conditioning and refrigeration products division, based in Van Wert, OH. Since joining



Warren Prill

Aeroquip in 1973, Warren has held several positions in purchasing and production control.

William Kaempfer has returned to the U of Colorado, after a year's leave at the Claremont Colleges in the Los Angeles area. During that time he wrote seven new articles and began a new research program on South Africa. William is an assistant professor of economics.

Secretary: **Sue Anderson Straw**, 8877 Blade Green Lane, Columbia, MD 21045.

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Nola Heidlebaugh is living in Oswego, NY, and teaching in the communications studies department of the State University of New York-Oswego. She and her husband, Frank Messere, who teaches in the same department, have one child. Elizabeth Messere was born Dec. 9, 1985. Nola would love to hear what Gwen, Mabel, "Fresh," Mary Van Buren and Paula are doing.

David and Nancy (Torrence '73) **Atkins** are spending the winter in the Chicago area. After two years of traveling together while David taught computer seminars and a summer being forest rangers in the Oregon Cascades, they are enjoying a more sedentary lifestyle until May, 1987. The summer promises another term as wilderness rangers with their five-month home base being a remote two-room cabin.

Secretary: **Robin Reid**, 10303 Society Park Dr., #D, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

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Bob Gates is working for a small real estate development company in Ann Arbor, MI. This past year he has been working on the renovation of two circa 1890 factories and the construction of a research facility for the Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab. Bob also attended two seminars: one on feasibility analysis in Madison, WI, and one in Boston on shopping center leasing. In his spare time, Bob likes to cross country ski, sail and play recreational volleyball. He also serves on the board of directors and organizes activities for the Ann Arbor Ski Club.

Bob reports that **Mac** and Sue (Benson '72) **Collins** moved from Ann Arbor to Portland, ME. Mac is working for an architectural firm and Sue works at a bank. How about some details from the Collinses?

Before the birth of her two children in 1983 and 1985, **Donna Casparian** worked in community health, both as a visiting nurse and as a mental health center nurse. In 1981 she and her husband, Ross Bandy, moved from Memphis, TN, to Everett, WA, where Ross has a rheumatology practice. Donna is a member of the League of Women Voters and enjoys doing ceramic sculpture in her leisure time.

In the fall of 1985, **Elaine Snyder Fry** re-entered the public school system as an elementary remedial reading and math teacher. Son Michael John is now eight years old and daughter Margaret Anne is six. In 1986, Elaine helped to establish the Newville (PA) Day Care Center with the support of her church and the Big Spring Women's Club. Elaine is the director and has a staff of four. She is a member of the Women's Club and is on the Big Spring's High School home economics advisory council. Elaine enjoys oil painting, needlework, reading, yoga, aerobics and biking.

In June of 1986, Kathy and **Tom Herr** moved to the Richmond, VA, area. They invite Wooster friends in the area to give them a call. Address: 2303 Turtle Hill Ct., Midlothian, VA 23113.

Ford Behm, of Kettering, OH, has joined The Huntington National Bank as an assistant vice-president and commercial loan officer.

Congratulations to **William Seegar** who received the Research and Development Achievement Award on Nov. 18, 1986. The award is presented annually by the U.S. Army to a limited number of military and civilian personnel who have advanced the capabilities of the U.S. Army or contributed to the national welfare. William, an environmental scientist in the Biotechnology Division of the Research Directorate, was cited for outstanding program management and technical leadership of a space technology project.

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

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In August, 1986, **Esther Holley** and her daughter moved to the Seattle area, where Esther is a teacher at Pine Lake Middle School. She really enjoys the opportunity to see her good friends Mike and Linda (Diehm '69) Zaugg, who also live in Seattle.

For the 1986-87 bar year, **David Holmes** has been named chairperson of the rules and procedures committee of the tort and insurance practice section of the American Bar Association. David is a member of the Weiss, Molod, Berkowitz & Godosky firm located in New York City.

After eight years in the tax department of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., **Jay Boyd** has joined the firm of Pulakos & Alongi, Ltd. in Albuquerque. This spring Jay assumes the office of president of the New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants. He, his wife, Suzanne (Sievers '69), and two children, Stephanie (10) and Edward (5) live at: 711 Solar Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107.

The class extends sympathy to **Greer Imbrie**, whose wife, Rosalind, died in January, 1987.

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

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After living in Hawaii for ten years, **Maggie Black Grizzle** and her husband, Jim, have moved to California, where Maggie made a career change and became a realtor. She had been a flight attendant for Pan American World Airways for seventeen years.

A Major in the U.S. Air Force, **David Woodring** has been selected recently for promotion to Lt. Colonel. He is chief of Torts Branch, HQ/USAF Office of the Judge Advocate General. David and his wife, Cheryl, live in Manassas, VA.

Secretary: **Judy Simkins Haines**, 300 Berkshire Dr., Rochester, NY 14616.

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Congratulations to **Jay Gates**, who has been named the new director of the Seattle Art Museum (WA).

Bahram Yusefzadeh has been appointed President of The Kirchman Corporation's Marketing and Product Strategies Division. The corporation is a Florida-based financial software firm. Bahram, the former chairman of the board of Broadway and Seymour, Inc., of Charlotte, NC, joined The Kirchman Corporation on Nov. 10, 1986.

The past two years have brought some drastic changes in the life of **Joan Harford McCann**. She writes, "I have experienced the death of my mother, a divorce, a move across the country to California, and a new job (one that is not normally considered a woman's job)." Joan is an auxiliary operator for Pacific Gas & Electric at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. She and her three children live at 136 Royal Lane, Santa Maria, CA 93454, and would like to hear from Wooster friends.

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The past year was a good one for **Ron and Cathy Crabtree Wirick**. After twelve years as a full-time mother, Cathy returned to school to obtain an Ontario teaching certificate. The whole family was proud of her when she not only graduated but was on the Dean's List. Ron received tenure at the School of Business Administration at the U of Western Ontario (Canada). In addition to his teaching and research in economics, he has become active in the field of finance. Ron greatly enjoys both his colleagues and students and is looking forward to a year's research leave.

Tim Smucker has been named chairman by the J.M. Smucker Co. in Orrville, OH.

After eighteen years in Minnesota, **John and Nancy Mossbarger Laird** have moved to St. Louis, MO, where John is general manager of Flexline Health Plan. Nancy is taking a year off from pre-school teaching. The Lairds have three children.

Christina Newhams Sever, of 2980 Sloat Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953, has returned to school, working toward a second B.A. in Russian studies and an M.A. in translation at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. "In order to do this, we are forced to live here on the Monterey Peninsula with the

Actuary's Avocation

In the conservative world of insurance and pensions, actuaries have earned a reputation for their cautious approach to their work and their lives. How is it, then, that actuary **Rick Foster '71** likes to spend his spare time driving racing cars in all-out, wheel-to-wheel competition?

Rick writes that "From my earliest memories, I've been fascinated by cars and driving. As I grew older, this interest focused on sports cars and racing. Driving quickly and skillfully on normal roads was enjoyable, but safety considerations always placed a strict limit on such activity. On a racetrack, however, I found that you are able to push yourself to the absolute limit of your capabilities — and you get immediate, unequivocal feedback on how well you are doing."

After graduating from Wooster with a degree in mathematics, Rick earned a master's degree in applied mathematics from the University of Maryland and began work as an actuary at the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Maryland. Actuaries acquire their professional certification through a series of ten difficult national examinations. Rick compared sitting for these exams to "taking senior comprehensives once or twice a year — in a different subject each time." He completed the process in 1980, thereby becoming a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. In 1985, he was named Deputy Chief Actuary for the Social Security Administration. With the exams completed and his work hours back to normal following major Social Security legislation in 1983, Rick decided to do what he had always longed to do — go racing.

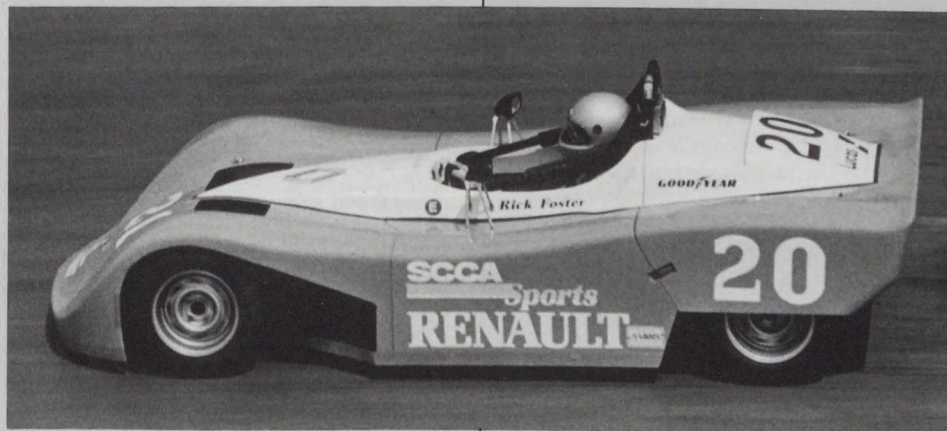
How fast does he go? Rick says that in his car, which is relatively low powered, the fastest speeds at most tracks would be 115-125 mph. Around a typical two-mile road racing course, speeds generally average 80-90 mph overall. He adds, "Many people are surprised to learn that 125 mph on a long straight is neither ex-

citing nor challenging. The excitement is in the corners. Turning into a corner three feet too soon or too late, or 1/2 mph below the optimum speed, will generally mean that you'll be passed by a competitor on the following straight. Correcting a skid in the middle of a 95 mph turn is definitely a 'character building' experience."

Rick began racing in 1985 in regional club events. In 1986, he moved up to the national level. He won the Mid-Atlantic Road Racing Series championship in the Sports Renault class and tied for third place in national points in the Northeast Division. The latter standing garnered an invitation to the prestigious National Road Racing Championship held annually at the Road Atlanta racetrack in Georgia. Against the best Sports Renault racers from across the country, Rick placed 31st in qualifying and 20th in the feature race. "Having read about the 'Runoffs' at Road Atlanta since my college days, it was doubly exciting to attend for the first time as a *participant*." Although Rick has won 10 of the 31 races he has entered, he is quick to point out that winning is not the key issue. "The most fundamental aspect of racing is to be out there, on the track, participating. That itself is the primary personal reward for all your effort and expense. *Winning* represents a deep layer of icing on a cake that is already so good, it doesn't need it."

While Rick's wife Nancy (Allen '70) is not a racing fan, she understands and accepts Rick's enthusiasm for the sport. Nancy is a social worker performing case management services for the elderly. She has also written two successful consumer guides on shopping in the Baltimore area, and in 1984 formed her own publishing company, Pathfinder Press.

In addition to work and racing, Rick enjoys photography, drawing cartoons, and using the family's Macintosh computer. "There are so many things you can do with your life. For a while, I thought I might like to collect classic sports cars. But ultimately, I agree with the sportswriter who said: 'In any contest between the two, *doing* always beats *having*.'"



Rick Foster and his Sports Renault during a race last summer.

INTERPOL

by M. Zimmerman



PHOTO BY WILLIE ALLEYNE ASSOCIATES

Jan at a conference in Bridgetown, Barbados, WI.

The "official" description of INTERPOL states: "INTERPOL, contrary to popular belief, does not maintain its own force of international police officers who freely move about between the member countries, uninhibited by national laws and boundaries. Instead, INTERPOL is a unique international organization in which each member country maintains its own sovereignty, operating within its own national laws."

For **Jan Mathews Stromsem '69**, Deputy Chief, National Central Bureau of the International Criminal Police Organization (USNCB of INTERPOL), it is an organization that offers its employees opportunities to develop their talents in a wide variety of fields. Jan began work at the USNCB in 1972 as a translator of French and Spanish. Since that time, her job has gradually evolved into something totally different.

Jan finds the rewards are many: "international law enforcement is an interesting field of work; my responsibilities are heavy, yet diverse, with very wide latitude for decision-making, problem-solving and the like; gaining extensive experience in technology (both telecommunications and computer); participation in many worldwide conferences as the U.S. representative; many opportunities to develop and implement programs and improvements."

About her Wooster experience, Jan commented: "I have found that many universities do not force their graduates to do much research writing, nor do they seem to insist on grammatically correct written products. The result is that many college graduates I come into contact with cannot write well and are hampered in their career development because of it. Although I was not fond of the many writing requirements levied on Wooster students, I have certainly found that the training paid off for my career."

ocean crashing on the rocks, practically at our doorstep. Wooster alums, especially golfers, give us a call!"

Secretary: **Emily Albu Hanawalt**, 4 Thingvalla Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138.

1966

A note from **Jim and Lib Westhafer O'Brien** — Dear Classmates: One of the many exciting conversations we had together at our June reunion was our discussion and decision about the fate of the Class Fund. With your support, we hope to give the college \$250,000 at the time of our 25th reunion in 1991. Please consider your gifts and pledges to this fund and respond as soon as possible. We have an exciting opportunity to give something back to The College of Wooster. If you have any questions about the fund, feel free to contact Sara Patton at the College or contact our classmates who are overseeing the Fund — **Dave Arscott** 415-853-0766, **Diane Liff** 202-366-4731, **Chalmers Brumbaugh** 919-584-8199, **Walt Hopkins** 011-44-1-622-7011 or **Ken Fischer** 703-641-9113.

Kenneth C. Fischer, of Washington, DC, is the newly appointed executive director of the University Musical Society of the University of Michigan. This announcement came following a December 2, 1986, meeting of the Society's board of directors. Ken will begin his duties in Ann Arbor on June 1, 1987. As executive director, he will manage the activities of the Society and be responsible for the development and administration of the Society's programs. He brings to the position his extensive experience as an independent producer/presenter of performing arts events; management and consulting skills for numerous performing ensembles and for corporate, association, governmental, and institutional clients; and his ability as a fundraiser. Ken's wife Penny was recently named one of three outstanding instrumental soloists in Washington by the Washington Area Music Association in an event at the Kennedy Center.

Ed Peterson '65 writes that he continues to enjoy his Presbytery and christian education work in a seventy-two church Presbytery in Florida. His family includes wife Sue and sons Tim (10) and Brian (7). Their address is: 7419 Fordham Court, Orlando, FL 32807.

Jim and Leslie Kellogg Lyman send their greetings from Peekskill, NY. Jim continues to be challenged in his ministry, and Leslie has just become a full-time kindergarten teacher. Daughter Pam (16) and son Jeff (14) continue to be busy in their various activities. Their address is: 1414 Hudson, Peekskill, NY 10566.

Sue Holm writes that she completed her Ph.D. in 1985 and now is teaching in the modern foreign language department at Monmouth College, IL. She and her sons Andrew (16) and Eric (14) reside at 414 North 10th St., Monmouth, IL 61462.

Chuck Gabriel has moved from McLean, VA, and now resides in "one of the most beautiful places in the world — Maui, Hawaii," where he is an assistant professor of communications at Maui Community College, University of Hawaii. Address: 310 Kaahumanu Ave., Kahului, Hawaii 96732. On occasion, he sees Bill Longbrake '65.

Chuck Darling writes: "After ten years in the administrative ranks at Greater Hartford Community College in Hartford, CT, I have returned to teaching as a professor of English. I find more time now to work on my poetry — plus writing poetry has more to do with teaching writing than doing public relations work." His first chapbook of poetry, *Things In This Mirror Are Closer Than They Seem*, has been published by Andrew Mountain Press. Chuck's address is 19 Virginia Lane, Tolland, CT 06084.

Judy Ellis Wood is still recovering from the brain surgery that she underwent a few years ago and is currently on medical leave of absence from teaching. She is living in El Paso with her daughters Mary (18) and Caroline (16). Both daughters carry on the Ellis tradition of musical talent. Judy's address is 2833 Rocky Ridge, El Paso, TX 79904-2418.

Richard and Linda Hager Bailey live in Ukiah, CA, where Linda is a general counsel/manager for the Mendocino County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The Baileys have two children.

After thirteen years as a practicing attorney, **Ken Guy** has left the profession and is studying for the priesthood at Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary. A nurse, Barbara (Riemer '65) Guy works for Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex where, in addition to supervising the nursing care for a twenty-six bed acute adult psychiatric care unit, she is a nurse therapist for a case load of patients. The Guys have moved recently to Oconomowoc, WI, to be near the seminary where Ken is a student. They have three children: Eric, a junior at the U of Wisconsin; Sarah, a high school sophomore; Kate in kindergarten.

Congratulations to **Nancy Merrilees Wilson**, who received an Ed.D. from West Virginia U, in August, 1986. Her dissertation was entitled "Hillsizer: A Computer-Aided Model for Academic Decision Making." Nancy is Director of the Computer Sciences Program AAS at West Virginia State College.

The spring of 1986 was an exciting time for **Diane Kohler Meskin**. She joined her husband Peter on his sabbatical and they traveled for three months in France and Belgium. After their return to the States, they toured the Eastern Coast from Virginia to Florida. Still feeling refreshed from the vacation, Diane is back at her job as a school social worker.

Secretary: **Elizabeth Westhafer O'Brien**, 48 Durand Rd., Maplewood, NJ 07040.

1965

I (**Sally**) surely enjoyed hearing from **Alexandra Keith**, who shared some special news regarding her career. In her words: "I have finally gotten a title after laboring in the Federal vineyards for about ten years. I was named 'Counsel to the Inspector General' of the Treasury Department last May and have been enjoying my job immensely. I am legal counsel for about 120 auditors and investigators ferreting out fraud, waste, and abuse at the Treasury. My office looks out at the White House and is very nice." Alex lives in Washington, DC, with her eight-year-old son, David. She would love to hear from Wooster friends. Address: 1602 Otis St., NE, Washington, DC 20018.

Barbara Marras Manner, our current class president, had news to share from Ohio. Barb is teaching for the U of Akron's department of geology, where she and a co-worker organized a Grand Canyon river trip after consulting with Wooster's Fred Cropp. Barb explained that last summer's first nine-day venture was very successful, with twelve people participating. "I got in good physical shape real fast on the trip," added Barb. "I had to! But the best part was the complete escape from reality." Yup, she's going again this summer.

Last summer, Barb and her family visited **Phyllis Worthington Conrad**, who lives in Washington, DC, with her husband, Leigh. Phyllis continues to work as a flight attendant with American Airlines, flying overseas. She took the Manners on a tour of Mount Vernon. "Phyllis hasn't changed a bit," said Barb. "But we didn't have enough time to visit. Phyllis had to get ready for the next flight!"

Two years ago, **Richard Knotts**, D.D.S., made a career change from oral surgery to that of a wildlife wood carver and knifemaker. He is very satisfied with the change and writes, "Collectors of wildlife carvings — here is a source of the finest." His wife, Janice, is director of the Senior Center. The Knotts and their two sons live at 5 Hillcrest St., Waterville, ME, 04901.

For **Susan Adams Belz Hurwich**, the past year was a busy and happy one. "I received my Ph.D. in counseling psychology from USC in May, 1986, was remarried in June, and moved to Thousand Oaks in July." She and Robert Hurwich are enjoying their new location and new life. Susan would like to hear from friends. Address: 16 West Sidlee St., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

I encourage you to write me a postal card or call me to share what you are doing at this stage in your life. Sure, I know you're busy. And you may not have recently earned a Ph.D. or received a promotion! But what are you doing to earn money or encourage others? How are you influencing others? What are you thinking about? Please contact me. Thank you!
Secretary: **Sally Mumma Johns**, 4629 Muirfield Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46815.

1964

Nancy Braund Boruch is well, happy, and enjoying her new home in Evanston, IL. Recently, she has been made a partner/senior principal in the management consulting firm of Laventhol & Horwath.

Katherine Ellenberger Matheron writes that her husband has retired from Foreign Service, and they are starting a new life in California.

Congratulations to **Janice Terry**, a history professor at Eastern Michigan U, who received the Distinguished Faculty Senior Teaching Award at that university. A faculty member since 1968, Terry received an M.A. from the U of Beirut and a Ph.D. from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the U of London.

During the past year, she has visited the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Jordan, Israel and Israeli-occupied territories, under the sponsorship of the Arab-American Media Society, of which she is secretary and board member. Terry is the author of "Cornerstone of Egyptian Political Power: The WAFD, 1919-1952" and "Mistaken Identity: Arab Stereotypes in



Janice Terry

Popular Literature." She is co-author of "The World in the 20th Century: A Brief Global History" and is co-editor of "The Arab World from Nationalism to Revolution."

Secretaries: **Russell & Jane Welton Yamazaki**, 526 Pemberton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

1963

Matt Erdelyi continues to do research and write on topics relating to psychodynamics, cognition, memory, and subliminal processes. His book, *Psychoanalysis: Freud's Cognitive Psychology*, was published in 1985 by W. H. Freeman and Company.

Secretary: **Lynne Larson Cleverdon**, 206 S. MacArthur, Springfield, IL 62704.

1962

After holding public office in Kansas for twelve years, **Janet Dinklage Leick** resigned as county commissioner. The Leicks both decided that Bob should accept a transfer to Minneapolis and a promotion from Bristol-Myers-Mead Johnson. "It's been quite an uprooting, but we are doing fine. I have become a bureaucrat." Janet is an administrative assistant for the Public Service Bureau. Their son, Bart, is a 6'6" high school senior and hopes to play basketball. Daughter Karen is also in high school.

A Naval officer for twenty-four years, Captain **Michael Miller** teaches military strategy at the National War College in Washington. His students are senior officers of all branches of the service, as well as members of the FBI, CIA, and other highly placed civilians. Soon, his tour of duty as an instructor will be over, and his next duty will be as commander of a destroyer squadron based at Mayport, FL.

John Thomas and his wife, Susan, have moved back to the D.C. area, after eight years in Florida. John, who is executive director of the National Association of Counties, writes, "Providing leadership to county government officials in these times of turbulent federalism is a challenge. I enjoy the task immensely and find it to be rewarding." He earned a Ph.D. in public administration from U of Southern California.

Secretaries: **David Shriver**, 2277 Stillman Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118; **Genie Henson Hatch**, 402 Linda Lane, Wentzville, MO 63385.

Show Business

by M. Zimmerman

For **Peter Lawrence x'66**, a production stage manager in New York City, "There's no business like show business." With ten Broadway shows to his credit, Peter currently is the production supervisor of both Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound" and Mike Nichols' "Social Security." The National tour of "Social Security" is being directed by Peter. As associate producer, he is busy preparing a new T.V. series, which will be aired on ABC in the fall. "It is so new," Peter says, "that we have not yet chosen a name for it."

Although a graduate of Ohio State University, Peter's interest in the theatre was sparked during his two years at Wooster. When he entered the College, he wanted to become a lawyer. Then, he met Professors William Craig '29 and Winford Logan of the speech department and received his first taste of "being on the boards." Later, technical theatre became his main interest, and he began teaching in that area at Transylvania College in Lexington, KY. From 1968 to 1972, he lived in Hawaii and taught in the drama department at the University of Hawaii. About his time there, Peter said, "Living in Hawaii was great, but I knew that I would have to go to New York City if I wanted to further my career in the theatre."

He went to New York wanting to be a drama critic. As jobs in that area were not plentiful, he started out by selling tickets in the box office at Mercer Art Center. His first break came because he was willing to take the risk and seize the opportunity. When asked if he knew a production stage manager, Peter answered, "Yes. Me." The career that has taken him to Broadway was launched in a country dinner/playhouse in Texas.

Peter lives in New York City with his wife, Kathy Marsh, an actress. It was during the New York stage production of "Annie" that he met Kathy. She played the role of Grace Farrell, the secretary. Peter's two children, Stephen and Katherine, are college students. Stephen attends SUNY-Plattsburg, and is studying hydrology. Katherine, a student at Colgate, is spending the year at the University of Cardiff, as a biology exchange student.

When asked if he could recommend a career in the theatre, his reply was a quick, "Yes!" He says, "It is a great way to lead your life. Being in the theatre takes you to interesting places [He has traveled all over the world], and it forces you to address current issues." Although it appears that the odds against making a career in the theatre are formidable, Peter believes "If you are good, you will get the job."

Peter Lawrence, we wish you continued success in your career.

CLASS NOTES

1961

Even though she lost her election bid (for Congress in the eighth district of Massachusetts) to someone with the last name of Kennedy, **Carla Brooks Johnston** is not taking things easy. She has just completed a book entitled *Reversing the Nuclear Arms Race*, which outlines pragmatic ways in which the average citizen can affect change in American nuclear arms policy. The book includes an historical analysis of the arms control process, an analysis of the current peace movement, and discussion of recent changes in government, as examples of practical techniques and approaches that work. The book may be ordered from Schenkman Books, Inc., P.O. Box 1570, Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Two printed articles about **Fran Johnston** were recently sent to me (**Larry**) by her "proud papa," Joseph W. Johnston, '32. One was from the front page of the *Detroit Free Press*, the other from a recent issue of the *American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's* monthly magazine. Both concerned Fran's job as Director of Conventions and Meetings for the ASHA, including their annual convention which draws over 10,000 persons. She has been on the ASHA staff since 1977 and begins planning major conventions over four years before they actually occur. Since she travels most of the year, her vacations are spent relaxing in her condominium on Rockville Pike just outside of Washington, DC.

Joe Kelly continues to be employed by the U.S. Navy as a senior computer systems analyst, a position he has held for over twenty years. His job, as he describes it, is to make the Navy's computers "talk" with computers of the other Armed Forces and other intelligence-gathering agencies of the government. He lives with his wife and daughter in Waldorf, MD.

Hewett Mulford has had a life full of surprises over the past eight years, after he sold the family business. Since then, he has worked for five different companies, but has never changed his residence. Currently, he is Midwestern States Sales Manager for Hicker-son Flowers, Inc. Since his divorce in 1984, he has become reacquainted with a number of former classmates, and has been doing a lot of jogging and swimming.

If you are traveling through Ravenna, OH, stop by the local Dairy Queen for something to eat. It is owned by Vern and **Marsha Hartzler Nickel**.

"Being a community college trustee has opened up a whole different perspective on education today, which is both fascinating and challenging," says **Judy Chamberlain Peckham** about her appointment as a Trustee of Broome Community College in Binghamton, NY. Judy is also the Executive Director of the Hoyt Foundation, a private local foundation in Binghamton.

Dr. **Jeanne Leick Reiss** is part of a partnership of neurologists in Kansas City, working part-time for Menorah Hospital and part time being self-employed. When she is not studying brain-waves, she enjoys jogging, gardening, collecting antiques, and attending the opera.

After living in seventeen different homes for over twenty years, **Dave Rex** retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1982, and now lives in

Katy, TX, where he is employed as an applications engineer for the J.R. Woodruff Co. His biggest pleasure now is coming home to the same house every night and having some stability in his life.

Lawrence Dunlap, who serves on the astronomy education committee of the American Association of Physics Teachers, was honored for his research studies of asteroids. Asteroid #3291 was named DUNLAP!

After country living became more work than pleasure, **Joanne Marsh** "sold out" to a city condo in Burlington, VT. Joanne is a research technologist, working in cancer research at the UVM College of Medicine in Vermont. Her daughter, Melissa, is a freshman at the university, and son, Joel, is a high school student.

William Gallagher moved to New Jersey in June, after fifteen years in Williamsburg, VA. He works for BASF in the chemicals division. He and his wife, Judith, have six children.

Secretary: **Larry Vodra**, 51 High Ridge Rd., Brookfield Center, CT 06805-1523.

1960

Many thanks for responding to my pleas for news!

Tom McConihe (907 Allison Ave., Lorain, OH 44052) and his wife celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary in October. Barb serves as a home/school liaison for the local public school system and recently was honored as an outstanding employee. In 1985, Tom was honored by being named to the All-Ohio School Board by OSBA, after thirteen years of service to the Lorain school board. For the past year, he has been working as a group sales manager for a local insurance company. He maintains his interest in baseball by serving as a manager of a local baseball team which last summer won the city and league crowns and was runner-up in the state tournament.

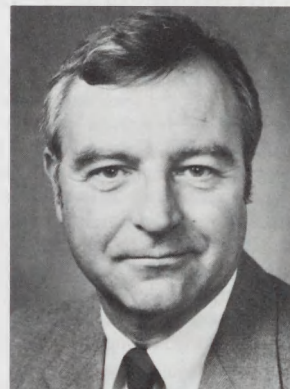
Daughter Celeste is a senior at Akron U and has served as captain of the Lady Zips varsity tennis team for the past four years. Son Alan was elected senior class president at Lorain High School and is active in football, baseball and basketball. Son Jimmy, a sophomore at the high school, is a member of the school's undefeated Buckeye Conference championship cross country squad. He also participates in soccer, wrestling, and plays in the orchestra. In the Palace Civic Center production of *The Wizard of Oz*, Jimmy played the role of the wizard.

Carol Galloway Lamberger reports that she and Paul '59 are enjoying a somewhat empty nest which allows them the freedom to do more traveling. (Daughter Susan graduated and is living at home but isn't there often. Son David is an AFS exchange student living in Berne, Switzerland, for the year.) The Lambergers' travels took them on a nine-day white water trip with Fred Cropp's Wooster group. In October, Paul spent a week in Vienna at the International Atomic Energy Agency, helping to write a manual for handling tritium for world use.

While Paul was in Vienna, Carol enjoyed playing tourist and antiquing in Philadelphia. She also got together in Atlanta with **Sue Carpenter McCollister** (590 Amberidge Trail, NW, Atlanta, GA 30328). Sue is an assistant

vice-president for the Trust Company Bank of Georgia in personnel. When not traveling, Carol manages a garage (as in semi trucks), and she runs a garage-sale business. Carol's note also included news of former third floor Hoover Cottage classmate, **Cuz Stringham Patton**, who with her husband, Bob, is a missionary in South America. Cuz is a nurse and Bob is a physician.

Ron Bobel has been in Hong Kong since March, 1986, as Asian representative for the State Department Program TDP. Ron's position requires extensive travel to China, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Korea and Taiwan, in efforts to promote American trade and investment. Ron previously had foreign service assignments in Peru, Brazil and Portugal. Friends traveling through Hong Kong are invited to call his office at 5-213536. His mailing address: TDP/Asia, American Consulate General, Box 30, FPO, San Francisco 96659-0002. At the conclusion of his assignment in Sept., 1988, Ron expects to return to his home in Falls Church, VA.



Neil Frick

PPG Industries has appointed **Neil H. Frick** as Vice-president, Research and Development, for the company's coatings and resins group. Neil joined PPG in 1964 as a senior research chemist, and since that time he has held several scientific and management positions within the research and development unit of the coatings and resins group. He and his wife, **Charlotte**, have four children.

I (**Nancy**) had the opportunity to connect with my former Hoover Cottage roommates. I visited with Dave '58 and **Carol Collins Vandersall** in Dallas last Easter, (In November, they were relocated to Sea Island, GA.) I also had a nice lunch with **Catharine Kerr Jacobson** and her mother last summer.

Secretary: **Nancy Brown Tyburski**, 3622 Croydon Dr., NW, Canton, OH 44718.

1959

When **David Laughlin** and his family went to Oglebay Park in Wheeling, WV, they saw Randy Worls '60, head administrator of the park. David, who lives in Wheeling, reports that the park has been receiving much recognition. "Hats off to Randy Worls." David is in his twenty-sixth year of teaching.

Secretary: **Gretchen Yant Robinson**, 608 Conley, Ada, OH 45810.

CLASS NOTES

1958

Congratulations to Rachel and Paul Reeder on the birth of their daughter, Katie, on July 15, 1986. Paul has a new job in applied research at Battelle Northwest Laboratories where he has worked for sixteen years. In September 1986, he attended a Specialists' meeting on delayed neutrons in Birmingham, England. Rachel worked in finance at Battelle until Katie arrived. Sons Dave, Eric and Doug are in college at Washington State U (Pullman), U of Washington (Seattle) and Reed College (Oregon), respectively. Paul and Rachel enjoyed Expo '86 in Vancouver, B.C. They sing in a church choir and in the Many Century Singers, an a capella group. Their address is: 1718 Birch Ave., Richland, WA 99352.

Janie Craig Wilson operates a small computer service, specializing in payroll services and mailing labels for small businesses. She recently expanded into editing books, using a word processor. Golfing is still a top priority as Janie is president of her golf association this year. Jerry's work at Sandia Laboratories involves coast-to-coast travel, and Janie joins him occasionally. Sons Greg and Mike are both in college at New Mexico State U and the U of Tucson, respectively. The Wilsons' address: 3524 Colorado St. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87110.

Carol Moon McCawley is an instructional aide in special education. Husband Ray is a realtor in the Monterey Bay (CA) area. With daughter Susan at UCLA and son David a senior in high school, Carol and Ray will soon be experiencing the empty nest. Address: 105 Pebble Beach Court, Aptos, CA 95003.

The 1986 Grand Canyon river raft trip led by Fred Cropp found Sue Eickmeyer Craig and Bob and Janet Gabrielsen Ehlers together on an "unforgettable cruise." For more details, write Janet at 401 Appleblossom Lane, Bay Village, OH 44140.

Stan and Sue Marsh Totten had a family reunion while attending son Bill's marriage to Nancy Kinsey ('83 and '85), in May 1986. Bill and Nancy now live in Houston. Mark is in medical school. Greg attends Hillsdale College while Molly, a recent Hanover College graduate, and Jeff are currently in Hanover. Stan is a professor of geology at Hanover College and Sue is a kindergarten teacher. Address: Box 255, Hanover, IN 47243.

Jim and Pat Gerber Simmons have their first grandchild: Michael Leyden Lindsey (son of Craig and Judy Simmons Lindsey '80s), who arrived July 4, 1986. Jim has become an adjunct professor at Wesley Seminary in the pastoral care department. He continues as a field work supervisor at the seminary and a part-time hospital chaplain and counselor. Jim has completed his course work for a Ph.D. in Adlerian psychology. Now the intensity of thesis and examinations are in progress! Pat is a systems consultant at ORIC/CALCULON where she directs office automation activities in the energy research section of the Department of Energy and is responsible for 180 computers. While daughter Sarah studied at Oxford U last school year, Pat and her mother enjoyed a visit to England in April, 1986, and fell in love with the English countryside. Address: 8505 Victory Lane, Potomac, MD 20854.

Bruce and Anne Gieser Hunt have their own method of coping with the empty

nest. They sold their home of twenty-two years just twenty blocks from downtown Chicago and designed and built a country home on a lake northwest of Chicago. Bruce is a consultant for Harbridge House, Inc. and leads management training sessions. On a trip to New Zealand with Anne, Bruce avoided his 50th birthday in a novel way — they crossed the international date line and skipped from November 8 to November 10. Superb planning! Anne continues to write nutritional materials and help manage Hess and Hunt, Inc., with her partner. She also writes extremely interesting Christmas letters! Anne almost bumped into Paul Davies on the street in Chicago in December. New address (May, 1987): 41 Deerpoint Dr., Hawthorn Woods, IL 60647.

In May, 1986, Anne Marsh Hoenig received an M.S. in education from Nazareth College of Rochester, where she is teaching a graduate course on development of programs for children from birth to three years. Anne, family coordinator at Rochester Children's Nursery, finds her new job a real challenge.

Bruce Rigdon, a professor at McCormick Seminary, is currently a scholar in residence at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC.

I (Peggy) have just finished a three-month teaching assignment for a high school math teacher on maternity leave and am writing this on an airplane to Denver on our way to a few days of skiing. I am quite interested in how our generation and specifically, our classmates approach the mid-century mark and the empty nest. Many of us appear to be finding new bridges to cross and new fields of interest to learn. This math major has become a genealogy devotee and has discovered how fascinating history can be!

Reminder: It's not too early to plan your 1988 vacation to include our 30th reunion. Secretary: Peggy McAnlis Mueller, 5510 South Garfield Ave., Hinsdale, IL 60521-5013.

1957

When Bob Seaman was granted a study leave by the Synod and the local board of education, he and his wife, Nina, joined a study seminar group, sponsored by Stephens College, Columbia, MO, which traveled to China in June, 1986. "Our time in China was rich and full. We fondly remember the many ordinary and special people who cared that we had come to see and to learn and had shown us their past and their present."

Ronald Gould (50 Bernal Ave., Moss Beach, CA 94038) is an associate director of the Stanford U Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory. Since his remarriage, Ron has become involved in the Stepfamily Association of America (SAA), as a board member and treasurer. He invites interested stepfamilies to write for SAA information to the above address.

Janet Wiegert Riley, of San Antonio, TX, is active in volunteer work in her church and in PTA. She writes a monthly newsletter for Lake Canyon Yacht Club and participates in the racing program and classes for juniors. Jan writes that she is experimenting with gourmet low-salt, low-fat cooking and with landscaping, using more native plants for low maintenance. Secretaries: Al Edel, 2040 Brooks Square Pl., Falls Church, VA 22043; Joyce Cappon, 205 Yoakum Parkway, No. 522, Alexandria, VA 22304.

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Margaret Winfield Sullivan writes: "If one will have all one's children in a clump, other 'big' events tend to clump as well: First grandchild, Samuel Phillip Abrams, son of our daughter Gay and her husband Rick is now sixteen months old. Last child, Charley, graduated from Princeton in June, so for the first time in twenty-seven years no one is in school and for the first time in twelve years no tuition payments! Whoopee! Number one and number two sons were married within three weeks of each other." Peg says that she keeps writing and collecting rejection slips, but she adds, "I guess you are not a full-fledged writer until you can paper the bathroom with rejection slips!"

Barbara Wheeler Lees is now living in Morro Bay, CA, and enjoys the small fishing village and its inhabitants — humans, sea life, and birds. "When friends come to visit Hearst Castle, let us know. This is a nice place to share."

Secretary: Janice Douglas Grim, 17867 E. Lincoln Way, Dalton, OH 44618.

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Jim Lindsay sent your secretary a letter saying that his phlebitis continues to improve and that he and his wife, Sue, were looking forward to having dinner with Bob and Marion (Shaw '56) Tignor. Bob is the chairman of the history department at Princeton U and author of our lead feature article this issue.

The continual lack of news in our column prompted Denny Carlson to write. Hurrah! About the lack of news, Denny asks: "Are we all roaring successes and too busy to write? Are there serious life issues which are difficult to share? Do we draft a newsy note and then tear it up because we think it sounds too much like a Christmas letter?" He concludes by saying, "We have to write in order to get something back." Perhaps his observations will spur some to take pen in hand!

He and his wife, Susan, live in New Hampshire where Denny has a practice in pathology and nuclear medicine in three small rural hospitals in the New Hampshire seacoast region. They have five children: four daughters and one son, who are now out on their own. This allows his wife to devote time to her interests in art. Their address: 10 Hampshire Rd., Durham, NH 03824.

Secretary: Erla Jean Lewis Reeves, 11693 Althea Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Tel. 412-242-2322.

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In the fall, Patricia Lockwood Bidle moved to 414 N. Clinton #202, River Forest, IL 60305. She is a sales rep for Scandinavian Design Office Furniture.

Bob and Lin Loucks Ackerly took the Grand Canyon trip in July, 1986, with Fred Cropp. "For any of you who haven't done it, it is much more than a river trip and a run through the rapids. It's a real experience in togetherness and cooperation."

Tom Wise has a new position with Cincinnati Milacron. As the marketing projects ad-

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ministrator, he is in charge of planning, executing, and acting as host to all the tours that go through Milacron. He has been with the company for thirty-three years. **Pat (Taft)** is busy with volunteer work and enjoying her grandsons.

Secretary: Vivienne Smith Mason, 165 Grandin Rd., Akron, OH 44313.

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I (Nona) will share Christmas news next issue. Meanwhile here's welcome news which arrived in November from two Janes — **Jane Rice LaRue** and **Jane Budrow Morgan**.

From Bellingham, WA, **Jane Morgan** quickly reviewed at least twenty-six recent years. "Four children and lots of church activities have sure kept me busy. In the back of my mind, I always considered myself an unemployed librarian and have kept up by volunteering in school libraries, and now I also do some subbing for ill librarians. We've lived in Bellingham for sixteen years now, and like Wooster, it is a college town with lots of activities. One of our favorite activities is Camp Farthest Out. It's an interdenominational organization, organized by Christian laymen, with about sixty camps in the U.S. and Canada and about seventy camps worldwide. Philip (Jane's husband) is chairman of the Washington CFO this year."

Jane and Philip's children are Art (22), studying computer science; Melba Joy (20), learning Japanese and studying linguistics and hoping to be a missionary to Japan; and twins, Floyd and Frank (18). The twins, Jane noted, are "very, very, different." — Floyd interested in math and physics and Frank, a bright and talented musician.

Jane added, that **Ellie Hopkirk Stevens** had visited her last summer, on a trip from Ellie's home base, St. Croix, to Seattle to visit her Coast Guard son, Martin. Ellie had used an alumni directory to look up friends from Wooster days while traveling.

Jane LaRue also mentioned her sons, the older one working on a Ph.D. in musicology and the younger a paralegal with the Jones, Day law firm in Cleveland. Jane writes that she really enjoys home ownership, which she undertook a couple of years ago in Evanston, IL, when she bought a co-op apartment. She works as a librarian and enjoys the responsibility she's been given for choosing about 1,000 picture books and easy readers annually for her library. She's also grandmother to her older son's two step-children. Thanks for writing; you too, Jane.

The Christmas notes were warm and wonderful — there'll be more space next time for them. Meantime, here's **Helen Mossbarger Friend's** new address: Mrs. William Friend, 576 Buckeye Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054.

Sympathy of the class is extended to **Dan De Arment**, whose father died in July, 1986. Dan continues his work as Chaplain supervisor at the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia.

George Buckbee has been appointed conductor-in-residence of the Stockton Symphony in Stockton, CA.

New Year's eve was celebrated by the **Bob Kurths, Bob Andersons, Don Lebers**, in Naples, FL. It was a surprise party for **John Keitt**, which Nancy arranged.

When **I (Ron)** spoke on the phone to **Bob Kurth**, he told me that **Jo Fravel Barnard** and **Don Leber** were married two years ago. I had spoken to Don and Jo after Reed Barnard and Jan Wysham Leber had died, but had not heard about their marriage. We offer heartfelt congratulations. Kurth also informed me that his brother-in-law, **Jim Williams**, retired from the Red Cross in San Francisco because of painful arthritis.

Mark and Pris Gallinger Allen wrote to me at Christmas. Mark is minister of First Church of Middletown, OH, and is praying for economic recovery in the steel industry, as most of his people are involved in that field.

Last year, **Bill and Liz Blumberg Hubbarth** sent a card showing them holding an empty nest. This year the card revealed their children and the daughters-in-law and sons-in-law and noted that there is hope for a grandchild to join the extended clan come spring.

Whit Weihe is also retired. His daughter was married at Annapolis in the spring. He and Barb plan to sail to California on their own boat to see children in LA this spring.

Gloria and Tom Hughart will spend a winter week in Rio de Janeiro. Things go well for Tom's pastorate in Bedford, NY.

I (Ron) complete my interim ministry in Vero on March 15. As I am on the list at the U of Chicago to receive a kidney transplant in three to six months, I am planning to take a leave of absence from the ministry. The transplant will eliminate the need for dialysis, and I'll be a partial new man with more energy and range than I now have. So, 1987 brings hope and joy for all of us to share and may God continue to bless us.

Secretaries: Ronald Felty, 527 Royal Palm Place, Vero Beach, FL 32960; Nona Williston Taylor, 3003 Rufenach Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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She may still be a housewife and mother, but **Mary (Ginger) Ferris Gilbert** is also a successful business woman. She designs and makes stained glass windows for homes and churches. Ginger has three married children and three grandchildren, a daughter who is a senior in college and one who is in high school. If anyone would like a stained glass window, write to her at: 603 Jackson St., P.O. Box 275, Wild Rose, WI 54984.

Good news was received from **Willard and Sally (Spahr '53) Miller**. Medical tests revealed that Sally is still free of cancer since her surgery and treatment for the disease in 1985. Willard resigned his sixteen-year pastorate in Riverdale Presbyterian Church and is currently an interim pastor for an ecumenical congregation in Reston, VA. Their son, Tom '85, is with the Peace Corps in Haiti, and son, Steve '83, is an assistant law librarian for a law firm. Daughter Lilace is a student at Warren Wilson College.

Secretary: Jeanne Milanette Merlanti, 2128 Greenview Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

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Bill Morton, the Wooster dentist's kid who lived in the room next to mine in Doug-

lass Hall in 1947-48, was a wiry, chain-smoking, brilliant guy with the energy of a coiled watch spring and the enthusiasm of P.T. Barnum. His mind was as sharp as his slide rule was fast, and he was one of only a handful of the more than the two-score of our classmates who started out under the famed M.I.T. "Five Year Plan" to make it on to M.I.T. and get his degrees from both Wooster and the Karl T. Compton-run Boston-area brain school. His success in his chosen field of engineering can not be denied — his years with General Electric, in the Cleveland area and elsewhere, and then his many years with "Big Blue" itself, giant IBM, rising to business planning manager for the Americas group of IBM World Trade.

He and his wife, **Jean Howard**, lived in a fine old home just feet from the Long Island Sound in Larchmont, NY, and just blocks from the Larchmont Yacht Club of which they were members. When Pat and I (**Roy**) spent an evening visiting the Mortons two or three years ago, it was at that lovely club where they hosted dinner. Bill was so proud of his surviving children, now all grown — Jim, Jean and Carolyn — and devoted to the Masons, in whose order he achieved the highest degree and many exalted honors. Bill Jr. died in 1979, age 25. The Mortons made it to many of our class reunions, and they usually headed for their summer place at Chatham on Cape Cod.

Although Bill was no longer the skinny guy of college days and still smoked, it was nevertheless a frightful shock to receive Jean's Christmas letter in December, reporting Bill's totally unexpected death over the Labor Day weekend. Jean wrote: "After breakfast (Sat., Aug. 30), Bill complained of chest pains. I drove him to a nearby private doctor in a 'Medi-Center.' The doctor took an EKG and sent him home with instructions to take Tylenol. Thirty to forty-five minutes later Bill passed away . . . of a blocked coronary artery."

Bill's funeral, well-attended by Masons and IBM people, was September 5. As for Jean's plans, she wrote: "On September 23, I was taken under care of the Hudson River Presbytery for the study of the ministry. This process had been started over a year ago. I am back at New York Theological Seminary, and expect to complete my studies December, 1987, graduating the following June." (That's a long trail from teachings of the late Mary Z. Johnson, kid!)

Some of you may remember **Avis Bird**, now Mrs. James Myers, who was with us for a couple of years before transferring to and graduating from Hiram College. She is a native of Canton who went back there to live for many years before moving to Dallas for a couple of years in 1969, found Texas too full of Texans, I guess, and fled back home two years later. Now comes the October 21, 1986, edition of the weekly North Canton *Tribune*, replete with a photo of Avis dressed in 1920s Flapper garb, putting on a "show-and-tell" type of program at the Hoover Historical Center in Vacuum-Cleaner City, reflecting on changes in the entertainment world from 1920 through 1935 and displaying posters and sheet music and playing occasional old 78rpm's from that long ago time.

Her career has included copywriting for an ad agency, and, since 1971, teaching English, speech, writing and communication at

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Canton's Stark Technical College as well as serving as assistant coordinator of Stark's Developmental Education Department. She did post-graduate work at Akron U. The Birds have two offspring. Outside interests include the local Fine Arts Association (a past president), the Canton Symphony League and Christ Presbyterian Church.

It seems our "young" classmates keep jumping the gun on the averages and retiring at our tender years, the latest being another of Karl Ver Steeg's highly trained geologists, back from many years abroad at last, **Doug Bostwick**. Writes Doug: "I have retired from Exxon as of August 1, 1986, after over thirty-three years, working as a geologist. We moved to our place on Lake Conroe, TX — 3039 Lake Island Dr., Montgomery, TX 77356 and so far, so good. We lived in Singapore and Malaysia for 9½ years, before returning to the States in 1983 and spending the next three years until retirement living in New Orleans." The "we" are Doug; wife, Judith; and children: Karen, now 27; Richard, 25; Pamela, nearly 21; and, Gayle, 18. Doug, when he wasn't working as "geological advisor" to Exxon and traveling the world found time for golf, gardening and to serve as, get this, "football official in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia" where I thought they all played such British sports as Rugby and soccer. Judith and Doug will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary Aug. 23, 1988, in case you want to take notes and send a card when it's time.

Also joining the Retiree Brigade, or "Leisure Class," as she calls it, is **Lois Wall Sandberg**, of Frewsburg, NY, whose husband, Alan, retired last fall and she, as a Registered Nurse (Endoscopy) at a Jamestown, NY, hospital more recently (February). She said they hoped to head for Florida thereupon, and expected better results than last year when they were in a near fatal car crash. I assume they will travel in the same motor home they lived in in the vast Lowry Center/Holden Hall parking lot during our reunion last year. Lois wrote that she established the Endoscopy Unit at her hospital in 1982. Her children by her first marriage — Jim, Bill and Jennifer — are all grown. She and Alan were wed in 1981.

Another "sort of" retiree is **Don Pendell**, originally William D. Pendell, as shown in the *Index*, but of more recent vintage "W. Donald Pendell", that touch of distinction that goes nicely with "The Rev." that precedes it.

"Sort of" because, while living in the Columbus suburb of Worthington and serving several rural churches in Central Ohio, a part-time occupation at best, Don developed his own electronics business in Columbus, serving as president and general manager. It is from that that he has "retired," turning the business over to his son, while he has accepted an appointment as full-time interim pastor of the Struther's (Ohio) Presbyterian Church, outside of Youngstown, to which he now commutes from his Columbus-area home, a long haul by any standard and downright horrific during a winter storm. His electronics firm goes by the name Advanced Business Communications, Inc.; his wife, June.

Word came last summer from yet another ex-classmate retiree, **George L. Bing**, who spent his frosh nights on the second floor of Douglass Hall, then transferred to the U of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Economics, graduating in 1951 and growing up to run a chain of Bing Furniture stores in Greater

Cleveland, until a 1977 heart attack led him to close the stores and retire to Florida. George writes that he is alive and well, and, no doubt, tanned as a beet, at 2691 N.E. 46th St., Lighthouse Point, FL 33064, north of Pompano Beach. Friends can reach him at (305) 781-5636, especially his old Douglass roommate, **Mac Basinger**, a Michigan Law grad who currently practices law in Lima, OH while living at the felinish address of 7-B Mews Rd., Lima, OH 45805. George is not entirely sedate in Florida. He and his wife, Pauline, who raised three children — Andrew, now 34; John, 23; and Elizabeth, 21 — are now grandparents, and George plays tennis and serves as chairman of the Miniature Show of South Florida at Boca Raton.

And, finally, a personal note: Pat and I spent a beautiful five days over Christmas at the Five-Star-rated Williamsburg Inn at Colonial Williamsburg, VA, belatedly celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary of the previous April . . . a true experiencing of "Christmas Past." On Christmas Eve we worshipped in the sanctuary oft-attended by Washington, Jefferson, Patrick Henry and other "founding fathers" at Bruton Parish Church, therein.

Last September and October we did our usual even-numbered year vacation in Oregon, guest lecturing in journalism at the U of Oregon, visiting our not-too-distant retirement home site on the ocean at Brookings, OR, ten miles north of the California line and wallowing for five days in a September heavy snow in the mountains near Crater Lake.

Next: From "Hell's Kitchen" to "Heaven's Gate" — the amazing rise of the kid from the streets of New York's lower West Side, **John (Johnny) Morey**, Ph.D., from his own record, plus recollections of a college friend.

Secretary: **Roy Adams, Suite 308, Waterford Condominium, 12500 Edgewater Dr., Lakewood, OH 44107.**

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Catching up with **Harry and Christine Dever Stults** is easy, since Chris and Harry live in Oklahoma City, and I (**Ruthanne**) live in Edmond, OK. Harry has been practicing family medicine for the past year and a half with Medplus, clinics involving a group of physicians who give medical attention to patients on a walk-in basis, as well as by appointment. Chris works part time for H & R Block Company and is busy especially during tax season. Both enjoy their flexible work schedules, which allow them time to travel to various sections of the country to see friends and family.

During the summer of 1986, they saw children graduate from universities in Illinois and Massachusetts, and they both attended 40th high school reunions: Harry's in Wooster and Chris's in Portsmouth, OH. Several Wooster people turned up at these events also: **Audrey Black Frush**, who lives in Sarasota, FL; **Joe Retzler**; Al '52 and **Judy Tilford Van Wie**; **Verne Snyder**; and **Harold Micklethwaite**, who owns and operates a successful restaurant in Portsmouth, appropriately named "Harold's Restaurant" — anyone hungry? Then, this fall, what a nice surprise it was when the Stults' ran into Sam Bachtell '51 in the midst of a busy Washington, DC, airport! A small world, always!

When Bruce and I were in Houston in September, **Ruth Ann Carson MacAllister**, Hugh '49 and **Elinor Morris Macmillan**, and Ken and Margaret (Warner '46) Gruber attended the wedding of our son, John Love. Also, my sister Barbara Cooper Strauss '46, from Newbury, OH, helped swell the ranks of the Love family and made a small Wooster gathering. We missed seeing Ed MacAllister '49, who had just retired from Esso, but was ill at home at the time. Hope all is well with him now.

"Charlie" told us that **Dave and Pat Hawk Clyde** were traveling in China, but had been in Scotland previously to see their son receive his doctorate from the U of Edinburgh. Additionally, the sympathies of our class and the Wooster family are directed to Pat and her sister, Midge Hawk Edwards '52, on the death of their father, Paul Hawk '25, on Sept. 17, 1986. Wooster will miss one of its strongest supporters.

I, (**Joyce**) received a newsy Christmas letter from **Kay Shamp** telling of the delightful "scenic Scandanavian" tour she took last August with a friend. Kay continues to be busy in her work with the Cleveland Public Library. She now is engaged in refurbishing their music score collection. Off duty, she enjoys attending the symphony, Play House and Art Museum concerts and taking an active part in her church.

Tom and Ellie Bousman Wright sent news of their happenings in their Christmas letter also. They are still enjoying traveling having spent a week in Yosemite last May, a week at Lake Tahoe in June with Tom's sister and her husband, and a week at Cabo San Lucas at the tip of Baja, CA, in October. They are anticipating leading a three week Scandanavian tour this coming summer.

Bill and Barbara Hamilton Syrios also wrote at Christmas telling of their family. Daughter Melinda was married September 27, 1986 in Dallas where she has resided the past five years. Son Bill is in Eugene, OR, where he is working with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at the U of Oregon. He and wife, Teresa, and two sons are anticipating a new arrival in April. Bill and Barbara's youngest son, Jeff, is in Topeka, KS, where he is half-way through law school.

A note of sympathy to **Judy Tilford Van Wie** on the passing of her father, Paul Tilford, recently.

Health problems have forced **Joyce Heath Chapman** to resign as class secretary. We all thank her for her eight years of service.

Secretary: **Ruthanne Cooper Love, 2017 Smokey Hollow Dr., Edmond, OK 73034.**

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Alice and **Bob Mabbs** wrote a four page report on each of their children, their families, the grandchildren and what they are doing. The Mabbs are glad that his mother could move next door to them in Sioux Falls, SD. Bob is still assisting in research on post-polio syndrome and edits two newsletters. Alice enjoys doing substitute teaching, writing, gardening, reading and playing musical duets. They both enjoy the meetings and annual conferences of Quaker Friends.

Jackie Kocialek Lenhart has enjoyed every minute of her retirement from teaching in June, 1986. In September, a mini-reunion was held at the Lenhart home with Glenn (Bim

Tomorrow with Wooster

"I bet I am the only man in the United States who ever had a college president for a caddy and paid him a fee of \$250,000."

One day in the early 1920's, Elisha P. Douglass, then a Trustee of the College, asked President Wishart to visit him in Florida. Mr. Douglass, an avid golfer, invited Mr. Wishart to join him on the course. Since the President did not play, he offered to walk along and carry the clubs. Mr. Douglass wanted to talk about making a substantial provision for Wooster. Later he remarked to Mrs. Douglass: "I bet I am the only man in the United States who ever had a college president for a caddy and paid him a fee of \$250,000." For indeed, Mr. Douglass, a member of the Class of 1877, did leave that amount in his will for Wooster. The gift was used to build Douglass Hall, then a men's dormitory. It was dedicated in 1929 and remains one of the most popular residence halls on the campus today.

For more than a century, men and women with a vision of Wooster's mission in higher education have provided generous support through bequests. The College has received \$1,600,000 from the estates of the following persons during 1985 and 1986:

Elisabeth Adams '22
Isabelle Shaw Adams '27
Mina Ruese Bryan '30
M. Elizabeth Caldwell '22
T. Davis Cunningham '37
Ruth Elnor '24
Margaret Harlor 1897
Arabelle Hoffer '37
Ernest M. Hole '18
William Huffman
A. Catherine Kidd
Helen Lewis '42
Frank H. McCombs '16

Charles Merz '39
Elizabeth C. Morrow '20
Peter Rapp
Francis Rutherford '27
Ruth Sanborn
Helen Colville Sevitts '11
William Small '36
William Stentz '08
Ethel Stonehill '17
Curt Taylor
Anna Thomas in memory of brother
Thurlow B. Thomas '29
E.B. Westlake, Jr. '25

Scholarships Link Past to Future . . .

A 1911 graduate of Wooster, Helen Colville Sevitts continued to earn additional degrees over the next thirty years. She taught mathematics and later became a high school librarian; following her retirement, she catalogued an entire collection for a school. Mrs. Sevitts traveled extensively; her journeys took her to the South Pacific, South America, Russia, the Near East and Europe on numerous excursions. She died at age ninety-eight in April 1986.

Mrs. Sevitts devoted most of her life to education, and her involvement will continue through a scholarship fund at Wooster. Her sister, Ruth Colville Stewart, added a gift to the bequest which Mrs. Sevitts provided for the College and thereby established the Helen Colville Sevitts endowed scholarship fund.

E. B. Westlake, Jr. arrived at Wooster in the fall of 1921 with \$150 in his pocket, enough for first semester's tuition and a month's room and board. He cleaned chicken coops and tended coal furnaces for twenty-five cents an hour to make ends meet. In his sophomore year, the College awarded him a scholarship, which he kept until his graduation—as a Chemistry major—in 1925. E.B. built a successful career in the plastics industry, and on the occasion of his 50th class reunion established an endowed scholarship fund at Wooster in gratitude for the support the College had given him. He added to this fund annually, and at his death in 1985 made a bequest to Wooster that will provide for Westlake Scholarships in perpetuity.

Much of Wooster's present vitality is the result of planning and foresight by many individuals. The College is grateful that Alumni and Friends continue to make provisions during their lifetimes which will be reflected in Wooster's future strength.

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'50) and **Dorothy (Dee Dee) Allshouse Carlisle**, **Sally Strock Dalbey**, **Dick and Pat Miller Quinby**, **Barrett and Betty Nixon Oliver**, **Paul (Barney '42) and Marilynn Proctor Reis** in attendance. The group tries to get together twice a year. The Lenharts have bought a trailer and spent the winter in Ft. Meyers, FL.

Now that **Klaus Kroner** has retired, he and his wife, Helen, plan to travel around the U.S. in their trailer.

Bill and Lois Hoak Hoffman went "steamboatin" in September aboard the *Mississippi Queen* from St. Paul, MN, to St. Louis, MO. The Hoffmans, who live in New Orleans, LA, enjoyed a visit in June from **Gene Markley** and his wife Lahoma.

I (**Betty**) always enjoy getting Christmas mail with news! An especially interesting letter was received from Bob and **Dorothy Swan Reuman**. Last year, Bob was selected by a consortium of New England/New York colleges for China studies to take students to Beijing and teach two courses for the fall semester. Although Dorothy and the students took on a heavy program of Chinese language studies, they found time to travel and see the sites. The Reumans remained in China after the students returned to the States and traveled to various areas including: Fujhou, where Bob was born; Lienxien, where Dad Swan was born; and Shanghai. In Shanghai, they visited the hospital and missionary home where the Reumans lived in the 1920s and the site of the Swan birthplace.

About the children, Dorothy writes that Marty works for the Harvard U Health Service; David teaches at the U of Michigan; Jonny works in personnel at the Bank of New England; Ann is a Ph.D. candidate at Tufts; Beth works in career counseling at Wesleyan. The Reumans invite one and all to visit them in Waterville, ME, or Cape Split, depending upon the season.

We had a wonderful letter from **Evelyn Cheadle Thomas**. As always, she and Bob are cheerful and fun and always invite us to come and see them. Wish we could!

Bruce and I are hanging in there as usual, and sometimes it's not easy. I lost my father at Thanksgiving in 1986. That brought our son, David '74, and granddaughter, Madeline, from Portland, OR. David's wife, Laurie (Simon '74), had to stay home and study, as she had started medical school in the fall. They all came home for two weeks at Christmas, and we had a good visit. Bruce likes to help son Rob and wife Carol (Gorsica '76) work on improving their home. Daughter Susan and her husband, Jeff Zupancic '77, and son Brian (almost four) moved to Fairview Park in Sept., and we love having them "home." And so it goes. Let's hear from the rest of you out there.

Secretaries: Lloyd Vandersall, 1448 S. Kohler Rd., Orrville, OH 44667; Elizabeth Kilgore Grandy, 19582 Coffinberry Blvd., Fairview Park, OH 44126.

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Jack Hunter has been named Director of Special Projects for public television station WGTE-TV of Toledo, OH. He is in charge of informational video productions for the corporate, institutional and home video markets and will produce programs for local and na-

tional public television. Previously, Jack served as president and as director of post production for The Educational Film Center in northern Virginia.

Jack is on the awards committee of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, former president of the Washington, D.C. chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and a member of the advisory council of CINE, Council on International Nontheatrical Events. For his produc-



Jack Hunter

tions, Jack has received many awards including: the Ohio State Award, International Film Festival of New York, Chris Award, and Emmy awards.

John and **Bernice Hahn Miller** retired in October and moved to North Carolina to enjoy the warm weather and play golf.

Another retiree is **Tom Dennis**, who retired from U.S. Steel Corporation in April, 1983. He and his wife, Sandra, live in Marietta, GA.

Secretaries: Jack & Anne Taylor Hunter, 10551 Rivulet Row, Columbia, MD 21044.

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Come one, come all to our 40th reunion in June!

It was so nice to hear from **Ruth Pier Putchat** and of her cruise on the Inside Passage to Alaska. It sounds like an intriguing trip.

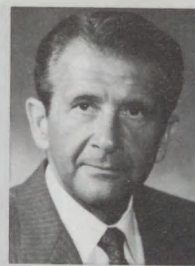
Dave and **Winnie Mayers Rampe** have enjoyed traveling in recent years, especially to Hawaii. Winnie, have you completed the book on genealogy?

Margaret and **Russell Moon** report from Edna, TX, that he is pastor of the First Methodist Church, and she is a bank teller. They have two daughters and two granddaughters.

Janice Easley Glasscock is a receptionist and clerical assistant at Child and Family Services of Ypsilanti, MI. Her fourteen-year-old granddaughter is her hobby.

Bern and **Mary Paul Neumann** call Waco, TX, home. They have raised four children. Mary does some substitute teaching and makes quilts as a hobby. They are the proud grandparents of three grandsons.

Roger Naftzger puts many miles on his car while commuting to Cuyahoga Community College from Butler, OH. He is preceptor in biomedical ethics and clinical coordinator in the Surgeons Assistant Program. His wife, Patricia, is a medical social worker.



Chairman of NAM

by M. Zimmerman

Stanley Gault '48

It is fitting that **Stanley Gault '48** was elected Chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) this year. Amidst much talk of the victory of service industries, Gault has built an extraordinary career in manufacturing.

The recently elected Chairman of NAM is convinced that the adage, "Be as good as you can possibly be," can also apply to everyone in the organization. "In the final analysis, success depends on people — on the personal interest and dedication of men and women to face and resolve the challenges of the day." To overcome the enormous problem of the nation's competitive slump, Gault says, "What is needed today — urgently — is a comprehensive national commitment to competitiveness." Does he think that U.S. manufacturing will survive under current trends? "There is no doubt in my mind that U.S. manufacturing will survive. But to ensure a prosperous future, we have to work for it." His task as chairman of one of the most effective business lobbies in Washington will not be an easy one.

After thirty-one years at General Electric, where he rose to be Senior Vice-President and Sector Executive of the Industrial Products and Components Sector, Gault returned to Wooster to lead the company which his father helped to found in 1920, Rubbermaid Incorporated. The company has become one of the most admired corporations in America. Since he became Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Rubbermaid has enjoyed tremendous growth, has become a Fortune 500 company, has been selected by a Fortune poll of more than 8,200 senior executives as the fifth most admired corporation in America, and has been added to Standard and Poor's 500.

How has this been achieved? When asked about his business philosophy, Gault replied: "We certainly do not have all the answers at Rubbermaid, but we have dedicated ourselves to the unrelenting pursuit of the fundamental factors that have built successful businesses in the past. By that I mean new product development, productivity improvement, superior quality, new technology, second-to-none customer service, solid value offerings and aggressive sales and merchandising programs." (*Enterprise*, Winter, 1987, p. 12)

Gault serves on the boards of directors of Avon Products, Inc., International Paper Company, PPG Industries, Inc., and is Vice-Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees.

Portia Desenberg Speck



It is always nice to hear from classmates at Christmas. Dave and **Viv Douglas Smith** are well and still helping the Singing Smith Sisters. **Evelyn Slater Frazier** will, hopefully, be in Wooster this summer. It will be good to get together. **Dorothy Bryce Schwob** reported a problem with one of her eyes, but everything else is fine in Bern, Switzerland. Larry and **Marge Neiswander Hoge** were looking forward to another sojourn in Hawaii.

We were glad to receive news from Margaret Lloyd Barr '40 about her brother, **Ralph**, who died May 13, 1986. Margaret wrote: "His career in oil and gas caused many moves; he lived in several states: Oklahoma, Montana, Texas, California, and, of course, Wyoming, which was probably his favorite. Ralph was an avid golfer, and this past summer a tournament in Casper was dedicated to his memory. The considerable proceeds went to the hospice that helped him, and where he also offered his care to others as a volunteer.

Secretaries: **Sarah Evans Wachter**, 2847 Norma St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223; **Marilyn Cordray Lilley**, 1201 Taft Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223.

1946

Your secretary had some interesting letters from classmates recently. **Jane Richardson Schauss** lives in Decatur, IN, and is widowed. Recently retired from teaching, Jane is doing volunteer work and is active in her church. She has three grown sons.

A long Christmas letter came from **Jean Compton Boyce**. She and husband, Carroll, live in W. Fort Myers, FL. Jean, too, retired recently from a job that she had held for six years. The Boyces find life in Florida enjoyable and have treated themselves to some time-share weeks scattered through the year in different parts of the country. Their three children live in various parts of the country.

Portia Desenberg Speck writes: "Not retired from teaching — just a drop-out! I had to abandon the textbooks in order to keep up with the studio books." She is busy helping her husband in their photographic studio in Ashland, OH. From the picture we asked her to send, you can see that she is busy keeping the books the modern way — on the computer. Teaching still plays a part in her life, as she has been teaching adult education classes for

the past five years. No, it isn't Latin she's teaching, it's microwave cooking! She comments, "A liberal arts education from Wooster prepares you for almost any job, doesn't it?" Portia had spent eighteen years teaching English and Latin in the public schools.

Sympathy of the class is extended to **Blanche Locke Thomas**, whose husband, John, died recently.

In January your secretary and her husband took a three-week cruise to ports in New Zealand and Australia. Please let me hear from you.

Secretary: **Elizabeth Cleaveland Ewell**, 9000 Indian Ridge Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45243.

1945

Class secretaries are happy to see the Christmas notes arrive. Many of us celebrated 40th wedding anniversaries this past year; among those were **Bill and Betty Marr Brooks**. Along with those go 45th high school reunions which Marr enjoyed in Akron, where she also had a visit with **Sally Sargent Bleichrodt**. The Brooks vacationed in Oregon this fall with their son and family.

Emily Kuhles Infield asked me (**Virginia**) to tell everyone that we are expecting you all at Wooster in 1990 for our 45th reunion and definitely in 1995 for that golden year. Emily still plays bridge, writes book reviews and is active in church work in Wooster. The highlight of Ernie's year was presenting Stan Welty '24 for the College Distinguished Alumni Award.

From deep in the heart of Texas, **Sally Lantz Gorceyca** writes that they had two weddings last summer: daughter Martha was married in Estes Park and son John in Dallas. It was a gathering of the clan at both events. Sally and Ed '48 visited Mexico with Ed's Spanish class from their local college. They also went to California where Ed visited his Wooster roommate, James Patterson '48. They had not seen each other since graduation.

Esther Swinney Frederick has much to report. Their daughter, Linda, presented them with their fourth grandchild in February. In April Bill and Esther went to Hawaii, returning in time for their son John's wedding in May. Bill's mother, who is ninety-seven years old, still lives independently in Elkhart, IN, so

frequent trips are made there. Once again Bill and Esther enjoyed the Ohio Light Opera productions at Wooster and the Shaw Festival performances at Niagara-on-the-Lake. With Bill's retirement in 1987, there will be more traveling.

Harry and **Nancy Helm Hueston** are wintering in the Southwest. Nan retired from her volunteer social work position so that they can travel. They have taken up square dancing and tandem bike riding.

Besides a Christmas note, I had a telephone call from my roommate, **Jeanne Roberts Flegel**. What a wonderful surprise. It was so good to hear her voice. Jeanne works four days a week at Alma College, is organist and choir director at her church and has a long list of piano students. She is still all wrapped up in her music. Attending the performance of *The Messiah* at Alma College made her dream of being back at Wooster. I feel that way, too, when I hear that beautiful music.

Peg Miller Simon reaped the benefits of finally sending out notes last Christmas. This year she received a flood of replies, and said it was so good to hear from everyone. She has published a book of German church records and is now working on one about county marriage records for her genealogical chapter. With her computer, it's easy and fun. She and her son, Gary, have taken up tole painting.

We extend our sympathy to **Jeanne Haffa McKown**, whose dear mother passed away at age ninety. In April Curt bowed out as Rotary District Governor at the district conference in Buffalo. It was a once in a lifetime, never to be forgotten weekend. The whole family, all fourteen of them, came to honor dad. It has been a year of helping the children decorate new homes in Toledo, Cincinnati and Delaware. On the whole, the McKowns love retirement, but they don't know which direction it will take them. It gets awfully cold in Buffalo.

Jeanne Swan Garnett sent pictures of her big, wonderful family. This summer son John was married. Daughter Ginny is in her last year of residency, and she had some of her exhibits selected to be shown at the National Convention of Orthopedic Surgeons. The other members of the clan are busy getting on with their lives. Jeanne's parents continue to live in their own home at ages eighty-nine and ninety-one. Her mother has taken up weaving and her dad, cooking. You see, you really are never too old to learn. The Garnetts built a summer home on the coast of Maine. If you stop for a visit as **Sam and Marian Riebe Ronsheim** did, you will be put to work.

My (**Virginia's**), hubby, Norm, considers himself semi-retired since we sold the commercial part of our business, but he will never quit entirely. Those Angus cattle need to be fed. Hopefully, we will be able to get away more easily now. We did spend some time this December on Sanibel Island, and I have the permanent stoop from "shelling" to prove it.

Secretaries: **Samuel Ronsheim**, RR 1, Rt. 63, Box 65, Dansville, NY 14437; **Virginia Kroehle Wengatz**, 7450 West 130th St., Middleburg Hts., OH 44130.

1944

News from the male members of '44 has been underwhelming, lo' these two and one-half

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years. However, I (**Dick**) did learn that Barbara and **John Smeltz** toured the Continent with Libby and **Dennis Kuhn** the summer of 1985. John reports many curious looks and "double takes" from lovely Mesdames when the four of them walked the Champs Élysées. Dennis spent many months in Paris during his tour of duty in W.W. II. This same fearsome foursome reports a delightful tour of Quebec last fall. Monsieur Kuhn undoubtedly served as an interpreter.

Jack and **Ruth Kress Heineman** reported no big trips in 1986, but a letter which accompanied the Christmas card listed visits to California (and a meeting with **Hank and Ginny Clark Miller**), Michigan, Ohio, Virginia and the Thousand Islands.

George Mulder writes, "Congratulations to 'Dear Old Wooster,' for constructing the new music building. We all rejoice! May Dan Parmelee see its completion! Calling him from Gottingen U in Germany on his 94th birthday (Oct. 7, 1986) was a real thrill. We recalled his time in Germany and his study with Leopold Auer. Two great men of the violin!"

"Visiting my grandson, Benjamin William Mulder, in The Netherlands gives me opportunity to also hear some really fine music in Europe. I gave a Visiting Professor College on the American composer Charles Ives at my Alma Mater, Utrecht U, Feb., 1986. For Harvard and Utrecht, it was an auspicious year, as they each were founded in 1636. I was privileged to have studied at Utrecht when it was only 315 years old! Those who remember our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Mulder, of Spink St., Wooster, will recall our Dutch heritage. Delighted to continue it now with my grandson's family." The Mulders now reside at 1471 Valle Vista #11, Pekin, IL.

Your men's secretary and his wife, Martha, had a somewhat hectic fourteen-day-seven-country bus tour of Europe in the summer of 1985. It was sponsored by A.I.S.F. and was meant for high school and college students. Accommodations were somewhat spartan for sixty-year olds. However, after the tour departed London for New York, Martha and I stayed on for a fourteen-day tour of England and Wales, in a rented car. Driving on the left side of the road was quite exciting and handling a manual shift with the left hand was an added challenge.

I (**Dick**) received a card from Franklin '47 and Jean (Horn '48) Smith, postmarked Destin, FL. Don't know if this is temporary (vacation) or permanent (retirement).

In your secretaries' "Christmas Alert," we promised to ring out your good news, and the bells are now tolling with appreciation to fifty-three of you faithful '44ers. Only one post card was returned. Do any of you know the whereabouts of **Harriett Huss Flynn**, formerly of 8195 Post Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101?

Three greetings came from classmates who were with us freshman year only: **Sarah Jane Kennedy Champine**, a retired second grade teacher in the Pontiac, MI, school system and grandmother of nine, says she remembers, as a minister's young daughter in Rogers City a Petoskey minister's young son, **Al Linnell**.

We send our love and sympathy to **Emadel Daniel Ramsay**, whose husband, Bob, lost his battle with leukemia and died on April 15 at New England Medical Center in Boston. Her note also included some joyous news — the birth of two new grandchildren. Robyn Lois was born in May and Robert

Douglas in July, giving her a total of seven grandchildren. Emadel is very busy with her duties and activities as State President of Church Women United in Massachusetts.

Minnie Kaye Hawkins Auker sent her wishes for love, peace and happiness from Phoenix. I (**Jane**) had a long phone conversation with Kaye recently, while visiting Dick and **Margaret Gibbons Fish** in Tucson. Kaye is housebound with crippling arthritis, but has the most cheerful and sparkling personality and is a joy to know.

Our (Al and Jane's) wonderful stopover in Tucson was en route home from meetings in Pasadena. Our hosts, the Fishes, had just returned from a marvelous trip to Australia and New Zealand. Margaret hopes to be able to reunion April 4 in Wooster with any classmates who can join her there. She'll be visiting her freshman granddaughter. **Bill and Helen Hibbs Bingham**, from Phoenix, joined the four of us one evening for a Mexican dinner. Much fun! This past year the Binghamans took their study leaves at Ghost Ranch, NM, and Montreat, NC, where Hibble started her new hobby, playing handbells. They reported that Merle and **Evelyn Baker Seal** had just parked their new trailer across from their subdivision for a sunny winter stay. They purchased the trailer from Ernie and **Rachel Shobert Taylor**. As the wheels of the trailer rotate, they must hum "Wooster!"

Verna Wefler is a retired medical technician at Timken Mercy Hospital in Massillon, OH. Last summer, she took a two-week tour and cruise in Alaska and visited the Vancouver exposition. She received greetings from **Doris Lynn Lowe**, from North Jackson, OH.

The holiday letter from **Helene Leonard Platatz** mentioned that her husband, George, had finished his "Lady of Liberty" oil painting on time for the July 4th celebration, honoring the statue in New York harbor. The company that commissioned the painting sent beautifully framed reproductions to President Reagan and Lee Iococca, who has the print hanging in his office. Their children George, Sharon and Connie, and grandchildren, living both far and near, are a real joy and pride to them.

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas experiencing your roots, **Consuelo Garvin Talkington**. Connie and Bob '43 were flying to Chile to sightsee, visit her sister and husband, and see the place where she was born. Their daughter, Susan, has two children and lives in Maryland; son Jim has two children and lives in Texas. The Talkingtons have been retired for ten years and have lived in Sarasota, FL, since June of 1977.

By the time this issue of *Wooster* reaches you, Jim and **Phyllis Van Duzer Burger** will have returned to Simsbury, CT, from their three-month stay in Stuart, FL. Jim has retired from the bank in Connecticut and now works part time for the bank's trust office in Florida. Phid resigned from her library job in November. They spent time in August at their old place on Cape Cod and took a marvelous trip to England and Scotland in October. We do hope the Florida sun improved your health, Phid, and we offer our prayers for your daughter, Janna, in her struggle with Hodgkins disease. Good luck to son Jimmy in his business ventures.

Our illustrious class president, Dr. **Dwight Hanna** is due to retire the end of February. He and **Jane Atkinson Hanna** will

leave immediately for India to attend the International Plastic Surgery Congress in New Delhi. After a bit of touring, he will lecture and do surgery at the mission hospital in Miray, a place with many Wooster connections. They expect to be back in Pittsburgh early in May.

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Gloria Spencer Mitchell and husband, Jim, (an Ohio State grad) have been married forty-one years and have two sons living in Akron and a daughter living in California. The latter, Connie, and one son, David, attended Wooster for two years before transferring to Kent State.

Gloria taught school (Latin and Speech) until her "first retirement," to raise the children. During that time, she concentrated on being a housewife and volunteer. At age fifty, she went back to work as Director of Volunteers at the Akron Art Museum, from which she retired (again), after five years.

The Mitchells lived in Ohio until 1960, then in Ridgeway, NJ, for a number of years, and back to Ohio. Jim was a radio announcer and eventually a stock broker in the Akron area. In 1985, they moved to Sarasota, FL, which Gloria says must be one of the most beautiful places in the world. Jim is an investment counselor there. Gloria has become a Docent (I, **Ida**, had to look that up; it means tour guide and lecturer) at the John Ringling Museum of Art, and finds it fascinating. They are both involved with the Sarasota Opera Society.

Clark (Mac) '42 and **Tillie Walker MacDonald** have chosen the "Narrow Land" of Cape Cod on which to build their retirement home. Address: RD 1, 14 Shady Lane, Brewster, MA 02631. Tillie reports that the cranberry bogs are fascinating. They like to take walks along the marsh and sea, and inland among cedars and ponds. "It's a lovely land where the sun really sparkles, the sky is vivid blue, the stars very close."

A nice letter from **John and Carol Scott Stranahan** included the following: John retired from the Court of Common Pleas in Mercer County, PA, in Jan., 1986, but is now serving as Senior Judge, which includes a great deal of traveling. He also serves on two state commissions.

Their three daughters all have careers. Susan is on the editorial board at the *Philadelphia Enquirer* and is an Alumni-elected member of the College's Board of Trustees. Patti is teaching modern Asian history at Texas A&M. She recently returned from seven months in China on a research project, where she also did some teaching at Fudan U in Shanghai. Kathy is a mother and works as a paralegal for a law firm in Pittsburgh. She makes them the grandparents of "one delightful five-year old granddaughter."

Carol is still an unretired homemaker and "what-not," but with John's retirement, she has joined him in travels this past year to Maine, Alaska, Maine again, and Hong Kong, all in seven months. The Stranahans see **Bob Lessing** in the summers at their respective summer homes on Chebeague Island, ME. They also see Carolyn Zwick Swann '41 up there. They occasionally hear from Bill '41 and **Margaret**

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Please write!

Secretary: **Jean Hudson**, 18328 Newell Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122.

1941

After living on Brainard Road in Lyndhurst, OH, since 1949, **Bill and Marian Roller Chilson** moved to Medina in March, 1987. "Our new retirement-sized house is located in a development called Old Sturbridge Village. Since Bill hails from Northampton, MA, near the Berkshires, he likes the sound of that name!" Address: 1089 Brimfield Dr., Medina, OH 44256.

During 1986, the Chilsons celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and fulfilled Marian's lifetime dream — to visit Sweden. There she visited the small village in Västmanland province, where her mother was born, as well as the birthplace of her grandmother in the province of Värmland. "Pursuing the genealogy and story of the Bodin family's immigration to the USA in 1902 has provided me with a rewarding experience and hobby."

The Chilsons' son, David, teaches computer science at Bowling Green; daughter, Christine, her husband and three children live near Medina; daughter, Helen '74, lives in Phoenix and has a newborn baby (Evan William) and a daughter, Carrie (7 1/2); daughter, Carolyn, lives in Arlington Heights, IL, with her husband, Dan Palmquist, and works at the headquarters of Allstate Insurance in Northbrook.

Bill and Billie Rhoads Parke enjoy their teaching role at their church. Billie teaches a week day Bible study group and Bill teaches sixth grade Sunday school. The Parkes also are counselors for the Stephen Ministry sponsored by their church. For their physical welfare, they take early morning walks and swim at a local spa. Recently, they took a "dream come true" trip to Hawaii. While there, they spent an afternoon with **Bob and Marian Smith Jaffray**. The Parkes really enjoyed having the "whole family home," for Christmas. They have seven grandchildren.

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1940

The class extends sympathy to the family of **Jameel Mubarak**, who died on Aug. 14, 1986. His accomplishments made him one of the more distinguished members of the Class of 1940, and he will be missed.

We understand that **Earle Fatkin** suffered a mild stroke, but he is recovering nicely and using swimming as a means of regaining his mobility. We remember him at our last reunion wearing his freshman beanie, probably one of the very few who even know where their beanies are. It is interesting to note that Earle visited the Mubaraks en route to that reunion, and in fact, brought greetings from Jameel to the class.

As we get closer and closer to our 50th, it would be nice to have information from the

(Stew) **Stewart Baker**. Bill is retired, and they have moved from Salt Lake City to Sante Fe, NM. Last fall John and Carol went to Wooster's Homecoming, where they had nice visits with **Bob Irvin** and **Jay Lehman**.

A year ago, in March, **Virginia Lewis Bradley**, from Long Beach, CA, **Annette Freeman Conkle**, from Seattle, WA, **Marilyn Neilson Strock**, who winters in Green Valley, AZ, and **Lenore (Nornie) Dunlap Gross**, of Rochester, MN, had a mini-reunion in Green Valley. When they sat together in church that Sunday, the first hymn was "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," Wooster's processional! (At least it was, in our day!)

Nornie and husband, Jack, have since moved near Marilyn to 1010 Camino Sagasta, Green Valley, AZ 85614 for the winters, but plan to go back in the summers to their townhouse at 1966 Westfield Ct., SW, Rochester, MN 55902. Jack retired from the Mayo Clinic where his specialty was gastroenterology in internal medicine. Nornie was a nurse until their first baby came in 1947 and hasn't worked outside the home since. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Of course, she did a lot of volunteer work through the years, on various boards and in church, serving in the choir and bell choir and on the session, work with Girl Scouts and more recently, Hospital Auxiliary and Civic Theatre. She has had quite a few parts in plays over the years and loves it. Another thing she and Jack both love is tennis. Last fall, Nornie and Jack went to see Leo and **Marnie Thomas Braeunig** in their newly furnished, new condo at: 119 Stonebridge Dr., Suite 203, Sandusky, OH 44670-5H67.

Jean (Scotty) Coleman, whose husband, Bud Gero '41, died in 1968, married her brother-in-law, Jim Bender '41, in 1985. Jim retired in March, 1986, after forty-five years in the lumber business. Also in March, Jean's eleventh grandchild was born in Vichy, France. Jean and Jim went there to see them in September, before that family moved to Senegal, Africa, in January, 1987. They are missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

In June the Benders went to Jim's 45th Wooster reunion with his son, Lee and his family. It was also Lee's twentieth reunion. When Jean wrote, they were planning on spending Thanksgiving in California with four of her children and Christmas in Cincinnati with Jim's son, Dennis. To back track a bit — Jean and Bud had four daughters and two sons, and they also adopted a girl, Michelle, who has cerebral palsy. With much love and therapy and training, Michelle has been able to be out on her own. Because of Michelle, Jean and Bud became interested in "special children" and worked with them in their homes and at school on a volunteer basis. After Bud died, Jean continued her interest in these children and others by working with nursery school children and tutoring the "special ones." She also worked at Goodwill Industries which has great programs for handicapped adults.

Jean has been to Bud's and Jim's Wooster reunions, but never to one of hers. She hopes to make it in 1988 for our 45th. We hope you do, Jean! It's not too early to start planning. Let's all try to make it to that one, and then we can start making plans for the "Biggy" — the 50th in '93!

Secretary: **Ida Snodgrass Arthurton**, 4737 Trina Ave., Del City, OK 73115.

guys of '40 who have been out of touch for a while. Having been retired for over a year, I (**Frank**) have plenty of time for correspondence and would welcome even the briefest of letters.

Paul '37 and **Ruth Kempton McClanahan** recommend Elderhostling highly. The month they spent in Australia this past summer marked the seventh country they have studied in since 1982. They live in Central Florida just a few blocks off Route 27. "Stop and see us!"

The class extends sympathy to **Susan Donaldson Fraley**, whose husband died April 16, 1986. Although she has some health problems of her own, Susan still enjoys quilting and doing pinestraw basketry.

I, **Katherine**, hope you all realized that the handsome young man featured in the Fall issue (p. 46) in "Down the Garden Path" belongs to us, as he is the son of **Art and Ginny Weisenstein Correll**. Ginny writes that Phil, '75 "dearly loves his work."

Thanks to **Margie Lane Bowden** who shared the next three items from her Christmas mail. **Jean Engel Wernet** has sold her big house and moved to a smaller home right in the heart of the village of Granville. (Address: 213 N. Granger St., Granville, OH 43023.) 1986 was busy for Heckel as this house was being remodeled and completely redecorated inside and out. She had the old wide-board floors refinished, and now has a completely new kitchen, a new half-bath, and a German Village style courtyard. Heckel is in her second year as president of their hospital Twig which runs the Granville Thrift Shop and has earned many thousands of dollars for Newark Hospital.

Ruth Bishop is a champion traveler. She wrote: "In Jan. (1986) I spent a few days in Batavia, NY, and then flew to Florida to visit my brother, Addison, and his wife, Lola, who spend the winters there. We enjoyed a day at Epcot and another at the Kennedy Space Center. The *Challenger* was ready on the launch pad. Their home is about forty miles down course, and we watched from their yard as the shuttle rose into the sky and then to our horror, exploded. It was even worse than it appeared on T.V."

In June Ruth and a friend drove to Ashland, OR, for a two-week Elderhostel at Southern Oregon State College. One course was on seven plays, seeing each and then having a class led by one of the actors; the second was on the geology of southern Oregon; the third was Tai Chi. (Come and teach us all at our 50th reunion, Ruth. I understand Tai Chi is a great way to relax.) Then came some days at Expo 86, some on Vancouver Island, and the trip back along the western side of the Rockies, 5300 miles in all with visits to over fifty friends and relatives.

In Sept., the two started on an 11,300 mile trip through twenty-one states plus D.C. and four Canadian provinces. This was a "people tour" to visit about 150 individuals, but also included a great deal of sight-seeing. After reading of the many hours spent here and there, I am convinced that Ruth must be in excellent health.

Edith Maslin Ronne also got to Expo 86 with ten days in the Canadian Rockies. In Sept., she spent five days in Charleston, SC, a week at the beach in Delaware, and a long weekend on an Explorers' Club trip to Green Bank Radiological Observatory in WV. Edith spent Thanksgiving and early Dec. in Ft. Lauderdale where she was joined for eight days

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by her daughter Karen's family. A new baby, Jaclyn, born in April, has joined three-year-old Michael. Edith can enjoy watching her grandchildren grow up as they live only a mile from her.

The class sends sympathy to **Ruth Bishop** for the loss of a brother in April, 1986, just fifty-four weeks after the death of a sister; to **Betty Lorson** whose father died in January; and to **Margaret Lloyd Barr** whose brother Ralph '47 died in May, 1986. (See the Fall issue.)

Dick, '41, and **Eileen Thompson Miller** celebrated their 45th anniversary by going to the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1 and then on to San Diego.

I was pleased to receive some pictures for our class scrapbook, two of **Jean Mayberry Rahl's** two grandchildren who visited the Rahls at Thanksgiving time, and one taken at our 45th reunion by **Beth Hawthorne Duffey**. Jean was in Wooster in December visiting her ninety-two-year-old mother. She saw **Betsy Howard Mathis** and had dinner with Dick and Eileen Miller. Beth very much enjoys her brother Frank's children and says "they are like our own."

Secretaries: Frank Thatcher, 1325 Warwick Dr., Lutherville, MD 21093; Katherine Olthouse Davis, 2088 Riverhill Rd., Columbus, OH 43221.

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Edith Fitch Swapp has had a busy year at home and traveling. In May she went to Charleston with an English friend to absorb some U.S. history. An August "all-Chinese schools Reunion" in California brought over 100 "China kids" and their spouses together to get re-acquainted with grade and high school friends. While there, she visited several other friends, as well as three of her children and her granddaughter, Alana. October found her in Reno, NV, for a Civil Air Transport reunion of colleagues from Taipei service days, which she thoroughly enjoyed. A phone call as she walked in her door at home told her of a head-on collision in which her son, Steven, was very badly injured, so she left for Baltimore to be with him. Her letter reported he is now in a rehab hospital for two months after which she hopes to bring him back to her home until all is well again. Edith, we'll keep you both in our prayers for a complete recovery.

Raymond and **Margaret (Peg) Magee Craig's** letter is too interesting to do much excerpting. "The past year has been an unusual and interesting one for us. The outstanding events were trips to Russia and China. The visit to Russia in the spring was with a small group on a tour sponsored by the U of Pittsburgh. We visited only Leningrad and Moscow, a few days in each city . . . with constant activity, we saw a good bit. On the down side, the Chernobyl accident occurred the day we arrived, but we knew nothing of it for several days; what we did hear came from people who talked by phone to the U.S."

In September we left to spend two months in the People's Republic of China, at the invitation of the U of Science and Technology of China (USTC) in Hefei, in Anhui Province, 300 km west of Shanghai. In addition to regular baggage, we took three large wooden boxes of apparatus for research on magnetic

material, which Raymond had agreed to construct and install at USTC." After two weeks of work they left on a trip which included Beijing, Guilin, Kunming and Chongqing, with a three-day boat trip down the Yangtze River, thru the Yangtze Gorges to Wuhan, where they flew back to Hefei for three more weeks of work and lectures. From Hefei, stopovers in Hangzhou, Suzhou (the "Venice of the East"), several days in Shanghai, and back home by Thanksgiving.

"Our efforts to learn the Chinese language during the past year didn't prepare us to carry on a conversation or to travel unassisted, but it did help us understand things we would have missed entirely, and at times, provided the entertainment for our Chinese listeners. We found especially rewarding the opportunity to get to know a number of Chinese people and to see what life, study and research are like at a Chinese U. . . . Our Chinese hosts gave us each a "chop," a kind of monogram of our name in Chinese characters, carved in a piece of stone, so it can be used in signing important documents." What a wonderful experience, Peg and Raymond!

Charles Rath '40 writes: "My wife, **Betty Kate Rath** has found a new creative role in quilting and has achieved considerable recognition as a member of the Washington, DC, Capital Quilters. Since she played a support role for me for forty-five years, now that I am retired, I'm doing the same for her. I get her coffee in the morning, eat my lunch over the sink, and pay all the bills. The rest of the time, I share with Betty the joys and concerns relating to our four children and eight grandchildren — with another on the way."

In the Summer, 1986, issue, I (**Don**) suggested that class members from the West could write in and tell us of their lives in that part of the country. While waiting (in vain) to hear from someone out there, I forgot to send in news for the Fall issue. I did have some news, so let me report it now.

From the West side of Wooster — a note from **Grant Rose**. He and Margie (Bowser '38) celebrated their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on Aug., 10, 1986. As one of their sons lives in Wooster and the other in Toledo, Grant says that they get to see their four grandchildren regularly. He mentioned seeing Ernie Campbell '40 on the Wooster golf course. Ernie and Alfie (Gabriel '41) have retired as missionaries and are now living in Wooster. A suggestion to classmates: If you are visiting Wooster and want to talk to Grant, head for the College golf course. Grant is really enjoying his retirement.

On Sept. 9, 1986, the *Plain Dealer* (Cleveland) had a fine article on **Jim Dawson**. Jim, who is now retired, is still a consulting economist for National City Corporation. The article states that Jim, who is noted for his optimistic outlook, is forecasting a rosy picture for the Cleveland area in 1987.

In September, the first meeting of the committee for the 50th anniversary fund for the Class of 1939 met in Wooster. It was good to see the other members of the committee and their spouses, and we accomplished quite a bit in our two rather lengthy sessions.

In Nov., a note came from **Corky Van Deusen** with a reminder of the annual Wooster fund drive. Corky really deserves much credit for handling that drive for many years for our class.

Also in Nov., a good note was received from **Earl and Ruth (Lyle '37) Relph**. While on their way to an Elderhostel program in Berea, KY, they stopped overnight at the Wooster Inn. They were quite impressed with the size of the new music building being constructed. Last June they took a National Parks tour of the Tetons, Yellowstone and Glacier. They plan to be in Wooster this June for Ruth's 50th reunion. We (your secretary and his wife) will see them there as Mitch is also the Class of '37. Golfing is also an important part of Earl's activities during the warm weather.

Then, in Dec., **Sid Menk's** Christmas letter arrived. After a couple of paragraphs of well-stated religious philosophy, he told of their trip to the USSR in September. Although Sid's 70th birthday occurred in Nov., Lucy made arrangements for the children and grandchildren to help him celebrate early in August in Vermont, where transportation problems could be more easily overcome.

Sid has been a lecturer on Shakespearean drama at Arizona State U's Sun City unit. He will be lecturing again next semester. He had been invited to lecture at Chautauqua next summer, but found it didn't fit into his schedule. The list of his and Lucy's and those of their children and grandchildren's activities are truly amazing. Sid stated: "Life can begin at 70." An additional note at the end of his letter brought back memories of the summer that Sid and I spent as assistants to the custodian at the old library and chapel. Those were the days when we worked for thirty cents per hour and were lucky to have jobs.

I called Grant in January to get an update on the progress of our 50th class fund. Since the letter sent out in October, the fund has increased to approximately \$200,000. That means that one third of our goal has already been reached, and we have three years to go. Classmates, we need all of you to give generously to this one-time fund!

Secretaries: Jane Neel Bretschneider, 1470 Saddle Woods Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33907; Donald H. Mills, 1521 E. 221st St., Euclid, OH 44117.

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Rosamond Krumm Plummer, of Clovis, CA, and husband Edward made a three-week visit to Morelis, Mexico, early this year. During one of the weeks, they stayed with a Mexican family. Meanwhile, back in the States, their eighth grade granddaughter was attending county-wide sessions designed to train peer counseling groups in the schools. They learned communication skills, Rosie says, and hopefully will be able to help classmates who are having problems with drugs, cheating, etc. Sounds encouraging.

Ruth Ruggy Metzger writes from Scottsdale, AZ, that a friend talked her into going back to teaching two Algebra II classes. Ruth has found this particular class of today's students quite frustrating. Maybe, after your teaching, they may surprise you by the year's end, Ruth. You could consider calling on Rosie Plummer's granddaughter to bring them around.

Let's wish good health to **Margie Pollock**, of Akron. She's had two hospital stays and is trying hard to get back to normal.

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Jeanne Lyle Kate, of Canton, OH, is lucky to have her daughters and their families conveniently located: one in nearby Westerville, where Jeanne spends the holidays, and one in West Palm Beach for visits during January through March. Jeanne also has a get-together with Wooster friends every year. This past year, Jeanne, **Margie Bowser Rose**, **Mary Apperson Kayuha**, **Kay Jones Zook** and spouses had a great day of visiting. Jeanne also saw **Dorothy Lane Heilman** twice in Florida, where Dorothy was recovering from hip surgery.

During their summer at Chautauqua, **Bob** and **Fran Miller** were among the 125 alumni attending a Wooster reunion. Plans for a similar gala event in the summer of 1987 are well underway.

Although retired after thirty years of teaching at De Pauw U, **Ralph Carl** is content to spend his retirement days in Greencastle, IN. He does, however, like to escape the rigours of winter by traveling. Three weeks were spent in the Alps last summer, and in January, 1987, he planned to spend three weeks in Mexico. Ralph would welcome a visit from any of you who happen to be going through central Indiana. His telephone: 317-653-5462.

Secretaries: **George Barrett**, 201 Churchill Dr., Findlay, OH 45840; **Emily Smith Fishe**, 2620 Sigmona St., Falls Church, VA 22046.

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This is the last news release from your present secretaries as new ones will be selected for the next five years at our 50th reunion in June. We both thank the class for its contributions of newsworthy items, events and bios, making it possible to have included mention of every single graduate and many of the non-grad class members. We hope the news has helped you keep up with all '37ers.

Contributions for the Class Fund continue to come in and all but twenty-eight grads have contributed. Such participation is remarkable and a tribute to the very hard and determined efforts of **Martha** and **Roger Van Bolt**. The Van Bolts left on January 18 to take a trip up the Amazon and its tributaries with later stops in Lima, Peru. They will be back in time for the '37 roundup in June.

Not too much news from **Mark Kendall**, but to add that he's now fully retired, after serving many interim posts. Now he has more time for his wood chopping, which is where we caught up with him.

Ford "Bud" McGibbeny's letter brought us up to date on his doings and earlier post-Wooster years. Wharton School of Finance until 1939 with an M.B.A. came first. A brief stint on Wall Street came next. Then it was time for Uncle Sam's army from 1940-46. First Lt. Bud served a brief stint in the Pacific and had further schooling at Harvard, Princeton, and Michigan as a Quarter Master officer.

Time out in 1941 to marry Sylvia Fonda, a graduate R.N. from the U of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. One daughter, two grandsons and one granddaughter now living in Minnesota, a long way from their home on Cape Cod.

After the war, he became associated with General Tire and Rubber Co. (now Gen. Corps.), which continued for thirty years until

retirement in 1976. General Tire sent him to posts in California, Chicago, Detroit and Akron headquarters. On one plane trip from Chicago to Cleveland, Bud and I (**Brig**) were seatmates and learned that we both were respectively sales vice-presidents of General Tire but at different plants. Bud was in tire sales and I in mechanical goods. Quite a coincidence. It was a pleasure to reminisce about memories at "W."

He is now retired and living on Cape Cod, where he says he's "a professional putterer," an avid gardener, and a perfectionist by his own admission. Much to his regret, back problems have eliminated bowling and golf. He and his wife seek out the warmer climates in the winter. See you at the biggie in June, Bud and Sylvia.

Bill Wirt says his trip to Alaska was a most remarkable and enjoyable experience, but life above the Arctic Circle is for the eskimos, not for a fellow from Moreland, OH, just ten miles south of Wooster. More on Alaska follows.

Our sympathies to **Paul Ricatto** who lost his wife, Betty, in 1986. Paul now lives alone at his new address: 337 Crystal Ave., Balboa Island, CA 92662. Paul says it's a wonderful place to retire.

Not much news about **George Wesp** except that he's still employed by Monsanto Chemical Co. As his recent contribution to the class fund still showed matching funds from his company, we surmise that he's still slugging it out daily. Hope you get time off, "Pokey," to be with us in June.

Thanks to **Lillian Gisinger Steiner's** contributions, the following names have been added to the Class Memorial Fund: **Ruth Fetzer**, **Dan Snyder**, **Ethel Markley Badger**, **Lucile Ruland Bishop**, **Bernard Bishop**, **William Emch**, **Walter Fox**, **Mary Henderson**, **John Lawther**, **Francis Layton**, **John Lean**, **Esther Mates**, **Alice Conrad Newlin**, **Walter Null**, **Willard Plough**, **Alfred Pollak**, **Richard Smalley**, **Howard Wells**, who received an honorary degree at our graduation, Thanks, Lil, for the memories.

Congratulations to **Paul Shellhammer** and his wife on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on November 7, 1986.

Arthur Lindenmeyer sends a warning to all to "buckle up your seat belts, always!" a caution to which he owes his life. After totalling his Subaru sedan, rolling over and over again and landing upside down, hanging from his shoulder and lap seat belts, he incurred only a cracked sternum and a few ribs, fortunately. Glad you're still with us, Art, to celebrate in June.

Wendell Eckert, fresh from a fishing trip to Alaska where he caught lots of fish and was checked out in a Beaver Float plane for bush flying, says his airport is up for sale, and he has a hot prospect on the hook. Trying to catch a bigger fish, hey "Meshie"? He plans to return to Alaska after our 50th. A letter from **Ralph Immel** reports that he's checking out Alaska Airways for flights out to Akron-Canton airport for his June trip back to the 50th. Wendell's going, Ralph Immel is coming back and Bill Wirts has just been there so Alaska "must be de place." After our golf challenge match, maybe you won't have enough shekels left, "Meshie," for your trip.

Interesting letters were received from **Art Collins**, **Ken Sell**, "**Prexy**" **Jim Westhafer**, **Andy Blackwood** and **Jim Gibbs**.

A Christmas letter from **Fred Shibley**, at long last, tells us about his goings on since Wooster. Fred said he hopes to come home to Wooster for the reunion as he was born there, raised there, and lived there, until graduation from Columbia U in '37. "Fritz" was with us for two years, before receiving a degree from Columbia in business administration.

Fred started out with Travelers Insurance in Cleveland in the casualty and bond field and then into the U.S. Army. After his army service, he continued his career in this field with Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, also in Cleveland. In 1950 he moved to Kansas City, MO, to be with Kansas City Bridge Company where he worked in the field, building bridges, docks, dams, deep foundations and heavy steel erections throughout the USA and some foreign countries. When Fred retired, he was Administrative and Financial Vice-President and Treasurer.

On May 28, 1938, he married **Mary Secrest**, also a native of Wooster. Mary died in 1979. Fred and Mary have five children, and at latest count, ten grandchildren, one of them, **Sara Felger**, is a senior at Wooster. Fred hopes to attend her graduation in May and our 50th in June.

In 1980, Fred married **Fern Pettid** of St. Louis, MO, and they now live in Sarasota, FL. Through this marriage, Fred acquired two more children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Both Fred and Fern are quite active in the Sarasota Power Squadron, as boating is part of their life style. Fred says that advancing age has slowed down the extensive travel he enjoyed earlier, but isn't that typical for all of us who are seventy-plus? Thanks, Fritz, for your long, overdue letter.

Bill Yochheim, who was finally contacted by phone by Roger, said that he pursued an engineering degree at Ohio State after his two years at Wooster and joined his brother Don '35 in Ashland to work for Garber Printing Co., until six years ago when he went into semi-retirement. After a couple of years, he went back to work as Director of Technical Services for a large printing company, his former employer.

We are sorry to hear that Bill's wife died last year. He has one son living in Ashland and the other in Sacramento, CA. Bill was on campus last year and will probably make our 50th, too. Good!!

Peg Corcelius Richardson writes that she has very fond memories of Wooster, although she did not like living off campus. She lived at Dr. Cowles' for one semester. After leaving Wooster, she graduated from Temple U in Philadelphia and taught in Huntington, PA. When she and her husband moved to Watertown, NY, she taught social studies for four years, then physical education, until she retired in 1973. They now live in Leesburg, FL. The serious illness of her husband caused them to miss the reunion. Peg stated that their door is always open to "snowbirds" on their way.

After graduating from Wooster, **Hazel Fowler Rogers** taught at Jeromesville for four years, received an M.A. from the U of Iowa in 1942, was assistant professor of physical education at Grinnell College in Iowa, until 1945 when she married her husband, Loy. They have two children, Dr. Lynne Rogers-Blaut and Bruce Fowler Rogers. Hazel returned to teaching at Triway H.S. in 1963, and retired in 1975. She has been active in the Shreve

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Presbyterian Church as trustee, elder, choir director, Sunday school teacher — "everything but giving the sermon."

Please note these new addresses:

Margaret Newton Douglass, 100 N. Rhododendron Dr., #102, Florence, OR 97439, Tel. 503-997-6817. **Elizabeth Wilson Davis**, 1437 Carmelita Pl., Arcadia, CA 91006, 818-355-5416. **Jeanette Hitch**, 2089 Wooster Rd., C 32, Rocky River, OH 44116, Tel. 216-835-8601. We're sorry to hear Jeanette's health is not good. She has had three hospital stays in October and November and two residence moves since last August. Margaret is now living with an aunt.

Agnes Morgan Hagmaier was at Wooster two years. She lived at Miller her freshman year and remembers how she, a Roman Catholic, spent many evening hours teaching her Presbyterian classmates the journeys of Paul, so they could pass their religion courses. She and her husband enjoyed traveling, and since his death in 1978, she has continued to travel. She is planning a trip to Russia.

After her junior year at Wooster, **Cordeia Lampe Dennis** went home to Korea for a year. She then entered nurse's training in Chicago and became a registered nurse. She served as an army nurse during W.W. II. In St. Louis, she was Director of Nursing in one of the hospitals. Enrolling at Iowa State U, she received a B.S. and an M.A. in Nursing Administration in 1951. She was married in 1966. She and her husband moved to Mt. Dora, FL, to enjoy the milder winters. She no longer does hospital work. Her big interest now is ballroom dancing. She says she is strictly an amateur but she does enter contests and does all the dances most of us only dream about — waltz, foxtrot, cha-chas, rhumbas, etc.

We (**Martha and Bob**) are pleased that during these past five years, we have been able to include a mention of all graduates and a number of non-graduate class members in this column, but to really get caught up, you've got to attend the big blow-out in June — our 50th! More names of deceased members not previously mentioned will be added to the next report, so no one will be forgotten on the Memorial list. Thanks to all you thoughtful people who remembered your classmates.

Secretaries: **Martha Curl Moore**, 899 Barks Ave., Marion, OH 43302; **Robert Brigleb**, 7822 Valley Villas Dr., Parma, OH 44130.

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A message from **Bob Cadmus**, Class President: "Most of us have inched our way from our 50th to our 51st with grateful hearts. Although the drive for our record breaking anniversary gift to the College is over, there are, perhaps, some of us whose resources or inclinations may have improved over the year and who may now wish to be a part of our class effort to help in the renovation of new quarters for the Alumni House. That possibility is still open, and when the plaque goes up, it could be even more meaningful because of the added contributions from the Class of 1936. No, no! We're not competing with other Wooster needs. We're just anxious to add a little more icing on an already fine cake.

For all of us, these are precious years. Let's use them to the fullest for ourselves, our

families, and for those good causes we love whatever they may be."

Veda Greeley Knapp wrote a long letter, telling about her children, eight grandchildren, and her activities. An extremely active golfer, Veda was chair of the Ladies Golf Group this year. She regretted missing the 50th.

A note from **Mildred Morris McAllister**, of Sedona, AZ, tells of their family coming home for Christmas. She wrote that she was able to identify a number of people from the reunion picture.

Inadvertently, I (**Laura**) gave credit where it was not due. **Isabelle Sproul Bear** was credited with being a handwriting expert in the Winter issue. It was not she but **Margaret Mills Muntz** who deserved the accolades. Many pardons!

Ruth Hall Urban had surgery during the summer, but is fine now. She and her husband, Bill, plan to go to Saint Croix during the winter months.

Bob and I (Laura) plan to spend six weeks in Florida, starting in February. We hope to see Fred Cruikshank '35 and his wife while we are there. Please let us hear from you, even if you think your life is rather humdrum.

Gordon Mattison writes that class news gathering was not an easy job in our first half century out of school, and it may be a rare commodity and an especially tough job to gather news during the second half century. Gordon says the 50th reunion has already brought good things his way. His friend of many years, Johnny Johnston '38 and his wife, Marie, dropped by last July, and Gordon's frosh roommate, **H. Ford Oglesby** and wife Jeanne visited him last September. Gordon, that perspicacious retired diplomat, thinks "that at our age there are not too many of us out there doing things that are newsworthy." Let's prove him wrong! He does aver that there may be a continued "catalytic effect of the 50th."

As of October, 1986, **Morris and Portia Wylie Oldham** live at 1754 Meadow Hill Dr., Annapolis, MD 21401. Morris has retired as a professor of chemistry at the U.S. Naval Academy, and Portia retired as librarian-cataloguer at Ann Arundel County Schools in Maryland.

Clayton Oberholtzer's new address is: 5100 N.A.I.A., Apt. B-36, Vero Beach, FL 32160. Clayton retired as a lawyer and escaped the arctic snows of northern Ohio.

AN IDEA — Your men's class secretary would like to make up a roster of all members of our class who served in our Armed Forces during W.W. II, Korea, Vietnam; listing name, rank or rate, war, length of service, etc. A post card would do just fine! And please add news!

More data on our great class: at the 102nd Anniversary meeting of The College of Wooster Alumni, on June 7, 1986, the program booklet listed 225 members of the Class of 1936 of whom 92 are men, 72 are women, and 61 are deceased. An analysis of the green biographical sheets sent out by the College shows that only 40 of the 92 men sent back this important data. If any of you men or women class members have not sent in this vital sheet to the Alumni Office, would you please do so at your convenience?

The "W" Association's "History of Athletics at The College of Wooster" is being prepared by Ed Arn '31, "W" historian and

former director of our Alumni Association. Ed says it will take many months of research before he can even begin to write the history, and he requests that all of you dig into your records and memories for anecdotes — humorous, ribald, and otherwise — concerning athletics at Wooster. Ed's address is: 2320 Burbank Rd., Wooster, Oh 44691. Members of the "W" Association have already been alerted to Ed Arn's request via the excellent "W" Association newsletter entitled "W Sportsline."

Roger Curfman and his lovely wife, Althea, joined Charlie '31 and Margaret Moke, and **Sherm Wengerd** and wife Florence at breakfast at Coco's Restaurant in Sun City, AZ, on November 20th. Two hours, and lots of visiting, later we parted company with Rog's promise that he and Althea will make every effort to attend our 55th class reunion in 1991 — and further that Rog will assemble numerous athletic anecdotes as well as anecdotes about the numerous pranks he originated and/or participated in while he was at the College.

Clint Kennard has come up with a splendid suggestion "that possibly might promote communications among our class members." He noted correctly: "When I was class president from 1976-81, the Alumni Office sent me a typed list of names and addresses of all '36 class members known at that time. . . . Would it be possible to duplicate that list and send it to each of our class members?" Clint then related, "I have had the sad experience of reading in the obituaries about the passing of a '36 classmate whom I knew well at Wooster, but who was living unbeknown to me within twenty miles of my home. Had I known he was living nearby, we could have arranged a get-together." Right on, Clint! Your men's secretary immediately reproduced and sent Clint the list remitted by the Alumni Office, and he (your secretary) will do the same, at no charge, for any class member who sends a stamped (39 cent) self-addressed 6' x 9' manila envelope, after March 15, 1987. Please also enclose class news well before the June 13th deadline for the summer issue of *Wooster*.

Howard Terbeek and **Clint Kennard** have their own mini-reunions; their wives Marge and Martha are good friends, and they enjoy eating out together in the many fine restaurants of the Grand Traverse area of Michigan.

Harold Barlow, D.D.S., Ohio State, 1939, was married to Faith Barber in June, 1938, and they have two children: Barry and Marcia. Harold says he is retired (mostly) and that they have bought a condo in Westminster, CA, to be near their only two grandchildren, five winter months each year. His hobbies are antique collecting, computer tech, and spectator sports. As a past-president of the Ohio Dental Association and past council chairman of the American Dental Association, he also stays active in organized dentistry. Some retirement!

The late **Louis Campbell** (d. March 29, 1986) sent his biographical green sheet to the Alumni Office on February 24, 1986, noting that he could not attend our 50th reunion because he was confined to bed. Louis, a retired Presbyterian clergy, was a 1939 graduate of Princeton Seminary, with the degree of Bachelor of Theology. He was president of his seminary class and a member of the Abbot and Friars Club at Princeton. Louis was a popular member of our class and won the Fackler Medal in Debate. He was a member of

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Delta Sigma Rho Debate Society and our 1936 class orator. He married Coell Alkire on May 14, 1941, and they had three children: Anne Coell, Thomas Felix, and David Eland.

After his retirement, he was an active writer, a member of the Rotary Club and the Board of Mental Health, was declared Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce, won two Rotary Community Service Awards, and was honored by the First Presbyterian Church in Delaware, OH, on May 19, 1985, by having the Louis E. Campbell addition to the church dedicated to him. In 1985, Louis published a book of poetry entitled *Leaves from a Buckeye Tree*. If memory serves your men's secretary correctly, Louis was a Naval Officer in the Bureau of Naval Personnel in 1942 at Arlington, VA, while **Sherm Wengerd** was on duty there in the temporary quarters of the Air Navigation Division of the U.S. Naval Hydrographic Office.

Gerald F. Keith, Manager and Editor of Keith Press in Caledonia, NY, married Eugenie Wortmann on November 4, 1944, and they have two sons: Frederick and Brian. His interests include music, swimming, local history, genealogy, barbershop quartet, and the Presbyterian Church for which he has served as elder, trustee, and choir director. He was honored as Masonic Citizen of the Year, and his many civic activities include the Masons, Grange, Fire Department, Boy Scouts, and the local historical society. Gerald, a genuine supporter of our class, writes "a person can be very busy — rushed — and hopefully productive — but not have the kind of activities that look good on a college questionnaire. Much time has been spent in promoting organizations, committees, newsletters, writing by-laws, the things that need to be done — the quiet items that promote others to posts or help to make things run smoothly."

Will the reader permit your men's secretary to comment? Gerry must know that what he is doing is precisely what makes America great; what he does just happens to be much more important than what most of the people who make news in the newspapers do to make the World a better place!

Jack Tootell retired in 1975, as a teacher at Bralta Junior High School and now lives at 15935 Turquoise Place in Grass Valley, CA 95945. In 1962, Jack earned an M.A. at Long Beach State. In 1947, he married Floy Hendricks, a scholarship student at Occidental College. His oldest son Michael, born in 1948, "rejecting his California heritage," is an Ohioan in charge of Blue Cross claims in the Columbus area; Roger, born in 1950, has his Ph.D. from UC Berkeley and is doing research in neurobiology at Harvard Medical School; Erik, born in 1956, lives in Oakland and works for the Bayview Methadone Maintenance Agency in San Francisco. Of his wife, Floy, he writes engagingly, "She has maintained the pace with admirable fortitude nearly forty years now."

Paul Yee spends much of his time in China on building projects and reports that his best address is: c/o F.M. International Ltd., P.O. Box 90706, or 902-3 South Seas Centre Tower I, 75 Mody Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

A glance back into the past: the Spring, 1945, *Wooster Alumni Bulletin* 1936 Class Notes compiled by **Bill Everson** and **Marjorie Glenn Bussert**, just nine years after our graduation, noted the following: **Martha Cunningham Kringel** had a daughter born March

26; **Janelle Brenneman Walker** described the fun of living in Houma, LA, where her husband John worked for Shell; **Alun Jones** was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Bellefontaine, after two years as a minister in Escanaba, MI; **Edith Blair McCune** told of her daughter's picture appearing in the volume "One God" by author Florence M. Fitch; **Tom Landes** arrived in the Philippines as member of a composite medical company after two months on a troop ship; **Howard Finerock** had been stationed as an aviation instructor in Blytheville, AK, but expected to go overseas with a Photo Reconnaissance Division in the Army Air Corps; **Phyllis Booth** was one of the first two students to receive scholarships from the Chinese Government to study Chinese civilization, her field of study at the U of Michigan; Lt. **Sherman Wengerd** announced the arrival of son Timothy at the Chelsea Naval Hospital, while Sherm was on duty with a Naval Air Squadron in the Marshall Islands. Where have those last forty-two years gone?

Secretaries: **Laura Cocks Cox**, 49 Walnut St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; **Sherman Wengerd**, 1040 Stamford Dr., N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106.

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Your men's secretary reports that **Fran Lean Ferris** has resigned as women's secretary for health reasons. I am happy to report that Fran is recovering nicely. I will miss your help, Fran, but the class extends a big "Thank You!" for your past service. We are pleased that **Marien Roedel McCain** has consented to be the new women's secretary. Welcome, Marien!

I (**Jack**) and my wife, Kay (Wick '40) have spent our eighth year, during January and February, on Marco Island, FL. We enjoyed the sun, golf and fishing, plus renewing friendships made here over the years. **Ellis Camp** spends time on Marco Island also, but likes to wait until "snowman building time" is over in Wooster before going South.

Last year, **Art Allen** reported that he is a member of a "Chat and Chew Club" — chat a lot, chew very little. He is program chairman of Missouri's largest Lions Club (735 members). The Methodist Church, Shrine Club, Art Guild, Coast Guard Auxiliary, etc., occupy his time. Too bad, Art, that you don't have anything to keep you busy!

Vernon Smith and his wife of fifty years, Ruth (Ferris '37) swim every day in their pool. Vernon plays tennis five mornings a week and does a lot of writing for peace and justice. He feels that if we fail to stop the arms race, we and they will end human history. "Informed people had better speak up, write, and act, or nothing else will matter. Destruction of the earth is always just moments away, by fear, accident, or economic pressure." Write to Vernon at: 3522 Areca St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

The past year was full of contrasts for **Shannon** and Edith (Blair '36) **McCune**. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary throughout the spring and summer with friends and relatives in various parts of the country. During one of their trips, Edith broke her right arm but has recovered nicely.

In November, two articles which Shannon had written some time ago were both published. One was about novels in English on Korea and the other concerned The Young Geographers, a group with whom he was active fifty years ago.

On December 31, Shannon had an emergency triple by-pass heart operation. We are happy to hear that he is making a good recovery. The McCunes hope to go to France next September to attend a conference on the history of cartography and to do some archival research.

In late 1986, **Alexandra Babcock Marshall's** daughter, Ann Kelsey, had the opportunity to sign for the deaf at Sunday services at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. Alex also reports that in addition to her duties in the Intergovernmental Relations Division at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Kelsey has been nominated as a member of the board of the National Barrier Awareness Foundation, which is dedicated to improving access in the public and private sectors for the disabled.

Secretaries: **Jack Pancoast**, R.R. 6, Box 307, Mooresville, NC 28115; **Marien Roedel McCain**, 19 Portsmouth Dr., Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

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Judy Lewis Funk sent a welcome, newsy note about the Funks' summer travels, which included attending the golden wedding anniversary of Fred and **Beryl Young Denny** at a reception in Lakeside, OH, along with guests from seven states. The Funks also enjoyed an opera in Freedlander Theatre, a tour of Amish country, plus a short visit with **Thelma Martin Dyer**.

Sympathy is extended to **Kay Hunter Lanz**, whose husband, Carl, died on December 5, 1986, of cancer. Her plans for 1987 include selling their home in California and moving to Honolulu, in fulfillment of a "long-standing dream." Her address: The Rosalei, #1202, 445 Kaiola St., Honolulu, HI 96815.

Dorothy Darrow Flower and Clarence and his sister, have recently moved into Park Vista, 1216 Fifth Ave., #708, Youngstown, OH 44504. They are busily adjusting to "congregate living," and liking it. Four other people are enjoying their "congregate living." See the class of 1984 sidebar in this issue.

Phil and Betty Eastman Mergler celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with their three daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, and other kinfolk and guests.

Bess Mackintosh Knowles is involved in a new volunteer project, Challenge, a program for displaced homemakers. The group uses a computer program to evaluate the potential of women who are starting over. She notes that the job choices number nearly 1,000, as listed in the project.

Olivee Allardice Smith also has taken on a new project. She reads and discusses newspaper articles every day with a class of adults, all of whom are visually handicapped. Olivee says that she has "never done anything that has given me more pleasure."

Secretary: **Helen Hayward**, 1722 Larch Ave., Apt. 414, Cincinnati, OH 45224.

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In late July or early August, **Richardson (Dick)** and **Agnes Carson Rice** will move into a new retirement condominium close to their present home. The new address will be 78 Wagon Trail, Black Mountain, NC 28711. They say that with this move they are not planning any trips for 1987. This is hard to believe, especially in view of their extensive travels in 1986.

What they term "the most spectacular, satisfying and meaningful event" was a trip to a town in the USSR similar in size and character to Black Mountain. The group from Black Mountain chose "the small town of Krasnaya Polyana in the Caucasus Mountains near the city of Sochi on the Black Sea in the south Russian Republic near the border of Soviet Georgia." The tour, which had to be planned through the Soviet governmental tourist agency, Intourist, took the seventeen travelers from Black Mountain to Moscow, Tbilisi, Sochi, and Leningrad but for them the greatest event was the visit to Krasnaya Polyana. Thirty miles of mountain roads (two and one-half hours of travel) brought them to "... a lovely valley with small farms, a hydroelectric plant and scattered neat, small houses." Town officials, school children, artists, townspeople, and craftsmen exchanged greetings and gifts with the travelers from Black Mountain. On both sides there was amazement that there were mountains in both of the towns which looked much alike. The recently-retired President of Warren Wilson College promised a full scholarship to a qualified student, including transportation.

As a result of this visit two large paintings of the mountains around Krasnaya Polyana, given by two of the artists who welcomed the travelers, now hang in the town library in Black Mountain. A collection of letters written by the school children, and letters and photographs exchanged since the visit give a feeling of continuity of friendship between Black Mountain and Krasnaya Polyana.

Catherine Lundy Rossiter has recently moved to 2741 North Salisbury #3417, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Let us know about your activities in your new community, Kate.

A new address has also been received for **Garnett Wilson Flack**. She is now at P.O. Drawer 179, Baptist Village, Waycross, GA 31501. She would enjoy receiving pretty cards.

George Harris and **Judy Elliot Harris** '31 spent the first part of 1986 in interim ministry at the Central Christian Church in Anderson, IN, and the last half of the year in interim ministry at the First Christian Church in Traverse City, MI. They are living at 6518 Peninsula Dr., Taverse City, overlooking West Bay. George writes of the beauty of the views, with each season showing new splendors.

The sad news that **Phyllis Bowers Day** had died on November 1, 1986, did not reach Wooster until mid-December. Through her work as Class Secretary over a period of twenty years, Phyl became known to everyone in the class. Two of Phyl's five sons came to Wooster. The last few years she made her home with her son, Christopher. Failing eyesight, arthritis, and recent hospitalizations had weakened Phyl's body, but she continued her interest in Wooster and her friends from college years. Sympathy is sent to her sons

Christopher '62, Alexander, Thomas '67, Patrick, and Philip.

Secretary: **H. Alberta Colclaser**, 361 Holmes Blvd., Wooster, OH 44691.

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Christmas of '86 brought many notes from '32 friends. We both cherish the messages as well as the long standing friendships which they represent. We share some highlights with all of you.

First, we noted a new address on the envelope from **Bill Miller**: 131 South Pitt St., Mercer, PA 16137.

Another new address noted: **Eleanor Stephens Swaney**, 314 Grant St., Belle Vernon, PA 15012. Eleanor reports that her health has not been too good, but she hopes to be in Wooster in June.

Dean '30 and **Harriet Painter Hopkins** have had a season of celebration as their large family and many friends rejoiced over their 50th wedding anniversary. There is nothing like a 50th unless it's a 55th.

Harriet reports that **Betty Dilger Tolle** and husband Jim are planning to attend the June reunion. They missed the 50th because of Jim's illness.

New address for **Betty Fracker Thayer**: 1800 Riverside Dr. #131, Columbus, OH 43212. She reports "it's been a long year — two moves from Bristol Village, Waverly, OH, to First Community Village, Columbus, then to Hillside House (assisted living)." Betty had three visits to Riverside Hospital for asthma and bronchitis, and husband Charley had one visit for surgery. Both are recovering very well and look forward to good health in '87.

Sallie Johnson Baldwin wrote of looking forward to their family gathering for Christmas, including college sophomore grandson, Darin, and an adorable and priceless Jason, going on four. Sallie reports, "We are quite well — some ups and downs."

Your secretaries were happy to entertain **Bill McAfee** in Nashville, during late September. He told us that he intended to retire from the State Department and that intention became fact as of December 3, after forty-plus years in government service. Bill reports that retirement is going well. He plans to travel in this country — that includes Wooster in June.

Al Talbot's report of the year told of his marriage last January to Maxine Rinne, of San Antonio, TX. They spent their first year traveling: a five week cruise around South America and then all around the USA, taking advantage of their Eastern Airline Passports and membership in the Hilton Head LXV Club. They maintain residences in San Antonio and Hilton Head. The year, 1987, will include a seventy-five day air trip to countries down under, along with several trips to countries in Asia and the Mid-East. Will you be able to make Wooster in June?

George and Virginia Anderson Crowl spent Christmas in California with daughter Judy and family. George writes that "this has been a good year, highlighted by a couple of good trips." One was to Puerto Rico last March so Ginny could study ferns. The second was to Iceland where George admits to having seen all the basaltic volcanic phenomena that he cares to see for a while. In September he

attended the Pennsylvania Geologists Field Conference, celebrating 150 years of field work in that state.

Congratulations to Ginny who has completed her manuscript of the botanical glossary and now is looking for a publisher. This has been a long and dedicated project for Ginny. We expect to see them in Wooster in June.

Libby Hainer Prestel sends word of the marriage of **Lois Hanna McGregor** and **Dennis Saunders** in February, 1986. They divide their time equally between Florida and Toronto and last summer visited his sister in England. Lois, why don't you both come to Wooster in June?

Libby had a "fantastic" trip to New Guinea last year but will stay in the USA this year, spending some time in the Southwest.

Carl and Dorothy Simpson Schlossnagle's "Holiday Herald" seems to be a sequel to their '86 "Medical Journal" — 1986 was definitely not a good year. Carl's health has been declining and his only trips are to the doctor's office. On May 19, Dorothy tripped over a hazard on the sidewalk in Ft. Myers, FL, and fell and fractured her left kneecap. After six days in the hospital and removal of the shattered kneecap, she returned home with a cast from hip to toe, so they had two non-ambulatory patients in the house. With the help of church friends and wonderful household help, they survived the next twenty-eight weeks. Dorothy was able to resume driving in September and now must try to get satisfaction from Ft. Myers. Dorothy and Carl still hope to move to a retirement community, but construction has been delayed, and they are now talking about occupancy in the fall of '87.

The family reunion that Henry and **Roberta Young Kehe** organized and hosted in July was such a success that a second reunion will be held at Atwood Lake Resort in 1987. Roberta writes, "Ohio, here we come!" The Youngs live in Carpinteria, CA, south of Santa Barbara.

We hope all of you will think seriously about coming to Wooster on June 4-7. Our president, **Harriet Painter Hopkins**, **Carol Gustafson Dix**, **Libby Hainer Prestel** and **Ford Ross** have planned a good, relaxing agenda which you will hear about. As **Bill Miller** says, "Our 60th may be too late." See you in June.

Secretaries: **Ernest & Helen Shields Harrison**, 111 Bosley Springs Rd., 901 Imperial House, Nashville, TN 37205.

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Irene Agricola Arndt is mainly interested in her family, although she likes to travel. Four of her children are graduates of the College. She has a two-year old nephew and a mother who is 102 years of age. Who says that Family is going out of style?

Ruth Novak Bretschneider has left Garfield Heights for 10025 Shasta Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351. She still visits Aurora, OH, in the summers.

Sun City is also the home of **Martha Witherspoon Dunlap**, who survived leukemia in the '70s and was able to nurse her husband, John, after he had a heart attack in the '80s. She has been a U.C.C. deaconess and belongs to poetry societies, both local and national. She reports that **Edith Wright Ford** lives in Sun City, too.

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A minister's wife for over fifty years, **Julia Elliot Harris** and her husband, George, now live in a condo in Anderson, IN. After retirement in 1977, they have served nine interim ministries in the Central Christian Church.

After fifty-five years, I can still remember the juicy red apples that **Gratia Salisbury Hurlburt** brought to her room in Hoover Cottage. She and her husband, Allan, have been married for fifty-two years and have a son and daughter. The Hurlburts live at: Seven Lakes, Box 2042, West End, NC.

Martha Dickleman Jacobson took her grandson, Scott, to Kenya in 1984 and to Alaska in 1985. While in Britain, she took a tour of Royal Doulton. Martha also recommends Wooster's Summer Alumni College. Try it; you may also like it.

Ruth Roper Snider spent Christmas with her son Richard, a doctor, and his family in Phoenix, AZ. She recently visited Bunny Roper Minor '27 in California.

In November, we learned from **Katie Welker Sterling** that her son, Charles, Jr., was killed by a robber in Plant City, FL. Doc and Katie had just settled in that city to be near their son. Our sympathy is with them.

More and more news received from classmates concerns the "maintenance and body care." **Martha Reichenback Boman** had back surgery last year and has improved health as a result. We just heard that **Anabel Clouse Willour** had heart surgery and is doing well.

So, friends, keep doing what has to be done, and we can compare notes at the next reunion.

Secretaries: Trevor Gross, 14967 Rolling Hills Dr., Montrose, CO 81401; Katherine Schantz, 616 S. Main St., Orrville, OH 44667.

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Congratulations to Frank '28 and **Peg Louis Celeste**, whose son, Dick, was re-elected Governor of Ohio.

I (Glad) had a letter from **John E. Szitar**. He retired in 1971, but still keeps busy. John, the current address of your college roommate, **David V. Thomas** is: 8408 Hunting Saddle Dr., Hudson, FL 33567. Write him a letter, or better yet, drop in on him out of the northern cold.

Had Christmas notes from **Martha Yourd Morris**, who lives near her doctor son in London, Ontario; from Carl '31 and **Esther Lane Toensmeier**, who spent Christmas at home in Pennsylvania, and then took off for Southern California.

I (Glad) report that I went to my oldest granddaughter's wedding on Christmas Eve in Poughkeepsie, NY. Also report that I have three beautiful great-grandchildren, two in California, near Los Angeles and one in Reading, PA. What with a daughter in Minneapolis and a son in Miami, FL, I meet myself flying North, South, East and West!

Secretaries: Malcolm Stewart, 1038 W. State St., Apt. 5, Jacksonville, IL 62650; Gladys Wentworth Beeler, 581-A Williamsburg Court, Wooster, OH 44691.

Tak Wan Leung sends word of his life in San Francisco. His apartment is close to Telegraph Hill, and many mornings he arises at dawn to climb the Hill to watch the sunrise. Then invigorated by the exercise and surroundings, he is in the proper condition for bacon and eggs on the way home. Recently, he sent two of his original art works that he had prepared for the *Alumni Bulletin* in 1926, to the Alumni House — "Morning Chapel" and "Kenarden Lodge & Model-T." Look for more about his art work in a future issue.



Tak Wan Leung

After delinquency for a number of years, he is back in the fold at the Chinese Presbyterian Church, where they "have the courtesy to call me Elder. The title is for life, you know." His closing sentence is: "Life is very much worth living!" One of the photographs that he sent to your secretary, **Hugh**, was one of himself. As you will note, he is holding a 1986 issue of a magazine to prove that it wasn't taken any earlier. "My hair turned white, yes, but that's nothing, the rest of me is still in '29 shape."

An early Christmas card came from Nadine and **Bill Maitland**, telling of more Elderhostel weeks spent at Highland, NC, and at Harding U at Searcy, AK, especially the classes and concerts at the latter.

Sympathy of the class is extended to **Mildred Rinehart Johnson**, who wrote that **Rollin Johnson** was "lost a year and a half ago — suddenly and without suffering, of a heart attack." Mildred is adjusting to loneliness, after forty-nine years of marriage. There are two sons, one in Minneapolis and one in Huntsville, AL, with whom she spent Christmas.

Greetings to all you classmates "somewhere out there," with best wishes for your health and happiness in 1987. I (Lillie) have had a very healthy winter and quite a happy one, due to being able to spend Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays with my family. It looks like a Wooster reunion when I get together with my daughter, Carol Edge Campbell '62, her husband, Rev. Bill Campbell '62; their daughters Cathy '88 and Beth '90.

Ruth March Turner again has responded with news for her classmates. She reports that she and Dewey have had a more quiet year than the previous one; however, they did make two trips to La Junta, CO, to visit their granddaughter's family. The Turners enjoy the "great-grandsons" so much. Ruth helped Dewey, last summer, to add twenty pages as

an addendum to "88 Years of My Life." A new vinyl binding was used to make durable copies for the great-grandchildren — yet to be born. What a thoughtful, loving legacy. According to Ruth, life at Porter Place is never static — some activity in progress at all times. She and Dewey have given up working in the library. It just got to be too much for them. Ruth does continue her exercise class three times a week, and they are both in good health.

Had a most welcome call from **Laura Holly Rumbaugh**, recently, and with "Ma Bell's" blessing we reviewed the past, present and future. Laura is still hale and hearty, enjoying her church activities and her home. It's been sixty-two years since Laura and I (Lillie) graduated from Butler, PA, High School and headed for the College, encouraged, and no doubt, influenced by our chemistry teacher, Lucille Critchlow Berkimer '20. I wonder if we ever thanked her?

Louise Mc Kay Huggins, in a note has answered a lot of questions for many of her classmates. In the course of years since 1929, she was married, widowed and married again. She had four children, but sadly has lost two. Two children graduated from Wooster, one a geologist, and one a medical researcher. She has eighteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The Huggins spend their winters in Nettles Island, a man-made island in the Indian River in Florida. Their permanent residence is Fredrickstown, OH. Louise says "It might be a sign of age and not liking change, but I much prefer the old *Alumni Magazine* where I could find what I was interested in more easily." Thank you, Louise, for writing and for your opinion.

Again, thanks to all of you, who have supported our news column, but we need to hear from more of you. PLEASE!

Secretaries: Hugh Johnston, 14421 St. Germaine Dr., Centreville, VA 22020; Lillie Key Edge, 228 W. Nelson St., Midland, MI 48640.

1928

When the New Year arrived, I (Betty) thought to myself — Wouldn't it be great if the gals of '28 would make resolutions to send in some news for our column? Alas, news is not pouring in. We certainly don't want the 1928 column to disappear. *Please*, won't you help to keep it alive?

Wooster alumni in the Cleveland area had the opportunity to hear Erie Mills '75 sing the title role in *Lucia di Lammermoor* with the Cleveland Opera Company in February.

In June, 1986, **Elizabeth Shepard Ewing** moved to the John Knox Village Retirement Home in Tampa, FL.

The class extends its deep sympathy to **Dorothy Boor Fierbaugh**, whose husband died of a heart attack on Jan. 28, 1987. Dorothy's address: 18689 E. Shoreland Dr., Rocky River, OH 44116.

Secretaries: Floyd Maurer, 702 Oakmont Ct., Wooster, OH 44691; Betty Bunn McCullough, 12540 Edgewater Drive, Lakewood, OH 44107.

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Since this is our last column before our 60th reunion, we are sending you our final

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urgent message to come join us from June 4-7 and to add your interesting contribution to our class of 1927's important gathering.

In response to the article on the Ohio State football game, **Sam Hott** promptly sent in the following: "The records will show that in the spring of 1927 the Wooster baseball team, coached by Art Murray, played Ohio State at the Wooster ball field and beat them. Class of '27 members of the team were **Bob Jameson, Maynard Dodez, Sam Hott, and Howard Saurer.**" Harold Schweisberger '28 reminds Sam that Wooster's baseball team played OSU three times and lost only once. Sam would appreciate news from other team members who are still around. He plans to return in June "The Lord willing."

Christmas notes were indeed encouraging about the reunion. From **Martha Napier Nolan**, way out in Vader, WA, "If all goes well . . ." Martha had to cancel her planned trip to Spain and the British Isles, but did get to Kentucky to visit her 101 year-old sister. She keeps busy at home.

Mary Jean Buccalo writes from the Samarkand in Santa Barbara: "I am happy to tell you that I do plan to return for the 60th. Hope you will all be there for me to greet you. I'm anxious to see you all." Since Mary Jean has not been back since her move to the West six years ago, she'll see many changes.

Mary Kohr's letter was full of news about classmates who had visited her in Olympia this past summer. **Becky Harner Helm**, whom Mary had not seen since our graduation and who is now living in Indonesia, came with her daughter, whose husband is chief geologist for Stanvac there. Both "women were full of fascinating information on all aspects of life in that country."

Her next guest was **Grace Lowers Hahn**. Grace had just attended a reunion of Girl Scouts at a camp she had set up many years ago. Fifty women had returned, and Grace had been surprised and overwhelmed by the many expressions of appreciation for her influence on their lives. Grace had been one of ten girls from the College who toured Europe in the summer of 1930 under the guidance of **Helen Fretz Jarrett's** father. The **Kohr** sisters had also been members of that group. While Grace was there, they reread letters written during that summer and experienced again all the excitement and cultural enrichment of those weeks abroad. After her departure, Mary wrote to two other members of the group, **Doris McGill Chapman** and **Sylvia Hetrick Scholl** with whom she had lost contact and to her delight received replies. In cooperation with **Helen Fretz Jarrett**, copies of other letters written during that summer have been sent to members of the group. Mary says, "We are having a great time reminiscing. It has brought us all together again." Mary managed more company and a garden besides to round out her summer.

From **Mildred Cabut Landis**: "With my Christmas cards, I am talking up the reunion." Mildred enjoyed a visit from her Scottsdale, AZ, son and his wife and then took a trip with the AARP — "The Best of the West." She is convinced that if a person is alone, the best way to travel is by "tour."

Marjorie Burtsfield Pelton is sending in her card for Alumni Weekend, too. She reports on her family and activities and comments: "I have just finished reading the last

copy of *Wooster*, cover to cover. It's a splendid issue and brought back many memories."

That is exactly what we are endeavoring to do in urging you to send in soon a "memory" for our collection of anecdotes which we hope to get in print to remind ourselves AND the College that the Class of 1927 was an important part of the Wooster scene.

Emma Skinner has a new address: 19191 Harvard Ave. 241A, Irvine, CA 92715. After living for eighteen years in Laguna Hills, CA, she finally decided to move to Regent's Point, a Presbyterian sponsored retirement home just ten miles away. She has a balcony with a delightful view, and since it is a lake area, the inland water birds make it an enjoyable place for hiking and bird watching.

We must also report with regret the death of **Eleanor Pearson McLaughlin** on November 6, 1986. Eleanor majored in piano and organ at Wooster. She had lived in Massillon, OH, for many years and was the widow of Judge D. Dean McLaughlin '25. *Secretary: Florence Painter Griffith, 1577 Cleveland Rd., Wooster, OH 44691.*

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We are saddened to record the death of **Rilla Yoder Shoup**, on Dec. 13, 1986, after a brief illness. For twenty-five years, Rilla had been involved with Church Women United in the Edna Grady Roberts Center of Fort Myers, FL, originally founded to help migrant workers. On October 12 of last year, a new wing (for transient women and children) was dedicated in Rilla's honor. She was well enough to be able to attend.

Having suffered a stroke, **Lawrence Norris** sold his home and moved to St. Barnabas Retirement Village in Gibsonia, PA.

Betty King Irons has made a similar move to a life-care facility in Bridgeport, CT, where she is organist at the weekly chapel services. She is happy to be near her daughter in New Canaan.

Jo Hoag Pleasance has two married grandchildren in Dallas, TX, a good reason to make several trips there. While in Clearwater, FL, last winter, she visited **Eleanor Hamilton**.

Paul Luce has received several service awards: the Kathryn Challis Pollock Award for outstanding service to Planned Parenthood; the Doris Burdman Award for outstanding service in the field of mental health; and a Distinguished Service Award from Struthers Presbyterian Church for thirty-seven years of service as a Sunday school teacher. Congratulations!

Since the death of her husband five years ago, **Peg Holley Carson** has taken a number of trips. With her daughter and sister, she has visited Switzerland, taken a cruise on the *Mississippi Queen*, and has helped chaperone a group of seniors on a ten-day tour of France. Exciting!

The family of **Margaret Wiser McCloud** keeps her busy. She has eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She writes that the five alley cats that always appear at her backdoor keep her amused.

Samuel Brittain spent sixty-two years solving problems for many industries. After forty-four years with Westinghouse, he retired. Then, "by 'practicing reincarnation,' I have spent eighteen years as a private gearing consultant, making three trips to Kuwait, one to northern Spain and to many parts of our glorious USA. My present age is eighty-two, and I am still very active." His wife passed away two years ago, after sixty "wonderful" years of marriage.

Secretary: Margaret Koester Welty, Rt. 5, Box 180, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666.

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The friends of **Alice Robertson Swager** send their good wishes for her recovery.

Flora Scherer Limbacher writes from her new home in Dover, OH. Because of Howard's poor health, the Limbachers have sold their home in Kalamazoo, MI, where they have lived for many years, and have moved to a retirement center. They will continue to live in Florida during the winter months.

Flora has renewed friendships of her high school days and has made new friends, but they do not replace her Kalamazoo friends or her church. We wish Flora and Howard many good years in their new home at: Co-Club Center, 862 Iron Ave. Apt. 117, Dover, OH 44622.

We are sorry to tell you of **Betty Williams'** death on Nov. 18, 1986, following surgery in early summer. During the illness, she was cheered by the many friends and former high school students who brightened her days with letters, calls, and loving gifts. The "Family" is giving books to the Andrews Library in her memory.

Pauline Ihrig '23, **Sarah Painter** and **Edna Kienzle Comin** attended the Alumni College, always a stimulating and enjoyable experience. In July, they spent a delightful week at Chautauqua, NY, and were inspired by Dr. James Forbes' morning worship services, the lectures, and the orchestra concerts. Since they lived across the street from the amphitheater, they were able to hear some music from their rocking chairs on an upstairs porch!

Secretaries: Alice Robertson Swager, 329 Village Park Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221; Earl Dennis, 4838 Butterworth Pl. NW, Washington, DC 20016.

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Harold Gwynne has become a great-grandfather. Gwynne Erin Mapes, born April 10, 1986, is the lucky great-granddaughter. A grandson, John Harold Gwynne, III was married in December, and Robyn, a granddaughter, was married in October.

A long illness in Westminster Health Center, in the retired missionary complex where she lives, made it necessary for **Miriam Dickason** to give up her apartment and move into the Lodge where meals are provided in the central dining room. We are glad that she is now much better! Miriam lives in Duarte, CA.

Secretary: Elizabeth Hower, 437 Trumbull Ave., SE, Warren, OH 44483.

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John Stewart has been doing a lot of traveling: the British Isles, Ireland, the Orient, and has taken a Caribbean cruise. When he is at home in Twining Village, Holland, PA, he gives talks and slide shows about his travels. John also enjoys being chairman of the Village recreation committee.

Secretaries: Mercy Townsend Voelkel, West View Manor, 1715 Mechanicsburg Rd., Wooster, OH 44691; Gladys Ferguson, 541-C, Williamsburg Apts., Wooster, OH 44691.

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Please write!

Secretary: Mary Arnold, P.O. Box 343, Cambridge, OH 43725.

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On January 10, 1987, nearly one hundred people gathered at the Richfield Holiday Inn, in Richfield, OH, to honor **Edwin Wright** with a surprise party, in celebration of his 90th birthday. He was born on January 12, 1897.

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Clara Cochran Worley lives in Bozeman, MT, in a Methodist-sponsored retirement home; however, she writes, the Presbyterians outnumber the Methodists among the 150-plus residents. Her younger son, David '51, and his family live nearby. Son John '49 and his wife, Carol (Farr '52) live in Texas. Her family, including seven great-grandchildren, helped her celebrate her 95th birthday. She was born on May 20, 1891. Clara enjoys her correspondence with Edith Howell '14, who lives with her niece, in Beaver Falls, PA.

Secretary: Hazel Edwards Lawrence, 8883 Browning Dr., 204, Waterville, OH 43566.

M A R R I A G E S

- '49 **Marjorie Ramsay Carson** and Wesley Laing, Sept. 27, 1986.
- '74 **John Sehnert** and Martha Hoyt, Oct. 18, 1986.
- '78 **Julia Hawkins** and **David Schieve** '75, June 28, 1986.
- '84 **Laura McFadden** and David Sangree, Aug. 30, 1986.
- '86 **Christopher Banyay** and **Karen Nolte** x'87, Oct. 18, 1986.

B I R T H S

- '62 To Teresa and **Larry Stern**, second son, Marcus Christopher, April 24, 1986, joining brother Lucas (4).
- '64 To Marsha and **David Haines**, son, Brandon Warren, June 12, 1986.

- '65 **Nancy Roha Meislahn** and Harry, adopted Constance Elizabeth on Nov. 6, 1986. She joins brother Douglas (11).
- '66 To Martha and **David Arscott**, fourth son, Devon Mathys Bunker, Dec. 5, 1986.
- '68 To Jane and **John Van Bolt**, son, David John, Nov. 5, 1986.
- '69 To Murdeep Singh and **Nancy Thomas Ahluwalia**, son, Mohan William Singh, March 3, 1986, joining brother, Surjeet (9) and sister, Maya (5).
- '71 To **Donald and Ruth Schreiber Kovacs**, daughter, Hannah Joy, Sept. 20, 1986.
To Charles and **Margaret Jackson Egli**, second child, Christine Elizabeth, Nov. 5, 1986.
To Andrea Ruth Schwartz and **Bob Brashear**, son, Micah Scott, July 21, 1986.
- '73 To Fred and **Elisabeth Leonard Sigmund**, son, Carl Robert, Sept. 18, 1986.
To Ernie and **Kathy Cherry McDaniel**, second child, Max Allen, Nov. 3, 1986.
To James and **Winifred Aldrich Robb**, first children, Michael and Thomas, Nov. 16, 1986.
- '74 To **John Chisnell** and **Margaret Daub**, son, Robin Michael Daub Chisnell, March 21, 1986.
To James and **Nancy Rutan Bartha** daughter, Jane Emily, Sept. 7, 1986.
To **Mark Bean** and Veronique, son, Yann Christopher, Nov. 2, 1986.
To **David and Marcia (Barbour '75) Buss**, daughter, Francesca, Dec. 24, 1986.
- '75 To **Leslee and David Miraldi**, son, Daniel Paul, Nov. 4, 1986.
To Anne and **Wayne Zacour**, son, Daniel Christopher, Jan. 31, 1987.
- '76 To Diane and **John Hendrickson**, daughter, Sarah LaVonne, Oct. 14, 1986.
To Mark Waggoner and **Marge Forbush**, son, David Byron, Oct. 26, 1986.
- '77 To **Robert '78 and Emily Dollinger Williams**, first child, Amanda Lucille, Aug. 5, 1986.
To **Jeff '75 and Carol Goodman Adair**, second child, Kelly Christine, Dec. 15, 1986, joining brother Gregory (3).
To **Beata Wiggen**, son, Jonas, July 28, 1986.
- '78 To Ignacio Navarrete and **Hester Bradbury**, first child, son, Ignacio Andres, Dec. 10, 1986.
To Terry and **Bruce Brown**, first child, Jason Russell, Feb. 11, 1986.
- '80 To Cheryl and **John Stults**, son, Michael David, Aug. 26, 1986.
To Scott and **Mona Anderson Buehler**, son, Jordan Anderson, Dec. 3, 1986.

O B I T U A R I E S

'09 **D. Palmer Jacobs**, of Youngstown, OH, November 25, 1986, after a long illness. During W.W. I, he served in the army as an instructor at Camp Gordon in Atlanta, GA. He joined the Mahoning National Bank in 1911 as a bookkeeper and retired in 1966 as vice-president.

Mr. Jacobs was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served more than fifty years as treasurer, sang in the choir for forty years, and taught a Sunday school class for boys. He was also a charter member and past officer of the Downtown Optimist Club. To The College of Wooster, he gave his unceasing loyalty and service. At the time of his death, he was still serving as Class Agent, and in recent years he wrote a personal letter to each member of the class. Those attending the Youngstown Alumni meeting will miss his leadership of the singing.

Surviving are his wife, Julia; daughter, Elizabeth Atkins '47; son, Charles; three granddaughters, Julia Atkins-Hastie '78, Mary Atkins '79, and Amy Atkins.

'14 **Margaret Neave Boswell**, Sept. 17, 1985, in Los Angeles, CA, where she had resided for over forty years. A widow for many years, Mrs. Boswell raised two sons and one daughter.

x'15 **David L. Brumback**, a life-time resident of Van Wert, OH, June 18, 1986. He received a degree in civil engineering from the U of Cincinnati. In 1919, Mr. Brumback joined the Van Wert National Bank, retiring in 1980 as chairman of the board. He had previously worked for Simon Wyandt Construction.

Prior to W.W. I, he served in the Ohio Cavalry, on the Mexican border and during W.W. I was a first lieutenant in the 322nd Field Artillery. Mr. Brumback was a member of First Presbyterian Church and a former trustee and treasurer. Other memberships included: Masonic Lodge, York and Scottish Rites; American Legion; Kiwanis; Fraternal Order of Police. He was past-president and trustee of the Van Wert County Foundation and past-treasurer and trustee of Associated Charities. Surviving are his wife, Gladys; son, David; daughter, Nancy; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'17 **Walter A. Campbell**, Dec. 30, 1986. He was a retired assistant vice-president of Ohio Bell Telephone Company in Cleveland, OH. He had been looking forward to attending his 70th reunion. About this, one of his friends said, "He's at a better reunion." He is survived by his son, William '49; two nephews, Richard Campbell x'59 and William Campbell; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

x'17 **Carl F. Funk**, Dec. 16, 1986, at his home in Zanesville, OH. He attended Ohio Wesleyan U, Ohio State U, and graduated from the U of Cincinnati Law School. He was a partner in the law firm of Jones, Funk and Payne and a member of Muskingum County and Ohio State Bar Associations. Mr. Funk was a title examiner for Muskingum County and a member of the Ohio Land Title Association.

Before going into law practice, he was a farmer and the first president of Ohio Farm

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Bureau Cooperative Association. He was a charter member and first president of the organization operating the Wooster Egg Market and was a life member of the Ohio Forestry Association. Mr Funk was an elder at Central Presbyterian Church. His wife, Mary Vashti Jones Funk, survives.

'17 **Hugh V. Perkins**, of Detroit, MI, November 19, 1986, after a lengthy illness. A teacher, Mr. Perkins received an M.A. from Teachers College of Columbia U and a Ph.D. from Western Reserve U. He was a school administrator, in the Cleveland Heights school system from 1925 until his retirement in 1960. During that time he served as assistant principal of Cleveland Heights High School.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of W.W. I, and during W.W. II was an information and special services officer in the Pacific area. Mr. Perkins was a member of Forest Hills Church; the Exchange Club of Cleveland Heights; the American Legion; Orion Lodge 353, F&AM, Kingsville; Western Reserve Chapter No. 8, RAM, Ashtabula. Surviving are two sons, Hugh, Jr., and Thomas '42; twelve grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren. His wife, Frances, died in 1985.

'18 **William C. Compton**, Dec. 25, 1986, at West View Manor in Wooster, OH, where he had been a patient for the past ten years. He received his M.D. from the U of Cincinnati and was a veteran of both World Wars. His first marriage was to Helen Jane Schiel in 1928. He later married Dr. Marion Gibbons and joined her in her Cleveland medical practice, until their retirement in 1970. She died on Feb. 3, 1972.

The Ohio State Medical Association awarded Dr. Compton the Certificate of Distinction in 1977. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland, and Alpha Omega Alpha, an honorary medical society. Surviving are three children, Caroline Kline x'54, Joseph '53, William; eleven grandchildren; two sisters, Leila Compton '13 and Mary Belle Compton '21.

x'19 **Donald M. Hobart**, of Hilton Head, SC, Nov. 8, 1986. He received a B.S. from the U of Pennsylvania and an D.B.A. from Bowling Green State U. A nationally well-known marketing research executive, Mr. Hobart spent most of his career with The Curtis Publishing Company, retiring as senior vice-president and director of research in 1961. An author of numerous books and articles on marketing, Mr. Hobart edited *Marketing Research Practice* in 1950, which became a standard work in the subject. In 1953, he co-authored *Selling Forces*, a primer of advertising and selling. Known survivors are his daughters, Wendy del Valle and Rachel Thornton, and his brother, Robert x'22.

x'20 **Jessie Thistle Anderson**, of Wooster, OH, Nov. 29, 1986. From 1958 until 1968, Mrs. Anderson served as head resident of Compton Hall at the College. Previously, she was the director of Delta Gamma Club House at Denison University. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Surviving are a son, two daughters, eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Her husband, Robert, died in 1950.

'21 **Martha Hamilton Dickason**, of Sarasota, FL, Dec. 22, 1986. A homemaker, Mrs. Dickason was active in various organizations and was a member of First Presbyterian Church. She moved to Sarasota in 1961 from Urbana, IL. She and her husband, Donald '21, who preceded her in death, lived in Wooster until 1942. Surviving are two sons, two daughters, eleven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

'21 **Helen E. Hahn**, Nov. 28, 1986, at Shady Lawn Nursing Home in Dalton, OH. A long-time resident of Wooster, Miss Hahn taught high school for two years, before attending a business college. She worked in Wooster as a secretary for fourteen years at Steam Economics Co., as assistant auditor and secretary at Sears Roebuck for five years; and was secretary and bookkeeper at Wayne Auto Parts for thirteen years, retiring in 1964. Miss Hahn was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, AAUW, and Tuesday Club, a literary group. For eight years, Miss Hahn served as secretary for the class of 1921.

'21 **William N. McClelland**, Oct. 24, 1986, at the Medical Center in Princeton, NJ. Before his retirement as manager of the sales and distribution office of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company in Newark, Mr. McClelland had lived in Summit, NJ, for forty years. He received an M.A. from Columbia U. For over forty years, he was a member of Newark Rotary Club and was a former member of North Jersey Sales Executive Club. Other memberships included the Wooster Lodge #33 F&AM, The Nassau Club of Princeton and the Central Presbyterian Church of Summit, NJ. He is survived by his wife, Pauline (Lee '20); two sons, Richard and William; six grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Dreibelbis '28 and Catharine Wedge '26; one brother, J. Craig '23.

'21 **Herbert H. Stiffler**, Aug. 27, 1986. After graduation, Mr. Stiffler coached athletics for eight years in Oberlin, New Philadelphia and Elyria high schools. He then became associated with the Pittsburgh Steel Company, retiring in 1962 as district manager of the Indianapolis, IN, area. The Stifflers moved to Sun City, AZ, in 1966, where they resided until a recent move to Peoria, AZ. He was active in civic and church affairs and was a past state and chapter president of the Sons of American Revolution. He received the Patriots Medal from that organization. In 1972, he was inducted into the "W" Association Athletic Hall of Fame. His wife, Elizabeth (Grimshaw x'23), and son, Richard survive.

'22 **Willard W. Strahl**, of Fargo, ND, Sept. 15, 1986. He received a B.D. from McCormick Theological Seminary and studied at the U of Berlin, Germany, and Cornell U. For two years, he taught philosophy at Princeton U, before serving pastorates in Colorado and North Dakota. For a period of time, he was associate editor of religious books for Westminster Press in Philadelphia, PA. He was pastor emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of Fargo, ND, serving as senior pastor from 1951 until his retirement in 1966. He then joined the faculty of Jamestown College (ND) as chairman of the department of philosophy, retiring in 1971 as professor emeritus. Surviving are his wife, Helen; three daughters; brother, Lee '31; sister, Dorothy Harris '34.

'23 **John Layport**, of Hendersonville, NC, Nov. 4, 1986, after a long illness. Following thirty years of service, he retired as an executive of AT&T's traffic department. He was an Army veteran of W.W. II and early in his career, was a professional football player with the National Football League. His name is in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH. Mr. Layport was a member of Moores Grove United Methodist Church. He donated his body to research at Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Winston-Salem, NC. Surviving are his wife, Esther (Woods '25); a stepson, Frederick Hodges; and brother, Charles '26.

'24 **R. Nelson Torbert**, an attorney, died on October 22, 1986, at his home in Toledo, OH. He was born near Shreve, OH, and graduated from Wooster High School. After receiving his law degree from the U of Michigan, he and his wife moved to Toledo, OH. He was a member of the Toledo law firms of Tracy, Chapman and Welles and Zachman & Boxell, before becoming a partner in the firm of Boxell, Bebout, Torbet & Potter.

Mr. Torbet served on the original board of directors of the Public Broadcasting System in Toledo, which directed the formation of WGTE-TV. He was a member and elder of Collingwood Presbyterian Church; a past president of the International Association of Torch Clubs and the Toledo organization; the Toledo Club; the Toledo, Ohio and American bar associations. His wife, Louise (Gehring '24) survives.

x'25 **Lauretta Suntheimer Leininger**, of Massillon, OH, Dec. 28, 1986. She graduated from Ohio U and was a high school teacher for many years. Mrs. Leininger had been an officer and member of American Lutheran Church Women and was a board member of Ohio Citizens' Council for Health and Welfare. In 1960, she was a delegate from Ohio to the White House Conference on Children and Youth. She is survived by her husband, Charles.

'25 **Elizabeth I. Williams**, of Wyoming, OH, Nov. 18, 1986. She received an M.A. from Ohio State U and was a teacher of English and Latin at Wyoming High School from 1934 to 1966. It is significant that many of her former students participated in her memorial service. Miss Williams was a member of the Wyoming Presbyterian Church. Close Wooster friends have given books to Andrews Library in her memory. Two nephews survive.

'26 **Josephine Bennett**, Oct. 23, 1986, at the Crandall Medical Center in Sebring, OH, following a long illness. She was born and lived in Lisbon, OH, for most of her life. Miss Bennett was a secretary for the former J.J. Bennett Printing Company in Lisbon. An active member of the First Presbyterian Church, she served as a Sunday school teacher for many years and was a member of the women's society. Other memberships included the Order of the Eastern Star, Lisbon Garden Club, Lisbon Coterie Club, and Lisbon Historical Society. There are no known survivors.

'26 **John M. Musselman**, of Brecksville, OH, July 2, 1986. He was a retired senior consultant for the Standard Oil Company. Surviving are his daughter, Nancy

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Arnot '62 and his son, John '58. His wife preceded him in death.

x'26 Mildred Pancoast Russell, Jan. 27, 1984, in Cuyahoga Falls, OH, following a long illness. She attended Muskingum College and was an elementary teacher in Barnesville and St. Clairsville, before her marriage. Mrs. Russell was a fifty-year member of the First United Methodist Church in Cuyahoga Falls. Her husband, Everett, preceded her in death. Surviving are two sons, one stepson, and her brother.

x'26 Rilla Yoder Shoup, December 13, 1986, in Fort Myers, FL. She was an active member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church where she served on the church council, was a Sunday school teacher, a member of the Altar Guild, a leader of the Phoebe Circle of Lutheran Church women, and was on the executive board and chairlady of the Christian Action Committee. Mrs. Shoup was also involved with the Good Shepherd Mission in Harlem Heights and the American Heart Association. Surviving are a son, a daughter, a brother and two sisters.

x'27 Eleanor Pearson McLaughlin, November 5, 1986, after a short illness. She had been a resident of Massillon, OH, from 1929 until this past summer when she moved to Copley, OH. Mrs. McLaughlin had been a member of the Central Presbyterian Church in Massillon for fifty-seven years, where she served as an elder and a member of Hope Circle. Other memberships included: Stark County Lawyer's Wives; DAR, Women's Club, Girl Scout Council, Democratic Women's Club, Ladies Lyons, all of Massillon, and the McDowell Music Club of Canton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Judge D. Dean McLaughlin. Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Dressler x'53 and Beth Gest; son, James x'59, eleven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

x'28 Ambrose W. Meyers, of Lincoln, RI, Oct. 25, 1986. After graduation from Boston U, he spent thirty-five years in the field of social work. He is survived by his wife, Hazel (Williams '29); two daughters, Alfreda, and Janet Allen '65; two granddaughters and two grandsons.

'30 Russell D. Bailey, of New Bedford, PA, July 3, 1986, after a brief illness. Upon his graduation from Wooster, he attended the Harvard Graduate School of Design and received an M.A. in regional planning from the U of Northern Colorado. He was employed for eight years by the National Park Service in four states in the South, working as a landscape architect. During W.W. II, he worked for the Federal Housing Administration in Washington, DC. In 1947, he moved to Utica, NY, where he served as the city planner for several years. He then established the Russell D. Bailey & Associates Landscape Architecture and City Planning firm.

During his twenty-five years in Utica, he was active in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon, an elder and a choir member. He was also an active member of the Utica Kiwanis Club. He held offices in the American Society of Landscape Architects and the American Institute of Planners.

He retired in 1972 to New Bedford, PA, where he was a member of the local

Planning and Zoning Commissions. He served on the Long Range Planning Committee of the New Bedford Presbyterian Church and was involved in the building of a beautiful sanctuary in 1983. He is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Marie, a daughter, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two brothers.

'30 Margaret Woodland, Dec. 25, 1986, in Siloam Springs, AR. Miss Woodland, a retired teacher, received an M.A. from Columbia U and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She is survived by a brother, William '41, and a sister, Dorothy '29.

x'31 Charles McManigal, Dec. 2, 1986, at Wayne County Care Center, following a long illness. He graduated from Ohio State U in 1932 and served in the Ninth Armored Division in the Army during W.W. II. A resident of Wooster since 1936, Mr. McManigal was employed for thirty-seven years as an accountant with The Gerstenschlager Company. There are no immediate survivors.

'33 Phyllis Bowers Day, died on November 1, 1986. The diversity of interests that Phyl had in college is evidenced by the fact that she graduated with majors in English and Chemistry. It is also shown in her extra-curricular participation in field hockey, basketball, swimming, volleyball and deck tennis. She was also active in "little theater," both in writing and in acting.

In 1937 Phyl married Hugh T. Day. They had five sons, Christopher '62, Alexander, Thomas '67, Patrick, and Philip. Phyl held a number of jobs before and after her marriage. From 1947 to 1957 she was Director of Women's Activities at the McVeytown Young Men's Christian Association. When the family moved to Huntingdon, Pa., in 1957, she began work at the Huntingdon County Library which she continued until she "retired" in 1968. Retirement was a part-time matter for Phyl for she continued to do genealogical research in connection with the library and for individuals.

From 1953 to 1973, Phyl was the class secretary for the Class of 1933. She was untiring in her work to make class reunions meaningful for everyone. When ill-health forced her to give up the position of secretary, she continued to send news notes to her successor.

Phyl was a member of the Standing Stone Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and participated actively in the Huntingdon County Historical Society, the Standing Stone Art League, and the Presbyterian Church.

by H. Alberta Colclaser '33.

'34 Hollis Turner Grissinger, January 11, 1987, at Venice Hospital in Florida. A long-time resident of Wellington, OH, Mrs. Grissinger and her husband wintered in Florida for the past several years. She taught French at Wellington High School and served as a librarian at Wellington, Keystone, and Fremont high schools and at Herrick Memorial Library. Memberships included: The First United Methodist Church, the Silent Circle of King's Daughters, the Women's Afternoon Club. Her husband, John; daughter, Sue Studinka; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

'36 Ruth Strahler Sussman, Nov. 10, 1986, at O'Bleness Memorial Hospital, after a brief illness. Formerly of Dayton and Cleveland, Mrs. Sussman had been a resident of Athens, OH, for the past four years. Surviving are two sons, two daughters, two grandchildren, and a brother, Arthur '38.

x'37 Mary Louise Airhart Irvin, a private music teacher, Nov. 14, 1986. She graduated from Ohio U and was a resident of Akron, OH, for thirty-nine years. Mrs. Irvin played with the Cantabile String Quartet and with the Akron Symphony Orchestra for thirty-two years and also played in the Canton Symphony. Earlier in her career, Mrs. Irvin taught public school music in Orrville, Wooster, Delta and Akron.

She was a member of several professional music organizations, First Congregational Church, Akron Woman's City Club, was a board member of the Tuesday Musical Club and the Greater Akron Music Association, Akron Woman's Symphony Guild, Friends of Music, P.E.O. and A.A.U.W. Surviving are her husband, Richard; two daughters; two sisters.

x'37 G. Miriam Rumbaugh Kirchofer, of Wooster, OH, Oct. 30, 1986. She graduated from Kent State U and did post graduate work at Akron U. Mrs. Kirchofer had been an elementary teacher in Millersburg and had been also a Head Start teacher for eight years. A member of First Presbyterian Church, she served as elder, deacon, choir member, Sunday school teacher and was a member of the Women's Association. She also served as a volunteer for People to People. Surviving are her husband, George; daughter, Georgianna; three sons, John, Christopher, and James x'73; six grandchildren.

x'37 Helen Neale Mahan, Nov. 28, 1986, in Aultman Hospital, Canton, OH, following a brief illness. A graduate of Kent State U, she was a teacher before her marriage. She was a former member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and was currently attending the Bristolville United Methodist Church. Her husband of forty-five years, John; one daughter and two grandsons survive.

x'38 Robert I. Goble, Professor Emeritus of Teacher Education at Miami University, Dec. 2, 1986. He received a B.A. from Ohio Northern, an M.A. from Ohio State U, and a Ph.D. from Indiana U. In 1947, he joined the Miami faculty, retiring from full-time teaching in 1976 and continuing on a part-time basis until 1980. He was active in area, state and national education associations and was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Phi Kappa. Mr. Goble was an elder at the Oxford Presbyterian Church. His wife, Claire, two sons, and three grandchildren survive.

'39 Frank Bellinger, Jr., of Tonawanda, NY, December 10, 1985. A teacher, he received an M.A. from New York State College and studied at Oxford (Balliol College), England. He was a veteran of W.W. I. An American Civil War buff, Mr. Bellinger founded and was commander-in-chief of the Descendants and Veterans of America's Wars organization in 1973. He was a member and held offices in the Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War, and the United Veterans Council of Tonawanda, NY. For his work as chair-

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man of the Civil War Centennial Commission for Tonawanda, he received two national awards. There are no known survivors.

'39 Edward A. Howell, Aug. 25, 1984, of cancer. He graduated from Ohio State U and was a teacher. Mr. Howell was a resident of Ashtabula, OH. His wife survives.

'39 J. Taylor McHendry, a Presbyterian minister, Nov. 7, 1986. He received a Th.B. from Princeton Theological Seminary and had been pastor of the Lebanon, OH, Presbyterian Church.

x'44 Herbert K. Ervin, Dec. 29, 1986, at Mt. Carmel Medical Center, OH. A physician and graduate of Ohio State U, Dr. Ervin retired from general practice in 1970, in Reynoldsburg, OH. He was a veteran of W.W. II and a member of Columbus and Franklin County Medical Associations, and a member of Parkview Presbyterian Church. Surviving are his wife, Jeannette, three daughters, four grandchildren.

'44 Earl H. Nelson, Jan. 6, 1986, of Norton, OH. He had been president of Allied Plywood Corporation of Akron, OH. Surviving are his wife, Jean, one son, two daughters, and eight grandchildren.

'45 Margaret Craft Thomas, Dec. 9, 1986. A resident of Indianapolis, IN, for thirty-seven years, Mrs. Thomas taught Latin for seven years at Park Tudor School. Previously, she had taught Latin and English for seventeen years at Westlane Middle School. Surviving are her husband, John '49; daughter, Beth; son, John; one grandchild.

'47 Martha Pratt Lawry, December 16, 1986, at her home in Columbus, OH. She received an M.A. from Northwestern U and an M.S. from Case Western Reserve U in library science. An assistant professor emeritus of Ohio State U, Mrs. Lawry held several positions at that institution from 1976 to 1986, among them Head of Women's Studies Library from 1979 to 1980 and Head of the Catalog Department from 1982 to 1986. She was co-editor and editor (1979-1980) of *Women's Studies Review* and her article, "Subject Access in the Online Catalog: Is the Medium Projecting the Correct Message?" was published in the Summer, 1986, issue of *Research Strategies*.

An active member in many professional organizations, Mrs. Lawry served as a member of the executive board of the Academic Library Association of Ohio and of the Third Division of the Ohio Library Foundation. She is survived by her husband, Jon; sons, Matthew and Thomas; brother, Joel '43.

'51 Clarence D. Gilbert, Nov. 4, 1986, of a heart attack. A W.W. II veteran, Mr. Gilbert served in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence in the European Theatre and was a court stenographer for the War and Crime Trials in Germany. He was an owner of Clark, Gilbert & Silverthorn Academy of Cosmetology, Inc., in East Liverpool, OH, where he resided. Mr. Gilbert was treasurer of the Ohio Cosmetology Association and of the Ohio Beauty School Association, and was a member of Masonic Lodge #137 of Lodi. Surviving are his mother and three brothers.

'52 Richard P. Oberlin, veteran actor, stage director and former managing

director of the Cleveland Playhouse, died January 5, 1987, of complications while recuperating from open-heart surgery. He became ill while playing one of the lead roles in the Playhouse production of *Orphans*, which opened December 9 at the Drury Theatre, and underwent surgery on December 17. The fifty-eight-year old consulting director and actor had been recuperating at his home in Bratenahl when he developed complications and again underwent surgery at St. Vincent Charity Hospital and Health Center where he died. A capacity crowd attended the memorial service held in the Drury Theatre on January 12, 1987.

Oberlin was born August 16, 1928, in Dayton, OH, moved to Canton where he graduated from Washington High School in 1946 and graduated from the College in 1952 with a major in speech. He did graduate work at Indiana U in speech and drama before returning home to Canton where he worked for a short time in radio and community theatre. He won a fellowship in 1955 with the Cleveland Playhouse, where he was to spend most of his thirty-two years in professional theatre.

From well-known actor, Richard Oberlin rose to become only the third long-term managing director at the Playhouse, succeeding Frederic McConnell and K. Elmo Lowe. Oberlin served from 1971 to 1985, guiding the oldest resident repertory professional theatre through some difficult times and instituting the latest modernization project. From 1961 to 1963, he became company manager for the National Touring Company when the Playhouse performed in forty states and Canada. He was resident director of the Playhouse Summer Theatre at Chautauqua, NY, for four seasons and an actor there for fifteen summers.

Oberlin had been an adjunct professor of theatre at Case Western Reserve University and a visiting lecturer and instructor in acting at Cleveland State University. He served on the Theatre Panel of the Ohio Arts Council, was a member of the National Theatre Conference and the Eugene O'Neill Playwrights' Conference and sat on the executive committee of LORT (League of Resident Theatres). In 1973, Oberlin was one of two professional resident theatre directors in the United States invited by the Federal Republic of Germany for a special theatre tour of West Germany. He followed that with a tour in Poland and East Germany to review theatres. He received the Gold Medallion of Excellence in 1977 from the American College Theatre Festival (Region IX) for contributions to theatre, the lifetime achievement award in 1980 from the Ohio Theatre Alliance and later that year a special citation from the Women's City Club of Cleveland. In submitting his resignation as managing director of the Playhouse in June, 1985, Oberlin said, "More personal goals than I dreamed possible have been reached, and I am grateful to all those who helped make them a reality." He added that he would continue to act and direct after stepping down. One of his last roles was in the controversial play, *The Portage to San Cristobal of A.H.* in which he spoke not a word until the final twenty minute monologue. It was a *coup de theatre*

and as demanding as Obie's final college role of Hamlet.

Richard Oberlin is survived by his wife, Shirley (Cousins '52); brother, R. James of Canton; sister, Jean Foster of Sandusky; and parents, Lois and Robert C. of Mesa, AZ.

by Stan Schutz, Professor of Theatre

x'52 Gladys Wampler Stults, of Newton, MA, December 11, 1985. A self-employed realtor, she graduated from Western Reserve U, where she also received an M.A. in psychology. Her daughter, Lisa, and son, Mark, survive.

'60 James R. Bossert, a noted organist, Jan. 17, 1987, in Los Angeles, CA. He received an M.M. from Cornell U and studied for two years in Italy as a Fulbright Scholar. His Fulbright Scholarship was enhanced by a grant from the Martha Baird Rockefeller Fund for Music, Inc. Mr. Bossert taught at UCLA, the California Institute of the Arts and other schools in Los Angeles.

As a performing artist, he gave concerts in various churches and was organist and director of concerts at the First Congregational Church in Long Beach, CA. In 1972, he gave a recital of contemporary organ music in McGaw Chapel. He was a fellow of the American Guild of Organists and recorded for Orion Master Recordings in Malibu, CA. His first recording for organ and tape, Ashford, *Byzantia: Two Journeys after Yeats*, was released in March, 1975. In recent years, he also ran a computer service in Los Angeles. Mr. Bossert is survived by his father, Roy '30; brother, William; two nephews and a niece. His mother, Mildred Buss Bossert '29, preceded him in death.

We have received word of the following deaths but have no further information:

- '21 **Alda Stauffer Beachler**.
- '22 **Ruth Gibson Yost**, Oct. 25, 1986.
- x'24 **M. Lucille Thompson**.
- x'26 **James H. Backus**, Dec. 12, 1986.
- x'26 **Dorothy Gantz Day**, 1984.
- x'26 **Hazel Boyle Maurer**, 1986.
- '48 **Audeen Carlson Dennis**, Nov. 15, 1985.

The following obituaries will appear in the Summer issue:

- '17 **Francis P. Twinem**, Jan. 29, 1987.
- '17 **Florence N. Willett**, Dec. 15, 1986.
- '23 **Robert B. Hand**, Feb. 1, 1987.
- '57 **Judith Keller Palestrant**, Dec. 2, 1986.
- '79 **John C. Fitch**, Feb. 28, 1987.

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M. Zimmerman

The Hippie Got the History Right

An excerpt from *Mongolian Idiot, a comedy in one act*
by Fredric Sirasky '62

In a two-character play about a high school student (Alex Henderson) and his teacher (Mrs. Payton), playwright Fredric Sirasky '62 has Mrs. Payton remember a debate at her college in which she defended Galileo before the Inquisition. Sirasky based Mrs. Payton's story on a real debate supervised by Dan Calhoun at a "History Club" meeting at Wooster in the early '60s.

Pressed for more details, Sirasky said that the Wooster debate was not about Galileo but about someone else who was tried by the Inquisition, and that the "hippie" was not really a hippie but rather a disheveled senior, entirely preoccupied with I.S. and desperate for a quick way to present the Inquisition's case.

"The study of history, at best, is the study of *dramatic possibilities*," wrote Sirasky elsewhere. "It is history, so we know the end result. But the best historical writing constantly has us on the edge of our seats, asking, 'what is going to happen?'"

Sirasky arrived at playwrighting after teaching history in high school, serving in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam, earning an M.A. in music from Rutgers, and becoming a professional actor.

Mongolian Idiot has been produced four times: at the Manhattan Punch Line Theatre, in a showcase production at the Ensemble Studio Theatre, at the Directors' Lab,

Circle Repertory Company, all in Manhattan, and at Company One in Hartford, Connecticut. The section we share with you here is reprinted with permission.

Mrs. Payton:

Whenever I have to come up with something in a hurry, I remember a debate in Fowler's class. He loved debates. He'd say, "America has an adversary system of justice. In court, the goal is to get at the truth. But the truth is warped and shaded by lawyers fighting to advance their side of the story. It's the same in business, politics, baseball, sex. That's the system, so if you want justice, you'd better learn to fight for it."

So every Friday, two of us would have to debate some historical issue, with Fowler as the judge. . . .

I studied Galileo's *Dialogues* for days. Came to class with reams of notes, formulas. A water-tight argument. My opponent, Bellarmine, I'll never forget it, was the laziest guy in class. Unshaven, unwashed. A sort of pre-hippie hippie. He came to class with one three-by-five card. I talked for an hour. Mathematical proofs. The whole nine yards.

Then the hippie stood up, probably much like Cardinal Bellarmine three hundred years before, and read from his card. Not an argument, but a *ruling*. He said, "Your argument is *prohibited* from this debate. You can-

not presume to know how the world is designed, because God *could have* designed the world in a way *unimagined* by you or any other man, and man must not restrict God's omnipotence."

Cute, huh?

Alex Henderson:

You mean, Catch Twenty-Two was invented in sixteen twenty-three.

Mrs. Payton:

Very good, Henderson.
(*SHE slaps him jocularly*)

Man must not presume to know how the world is made, because God could have made the world in ways unimagined by man, and man must not restrict God's omnipotence.

That's irrefutable, isn't it? If you believe in Bellarmine's God.

I did all that work, and this hippie was able to shut me up with a clever idea on a three-by-five card. *He* got an A because he'd discovered the soul of the issue: The debate was *historical*, not scientific, and to come in with the crucial, *historical* fact was what appealed to Fowler. The hippie knew his man.

Henderson:

Which fact do you mean?

Payton:

In sixteen twenty-three, Bellarmine had the *power* to silence Galileo, and, therefore, according to Fowler, the hippie had the *right* to silence me. I got the science right, but the hippie got the *history* right. He didn't know whether Galileo was right or wrong, but he did know that the Church was fighting for its life in the Thirty Years War, and Galileo's heresy could undermine the whole war effort. Under that pressure, he had to find a creative way to censor Galileo. Of course, I was madder than hell. . . .

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The history department's senior member, Daniel C. Calhoun came to Wooster in 1956. He began teaching a course in Russian history a few years later. The hat is from Leningrad, the photograph from John Corri-veau.

