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THE CLASS OF '03 ENGAGES IN INDEPENDENT STUDY

THIS TIME OF OUR LIVES:
CLASS OF '58 CATCHES UP
First Impression: You're more than a number, really

Members of the Class of 1988 hold identifying numbers while posing for their class picture during Alumni Weekend in June. For more on the weekend, see pages 22-24 and 59-60.
Enjoying a class act

Following lunch in Lowry Center, the classmates pulled their chairs into a circle. Slowly they began recounting tales and personalities from forty-five years or so ago. I sat outside the circle, hanging on every word like a younger sister would eavesdrop on a gathering of her siblings and their friends. Soon I was laughing, too, at the severity of Ma Golder, their infamous dean of women; at the legendary professor found stretched out asleep on a chapel pew; at the smallest turn of events that several times resulted in classmates finding partners for life.

Witnessing these friendships, enjoying the perspective these folks bring to their lives and their eagerness to share, I imagined myself a member of the Class of 1958. As an alumni magazine editor, I shouldn’t pick favorite classes, just as moms shouldn’t favor one child over another. You’re all special, of course. But laughing with the ’58ers made me feel good about Wooster, about reunions, and about a phase of life that waits ahead.

That’s part of the appeal. Forty-five years out of college can be a wonderful time, on the eve of or beginning retirement, perhaps making new choices about how to live. There I was, listening to the alumni but keeping an ear out for my two kids running loose in Lowry Center. In this phase of life, spent squeezing in kids’ meals before their next activities or getting them to stop fighting with each other, it’s easy to envy people who can make coffee dates whenever they please. Or read a book in one sitting.

But it’s more than that. As one alum noted, the Class of ’58 sat on the cusp of the sixties, straddling 1950s conservatism on campus and huge social and political changes in the larger world. They are a class full of church and community activists, teachers and counselors, people who think things through and make a difference.

They don’t have many CEOs, though. They’ve watched the phenomenal fifty-reunion fundraising by the Class of ’53 this year and the Class of ’48 at their last reunion. Next time, it’s their turn, and they’re nervous. But I have faith in this class. Their connection to Wooster is strong. They are creative, resourceful people who care about what’s happening on campus and beyond.

Some fifty class members gathered for Alumni Weekend in June. Anne Hunt, class secretary extraordinaire, tells you more, beginning on page 22. — Lisa Watts, editor

Thanks for spring issue

Congratulations on your spring issue of Wooster magazine. I particularly appreciated the World War II posters and “Dateline: Iraq” by Graham Rayman ’88. The other articles by alumni were also interesting.

Judge Mary L. Miller Dunning ’58
Parma, Ohio

Where’s advice on employment?

As a recently unemployed Wooster graduate, I was frustrated upon seeing your last issue’s cute “how to” section. The Wooster education has left me short on “how to” knowledge of the most central problem of post-graduate life: how to get a job! As Wooster magazine celebrates the graduation of the class of 2003 and the “advice to the graduate” keynote speaker, I found Mary Schmich’s speech pleasant but again void of practical advice on how to succeed in the workplace.

Perhaps in the future this magazine’s editors might consider why twenty-somethings like myself have sent no checks to the Wooster Fund.

Jason Gers ’01
Brooklyn, New York

Woo connections, corrections

Your Winter and Spring 2003 issues brought a pleasant Wooster connection for the Reid-Poling family and the Reid-Meloy family. The Winter issue mentioned John Poling ’74 and his book, Painting With O’Keefe. In the obituaries, Janet Reid Meloy ’45 was remembered for her variety of gifts to church and community. Jan was John Poling’s aunt; John’s mother, Ann Reid Poling ’50, was her sister (and May Queen in 1949).

Your Spring issue features John’s first cousin, J. Reid Meloy ’71, son of Jan and John Meloy ’43. Reid and John and their families shared a lifetime along Route 5 in Parma, Ohio.

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western New York. Their Wooster Presbyterian clergy fathers served congregations in Caledonia (John) and LeRoy (David Poling '50). Their grandparents, Leslie and Maud Reid, were founders of the University Presbyterian Church in Buffalo.

Reid and John overlapped a year at Wooster. Both earned seminary degrees and then Ph.D.s in their chosen fields, counseling and teaching.

Jan and Ann, the Reid sisters, pursued parallel attractions to church and community, psychology, and literature. Jan was one of several student proofreaders who assisted Professor Vergilius Ferm (religion) when he completed his monumental work, An Encyclopedia of Religion in 1945 (not the Dictionary of Philosophy, as stated in Jan's obituary).

Before my co-author, Ken Wales, and I sent Sea of Glory (Broadman and Holman, 2001) to press, we worked with two editors and two professional proofreaders to scan every page. Ann was asked to take one last look, and to everyone's chagrin she discovered eleven more necessary corrections. Sometimes the Wooster connection becomes the Wooster correction.

The Rev. David Poling '50
Albuquerque, NM

We didn't pay him to say this

Thank you for an informative, interesting, and downright inspiring journal. The alumni magazine has become an exciting means of learning about the involvement of Wooster grads in the real stuff of life as well as alumni news and, on occasions, scholarly presentations. I hope you will continue and improve this pattern.

John Sharick '57
Youngstown, Ohio

Almost like being here

Want to hear what's going on at Wooster, straight from the students who are living it? Parents and alumni can read campus news, student opinions, and sports updates through a subscription to the weekly student paper, The Wooster Voice. Subscriptions run $27 per semester, $40 for the full academic year. International rates are $47 per semester, $60 for the year.

"Proceeds go toward printing costs, office supplies, and other newspaper costs," says Pamela Miller '04, editor-in-chief.

Some things don't change

I read Jaime Bryk's essay (Viewpoint, Spring 2003) with interest and fond reflection. Many of the feelings she expressed were experienced by a group of students during the winter of 1966-67 as we descended upon the arch with wastebaskets and plastic garbage cans one cold evening and proceeded to fill it with snow. Working side-by-side with great efficiency and resolve, we tackled the task in what seemed to be a remarkably short time. The next morning, one could watch with anticipation as downward gazing students rushing for their first classes in the arch. One of our group who was a bit slower than the others to depart got to spend the remainder of the evening with security. The following day a smaller, less enthusiastic, group of us volunteered to clean out the snow in the arch to ensure our detainee would not suffer any negative consequences.

After all these years, I still recall the excitement and fun of that evening, and I expect Jaime will retain her fond memories as well. The fact that we had to undo our own efforts, instead of having a grounds crew do it, in no way diminished the feelings and great memories that I experienced. Who knows how many times the arch has suffered through this in the past, or will suffer through it in the future, as a part of the Wooster experience?

Jim Robertson '69
Houston, Texas

Fame taught me this: Do not wish for fame. Wish to do something worthwhile, even memorable.... Wish for work that feeds you — and then do it.

— Chicago Tribune columnist Mary Schmich, addressing Wooster's Class of 2003 at commencement. The journalist landed in the media spotlight when her 1997 column on commencement addresses, erroneously attributed at first to Kurt Vonnegut, made it big in cyberspace. (More on commencement, pages 6-7.)

Put it in words
We welcome your thoughts on the magazine's contents. Send letters to Lisa Watts, editor, Wooster, Ebert Art Center, The College of Wooster, 1189 Beall Ave., Wooster, OH 44691; or e-mail lwatts@wooster.edu. Letters may be edited for clarity and length. Include a phone number for verification.
How the liberal arts prepared me
by Sarah Howes ’83

In July of 1983, my car radio informed me that it was the worst year in recent history for new college graduates entering the job market. A recent history graduate, I took the first job I could get and considered myself lucky. The tight job market also was imbued with a heavy business orientation. I despaired for the future of liberal arts in general and my own career in particular.

I worked in an education program for children with severe emotional problems. Then I went to graduate school and learned more about Latin American and U.S. history. I worked as a substitute teacher, bouncing from subject to subject while writing my master’s thesis. I worked on the Dukakis presidential campaign, a job that began a stretch of work on national campaigns and led to a political appointment in the Clinton administration. Eventually, I reached liberal arts paradise at the White House Millennium Council.

The work of the council was to offer programs and events that lifted our sights above politics and policy. My work touched on history, poetry, astrophysics, technology, jazz, marine biology, architecture, the arts, medicine and the preservation of buildings and collections that spanned those areas and more. Sometimes the work focused on one subject area; at other times many subjects were thrown together. Sometimes I thought I was working on one thing but realized I needed seemingly unrelated skills to get the work done in the best way.

I offer two examples for all math teachers who are asked by humanities students, “Why do we have to know this?” In July 1998, I found myself in a hotel at midnight working with a team on a speech for Hillary Clinton. The speech was due first thing the next day, for Mrs. Clinton’s visit to the home of Kate Mullaney, a pioneering Irish immigrant labor leader who made great gains for women workers in Troy, New York’s “collar city” laundries. The local historian told me that one strike netted the workers a 25 percent increase in pay. But that night something else jumped out at me. Over five years, Mullaney led several strikes that, in total, the historian told me, moved wages from $2 to $8 a week. My sleep-deprived, history-major mind wondered, “Isn’t that a 300 percent increase? Wouldn’t a 300 percent increase in wages sound more impressive than 25 percent?”

One of our projects for school children asked them to learn in many subject areas by imagining themselves a part of the first group of Earthlings to inhabit and establish a society on Mars. One of the first things they would need to consider was the different gravity level. I wanted to help the speechwriter with imagery, but I only knew that gravity on Mars is 3/8 that of Earth, and on the moon it is 1/6 that of Earth. I wanted to compare Mars with the moon — we’ve seen astronauts bouncing blithely on the moon — to get a sense of how humans would do on Mars. I managed to remember common denominators and saw that Mars has about twice the gravity of the moon. Life on Mars wouldn’t be as bouncy as on the moon.

To support Mrs. Clinton’s promotion of arts education, I needed to understand brain research that shows the strengthening of synapses that occurs during various arts activities. For an event with Elie Weisel about twentieth century violence, we needed images for a backdrop. Because of my specialty in Latin American history, I knew the work of photographer Susan Meiselas. Each event, no matter the topic, required that we remember or research names of leaders in the field and those who were interested to be considered for the invitation list. My broad background and interest in many topics was an asset.

I was especially grateful for all the “science for non-science majors” courses that I worked my way through at Wooster. I wasn’t as up-to-speed, literally, in the sciences as in my own fields, but I could get by as long as my informants heeded my request to slow down. I thought my brain might suffer a “big bang” when I had to condense Stephen Hawking’s major finding into one sentence for our event’s souvenir program. Instead, I just felt a big sense of relief when I did it.

The job market is tight again. I no longer work at the White House, and we have another 997 years to go until the next millennium. But I still believe in the power of an education in the liberal arts. Even when the job market is tight and I am in transition, I have many interests to keep me occupied and multiple paths to pursue in search of the next assignment.

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We’ve got mail, by the gigabyte

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Average number of e-mail messages processed by the College servers daily: 50,000

- Active e-mail accounts hosted by the College: 3,000
- Listserv discussion lists hosted by the College: 300
- Average number of connections to the mail server at one time: 700
- Average size of an e-mail message with no attachments: 3 kilobytes
- Amount of information that passes through Wooster’s mail system every day:
  - more than 1 gigabyte
- Number of copies of War and Peace equal to 1 gigabyte: 10

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Laying a new foundation

Largest-ever class gift will fund student residence hall

The Class of 1953 announced a $9 million gift to The College of Wooster, the largest fiftieth reunion gift in College history, during Alumni Weekend in early June. The record gift will help fund the construction of a 183-bed residence hall, create a Class of 1953 Endowed Scholarship Fund, and endow visiting professorships.

Trustee Ronald L. Bornhuetter ’53 and his wife, Carol, of Cos Cob, Connecticut, led the way with gifts totaling $5 million. Other major gifts came from class members Charlene Derge Sussel and John C. Smith. Sixty-seven percent of the class contributed.

In accepting the gift, President R. Stanton Hales declared himself “almost speechless.”

“This is truly a record-breaking accomplishment and a splendid demonstration of generosity,” Hales said.

James Wilson ’63, chairman of the board of trustees, thanked the donors “for your vision, your generosity, and for what this will mean for future generations of Wooster students.”

Then Ron Bornhuetter climbed up to take the controls of a crane. Under the watchful eye of an operator from Bogner Construction Company, he carefully lifted into place a 3,600-pound section of the form used to pour the new building’s concrete walls.

“We have a grand niece entering her junior year here this fall,” Bornhuetter told company president Ted Bogner, “and she wants to sleep in this dorm senior year.”

“No problem,” Bogner replied.

The residence hall design features two wings that meet at the corner of Beall and Wayne avenues. Its steep roof lines echo the roofs of Douglass, Armington, and Compton halls across the street. To the west, the building slopes down toward tall trees and the College softball field. Neighbors to the north of the new building will be Kate House, a small student residence, and Parkinson House, under renovation as the home of the new Lilly Program.

The College honored the work of Ronald J. Price ’53, who chaired the class fundraising effort, with the John D. McKee Alumni Volunteer Award.

More stories and photos from Alumni Weekend begin on page 59.
New graduate Sam Gibson '03 with his grandparents, Donna and Harry Featherstone, who encouraged him to attend the College.

Four years of life lessons in loss, love

Sam Gibson '03 always planned to attend college — someday. It took a nudge from his grandfather, Harry Featherstone, to get the Wooster High School graduate moving in that direction four years ago.

Featherstone and his wife, Donna, watched with pride as their grandson, a Phi Beta Kappa art major and geology minor, accepted his diploma magna cum laude in May.

"It goes without saying that we are very proud of him," says Featherstone, former chairman and CEO of Will Burt Company in Orrville. "The College of Wooster helped him to flourish, and we are confident that whatever he does, he will do it well."

Amidst the family's joy was an element of sadness. In March, Gibson's mother, Janet Featherstone, lost her battle with brain cancer.

"This final semester was tough," says Gibson. "My mom was very supportive, especially in the area of education. I don't think I would have been able to make it without my faith in God."

Gibson's faith has enabled him to persevere through some tough times, and he is not reluctant to talk about it. "I owe a lot to God," he says. "I've always been able to rely on Him."

Gibson has also relied on his grandparents as well as faculty and friends at the College. "I was thinking just how much I have changed in the past four years. A whole new world has opened up to me here, more than I ever could have imagined."

Among Gibson's many discoveries at Wooster, one of the more significant was his love for the outdoors. As a sophomore, he joined WOODS, the outdoor club. He has been actively engaged in hiking, backpacking, and rock climbing — despite a fear of heights — ever since. He served as president of the organization this past year.

Gibson also studied abroad in Scotland. "I never thought that was something I would ever have a chance to do," he says. "What a great experience."

For his Independent Study project, Gibson created a life-sized comic strip on the adventures of a time-traveling cat named Retro. A reluctant hero, Retro travels through time to different worlds, where he meets a variety of characters, friend and foe. The most recent adventure pits the evil Mudglobbers, giant robots made of mud, against a pair of dragons and a stuffed bear. In the story, Retro helps to defeat the Mudglobbers and realizes the value of his friendship with the dragons and the bear.

"Art is an outlet for me," says Gibson. "I like to escape into my own world and let my imagination run wild."

Gibson plans to spend the summer hiking across Alaska with Wooster friends. He hopes eventually to pursue a career that will allow him to continue enjoying the outdoors. — John Finn

Sending the Tribune columnist urges graduates to take their time, make a difference

The Class of 2003 enjoyed equal doses of counsel and levity from Mary Schmich, a Chicago Tribune columnist, during her commencement address on May 12. Speaking on "Embarrassment, Rejection, and Other Paths to a Good Life," Schmich told the 381 seniors that the experiences that shape them most are often the most difficult ones. "Hard times can be seeds to success," she said. "Hard times connect us to others."

Schmich also forewarned the graduates about the unexpected things in life. "Be prepared to be unprepared," she said. "You'll get hurt sometimes, but treat it as an exploration. Don't panic. Wait it out. Working your way through (difficult times) is underrated. After all, once you do it, you can lecture others about working their way through."

Schmich urged students to take their time and be more reflective. "Don't run
Class of 2003 on its way

"Every decision you make is a decision about time. Where to live, how to live, whom to marry, whether to marry — they are all fundamentally questions of how to spend your short twirl on the ball."

— Commencement Speaker Mary Schmich (Below)

Their two cents

Graduating seniors continued the recent Wooster tradition of handing President Hales a gift in return for their diplomas. This year's token? Two pennies. Seniors say the gift reflected their experience with budget cuts over the last few years and their ability to say their "two cents worth" in the matter.

The pennies join badminton birdies, Lego blocks, hot sauce, and other gifts from years past related to Hales's interests and campus events.

As seen on NBC

The College of Wooster was included in a national story about commencement speakers on NBC's "Nightly News with Tom Brokaw" on Friday, June 6. A clip from speaker Mary Schmich's address was part of the piece that also looked at ceremonies at Yale, Brown, and Southern California, among other schools.

Schmich was shown saying "...ditch the headphones. Turn off the TV, the radio, the stereo. Wrench that cell phone from your ear. Stop talking. And you'll begin to notice who you are."

As astute alumni viewers noted that the network even got Wooster's name right in a printed caption.
Hilty, Kern retire from faculty after decades in classroom

The College honored the long tenure of two faculty members who retired this spring: Deborah Hilty (English) and Michael Kern (biology).

Hilty first taught English at Wooster from 1964 to 1967. She left to earn a doctorate in English literature from Case Western Reserve University and taught for a year at Bradley University before returning to Wooster’s English department in 1970.

Among the popular courses she offered over the years were Poetry by Women, Introduction to Non-Fictional Writing, Milton, and Language, Literature, and Culture.

In 1976, President Garber Drushal named Hilty his executive assistant, succeeding Alberta Colclaiser ’33. Hilty served in that role and as secretary of the Board of Trustees and secretary of the College through 2001.

“(Former president) Henry Copeland often reminded us that Wooster is ‘rich in human endowment’; I could not agree more. Trustees, faculty, administrative, and staff colleagues during my thirty-six years at the College were precious treasures. And as I rediscovered during my final year of teaching, our students are a vital part of the equation,” Hilty says. “I am grateful beyond words for the many opportunities Wooster afforded me to serve the institution in a variety of capacities. What a gift, what a blessing, what a source of extraordinary memories.”

Hilty has moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. “I plan to catch up on all the reading I didn’t get done while I was Secretary of the College,” she writes from out west. “I also hope to do some writing — poetry and memoir — and indulge in my passions for art and chamber music. Hiking in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains is also on the agenda, and, eventually, some travel” — once she finds shelving for all of her books.

Michael Kern earned a bachelor’s degree from Whittier College, then a master’s and doctorate from Washington State University. He joined Wooster’s biology department in 1976 and was named the Mateer Professor of Biology in 1998.

Kern taught Comparative Mammalian Physiology, Human Anatomy and Physiology, and Comparative Vertebrate Morphology. Students over the years have known him to be a precise instructor known for his highly detailed chalkboard drawings.

Kern served as a visiting scholar at Cardiff University in Wales, University of Manchester (United Kingdom), and University of California at Davis.

His research has involved the insulation value of birds’ nests and nesting activities of songbirds, blood nutrient levels in songbirds, and eggshell structure and gas-permeability.

Recent research has taken him to Wales, where he is looking at the effects of stream acidification on the eggs of Eurasian dippers and grey wagtails.

Retirement won’t slow Kern’s work much. Shortly after the spring semester finished, he returned to Wales to continue his research. He will return to the College in the fall semester to help teach part time.
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INDEPENDENT STUDY 2003

Wooster seniors explored topics ranging from Shakespeare's portrayal of madness to new theories of physics. Here they share their challenges and successes.

Left to right, from top: Alex Cox, Crissa Cooey, Tom Ahlfors, Sara Kennedy, Mike Mann, Barton Myers, Lauren Barney, Jeff Moffitt, Nikki Artes

Photos by Matt Dilyard
Feigned affliction, melancholy, desperation: Madness on stage

The audience files into Shoolroy Theatre to the slightly unhinged sounds of Shostakovich's String Quartet Number 8. Nervous, chattering violins and long, ominous pulls on the viola set the scene for "The Act of Madness," an acting recital performed by Alexander Cox in partial fulfillment of his I.S.

Why madness? "It kind of started out as a joke," he says. "I've played a lot of really crazy roles here at The College of Wooster... and a friend of mine suggested that since I was so experienced at playing crazy people, maybe I should just do [my I.S.] on madness."

While most of his experience had been with more contemporary roles, Cox found that early in the 1600s, the subject of madness suddenly became tremendously popular as a dramatic device. He decided to focus on different approaches to madness in the works of William Shakespeare and two contemporaries, Thomas Dekker and Thomas Middleton.

"Putting together a show by myself was both the toughest and the most useful aspect of I.S.," Cox says. "Piecing together different selections, trying to make it one flowing whole, selecting actors, directing actors — which I hate doing."

The performance was just one part of the work. His written I.S. draws on the work of Michael Foucault, who analyzed artistic representations of madness as a gauge of larger societal attitudes toward unreason. Cox found examples of each of Foucault's major categories — feigned madness, somber melancholics, desperate passion, and the madness of giddy and empty heads — in the works of Shakespeare and his contemporaries.

He also discovered that in seventeenth-century England, the concept of madness was in flux. Shakespeare presents an older vision in plays like Hamlet and King Lear: madness as a mysterious, mystical affliction, caused by the forces of the divine. Dekker takes a more clinical approach: madness as the result of physical forces.

"Dekker's The Honest Whore is a fascinating piece," Cox says. "Independent of the rest of the plot, these characters are visiting an insane asylum, and one by one different types of madmen are brought out and explained...Madmen by this time were starting to be considered a source of entertainment. A bit later, in England's Bedlam Hospital, one of their main sources of income was admitting tourists, essentially, to come and see the madmen. Pay a penny at the door and you could go and watch the madmen and their antics...You can see the beginnings of that in Dekker."

Cox's favorite selection was from Hamlet. He dreams of some day playing the role in full. For now, he has jobs lined up through next fall: first with the Great Lakes Medieval Fair, then the Hampstead Players, a classical touring group based in New Hampshire. "Beyond that," Cox says, "I have no idea. Acting is a very unsure profession. You just have to take things one step at a time."

The first steps seem pretty sure for someone who had never acted before coming to Wooster. It was, Cox reflects, "kind of a sudden thing. I took an acting class freshman year taught by Dale Shields. A very intimidating man, but he really sparked my interest. It just took off from there and I became a major and here I am."

"Dad was a little skeptical, but Mom thinks it's the greatest thing. She's positive I'm going to be a great big star someday."

In the Prince of Denmark's own words, "'tis a consummation devoutly to be wish'd."

— John Hopkins
Hazardous conditions: Why birds and vehicles don’t coexist well

Why do birds, despite their magnificent navigational systems, so often meet their demise on the nation’s roadways? For her I.S., titled “Road Kill” for short, Crissa Cooey took on that question.

Cooey looked at road width, traffic count, speed, nearby habitat, and variations in temperature to see what effect these variables might have on fatal encounters between birds and vehicles.

After conducting a preliminary study that netted 225 dead birds in her hometown of Bethany, West Virginia, last summer, Cooey considered several hypotheses. “Birds are attracted to roadways because of the presence of grit (tiny pebbles that aid in digestion), and I thought that might explain why so many are killed in the process,” she says. “Twigs for nesting and sources of food, like berries, are often found near the road.”

Other possible factors in vehicle-induced bird mortality, according to Cooey, deal with natural instincts and laws of physics. “Some species of birds lay their eggs on the ground, and they may mistake cars for predators,” she says. “In an effort to protect the eggs, the bird may actually attack the vehicle to keep it away from the eggs, which obviously leads to disastrous consequences. It’s also a fact that birds can fly faster when they are closer to the ground because there is less air resistance, but this increases the risk of colliding with a car or truck.”

Anxious to test her theories, Cooey began harvesting dead birds on a dozen roadways in five Wayne County habitats — field, wooded, residential, business, and farm — last September. Following three months of weekly scavenging hunts that she described as sometimes “gruesome,” Cooey netted 75 birds representing 15 species, including 24 house sparrows, three purple finches, two American robins, two northern cardinals, two American crows, two northern mockingbirds, one eastern screech owl, and one red-tailed hawk. Not surprisingly, fifteen of the birds were unidentifiable.

“I found that road characteristics and nearby habitat were not factors in bird mortality,” she says. “A bird was just as likely to be hit on a rural two-lane highway as on a four-lane interstate.” The difference in the number of bird deaths among the twelve roadways was not statistically significant.

One variable that did make a difference was temperature. “The lower the temperature, the fewer the number of bird deaths on the highways,” she says. “This led me to conclude that when the weather is warm, birds are more likely to venture out and forage for food and other resources. When it is cold, they are likely to stay closer to their natural habitat.”

Lyn Loveless (biology), Cooey’s I.S. adviser, praised the student’s effort, energy, and enthusiasm. “This was a very creative way of trying to look at human impacts on wildlife,” Loveless says. “Crissa tracked a lot of miles and collected a lot of data. It was a novel piece of work, and I think she learned a great deal about a subject that was very interesting to her.”

Cooey has lined up internships in Oregon and Hawaii for the coming year. She plans eventually to pursue a Ph.D. in conservation biology.

— John Finn
First steps to new theories for modeling the physical world

For 300 years, physicists have used the differential calculus developed by Sir Isaac Newton to model the natural world, from how water flows downhill to how satellites orbit the Earth. But some theoretical physicists believe a more effective tool may ultimately be developed, based upon something called cellular automata.

"That's the challenge for twenty-first century physics," says John Lindner (physics). With Lindner as his adviser, Jeff Moffitt tackled one small piece of that challenge in his I.S.

Modeling a phenomenon like the collision of two electrons using calculus requires a lot of calculations. But, as Lindner points out, "the two electrons themselves surely do not do calculus to determine what's going to happen." Perhaps they do something much simpler: update their state based upon some simple rule governing the relationship between each electron and what immediately surrounds it.

That's the theory behind cellular automata. It divides space and time into discrete cells, and posits that each cell has only a finite (albeit perhaps large) number of states, which are continually updated, based on the states of surrounding cells, according to specific rules. A cellular automaton is a mechanism for applying a particular set of rules to that updating process. Even simple rules can lead to complex behavior.

Cellular automata have been developed to model everything from highway traffic patterns to the flight of a flock of birds.

Moffitt looked at a phenomenon — which he and Lindner dubbed "self-erasing perturbations" — present in a subset of cellular automata called Abelian sandpiles. (They're not real sandpiles, more like computer-generated checkerboards with checkers piled to different heights in each square.) He found that one could create a pattern in the sandpile — something as complex as a black-and-white reproduction of the Mona Lisa — obliterate it with a particular rule called a generator, then restore the original pattern by applying another rule. That discovery could apply to the encryption of data.

In many ways, Moffitt says, his work has been more like an applied mathematics I.S., but "the mathematics available to us shapes the way we think about problems. We've had differential calculus for 300 years and cellular automata for about 30. We're trying to understand (cellular automata) well enough that we can start to construct physical theories. That's a ways off, but these are the first steps."

"The joke around the department is this really isn't a physics I.S., so they're not going to pass me."

That didn't happen. Moffitt won a National Science Foundation fellowship worth $27,500 a year for the next three years. He is headed for graduate school at University of California-Berkeley. (He was accepted everywhere he applied, including MIT, Harvard, Caltech, and Stanford.)

Moffitt chose Wooster because he wanted a liberal arts college with a strong science program, but he also wanted a school where he wouldn't be pigeonholed as a scientist. An accomplished amateur violinst, he played with the Wooster Symphony and the chamber ensemble. He knows that undergraduates at big research universities may have more science courses under their belts when they arrive at grad school, but "Wooster prepares you in other ways," he says. "Wooster taught me how to think and learn." — John Hopkins
On the trail of Civil War guerrillas

I.S. gave Barton Myers the opportunity to pursue his passion for Civil War history. Myers focused on a rarely examined aspect: the Confederates' use of partisan ranger units in border regions and behind Union lines between April 1862 and February 1864.

The cavalry units were an experiment in government-sanctioned guerilla warfare as well as an effort to redress the chronic manpower imbalance between South and North. Myers looked at how the experiment impacted Southern identity and social order.

The ranger units were led not by the plantation-owning elite but by members of the professional and nascent middle class, who saw an opportunity to move up in the social order by outflanking the military hierarchy. The units were authorized despite the misgivings of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Myers writes that Davis viewed guerilla war as a threat to a unifying nationalism in the South and believed that it would undermine a fragile but established military command structure.

With a Copeland Fund grant, Myers conducted research at the Virginia Historical Society and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He also examined letters of application in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., from individuals wishing to raise partisan ranger units.

John Singleton Mosby was one of the best-known partisan leaders. Mosby succeeded in pulling himself up in the world thanks to his wartime exploits. "He ends up becoming a U.S. emissary to Hong Kong after the war, has a fairly successful career as a lawyer, and Ulysses S. Grant becomes a good friend of his."

Other stories didn't end so well. Many units operated as little more than organized bands of looters, preying on their fellow Southerners. Charles Quantrill's unit became notorious for murdering civilians and spawned a who's who of post-war outlaws, including Frank and Jesse James and Cole Younger.

Southerners disbanded the ranger units in February 1864. "If Southern elites could not govern the activities of their partisan soldiers," Myers wrote, "they did not want their services... It took only twenty-two months for the majority of government officials to see the threat which guerrillas posed to their social order."

Myers has spent almost that long studying the Southern guerrillas. His junior I.S. adviser, John Gates, was the main reason Myers came to Wooster. After sitting in on his evolution of war class, Myers remembers, "Dr. Gates sat down and talked with me for about an hour. I thought, 'Wow, I'm coming here.'" Between Gates and Jeff Roche, his I.S. adviser, "I had the best of both worlds: the military historian and the Southern historian." He is pursuing a doctorate in Southern history at the University of Georgia. He'd like to teach or work as an historian at a Civil War battlefield. — J.H.

mean to black women

duce such as okra or cheap cuts from the butcher such as chitlins.

Some findings surprised Kennedy. "I came in with my preconceptions of black women's experiences. One woman, who holds a Ph.D., stressed the use of food as love in a way that I thought a working woman would find oppressive."

Kennedy "wove a variety of perspectives, both academic and personal, into her narrative," says one of her advisers, Heather FitzGibbon (sociology and women's studies). "She negotiated issues of race very well, because here she was, a white woman presenting the perspective of black women. She had a sociologist and a philosopher (Charles Peterson, black studies) constantly throwing new works at her. And she worked in her personal perspective at an appropriate level — she was able to talk honestly about the perspectives she brought to the project without it becoming about her."

That perspective includes the fact that neither Kennedy nor her mother spend much time in the kitchen, while her father is a "superb" cook. Kennedy grew up in Indonesia, where hired cooks prepared her meals. Her overseas experience also gave her an early awareness of her own race and gender. At Wooster, she found black studies fascinating and women's studies "eye opening." She hopes to study midwifery and nursing, perhaps in a joint graduate program. — Lisa Watts

Sara Kennedy
Black studies/women's studies
That's Just Her Magic: An Investigation of Black Women's Experiences in the Kitchen
Charles Peterson and Heather FitzGibbon, advisers

Barton Myers
History
Controlling Chaos: Negotiated Conduct and White Identity in the Civil War South, 1861-1865
Jeff Roche, adviser

J.H.
When Coke adds life: A look at the role of beverage consumption in the United States and Mexico border communities

Sarah Nichole Artes
Anthropology
Agua Dolce de la Vida (Sweet Water of Life): The Cultural Construction of the Soft Drink in Colonias Along the United States and Mexico Border
Pam Frese, adviser

Comp sci meets world affairs: Analyzing presidents’ actions during crises

We may not yet be able to peer into the minds of others and observe their decision-making processes, but Thomas Ahlfors has an alternative.

An international relations and computer science double major, Ahlfors skillfully blended the two disciplines in his I.S., which involved computer analyses of public statements by John F. Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, and George H. W. Bush.

Using three models — cognitive mapping, operational coding, and conceptual complexity — Ahlfors took parts of speeches by the former presidents and fed them into several computer programs (one of which he wrote) to examine how the leaders handled their most significant international crisis.

In the first model, Ahlfors used cognitive mapping to evaluate relationships between various concepts. He focused on the presidents’ factual beliefs about the state of the world as well as their political and strategic goals. From this evaluation, he attempted to predict logical outcomes. For example, when the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in 1980, Carter threatened a United States boycott of the Olympic Games that summer. The Soviet Union did not withdraw by Carter’s deadline, so the United States refused to participate in the games.

Two decades earlier, Kennedy called for a naval blockade, or quarantine, of Cuba that would not be lifted until the Soviet Union stopped construction of missile sites in that country. Ultimately, the Soviet Union acquiesced and withdrew from Cuba, after which Kennedy lifted the blockade.

“In these cases, the presidents’ actions were consistent with what the program suggested,” says Ahlfors, who mapped 13 Kennedy speeches, 30 of Carter’s, and 39 of Bush’s. “In fact, the prediction matched the outcome in at least 16 of 17 cases, the remaining case being inconclusive.”

The operational coding model was used to determine how a leader views the world philosophically, particularly in the depiction of “harmonious versus conflictual.” Based on the data, Ahlfors plotted a graph with quadrants for four behaviors: appeasement, assurance, coercive diplomacy, and brinkmanship. The predictions were in line with actual behavior.

The conceptual complexity model assessed whether a leader’s view was complex or simplistic. Individuals who tend to see an issue as clear-cut are classified as having low conceptual complexity. Individuals likely to consider a wider range of options are thought to have high conceptual complexity. All three presidents ranked on the high side, a prediction that corresponded with their behavior.

Ahlfors’s use of computer programs to automate content analysis is on the cutting edge of what’s being done in the discipline. Amon Seagull (computer science), his co-adviser. “I was most impressed by the amount of work and the complexity of the software. It was as impressive an I.S. as any in the department this year.”

Kent Kille (political science), also an adviser, agrees. “It is an I.S. of incredible quality, especially for a double major to be able to go into depth in both international relations and computer science. His research is on the cutting edge of what’s being done in the discipline.”

Ahlfors, who is from Brown’s Bay in Antigua and Barbuda, plans a career in diplomatic relations. He was delighted to prove a point. “I wanted to show that international relations and computer science have a connection,” he says. “This proves that there can be a link between the two.”

— J.F.

Wooster
of soft drinks in border towns

(his host) and Artes played innkeepers who turn the pregnant “Mary” away — but not before Senora gave her a small 7Up. She later explained that she could “never truly let a person in need pass by, because it could be someone as holy as Mary.” The 7Up, as a clear soda, was like a gift of alcohol, the highest honor, but more fitting for a pregnant woman.

“I loved the interviews. I’m not completely fluent in Spanish, so I had to use some hand motions,” Artes says. “And transcribing the tapes took me forever.”

Beyond her observations, Artes examined literature and theories of the economics, advertising, health effects, and social behavior around food and drink.

“Nikki excelled in I.S.; she really brought together all her abilities,” says her adviser, Pam Frese (anthropology/sociology). Part of Artes’ success was her successful presentation of an insider’s view, the perspective of the colonias residents, Frese says. And she put that perspective in writing so well that readers can feel the heat and excitement of the Christmas pageant or taste the soft drink as a small boy guzzles it.

Artes wants to work in public health but with an anthropological perspective, respecting local knowledge and customs. Last summer she worked as an intern in Anchorage, Alaska, on issues related to the health and diet of the Aleutians. The experience was “amazing,” and she’d love to return to that area of the country, perhaps after graduate school. — L.W.

Michael Mann
Economics
A New Foundation for Microfinance Impact Analyses: An Empirical Analysis on the Household Level in Uganda
James Warner, adviser

How small loans affect African households

Michael Mann’s I.S. involved long stretches of time crunching data on the computer — hours that he would have rather spent outside, hiking or rock climbing. But the data analysis was a means to several ends. For one, his evaluation of how microfinance banks impact household welfare in Uganda is a way to thank the country where he lived as a student during his junior year. He plans to send his study to relevant Ugandan government offices.

“I’ve been able to give back just a slice of what my host family, new friends, and the streets of Kampala and Mbarrara taught me about myself and the world I live in,” Mann says.

Microfinance banking involves small bank loans to groups of mutually responsible borrowers who don’t have enough physical collateral for traditional loans. The concept started in Bangladesh and has spread worldwide, Mann says, providing loans of about $50 to $300 for anything from buying more produce to sell at a market stand to purchasing a sewing machine.

Mann’s first hurdle was finding and collecting the data last fall. From a World Bank Web site, Mann located “just about every recent survey of African households.” After obtaining permission from the Ugandan government to use its data set, he requested the files from the World Bank — and waited a long month before the information arrived.

Mann then cut his information down to about two thousand Ugandan households. He determined two measures of household well-being: the amount of household consumption, per person, and the value of household assets, per person. He found a very positive relation between microfinance loans and household consumption, but not as positive with household assets.

“In addition, I found that savings groups have a significant positive impact on household welfare, so I advise the promotion of savings groups.” His findings give evidence that microfinance banking and savings groups are powerful tools to combat poverty at the household level.

Mann likes the real-world potential of economics. He started as a biology major, then considered computer science and sociology before discovering economics. The major “just clicked with my learning style, which is very visual, and the faculty really engaged me with the material.”

Mann will travel to Ethiopia this fall to help his I.S. adviser, Jim Warner (economics), implement the government’s decentralization process. Among Mann’s goals are to continue to travel to new places and play an active role while he’s there. “I’m not sure where I want to go,” he says, “but I’m sure I have the tools to get there.” — L.W.
Saying thanks: A few acknowledgements

Culled from the pages of I.S. projects this spring:

“It is absolutely lovely to be the only one in my group of friends still working on I.S. on March 24, 2003. Yes, I delayed getting things done on purpose, just to get my friends to say nice things and give me encouragement. BUSTED!!...”
— Jaehwa Lee, political science

“I would also like to thank the many eighties music artists that helped give me entertainment throughout this process. Lastly, I would like to thank Journey for their contribution of music in the completion of my project, without them I would not have made it as far as I have.”
— Charles M. Schneider, psychology

For my father,
Who always told me
To “dream big”

For my mother,
Who showed me that
No dream is small

For my brother,
Who also
Dreams big dreams
— Lauren Adelle Bailey, women’s studies

“Wooster — you have given me some of the loveliest of times and introduced me to some of the nicest people. It’s been a great experience.”
— Sara Asad, economics

Where are they now? Young alumni share

Maggie Odle ’99 designed her major in Native American Studies because she yearned for more knowledge of her family’s Cherokee heritage. The summer before her senior year, Odle started her Independent Study journey on the Qualla Reservation in the Great Smoky Mountains near Asheville, North Carolina. She spent the summer interviewing and listening, learning not only of the reservation’s past but of her own as well. In the end, she collected many stories that formed the core of her 329-page I.S. Odle said that she gained a lot of respect for the translators who took extensive amounts of time to help her interview and communicate with the people of the reservation.

Four years later, Odle is still interested in Native American culture. At her home in Nashville, Tennessee, she is looking forward to fostering a Native American nonprofit resource center. She still collects stories.

Odle’s I.S. project not only taught her the mechanics of interviewing and collecting nostalgia but also about her history. It turned out to be much more than a senior project — it was a self-discovery.

Last year, Odle earned a real estate license. She enjoys the one-on-one time with her clients, a form of interviewing not too different from collecting stories. It is exciting, she says, to help people achieve their dreams.

Ali Booher Chann ’95 dedicated her honors Independent Study, “Searching for Artistic Unity Through Puppet Theatre,” to her grandfather, Aubrey Booher, who built her imagination, her confidence, and her priorities.

The elder Booher was a storyteller who convinced Chann that she could do many wonderful things with her hands. During Christmas break of her senior year, Chann turned her parent’s basement into a workshop from which she emerged every so often with a new creation. She designed eight characters to portray The Rainbow Crow, a Native American folktale, and then performed as the Skunk alongside classmates.

After graduation Chann left her native Newark, Ohio, to earn a master’s of puppetry at the University of Connecticut. That experience was far different from Wooster, she recalls. She didn’t have to write nearly as many papers at Connecticut, but missed Wooster’s broad course of studies.

Odle in 1999, in the back of her truck that she lived in while interviewing Cherokees

Booher and her puppets made the cover of the Summer 1995 Wooster
Check the List

Can't get enough I.S.? Find a list of all 2003 I.S. projects on the Web, www.wooster.edu/is/database.html, searchable by student name or major.

I.S. by NAMES and NUMBERS

Compiled by Kate Carden ’06, Molly Moreland ’03, and Katherine Nicholson ’03

First I.S. handed in:

“Animating Japanese History: Indelible Truths and Malleable Fictions,” Matthew Wagner, history

Last I.S.:

“Postmodernist Attitude: Study of Recent Popular Opinion on War in Economically Advanced Democracies,” Jaehwa Lee, political science

What I.S. means now

Back in Newark, Chann owns a puppet company, ‘Inchanted Images’. While her husband, Michael, is serving with the military in Iraq, the business is on hold to allow Chann to be a full-time mother to her daughter.

Chann’s late grandfather would be proud to know that his guidance still pushes her to fulfill her dreams with imagination and confidence.

The more than fifty pottery pieces that Jeff Nimeh ’98 created for his I.S. drew on a long heritage of Asian potters. Nimeh’s elegant pieces were inspired by a summer pottery class in which his instructor introduced Japanese aesthetics.

For the past five years Nimeh has lived in New York City. He works for production pottery companies, making pieces for large corporations. He also teaches some adult pottery classes and hopes to someday be a full-time potter.

Looking back, Nimeh realizes now that his time at Wooster was “amazing,” because he could fully embrace his medium. He says that creating his I.S. collection of pottery took intense focus and perseverance.

— Kate Carden ’06

Longest title:


Shortest titles:

“Red,” Cara Milne, English, and “7,” Devon Herl, studio art

Number of I.S. projects that mention George W. Bush in the title:

5

Interesting titles:

“Addressing Issues of Urban Sprawl Through Picture Books,” Beth Sophie Hemminger, art

“You Can Call Me Crazy But...: A Look at Why the World Really is Flat and How Chemistry Can Prove It,” Ethan Williams, chemistry

“Born to Be Wild: The Image of the Outlaw Motorcyclist,” Brian Thomay, history

“Communicating Through Tattoos,” George Radigan, communication

“?: An Exploration ofExistentialism,” Jennifer Novicki, English

“The Effects of Embarrassment in Private and Public Situations on a Physiological Measure of Blushing,” Alison Herndon, psychology
For months, Lauren Barney '03 cut, stitched, and hot-glued in her tiny Ebert Art I.S. studio, creating statements of fashion out of unlikely materials — brown paper, felt, roping, and translucent plastic sheeting. "I explored different class levels and how assumptions about those class levels can be derived from your clothing," she says. "I used history to set up examples of styles and fabrics that denote status."

"Lauren chose to work sculpturally, using methods and forms associated with fashion, in an attempt to raise questions about how society is manipulated by the fashion industry," says Walter Zurko (art), her adviser. "Her craftsmanship and ideas were particularly strong, and she presented her work well."

Barney has moved to New York City, where she hopes to find creative work in the fashion industry.

Above, Barney works in her I.S. studio. She camped out there most evenings, often until midnight. "I loved my space. It became a very comfortable place to work, like a home."

Right, Barney and Zurko look over her version of a Victorian collar. The original collars "were very constricting and symbolized wealth. I used
cheap, atypical materials. It’s the roping used for the outside of pillows — I sewed it together and used glue.” Behind her hangs a clump of castings of high-heeled shoes made of brown paper and wallpaper paste. “Women can be obsessive about shoes, they have to have the newest style for each season, so they get this immense amount of shoes piling up in the closet.”

▼ Her installation of bodices with excessively long sleeves signified a social group. Barney told viewers to interact with the installation by walking through the pieces. Some were white with a straitjacket feel. “The green were more powerful and hung higher,” she says. “I made these out of felt because it’s atypical for clothing, it has no stretch or give.” Behind the bodices, Barney consults with Zurko as she hangs two shirts of clear vinyl. One is stuffed with cotton, the other with basil, facial powder, basketry twigs, and hair, representations of wealth.

▼ Barney’s three bodices earned her one of six merit awards from among 181 entries to the “2003 Student Biennial,” a juried exhibition this spring sponsored by the Five Colleges of Ohio consortium.

“Today (social status through dress) isn’t about what you have, because everybody has access to most materials, but about how much you have.” — L.B.
The fifth-floor corner office in Davidson Hall at the University of Michigan Business School is a favorite gathering spot for current and former students of George Siedel ’67. Because Siedel works so closely with the thirty-five or so students who enroll in the Senior Seminar each year, from the time they apply as juniors until after graduation, many stay in touch with him long after they’ve left Michigan.

Visits to Ann Arbor often include a call on Siedel for advice about careers and letters of reference when changing jobs or applying to graduate programs. He enjoys the student contact and celebrates milestones in students’ lives. Last January, Siedel flew to Bombay, India, to participate in a student’s wedding.

George and his colleague, George Cameron, launched the Senior Seminar program in 1992 as a means of linking their students’ first two years of liberal arts study with the second two years of business courses. In 1991, Siedel became sole director of the seminar.

Business school can be a little too vocational, too first-job oriented,” he says. “In the Senior Seminar, we encourage students to relate their business studies to their liberal arts courses, to look at issues in a broader context — the cultural, ethical, historical, political, and/or social setting.”

Siedel’s model for such a program? His own Independent Study at The College of Wooster in the 1960s.

“I loved the whole I.S. experience,” Siedel says. “For a farm boy from down the road in Medina, Wooster was a liberating experience.

His I.S. project grew out of a favorite course, American Social History, taught by Clayton Ellsworth (history faculty member from 1931 to 1971). The course integrated a number of themes, including art, and touched on the American painter Peter Blume. Intrigued, Siedel decided to examine Blume’s life and work and relate it to the social history of his time. The research included a trip to New York City to see some Blume paintings. He remembers in particular being invited to sit in the dining room of entrepreneur and art collector Armand Hammer to view one large Blume piece — heady stuff for a college kid.

“I.S. really set the tone for my career. I loved the research, loved the independence and the ability to control what I was working on.”

From Wooster, Siedel went to law school at the University of Michigan and won a Ford Foundation grant to study
comparative law at Cambridge University for a year. He practiced for a few years before deciding to teach law at Michigan's business school. Teaching, he says, felt like a calling, was hooked, after my time at Wooster. I had so many great role models.”

In the Senior Seminar, Siedel watches students discover their own love of independent research. “The Senior Seminar generates unbounded enthusiasm for research,” he says, recalling two students who went on a spring break cruise and spent hours comparing notes on their theses. Their annoyed travel companions finally made three topics off limits: politics, former boyfriends, and senior theses.

“I've had students tell me, 'Once I get into the research, I can't stop reading.' This is an unusual complaint for seniors,” says Siedel.

He encourages Senior Seminar students to think big, to do something that will have an impact beyond the walls of the business school. He cites some distinguished role models, including John F. Kennedy, who began his book, Profiles in Courage, as a senior thesis at Harvard.

“It is important for students to have a broader view of the world. The business community is telling us the same thing. We want students to think more broadly. The Senior Seminar is helping achieve that goal,” Siedel says.

Still, so much advising and encouraging takes time. While librarians and writing consultants are assigned to each student, advising students and directing their research is up to Siedel. “Two-thirds of my teaching load focuses on a year-long course for thirty-five students with a far greater time commitment than traditional courses,” Siedel notes. “It's a completely irrational thing for me to do. But I love the chance not only to see the change in students but also to get to know them personally. These are exceptionally bright students. I can't think of a better way to spend my time.”

His work hasn't gone unnoticed. In 1993-96, the University of Michigan Board of Regents recognized Siedel as an Arthur Thurnau Professor for his outstanding teaching. In 1997 he was appointed Williamson Family Professor of Business Administration. He held a Distinguished Chair in the Humanities and Social Sciences in the Fulbright Scholar program in 2001 and has served as a visiting professor at Stanford and Harvard business schools. In addition to the Senior Seminar, Siedel teaches the MBA Negotiation and Dispute Resolution course, co-directs the executive program for senior managers, and directs a nine-week MBA Essentials Program for a major consulting firm.

“Professor Siedel is a major reason why I look back on the Senior Seminar so fondly,” says Raj Ramanan, a 2000 Michigan graduate and Rhodes Scholar finalist whose senior thesis looked at “Business Insights from the Bhagavad-Gita: Resolving Ethical Dilemmas.”

“He is very learned, with deep knowledge in a diverse array of topics. He is a gifted instructor with the ability to foster a caring, risk-free environment during our discussions. Professor Siedel is a father figure, he genuinely cares about each student.”

Father figure indeed. Thanks to Siedel, Wooster's I.S. offspring may soon bear its own child. After observing the Senior Seminar program at Michigan, faculty at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania are working to expand their undergraduate student research seminar. Thomas Dunfee, vice dean and director of the Wharton Undergraduate Division, served as a visiting professor at Michigan's business school a few years ago and liked what he saw of the Senior Seminar.

“We offer a year-long seminar for our Joseph Wharton Scholars, which involves presentations by many of our leading faculty concerning their own research in the fall, and then the students do a major paper in the spring semester,” Dunfee explains. "We are seeking to expand this with more faculty involved in direct supervision of student research projects.

“I was very impressed with the course at Michigan, particularly as to the amount of direct and detailed supervision that Professor Siedel provides. You can't just show students examples of research and expect them to go out and conduct quality research. Intense supervision and support are required.”

Adapted with permission from a piece by Mary Jo Frank in Dividend, a publication of the University of Michigan Business School.
This Time of Our Lives

Forty-five years after leaving college, we reconnect with old friends, meet new fiancés, and plot the overthrow of the government—all in one weekend in June.

by Anne Gieser Hunt '58

This was George Kandle’s first Wooster reunion. The former chaplain at Sing Sing prison, now a pastoral counselor, Kandle graduated in 1958, forty-five years ago. So why come back now?

“I’m preparing for elderhood,” George said. “Instead of focusing on the future, I’m trying to integrate more of the past.” Elderhood is a term coined by Eugene C. Blanchi, author of Elder Wisdom: Crafting Your Own Elderhood, and George teaches those concepts in a workshop. He talked classmate Larry Sgontz into coming to the reunion, especially to reflect about their time together in First Section. Larry, a retired University of Iowa economics professor, was president of the section the year after George. He’s writing a book about his ancestry, and he welcomed the opportunity to revisit his own history with George.

The reunion committee had no thought of providing an elderhood experience when we met last October to plan the weekend. But, in fact, that’s just what we did. The committee—class presidents Don Custis and Paul Reeder, secretaries Bob
‘If we aren’t rich, we have to be funny,’ Jan Moser Watson ’58 told her alumna daughter, who was jealous of all the laughter, reminiscing, and serious conversation that the Class of ’58 enjoyed.

Carter and yours truly, Nana Landgraf Newberry, Catherine Tisinger, Henry “Hop” and Alison Swager Hopper and Peg McAnlis Mueller — surveyed classmates about what they wanted. “Opportunities to tell stories” was the top request hands-down, followed by “time to talk about what we care about now,” and “What is Wooster doing, and how can we relate to its future?” Classmates wanted to give meaning to the past, share new responsibilities and activities that are emerging in this stage of life, and find ways to be involved in the College that are right for our class — we refuse to be intimidated by multi-million dollar gifts!

Peg Mueller’s PowerPoint presentation of photos from college days (with every person identified) was a knock-out way to start the Friday night gathering. The stories flew around the room as photos jogged our aging memory banks. Story telling allows us to retell and revise history in ways that heal and reconcile. We can laugh at what was once humiliating, irresponsible, or hurtful.

The show was a hard act to follow, but Bruce Hunt, who has always liked to get up in front of a group, didn’t waste a minute in transitioning to an Open Space Technology (OST) exercise. The design, based on theories of Harrison Owen (www.openspaceworld.org), first nudged the group of about seventy-five into a large circle. Bruce encouraged people to take a piece of paper, write on it a topic they’d like to talk about, and post it somewhere around the room. Others then sought what interests them. Bruce explained the four principles: (1.) Which ever people join are the right people. (2.) Whatever happens is the only thing that could happen. (3.) Whenever it starts is the right time. (4.) When it’s over, it’s over. He also issued the “Law of Mobility” — if, during the gathering, you are neither learning nor contributing, you must use your two feet to go to a more productive space. In less than five minutes, we had seven topics: vocation after age 65; the power of music; one to three things that guide your life; literature; peace; the class gift to the College in 2008; and discussion of the book, The DaVinci Code.

Some people sought out friends and made their own groups. The DaVinci Code leader moved on to become one of the most vocal in the peace group, the largest group, which continued to attract folks throughout the evening. Web links and e-mail addresses flew around that table. Many of these people, who had not known one another an hour before, enthusiastically engaged in conversation that flowed from one subject to another. Individuals shared changes in their lives that now allowed them time to become more involved with church and community activities, grandchildren, travel, continuing education, physical exercise, and creative arts, crafts, gardening and music. For some of us, this has also been a time of spiritual renewal. What struck me was the incredible energy in the room — no one wanted to leave!

The storytelling continued the next day after lunch. The committee’s original plan was to solicit stories from classmates, to provide material for an improvisational theater-style skit titled “Live and In Person.” A last minute cancellation by the “host” resulted in an even more impromptu format. Not all of the solicited stories were presented, but we created the circle again, and the show went on — with Dr. William Kieffer (chemistry, emeritus) and Dr. Stuart Ling (music, emeritus) and his...
wife, Terry, listening in.

We got started on a series of anecdotes about the legendary English professor/dean of women, Marjorie “Ma” Golder. Bruce Rigdon remembered writing a paper under her tutelage that included interviews with a handful of Ohio residents who had been a part of Gertrude Stein’s 1920 salons. After reading the paper, which included some explicit sexual language, Mrs. Golder said, with a funny smile on her face, “I’d been planning to have a long discussion about this with you, but I think I won’t.”

In response to Alice Hageman’s request for more trips to the Cleveland Symphony, Mrs. Golder replied, “I doubt it. Our goal is to keep your lives simple and pleasant.” My own unforgettable memory is of Ma Golder telling me after graduation (I’d been married during my senior year), “You turned out a lot better than I thought you would.”

We remembered other faculty as well. One day, the renowned Dr. Richard Gore (music) was practicing the organ in the chapel. Unnoticed, Paul Randell walked in with several prospective students. Hitting a wrong note, Dr. Gore proclaimed loudly, “Oh, sxxt!” Realizing he had an audience, he turned and announced “...a little known German composer.” In another Dr. Gore story, Alison Hopper told of coming upon the master in the chapel balcony, stretched out along a pew during a concert.

Bob McKnight, an actor and great storyteller, reminded us of the time a bunch of masked Second Section boys robbed Eighth Section’s “Monte Carlo” party of its phony money, using names of Sixth Section brothers to wrongly place the blame. Ken Heaps knew, but wouldn’t talk. Dave Messina later confessed that he and Don Dixon had “borrowed” some chloroform from the chemistry lab (in the name of scientific inquiry) to sedate a pig for the escapade. “The pigs looked small and harmless from a distance, but they turned out to be really big,” he remembers.

We ended the after-lunch session with Hop’s pantomime of his board-job waiter heaving an overly full, heavy tray across the room. Now there’s a metaphor for life that some of us recognized!

The tales went on through the afternoon as we waited to have our pictures taken and toured the much-changed campus. English professor Freddy Moore was indeed an endearing character. During Religion in Life Week, there were posters all over campus. Dr. Moore came bursting into class. “Leave your soul alone. It will grow!” As we laughed about that story, a participant’s daughter, also attending a reunion, came by. She wanted to stay and play with us. “Your group is a lot more fun than mine,” she whined. “If we aren’t rich, we have to be funny,” Jan Moser Watson commented.

In reality, our class has suffered plenty of sadness:

divorces, businesses failed, jobs lost. We’ve encountered mortality through life-threatening illnesses and deaths of partners, parents, children, and dear friends. But we also have found love that never dies, and for some, new love. Ken Heaps, whose wife was killed two years ago, has found someone in the Ukraine to love and assuage his loneliness. Catherine Tisinger, always too busy to marry, brought her fiancé, Walter MacIntosh, to the reunion. We gave him our stamp of approval and well wishes as they marry this summer. Alice Hageman arrived with her “senior companion,” Aubrey Brown, a long-time friend who was widowed several years ago. Aubrey got right up there at the Saturday dinner and joined the “58 Chorus in the “Wooster Wiffinpoof Song” and “40 Notes for 40 Years.”

Some, like Dave Messina, say that it is primarily the friendships that keep them connected to the college. “I came back because I didn’t want to lose the experience and friendships at Wooster,” he said. For others, Wooster is “blood.” For me, writing the class notes and working with the Wooster magazine staff has revitalized my interest in the school.

The reunion planners tried to identify something that would raise the interest of our classmates, not just in the class, but in the College. Cathy Tisinger, a former college president, dean, and now faculty member of a small liberal arts college, shared her concerns about the future of liberal arts education. James Hodges (history emeritus) spoke to us at the reunion. Wooster’s adherence to and support of liberal arts is threatened by the current demand for education that “prepares a student for the first job,” Hodges told the group.

We also talked about tuition costs that potentially limit who can gain an education. Cathy asked reunion participants to complete a survey on our liberal arts experiences at Wooster and since then. Those results will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, I’d say that a group of people who see taking over the American Association of Retired Persons as a means to political power (as some of our classmates suggested on Friday night) can find creative ways to support liberal arts education at The College of Wooster.

Our classmates are just the ones to speak to the effectiveness of liberal arts education in the development of and long-term success of professional skills in business, service industries, and community organizations — we’ve been there and done it! We also can vouch for liberal arts as the foundation of lifelong learning, long into our elderhood.
Some '70s guys hit the road.

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1928 Louise IRWIN
Kittredge Clark

greatly regrets that she could not come to our 75th reunion, "I have missed only one other reunion, and that year (1943) gasoline was so restricted because of the war effort that I was unable to come." Louise sends warm greetings to all.

1929 We celebrate the service-filled life of Fred Christian, who died in March (see Obituaries), with the following bits, adapted from a tribute written by family members and Ed Arn '31.

Fred held all sorts of jobs in high school and college, avoiding nothing: furnace repair, Real Silk sales, and ice hauling, to name only a few. He entered Wooster with financial help from the College and the national Presbyterian church. Almost immediately he reported for football practice and became a bulwark at tackle. In those days men played without the protection of modern equipment, resulting in numerous and often serious injuries. The squads were one-third the size of today's armies, so talented people spent much more time on the playing field than on the bench. Fred frequently suffered nagging injuries, but he played anyway. No one questioned his courage.

In a game with the U of Akron, Fred, playing at tackle, intercepted an errant pass and headed for the Wooster goal line, 50 yards away. Not a fast runner, he needed help, which came in the person of Ralph "Racky" Young, a tough blocking back. Racky cleared away the first rush of opponents, got up, and after catching up with Fred, blocked out more of the opposition while Fred rambled on for the only touchdown of his college career. Fred's only regret was that his girlfriend of the day was late for the game and missed his climb to glory.

Much later, during his long career, Fred and his wife, Eva, were instrumental in organizing a program eventually called The Christian International Gift Shop. The Presbyterian denomination and Fred's Westfield, NJ, congregation sent Eva and Fred around the world to seek out prospective young pastors who would serve in an American church for a year or two.

The trip took them to Hong Kong, where thousands of people were homeless. Eva and Fred discovered a project where invalid young women, wounded during the war, were involved in a sweater production enterprise. They sent a quantity of the sweaters back home, where they quickly sold. They then sent other articles, and the project grew. The Christians set up their own nonprofit company, with "Helping People to Help Themselves" as its mission. The gift shop was featured at 19 Presbyterian General Assemblies.

1931 Someone send some news, please.

of buildings that still stand from the early 1930s, those that have been built since then, those that are only about a year old, and even the construction site of a new campus dormitory.

Our time together ended with dinner at the Wooster Inn on Saturday evening. The group did not constitute a quorum of the entire class, but we needed to name class officers. We agreed that Alberta Colclaser will continue as president and Edward Heyde as secretary. Each class member is requested to write at least one letter a year to Ed to fill the column with interesting news.

Kingsley Hamilton died on Jan. 20 (see Obituaries). Sympathy goes to his son, his daughter, Jeanne H. Lewellen ‘71, and his grandchildren, who include Nicholas Lewellen ‘00 and Andrew Lewellen ‘03.

We also sympathize with John Hartzler, whose wife, Christine, died on Mar. 7, 2003. She was a gracious lady who attended many class functions with John.

Ed Heyde, 4504 Lincoln Ave., Vancouver, WA 98663-1766.

1934 Mil Schuenemann Johnston writes, “I would like to correct two bits of information that appeared in our Winter 2003 class column. I do not now work at the Academy of Lifelong Learning, at the U of Delaware. I enjoy five classes, but that’s it. Also, Fred, my husband, has been in the health care center for several years here at the Methodist Country House. We enjoy each other’s company, but he gets around in a wheelchair. Walking, as we did at Wooster, is a thing of the past.”

For Beryl Young Denny’s 90th birthday celebration, family members came from five states. “The climax was a ride in a limousine! My first and last!” Beryl lives in Florida for six months, in a house on a small lake. She watches shore birds and one day saw six or more white pelicans, “very exciting.” Beryl lives in Lakeville, Ohio, in the summer.

Ruby Watkins Welch enjoys participating in many activities at Good Samaritan Indian Rock Village in Fairfield Bay, AR. Her husband of 64 years died in April 2002, “a sad loss for me,” she writes. Ruby has macular degeneration and can neither read nor write, but a “very fine helper” assists with correspondence. Ruby’s spirit is strong as always, and she has fond memories of Wooster.

Mary Lewis Perry enjoys life in a retirement place near Parkersburg, WV, where her older son lives. “In the summer we have a gathering place on Lake Michigan where I can see the children and grandchildren,” she notes. Mary enjoys the “Alumni Bulletin” (Wooster). Using that name dates us, but old familiar names do stick. By any name, we all enjoy it!

Jim Correll, the nephew of Virginia Correll Albano, writes that Virginia’s husband, Frank, died in March. Virginia has poor eyesight and other problems, so send messages of condolence to Jim at 5592 N. Firestone Rd., Wooster, Ohio 44691.

A niece of Elizabeth Mulder Davis writes that her aunt, in a nursing home, is unable to respond to any cards. Address Elizabeth’s mail to: Mrs. Owen B. Moore, 2545 Sherwood Dr., Lima, Ohio 45805. Elizabeth’s niece visits her weekly.

We very much appreciate getting such information about classmates as well as accurate addresses, so our cards and the College’s mail can be correctly sent and more caringly worded. We thank you.

The rest of you, please let me know about your lives so I can share the news. Others do like to read about you!

Elizabeth Lapham Willis, 36500 Euclid Ave. A255, Willoughby, OH 44094.

1935 We would love to hear from some of you.

Viola Sturtevant Robertson, 687 Greenwood Blvd., Wooster, OH 44691, 4923, <VRB@soo.com>, and Ray Shamel, 61 Alcott St., Acton, MA 01720-5540.

1936 Our mailbox is empty, sigh.

Ralph Gillman, 1256 Lisa Ann Dr., Akron, OH 44313.

1937 Most of the news in our column concerns those who have celebrated birthdays in the previous three months. Between February and April, there are 46 birthdays, more than double the number for each of the other quarters, with ages ranging from 86 to 91. One wonders if this disproportion is true for other classes.

Limiting this report to those not mentioned since our 65th reunion, birthday calls confirm that, for most, life continues with little change in health or activities. Still living at the addresses in our 1998 class directory are Bob and Verne Brigleb, Otis Heldman and his wife, Violet South Tolly, Paul and Agnes Shellhammer, Noel and Ann Doeffler Shaffer, Jeanne Getter Slack, Mary Jane and Clifford Lantz, Jim Scotland, Charlotte Beals Tasker, Wayne and Mildred Welty, David and Viola Crabb, Blanche Smith Craig, and Brown and Elizabeth Jenkins. Active and enjoying life in retirement communities are Judith Cooper Wishart, Arnie Carlson, Bob and Betty Wertz Schultz, Art Collinson, and Margaret Thomas Matthews.

Myron Shetler, Eunice Alborn Marshall, and Helen Hartzler spoke of happy birthday celebrations in spite of health problems. Betty Olson Tiller, who had never before traveled west of Ohio, flew to California for Christmas with family. We (the Van Bolts) continue to enjoy our independence in our own home, sharing the gardening and driving to appointments and social activities.

We are happy to report that we’ve located Emerson Peckham. He is well and hoped to visit a brother who lives in New York State.

Margene Lee Knott’s daughter, Meredith, reports that, shortly after our last contact with Margene in Harlingen, TX, she moved to the Wesley Home in Seattle, WA, where she died on April 12, 2000 (see Obituaries).

Fred Shibley reported the death of his wife in July 2002. We express our sympathy.

A call from Rosalind Rinehart Bullen ‘64 informed us of the death of her mother, Margaret Beck Rinehart Renner, on Jan. 6, 2003. (See Obituaries.) “Peg” had been cared for in an Alzheimer’s facility since the death of her second husband, Ralph Renner, in 2000. Several ‘37ers celebrated their marriage at Atwood Lodge in the fall of 1988, and when we met again in 1995, we became aware that we were losing Peg to Alzheimer’s.

Sadly, we must also report the death of Ann Bonsall Braund. Her daughter, Nancy Braund Boruch ‘64, told us that the day after our birthday day call to Ann on Feb. 3, she announced that she had had a good life. Ann died in Nancy’s arms on Mar. 15, 2003, in her own apartment, in her own bed. We have expressed our sympathy — and our admiration, Watch for an obituary in the next issue.

And there’s yet another loss: Helen R. “P.K.” Yates died on Jan. 31 (see Obituaries). We send our condolences to the families of all of these classmates.

Roger and Martha Triock Van Bort, 2020 Glendale Ave., Flint, MI 48503-2111, phone (810) 233-5107, <rvbmvb@comcast.net>.
1938
Fourteen of us came back to campus for our 65th reunion in June. We elected new officers: Alfred Foster, president, and Jeanne Lyle Kate, secretary. Our thanks to the outgoing officers.

Jeanne Lyle Kate, 1256 Delaware SW, Canton, OH 44710.

1939
We report the death of David "Russell" Bath, a lifelong aviator. Russ had asked his family to pass on this sentiment, "Best wishes to all my fellow airmen and friends!" See Obituaries for the tribute to Russ and other '39ers.

SARARUTH MOHUNDRU GRIMES, 6 Branding Iron Ln., Palo Verde, CA 90274-2501.

1940
Marguerite Lane Bowden was notified that the Class of 1940 Scholarship was awarded to Miles Holding '05, from Eureka, IL, and Cory Alan Smith '06, from Saint Marys, Ohio. The principal in this endowed fund is now over $52,865. President Hales expressed appreciation from the College for the positive impact the scholarship continues to make in the lives of Wooster's students.

Clara Smith Patton recently audited a course at the College and enjoyed it immensely. She wonders why she didn't take advantage of the opportunity before. Clara has made Wooster her retirement home.

Edith Maidon Ronne continues her love affair with the Antarctic. She spent part of winter 2002 on the ship Marco Polo, traveling back and forth between Argentina and the base of the Ronne Antarctic Research Expedition. Edith lectured about the time she spent at the base 44 years ago and her life since then. She has a manuscript, "Antarctica's First Lady," ready for a publisher.

Louise Welch writes that her father, Charles Welch, died on May 24, 2003, in Louisville, KY, where he had lived all his life. We send our sympathies to Louise and the family.

FLORENCE DUNBAR KERR, 52 Ranch Rd., Willoughby, OH 44094-5646.

 реализаций еще до прежних лет. Эти изменения были направлены на то, чтобы повысить аудиторию и сделать содержание более доступным для большего числа читателей.

1941
Bob Laubach was elected to a term on the ProLiteracy Worldwide board of directors. Bob, who also founded New Readers Press, was the president of the board of directors for Laubach Literacy International before it merged with Literacy Volunteers of America to form ProLiteracy Worldwide, the world's largest adult literacy organization. At Wooster in 1941, Bob Rickecker majored in political science under professor Mary Z. Johnson. Coached by Emerson Miller (speech), he won a Fackler medal and a trip to Washington, DC, along with Dick Wallace and Stan Coates '42, Wooster's top three debaters. Bob also took part in the peace oration contest.

Bob wrote for The Voice. Helen Merry served as aggressive editor; Jean Carroll Scott edited features. Staff writers included Bob Laubach, Dick Miller, and Beth Duffield Cook. Jim Allardice wrote "Tales Out of School," treating campus doings with what a fellow journalist described as "a light, ironic touch."

The 1941 Index pictures Bob Rickecker sitting with Jean Smetlz '42, whom he later married (see photo above). As an undergraduate Jean was invited to join the Sphinx social club. (Jeanne), as the Sphinx president then, admired the vivacious Jean. Other Sphinx pals were Harriet Foster Choles, Fern Anderson Diaguala, Drusilla May Gillespie, Dottie Booher Johnson, and Lois Wissman Greene.

At 83 Alex Drysdale keeps himself young by teaching fourth grade part-time in a Tucson elementary school. At Wooster, Alex, a history major, was elected to Phi Alpha Theta, the history honorary society headed on campus by Kay Sommerlatte Van Eerde. Alex revealed in Alleen Dunham's history lecture, notables among those on the Renaissance, the Reformation, and WWI, even while WWII was brewing. On the football squad Alex found George "Give Your Best" Pope to be a great friend, a stimulus and inspiration on and off the field.

In our senior year Alex and I (Jim) were candidates for the Wooster-in-India project. Students raised funds to send a graduating senior as a short-term teacher in Allahabad, India. The committee chose Alex, but unrest in India wiped out the project. Alex never got there. By phone, recently, he called me Blackwood of Allahabad.

During WWII Alex became an aviation cadet and with a P-38 fighter "strapped to my rear end," as he puts it, entered combat. The Japanese had Seattle, WA, as their target. Guarding the city's approach, Americans won this airy encounter but lost 21 pilots and planes.

In England after the war Alex met Vera Louise Irwin '44. As a Wooster senior Alex had dated Vera (a freshman). They picked up where they'd left off, one thing to the next, and in 1955 a well-matched couple married in Los Angeles. The circle of intimacy was broken, however, when, in a time too soon, Vera died.

Alex became active in Moral Rearmament, a movement started by Frank Buchman to strengthen the moral fiber of Christians. As a volunteer Alex helped build excellent facilities on Mackinac Island, MI. The Alumni Directory lists Alex as a retired plumber. True, he's done that. Yet it's hard to pigeonhole his many talents that reach in all directions. He has touched nothing without making it more vital.

With sorrow we tell you of Elizabeth Keene Kendall's sudden death in Canandaigua, NY, last April, less than a year after the death of her husband, Hugh. Beth's memorial service was held at First Congregational Church of Canandaigua.

Connie and Hiram Tindall attended. "It was a large funeral," Hiram writes. "Beth had lived here for years and was engaged in many activities." Jeanne Simmons Brand, 7093 Village Dr., Mason, OH 45040-9249, and Jim Blackwood, Sunny-side Village, 5110 Grabel Place, Sarasota, FL 34232.

1942
One of the stories of "Best Friends" in the winter issue of Wooster was written by Todd Fach '88 about his mentor and friend Jim Bean (French, emeritus). Todd was a cross country runner and writes how Jim always made each runner feel good about himself and feel that he was a part of the Bean family. Jim and his wife, Sally, opened their home. Sally was famous for her apple crisp, chocolate sauce, and brownies. (The brownie recipe came from Jane Cotton Boyd.) What a wonderful tribute to the Beans.

Dottie Foote Mishler's picture made the front page of the Wooster Daily Record this spring. The Wayne County Doll Club celebrated its 25th anniversary. Dottie says this very active organization has monthly meetings and sponsors an annual doll show. Dottie's daughter, Nancy, joins her mother in this hobby.

I (Celia) am sorry to report that John Healy died away on Oct. 12, 2002 (see Wooster, Spring 2003). His wife, Kay, and two daughters survive. We send our sympathy to all.


1943
Charles Schollenberger '74 tells us that the late Charles S. Schollenberger was recently honored as a BF Goodrich Research Pioneer at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster. U.S. Ambassador to Norway John D. Ong gave the keynote address. The e-mail address for Charles '74 is <c_schollenberger@hotmail.com>.

According to Anne Harms Cox, who kept notes for me (Ida) at our 60th reunion, all who came had a wonderful time. Many thanks, Anne. I was sorry to miss it.

I checked the 1943 Index and counted 165 of us who graduated. According to my last class list (Nov. 2002), there were about 140 still alive. I gather that about 24 of you, plus spouses or other family members, attended the reunion. Where
were all the rest of you? Too sick, tired, or busy? 
The 16 ‘43ers who came to the Scots Forever dinner on Friday of Alumni Weekend were entertained by a harpist and someone playing the zither. Then all went to a reception at Gault Alumni Center. At the Alumni Association meeting the next day, they were quite overwhelmed with the gift of $9 million from the Class of 1953! The bagpipes led the parade of classes — talk about nostalgia! The Class of ’43 mostly rode on golf carts.

By the time of our class dinner at the Wooster Inn, others had joined the nucleus. Check our class picture on the Wooster Web site, <www.wooster.edu/alumni/reunion>, to see who was there. In the Ebert Art Center, classmates found an exhibit of posters from WWII, something our generation could relate to.

Our class president is still Bill Irvin. Remember when he showed up at our 45th reunion with a brand new baby? Now she’s a young woman who plays in the Cleveland Institute Youth Orchestra. The group is going to Ireland, and Bill is going, too. Share that trip with us, Bill.

Todd and Jean Stratton Perkins say that Chuck Sommers comes to visit now and then, Sadie, his wife, Priscilla Hughes Sommers, has Alzheimer’s.

Harry and Ginnie Lee ‘42 Bigelow have enjoyed 14 Elderhostels. This year they went to one in Key West “quite different and most interesting,” Ginnie says. “There were 1,300 Harley Davidson motorcycles there at the same time.” The Bigelows live in Breckenridge Village, a retirement center where they entertain and volunteer. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 1. Leslie and my (Ida’s) anniversary was June 5. We didn’t waste much time, after graduating on May 10 that year.

Charlie Ireland, on the other hand, was already married when he enrolled at Wooster in 1939. He worked with “Shorty” at the library and the chapel, was head waiter at Kenareden, and worked on a comp­rometer at the Agricultural Station (now the OARDC). Charlie also preached at two small area churches.

He doesn’t know now how he maintained his grades, but he actually shared third prize for all-college excellence with John Clay.

Charlie retired in 1982 and lives in a Lutheran home in North Canton, Ohio. His wife died two years ago. He is 88 and going strong, using a cane due to knee problems. He sends his greetings and his love.

Let’s keep this column going! You, and you, and you, please write.

IDA SNODGRASS ARTHURTON, 1111 Johnnabor Dr. W., Rochester, NY 14620-3637.

1944 Male Call gets more challenging as the years go by. I (Russ) first tried unsuccessfully to call Ken Hovanic. Bob Brown later sent the news that Ken died some time ago, and the College was never notified.

I did reach George Bremenn in Kidron, Ohio. He is on our ‘44 list — but claims being a ‘44er. How could anyone do that? However, my Wooster Scot blood showed itself, and I interviewed him anyway, figuring I’d get his news and settle the issue of class membership later.

George has retired from a career in financial services. He keeps busy as the treasurer of the Orrville Grace Brethren church and does counseling with young people. All three of his children live within five miles of him, and he has five great-grand­children. George enjoys taking a variety of auto day trips. His brother, Ed, was a neighbor of ours (the Hales) when we lived in Kennett Square.

I talked to Ralph Miller in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and he’s doing just fine. He goes in to his law office daily. Ralph has become a computer enthusiast and spends a couple of hours a day surfing, especially political sites. My lips are sealed as to his political persuasion.

Ralph still travels quite a bit — to Maine in the summer and to places like Niagara-on-the-Lake. He’s toying with the idea of a visit to Italy, with an emphasis on Trieste and Venice, where his father was during WWII. Ralph gets to Wooster every second or third year. He has a son and a daughter who are Wooster alums. I always knew he was a great salesman.

Once in a while Ralph sees John Smeltz. They were in law school together, in the class of 1948, but the last time Ralph saw John was a couple of years ago at a meeting with the architect who designed the Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Management building. Ralph was unwilling to discuss Wooster memories, saying they had to be carefully edited first. It was refreshing to chat with him. He is very upbeat and definitely plans on being with us for our 60th in 2004.

Big news comes from out Indiana way. At the local Senior Games, John Bender realized one of his swimming goals. At age 80 and swimming in a 50-meter pool, John did the 200-meter IM (Individual Medley) in under nine minutes, maybe closer to eight. He finished winded but fulfilled.

Don Coates says that, for him, it’s the usual — concerts, theater, walks, and rides surrounded by Florida coastal breezes and water, gatherings of friends, exercising, and writing. At the urging of his kids, he’s doing a book about the Navy and his WWII experiences.

Don and Marilyn planned to stay in their Blue Ridge Mountain condo during the summer. He says, “You are all welcome for a visit.” Hope he has lots of beds.

Bob Johnson reports another birding tour, this one to Oaxaca, Mexico. Walking at 9,000 feet slowed him down considerably, but he managed a couple of miles a day and tolerated it all quite well. It was worth the effort, too. Bob saw 127 different species of birds, 52 of which were new to him.

He spent his 81st birthday and Easter relaxing at his daughter’s on Calawassie Island, NC. At the time of his note, he was busy keeping up with his yard, planting his garden, and of course, doing some birding during the migration season. The school year is over, along with Bob’s reading mentoring. He’s still involved with volunteer activities — one related to English as a second language and the other at the Friends of the Library bookstore.

Hank and Jinny Clark Miller are doing very well, all things considered. Hank even finds the time and energy for a little golf. Last sum-
mer he made a 10-day trip to Finland to attend a large ham radio contest involving "52 of the best contestants in the world." Hank went as an observer and was very impressed with Finland, calling it "a beautiful little country that works!" This spring he took a cruise down through the Panama Canal, ending up back home in Los Angeles. He sends his best regards to everyone.

Ernie Muller reports that Syracuse had a relatively gentle winter. He had the pleasure of attending a family wedding in Minneapolis, with relatives gathering from widely dispersed parts of the continent. Afterward, with a cousin, Ernie drove on to Colorado "to wander around geologic sights and old abandoned rail lines," and then attended the annual meeting of the Geological Society in Denver. More recently he has been "resting peacefully in Syracuse trying to get organized and productive, as a geologist should be."

Margaret Gibbons Lake defends the summer weather in Arizona. She admits that "even June is hot," but remembers that in the late '40s, she rode her bike home from the U of Arizona at noon. Besides, she adds, "In August I'll be in California," OK, OK, you win.

Here I'll tuck in a brief note on our family (the Haleys). We're about to take one of our increasingly rare trips to watch our granddaughter graduate from the U of New Hampshire where I used to teach. She just returned from a Semester at Sea. Are you familiar with that program? Enrollees spend three months on board a cruise liner, studying and writing papers and hitting about a dozen major ports in the course of their travels (no doubt running wild while in port). I don't remember anything like that while we were at Wooster, do you? Though we did get to ride down to Denison in an open truck to see a football game!

It is with great sorrow that we report the death of George Mulder in December (see Obituaries). Suffering from fibromyalgia, he had been in a nursing home for two years. After the death of his wife, Marcia, two months earlier, George's health failed rapidly. He maintained his Wooster friendships through visits, letters, and telephone conversations for these many years.

Sara Kennedy Ware writes that despite being in a wheelchair, George continued to share his talent and love of music with others. He especially enjoyed his volunteer work at the Pekin (Illinois) Public Library, which presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation. George traveled as long as he was able. He especially liked to visit his grandson, Franklin, an oboist in the North Netherlands Orchestra. We'll long remember George's contributions to Wooster and to our community.

Connie Garvin Talkington reports a special Christmas with her daughter and family as well as a cousin from Arizona, a retired WAC colonel. Soon thereafter, Connie's husband, Bob '43, fell and fractured a leg, requiring surgery. He was hospitalized and in rehab for four weeks, then enrolled as an outpatient for further therapy. This followed a painful bout with shingles. Stay well this year, Bob!

This will be the second of four consecutive years that I (Anne) will attend a grandchild's college graduation. Elizabeth Timms will receive a degree from Claremont McKenna College. It has been many years since I have been to California, so I'm looking forward to it. Last May Nathan Kosub graduated from Bowdoin, so a family contingent trekked to Maine. Next fall Nathan will attend graduate school at the U of Mississippi, which has an outstanding program in Southern culture. He is interested in both writing and Southern music.

We hope you're all doing well. Plan to come to Wooster in June of next year, if not sooner.

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1945

Emily Kuhles Infeld's family celebrated her 80th birthday at a lovely reception on the afternoon of Mar. 2, at the United Methodist Church in Wooster. The event was originally planned for a Sunday in February, but a winter snow and ice storm postponed it. Many friends attended, bearing good wishes on Emily's very special occasion. Husband Ernie and daughter Linda and her family greeted guests as each shared unique and happy memories.

Norm Wengatz, the husband of our late secretary, Gina Kroechle Wengatz, and their daughter, Gina Wengatz Hansen '69, traveled from the Cleveland area for Emily's reception, as did others from out of town. I (Margaret) had a note from Ginny Wach Swift and Don about the graduation of their granddaughter, Rachel Swift '03. Congratulations to another Wooster alum related to the Class of 1945!

Jane Hoop Umbel was united in marriage to Jack Fithian this spring. Their families have been long-time friends. We're delighted with the news and send our warm congratulations and best wishes for many years of joy and happiness. Jane's new address is 785 Squirrel Hill Dr., Youngstown, OH 44512.

Margaret Shreve Reiman, 1860 Burbank Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-2170.

1946

To all classmates! This is a reunion alert. We are at the halfway mark to our next gathering in June 2006. Please come out of hiding and share your activities and news with the rest of us.

Laverne Zavala McDonough
phoned from Campo, CA, to tell us of the passing last November of Ruth Mast Steimel's husband, Dick. We send our condolences. Laverne has retired from her job at the Viejas Casino, sold her house, and is living with her son, James Jefferies. Her address is 1011 Olive Ave., Ramona, CA 92065-0672.

I (Arol) continue to sing with the San Diego Master Chorale, the "Voice of San Diego." The highlight of this year was the performance on May 10 of a seldom-heard work by Gioachino Rossini, entitled Petite Messe Solennelle (neither small or solemn). Rossini referred to this significant composition as the "last mortal sin of my old age." It is delightful and exhilarating to hear as well as sing. It combines deep mature religiosity with subtle irony, reflecting the composer's characteristic style. We were one of the first artistic groups to perform in the newly-opened performing arts center at the Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center. I am still coming off a "high" from the experience.

Please send a fax or write to me.

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1947

Amazing news! Mildred "Clem" Clemons Johnson called out of the blue from Harvard, MA, in May. She says she's not a writer, so she finally worked up her courage and called — after 59 years of silence! What a great visit we had.

Did you know that Clem is the great-granddaughter of John H. Kauke of Kauke Hall? She tried to keep it a secret during her year in Westminster Cottage. (I learned more about it through her parents, who took Hank and me [Cornelia] in as stranded hoonymoons in Salt Lake City in 1949.)

Mildred left "Clem" behind when she transferred to major in architecture at the U of Oregon but still likes her Wooster nickname. She worked in San Francisco before moving to NYC, where she met and married her husband, Wheeling, in 1954. They have one daughter. Clem is retired but does a variety of artwork in her home studio and sometimes has exhibits. She has fond memories of Westminster Cottage and many of you.

By the way, Clem ordered a copy of our 55th reunion book. If you'd like my extra copy, postage is $4.14; no charge for the book.

Now about e-mail. I am now connected and so is Dedee Bender Seaton! See our addresses below. Send us your news, no excuses! If Clem can call after 59 years, you can e-mail us in no time — we hope.

Anne Austin Murphy has a new address: 125 56th Ave. S. #203, St. Petersburg, FL 33705. Her current activities include several presbytery jobs. The one she finds most interesting is serving on the board of Bethel Migrant Ministry. She lives in a retirement community but is independent and still has "all the entanglements" she's garnered since moving to St. Pete to teach political science at Florida Presbyterian College.

"I thoroughly enjoyed our Wooster 50th reunion," she writes. "Instead of the 55th, though, I went on a 'Celtic pilgrimage' to Iona and Scotland, then to a reunion at Ghost Ranch, and then to my 50th reunion at Yale Divinity School."

Joyce Roberts White (e-mail <jrwite@bright.net>) sent Dedee lots of news, laced with humor. Here are excerpts: "Most of my activities outside the house are centered on church. I make joyful noise in the choir, serve on the Altar Guild, attend two Bible studies each week... and belong to a knitting group.

We've sent 135 sweaters in a little over a year," to children in need, through Oxam.

Joyce and husband Ray celebrated their 55th anniversary in Ohio's Hocking Hills. Their family includes Sandy, studying to be an elementary school Spanish teacher; Warren, a professor at the DeVry Institute in Columbus, Ohio, and two other sons in North Carolina.

Gloria Heyn shares sad news: Sachi Yasumi Koto died on Nov. 10, 2002, in San Jose after a short illness. Her daughter writes, "Sachi was active and enjoyed life until her last illness. We miss her very much but take comfort in knowing that she lived life the way she wanted and did not fear death."

"Wooster alums are a lot fewer and farther between in northern New England than in northern Ohio," writes Will Lange '57. "But every once in a while, we have harmonic convergences. For example, in May I got an e-mail from Tom Shearer '86. Tom works at Centerpoint School, an alternative program in Burlington, Vermont, for kids with behavioral problems that make regular high school difficult or impossible. He was doing a unit on storytelling (a natural for kids with stories to tell) and asked if I would spend an hour or so with the class. We had a wonderful time, and I hope to get back there sometime.

"A couple of days after that, I went to New York City to give a little talk. I hadn't been there in 34 years and was just a little nervous about finding my way around. That's where Paul Blair '63 came in. He used to hang out together at my apartment on Spring Street in Wooster. Now Paul runs walking tours of historic jazz clubs from Greenwich Village to Harlem (see <www.SwingStreets.com>), and not only other mortals know more about Manhattan than he does. He shepherded me through bus and subway lines from LaGuardia to my hotel. We had a nice supper at the food court in Grand Central, he saw me to the scene of my gig, and we went our separate ways.

"Then one Sunday Doug Theuner '60, Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire, visited our church to preach and to confirm our current crop of communicants. Doug will retire this next year, and we're really going to miss him. He's been active in statewide social issues and preaches like a Presbyterian.

"It's been a great couple of weeks," Will concludes. "I'm walking around humming 'Blue Bells of Scotland'!"

Outside of the U.S., Robert Corna '94 (pictured below, left) ran into Kevin "Murph" Bamrick '93 (right) last summer in Perth, Australia, at the World Lacrosse Championships. Robert was playing and coaching for "Italy" while Murph was playing for "The Aussie Highlanders." The two had not been on the same field since 1999! Murph traveled around Australia for two months before he joined the Highlanders. Robert has lived in Italy for over three years, working as an actor and assistant director in the Italian film business. He introduced lacrosse to Italy two years ago and already has five teams (see <www.italianlacrosse.info>).

Jo Bowman Ashmore's husband, Steve, died in Montana, where Jo lives part of the year, in April 2002. Our belated condolences. Jo is a retired Unitarian lay minister. She and Hope Yee Leer visited when Jo goes to Hawaii, September to August each year. Last season, though, osteoarthritis in her knee and other things kept Jo in Montana.

Tom Maxwell began his last Christmas letter with, "Our years grow quieter as we become infirm." Infirm? Good grief, just listen to a few things Tom and wife Ruth did last year. They joined a Native American Rock Art Caravan for the 18th time, hiked Trails’ Days with 1,600 fifth graders and gave them safety lectures, coordinated the annual Coast Walk for Ventura County, CA, won the Norwegian Independence Race via canoe on the Kickapoo River in Wisconsin, and
for the “big event,” took a kayak adventure on the Snake River for 10 days in October. Tom closed his letter, “Abrazos de Carino.”

**Dorothy Campbell Hallett** was in Orlando in April for a Shanghai American School reunion. She planned to tour the Hawaiian Islands in June with her granddaughter, Aubrey, who is in grade school and performing during the tour. Dorothy may run into Maurice and Hope Lee, who are also touring the group and performing during the tour.

Our 55th class reunion was a wonderful success due to the great planning of **Tenn Coleman Peterie** and her committee. We enjoyed an informative talk by Robert Walton, vice president for finance and business, followed by a “Senior Ball Session” led by **Lance Shreffler**. There was lots of time to visit at a reception at the Gault Admissions Center. After dinner there was more visiting at the home of Sara Patton, ’67, vice president for development.

On Saturday our class toured the new Gault Family Learning Center, formerly Beall Avenue School, which **Stan Gault** attended as a child. The renovated facility houses five organizations and provides services for all ages. Very impressive.

Once again **Stan and Flo Kurtz** entertained us with a delicious dinner at their home.

Tem reported that during the 2002-03 academic year, the Class of 1948 Scholarship was awarded to Lindsey Dieringer ’05 from Fairview Park, Ohio; Adoley Mensa-Bonsu ’05 from Geneva, Switzerland; and Andrew Rugaiagianu ’04 from Gaborone, Botswana.

Our new class president is Lance “Ned” or “Shred” Shreffler. He and his wife recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Your class secretaries for the next five years are Mel Snyder McDonald and Betsy Cowles Sprenkle. Please help us by returning the cards mailed to you and by sending along any news.

**Phyllis “Pinky” Townley Armstrong** keeps busy with church work, three children, and nine grandchildren.

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**1948**

Albert Allen and his wife, Nancy, both served in WWII. Nancy and her twin sister, Carolyn, were Navy WAVEs and worked as yeomen, or “glorified secretaries,” at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, DC. Albert, a soldier, survived the Bataan Death March and the 22 electrodes implanted

**1949**

The wedding of Michael Ludwig ’02 and Rachel Dawson ’01, Mar. 22, 2003. (Back row, I to r) Jen Schade ’02, Maegan Mayer ’04, Katie Hyland ’03, Meris Mandernach ’01, Kristen Chapin ’02, Dusty Smith ’03, Sandy Tecklenberg ’01, Michael Knopp ’03, Angie Skaggs ’01, Lisa Mitchell ’02, Andrea Jordanian ’01, Charles Hampton (math, computer science), Mike Duval ’03, James Foster, Mary Nienaber Foster, ’02((v) (Third row) bride, groom, Hannah Bates ’03, Barbara Hampton (writing center), Carey Speros ’03, Dainn Hirth ’02; (Second row) Jacob Dodson ’02, Andrew Dawson ’99, Julie Long (intervarsity campus minister), Tom Spears ’04, Jeff Binder ’03, Kyle Kindham ’04, Josh Frank ’02; (Front) Justin Ludwig ’99.

Barbara Bowen Kenan and husband Ralph celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a Caribbean cruise. Barbara enjoys water aerobics and lap swimming and volunteers at the food bank and at church. They enjoy having their two sons and their families close by.

**Alfreda Diggs Aldridge** escaped the winter’s snow by spending two weeks in Florida. She’s sorry that she couldn’t get to the reunion but is busy volunteering at Kykuit (the Rockefeller estate), working in a gift shop, and taking a real estate course.

I (Betsy) reported last time that I had discovered that Eileen Johnson Fitzgerald and I had a mutual friend. This friend entertained both Eileen and me — a mini-reunion. Eileen has two children and two grandchildren. A retired teacher, she loves to travel, and plays in her church’s bell choir.

Mel McDonald recently vacationed in a favorite spot — Maui. The McDonalds’ daughter, Gail, joined them for part of the two weeks. No wonder Mel looked so tanned and rested at our reunion! We are very sorry to report that **Suzanne Twineham Hammer** died in May at her home in Hobart, Tasmania. We extend our sympathy to Herb and the family.

**Betsy Cowles Sprenkle**, 380 S. Las Flores Dr., Nipomo, CA 93444-9629, <sprenkle@best.net>, and **Mel Snyder McDonald, 30507 Rue de la Pierre, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA**
favorite thing, telling stories, and sings in the church choir for the summer. In December Betsy directed the organ and music club concert and sang "O Holy Night." In January she directed the Dessert Theater show. The Haybas do a lot of traveling, too, taking short trips as well as long ones.

Dorothy Swan Reuman’s letter challenges us with a quote from Jimmy Carter, “Global challenges must be met by an emphasis on peace, in harmony with others, with strong alliances and international consensus...The world has had ample evidence that war begets only war.” Dorothy’s “escape” travels this year included 10 days in London, an Elderhostel in Phoenix, and, to celebrate her 75th birthday, a Danube cruise last fall on the Mozart with the Portland String Quartet and others providing chamber music en route.

Judy Miller Loveless spends the winters in Florida and remains active in music activities both there and in Traverse City, MI. She’s also active in her church, singing in the choir. Judy was in Traverse City long enough to play in three symphony concerts this fall — her 31st year of doing so. She loves to get e-mail at judithloveless@aol.com.

Judy moved into a new condo (1111 Lake Ridge Dr. #301, Traverse City, MI 49684) last fall and sold the home that she and Gage built 25 years ago to her granddaughter and her husband. How about that for keeping important things in the family?

Retired for 15 years, Klaus Kroner reports that his former employer, the U of Massachusetts, asked him to serve as resident director of a student exchange program for six months. The assignment took Klaus and his wife, Helen, to the University of Freiburg on the edge of the Black Forest last August. They also visited other universities in the state of Baden-Wurttemberg to counsel American students and interview German students wishing to come to the U.S.

It was a wonderful experience, Klaus says, mingling with the young people and watching them grow in another culture and master the language. Klaus was pleased to again live in his old home country. They visited friends in Germany and relatives in Switzerland.

Mary Jean Bennett Clouse and Ellis ’52 both work part-time and are active in their church. Mary Jean is on the outreach/missions committee, and Ellis is involved with the endowment. Last year they traveled to Newfoundland and Labrador in August and later visited family in New York and Boston. Their daughter, Karyn, retired from the NYC police department and is now working on an M.Div. at Union Theological Seminary in NYC. Ellis no longer sings in the choir at the Worthington Methodist Church. He had back surgery in January. We hope he’s recovered by now.

We send our condolences to the family of Don Kocher, who died in January (see Obituaries).

Thanksgiving was profound for Jackie Tucker Hornbeck (Evelyn Chewdale Thomas, 4230 Central Ave., Riverside, CA 92506-2919, <echoomas@mailbug.com>), who wrote all of this, I can hardly wait for our condo to become, after holding off for two years, Christmas with friends and going to church with Jeanne Tuttle and Bob Herst on Christmas Eve. Jeanne did a violin solo during the service. Jackie is very thankful for her friends and sends her greetings to all.

After writing all of this, I (Evelyn) can hardly wait for our 55th reunion next year, to actually see faces and greet classmates. If any of you did a holiday newsletter and didn’t include me in the mailing, please send me one. I love hearing from and about all of you. Our granddaughter, Allison Greenwald, will attend the College in the fall — a third generation Woosterite!

Evelyn Chewdale Thomas, 4230 Central Ave., Riverside, CA 92506-2919, <echoomas@mailbug.com>.

1950 Reading “Best of Friends” (Wooster, Winter 2003), certainly caused me (Jay) to wax nostalgic. My memorable year was as a sophomore in Campus Lodge. We had our own front porch and back yard (for numerous activities) and a smoker in the basement by the furnace. A man came to stoke the furnace at 10 p.m. (We weren’t heated by the College steam plant.) We took to providing Sunday morning breakfast to avoid the embarrassment of sitting with the housemate whose stomach growled during church if she didn’t eat!

Out of 10 housemates, nine of us have kept in touch, and six married other C.O.W. classmates! It’s good to know that through the years housemates and roommates still keep special places in our hearts.

This preamble was brought on by the sad news of two deaths in March. One was Bernie Hilbrink, the husband of Genia Colflesh Hilbrink. Bernie, who was editor of the Fairborn, Ohio, newspaper for nearly 50 years, won many awards for himself and the paper. And during his seven-year battle with blood cancer, he was honored and supported by the Fairborn community. Our condolences to Genia and their two sons and families.

That was the third housemate to lose her husband. Shortly thereafter came shocking news from Emory Lowe ’51 of the death of his wife, Jane Matthews Lowe, just before Easter. Jane was always so good about writing to your class secretary, sharing her happiness with their new surroundings in Maryland and imploring me not to print any family news that might sound like bragging. Jane was in Baltimore undergoing treatment for cancer of the esophagus and died of a suspected blood clot in her lung. Our sympathies goes out to Em, their girls, and their families. Jane was Genia’s roommate in Campus and is our third housemate to die. One can’t deny that we are reaching that age.

Although reports of this kind will doubtless become very common, many of us out here are, as Kay Shamp puts it, “happy, healthy, and busy.” Kay continues to enthuse about her retirement setting near Cleveland’s University Circle. Wonderful music abounds in the area. She took in two Ohio Light Opera performances in Wooster and went on a wonderful tour of the British Isles last year with members from her church.

Barb Cross Cameron reports on travels closer to home, enjoying
outings on the backroads of Tennessee, discovering quaint tearooms and shops. During the winter of 2002, she drove down to visit old haunts in the southeastern U.S. She, too, is happy with her retirement setting, active in church, and swims a lot. Her only regret is that her son and grandson (4) who had lived nearby recently moved to Colorado.

Jim and Jean Dutch Webster are still happy in their retirement setup — the home they have lived in for decades! She sounds even busier in her church than I (Jay) am in mine. They are happy to have their son, recently retired from the military, nearby in the Pittsburgh area. He is a pilot for an EMT company — lots of rewarding work.

1951
With editorial assistance and approval from his wife, Lynn Wunder Lankton, Bill Lankton submitted a revision of the “Wooster Love Song” (above). Bill “stewed and fretted” over this poetic reaction to our 50th reunion. I (Mas) exercise my unwritten power as class secretary to appoint Bill our class poet laureate.

Carol Hansen Carlson writes, “We’re preparing to leave Arizona and return to the real world (Minnesota). Life here is idyllic. In January we spent some time with Ann Kershner Wood and her husband, Bill. They love the outdoors and are hikers. They spend a month in Mexico each winter. We have been friends for eons — we used to double date and then got together when we both lived in California. Old friends are often such good friends.”

Max Selby of Bay Village, Ohio, and his wife, Jan, have not been able to travel much because she has rheumatoid arthritis, Max says. “Staying at home isn’t all bad. I have become a fair-to-middling chef and an amateur watercolorist, and I’m considered the computer guru by the septuagenarian and octogenarian crowd. All in all, not a bad life.”

Why don’t you let us display some of your watercolors at our next reunion (and ask other classmates to show their artworks and crafts, too)? I (Mas) can certainly use your expertise whenever I have a problem with my computer. I still haven’t learned how to download music.

Bill Metzger and his wife, Jean, took a month-long drive through the southeast. One of the highlights was a tour of the Wright Brothers Memorial Park in Kitty Hawk, NC. Bill, an engineer, writes that the Wright brothers invented the aircraft control system that he still uses today. “They invented the propeller. It has rotating blades, each designed like a wing so as to provide thrust, i.e., lift in the forward direction,” he explains. The Wrights made the first powered flight on Dec. 12, 1903.

“We are settled in our retirement community in Frederick and welcome classmates who are on their way to the Baltimore-Washington area,” writes Prissy Miller Hart. “We are in the northern edge of Frederick with the Catoctin Mountains in view. We go to our next Elderhostel soon, on migrating birds. We do not do the physically challenging ones but prefer the outdoor events with a birding theme.”

The Flars have been to several states, identifying birds. Keep flying! “Jet lag is beginning to be part of life, and once again I am recovering,” writes Marge Macardle Baur. She continues, “This time it was a wonderful trip to China. I hadn’t had a desire to go there, but the opportunity arose, and I never turn down a chance to go, go, go! We went to Beijing, Xian (the terra cotta soldiers), Chongqing (baby pandas), and Shanghai. These are very modern cities with enormous amounts of building, both residential and commercial. We heard little about the imminent war and got home just before the bombing started.”

Don Mower retired three years ago from his 35-year teaching position at Arizona State U. He teaches a few courses in speech therapy by correspondence. Don has fond memories of living in Wooster for the first 21 years of his life. Nancy Bachtell Lewis lived a block from his Wooster residence on Blooming- ton Ave. Unbeknownst to Florence Reeder Morrison, according to Don, Florence was Don’s first love, in second or third grade at Beall Avenue School, before she left for China with her parents.

Last winter Loren Shearer ’52 and his wife spent a week with the Mowers who were vacationing in Mazatlan, Mexico. This summer Don and his wife will attend an Elderhostel program in Oahu.

During the spring break in 1951, a bunch of us, including the late Jim Elder, the late Bill Holmes, and Bill Coleman, stopped in Gainesville, FL, to see Don, who had transferred to Florida State U. It’s great to hear from you again, Don. Don’t wait another 35 years!

Joel and Ruth Ann Coleman Davis have changed servers. Their new e-mail addresses are <jdavisl@cox.net> and <ruthann11@cox.net>. Ruth Ann writes, “We followed the U of Connecticut women’s basketball team during the long cold winter. We went to the games at St. Johns, the Big East Tournament at Rutgers, staying two nights for seven games, and then drove to Dayton for the East. It was a great way to spend our 52nd wedding anniversary! We had ice and snow after our return to Connecticut, plus appointments we needed to keep, so we did not drive to Atlanta for the Final Four. The games were still exciting on TV, and U of Connecticut won!” (Mas) also watched the games on TV, and they were great, especially Diana Taurasi, who dribbled to her right and shot with her left for a bucket, one of her outstanding shots of the championship game.

Nancy Lewis writes that she can no longer serve as class secretary and expresses her sincere appreciation and care for all of those who shared some of their life journeys. Ruth Ann Davis is taking the position.

Emory Lowe’s beloved wife, Jane Matthews Lowe ’50, passed away on the Saturday before Easter. A “memorial service of worship and celebration” was held at the Shepherdstown (WV) Presbyterian Church, Em, on behalf of all our classmates, I (Mas) extend our deepest sympathies and condolences. Take care. Em’s e-mail address is <secondlo@yahoo.com>, and he “can be reached at all times.”

Ruth Ann Coleman Davis, P.O. Box 387, Southington, CT 06489, <ruthann11@cox.net>, and Masao Kuniyoshi, 151 Alawaena St., Hilo, HI 96720, <masaokuniyoshi@aol.com>.
A Quiet Place

In the harried environment of an airport, many people yearn for a quiet place where they can simply sit and reflect. Donald Pendell ‘51 helped establish such a place, the Meditation Room at the Port Columbus International Airport in Ohio. Pendell is president of the Port Columbus Interfaith Services, a volunteer organization of local spiritual leaders from a variety of religious backgrounds. The room is a sanctuary of contemplation and reflection, a place of peace and quiet.

The Meditation Room at Port Columbus was designed to provide a space for passengers to meditate and reflect. It is furnished with comfortable seating, and is located near the ticketing area. The room is open 24 hours a day, and is free to use. The space is decorated with a calming color palette and soft lighting, creating a peaceful atmosphere.

The room is open to everyone, and is a place where people can find solace and tranquility amidst the hustle and bustle of airport travel. It is a place where people can take a break from the world, and find a moment of peace and quiet.

The Meditation Room at Port Columbus is an example of how technology and design can be used to create spaces that are both functional and beautiful. It is a testament to the power of design to create spaces that can help people find peace and quiet in a world that can often be chaotic and stressful.
supervisor for 25 years. He then became a councilman in Cuyahoga Falls, a city of 50,000. Finally, he served that city as finance director and service director. Now he works some for H&R Block, volunteers for MAD, and does taxes as a courtesy for AARP members.

Hugh B. McCullough, 910 Independence Ave., Sturgis, MI 49091-2306, <HUGREV@chartermi.net>.

1955 We sadly report the February death of Ann Hill Smith (see Obituaries). Ann is remembered especially fondly by the "girls" of Miller Manor.

Margaret Pardee Petersen, Route 1, Box 232, Mazeppa, MN 55956, <wevpmy6@ao.com>.

1956 The Class of 1956 50th anniversary committee will work with Moses Jones-Lewis (development). The committee will meet during Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 3-5. Jerry and Jan Ackerly Carlisle are co-chairs.

Jan Douglas Grim reports that Don and Lois Jackman Howland relocated to Doylestown, PA, from St. Louis, MO, in June. The move puts them closer to their sons and their families.

Jan is still busy with the Bliss Cafe in Dalton. It is a great place for food and entertainment.

Pat Young, 461 E Highland Ave., Wooster, OH 44691-9249, <Pyoung52@aol.com>.

1957 David Hogenboom was one of two Lafayette College physics faculty members to receive, along with a colleague from the U.S. Geological Survey, a large NASA grant to conduct research on the ocean that scientists believe exists on Europa, one of Jupiter’s moons. The group will work for the next three years to determine how certain chemical compounds — those believed to exist in the non-ice regions of Europa — behave when subjected to high pressures. David will direct the execution of these experiments.

Before assuming emeritus status in 2000, David was the Marshall R. Metzgar professor of physics at Lafayette, where he had taught since 1965. He maintains an office and laboratory in the school’s Hugel Science Center. David received Lafayette’s Thomas Roy and Laura Forrest Jones Faculty Lecture Award and was the first recipient, in 1990, of the Daniel L. Golden Alumni Association Faculty Service Award for distinguished service to that college. Congratulations!

Anne Kelso Johnson, 78 White Tail Rd., Murphysboro, IL 62966-6416, <ajjohnson2@siu.edu>, home <ajjohnson@globalesys.net>.

1958 We are fortunate to have the opportunity to reflect on our reunion (see page 22). Congratulations to Paul Reeder and Don Castis, re-elected class presidents. They are putting together a 50-year planning committee and agenda. We’ll cover this and share news of those who returned to campus in June in future columns.

Thanks so much to those who could not come but returned alumni profiles. These were made available to the reunion participants. You were with us in spirit! Here, we share profiles of classmates we haven’t heard from in a while.

John Bayer was off to a fast start in 1958 — traveling in Europe, serving in the U.S. Air Force, and debugging file machines for IBM. Seeking adventure, he spent two formative years in Somalia with the newly-created Peace Corps. When he returned, he knew that he wanted to teach. He spent the next 33 years teaching grades three to six in San Jose, CA.

John and wife Tish had two children. Then, when his sister, Janet Bayer Konare ’56, died suddenly at age 46, they adopted the two children from her marriage to a West African from Mali. After retiring in 1998, John served as an international observer in the presidential election in El Salvador, which sparked a commitment to the solidarity movement. He makes yearly trips to participate in programs that promote the teachings of Archbishop Romero and others, bringing hope to poor, rural communities in Central and South America: "Even in such depressing circumstances, the experience with the people takes on a spiritual quality," he says. "You come back knowing that you received more than you were able to give."

Here are some of John’s favorite Woo memories: the old war barracks between Douglass and Andrews, Second Section ("my social world"), playing bridge ‘til all hours, watching "American Bandstand," checking out the girls, inter-section football and baseball, daily chapel ("I was a regular"!), taking notes in Miss Kaslo’s American history class ("if you dropped your pencil, you’d never catch up"), Min’s dinner, serious good-night kisses in Hoover Hall, using all three hours to fill up a blue book, cinnamon toast on Saturday morning in the Union, hanging out at the Shack, and "being handed my diploma."

We marvel at the high-powered career path Bill Goshorn created after completing a geology major at Wooster. Bill spent six years as an ICBM site selection command geologist for the U.S. Air Force, followed by stints as a UPI newsman and managing editor of The Galion, Ohio, Inquirer. (Those I.S. research and writing skills come in handy.) From 1966-71, he was command geologist to the Strategic Air Command and an adviser to the Vietnamese Air Force at Bien Hoa Air Base. He rose to the rank of captain and received a bronze star. Then Bill went to Germany to command a civil engineering squadron. He became a major and graduated from a wine academy. (Wine tasting continues to be a hobby.) In 1976 General Goshorn was sent to control snow at Griffis Air Base in Rome, NY. "Failed — 100-plus inches," he says.

As a civilian, Bill managed environmental impact studies and coal-fired and hydroelectric power plants and related projects in several states. He is currently with Kansas Electric Power Cooperative and oversees Corps of Engineers and Bureau Reclamation projects in Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming. Bill and wife Rosemary live in Topeka.

Bill remembers the following at Wooster: Gray Multer’s geology lec-
One cold February day at a Portland middle school, I was reading from my picture book, *The Caged Birds of Phnom Penh*. Suddenly a girl in the back row raised her hand. "Sir, isn't this really about something deep in you?"

I came full stop. "What do you mean?" I asked.

The girl stammered a little, and then went on, "Well...something had to have happened to you in order for you to start a foundation. Were you for some reason the little girl in your book who made a wish and wanted the caged bird to fly free?"

Before this moment I had a lesson plan for the hour. Now, suddenly a child challenged me to look into my spiritual being—while standing before 65 students. I was speechless, losing all sense of direction. The class was respectfully quiet during my struggle to regain composure.

"You are quite right," I said. "Thank you."

After I wrote my book, which was inspired by a photograph, I decided to go to Cambodia to see for myself. I left out much of this experience in my discourse with the students. I failed to tell them of my horror over hearing stories of girls being bought and sold as virgins for the sex trade.

I did not share the stories told to me by Cambodian human rights advocates of poor parents being offered a few dollars with promises of jobs for their girls in the city. The unknowing parents embraced their daughters for the last time before the girls entered a trafficking conspiracy in the sex industry.

I added these facts to the practice of taking girls out of school for arranged marriages or to help with family income and care of siblings, and a deeper silence than the one in the middle school classroom overcame me.

When I returned to the U.S., I went to a counselor, trying to process my nightmares and horror over the abuse of children. I saw the face of God in the children's faces. I could not go back to living in the same way, unless I was a small part of the answer in helping the neglect in Cambodia.

I raised a daughter, Hope, and helped raise a stepdaughter, Hilary. I have three granddaughters, Lila, Tess, and Ana. Their dignity and worth continues to inspire me. I chose to expand the freedom that my children were given by widening the circle. I created the Cambodian Arts and Scholarship Foundation in September of 2001. CASF now supports the education of 200 students in Cambodia, helping to change the world, one child at a time.
competition, pipers coming over the hill; Housing: dorms, off-campus houses, sections, dining halls; Campus: trees, bricks, snow; Presentations: Howard Lowry’s chapel talks, Delbert Lean’s Christmas Carol, Robert Frost, Robert Shaw, theater productions; Professors (in addition to those already mentioned): Freddy Moore, Mary Rebecca Thayer, and Dorothy Mater (all English), Frank Tillman (philosophy), Gordon Shull (political science), Herr Schreiber (German), Frances Guille and Pauline Ihrig (French), Stuart Ling, Eve Richmond, and Richard Gore (all music), and Russell Becker (psychology); and Sports: varsity games and especially inter-section rivalries.

The absence of news in the past few issues encouraged some classmates to take up the pen.

**1960**

Bruce Wenner says, “Please add me to the list of classmates who have retired. As of Dec. 31, 2002, after 35 years here and 39 years of college teaching, I am an emeritus professor at the U of Missouri-Kansas City, having accepted an early retirement incentive package. Since most of the department did the same (we are all around the same age), I continue to chair the department until a replacement can settle into the job. This is my 11th year as chair, and I expect to continue for another year or two.

“My schedule is freer than before, though, and I spend more time with my wife, Francie, and our five grandchildren. I also have more time for my main hobby — barbershop singing with the Kansas City Heart of America Chorus and my comedy quartet, Tone-Henge. And I’m more available to help Francie with her major hobby, gardening. She is the expert, I am the beast of burden.”

Elizabeth "Liz" Kranz Perez-Reilly completed a Ph.D. in Spanish at Vanderbilt U in 1975 and worked for 10 years as director of international student services at Middle Tennessee State U. Since 1986 she has taught Spanish at Maryville College in Tennessee. Now an associate professor, she has guided two student groups to Nicaragua to work with Habitat for Humanity and two other groups to Costa Rica to study rainforest ecology. In her spare time, Liz enjoys step aerobics and singing in the choir.

For AAUW she’s planning a workshop to provide support and information for women who want to pursue or complete a college education at the same time that they have job and family responsibilities. She also interprets for Hispanics in the justice and social service systems.

Liz and husband Mario celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary. He is a professor of political science. Their three children are Angelina, Philip, and David. Liz would love to hear from friends and acquaintances at elizabeth.perez-reilly@maryvillecollege.edu.

Jim Traer has been a small college president for nine of the last 11 years, with two mini-retirements. On Jan. 1, 1993, he left the academic deanship of Lynchburg College in Virginia for the presidency of Westminster College in Fulton, MO. Jim states, “Those who remember Professor Dunham’s class will recall that Westminster was where Winston Churchill gave his Iron Curtain speech. It was fascinating to host Margaret Thatcher and several other persons on the 50th anniversary of that famous event.” In 1999 Jim and his wife, Maribeth, moved to Rhode Island and built a permanent home in Jamestown on Conanicut Island (in Narragansett Bay, opposite Newport). Three daughters live nearby.

The year 2000 presented Jim with another challenge, as he was invited to accept the interim presidency of Kendall College in Evanston, IL. He says, “The school faced low enrollment, poor retention, and uncontrolled spending, plus many other issues. I had autonomy and created a functioning recruitment program, got the budget balanced, built an advancement office from scratch, and led a strategic planning effort.”

Now back in Rhode Island, Jim is doing “finishing work” on the house and singing in a community chorus. He and his wife help head the Jamestown Peace Advocacy Group. Wooster friends in New England or traveling through are invited to stop and visit. Reach Jim at jimtraer@gis.net.

Jill Cogan Robinson is enjoying her retirement from teaching in Marin County, CA, but overwhelmed with the output of her lemon tree this year. In May she returned to Pennsylvania to celebrate her 93-year-old mother’s receipt of an honorary Doctor of Liberal Arts degree from Dickinson College in Carlisle. After the ceremony, mother and daughter left for a trip to Maine.

See a note from Fred Lipp on page 36.

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

**1961**

Our class extends its sympathy to the family of Carolyn Jeffery Sherman, who lost her battle with cancer on May 5.

It seems that whenever I (Larry) send out e-mail requests for class notes, several of you have either moved or changed e-mail addresses. This month, I am looking for Judie Kohl Andron, Armand Aghabanian, Patricia Brown Kenyon, Kay Citrello Wells (who I believe has moved from Iowa to New Mexico), Karen Lathrop Messick, and David Klein. Please send me your current e-mail addresses.

David Willour retired from Chase Bank about 10 years ago. He
had always dreamed of living in an English village, so he purchased a small cottage in Bretforton, which is near Worcestershire in the Cotswolds, and lives there several months each year. There he participates in a number of community activities and spends a lot of time maintaining his garden. He often invites classmates and friends to visit him when they're in England. (I have his phone number.) When David is not in England, he lives with his wife, Judy Fulcomer Willour ’63, in Columbus.

Bill and Ann Haning Donati were on the road again last May, dodging tornadoes as they ventured across the country from northern California to Key West and back. Along the way, they visited National Park employees with whom Bill worked during his many years at the NPS.

Tom McBurnie, who owns a company called “Thunder Ranch,” has been making replica classic and racing cars for many years. The company has just been awarded some investment money to perfect a V-12 eight-liter motor, which will lead to the development of Tom’s own car (not a replica). His wife, Jennie, sons Cale (15) and Dick (12), and daughter Thera (14) all participate in making his company competitive and unique. Tom also makes occasional guest appearances on the “Speed” channel on cable TV.

Mystery writer Joe Klempner has completed another book, Fogbound (St. Martin’s Press), to be published in November. It’s about a former judge lured out of retirement to argue the final appeal of an autistic man who is on death row. Three of Joe’s previous books are under option for possible TV movies or feature films.

Carole Rosenzweig Massart was recently elected president of the board of trustees of the Science Museum of Western Virginia in Roanoke. The position is similar to what many of us are now doing — it pays nothing but keeps you very busy! Carole and husband Bill took their first cruise to the Caribbean in early May.

Peter '60 and Nancy Saunders Pay spent 10 days in Tanzania last February. Peter hiked to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, 19,340 feet above sea level. He passed through five distinct ecological zones, and the biggest task, he says, was adding or removing layers of clothing as he ascended and descended. While he was mountain climbing, Nancy went on a safari to the Serengeti, Lake Manyara, and the Ngorongoro Crater. They hold the fondest memories, however, of local people they met in the town of Moshi, and they now have determined that a Peace Corps volunteer stint might be in their future.

Your class scribe, Larry Vodra, and Joe Kelly spent a day together last May in southern Pennsylvania while our quilter-wives attended a large quilt show in Lancaster. We hadn’t seen each other for over a quarter of a century, and it was fun to catch up. Joe is semi-retired and works part-time as a consultant on military computer applications. Since he’s no longer full-time, the Navy has taken his parking pass away, so, to get to work, Joe takes an hour-long bus ride.

Send your news, and please update your e-mail addresses.

LARRY VODRA, 51 High Ridge Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804-3517, <jlvodra@aol.com>.

1962 Alyx Wilson Harrop is now retired, after teaching high school English and children with emotional problems for over 30 years. Before embarking on this career, Alyx was a stewardess with United Airlines during the “glamour days” of the industry. She lives in Toledo, Ohio.

Bob Rodstrom was re-certified in geriatric medicine through the year 2012. The process requires that interns be certified in internal medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine, have training or substantial experience in geriatric medicine, and pass four written examinations. In Mount Vernon, Ohio, since 1976, Bob is in practice with a board-certified internist and affiliated with Knox Community Hospital. Following graduation from the Wayne State U School of Medicine, Bob completed an internship at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI, and a medical residency at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, becoming chief medical resident during his final year. He then served as a major in the U.S. Army at Fort Lee, VA.

Bob is a member and fellow of the American College of Physicians and active in state and local medical societies. He’s married to Mary Frances Lord ’71, who is working on a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction. They have three children: Andrew teaches college biology at Hope College, Frances Lord ’71, who is working on a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction, and Ted Williams (chemistry, merkuruis). (See photo on the back cover.) The enlightening discussion marked Reggie Minton’s first reunion since graduation!

Jet Turner was appointed to the state physical therapy board by California Governor Gray Davis in February. The board administers licensing, certifies physical therapists to perform electromyography, investigates complaints from consumers, and takes disciplinary actions. Jet retired from Federation Headstart as executive director in Dec. 2002. He lives in Antelope, CA, with his wife, Sharron, a former College employee (public information). Their daughter is Bethany Bolden ’98.

After the alumni panel during Alumni Weekend, we had a dinner and then a
George Browne was reelected president of our class, and I (Anne) was reelected secretary.

Among the reunion participants was Deborah Arfken, who lived in Hoover our freshman year. Deborah is dean of graduate studies at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga and lives in Signal Mountain, TN.

Also present were Ed and Kitty Wigmans, of Burnsville, MN, Carol Whitacre Hall came from Cleveland. She loves retirement! She and Roger have four grandchildren and do a lot of traveling, including a service Elderhostel last year in Belize.

Jean Brand Hayes came from Scotia, NY, where she lives with husband Warren ’60 and teaches flute.

You can see terrific photographs of our class at the reunion at <www.iamnow.net/what/WoosterReunion/Reunion.htm>. Check it out.

In other news, Paul Plusquellec writes, “My wife, Betty, and I have been retired for six years. We have a motorcoach and travel about five months a year. We have been to 37 states and covered 50,000 miles in two and one half years. We enjoy gardening, golf, exercising, and computer surfing.”

On Apr. 22 James Toedtman, chief economic correspondent for Newsday, spoke at the College courtesy of the Dix family endowment. He presented “Report from Ground W: President George W. Bush and the New Balance of Power.” Jim offered his thoughts on the new balance of political power and its effect on policy in Washington, the impact of the war in Iraq on the U.S. economy, and the implications of those factors for the 2004 presidential campaign. He compared world events during his time as a Wooster undergrad to current events, pointing out that 9/11 changed the entire psyche of our nation. He also noted that George W. Bush’s popularity has increased, as our nation wants to believe in and follow a leader who “rose to the challenge.”

Jim has worked in journalism for over 30 years. From 1986-95 he was the managing editor of Newsday and directed a staff that won the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for local reporting.

Bruce and Nancy Winfield Cogan report that the wildfires in Australia did not come near their home in a suburb of Canberra, but the national observatory where Bruce worked before retirement was completely destroyed, telescopes and all. Nancy’s business as a psychologist counselor keeps her almost too busy, while Bruce is a dedicated genealogist. Son Mark is a software designer, and daughter Valerie works in Venice, Italy, on an environmental project for the European Union.

With a master’s in linguistics and Chinese from the U of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Jim Sundberg taught English at Tsinghua University in Taiwan for two years and at the New York U for one year. After earning a master’s in city planning at the U of California-Berkeley, he worked in Oakland Model Cities and then taught environmental studies at UCB and UC-Santa Cruz before working in New Zealand in regional planning for a couple of years.

For the next 19 years, Jim settled into medical research and data processing in Ann Arbor. He and his wife, Rebecca, helped launch a coho housing project there in 1998 (see www.sunward.org). In Oct. 2000, the couple traveled to China to adopt Juli Mei (now 8), a “wonderfully energetic” daughter. Last summer, the Sundbergs moved to Langley, a quaint village on Whidbey Island, one hour north of Seattle, where they enjoy watching eagles and orcas in Puget Sound and where Juli can attend the local Waldorf school.

The Apr. 25, 2003, issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education featured George Davis on the front page and in the lead article. The article dealt with the increasing power and influence of provosts at major research universities. George has been senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of Arizona for three years.

T. Marll McDonald tests and rebuilds distributors on car engines of specialty Fords, 1939-48 Mercury, and 1937-48 Lincoln Zephyrs. “I use a specialized machine called a distributor stroboscope,” he explains. “And no, I did not acquire this ability at Wooster as a math major. I’ve always been a gearhead of sorts, though buying, restoring, and driving a 1940 Ford Deluxe coupe got me interested in learning how to repair the distributor of its V-8 engine.”

I (Jim) bought a new computer and in the transition lost all my email files and many of the associated addresses. Thanks to a faulty backup disk, I lost even more than that. It has all been a real pain and has reinforced the Switzer motto: “Nothing is Simple.” If any of you had sent me news (Michael Pensack, I’m thinking of you), please resend it, updated.

Jim Switzer, 891 Elmore Ave., Akron, OH 44302-1238, <jswitzer@uakron.edu>.


1965 Send news! We would love to hear from you.

1966 From Wisconsin, Phyllis Davis Pieter writes: “Ron and I love being the grandparents of four. I now am the president of the Music Teachers National Association, a 24,000-member organization serving independent music teachers and college music faculty. It is an exciting endeavor, one that not only entails lots of travel and meetings but also working with some of the best music teachers in the country. I also still teach in my independent studio and at Grays Harbor College.”

The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (SPNEA) held an exhibition of watercolors by Dianne Sargent Cermak. “Painting the Geometry of SPNEA: Shadow and Light” was on display late this spring in Boston. Twenty-five watercolors focus on the elegance of proportion and harmonious design of New England’s buildings. The exhibition is traveling to other sites in New England. Through Oct. 19, it will be on display at the Brown House gallery space in Woodstock, CT, and then will go to the Marblehead Arts Association in November.

Working with line and monochromatic wash, Dianne depicts architectural details at several SPNEA historic house museums, emphasizing the play of light and shadow over three-dimensional forms, such as windows, chimneys, rooflines, and building profiles. For more information, see <www.SPNEA.org>.
Help Find Your Lost Classmates

1957
Noe Adamere
Lois J. Berger
Kenneth D. Bryan
Anthony J. Cardwell
Gordon R. Chrislip
Robert J. Crawford
Nancy Lou Curry
John D. Davis
Nancy P. Dudley
Eleanor Mae Eastman
Marilyn E. Eisenberg
David M. Figg
Richard D. Gower
Gervas M. Hinn
Stephanie E. Klaedtke
Olimpio Lozana
Robert L. Lyons
Helene L. McHenry
Brenton R. Rube
Ronald D. Rude
Craig M. Smallley
Richard D. Volland
Carolyn A. Watson
John D. Wilson
Frederick S. Wolf
Wilfred Y. M. Wong
Bronislav Zajber

1977
Jana R. Adams
Karen R. Baron
Carl R. Becker
John W. Bennett
Mary Ann Benson
Linda K. Blair
Yvonne M. Bolomey
Margaret E. Botti
David C. Brown
Isabel M. Buch
Margaret H. Cardozo
Beth Liza Carlozzi
Kathleen Ann Carol
Linda D. Turner
Irene Carroll
Sue Caulkins
Dickie C. Chabal
Judith Ann Coles
Z. Mike Chirenje
Margaret H. Choate
Linda L. Choo
Kathleen B. Christensen
Carl R. Becker
Linda D. Turner

Do you have information about your friends?

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The College of Wooster, 1189 Beall Ave., Wooster, OH 44691-2363
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Timothy Kramer retired after 30 years of product planning, design, and development for Ford Motor Co. and is serving as a flight instructor and flight examiner for the Civil Air Patrol in Michigan. Reach him at <TimothyKramer@SBCGlobal.net>

ELIZABETH WESTFAHER O'BRIEN, 64 Tall Oaks Dr., Summit, OH 43701, <cobrien5@mindspring.com>

1967 Bonnie M. Orkow sends some heartwarming news, "I don't write often but sometimes life just hands us such wonderful things they must be shared with Wooster friends. When I transferred into Wooster as a sophomore in 1964, I was 'pinned' (pre-engaged) to a guy from Brown U.

The distance soon caused us to part ways. Even though we both talked of getting back together, eventually we lost contact.

"Several years ago, Penny Hough Sarvis '68, my college roommate, offered to call Brown to determine if my old boyfriend had ever graduated and if they knew what happened to him. College databases can be great (so can Wooster roommates).

To make a long and wonderfully romantic story short, Bruce Blodgett (Brown '68, Dartmouth '80) and I married on Valentine's Day 2003. Bruce is headmaster of Boulder Prep School. With a new Ph.D., I will be an instructor at the U of Colorado at Denver this fall. Who would have guessed?"

Sara Bradley, P.O. Box 599, Chautauqua, NY 14722.

1968 A great time was had by all! That's the only way to describe our 35th reunion in June. Many classmates were veterans of previous reunions, and others attended for the first time. Our first class event was a reception on Friday evening at the President's home, where we were serenaded by three members of the pipe band. The meeting of the Alumni Association was Saturday morning when alumni awards were presented. Susan Stranahan presided over the alumni meeting — a source of pride for us.

At Saturday's luncheon, the theme was "68 We Create," lighted by an open dialogue on creativity also guided by Susan. Jim Bean '42 (French, physical education, emeritus) and wife Sarah, Jim Hodges (history, emeritus), Arv Lewis (art, emeritus), Gordon Shull (political science, emeritus), and Al Van Wie '52 (retired athletic director) and his wife, Judy, contributed to the discussion. Arn closed with some special insights based on his long experience in this field.

Peggy Lawson designed a special logo that was embroidered onto vests. They were available for purchase and were worn throughout the weekend. The site for Saturday's dinner was the Babcock dining room, which brought back many memories. Richard Reimer (economics, emeritus) and his wife, Lois, joined us. Elected for the next five years were Jim Bates as president and Pat Silvey Yanchunas as secretary. The planning done by the Alumni Office was outstanding, making this a most memorable time together.

Thomas G. McDonald II writes, "I own and operate Deck Tracy and also work at the 'new' Medina Diner in Medina, Ohio (700 West Liberty St.). I'm still very active in the stock market. I love singing and songwriting and continue to try and get a good (pun intended) demo tape together. I met with Stan Good '67 (aka Tampa Stan) last summer. He has a nice CD out." Contact Tom at <marketmaven16@yahoo.com>.

Pat Silvey Yanchunas, 618 Bowen St., Longmont, CO 80501-4412, <pat.yanchunas@cl.longmont.co.us>

1969 Most of the first year of my (Judy's) retirement was spent planning a new home in Frederick, MD. We're just 15 minutes away from my daughter, Sara, and her family, which includes grandchildren (3 and 5). We lived with them for seven weeks until we could move into our new house in February. Part of the reason for moving here was milder winters — but we had two big snowstorms this year — the most snow in 80 years!

The spring was wonderful, though, and we enjoy meeting new neighbors and people in our new
1970 It was good to hear from Susan Burkhalter, who attended C.O.W. from 1964 to the fall of 1966, then again in 1969, graduating with the Webb Class of 1970. Susan attended the U of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music in that interim. She is married to Curtis Shively and has two teen-aged children, Rachel, who is enrolled at Northwestern U as an art major, and Stuart (17). Susan is an organizer and lives in Bethesda, MD.

Wright State U named David Hopkins as the university’s provost. David came to Wright State from Indiana State U, where he was their senior associate vice president for academic affairs. According to a news article, Ron Hughes’ daughter, Kelli, is a star basketball player at New Albany (Ohio) High School. A forward bound for Princeton, she credits her dad with helping her land the moves.

Jennie McKenna writes from Amherst, MA, to report news of her granddaughter, Jonas, whom she shares with her first husband, Jon Thomas ‘69, their partners, and the other four grandchildren from his mother’s side of the family. All in all, Jennie writes, her grandson’s family portrait resembles a billboard! She welcomed Jonas into this world with a handknit blanket from Jules Douglas Osborne Tryk ‘71 and a bequiling For you produced by Nancy Allen Foster.

Jennie is happy to be somebody’s grandmother, noting that being a mother-in-law had seemed funny enough. She has a psychotherapy practice and participates in a study group with Farns Lobenstine ‘67, who lives in her neighborhood. Suzanne Sievers ‘69 and Jay Boyd are alive and kicking in sunny New Mexico, where Suzanne is state president of PEO, and Jay is a 27-year CPA veteran of tax season. They are the parents of two: Stephanie was married last summer and is in medical school at the U of Tennessee; Ed is a junior majoring in accounting at Northern Arizona U in Flagstaff. The Boys are avid golfers, complete with the wagers, banter, and bad manners that seem to accompany family golf. They would love to hear from Wooster friends at 711 Solar Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, <jhb@kubiakcpa.com>.

RUTH “BE” BALMER YOUNG, 126 W. Lafayette St., West Chester, PA 19380-2409, <beezette@sol.com>.

1971 After four seasons as head golf professional at Governors Club in Chapel Hill, NC, PGA Master Professional Tom Wilcox is the director of golf at Quintero Golf and Country Club near Phoenix, a two-year-old private club. Its first course, designed by noted architect Rees Jones, is already ranked in the top 50 modern courses (built since 1960) by Golfweek Magazine. Tom won let tors in golf at Wooster all four years and participated in two NCAA championships. Since graduation he has headed the golf operations at Nantucket Island and in Vero Beach and Philadelphia. For 17 years he was head golf professional at Sunset Ridge Country Club in Northfield, a Chicago suburb. He resides in Scottsdale with Maureen, his wife of 28 years, and their boy girl twins, Collin and Kelly (13). PJM Interconnection, a regional transmission organization that operates North America’s largest power grid, appointed Kerry Stroup as manager of regulatory affairs. Kerry helps guide communications with state and federal policymakers and coordinates regulatory functions.

James K. Lowery, 1675 Riverwood Dr., Jackson, MS 39211-4828, <lowery@jamrr.com>.

1972 John Meyer, associate vice president of development at Ohio State U, was named interim director of development at OSU in January. John started at the university as development director for the law school in 1981.

Charles Stenner Jr. was promoted to the rank of major general in the U.S. Air Force Reserve in early March. He is the transformation directorate director for the headquarters of the U.S. Southern Command and a command pilot, having logged more than 3,500 hours of flying time in various aircraft. Charles has held various positions in his 30 years of military service, receiving seven Meritorious Service medals and a number of other honors.

The National Board of Professional Teaching Standards has certified Bill Shriver in adolescent/young adult social studies and history education. Bill has taught history at Mount Vernon (Ohio) High School since 1974. The process requires video taping classroom lessons, writing a 100-page portfolio that analyzes one’s own professional practice, and taking a test in one’s subject area. Bill says it’s a little like doing I.S. all over again.

This past year, Bill served on Governor Taft’s commission on teaching success, an initiative that makes recommendations to the governor and the Ohio General Assembly for systematic reform of the teaching profession. Bill lives in Mount Vernon with his wife, Karen, and children, Lauren and Matthew. Find him at <vshriver@bright.net>.

Liz Pennock and Paul Shambarger (aka Dr. Blues) released their new CD on Upright Records in February. Paul writes, “Titled Live from St. Pete, this is our fifth album but our first live CD, recorded in November at Caspy’s in St. Petersburg, FL. It contains 18 songs (14 are originals). Roughly half of these tunes have a Florida theme. All of the Liz Pennock and Dr. Blues CDs are available at our shows and via our Web site, <www.lizpennock.com>.

“Liz and I will be in Ohio and surrounding states in July and August on our annual summer tour. Find other tour dates on our Web site’s dates’ page. Someday, we hope to play Wooster!”

JAY YUTZKY, 1254 Norwell Dr., Columbus, OH 43220, <yutzey2@osu.edu>.

1973 Marilyn Cochran-Smith, a professor of education at Boston College’s Lynch School of Education, is president-elect of the American Educational Research Association (AERA). A member of AERA since 1982, Marilyn has chaired the organization’s publications committee and co-chaired the National Consensus Panel on Teacher Education.

Another educator, Judy Johnson Shoemaker writes, “I am in the last term of an Ed.D. program in educational program management and development through the distance learning program in child and youth studies at Nova Southeasters U in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The program allows me to combine my passion for music and my career as an educator. My degree will be conferred by Oct. 2003. In addition, my daughter, Laura Prill, got married in March. She is a fourth grade teacher and in a master’s program at the U of South Florida. My son, Ben Prill, has completed an M.B.A. and is studying for an Ed.D. in educational leadership and adult education at Florida International U.”

“I reside in Pottstown, PA, about an hour north of Philadelphia. My new husband of five years, Jesse, and I moved here last August when I was hired as an adjunct professor of education at West Chester U in the department of early childhood and special education. I have taught classes in integrating the arts and social education inclusion and supervised student teacher field experiences.

“My husband, a retired agronomist and sales and marketing expert,
is currently a partner with a small software company in Pottstown, which specializes in data management and software design for industry. We purchased an 80-year-old colonial revival home in a quiet, well-established neighborhood and are slowly renovating it.

"The squirrels and neighborhood cats make it their mission to torment our two blue merle shelties, Brittany and Wilson, who are trapped behind a glass patio door. I look forward to hearing from alums in the area at <judylshoemaker@verizon.net> or 940 North Evans St., Pottstown, PA 19464."

Keimi Harada, formerly a GLCA Exchange Student and now the mayor of Minato City, Tokyo, was awarded a Doctor of Engineering (urban design) degree in March from Yokohama National University.

A highlight of a college preview trip for my (Suzanne’s) daughter was a mini-reunion with former roommates Nancy Siegele and Margi Beem-Miller on April 11 in Ithaca, NY (see photo on p. 41). We knew we would not make it to Wooster for our 30th. I hadn’t seen Nancy since our 10th reunion and Margi since our 25th, although we keep in touch through holiday letters and photos. We finally met each other’s husbands and enjoyed supper at the famous Moosewood Restaurant and dessert later at The Lost Dog Cafe. I passed around some old college photos, which sparked interesting reminiscences of our time as juniors in a quad at Miller Manor. We were amazed how easily we could pick up where we left off!

Nancy and Margi provided excellent advice and support as veteran parents of college-age children. After much angst, our daughter surprised us by deciding to attend the U of Michigan in the fall — living in a dorm in her hometown. Hurray for in-state tuition! The empty-nest syndrome won’t take effect quite yet.

Jacqueline Byers Quinn sends an update, “I started a job in Sept, 2001 with the Gwinnett County Schools as a special education support teacher. I work in five schools, mentoring special education teachers, reviewing/updating due process procedures, providing in-service training, and completing diagnostic testing. In September I will begin my 30th year in special ed, and the work still challenges and fulfills me.

“On the personal front, my husband of 23 years, David, passed away from stomach cancer in Apr. 2000, after a 10-month illness. Wooster friends Chuck and Sue Anderson Straw and Starla Showers Tohlman were there for Dave and me during that difficult time. My daughter, Meredith, and I are doing well. She has finished her first year at Western Carolina U and wants to major in communications. I would love to hear from Wooster friends at <JAQuinn@Bellsouth.net>.

Suzanne Schluenderberg, 3385 Carl Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, <suz@umich.edu>.

1974 Sue Kinney and Tim Fusco had a “Woo­ster-filled” few months: “In May 2002 we visited our son, Justin ’03, as he finished a semester with the Scotland Program at the University of Aberdeen. This past fall we attended our last Wooster parents’ weekend and organized a small reunion of friends, including Chris and Shanda Frank Nicely, who were in town visiting their son, Clint ’05; Dan ’73 and Karen Hyatt; Bill Herley ’73 and his daughter, Katie ’06; and Grant and Candy Richards Belic, ’75s. We were all tremendously impressed by the recent construction and the new student mall south of Kauke.

“Our Maryland home was a one-night stop for Justin and a group of his friends following a week of spring break in Savannah celebrating the completion of I.S. Justin and friend Laura Nesler ’03 happily dragged us to the 2003 NCAA Division III men’s basketball championships in Salem, VA. At the tour­ney we ran into Tom ’72 and Lorrie Hilt, Robin and Katie Swenson Harbage, ’75s, and Ira Zeff. Ira is the athletic director at Nebraska Wesleyan U and chairs the NCAA Men’s Division III basketball com­mittee. It was great seeing all the ‘old’ Wooster grads and very cool to have Ira as the tournament’s main man. The basketball team and fans made us proud to be Wooster alums.

“Finally, we attended the Scott Symphonic Band concert around the corner from us at Quince Orchard High School in Gaithersburg, MD. The band and the pipers were fantastic. Sue and I heartily recommend that all alumni take advantage of the opportunity to be entertained by these talented Wooster students when they are in your area.”

Bill Irvine, 2321 Utah St., Arlington, VA 2207-4027.

1975 Bruce Arnold writes, “Greetings from coastal North Carolina. I’ve been here in the New Bern area for over 10 years now, eight at the same address. Having been so nomadic for so long, it is a marvel. I moved in 1995 and my father’s death earlier this year have been trials, yet the sadness and the happiness seem to enrich one another and make life so precious.

“I continue to work as a clinical social worker. After a few years as chief therapist on the psychological unit at the local medical center, I went into private practice in 1996. I have offices in New Bern and Morehead City. Due to the collapse of the public mental health system in North Carolina, I have been doing increasingly more pro bono and sliding-scale work. Instead of trying to be a one-man mental health center, I am forming a foundation and recruiting other providers to furnish counseling for those who are no longer served by the public system. (I need a grant writer!)

“I finished a small self-help book, The Power of 7 Simple Phrases, about four years ago. The first printing is gone, and I need a new publisher, but that will come in time. I’m working on a couple of other books, one in philosophy (ontology) and one for families of people with post-traumatic stress syndrome. Bicycling, music, ham radio, astron­omy, and the study of math (current­ly playing with calculus) keep my leisure hours busy. I really enjoyed our 25th reunion and look forward to the 30th. Our years at Wooster and the education we received mean more and more as time passes. Love to all!” Reach Bruce at <brucearnold@cox.net>.

See news on other ’75s in the 1974 column.

Andrea J. Steinburg Simmers, 2121 Breeds Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117-1646, <asimmers@mail.rocotoun­tryschool.org>.

1976 Mark Sutherland is the e-business man­ager for Lubrizol Corp., a manufac­turer of industrial lubricants based in Wickliffe, Ohio. He is responsible for leading the development and implementation of the company’s e-business strategy. Mark holds an M.B.A from Case West­ern Reserve U’s Weatherhead School of Management.

Dana Vandenberg Murphy, 3175 Warrington Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44120-2428.

1977 Class of 1977, where are you?

Bonnie Savage, 4306 River St., Willoughby, OH 44094-7815, <bonniesavage@mailstation.com>.

1978 The last 1978 column (Spring 2003) included information gleaned from a news article about a Michael Zawacki, erroneously identified as a Wooster alum. To set the record straight: the information does not pertain to Michael J. Zawaski, who in fact did graduate from Wooster. Our apologies for the confusion.

Robin Light Thomas and Stuart Thomas took their children, Megan (17) and Kyle (13), to Wooster this spring on a college tour for Megan. The trip included three other Ohio colleges but started and ended at Wooster. They visited the important places like Coccia House and Lowry dining room then toured the campus on the last snowy day of March. They returned to Wooster mid-week. Megan met the women’s lacrosse coach and an admissions counselor, attended a class, and…

Wooster
watched the women’s Fighting Scot lacrosse team defeat Oberlin.
Megan admitted that Wooster
was her first choice of the schools
in the tour. Kyle thought the Lowry
meal was the best college food he’d
had since starting these college visits.
Robin writes, “Our Woost er
reunion was the highlight of our spring.
Stuart and I were glad to see so
many classmates. Having been at
Wooster when students were on
and then again for the
reunion, I noticed that I felt more
at home with classmates there with me.
The place itself is wonderful, but the
people make the experience some­
thing to remember for a lifetime. We
hope to return with both kids for
Homecoming and hope to see class­
mates who missed our 25th.”
Coming back to Wooster is spe­
tial to me (Wendy Beatty-Burg) for
many reasons. The campus is
gorgeous. With my wonderful mem­
ories, it creates a magical moment,
stepping back to an era that was
much more carefree. Being in
Wooster allows me to reuni­
te with friends from my college internship
at Rubbermaid as well as Wooster–
Vienna days.
Claire Adel Schreiber (nursery
school) and I reminisced Thursday
night of Alumni Weekend until mid­
night over photos of the places we
visited in Vienna and those special
times. She remembers the names
and faces of students who journeyed
with her and the late Herr Schreiber
(German). She asked about class
members who had gone on other
trips with them. I had pictures of
Bob Courtmey and Julie Evans
Hoffman (summer of ’75 class),
both of whom came back for our
25th.
Friday night found a gathering in
the back room of Coccia House with
Gene Jackson, Tim Price, Bill Stone, Kimberly Lavin McAllister,
Judith Labaj Hardy, Greg Benckart,
and Tim Meyer.
Jeb Bell’s family was involved in
a big horse show the same weekend.
He says, “I guess it will be our 50th
before we see each other. By then we
may not be comparing tan lines and
muscle tone.”
Cindy Mache lives in northern
Virginia, outside of Washington,
DC, and works at MCI’s corporate
headquarters in Ashburn, VA. She
spends her free time gardening or
reading. A few times a year she
heads home to Buffalo to visit family
and friends, including her sister and
brother-in-law, Cathi Mache ’82 and
Andy ’83 McKelvey, and her mother.
Cindy catches up with other
Wooster notables around the holi­
days: Susan Maclean ’68, Rob
Maclean ’01, Jim Everett ’79, and
Bob Everett ’82. Cindy had a great
time at the reunion. In particular,
she enjoyed the party outside Sixth
Section, wandering the campus to
see all the new facilities, and, most
importantly, being part of the gallery
at the golf tournament.
Kimberly Lavin McAllister is a
special agent with the FBI (where
she’s worked for 20 years) assigned
to Boston as the polygraph examin­
er. She states, “I thoroughly enjoyed
the 25th reunion, beginning with my
travels with Wendy Beatty Burg from
Philadelphia to Wooster, to the
Peanuts reunion at the Black
Squirrel Inn, to reuniting with First
New friends Judy Hardy, Helen
Wilson, Julie Hoffman, and many
more! Wendy and I even had the
chance to play golf with Jim Rea
(communications, emeritus). Jim
plays seven days a week and hits
much better than we do!
“One of the funnest moments
was golfing with Wendy and Fifth
Section members Craig Karpinski
and John Herck, ’77s. We played
very well until we started telling sto­
ries and reminiscing. That made us
laugh through our back swings and
lose our concentration.
“The reunion was like old times,
like 25 years were never between
us…I guess that’s a good sign of true
friendships…Time can go by, but we
are there through thick and thin if
needed, and we can pick up like it
was yesterday.”
Class president F. Scott Wilson
writes: “About 70 classmates jour­
ned to campus during Alumni
Weekend. The festivities started
Friday night with a reception at
‘new’ Kenarden Lodge, which looks
nothing like it did when we were
students. Evie Zeigler’s daughter
buttered desserts to those in atten­
dance before the reception moved to
the front porch at Sixth Section. A
light drizzle did not dampen the
enthusiasm. The presence of Sig
hosts Greg Benckart and Bill Stone
(among others) gave the party an
authentic feel—the only thing
missing were those blue jackets with
the white leather sleeves.
“At the Alumni Association
meeting Saturday morning, Joan
Blanchard Mosher presented our
class gift, a check for more than
$42,000. Our thanks to those who
donated as well as to Joan for her
tremendous fund-raising leadership.
That afternoon we heard from
Stanley C. Gault ’48 (see photo
above), the retired chairman of the
College’s board of trustees, whose
leadership and generosity have taken
the campus to new heights. It was
good of Stan to take time for us
from his own festivities.
“Rap-master Dean Walker kept
things hopping with his stereo and
an eclectic playlist of songs from the
70s (hearing Al Stewart’s “The
Year of the Cat” brought a tear).
Dropping by for a visit (just in time
for the class photo) was Bob Saltick,
traveling through the Midwest by
car with one of his daughters. Bob
regaled us with many funny stories.
“Bob later wrote, ‘I really do
think that [Wooster] was a great
place…College is such a fleeting
moment in everyone’s lives…great to
see Betsy Arthur and Laurie
White. I wish more people had
returned for the reunion…I thought
for sure Al Spencer would make it.’”
“Also back on campus for the
first time since graduation was super
swimmer John Wilson, who is an
economist with the World Bank in
Washington, DC, and the author or
editor of several authoritative texts.
“Clearly enjoying themselves
were (in addition to those men­
tioned above): Vicki Weiss Kohn,
Diana Dewey Emmanuel, Nancy
Toll Huffman, and Lisa Carter
Sherock ’79, all of whom eschewed
the comforts of Kenarden for a local
B&B. Also snubbing Kenarden, for
the comforts of his van, was Tim
Meyer.
“Saturday’s festivities concluded
with an elegant reception and din­
er at Kittredge. President Stan
Haldeman (who made some heart­
warming and reassuring remarks and
answered questions about life on campus these
days) we elected Anne McCune
and Sally Staley as co-presidents and
Wendy Beatty-Burg and Mary
Breiner as class secretaries for the
next five years. “Our thanks to reunion plan­
ing committee members Cindy
Mache, Wendy Beatty-Burg, Robin
Stockdale, Diana Emanuelle, Joan
Mosher, Patricia Carpenter, Evie
Ziegler, and Dean Walker. It is not
possible to mention everyone, so
we encourage you to send your
reflections to the class secretaries.”
Scott Wilson and his swim team
buddies are planning another cam­
pus reunion at Homecoming. He
hopes that everyone will plan to
reunite on campus in 2008!
Laura Ingraham Clemmens
writes, “We have moved a lot in the
last 10 years or so, and I have lost
track of some Wooster friends.
We lived in Denver (1982-94), where my
husband and I worked for the EPA
in the Superfund Program. In 1994
we moved to Dayton, Ohio, where
my husband started a new job and I
stayed at home with our daughter.
“In 1999 we moved to Eugene,
OR, and I attended law school at the
U of Oregon. (We always
wanted to live in the Northwest.) I
graduated in 2000 and passed the
bar exam that fall. Opportunities
were scarce in Eugene, where we
wanted to stay, so I began a job as
an assistant U.S. attorney in Oregon’s
southern district in December. It is
a great position, with never a dull
moment. Any friends who want to
concentrating on banking, real estate, probate, and commercial law. Ronda serves as president/CEO of Holmes County Title Company. We have plenty of time for parenthood. Jonathan Scaton says, "Life is good out here in the Northwest. We wish the same to all." Jonathan and wife Pat own and operate The Scaton's Carpenter Shop in Snoqualmie, WA.

A press release tells us that honors students at Lamar U recognized Oney Fitzpatrick, associate professor of psychology, as their first Honors Professor of the Year. The students chose from a ballot that included faculty members who had taught an honors class within the honors introduction to psychology class for four years. He has been on the faculty at Lamar since 1991. Oney was the first member of the honors faculty chosen for the "Lunch with the Professor" program this year. Several students selected him to supervise their honors independent studies and honors contracts projects.

Susan Estill, 1817 Keller Lake Dr., Burnsville, MN 55306-6378, <sestill8@aol.com>; Don Leake, 10303 Dickens Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814; and Jenny Watson, 1551 Oakmount Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121, <jluwis626@aol.com>.

A few issues ago I (Lou) challenged folks to provide input or stand prepared to send in a sonnet on winter. I am sure someone could provide a psychological theory as to why the challenge worked. I am just thankful for input. Expect other challenges in the future — intermittent reward (or punishment).

Gordon Engelhard writes from suburban Chicago where all is well with him, his wife, Mary, and sons Max and Grant. Never one to shy away from a challenge, Gordon took the road less traveled and tried the sonnet (see p. 45). Reach him at <GEngelhard@D230.org>.

Patrice Lockhart chose to just provide news. She asks, with some sadness, why our class is particularly bad at keeping news into the alumni magazine. Having no room to complain since she had not offered her two cents, Patrice says that she's finishing a residency training program in psychiatry and happily living in Portland, ME. Patrice is finally getting used to being called Dr. Lockhart and no longer assumes anyone is referring to her brothers. Sadly, her marriage did not survive the transition.

Patrice shares a big, funky house (built in 1856) with her kids, Eliza (15), Elliott (14), Dexter (11), and a dog, Boone. She finds practicing psychiatry even more challenging (and fun) than practicing the harp. She welcomes visitors. Contact her at <plockhart@maine.rr.com>.

While in New York City this March, I (Lou) called upon Richard An to see if he was still practicing law. Richard assured me it is more "art" than practice, after years in the trade. He is doing well. Find him at <RichardAn.Prodigybiz.com>.

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1982

Gwenn Habernickel Hauck lives in Ridgewood, NJ, is married to Dave Hauck, and has two kids in high school and one in fifth grade. "We spend all our time watching hockey games and swim meets, which leaves some time to run with the dog or do some photography. Hope everyone's great. I'd love to hear from old friends."

Charles "Chip" Cherry writes, "A few things have changed in my life since graduation! I married Katie May on May 18, 2002, at St. Clement Church in Chicago, IL. Katie grew up in Los Angeles and moved to Chicago about nine years ago. I moved to Chicago from Pittsburgh about eight years ago. We've been building a new house and finally moved in. Our new address is 1416 Midway Ln., Glenview, IL, 60025."

Find Chip at <C3_pursang@yahoo.com>.

Barbara Brown, 740 Mississippi River Blvd. 10-B, St. Paul, MN 55116, <wishboneandbarb@hotmail.com>.


and Susan Lancaster Toner, 11593 Westbury Pl., Carmel, IN 46032, <susan_toner@hotmail.com>.

1983

Jennifer Smith sends this report, "Overall, things are going well. My new house is in Silver Spring, MD, right outside of Washington, DC. I've been in DC since 1991 and love it. There's always something to do, and it's close to my family in Baltimore. I don't have any kids but do have a diabetic cat, Bart, that I took in when my mother could no longer care for him. He's
Winter Snow
by Gordon Engelhard ‘81

A sonnet on snow? Not sure what to say.
We had little to date, much less than the norm.
But to him I promised to write this, OK?
Blame it on Lou; he suggested this form.
Since ‘81, you have not heard from me.
Left Ohio to live in Chicago.
Marriage, sons and two careers. Indeed.
Advertising first, fourteen years, then, NO!
On to teaching Art, ten years since.
Sculpting, Drawing and Humanities, they learn.
My high school students, I teach with suspense.
Creating art, that passion still burns.
But you’d asked of snow. Outside I see none.
My thoughts drift to summer and warmth of the sun.

am pleased to report that Jeff Todd has agreed to serve as president for the 25th reunion. Dave Martin and Mary Kerr took on the job of class secretaries.

Here are some highlights from the lives of classmates who attended the reunion. Shirley Bennett and Margot Watson are still delivering babies in their ob/gyn practices, Shirley in Cleveland and Margot in Columbus. MD. Becky Bower still works in athletic training at Wright State U in Dayton. Ed Esber continues his medical practice in Akron. Mark Ferguson and Jeff Berichon (who provided the awesome reunion t-shirts) work for Bearware, a company whose software is used in the retail industry.

Both Joan Stafford Lissner and Earle Wise are practicing law. Joan is a prosecutor for the village of Grafton, Ohio and Earle is a prosecutor in Stark County, Ohio.

Stephen Mellin is an information services manager for a law firm in Cleveland. He brought along the “baby book” from our freshman year — a source of amusement.

Margaret Poethig continues her 10-year career in management with policing — first with the Chicago Police Department and now with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C. He brought along the “baby book” from our freshman year — a source of amusement. The "baby book" is a record of the lives of classmates who attended the reunion.

Michele Campbell ‘80 is doing well also. After leaving Wooster, she went to work for the U.S. State Department and spent several years in South America. She lives in northern Virginia and recently became the department head for foreign language at a middle school in Fairfax. She’s divorced and has a daughter, Alessandra (14), who is bilingual (Spanish and English). We try to catch the Orioles/Indians games at Camden Yards. I cheer for the Orioles, she and Alessandra root for the Indians.

“Besides Michele, I keep in touch with Dana Baker ‘81. I kept up with Jean Ziellenbach until she died about 13 years ago. I need to touch base with Pam Willis, but I didn’t make this reunion — not quite ready to admit that I’ve been out of college for 20 years.”

Chris and Martha Horst ‘83

Thomas, Ella, and Solomon, have relocated to the U.S.A. from Sydney, Australia. Their address is 165 Edward Pl, Stamford, CT 06905. Chris is the global customer business development manager at Clairal/Procter & Gamble. They look forward to connecting with C.O.W. classmates. Reach them at <horstthomas@netzero.com>.

We had a wonderful 20th reunion in June. Thanks to all who attended. We missed those of you who could not come, and we hope to see you at the 25th! A special thanks to the 20th reunion committee for all their hard work. Carol Osborne Strach (president), Jeff Berichon, Mark Ferguson, and Miguel Valencia. (Jennie Salliers)

are happy to say this is our last column as class secretaries. We’re ready to hand things over to the able hands of Deb Celinski, Cathy Campbell Wright, and Michelle Pagano Heck. But before we go, here is some news.

Michelle Pagano married Christopher Charles Heck on Jan. 19 in Pittsburgh. Michelle is the director of community relations for WQED Multimedia, the parent company of WQED public radio and TV stations in Pittsburgh.

Doug Letts fills us in on the last 15 years: “Post-Wooster life found me doing some graduate work at Rhode Island College, which led to a few years of teaching autistic children in Providence, RI. I then moved on to medical sales, currently with GE Medical Systems. My career has taken me from Albany to Boston, out to Denver, and finally here to Cary, NC, where my wife Pam, daughter Danielle (2), and I now live.”

Rebecca Taylor Huffman sends this note: “We’ve been a bit busy. We gave birth to our second son, Ian “Cole” on Dec. 28, 2002 (just in time for a tax deduction!). Older brother, Jack, is digging his brother. The two are only 14 months apart. I still work full-time with a smaller biotechnology company selling cancer drugs and love it. It helps keep me sane and allows for some much-needed adult conversation.

“I speak with Eileen Robinson often. She’s moving to Traverse City, MI, with her fiancé, Chip Garcynski. Eileen works for Lexus as an attorney. Carol Anderson Hess seems to be holding her own with twin girls, born on Dec. 3, 2002. Caitlin and Melina join brother Christian (3). (Glad to know there’s someone a bit more nuts than I am!) Don’t worry Carol, life will be easier in, say, about 10 years.”

Miatta saw Shareen Hertel at a conference in Dallas. Shareen has just finished a Ph.D. in political science at Columbia U. Her research focused on changes in transnational advocacy on labor and economic rights in the 1990s and included case studies on Mexico, Bangladesh, and the U.S. She’ll teach human rights courses at Columbia this year and work on articles and a book on related topics. She and her husband, Don Swinton, still live on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and love visitors.

During her time in Mexico, Shareen got in touch with Linda Stevenson, who’s doing very similar research and also teaching. They’ve had fun swapping work and connecting again.

Trip and Kim Wadeleigh have a new addition to their family. Becket Elizabeth was born May 27. Trip and Kim have lots of help, as Becket’s big sister, Claire (3), is doing very similar work on articles and a book on related topics. She and her husband, Don Swinton, still live on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and love visitors.

You’ve “met” our new secretaries: our new class president is Mary Cox Barclay (<marybarclay@aol.com>), Deb Celinski, 12244 Woodside Ct., Strongsville, OH 44136, <dcelinski@comcast.net>; Cathy Campbell Wright, 44 Meadow Ln., Middlebury, VT 05753, <catwright@wqed.org>; and Michelle Pagano Heck, Director of Community Relations, WQED Multimedia, <mheck@wqed.org>.

1989 Kevin Weiss tells us of new family members: “My wife, Robin, and I welcomed identical twin daughters on Dec. 21, 2002. The girls were born at home with their four older siblings and the midwives helping us. I was able to help catch the first baby, Owen Laurel. Her sister, Clara Elliott, was born 23 minutes later.”

“We’re all doing well and adjusting to life with the new babies. Robin’s busy writing her third book while I use my Ph.D. to play house husband and help the kids with their math homework.” Kevin says he’s taking actuarial exams and may get a job (outside of the home) in the fall.

Erika M. Federmann, 7713 Salem Dr., Hudson, OH 44236-1454, <efedermann@ualpha.net>.

1990 Simon Springett still manages to stay busy, he reports, “working on Humanitarian Response for Oxfam. I’ve been traveling between Syria, Jordan, Iran, and Kuwait trying to secure safe access routes into Iraq. I am based in Nashirya in southeastern Iraq. I should be home for the month of July and hope to see lots of Wooster folks at Rockgrassy.”

Carolyn Strunk sends salutations from Bowling Green, Ohio. She is the head coach at the local swim club. She and her husband are enjoying raising their son (18 mos.). From Rome, Italy, Kelly Richmond writes, “Life here can be a cross-cultural challenge, but I hope I’m learning from it.” Kelly keeps in touch with Melissa Ferrari, Mia Wright, Leslie Lipson, and Michela Huth.

Dawn Bennett Clarke sends an update from Bethesda, MD. She has...
earned an M.A. in health communications, got married to Scott Clarke, and has an "amazing" son, Briggs Martin (3). Dawn works part-time as a health consultant.

Dan Pancake reports, "I left my job with the U.S. Department of Energy almost eight years ago and went to culinary school." Dan lives in Chicago and is the chef at Cafe Spiaggia Restaurant.

In addition to other honors, Shelley Pearssall's novel, Trouble Don't Last (Knopf, 2002), won the 2003 Scott O'Dell Historical Fiction Award. Check out the author's Web site, <www.shelleypearsall.com>.

Marnie Reid sends news from Ann Arbor, MI. She and her husband have two boys, Patrick (1), and Connor (4). Marnie just completed her second year with the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the U of Michigan.

In Kansas City Sean Pickett and his wife are busy raising two boys, Jack (2) and Josh (7 mos.). Sean's law business is growing steadily, and he has formed two nonprofits that provide services for troubled adolescents.

Matthew Portner was recently appointed the director of auxiliary services at Ashland U. He joined Ashland in 1997 as an environmental specialist and later was assistant director and then director of the bookstore. Matthew replaced Michael J. Bradley, who directed food services at Wooster in the 1980s and now holds that position at Ashland, Matthew, his wife, and their three children reside in Ashland.

Ruth Reynolds Cotter, 1077 Ardsley Rd., Schenectady, NY 12308-3011; Candace Davis Pauly, 704 Dunkirk Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212; and Julie Rieves, 364 Fairfield St., Apt. 2, Cambridge, MA 02140, <wooster_90@hotmail.com>.

1992

1992 Todd Kleinman writes, "I have started a solo law practice in downtown Boulder, CO, focusing primarily on real estate transactions, general business representation, and related litigation. I'm also focused on having fun with this venture! I would enjoy the chance to talk to each of you about what I'm doing, so drop me a line (<tt.kleinman@attbi.com>) or stop by."

Jessamyn Neuhaus has published a book, Many Meals and Men's Home Cooking: Cookbooks and Gender in Modern America (Johns Hopkins U Press). It explores the gendered nature of cookbooks and cookery between the 1890s and the 1960s and emphasizes that cookbooks both reflected and shaped the ideology of women's domestic sphere. Jessamyn earned a Ph.D. at Claremont Graduate U and is a visiting lecturer in history at Case Western Reserve U.

Annie Longsworth is the new head of the San Francisco office of Cohn & Wolfe, a marketing-focused public relations agency. This office ranks 25th in revenues among PR agencies in San Francisco. Annie is responsible for enlarging the office's client portfolio, overseeing operations, and expanding C&W's strategic and business development initiatives in the Pacific Northwest. She lives in San Francisco with her husband, John Dallas '90, and their son, Kathlen Quinn, 241 Johns Hill Rd., Highland Heights, KY 41076, <quinnk@email.uc.edu>.

1993

Chris Strompolos married Monica Leigh Rodriguez on Mar. 22, 2003, at the Inshahall Gallery in Los Angeles. Chris is the manager of creative business development for Intelliky Labs Inc. and Circa 9 in Burbank. Reach him at <chris@missionspring.com>

Stacy Slater Erazo welcomed twin boys on June 13, Alden Sage and Elliott Slater. Get more details at <stacy@cristianandstacy.com>.

Erin Siders writes, "I work at Merck as a project manager. I'm a single mom to Isaiah (2). We just got back from vacation in the United Kingdom and moved to a new house in Maplewood, NJ. I would love to hear from old Wooster friends."

Daniel Leonard Perrius can't believe it has been 10 years since we were at Wooster. He says, "The New Jersey Devils have won their third cup, and all is well in beauti...

ful "New Jersy." Reach him at <cipertus@optonline.net>.


1994

Delia Hoye Sattelman enjoyed taking the road trip to Wooster in October for Homecoming Weekend with her husband, John. She recalls, "It was a longer drive than I remembered, and hopefully we will fly next time. We stayed with Gillian Larabee '97 in Medina and caught up with her, which was wonderful. Gillian is a lawyer in Medina and plays in two soccer leagues. She still burns the younger girls with her moves."

"On campus I caught up with Clari Roberts and Kim Kuhls '95, some of the few women's soccer alumni who made the trip to the Alumni Soccer Game at Homecoming. We were the oldest women soccer alums in the game (I didn't think we were all that old)."

"It was good to see Clari and Kim, and it was only a few minutes before we were clicking and playing together like no time had passed. We played a small 6 v. 6 game, and the fans were incredible. Hopefully next year we'll have a bigger turnout. All you women soccer players out there, don't be shy." Delia's e-mail address is <saltyde@ymail.com>.
Christine Arthur Farrell writes, "I live in Arlington, VA, in a beautiful colonial house and have worked at Freddie Mac (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation) for the last eight and a half years. I expect to graduate with a master's in technology management from George Mason U in May. I keep in close touch with Sarah Fuller '95 and also see Jason Gindele, Josh Leventhal, Phil Jones, and Chris Brown." Send Christine an e-mail, at <christine.farrell@verizon.net>.

In February Jennifer Lynn Lavris returned from a second season of archaeological work with the Penn-Yale-IFAn Expedition in Abidos, Egypt, working with early dynastic royal funerary monuments. She reports, "Some exciting discoveries were made, but I've been sworn to secrecy until the news has been officially released. An upcoming issue of National Geographic Magazine (sometime this summer) will feature the expedition. Look for my photo!

"As soon as I returned from Egypt, I began a new job with the National Park Service at Canyon de Chelly National Monument. My fiancé, two dogs, and I packed up and moved to the Four Corners area. We reside on the largest Indian Reservation (Navajo) in the U.S. Alumni are welcome to contact me in advance if they plan on visiting the park to see the wonderful Anasazi cliff dwellings here!" Write to Jennifer at P.O. Box 2147, Chinle, AZ 86503.

Jay Fulmer was promoted to hub supervisor for Continental Airlines at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport last October. He writes, "I bought my first home last year and am looking to purchase an investment property. I look forward to seeing fellow Wooster alumni, students, and Xi Chis as they pass through the airport." Reach Jay at <jay_fulmer@hotmail.com>.

On Sept. 30, 2002, Andrew '92 and Lisa Horwedel Barton had their first child, a son named Jack Charles. Lisa writes, "We absolutely love being parents! Jack is wonderful and such a joy. Drew is a principal research scientist at Battelle Memorial Institute; I am an employ-


ee benefits attorney for Baker & Hostetler LLP. We live in Columbus, Ohio, and are interested in hearing from friends. My e-mail is <ibarton@bakerlaw.com>.

Ed Spitzmiller writes, "My wife, Meredith Rucker, and I live in Cincinnati now. I am one year into a three-year neonatology fellowship. Mere teaches online courses in education for the U of Cincinnati and stays home with Kayla (2 1/2)."

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1995

Rob Sarra, a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, was deployed to the Persian Gulf from Camp Pendleton, GA, in January. He is a member of the First Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment, and has been on active duty since 2000.

After graduating from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in May 2002, Jim Folk took an associate pastor position at Trinity Fellowship Church in Big Rapids, MI. Jim's wife, Emily, has an M.S.W. and works for Eagle Village, a local social work agency, as a foster-care licensing coordinator. They would appreciate any contacts from old friends, classmates, or professors at <jfolk@trinityinfo.org>.


Andrea Michelle Peoples married Sanjay Marwah on Mar. 24, 2003, in Rockville, MD. Her husband is originally from New Delhi, India. Andrea says, "Married life is absolutely wonderful. I thank God for such a loving and supporting individual." Andrea is working on a Ph.D. at George Washington U, where her husband is a professor of criminology/sociology and anthropology. They are planning a trip this summer to India and a honeymoon in Morocco. Andrea sends a special "hello" to Sylvia Lockett, Afshan Ahmed '97, and LaTasha Naidu '96.

Taylor Maxson is working on an M.F.A. in writing at Goucher College in Baltimore and is recording and performing music and singing. Find Taylor at <taylormaxson@earthlink.net>.

Erinn Maury writes, "I've been totally out of touch, I earned an M.D. in 2001 then started a residency in internal medicine at the U of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. I am a second-year resident and will do a fellowship in rheumatology in 2004. My e-mail address is <emaurt01@umaryland.edu>.

Ronald Earl Hustwit Jr., updates us: "Heather Wakefield McGone '98 and I got married in Oct. 2001, not long after Heather earned an M.S. in biogeochemistry from Cornell U. We moved to Arkansas where I am finishing a Ph.D. in philosophy. I received a commission in the U.S. Air Force, and we'll move to Texas temporarily for training and then hopefully to Colorado. Heather is involved with an educational initiative, teaching GIS and GPS technologies in high schools across the U.S.

Becca SANDERS MASTIN, 4 Fall River Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014, <becca-mastin@worldnet.att.net>.

1996

Doug and Tasha Stolle '99 Peacock are "having a blast" in Louisville, KY. They welcomed their second child, Sam, on Feb. 7, and big sister Aly is thrilled. Doug says, "Other than diapers and the terrible twos, I am finishing an M.B.A. with a focus on entrepreneurship at the U of Louisville in the fall. Life is great." Contact Doug at <peacockprops@aol.com>.

Jennie Rae Lazor Jackson writes, "I live in beautiful Austin, TX, with my amazing husband, Brad, and adorable baby girl, Nichi. I'm back in school, picking up all those fun math and chemistry courses I neglected to take at Wooster." You can find Jennie at <Brad-jennie@austin.rr.com>.

Susan Sipes Plesac was inducted into the Crestline (Ohio) High School Athletic Hall of Fame in April. She played volleyball, basketball, and softball. In her high school basketball career, she scored a school record of 1,222 points. At Wooster she was twice named Ohio Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Scarlett Caminiti married Richard Boudier II on Oct. 18, 2002. Scarlett is vice president of public affairs for the Greater Cleveland Film Commission in Cleveland, Ohio, and Richard is a geologist for JDS consultants there.

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1997

Laura Ellen Campbell lives in Ohio once again, after being in New York for nearly four years. "Cleveland is much more affordable," she says. "I graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in 2001 and have been doing wedding cakes and catering ever since." No, I have not yet incorporated my degree in geology. Although not even the most stressful catering job could equal the pressure-cooker of J.S. Thank you, Sam Root (geology-emeritus), for preparing me. Didn't know you were preparing me for this, did you? Neither did I.

"My better half, Ray, and I moved to Cleveland from Rochester, NY. In Rochester we ran into Jeff and Heather Lambert-Shemo, '96-
Little did we know — they moved to Lakewood only a month after we did. It has been nice getting to know them. Life for us is good. Aren’t we all pretty fortunate?

"I am still running marathons. Sadly the terrain of northern Ohio pales next to that of the Hudson River Valley (now there’s some serious geology)."

Lisa Marie Nuzum married David Hartman on Mar. 22. The couple resides in Akron.

In March Denise M. Elliott was named vice president for economic development at Downtown Cleveland Partnership, a not-for-profit advocate dedicated to building and revitalizing Cleveland’s downtown. Denise is involved in office tenant attraction/expansion programs, creating a series of downtown business improvement districts, tax increment financing opportunities, and facilitating downtown residential and retail development segments. She was formerly a senior consultant with Deloitte & Touche LLP in both the Eastern and retail development segments.

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"(Sue) am enjoying a flurry of visitors to my new home in Colorado. The summers months are absolutely beautiful here, and I look forward to many nights on my porch enjoying the view of Pike’s Peak with guests! If you’re in the neighborhood, please contact me!

SUZANNE M. FLETCHER. 227 North Nevada Ave. Apt. 1, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, <suziefletcher@yahoo.com>."

1998

The new class officers are Matthew Scott, president, and Terry Heubert and Sally Thelen, class secretaries.

Matthew hosted a January gathering (see photo, below).

Terry, a recent staffer of former Pennsylvania governors Tom Ridge and Mark Schweiker, now works in the Washington, DC, office of the Portland-based consulting firm, Conding Fiskum & McCormick Inc. Terry has also served as an aide to British local government conservative leader Brian Oxley and volunteered in President Bush’s election campaign.

In Aug. 2002 Scott Shlasko got married in a small ceremony overlooking the lava tubes of Mt. St. Helens. He and his wife, Myet, live in Portland, OR, where Scott plans to cultivate a career as a masseur.

Kristen Schermer and her husband have lived in Denver for over a year. "We are teachers, avid rock climbers, and adventure enthusiasts" — with no desire to move back east. Wendy Varewycz just finished two grueling years at Philadelphia U. With an M.S., she’s a certified physician assistant. After a couple of exciting months in Europe, she’s working for the Waukesha (WI) Heart Institute.

Wendy relays updates on the following (thanks!). Becky Bender spent a few years working in Virginia and then completed a certification program at the Natural Gourmet Cookery School. She’s in Venice, CA, looking for a job that will utilize her culinary skills.

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Thinking Big

Emily Welty '00, a Ph.D. candidate in the international peace and conflict resolution program at American University, made a trip back to Wooster to talk about her year abroad as a Watson Fellow (2000-2001). The Watson Fellowship is a one-year grant of $22,000 for study and travel outside the United States. Welty told students who were interested in applying for the fellowship about her experiences overseas and how to prepare a successful Watson proposal.

She enthusiastically championed the Watson program as a way to "get paid to immerse yourself in what you're passionate about."

The Watson experience let Welty delve into her own passions, interfaith dialogue and conflict resolution. She set out to study interfaith dialogue in areas where religious conflict is prevalent — Israel, Palestine, and Northern Ireland. But volatile political situations interfered with Welty's well-laid plans.

On the West Bank in Israel, the boundary line between Israel and Palestine ran directly through Welty's apartment. Early in her stay there, fighting broke out between the two groups — literally in her backyard. As the situation deteriorated, it was time to go. Welty didn't want to leave, but the U.S. State Department declared the area too dangerous for Americans.

Because of a stipulation that a Watson fellow cannot return to the States any time during the 12-month grant period, Welty spent a couple of weeks in London doing some research and deciding where to continue her study. After some thought, she headed to South Africa to interview religious leaders and peace activists about their struggle to end apartheid.

Seven months later, when it was time to leave for Ireland, Welty was having coffee with Nelson Mandela's biographer on a weekly basis. "I just know that if I had been able to spend more time there, I would have met Nelson Mandela himself," Welty says.

She spent the rest of her Watson year in Northern Ireland working as an assistant to Nobel Peace prize winner Mairead Corrigan-Maguire and with Protestant paramilitary groups, helping them think about ways to engage the other side in constructive dialogue.

W elty says that, when she returned to the United States after living for a year in very diverse cultures, she felt that she "could do anything and live anywhere and know how to improvise." Since the Watson grant does not make any of the arrangements for the fellows, Welty found accommodations and sought out contacts on her own. "The Watson experience definitely gave me more self-confidence," she maintains.

W elty advises students who are dreaming of a Watson fellowship to think big and be adventurous. "This is the perfect time in your life to spend a year abroad, experiencing other cultures and exploring your passions."

Contact her at <emilywelty@yahoo.com>.


2000 Katherine Varney and Brian Ritchie were married in Scarborough, ME, on Nov. 2, 2002. (see photo on p. 35). In March Katherine and Brian traveled to Wooster to watch the men's basketball team play the two incredible games to reach the Final Four. They enjoyed seeing so many alumni. Katherine can be reached at <kppricie@wittenberg.edu>.

David Moore Miller says, "I've been teaching public middle school here in Philly since we graduated. It's been tough but rewarding. I had a nice visit with Peter and Haley last summer in San Francisco. When I'm not hanging out with Andy Stimson, Marco Federico, and "Burrito" (Andrew Bonito), '02s, in Philly, I like to visit Loic, Alex, Justin — and if I'm lucky, Kirsten Blake, Jesse Fowler '98, and Jen Hayman in DC. We enjoyed grits together over St. Patrick's Day. Drop me a note at <bellosaywhat@hotmail.com>.

Maura Finn, 3 Stuyvesant Oval Apt. 10c, New York, NY 10009, <maurafinn12@hotmail.com>.

2001 Karen Makar has changed departments at the Discovery Channel, "My new position is in the international program sales department at Discovery's headquarters here in the DC area. It involves working with our Asia and Latin American venues and traveling on occasion to meet new clients. I also finished a wonderful year as a swim coach for a team in Virginia (ages 9-14). I welcome e-mails at <kam22@adelphia.net>.

In May Jill Trefitz graduated with an M.A. in English from Pennsylvania State U, 'after two grueling years of teaching freshmen. This fall I'm entering the Penn State English Ph.D. program to study Victorian literature. State College, PA, is almost, but not quite, as boring as Wooster — we have two Wal-Marts instead of just one and about three times as many cows. Yeah." Send Jill e-mail: <jmt283@psu.edu>.

Jill might run into Kevin Egan this fall. Kevin graduated from Virginia Tech in May with a master's in political science. He's spending
the summer working in Blacksburg, VA, before heading to Penn State to study for a Ph.D. in political science.

Betsy Bare visited with Kyle Abraham in Seattle recently. Both have completed their second years of law school. Kyle attends Willamette U in Oregon and is pursuing an M.B.A. as well as a law degree. Betsy attends the U of Akron and works for Arter and Hadden in Cleveland for the summer. I (Joy) am proud of her for becoming the executive editor of her school's law review.

Another prospective lawyer is Matt Bierlein. He recently returned from teaching in China and planned a trip to South America this summer. Matt will attend Ohio State U in the fall to pursue a law degree.

I (Joy) graduated from the U of Akron with Heather Schieda and Denise Cox Hoytsack. They both obtained master's degrees in audiology, while my master's is in speech-language pathology. I look forward to working as a speech therapist in a public school. I still live with Betsy Bare and Jill Shoemaker in Akron, a constant reminder of the great friendships I formed at Wooster.

Greg Clinton says he's "studying philosophy and drinking great beer in Leuven, Belgium." E-mail him at gregclinton@mailcan.com.

Kirk Lapham married Kimberly Manes on Oct. 12, 2002, in Lansing, MI. Kirk is a geologist, and Kimberly is a registered pediatric nurse at Bronson Hospital. The couple lives in Charlotte, MI.

Michael Ray won the year-long Sherman Minton moot court competition at the Indiana U-Bloomington School of Law where he's in his second year. He also serves as articles editor for the Indiana Law Journal.

Andrea Jorjorian writes from Boston, "I was recently promoted to team leader at work. In my free time I play a lot of hockey. My team, the Boston Ice Sharks, won the travel division at the Champlain Shootout Tournament in Vermont. "I volunteered as an EMT for the Boston Marathon. It was a lot of fun and hard work — there were many sick runners due to the weather. I moved to a new apartment and will enter the M.S. in physician assistant studies program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology."

They both attended master's degrees in audiology. Betsy is working for three Cumulus Broadcasting stations in Toledo as an account executive/consultant and occasionally misses Ohio winters and warm temperatures are nice, but he occasionally misses Ohio winters and late nights in The Voice office.

The wedding of Anne Bishop and Ryan Almeida, '96s, Sept. 7, 2002. (Back row, l to r) Groom, Sean Hesch, Jake Carmanny, '96s; (Second row) Jonathan Vanderplough, Guy Mulligan, Amy Tusconananges, '06s, Marshall Jordan '99s, Amanda Cook '00s, Jennifer Hogue '01s; (Front) Kathryn Barr Vanderplough, Heather Schario, '96s, bride, Christie Stern '00s, Eren Brown '99s.

The Voice writes, "I live in A von Park, FL, and work as a research assistant for the Archbold Biological Station. Most of my time is spent running around, monitoring Florida Scrub Jay populations. Come fall, I'll move to Gainesville and enter the M.S. program at the U of Florida's department of wildlife ecology and conservation. My thesis will involve the endangered Florida beach mouse." Alex says the sunshine and warm temperatures are nice, but he occasionally misses Ohio winters and late nights in The Voice office.

Rachel Ann Renkes will start a master's program in drama, language, literacy, and reading this fall at Ohio State U. Please take a moment and fill us in on what you are doing.


2003 Our class president is Dan Bartha. Welcome your class secretaries, Kendra Heffelbower, Hannah Russell, and Marta Zaborowski (see addresses below), by sending lots of news!

Kendra Heffelbower, 3793 W. Suburban Cl., Columbus, IN 47201; Hannah Russell, 99 John St. Apt. 810, New York, NY 10038, <hr203@nyu.edu>; and Marta Zaborowski, 4701 Mill Springs Ct., Colleyville, TX 76034.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

'00 To James Leon '98 and Whitney Marsh Tarver, a son, Bryce Alexander, Feb. 5, 2002

'97 To Clarence and Robyn Hill Jones, a daughter, Olivia Renee, Oct. 1, 2002, joining sister Makayla Sofia (3)

'92 To Khadija and Farooq Ahsan-ud-din, a daughter, Eman, June 6, 2003

'92 To Chris Coors and Beth Hahne, a son, Aaron Mathieu, May 2, 2003

'92 To Kim and Stephen G. Spitzer, a daughter, Sophia Kim, Jan. 28, 2003 (also Steve's birthday)

'91 To Chris and Jen Brinnall Bell, a son, Sean, March 2003
91 To Joan Cosgrove and Dave 
'90 Coogan, a daughter, Lucy Anna, 
Dec. 19, 2002

91 To Morgan Pearson and 
Louis Theriot '90, a son, Scott 
Charles, Apr. 20, 2003, joining sister 
Grace Noelle (2)

91 To Deb Whitfield and 
Peter Wiese, a son, Mason, Apr. 23, 2003

88 To Nathan Sponseller and 
Dana Cooper-Sponseller, a daughter, 
Micah Marian Cooper-Sponseller, 
Aug. 8, 2002

88 To Brooke and Kenneth 
John Shepard, a daughter, Tessa 
O'Keefe, Dec. 31, 2002, joining sis­
ters Emma (5) and Kayla (2)

86 To Denise and Patrick 
Gorman, a daughter, Catherine 
Sophia, April 19, 2003

83 To Mary Neagoy and Ed 
Markey, a son, Russell, Mar. 3, 2003, 
joining sister Alice (2)

83 To Craig Dorn and Sandy 
Silo, a son, Nathan Silo Dorn, 
Dec. 16, 2002

OBITUARIES

'98 Dayan Hirji, Calcutta, 
India, Feb. 20, 2003, in an auto acci­
dent. Dayan studied at the college 
from Aug. 1994 to Dec. 1996. His 
interests included swimming, read­
ing, and listening to music. His par­
ents, Parveen and Zul Dayan, sur­
vive. They describe Dayan as “gener­
ous, forgiving and sensitive...He had 
a theory about everything and a wit 
that would keep us in splits.” A col­
league says that Dayan was “always 
looking at things from a fresh per­
spective, ready to work 24/7 when­
ever necessary...a gem...an unforget­
table human being.”

'89 Victoria Brooks Kimbrough, 
Boulder, CO, Jan. 30, 2003, of heart 
failure. In college she was interested 
in music, especially singing. She 
served on the Students Activities 
Board and was its co-chairperson for 
special events. Victoria earned a cer­
tificate from the Denver Paralegal 
Institute in 1990, achieved certifica­
tion as a legal assistant in 1998, and 
added a speciality in real estate two 
years later.

She worked as a legal assistant, 
most recently for the law firm of 
Gorsuch Kirgis LLP. Victoria was an 
ofﬁcer in local and national para­
legal and legal groups and often was a 
speaker at association meetings. A 
Boulder resident for the last two 
years, she belonged to the Rocky 
Mountain Christian Church in 
Niwot, CO. Her colleagues describe 
she as having “a quick wit, energetic, 
full of spunk, and thoughtfully,” with 
a zest for life. She loved cats and was 
“mom” to three. Surviving are her 
mother, Nancy Clemens Kimbrough 
Fredrick ‘50, two brothers, and a sis­
ter. Her father died previously.

'80 Sharon R. Troyer, Wooster, 
Mar. 9, 2003. A music major at the 
College, Sharon won the Pi Kappa 
Lambda Prize in music and earned a 
master’s in organ performance at the 
U of California, Riverside. Sharon 
also studied the harpsichord. She 
gave private lessons and played in a 
baroque ensemble, at the March Air 
Force Base in California, and for 
churches in the Wooster area and in 
Georgia. She also worked as a med­
ical transcriptionist. Sharon attended 
Central Christian Church. Her 
mother, Jeanne Hostetler Troyer, 
father and stepmother, Nevin and 
Margaret Troyer, a daughter, and 
two brothers, including Gary ‘79, 
survive.

'72 Marilyn Evans Holmes, 
Rockville Centre, NY, Dec. 29, 2002, 
after a 16-month battle with breast 
cancer. When Marilyn arrived at 
Wooster, her goal was to serve as a 
director of Christian education. That 
changed quickly when she began 
volunteering at the Ida Sue School. 
She led a Girl Scout troop there, 
assisted with the school’s Special 
Olympics team, and student taught at 
Ida Sue. Marilyn belonged to 
Sphinx and participated in dramatic 
productions at the College.

A speech major, she earned a 
master’s in educational psychology 
at New York U in 1974. She then 
began teaching emotionally disturbed 
and learning-disabled adolescents, a 
ministry that continued until shortly 
before her death. In 2000 the Coun­
cil for Exceptional Children named 
Marilyn a Professionally Recognized 
Special Educator.

In the summers she ran a pro­
gram for disabled adults at the 
Presbyterian Camp and Conference 
Center in Holmes, NY. She led Girl 
Scout troops of all ages, including 
the first Daisy Scout troop in Nassau 
County, and trained adult Girl Scout 
leaders. At First Presbyterian Church 
in Oceanside, NY, she served as an 
elder and clerk of session. Marilyn’s 
husband of 36 years, David ‘70, a 
daughter, and two sons survive.

x’66 Teresa Richard Turner, 
Warwick, RI, Nov. 10, 2002, of can­
ter. Teresa spent one year at Wooster 
and graduated from Indiana U. She 
moved James J. Turner ‘66, Teresa 
worked for a department store for 
10 years and belonged to St. Barna­bas Episcopal Church and PEO 
Sisterhood. Her husband survives, 
along with her mother, Anne 
Stillings Richard ‘40, two sons, a 
daughter, three grandchildren, a 
brother, and three sisters.

'60 Bruce K. Schrier, Wooster, 
Jan, 4, 2003. Bruce was a member of 
Section Second, the Congressional 
Club, and choir at Wooster and 
graduated with honors in chemistry. 
He married Shirley Fisher in 1964 
and earned an M.D. from the Wes­
tern Reserve U School of Medicine 
(1964) and a Ph.D. in biochemistry 
from Tufts U (1967).

Bruce served in the U.S. Public 
Health Service at the National 
Institutes of Health from 1967-88. 
He conducted research in cell and 
molecular biology and was a mem­
er of the USPHS Medical Ethics 
Committee. In 1990 he moved to 
Wooster and joined Technology 
Unlimited to study liposome tech­
nology. He later became vice presi­
dent for research and development 
at Oakwood Laboratories. A career 
highlight was heading a research 
team to develop delivery systems for 
cancer drugs and other medications. 
His goal was to create and market 
effective cancer drugs that had few 
side effects.

Bruce belonged to Northview 
Christian Missionary Alliance 
Church and served that and other 
churches as a Sunday school teacher 
and in music ministry, among other 
areas. He was a long-time member of 
Gideons International and a number of 
scientific societies.

Surviving are his mother, his 
wife, three sons, three daughters, 
seven grandchildren, and two sisters. 
His father died previously. Another 

'55 Ann Hill Smith, Omaha, 
NE, Feb. 10, 2003. We Miller Manor 
girls remember Ann, the one with 
a contagious laugh. Her sense of 
humor would carry her through 
many difficult years, including a bat­
tle with Parkinson’s disease. In col­
lege she sang in the women’s chorus 
and majored in history. She became a 
special education teacher.

Through round-robin letters we 
shared experiences of our young 
families. Ann’s letters always 
described incidents in her own 
humorous fashion. Memories of 
pasture picnics on her farm in 
Illinois and a three-family house 
painting party (six adults and eight 
children) still bring a smile. Unfor­
tunately her husband, Roger 
Stockley, died suddenly, and Ann 
raised her three children alone.

Later she married Gene Smith 
and moved to Omaha. She served as 
president of the state’s Parkinson’s 
Disease Foundation and helped pass 
legislation to research the prevalence 
of the disease in Nebraska. Many 
Wooster folks witnessed her “joie de 
vivre” on Wooster-sponsored trips to 
Alaska and South America.

Her husband tells us that Ann 
struggled to live, even when close to 
the end. He says, “She was a beauti­
ful person and a wonderful wife.” As 
II Timothy 4: 7-8 cites, she “fought 
the good fight, but she has finished 
the race.” We miss you, Ann, Gene, 
two sons, a daughter, a stepdaughter, 
a stepson, eight grandchildren, and 
three great-grandchildren survive.

—Margie Pardee Petersen ‘55

'54 Martha Woodward 
Bangert, Sheffield Lake, Ohio, Sept. 
17, 2002. A sociology major, Martha 
belonged to Pyramids and sang in 
the women’s chorus at Wooster. She 
also studied at Baldwin-Wallace 
College and Cleveland State U.

Martha taught elementary school 
for many years, retiring in 1993. She 
sang in the West Shore Chorale and
her church choir, belonged to the Sierra Club, and participated in environmental experiences sponsored by organizations such as Earthwatch. Two sons, a daughter, three grandchildren, and a brother, David Woodward '53, survive.

53 Joseph Beebe, Sunbury, Ohio, Jan. 6, 2003. Born in Chiangmai, Thailand, to missionary parents, Joe attended the Woodstock School in India. He spent two years at Wooster, where he majored in math and served on The Voice staff. Joe transferred to Ohio State U. He worked as a mechanical engineer and computer programmer and analyst and was a life master at bridge. Friends and family remember his quick wit and love of debate. Surviving are his wife, Elly van Laer Beebe, two daughters; a brother, Edward "Ted" '50; and two sisters, including Mary Beebe Landes '43.

53 Beryl "Dixie" Kalin, New Orleans, LA, Feb. 17, 2003, of complications from diabetes. A physical education major, Dixie was secretary of the Emps and belonged to the Inter-college Council, Intervarsity Fellowship, and sang in three choirs. She also participated in several women's sports at Wooster.

Dixie studied at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans and became a registered nurse. After working at hospitals in Texas and North Carolina as well as her native Louisiana, she retired from New Orleans Adolescent Hospital in 1995 as weekend hospital supervisor. Known as "Deacon Dixie," she was an ordained deacon and secretary/treasurer for Foundation of Stone Missionaries. Her companion, Paul Thornton, a daughter, and a sister survive.

53 Marcia Ten Cate King, Dorset, VT, Feb. 9, 2003. Marcia graduated from Ohio State U with a B.S. and an M.S. in social work and taught special ed in Ohio before moving to Connecticut. Marcia retired from the Westport (CT) schools in 1986, married William King Jr., and moved to Dorset. She belonged to the United Church of Dorset and East Rupert and presided over the board of the Dorset Nursing Association. She and her husband also managed an antique business. She leaves her husband, a son, a daughter, a brother, and four grandchildren.

51 John G. Horn, Lancaster, Ohio, formerly of Upper Arlington, Dec. 21, 2002. John majored in political science and joined the U.S. Air Force. He served until 1955 in special investigations in Germany, where he met Joan Schultz. They married in 1955. John then joined the family business and was a contractor, distributor, and owner of both Blacktop Maintenance and Solar Control Co. He belonged to the Mercator Service Club and the Standardbred Horse Association and was an active Mason. Surviving are his wife, daughter Judith Horn Beach '79, a son, four granddaughters, and a sister.

51 Barbara "Bobbie" Hastings Kinslow, Ridgefield, CT, Nov. 26, 2002. An economics major, Bobbie belonged to THE Corporation at Wooster and served on the Student Activities Board. She worked at several banks, but her real passion was volunteering in public schools. For over 30 years she tutored students in Connecticut. During the decade, she taught first-graders in Norwalk's mentoring program. The Norwalk schools honored Bobbie's efforts with its Diamond Award. Survivors include Hollis A. Kinslow, her husband of 49 years, a son, a daughter, and a sister.

50 John D. Steiner, Pleasanton, CA, Jan. 6, 2003. During WWII, this Wooster native served in the U.S. Army. He belonged to Third Section at the College and majored in geology. John worked in human resources management for the BF Goodrich Co. in various Ohio towns. In 1968 he joined the Bechtel Corp. in San Francisco. John later worked for IBM in Santa Clara. He retired from IBM in 1990 and served on the Alameda County Advisory Commission on Aging and the Pleasanton Senior Center Advisory Committee. He also belonged to the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow. John enjoyed world travel, the arts, and baseball.

Survivors include his wife, Christine, whom he married in 1984; a son, two daughters; two stepdaughters; three grandchildren; a sister, Harriet Steiner Sands '51; and a brother, James '52. Two other siblings, Ivan Jr. '33 and Julia Steiner Taylor '48, died previously.

50 Robert N. Twitchell, Fairview Park, Ohio, Feb. 4, 2003. Bob served in WWII before coming to the College. He belonged to Section Seven, majored in economics, and played football. A member of the school board in Fairview Park, his hometown, he worked in sales. His wife, Joetta, and a sister died previously. Four daughters, five grandchildren, and two siblings survive.

49 Stanley Grosshandler, Raleigh, NC, Jan. 8, 2003. Stanley majored in psychology, belonged to Third Section, and played football for the Scots. He served as captain with the U.S. Army Eighth Medical Corps in Korea. In 1955 he earned an M.D. from the Ohio State U College of Medicine and became a board-certified anesthesiologist, specializing in pain management. He practiced in Milwaukee before moving to Raleigh in 1976 where he worked at Burroughs Wellcome and founded the Raleigh Pain Clinic. He taught at several medical schools and patented the Racine Adapter, an endotracheal tube connector.

In addition to medicine, Stanley pursued the history of sports and published widely, including a book on football, The Mighty Ones (Van- tage Press, 1968). He served the College as a member of the Scots Career Network. Surviving are Mary DiFrangia Grosshandler, his wife of 42 years; three daughters, including Lynn Grosshandler Holt x83; two sons, including Todd '86; and six grandchildren.

49 Donald R. Kocher, Philadelphia, PA, Jan. 18, 2003, of cardiac arrest. A native of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Don entered Wooster in Jan. 1947 after serving in the U.S. Army. While in the service, he studied Japanese and was an interpreter for the U.S. occupation forces in Japan. At Wooster Don sang in the choir and graduated with honors in philosophy. With a degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, he was ordained in Westminster Presbyterian Church in Akron in 1952.

Don taught in the religion department at Lafayette College in Easton, PA, and then entered Harvard Divinity School for postgraduate study. He returned to Lafayette before moving to parish ministry as the pastor of Calvin United Presbyterian Church in Hartsdale, NY, a suburb of New York City. He was later called to the Huguenot Memorial Church (Presbyterian) in Pelham, another NYC suburb. He was active in the Wooster club of New York City, serving as president in the 1970s.

In 1982 Don moved to Philadelphia to become an associate pastor of the large, suburban Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. After his retirement in 1991, he lived in central Philadelphia and served as a parish associate of the historic First Presbyterian Church. Don published a history of that congregation, Mother Of Us All (The Church, 1998).

Having later relocated to Swarthmore, Don moved back to downtown Philadelphia a few weeks before his death. A lifelong bachelor, he enjoyed more than 20 trips abroad. His brother, two nephews, and a niece survive.

49 Marilyn Proctor Reis, Akron, Ohio, Dec. 16, 2002. She lived in Miller Manor as a student and enjoyed keeping up with her housemates through the years. She taught elementary school in Wooster until 1953. She married Paul Reis '42 in 1951, and the couple settled in Akron. Marilyn worked as a teacher and administrator at Westminster Presbyterian Church Nursery School for 14 years, retiring in the 1980s.

Marilyn belonged to the College Club of Akron and First Grace United Church of Christ, where she taught Sunday school. Family and friends remember her warmth and great sense of humor. Paul died in 2001. A son, daughter, six grandchildren, and a brother survive.
'54 William J. Adie, Mentor, Ohio, Dec. 9, 2002, from complications of diabetes. Bill served in the U.S. Army before coming to the College. A member of Fifth Section, he majored in English and earned an M.Ed. at Kent State U. Bill also attended Syracuse U and Fenn College. He taught and served as a school administrator in the Mentor area for 29 years, retiring in 1978. Bill had been active in Kiwanis, serving as club president in the 1960s, and led the drive to create the former Mentor Recreation Park.

Surviving are Beverly Bell Adie, his wife of 53 years, a daughter, two sons, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two brothers, including John D. x’49.

'48 Kathryn Kintner Jacobs, Massachusetts, Ohio, Mar. 12, 2003. A biology major at Wooster, Katie earned a teaching certificate at Kent State U. She married William G. Jacobs in 1949 and taught elementary school in Perry Township for 17 years.

In 1976 Katie and William lived in Monrovia, Liberia, in West Africa, where William worked for the Liberia Mining Co. Katie belonged to Eastern Star and the Richville United Church of Christ. Her husband survives, along with a son, a daughter, Susan Jacobs Tappan ’73, four grandchildren, a sister, and two brothers.

'48 James S. Stout, Brevard, NC, Oct. 15, 2002. A chemistry major, Jim married Betty Myers ’48 and earned an M.A. from Emory U in 1953. A 1957 graduate of the Medical College of Georgia, he spent his life as a physician, working for a time as an industrial physician for DuPont Corp. His wife, two sons, and a daughter survive.

'47 Stella Claflin Ivaney, Aurora, Ohio, Dec. 6, 2002. Stella majored in art and sang in the women’s chorus. She later studied accounting and bookkeeping at Lakeland Community College. Stella married Joseph Ivaney in 1950. The couple lived in Lyndhurst, Ohio, for 31 years before moving to Aurora.

Stella worked for J. C. Penney and later at Sun Newspapers in the accounts payable departments, retiring in 1984. She enjoyed playing the piano, gardening, crocheting, and spending time with her family. Her husband, five daughters, nine grandchildren, and two sisters survive. A brother died previously.


She was an active member of the New Hartford Presbyterian Church, teaching Sunday school and holding many offices. Harriet gave years of community service through the YWCA, Scouting, and the Lutheran Homes of Central New York.

She served as regent of the Oneida Chapter of the DAR, chair of the New York State/DAR Schools Committee, and member of the State Officers Club. She was a past president of the Mohawk Valley chapter of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century and chaplain and treasurer of the New York chapter of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America. Her hobbies included music, needlework, and writing for her various organizations. Harriet’s last visit to Wooster was for the 50th class reunion. She is survived by her husband, by a daughter, two sons, four grandchildren, and a brother.

'44 Homer Martin "Marty" Ledoux, Lakeland, FL, Dec. 18, 2001. Marty graduated from Westminster Choir College and served as choir director, teacher, and minister of music at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lakeland. With a beautiful baritone voice, Marty sang at events throughout his life. He belonged to College Heights United Methodist Church. A WWII Navy veteran, he was an avid fisherman. Surviving are Gladys Reynolds Ledoux, his wife of 22 years, two sons, a stepdaughter, three grandchildren, and a brother.

'44 George Mulder, Pekin, IL, Dec. 13, 2002. A Wooster native, George majored in music and belonged to Third Section, the Fortnightly Music Club, choir, and the Wooster Symphony Orchestra. He earned a master’s and a Ph.D. from Columbia U and, on a Fulbright fellowship, earned a degree in musicology from the U of Utah in the Netherlands. He also studied harpsichord at the Amsterdam Conservatory. During WWII he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in North Africa and Europe.

George married Betty Steiner ’45 in 1945; she died in 1967. He taught at Western Illinois U through 1968, when he moved to Michigan and became a staff member of the Interlochen Center for the Arts’ music camp division. George was appointed to the music faculty of Northwestern Michigan College in 1969.

In retirement he served as a supply officer at various churches and sponsored stamp collecting clubs for young people. He also enjoyed gardening. George was the 1944 class secretary for over 20 years. His second wife, Marcia, whom he married in 1969, died in Oct. 2002. Surviving are a sister, Elizabeth Mulder Davis ’34, a son, and a daughter.

'43 Jane H. Adams, Greenbrae, CA, Oct. 11, 2001. On the staff of The Voice and the Index, she majored in both biology and psychology and belonged to Imps. Jane also studied at the U of California at Berkeley, San Francisco State U, and the U of San Francisco. Jane worked as a teacher and a school counselor and served as president of the California Scholarship Federation. She volunteered at a local hospital and enjoyed golf and organ music.

'43 D. Robert Ginther, Canton, Ohio, July 24, 2002. Bob majored in economics and belonged to Fifth Section, band, and the Congressional Club. Bob served in the U.S. Army during WWII and married Katherine "Kay" L. Bush ’45 in 1945. He worked as a C.P.A., retiring from U.S. Ceramic Tile in 1977. Bob was an elder and treasurer at Northminster Presbyterian Church, where he was a charter member. He also belonged to the Lions Club and the Elks and enjoyed playing bridge and golf. His wife, son, daughter, and three grandchildren survive.


'40 Grace Hooper Thompson, St. Petersburg, FL, Dec. 23, 2002. She was born in Manila, the Philippines. At Wooster, Grace was involved in the International Relations Club and Sphinx and majored in history. She married Harley Thompson ’37 in 1941. They lived on Staten Island, NY, before moving to Florida in 1987. Grace taught history at Staten Island Academy for 19 years. She was involved with the Presbyterian church, garden clubs, and the League of Women Voters. Harley died in 1995. Two daughters, a son, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive.

'39 David "Russell" Bath, Seattle, WA, Feb. 8, 2003. A member of the cross country team, Congressional Club, and Third Section, Russ majored in chemistry. He also attended Michigan State U. He was an aviator with the U.S. Navy and later worked as a pilot, retiring from Hughes Air West in 1976. He then formed his own company, Land, Sea, and Air Enterprises, and continued to teach flying. Russ was a youth leader for many activities, including Boy Scouts and the YMCA. His family describes him as "interested in all"
Winford B. Logan, professor of speech at the College from 1948-1982, died on March 7, 2003, at the age of 83. A graduate of Hiram College, he earned a master’s degree at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) and a Ph.D. at Ohio State University.

In the classroom, as well as in radio broadcasting, theatre, and I.S. conferences, Win enriched the lives of his students with knowledge, humor, and enthusiasm. He helped to establish the campus radio station and supervised the construction of Freerlander Theatre, which — thanks to his untiring attention to detail — is one of the most beautiful in the country.

Directing over 40 plays at the College, Win drew on his extensive experience as an actor, demonstrating to tyros how to “do” a character. His talents were such that he could have created one-man versions of plays worthy of a Tony. His imagination and practical sense enabled him to triumph over the physical limitations of the old theatre, Scott Auditorium, and slender budgets. (He once made a ship’s mast out of discarded ice cream containers for the set of H. M. S. Pinafore.) Most importantly, he stimulated his casts to share in the challenges and rewards of the creative process.

Win Logan inspired many to pursue theatre careers. Bob Hetherington ’74, a professional director and the chair of the department of theatre and dance at the University of Memphis, recalls Logan’s “memorable theatre excursions to London.” Calling Logan “a true mentor,” Bob says, “I owe much to his wisdom and humor.”

A veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, Win served the Wooster community in numerous ways, notably as a public speaker, and continued in leadership roles in Jekyll Island, Georgia, where he moved upon retirement. Five years after the death of his wife, Jean, in 1995, he returned to Wooster. His quiet courage in the face of declining health and his lively wit boosted the morale of his many friends. A gifted storyteller, Win knew that it is healthier to laugh at our follies than to bemoan our lot.

He leaves sons Winford, Will, and Peter, daughter Day (libraries), and seven grandchildren.

—Raymond G. McCall

English and theatre, emeritus

Marysville (1947-99). He served as Marysville’s mayor in the 1950s. Todd was one of the founding board members of the Memorial Hospital of Union County and a founder and the first president of the county historical society, among many other civic contributions. He belonged to First Congregational Church of Marysville and had served as clerk of session at First Presbyterian for 25 years. Surviving is his wife of 40 years, Johnnie Ray Hoopes; a son, a grandson; and a twin sister, Jane Hoopes Otte. Another sister, Gene Hoopes Shaffer ’33, died previously.

"39 Arthur N. Strahler, Cambridge, MA, Dec. 6, 2002. Born in Kohapu, India, to Presbyterian missionary parents, he grew up in the Chicago area. Art majored in geology and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He married Margaret Walters’39 in 1940. Art earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Columbia U. He taught in and chaired the geology department there until 1962, when he embarked on a second career as a textbook author.

Art published widely in physical geography, geology, earth science, and environmental science. Acknowledged as one of the world’s foremost geomorphologists, he contributed greatly to the development of the discipline of quantitative geomorphology. Both the Geological Society of America and the Association of American Geographers elected Art as a fellow. Art’s wife died in 2001 (see above). A son, a daughter, and a granddaughter survive.

"37 F. Margene Lee Knott, Seattle, WA, April 12, 2000. After leaving Wooster, Margene married John Knott. The couple lived in Michigan and Texas. Margene earned a B.S. at Bowling Green State U and taught elementary school until her retirement in 1980. She served as a Girl Scout troop leader, the chair of Tiffin’s Women’s Association, and a remedial reading tutor, and taught fabric painting and other crafts. Two daughters survive.

"37 Margaret “Peg” Beck Rinehart-Renner, Fort Wayne, IN, Jan. 6, 2003. Peg sang in the women’s
choir at Wooster. She married Dale Rinehart '37 in 1941; he died in 1984. Peg and Dale lived in Natrona Heights, PA, for many years. In 1988 Peg married Ralph Renner. The couple lived in Noblesville, IN, and enjoyed spending winters in Tarpon Springs, FL, before they moved to Fort Wayne. Peg taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and served as a deacon and women's association officer at Presbyterian churches in Pennsylvania and Indiana. Ralph died in 2000. Surviving are a daughter, Rosalind Rinehart Bullen '64, a stepson, a granddaughter, two step-grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Helen belonged to Imps and was on the Wooster choir at Wittenberg University, the York United Methodist Church, and the Wooster Community Hospital. She taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and served as a deacon and women's association officer at Presbyterian churches in Pennsylvania and Indiana. Ralph died in 2000. Surviving are a daughter, Rosalind Rinehart Bullen '64, a stepson, a granddaughter, two step-grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

37 Willard J. Watchler. Arcadia, CA, Aug. 1, 2002. Will attended Wooster for two years before moving on to the U of California in 1936. He was the chief engineer at Esso Air Products in Los Angeles for many years. Will married Polly Brown in 1939; she died in 1989. Surviving are two daughters, a son, a sister, 15 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. Two other siblings died previously.

37 Helen Ruth "P.K." Yates, York, PA, formerly of Swissvale, PA, Jan. 31, 2003. Dubbed "P.K." because she was the daughter of a preacher, Helen belonged to Imps and was on the College of Wooster's Homecoming Court in 1936. She also attended the U of Pittsburgh. P.K. was assistant to the superintendent of schools in Forest Hills, PA, until 1949, secretary to the president of Goucher College (1949-52), and administrative assistant to the biology chair at Johns Hopkins U (1952-77). While living in Maryland, she was secretary for the Baltimore-Wooster alumni group.

In retirement P.K. volunteered at York Hospital, the Association of Retarded Citizens, and the Dover Public Library. She taught Sunday school and was an officer in Presbyterian women's associations. P.K. and her dog, Brownie, were featured in several brochures for Normandie Ridge, the York United Methodist Retirement Home where she moved in 1993. A brother survives.

36 Frances Holsopple Fenner, Afton, NY, May 2, 2002. Born in India, Fran majored in religion and speech at Wooster and belonged to the Debate, Women's Oratory, and International Relations clubs. Graduating with honors in religion, she married Mervyn Fenner. Fran taught at Afton in 1940. Fran pursued careers in journalism, advertising, and vocational counseling and was a postage stamp expert. She did free-lance writing for several religious papers and philatelist magazines and worked as an employment counselor for the New York State Department of Labor. Earning an M.S. in counselor education from SUNY at Oneonta in 1972, Fran was promoted to specialist and then senior consultant. She retired in 1983.

With interests ranging from psychology to space exploration to ecology, Fran was especially active in organizations that promoted cross-cultural understanding and world peace, such as the International Liaison Council for the People's World Conference, the American Association for the United Nations, and UNESCO. She lectured at the Institute on World Affairs and the Congress of the International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance and testified before Congress.

Fran won several awards from the Freedom's Foundation, the Sertoma Citizen of the Year Service to Man award, and other honors. She presided over the Afton Historical Society and was a village trustee. Her husband, three sons, a daughter, 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 33 great-great-grandchildren, and a sister survive. Two sons and a grandson died previously.

36 Mary Roberts Marks, San Jose, CA, Jan. 26, 2003. Mary majored in English and history and participated in the Student Senate, the staff of The Voice, and the Index, women's basketball, the Women's Honorary Athletic Club, Women's Self-government, and the YWCA cabinet. She also presided over the Sphinx social club, won the Calpin Prize, and graduated with honors. Mary married John Marks in 1942, and they settled in San Jose after WWII. The couple later divorced.

Mary earned a master's from the U of California and taught school in Ohio and California. She was active in the San Jose Faculty Wives, enjoyed gardening, and was an antique dealer for a time. Her son and a sister, Melissa Roberts Robertson '41, survive.

36 Lucille Mackey McBroom, Tampa, FL, Apr. 5, 2002. At the College Lucille's father worked as the caretaker for the chapel and the library. He invited a student who worked for him, Kenneth McBroom '33, to the Mackey home for the "occasional meal." Ken married Lucille in 1935. The couple lived in Michigan for many years and moved to the John Knox Village in Tampa in 1981. Surviving are Ken, three daughters, including Janice McBroom Westerman '61, and a son.

36 Helen Speer Schultz, Wooster, Jan. 9, 2003. Helen majored in English and the library club and presided over the Women's Self-government Association. She married William R. Schultz '33 in 1937. From 1937-41, Helen worked as a secretary to the deans at Wooster. After that, she focused on her family and volunteer work. Helen was a charter member of the board of Meals-on-Wheels and the Wooster Community Hospital Auxiliary and a life member of the Wayne County Historical Society. She served the College as a long-term member of the Women's Advisory Board (1954-87) and a member of the Alumni Board (1974-77). Helen also was a deacon at First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a sister, a son, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Her husband, a son, a daughter, and a great-grandson preceded her in death. Contributions can be made in her name to The College of Wooster Women's Advisory Board.

36 Mary Hoffman Wenger. Clinton Township, MI, Dec. 7, 2002. Mary majored in English and was a member of Pyramids. She also studied at New York U and the U of Michigan and took graduate courses at Eastern Michigan U. She taught English in Medina, Ohio. Mary married L. Edwin Wenger in 1943. The couple had two daughters and lived in Harper Woods, MI, where Edwin was the community's first mayor and Mary participated in many civic activities. They moved to Mt. Clemens, MI, in 1960.

36 Virginia Flour Cremeans, Wooster, Dec. 24, 2002. Ginny was raised in Wooster by her widowed mother, Nellie Flory, who served as a housemother for the College until 1928 and then ran the Black and Gold Tea Room, a meeting place and inn for the community and campus. Ginny majored in political science and minored in history and English. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was on the staff of the Index and The Voice.

After graduation, Ginny joined the staff of the young magazine, Reader's Digest, as one of its first female editors and stayed with the publication for over 50 years. She married Charles Cremeans '36 in 1940. They lived together in Washington, DC, and traveled widely because of Charles's CIA work. Ginny and Charles retired in the late 1980s and moved back to Wooster in 1990.

Charles died in 1996. Two daughters, including Carlin Cremeans Moorfield '68, and six grandchildren, including Emily Moorfield-Mariola '95 and Margo Carlin Nelson '05, survive.

35 Harry B. Crewson, Sebring, Ohio, Jan. 21, 2003. Harry majored in political science, belonged to the
Stratford Literary Society and was business manager of the Women’s Glee Club and an officer in YMCA and Men’s Self-government. He earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. in economics from Ohio U. He married Martha Walker in 1941 and served with the U.S. Army during WWII.

Harry started his teaching career at the Sebring (Ohio) High School before becoming a professor of economics at Ohio U in 1949. In 1955 he founded and became the first president of the Ohio U Employees Credit Union, which later established a scholarship fund in his name. He served as Ohio U’s 17th president in an interim capacity (1974-75) and brought the College of Osteopathic Medicine to Ohio U, among other contributions. In 1976 and again in 1978, Harry spent time in Malaysia teaching and administering an Ohio U M.A. program in economic education. He retired in 1979 but continued to teach for many years. Martha died in 1990.

Harry served on the Athens City Council for 10 years and as acting mayor of Athens. He received many honors for his achievements and his commitment to public service. His second wife, Marjorie Williams Crewson, son John W. ’70, a daughter, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a sister survive.

‘35 Margaret Gourley Cruckshank, Manchester, VT, Feb. 12, 2003. Margaret majored in French and belonged to Phi Sigma Iota, Pembroke Literary Society, YWCA, and Sphinx, played in the symphonic orchestra, and won the women’s swim team. She also met her future husband, Arthur Cruckshank. ’34, at the College. Margaret earned a master’s at Ohio State U and became a licensed instructor of braille. She and Art enjoyed world travel. At home in Carson City, NV, after Art’s retirement from the ministry, Margaret worked at the library and participated in book discussion groups. The couple moved to Vermont in 1992; Art died in 1999. Survivors include a daughter, two sons, and their families.


Helen married Edgar Garvin two years later and retired from teaching in 1975. She worked with the Red Cross Bloodmobile and volunteered over 3,000 hours with the Wooster Community Hospital Auxiliary. She belonged to the Wooster United Methodist Church and its women’s group and the National Retired Teachers Association. Helen was a member of the Scots’ Downtown Rebounders and helped plan class reunions. Her husband, a son, two daughters, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren survive. Four siblings died previously.

‘34 Albert H. Tillson, Burlington, VT, Feb. 18, 2003. Albert majored in biology and was awarded the Horace N. Mater Prize. He ran cross country and track and sang in the Westminster Presbyterian Church choir. Albert served in the U.S. Navy in WWII and earned a master’s and Ph.D. in botany at the U of Maryland. He worked as a botanist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (1938-47), the Food and Drug Administration (1947-68), and the Drug Enforcement Administration before retiring in 1978. Louise Bragg Tillson, Albert’s wife of 57 years, two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren survive.

‘33 Kingsley “King” Hamilton, Bethesda, MD, Jan. 20, 2003. Born in the Philippines to missionary parents, he lived in Wooster’s Livingston Lodge, known as “Inky,” with other children of missionaries. He majored in history and political science, graduated with history honors, and won the Galpin Prize. King participated in Congressional Club, Christian Endeavor, and the index staff. He also played tennis and basketball, ran track, and swam on the swim team.

King earned an M.A. and an M.A.L.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; studied at the U of Strasbourg, France, on an international fellowship, and did research at the Brookings Institution. His first post as a Foreign Service officer in the U.S. Diplomatic Service was in Bucharest, Hungary. In 1938 he was transferred to Zurich, Switzerland, where as Vice Consul he saw the pre-war turmoil. A transfer to Saigon in December 1939 gave him a different perspective on the war. Then, on Nov. 24, 1941, the Japanese bombed the U.S. Consulate in Saigon, and the staff, including King, was interned until July 1942, when they were brought back to the U.S. On Oct. 31, 1942, King married Angelina Bartoli ’42 in Memorial Chapel. He worked in Washington in a series of international affairs positions. He was a member of the U.S. delegation to San Francisco Conference for the establishment of the United Nations and ended his government career as a civilian adviser for the Department of Air Force Intelligence Agency (1954-79), King retired in 1980; Angelina died in 1981.

King served Wooster in many ways: president of the Wooster Alumni Club in Washington; member of the Alumni Board (1944-48, 1983-86); and admissions representative. He and his second wife, Winifred, moved to a retirement community in Bethesda in 1996. King enjoyed tennis, badminton, concerts, and travel. He was an active member of his church, serving on several boards, and a member of the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC. Survivors include his wife; a son; a daughter, Jeanne Hamilton Lewellen ’71; five grandchildren, including Nicholas Lewellen ’00 and Andrew Lewellen ’03; a sister, Miriam Hamilton March ’35; and a brother Ralph ’41. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to The College of Wooster.

x’31 Frances Gooding Harmon, Dover, Ohio, Feb. 6, 2003. Frances earned a teaching certificate from Ohio U and taught elementary school in Ohio for 13 years. In 1943 she married Raymond Harmon. Frances taught Sunday school and had served as a den mother and a P.T.A. member. Her son survives.

29', H’50 Frederick E. Christian, Allentown, PA, Mar. 2, 2003. He was born in Cumberland County, England, with roots on the Isle of Man. Sharing the family’s wanderlust, Fred’s father took the family and left a good business future in North England to go to Canada and train for the ministry. After serving churches in North Dakota and Oklahoma, Fred’s father died when Fred was 11.

In high school in Haileyville, OK, Fred developed a love for athletics and played varsity football. He also was captain of the basketball team and won state medals in singing and oratory. After he and his mother moved to Cleveland, Fred enrolled in West High School, where he sang in the Boys Glee Club, was class orator (he spoke at commencement on the bold title of “The Future of Aviation”), and played varsity football. To supplement the family’s meager income, he worked long hours at the West Side YMCA.

While a student at the College, Fred sang in the Men’s Glee Club, waited tables in one of the dining halls, and held down various summer jobs. In addition to playing Scot football, he also participated in track, where in keeping with his size and strength, he tossed the shot put and discus. Many college friendships lasted a lifetime. Whenever possible, Fred returned for reunions and graduations. With a degree in history, he spent the first summer after graduation working to pay off his college debts. Accomplishing this
chore, he joined Halle Brothers in Cleveland as an importer.

An early desire of Fred’s was to become involved in “some kind of Christian work.” Beginning the study of vocal music and singing in a Cleveland church aroused that impulse. “Suddenly, I turned back to my first vocational intention,” he remembered. He entered Princeton Theological Seminary in 1931.

There he sang regularly in the chapel with a quartet (earning $10 per week). He also assisted the chaplain at Sing Sing prison in New York, enabling him to survive financially. Fred earned an M.A. in history at Princeton U as well as a divinity degree at the seminary. The Westminster Choir School moved to Princeton during Fred’s second seminary year. There he met Eva Stick, a choir school student. They fell in love and after their graduations, began more than 68 years of married life.

Fred held pastorates in Pennsylvania and Ohio prior to serving as senior pastor for 20 years at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, NJ, which became the largest Presbyterian church east of the Mississippi River. Fred increased the involvement of lay leaders with his “Innovative Worship Service Series.” Westfield named Fred pastor emeritus in 1974.

In retirement he served 13 interim positions at the Andover Hardware Company together until the 1980s. Mildred also worked in a library and later served on the Andover Public Library board. The Smiths enjoyed traveling in their Airstream trailer and overseas. Bill died in 1996. Surviving are a son, three grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

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Fun for one and all: Alumni Weekend 2003

Some 1,300 Wooster alumni and family members returned to campus June 6-8 for Alumni Weekend. Clockwise from top: Children attending Camp Woo watch as mascot McWoo passes in the Parade of Classes. Class of '98 alumni and friends dine on Coccia House pizza in Ebert Art Center. Dick '53 and Betty Duke hold hands while enjoying the music of The Four Lads at the Class of '53 gala dinner. Heather McConeghy, Kate Crossed, and Melissa Cerny Clerc, '98s, reunite. Chris Thomas '83, son Solomon, and Jim Bean '42 (French, emeritus) catch up. Bert Colclaser '33 led the Parade of Classes "on her own two feet," she's proud to say.

Photos by Matt Dilyard
Alumni honored for volunteer service, careers

The 119th annual meeting of the Alumni Association featured the announcement of the largest fiftieth anniversary gift in college history (see page 5) and the awarding of a number of alumni honors.

Also presenting an anniversary gift to the College was the Class of '78, represented by F. Scott Wilson, president, and class gift coordinator, Joan Blanchard Mosher. The gift, $41,563, will support The Wooster Fund.

The work of Ronald J. Price '53, who chaired his class reunion committee and helped lead the fundraising for the record-breaking gift, was recognized with the John D. McKee Alumni Volunteer Award.

Ryan D. Burgess '93 received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Burgess has served as class president and helped coordinate young alumni events in the Columbus, Ohio, area.

Distinguished Alumni Award winners were Eugene C. Bay '59, Tom M. Johnson '56, and Lawson W. Stoneburner '37.

Eugene Bay earned a bachelor of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a doctor of ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He began his ministry as pastor of a small, rural church in Maryland, then moved to inner-city parishes in Cincinnati, Youngstown, Ohio, and Rochester, New York, each time working to solve issues in the community.

Since 1987 Bay has served as senior pastor of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in the Philadelphia suburbs, facing a different set of challenges.

"We're in an age where consumerism is as rampant in religion as it is anywhere else," he says. "We probably have 150 visitors on any Sunday, regular visitors who are just shopping, who don't want to make any commitment to the church."

Lawson Stoneburner and his twin brother, Wesley, graduated from Wooster in 1937 and headed for medical school at Ohio State University. After Lawson served an internship and residencies in Cincinnati and Atlanta, a hitch in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, and two years in Tampa, Florida, he and his wife, Louise, settled in Greenville, South Carolina. He opened a private practice in general surgery there in 1952. Over the years, Stoneburner served as president of both the Greenville County Medical Society and the South Carolina Surgical Society, as a director of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of South Carolina, and deacon of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville.

In 1986 Stoneburner retired from private practice. Within weeks, a colleague asked if he would help start a free medical clinic for Greenville residents who could not afford adequate care. So began his second career, as volunteer medical director of the Greenville Free Medical Clinic. Today, more than 200 physicians volunteer four days a week to see more than 10,000 patients a year. Last fall, after fifteen years as medical director, Stoneburner retired a second time.

Lawson Stoneburner '37, center, with brothers Wesley '37 (left) and Roger '44.

Eugene Bay '59 and Lynn Yeakel

Ryan D. Burgess '93

Joan Blanchard Mosher and Scott Wilson, '78s

Tom Johnson '56 with daughter-in-law Nancy Johnson (left) and wife Jane Johnson

No matter what the challenge, however, Bay's faith sustains him. As he told Wooster's graduating class of 1988 in his baccalaureate sermon, "The call of God is not a guarantee that life will be easy. Our call is to leave things here on earth better than we found them."

Tom Johnson graduated from Northwestern University Medical School in 1961 and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 to 1967. He joined Michigan State University's new College of Human Medicine as an assistant professor of medicine, where he was named assistant dean in 1971. In 1977 Johnson was named dean of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine. In 1988 he returned to Michigan State as professor of medicine and associate dean of the medical school. Johnson became chief executive officer and dean of the medical school's Kalamazoo campus in 1994. He was named professor emeritus of internal medicine in 1998 and retired from Michigan State in 1999.

"I believe a strong liberal arts foundation fostered my appreciation for education," Johnson says. "My interaction with faculty and peers as a student at Wooster contributed to my belief in a 'whole person' approach to education."

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Scots in Service comes to a city near you on Sept. 20

Join us for the third annual Scots in Service day on Saturday, September 20. This national day of service for Wooster alumni, parents, friends, and students has quickly become a fall classic.

If you don't see your city listed as a Scots in Service site, we encourage you to visit the nearest location for a day of fulfilling work, fun, and friendship. For more information or to contact the regional coordinators, see www.wooster.edu/alumni/scots_in_service/.

- **Atlanta:** Atlanta Community Food Bank
  Jennie Saliers '83

- **Boston:** The Greater Boston Food Bank
  Sarah Crawford Reynard '86

- **Chicago:** Friends of the Park, Jackson Park
  Lydia Amerson Murray '93

- **Cleveland:** Clean-Up Day, Hiram House
  Mary Neagy '83, Denise Drescher Elliott '97

- **Columbus:** Habitat for Humanity
  Stephanie Brehm Hoover '91, Peter Hahn '95, Jennifer Belmont Hansen '91

- **Denver:** Butterfly Hope
  Helen Bushnell '89, David Land '81

- **Los Angeles:** California Coastal Clean-Up Day
  Rachel Swanger '82

- **Minneapolis/St. Paul:** Second Harvest Heartland
  Chris Causey '85

- **Northern New Jersey:** The Raptor Trust
  Carol Myers Allison '67, Katie Erdman Lyons '92

- **New York City:** Food Bank for NYC
  Jill Gregory '95

- **Philadelphia:** Briar Bush Nature Center
  Amy Schmitt and Carl Bowman, '97s

- **San Antonio:** San Antonio Food Bank
  Abby Wilson Kurth and Larry Kurth, '76s

- **San Francisco:** Glen Canyon Park
  Habitat Restoration
  Meghan Davis '96

- **Washington, D.C.:** Capital Area Food Bank and Washington Area Bicyclists Association
  Sarah Fuller '95

- **Wooster:** Wooster City Parks Beautification
  Mark '90 and Cheryl Isaacson Gooch '88

**GATHERINGS**

Ken '96 and Hope, Reese Casais '99 and their son, Reese, meet the Carolina Courage mascot at the professional soccer game in Cary, N.C. Below right, Tracy Brooks (admissions), Katherine Kussmaul Bryant '95, Judy Nichols '94, Rich Richards '96, and Grier Richards enjoy the game.

**CHICAGO:** Mark the date — Sunday, August 24, when alumni, parents, and friends will gather at Ravinia, one of Chicago's cultural treasures presenting the best music in the world. Drinks and an elegant dinner will be served in a private tent before the Boston Pops perform. Our group will have pavilion seats. Contact Tricia James '97 at pkjames@wooster.edu or 330-263-2616.

**BOSTON:** Clery's Bar and Bistro was the place to be for Wooster young alumni on May 7. Thanks to the efforts of Ryan Baxter '94, alumni from the classes of 1988 to 2002 enjoyed an evening of socializing and networking.

**RESEARCH TRIANGLE, N.C.:** Wooster young alumni living in the research triangle gathered for an afternoon of family fun on May 24. The group met at the SAS Stadium, home of the Carolina Courage, the defending WUSA (women’s professional soccer) champions. After a meet and greet reception, the group watched the Courage play the San Diego Spirit. A special thank you to Katherine Kussmaul Bryant '95 for helping to arrange this event.
Women’s lacrosse claims another NCAC title

Wooster’s women’s lacrosse team finished one of its best seasons ever and earned its second entry to the NCAA Division III tournament by capturing the North Coast Athletic Conference title for the second year in a row. The Scots, seeded first in the NCAC, breezed past Kenyon College 20-7 in the semifinals, then edged past rival Denison University 8-7 for the championship.

Beth Hemminger ’03 entertained the crowd in the game against Kenyon, scoring 6 of the Scot’s 20 goals. Other big scorers were Megan Kennedy ’03 with six goals and Megan Sward ’06 with three. Earning NCAC all-tournament team accolades were defenders Nicole Pritchard ’04 and Lindsay Tingley ’06 along with Hemminger and Kennedy.

The Scots traveled to Colorado Springs for the opening round of the NCAA tourney but dropped the game to Colorado College, 13-7.

Interim coach Alison Share accepted the permanent post of head women's lacrosse coach and assistant women's soccer coach (above, her team showers the 5'2" Share).

All-American Frank

The American Baseball Coaches Association named Jake Frank ’05, the Fighting Scots' third baseman, to the NCAA Division III All-American First Team. He was the lone sophomore on the 17-member team.

Frank also was recognized as the North Coast Athletic Conference player of the year this spring and picked up first-team all-region and all-league honors. A 6'2" right-hander, Frank hit .434 with 14 doubles, 11 homers, and 62 runs batted in.

The Scots closed their 2003 season with a 30-13 overall record. They won the North Coast Athletic Conference East Division with a 15-1 mark but were upset by Denison University in the NCAC Tournament semifinals.

Woo #3 in NCAC

Bolstered by conference championships in men’s basketball and women’s lacrosse, The College of Wooster placed third in the North Coast Athletic Conference all-sports standings for 2002-03. Denison University placed first, Wittenberg University second, and Allegheny College fourth.

The Scots, who finished third last year as well, increased their total point score by placing in the top three in 10 of the conference’s 22 sponsored sports. The Scots were second in women’s soccer, tied for second in field hockey, and third in football, men’s soccer, men’s and women’s swimming and diving, and men’s outdoor track and field. They tied for third in baseball.

The men’s basketball team made a “final four” trip; the women swimmers placed fifth at the nationals; and the women’s lacrosse team made it to the NCAA opener.

Rounding out the conference standings were Ohio Wesleyan, Kenyon, Oberlin, Earlham, and Wabash.
Alumni named to sports hall of fame

Induction scheduled for homecoming, Oct. 4

The "W" Association, an alumni organization that supports Wooster’s intercollegiate athletics, will induct seven athletes into the athletics hall of fame on October 4.

The honorees — Ann Cleary ’79, Barb Davis ’86, Betty Title Feigenbaum ’86, Brian Grandison ’92, Matt Hiestand ’90, Scott Nye ’85, and W. Wallace White ’12 (posthumously) — will be recognized at the October 4 homecoming football game against Ohio Wesleyan, then officially inducted during a "W" Association reception in Gault Recital Hall. Jim Applegate ’85 and Univer Bukhala Blake ’88, who were selected for the Hall of Fame previously, are expected to attend the 2003 ceremony.

Despite playing for teams that combined for an 11-29 record, Brian Grandison made his mark in the Wooster and North Coast Athletic Conference record books. The elusive running back carried the ball for 4,042 yards from 1988-91, which stands as a school record, and had 43 touchdowns (38 rushing, five receiving). Grandison produced three 1,000-yard seasons including a then-school record of 1,236 yards as a senior, when he was named NCAC offensive player of the year.

Ann Cleary ’79 used her “hard-driving, aggressive” style, according to then-tennis coach Maria Sexton, to become a two-sport star for the Scots. As a 5’6” guard on the basketball team, she scored 533 career points — fourth-best in school history at the time she graduated — during an era when the women played roughly 15 games per season. Cleary, who transferred to Wooster from Rollins College during her freshman year, was more well known for her successes on the tennis court. She played No. 1 singles all four years and led the Scots to unprecedented success, highlighted by leading the team to place 11th at the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women National Championships in 1978, Wooster’s first such national appearance.

Barb Davis ’86, a Wooster native, starred in basketball and track while also contributing to the volleyball team one season. She played key roles on two of Wooster’s earliest NCAC championship teams — one in outdoor track (1985) and the other a regular season co-championship in basketball (1984-85). Davis was part of an All-American relay team in track as a sprinter, but during the winter season her talent really shone. The 5’8” wing finished with 928 career points with the cagers and was voted to the All-NCAC team twice, including first-team honors as a senior when she averaged 16.8 points and a squad-high 11.1 rebounds.

Barb Davis ’86

Matt Hiestand ’90

Betty Title Feigenbaum ’86

Scott Nye ’85

Betty Title ’86 was a threat on multiple playing fields, most notably in lacrosse. A 5’2” attacker, she is one of four Scots to earn 200 points during a career — 172 goals and 40 assists. During her senior season, after scoring 53 times and helping out on 11 other goals, she was named the regional and conference player of the year. Had Wooster inaugurated its varsity women’s soccer program prior to Title’s senior year, she may have excelled in that, too. Title produced a team-leading 15 points on seven goals and one assist and was named all-league and All-Ohio in her lone season on the soccer pitch.

W. Wallace White ’12 totaled 10 varsity letters in four sports — three each in football, basketball, and baseball, and one in track. Although honors such as all-conference and all-state were not awarded in his day, historians believe that White “would have qualified for unanimous recognition.” He was a three-year starter in both football and basketball, playing halfback and tackle on the gridiron and center and guard on the hardwood. White was renowned for his defensive abilities in basketball and baseball, in which he started at least two years at catcher.

Scott Nye ’85 is the third member of his immediate family to be inducted into the “W” Association Hall of Fame. Scott and his older brother, Greg ’78, are the only Scot golfers to have earned All-American honors four times. Their father, Bob, was the Scots’ legendary golf and soccer coach from 1964 to 1995. Scott Nye’s playing career spanned Wooster’s transition from the Ohio Athletic Conference, in which he was a three-time all-league honoree, to the North Coast Athletic Conference, in which he won the first-ever NCAC championships (74-75-76). He remains the lone Wooster player to hold that title.

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Family History

The job was to compile the Index for the school year 1904-1905. They created a yearbook with an appealing mix of respect and humor, knowing that they were creating not only a timeless record of their days but also a volume that captured the flavor of their classmates.

"A marked era of good feeling characterized the year that has passed," the editors wrote. "True, there is still a coterie of students whose profound insight would enable them to manage the institution vastly better than does the present regime, but they have not been aggressive. The general faculty attitude has been marked by fairness and reasonableness as well as an appreciation of the student side of questions."

Much was made of a dog that appeared in chapel one day and of another stray who wandered up to a professor's garbage cans, only to be shot by the prof.

The editors closed their comments with this note: "All persons deeming themselves slandered or mistreated by this book are respectfully requested to call upon John M. Spencer, the Business Manager, at his home in Piqua, O. He is a six-footer, a tackle on the football team and has practiced diligently all winter with boxing gloves, Indian clubs, and fencing foils. He will be glad to see you and discuss the matter."
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**How it felt:** Reggie Williams ’63 speaks on his experiences as one of just a few black students at Wooster for a panel presentation on “Civil Rights: An Insider’s View,” an Alumni Weekend event. Also speaking were (from left) Reggie Minton ’63, Jim Turner ’63, and Ted Williams (chemistry, emeritus). While the four men told of positive experiences at the College, their audience sat speechless as they listened to the men’s stories of being turned away from local restaurants and feeling worried about socializing with white classmates.