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Mount Union Inaugurates Richard F. Giese as 11th President
Richard F. Giese was officially inaugurated as president of Mount Union College in late-September as members of the Mount Union community joined to celebrate academic excellence.

It is hard to believe that it has been six months since Sandy and I returned to Mount Union College. We have truly enjoyed the opportunity to reacquaint ourselves with the campus and its people. We also have enjoyed meeting new people and traveling to places where we have met alumni and friends.

The Mount Union of today, while different from what it was when we were here from 1978 to 1997, remains strong and vibrant. We aren’t without our challenges, but we can meet these challenges from a position of strength with people who are dedicated and loyal.

In this magazine, you will find words and pictures from September 30, the day of my installation as the 11th president of the College. It was a gorgeous day that made even more beautiful by the attendance of hundreds of alumni and friends representing many classes of the past along with faculty in full regalia, members of the Board of Trustees, presidents from other colleges and universities, three of our former presidents and many others. It was a day when we honored Mount Union’s academic excellence with symposia conducted by current and retired faculty and paid homage to our past while looking to our future.

In my remarks on that day, I attempted to generally outline what that future might look like, and I identified six key areas where we need to make progress—develop a curriculum for the future, improve the residential experience of our students, grow our enrollment, expand our diversity, improve our financial strength and enhance our reputation.

So, in this column, I would like to be more specific about where we are headed in these areas.

In developing a curriculum for the future, many of our faculty members are hard at work setting plans for developing new programs. These programs will include strong undergraduate components to meet the needs of our students and may include graduate courses that emerge from market forces and are compatible with our mission. We are also working closely with entities such as Alliance Community Hospital for collaborative efforts that would be mutually beneficial. Currently we are in the midst of a national search for a vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. We are extremely grateful to Dr. Truman Turnquist, who came out of retirement to fill the position on an interim basis, and look forward to creative and inspiring leadership to move our academic program forward.

To improve the residential nature of our campus, we will continue to hear what our students are saying. A recent survey indicated their desire for expanded food service, better wellness and recreation facilities and apartment-style housing as upperclassmen seek more independent lifestyles. Currently we are losing many of our students to landlords in surrounding neighborhoods. I feel strongly that we must remain a residential campus because it is this characteristic that separates us from other colleges and universities.

Growing our enrollment must be a priority. In the early ‘80s we were a college of about 1,000. We wisely grew to a college of about 2,000 but in the past three years there have been signs of enrollment erosion. We need to start growing again to gain the resources necessary to move forward in all aspects of the College. We will be actively working with our neighbors and our city to make our campus and surrounding areas attractive to our students and visitors.

Expanding diversity is imperative and we are employing some innovative strategies to ensure that the College is a welcoming place for all people. We have some programs in place and will be expanding others to ensure that Mount Union is a place where people of different cultures and ethnic backgrounds can learn from each other.

Improving our financial strength is necessary to stay ahead of our competition especially in light of imminent reductions in federal and state support of higher education. While we are strong financially, we need to dramatically increase our annual fund and our endowment, which have not grown as dramatically as in past years. We have fallen behind our competitors in facilities for fine arts and wellness and recreation and need to address these needs sooner rather than later. Today’s College is here and thriving because of the work of those who have gone before us—we want to ensure that generations to come can say the same about us.

Finally, if we can make significant progress in each of the aforementioned areas, the reputation of an already excellent campus will be enhanced. The College’s recent integrated marketing efforts are to be commended and we hope to be able to tell the Mount Union story even better.

Obviously, there is a lot of work ahead of us, but I can assure you that we will not rest on our laurels and together we can make the Grand Old College even grander.
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Class of 2009

More than 560 new students unpacked their bags in various residence halls across campus during 2005 Fall Orientation, held the weekend prior to the beginning of the 2005-2006 Academic Year. The new students on campus represent 14 states and six foreign countries. Among the new students from Ohio are those representing more than 48 counties and 215 high schools.

Slater Lecture

Michele Valerie Ronnick, associate professor of classics, Greek and Latin at Wayne State University, presented the first Thelma Tournay Slater Classics Lecture on campus. The Thelma Tournay Slater Classics Lecture is made possible through a gift of Thelma E. (Tournay ’42) Slater. Her lifelong passion for the classics began at Mount Union. The gift supports student enrichment through an increased appreciation of the civilization and cultural achievements of ancient Greece and Rome that stand at the core of a liberal arts education.

Sigma Nu Dedication

After residing in the home at 1413 S. Union Ave. for over 80 years, the Mount Union chapter of the Sigma Nu national fraternity moved into the new residence at the beginning of the 2005-06 Academic Year. The home was dedicated during Homecoming 2005.

Special Gift Clubs Reception

More than 300 alumni and friends packed the Gulling Training Center this fall to participate in Mount Union’s annual Special Gift Clubs Reception. The event was designed to toast those individuals who made a meaningful gift to the College’s Annual Fund during 2004-05.

EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION

More than 130 Mount Union College students essentially gave up their Fall Break October 14-17 to help ABC’s Extreme Makeover: Home Edition brighten the lives of one Youngstown-area family.

The Novak family of Boardman, OH were the beneficiaries of the award-winning reality show’s generosity, in the form of a new house. The family had been living in a three-bedroom, 76-year old Dutch colonial home where the basement annually filled with raw sewage and the shower leaked into the rooms below.

But the family’s unsuitable residence is the least of its worries. On Mother’s Day of this year, oddly enough after watching an episode of Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, Jeff Novak’s world was turned upside down when his wife of six years, 28-year-old Jackie, died of a pulmonary embolism, the blockage of an artery in the lungs. Not only did she leave behind her husband, but three little girls – Zoey, 6, Harley, 2 and Presley, 5 months - were now without a mother.

Dr. James Perone, associate professor of music at Mount Union, along with his wife, Karen, participated in the 600-mile America’s British Reliability Run for the National Children’s Cancer Society.

Volunteers from Mount Union were organized by senior information systems major John Burkey of Salem, OH and his mother, Dr. Linda Burkey, associate professor of education and chair of the Department of Education.

The volunteers included students, members of the faculty and staff, and alumni of the College. The Mount Union volunteers covered the late-night shifts and assisted with cleaning up, light duty around the yards and streets and construction clean up within the job site itself.

Lijuan Wang will be teaching elementary Chinese at Mount Union during the 2005-2006 Academic Year. The program is organized through the Fulbright Commission, which is funded by the U.S. government.

All of the Mount Union students who volunteered on the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition project wore their blueberry-blue shirts to class on the day that the house was presented to the Novak family of Boardman, OH.
Dr. E. Karl Schneider ’66, co-chair of the Annual Fund, thanked the members of the audience. He lauded the efforts of his fellow co-chair, Carl Gartner ’60, and Randy Hunt ’75, who serves as chair of the Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees. Director of Annual Giving Programs Kim (Terrill ’99) Rodstrom reported that during 2004-05, the College received $1,131,000 in Annual Fund support from more than 4,000 gifts from alumni and friends.

Schooler Lecture

Meet the Press moderator Tim Russert will speak at Mount Union College on March 21, 2006 at 8 p.m. in the Timken Physical Education Building as part of the Schooler Lecture Series.

Russert is the managing editor and moderator of Meet the Press. He is also a political analyst for NBC Nightly News and the Today show. He anchors The Tim Russert Show, a weekly interview program on CNBC. Russert also serves as senior vice president and Washington bureau chief of NBC news.

Center for Public Service Speaker Series

Ted Strickland, U.S. representative and candidate for governor of Ohio, kicked off Mount Union’s “The Call to Public Service: The Future of Our Nation and State” Speaker Series, part of the Center for Public Service, in December. Other scheduled speakers for the series included David Gergen, former advisor to presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton, on Thursday, January 19 at 8 p.m.; John Edwards, former U.S. Senator and vice-presidential candidate, on Thursday, January 26 at 8 p.m.; and Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the house, on Thursday, April 6 at 8 p.m. For more information or to request complimentary tickets, please call (800) 992-6682, ext. 2179 or visit www.muc.edu/center_for_public_service.

Corporal Ryan Groves, a former Mount Union student who served in the war in Iraq where he was injured and lost his left leg, returned to campus to speak with students about life decisions and to answer questions about his experiences at Mount Union and in the war.

On November 5, students from Mount Union had the opportunity to go on a multicultural retreat to Cincinnati, OH to visit the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

Aimee Bosworth, a senior early childhood education major of Canton, OH and Seth Corder, a senior middle childhood education major of Dover, OH were named Homecoming Queen and King respectively this fall.
The first volume of the Mount Union Inter-Disciplinary Journal (Fall 2005), edited by Dr. Santosh C. Saha, associate professor of history at Mount Union College, has been published.

Dr. Mark W. Himmelein, chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and associate professor of German at Mount Union, recently traveled to Dresden, Germany for the re-consecration of the Frauenkirche, an 18th-century Lutheran church which once stood in Dresden.

Congressman Ralph Regula ’48 (R-Navarre) visited students at Mount Union toward the end of the semester, serving as a guest instructor in David Randall’s PS 210 Congress: Legislative Process class.

Make a Difference Day
Mount Union provided a way for everyone to get involved in Make a Difference Day, collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items to benefit various social service agencies in the community.

In addition, recipients of the Midwest Campus Compact Citizen-Scholar Fellowship Program (M3C) scholarships participated in service projects at the Alliance Homeless Shelter and the Alliance Neighborhood Center.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
Sixteen Mount Union students and employees participated in the 2005 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Making Strides was the culmination of a month-long project designed to increase awareness of breast cancer and raise funds in support of breast cancer research.

ACROSS THE COUNTRY

U.S. News & World Report
For the 15th consecutive year, Mount Union has been ranked among the top 20 comprehensive colleges in the Midwest by the editors of U.S. News & World Report. The College was ranked 14th among the Midwest comprehensive colleges and fourth in the “Great Schools Great Values” section of the rankings.

Hurricane Katrina
When Hurricane Katrina stormed through the Gulf Coast in late August, the directors and staff of WRMU 91.1 decided to take action. With the help of the Mount Union community, WRMU successfully raised a total of $1,050 to assist with the relief efforts.

WRMU was able to raise the majority of the funds through Raider Game-Day Pre-Game Parties.

The pre-game parties were held outside the main gates of Mount Union Stadium prior to all home football games.

Members of the Mount Union community also donated items to make up “flood buckets” and health kits, providing much-needed supplies to victims of the hurricane.

In addition, Mount Union gave Axel Sandoval, a 22-year-old displaced student from Southeastern Louisiana University, an opportunity to attend classes at Mount. His only contact with his family, who lives in Honduras, was through his uncle, Amado Sandoval ’93, who lives in Alliance, OH and is currently an assistant soccer coach at the College.

NCATE Accreditation
The Teacher Education Program of Mount Union has achieved accreditation under the performance-oriented standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the organization responsible for professional accreditation of teacher education.

KETRA Act
On September 23, 2005, the KETRA Act, which allows for temporary tax incentives for donations to charities before the end of 2005, was signed. The act allows individuals to make cash gifts to qualified charities and deduct those gifts up to 100 percent of adjusted gross income. Normally, a donor may only deduct gifts in the amount of 50 percent. Mount Union College qualifies as a charity and is subject to this legislation. To qualify, gifts must be made by December 31, 2005.

Under the legislation, it is permissible for an individual age 59 ½ or older to make a charitable withdrawal, generally at no federal tax penalty, from an IRA or other qualified retirement account. A tax advisor or financial planner should always be consulted prior to any such withdrawal.

To learn more about the KETRA Act, please contact Dave Wolpert, director of gift planning, at (330) 823-2286 or wolperds@muc.edu.
Mount Union’s men’s cross country team (50 points) earned its 22nd OAC cross country championship and first since 2002. The team was led by three All-OAC performers, including junior Jeremy Veliquette of Freemont, OH with a fifth place finish (25:25), senior Chris Paulett of Akron, OH placing seventh (25:39) and sophomore Jason Sigmund of Streetsboro, OH finishing ninth (25:45).

FALL ALL-OAC SELECTIONS

The following student-athletes joined the above-mentioned men’s cross country team members in earning All-OAC mentions this fall.

Women’s cross country - senior Jamie Musick of Warren, OH. Football - senior Scott Casto of Uniontown, OH; senior Jason Lewis of Sylvania, OH; senior Mike Gibbons of Mentor, OH; junior Aaron Robinson of Buffalo, NY; senior Jesse Wells of Caldwell, OH; senior Buddy Wolf of Brunswick, OH; senior Ross Watson of Austintown, OH; sophomore Pierre Garcon of West Palm Beach, FL; senior Jeff Goodwill of Corry, PA; senior Tom Manning of Youngstown, OH; senior Justen Stickley of Massillon, OH; junior Ryan Fehr of Pittsburgh, PA; senior Matt Kostelnik of Avon Lake, OH. Men’s soccer - junior Trevor Beach of Brecksville, OH; senior Anthony Karam of Brecksville, OH; senior Bill Kotinsley of Bay Village, OH. Women’s soccer - junior Lindsey Soric of Valley View, OH; freshman Kayli Tyson of Olmsted Falls, OH; senior Amber Knoll of Litchfield, OH. Volleyball - sophomore Jessica Ehmer of Massillon, OH.

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Kyla Hogan, a senior exercise science major from Ravenna, OH, was named the OAC’s Scholar Athlete of the Month for December. She is a guard on the Purple Raider Women’s Basketball Team.

SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Mount Union College guard Kyla Hogan of Ravenna, OH, a senior majoring in exercise science with a minor in biology, seems to be mature beyond her years, understanding the big picture – on and off the floor – as she was named the Ohio Athletic Conference’s (OAC) Scholar Athlete of the Month for December.

Hogan, who earned basketball Honorable-Mention All-Ohio Athletic Conference status in 2003-04 and was named to the Academic All-OAC squad in 2004-05, has experienced both highs and lows during her collegiate career as a student-athlete, but she maintains a positive attitude about her overall experience.

“I’ve really enjoyed being at Mount Union,” she said. “The relationships I’ve formed with teammates and friends, coupled with the education I’ve received, have really been special. Sure, I wish we would have won more games to this point in my career. It does get frustrating. That’s normal for any athlete because you want to win. But the overall experience has been wonderful.”

On the court, Hogan (13.0 ppg in 2005-06) is a three-year letterwinner and the team’s leading returning scorer, who led the conference in steals (116) last season while playing in all 25 of the team’s games. Off the court, she is fast approaching her graduation date – May of 2006 – before hopefully entering graduate school and pursuing a career in cardiac rehabilitation.

According to her coach, Suzy Venet ’98, a former Raider guard herself, Hogan has a lot to offer this year’s version of the Purple Raider basketball program before she puts her degree to use in the real world.

“Kyla (Hogan) is an excellent full court defender and one of our top offensive threats,” said Venet, who is in her first year in charge of the Raider basketball program. “There is no question, she will be one of our go-to players this season.”

“We are all working extremely hard in practice – especially on being more disciplined and improving defensively as individuals and as a unit,” added Hogan. “The team chemistry is excellent.”

SPORTS notes

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NOTEWORTHY

Sophomore Jessica Ehmer of Massillon, OH earned 2005 Volleyball Academic All-OAC honors.

Senior Kyle Prock of Strongsville, OH was selected to the 2005 Men’s Soccer Academic All-OAC Team.

Senior Amber Knoll of Litchfield, OH was selected to the 2005 Women’s Soccer Academic All-Ohio Athletic Conference Team.

Senior Kristy Croysdale of Austintown, OH earned 2005 Women’s Soccer Academic All-OAC Honorable Mention status.

Senior Tom Manning of Youngstown, OH earned 2005 Academic All-OAC honors.

Senior Scott Casto of Uniontown, OH earned 2005 Academic All-OAC honors.

Senior Randy Mason of Girard, OH earned 2005 Academic All-OAC Honorable-Mention status this fall.

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Using “the evolving college” as his theme, Dr. Richard F. Giese paid homage to the past, praised the current state of the College and established the plans for the future in an Inauguration address at Mount Union College.

Giese, who was selected as the College’s 11th president in its 159-year history, was formally installed at the Inauguration Ceremony held on the south portico of Chapman Hall. Among the audience were delegates from 49 colleges and universities; class representatives from the Class of 1934 through 2005; members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, administration and campus community; and hundreds of alumni and friends.

Giese challenged the campus community to provide the leadership necessary to “ignite the flame” of learning for the students. “Our evolving college will need to continue to change and improve in the future as it has in the past,” Giese said. “Mount Union is on the brink of something fantastic. Together we can share in being a part of something that is bigger and more important than we are individually.”

The Inauguration featured a number of speakers, including Lee Ann (Johnston ’83) Thorn, chair of the Board of Trustees; Bishop John Hopkins, bishop of the East Ohio Area of the United Methodist Church; Toni Middleton, mayor of the City of Alliance; Patricia (McFarland ’71) Gates, president of the Alumni Council; Janice Behner, chair of the College’s Support Staff Advisory Council; Gregory King ’89, director of advancement for major gifts; Andrew Ricci ’07, president of Student Senate; and Dr. Truman Turnquist, interim vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College.

Gary Johnston ’73, who chaired the Presidential Search Committee, presented Giese during the ceremony.

On hand for the investiture and medallion ceremony were former presidents Dr. G. Benjamin Lantz, Jr., Dr. Clifford D. Shields ’43 and Dr. Harold M. Kolenbrander. Rev. Marty CashBurless, the College chaplain, provided the invocation and benediction, and Rev. Dr. Kenneth Chalker ’71, pastor at First United Methodist Church of Cleveland and a member of the Board of Trustees, delivered the scripture reading. The Mount Union Choir performed and led the audience in the singing of the alma mater. Choir members Beatrice Petzinger ’07 and Tarion Young ’07 performed the National Anthem.
Ladies and Gentlemen:

What a privilege it is to stand here before you. Little did I think, in 1978, when I accepted my first teaching and coaching assignment at Mount Union College, that 27 years later, I would be accepting the challenge as president to work collectively with you to guide this institution into its future. I am so pleased to be able to share this day with all of you.

Before I begin my formal remarks, there are many people to be thanked. The risk is great that I will omit someone, so I would like to publicly thank all of my friends, teachers and colleagues who have touched my life. Moreover, I am grateful to members of the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, students, and members of the college and the Alliance community. I look forward to our years ahead working together. Thank you also to the distinguished representatives from our many great sister colleges and universities who have joined us today. You honor us with your presence. I also express my gratitude to the Inauguration Committee and all those who organized this wonderful day and assisted in making it very special. I also thank the chaplain who was assigned the task of arranging for good weather, and she came through.

There are a few people whom I wish to cite by name.

G. Benjamin Lantz, Jr. – the eighth president of the College who first hired me at Mount Union. During my years as a teacher and coach, it was Ben who recognized that I might have a brighter future as an administrator than a basketball coach. Ben, you were not alone. More importantly however, it was Ben who saw the potential in me, and gave me responsibilities and opportunities to expand my capabilities. Thank you Ben.

Clifford Shields. If you were here during the mid-1980s, you would know that for a year in between Ben Lantz and Harold Kolenbrander, Cliff Shields skillfully performed the duties of interim president and moved the College forward, setting the tone for the bright future that ensued. Cliff, always a gentleman, also served as chairman of the Board of Trustees for many years, and I consider him one of my mentors. Thank you Cliff.

Harold Kolenbrander - president of the College from 1986 until 2000. Harold is a man of honor, vision, eternal optimism and notable achievement. He has the unique ability to inspire one to accomplish more than one originally thinks is possible. It was truly a privilege serving as an administrator while Harold was president. I owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude for all he has done for me, and I thank him for his friendship to me and Sandy. Thank you Harold.

Finally, I would like to thank several family members who are here today. My mother Lorna is in the audience. She and my dad, who unfortunately didn’t live to see this day, clearly taught me right from wrong, unconditionally loved my sister and me, and gave me, among so many things, the educational opportunities to succeed. Thank you Mom.

My son Matt has always been the pride and joy of Sandy and me. I cannot imagine a greater son, or a better friend. He and his wife Bela, a beautiful person both inside and out, bring us great joy as we watch them lovingly parent our two precious grandsons, two-year-old Jack and two-month-old Ben. Matt and Bela, we are so proud of you and we love you.

Finally, I acknowledge my life partner, my source of strength and inspiration. Sandy worked to put me through graduate school, she gave up her career as a school administrator to allow me to pursue my vocational dreams, and she supports me in times of good and not-so-good. After a tough day at work, coming home to you Sandy makes everything better. I love you and thank you for sharing your life with me.

A Historic Day

This is a historic day for Mount Union College as we commemorate 159 years of tradition and academic excellence. This is a moment for us to celebrate together the commitment to outstanding teaching and learning for which Mount Union has become known. And that is what we will do this afternoon.

Mount Union is on the brink of something fantastic.

– Richard Giese
As you can imagine I have had all kinds of input from many sources as to what I should talk about today. I chose as my topic “The Evolving College” because I believe this reflects upon our history and is appropriate for our future.

The beauty of inaugurations is that they give us a chance to reflect on our past, rejoice in the present and contemplate the future.

At the same time I maintain that we should celebrate our past without wallowing in it; savor the present without becoming complacent; and aggressively plan for the future without being reckless.

As author and lecturer Elbert Hubbard so eloquently stated in the early 20th century, “Progress comes from the intelligent use of experience.”

A History of Academic Excellence

As we talk about the evolution of Mount Union College from its humble beginnings in the mid-19th century, we start at the wool carding mill where founder Orville Nelson Hartshorn held the first classes while he was still a student at Allegheny College. His intent from the very beginning was clear, and it was quite insightful for the year 1846. He said: “I believe in a value-based education where men and women can be educated with equal opportunity; where science will parallel the humanities; where laboratory and experimental subjects will receive proper emphasis; and where there will be no distinction due to race, color, sex or position.”

There is incredible vision in these simple words. Hartshorn also used words like “cosmic,” “integral” and “illustrative” to describe the type of learning he envisioned. Today, we can substitute “universal” for “cosmic,” “inter-disciplinary” for “integral” and “visual learning” for “illustrative” and we are right where Hartshorn thought we should be.

This is a good illustration of what British mathematician and philosopher Alfred North Whitehead believed – that “fundamental progress has to do with the reinterpretation of basic ideas.” From its founding in that wool carding mill as a subscription school, the College evolved into a seminary and in 1851 added a normal school so that by the mid-1850s, we were known as the Mount Union Seminary and Normal School. The first building on what is now the campus was a seminary building that stood where the Timken Physical Education Building currently stands. Our Old Main, Chapman Hall, which grandly rises behind us today, was dedicated on December 1, 1864. The soon-to-be Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Salmon P. Chase was on hand that day and formerly dedicated the building to “useful learning, sound science and pure religion.” By the way, Salmon P. Chase can be found on the $100,000 bill. For those of you in the audience, who have one or several of those bills in your wallet, please raise your hands. Jim Piatt and our advancement staff will be pleased to make your acquaintance at the reception afterward.

The dedication of Chapman Hall, in other words, was part of the evolutionary process for the College to expand from a seminary and teaching college to a college that would embrace the liberal arts.

In the College’s first 20 years, Mount Union evolved from a subscription school, to a school for teachers and preachers, and then to, as Hartshorn put it: “a superior institution where the sons and daughters of the poor and common people as well as the wealthy and distinguished can freely be educated.”

Later, at the College’s semi-centennial in 1896, President William McKinley, who was serving on the Mount Union Board of Trustees, said something that we could still say today. He said, “What splendid work this institution has done. Wherever I go in every state in the Union I find men and women from Mount Union. You give not only education here but you give character. The value of universal education cannot be over-estimated.” What McKinley was saying is that one of the keys to our success is the people, and the pride and commitment they show in the College. In the beginning, it started with Hartshorn and his vision, it was carried forward by dedicated faculty, administration and staff throughout our history and it continues with talented people committed to education today.

Throughout its existence, the College has continued to evolve – sensitive to the world around it and responsive to its needs. Even in recent history, we have seen some of the College’s most popular majors come from areas that didn’t even exist decades ago. Mount Union has been resilient, adaptable and agile while maintaining a basic philosophy that goes back to its founding.

The Mount Union of Today

Now let us all take a moment to savor the present.

There is a beautiful Sanskrit Proverb that goes like this: “Yesterday is a dream, tomorrow but a vision. But today well-lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore to this day.”

I wanted to share that with you because in speeches such as this we have a tendency to reflect in awe of our past, and try to set the course for the
future, with just a passing glance to the present. I like this proverb because it puts the present in perspective.

Today I have received the medallion of the presidency while the College is in a position of strength. For example:

- We host an enrollment of more than 2,000 talented students.
- We offer students a strong faculty committed to student learning, personal advising and close interactions with students in and out of the classroom.
- We offer an integrated curriculum that seamlessly combines the liberal arts with the practical to facilitate a fulfilling and happy life while also providing an appropriate career focus.
- We enjoy a solid base of support from more than 12,000 living alumni and friends.
- We benefit from the leadership of a dedicated Board of Trustees.
- We are blessed with an endowment of $125 million and little long-term debt.
- We work and learn in an attractive, residential campus with up-to-date technology.

Sustained by these strengths, our challenge for the future is to position Mount Union College to make the greatest contribution possible in preparing young people for positions of leadership in our world for future generations.

Looking Toward the Future

So, how are we to evolve in the future?

I think we can learn something by adhering to the words of Irish poet William Butler Yeats, who said: “Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

It is not my intent in this Inauguration address to set a specific course for the future – that would be filling the pail. The time for that will come as a result of many discussions with faculty, trustees, alumni, students and others. I believe it is my duty as president, with the help of our faculty, to ignite the flame that inspires each of our students to pursue the best education possible.

In order to evolve into the educational institution that will serve the best interests of our constituents, we will need to address six key areas, which I will refer to in broad strokes today.

- Continuing to develop a curriculum for the future
- Enriching the residential experience
- Providing for a diverse environment
- Managing enrollment growth
- Building endowment and ensuring fiscal strength
- Enhancing the visibility and reputation of our fine college

In our collective attempt to develop a curriculum for the future, one of the advantages that smaller colleges have over large universities is their ability to adapt more quickly to a changing environment. Few anticipated the rapidity of influence from technology. Early on, Mount Union embraced technology and used it to the advantage of its professors and students. Likewise, there are rapid advances taking place in the working world that call for adaptability in our curriculum. Fields of study that we never could have anticipated have become a way of life for today’s workers.

Armed with the proper credentials, Mount Union’s graduates need to be competitive with the thousands of graduates who are entering the work force each year. We cannot afford to be stagnant. At the same time, we cannot fall prey to fads and gimmicks. As we consider a curriculum for the future we must craft it with care – sensitive to our tradition, but smart enough to adapt appropriately.

As we enrich the residential experience, we must always keep in mind that at the core of all we do at Mount Union College is the student experience. It is our duty to ensure that we have done everything possible to make the student experience the best it can be for all our students. As a residential campus we are uniquely qualified to emphasize learning goes beyond the walls of the traditional classroom. In fact, I believe it is a common understanding that at the residential liberal arts college, as much learning goes on outside the walls of the traditional classroom as within. As our founder put it, we need to educate the mind, body and spirit. A rich, residential experience adds to our distinctiveness and attractiveness to the traditional-age student.

In providing a diverse environment, we need to recognize that diversity at Mount Union College is broadly defined. With our location in northeast Ohio we must strive to be representative of the region in which we are located which includes a population of all races and varied ethnic backgrounds. For example:

- We work and learn in an attractive, residential campus with up-to-date technology.
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- We enjoy a solid base of support from more than 12,000 living alumni and friends.
- We are fortunate to have a strong faculty committed to student learning, personal advising and close interactions with students in and out of the classroom.
- We offer an integrated curriculum that seamlessly combines the liberal arts with the practical to facilitate a fulfilling and happy life while also providing an appropriate career focus.
- We are blessed with an endowment of $125 million and little long-term debt.
- We work and learn in an attractive, residential campus with up-to-date technology.

Sustained by these strengths, our challenge for the future is to position Mount Union College to make the greatest contribution possible in preparing young people for positions of leadership in our world for future generations.

Looking Toward the Future

So, how are we to evolve in the future?

I think we can learn something by adhering to the words of Irish poet William Butler Yeats, who said: “Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

It is not my intent in this Inauguration address to set a specific course for the future – that would be filling the pail. The time for that will come as a result of many discussions with faculty, trustees, alumni, students and others. I believe it is my duty as president, with the help of our faculty, to ignite the flame that inspires each of our students to pursue the best education possible.

In order to evolve into the educational institution that will serve the best interests of our constituents, we will need to address six key areas, which I will refer to in broad strokes today.

- Continuing to develop a curriculum for the future
- Enriching the residential experience
- Providing for a diverse environment
- Managing enrollment growth
- Building endowment and ensuring fiscal strength
- Enhancing the visibility and reputation of our fine college

In our collective attempt to develop a curriculum for the future, one of the advantages that smaller colleges have over large universities is their ability to adapt more quickly to a changing environment. Few anticipated the rapidity of influence from technology. Early on, Mount Union embraced technology and used it to the advantage of its professors and students. Likewise, there are rapid advances taking place in the working world that call for adaptability in our curriculum. Fields of study that we never could have anticipated have become a way of life for today’s workers.

Armed with the proper credentials, Mount Union’s graduates need to be competitive with the thousands of graduates who are entering the work force each year. We cannot afford to be stagnant. At the same time, we cannot fall prey to fads and gimmicks. As we consider a curriculum for the future we must craft it with care – sensitive to our tradition, but smart enough to adapt appropriately.

As we enrich the residential experience, we must always keep in mind that at the core of all we do at Mount Union College is the student experience. It is our duty to ensure that we have done everything possible to make the student experience the best it can be for all our students. As a residential campus we are uniquely qualified to emphasize learning goes beyond the walls of the traditional classroom. In fact, I believe it is a common understanding that at the residential liberal arts college, as much learning goes on outside the walls of the traditional classroom as within. As our founder put it, we need to educate the mind, body and spirit. A rich, residential experience adds to our distinctiveness and attractiveness to the traditional-age student.

In providing a diverse environment, we need to recognize that diversity at Mount Union College is broadly defined. With our location in northeast Ohio we must strive to be representative of the region in which we are located which includes a population of all races and varied ethnic back-
We must strive to be leaders as we collectively seek to ignite the flame of learning for our students.

- Richard Giese
ALUMNI UPDATE

Mount Union hosted reunions for the graduating classes of 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000 during Homecoming 2005. Other activities included the 22nd annual Run-a-MUC 5K race, a kid’s race, a “Carnival in the Quad” and more.

HOUSTON ALUMNI GATHERING

Area alumni in Houston, TX were joined for an evening with fellow alumni and President Richard and Mrs. Sandra Giese at Ouisie’s Restaurant. A sit-down dinner was followed with remarks about the College by Dr. Giese, who was making his first trip to the area as president of the College.

M CLUB HALL OF FAME

Mount Union inducted three individuals into its M Club Hall of Fame this fall. The inductees included Todd Hibbs ’89 (wrestling), Andy Lamancusa ’90 (wrestling) and Michelle Kring ’90 (softball). Robert Wright, head men’s basketball coach from 1925 until 1943 was inducted in a special, newly-created category – Mount Union Coaching Legends.

Jennifer Woods ’81 was honored as an M Club Award of Excellence winner. Robert Gray ’75, Steve Harris ’63, Bill Krahling ’57 and Joseph Leigh were named Honorary M Club Members.

CLASS notes

Mount Union alumni and friends of the College recently enjoyed cruising to New England and Canada on a Fall Foliage Tour. Dodie Davis ’62 led the cruisers on a 10-day adventure on the Sea Princess of Princess Cruises.

Class Notes to be included in Issue II, 2006 of Mount Union Magazine must be received before February 15, 2006.

Material for Class Notes is obtained from the “Update” form at the end of Mount Union Magazine or online; news passed along from alumni to the offices of Alumni Activities, Advancement and Annual Giving; and newspaper articles. Notices sent by the Post Office are not printed in Class Notes.

1955
Samuel L. Douglass was selected by his peers to be included in the 2006 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for Estates and Trust Law.

William J. Ryan resides at Rue N-D. Du Vivier, 153, B-5024 Marche-Les-Dames, Belgique.

1960
Dr. Robert Rittenhouse resides at 4604 W. 157th St., Cleveland, OH 44135.

Karen J. Anderson resides at 2813 Promontory Cir., San Ramon, CA 94583.

William and Joanne Davis reside at 23175 Shady Oak Ln., Estero, FL 33928. He was recently inducted into the Adrian College Hall of Fame as head coach of the championship football teams of 1970-72. He was also inducted into the M Club and received the M Club Award of Excellence at Mount Union, and was inducted into the Youngstown Rayen High School Hall of Fame and Curbstone Coaches Hall of Fame.

Edward Frye resides at 112 James Terr., Franklin, PA 16323.

1961

Jim and Dorothy Herman reside at 668 Almeda Ct. N. St. Petersburg FL 33702. He is a sales associate for Nick Ferraro Homes at Americana Cove. She is a supplemental staff manager for The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.

1964

Karen J. Anderson resides at 2813 Promontory Cir., San Ramon, CA 94583.

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For more alumni news, visit www.muc.edu/alumni.
Friendship Among Classmates Still Strong

Long lasting friendships remain a hallmark of the Mount Union College experience. Consider this group of coeds from the class of 1967. Friendships sown as freshmen in Ketcham Hall and nurtured in McMaster continue to blossom through the decades.

One spring break in Alliance, OH, when many classmates were heading to Florida, they had to designate their dollars for tuition. They vowed to celebrate their 40th birthdays together in Florida. Eight of them did – Sara (Geekie) Ackermann, Pam (Craig) Anderson, Nancy (Ward) Beeghly, Connie (Weber) Coates, Mary (Wilson) Grapentine, Pam (McCloskey) Hogg, Kate (Carr) Morris and Gretchen (Van Almen) Nicholas.

They subsequently celebrated 50th birthdays in Park City, UT, where they marched in the local Fourth of July parade and proudly acclaimed themselves “Golden Girls from Mount Union College.” They won the first place trophy because the judges admired their enthusiasm as well as their honesty in admitting their ages. Returning to Park City for a celebration of their 55th, they considered a cruise for their 60th.

However, when they learned that Grapentine of Albuquerque, NM had won gold medals in state swim meets and had qualified for the National Senior Olympics, this group, with the new moniker “Silver Foxettes,” knew they would be gathered in the bleachers pool-side in Pittsburgh, PA to cheer her on. They were joined by Sue (Dugle ’67) March and Lynn (Powell ’68) Hedesh.

As Grapentine swam, her classmates waved purple and white pompons and pinwheels and cheered her on with the usual Mount Union spirit. “We live many miles apart and don’t communicate often, but when we come together, it’s like 1967 again!” said Grapentine. “It takes but a minute to reconnect and we’re laughing, chatting, crying and caring as we share aspects of our lives over the years. There is a comfortable feeling that if anyone really needs something, a phone call or e-mail will result in action! There is an acceptance of each other and each life that is just there with us — anyone really needs something, a phone call or e-mail will result in action!”

These classmates hope to continue the group-birthday party tradition in 2010 — and for many decades to come.
Douglas Fulmer and Eng Chin Lim-Fulmer reside at 51 Fawn Creek Pass, Nashville, TN 37214.

Cindy (Pelo) and Tim Magargle reside at 33 Flagstone Dr., Jackson, TN 38305. She is a secondary marketing assistant for Regions Bank. He is a trainmaster for CSX Transportation.

Lt. Col. Joel and Lori Miller reside at 225 Radbrook Dr., Bossier City, LA 71112. He is chief of flight safety at 8th Air Force Headquarters at Barksdale Air Force Base.

Debra (Lumley) and Jeffery ’80 Noice reside at 1729 Prathers Pt., Dacula, GA 30019. She is a senior financial reporting systems analyst at AGCO Corp.

John Huston resides at 4940 Tremont Dr., Marietta, GA 30066. Mark and JoBeth (Andy ’85) Kaplan are the parents of Elizabeth, 16, Jon, 7 and Christopher, 5. Mark is senior vice president and chief financial officer for Duquesne Light. They reside at 654 Waterdam Rd., McMurray, PA 15317.

Edward Kolesar resides at 206 Chanticleer Ln., Hinsdale, IL 60521.

Sue (Spagno) and Mark Ramlo are the parents of Lydia, 8, Moxeen, 6 and Ezra, 4. Sue recently received the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education “Outstanding Teacher” award and the University of Akron “Outstanding Teacher-Scholar” award. She is a professor of general technology in the Department of Engineering and Science at the University of Akron. They reside at 3189 Middleton Rd., Hudson, OH 44236.

Edward and Sandy Trizzino reside at 7016 Pin Oak Ct., McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

Margaret Bobo-Smith and Maurice Smith are the parents of Andrew, 11 and Kathleen, 7. Margaret is a supervisor for Amvets. Maurice is a telecommunications specialist for SBC. They reside at 8292 Paror Ln., Blacklick, OH 43004.

Susan Caruthers has been named to Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers for the second time. She resides at 2285 Collinworth Dr., Marietta, GA 30062.

Amy (Bates) and Michael Freytag are the parents of Nina, 9 and Max, 1. She is a team assistant and he is an electrical engineer for BMW. They reside at 503 S. Orchard Farms Ave., Simpsonville, SC 29686.

Donna (Salah) and Brian Golden are the parents of Kellen, 4. She is a magnet coordinator for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. He is a client services director for the Law Offices of Alan S. Gordon. They reside at 2071 Euclid Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203.

Neil and Lita Keim reside at 2455 Bethany Ln., Ninchley, OH 44233. He is a sales executive for CIGNA Group Insurance.

Jerome and Christine Patrick are the parents of Kyle, 4 and Jordan, 2. He is the owner of a DIGIKIDS Child ID franchise. She is a registered nurse on the pediatric floor of CMC Hospital. They reside at 302 Hemlock Dr., Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

C. Jay Hines and Carol White were married January 1, 2005. They are the parents of Andrew, 14, Nick, 12 and Courtney, 6. Jay has been inducted into the M Club House of Fame. He is the president of Coast to Coast Property Development, Inc. They reside at 11786 Crossroads Pl., Concord, NC 28025.

Bob Kilnar recently completed the 2005 LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon as a charity runner for the American Cancer Society. He resides at 7047 Morning Dove Ln., Olmsted Falls, OH 44138.

David and Diane Kowalski are the parents of Joey, 11, Brittany, 6 and Jordan, 3. They reside at 7 Harvest Moon Ln., Westfield, MA 01085. He is a district manager for Penske Truck Leasing.

Tim and Susan Picciotti reside at 6525 Mink Hollows Rd., Highland, MI 20777. He is vice president of U.S. Military Programs for Smith Detection.

Rev. Wilbur and Asha Allen III announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia Charlotte, on May 5, 2005. He is the pastor of All Saints Temple. Church of God in Christ. They reside at 1555 Gateway Blvd. S.E., Canton, OH 44707.

Mary (Skrowronski) and Allan Biber announce the birth of a daughter, Sophia Joy, on August 16, 2005. They join their sibling Benjamin, 7 and Andy, 3.

Patricia (Henry) Felgar resides at 30 Vista De Oro, Placitas, NM 87043.

W. Lynn Roden is a vice president for Hock International. She resides at 2006 Glen Lake Dr., Spring, TX 77388.

Mari (Fukumura) and Yoshiro Irie reside at #507, 5-27-1 Kugahara, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN 146-0085.

Crista (Wilson) and Gary Sigrist are the parents of Connor, 10 and Cassidy. Crista is a marketing representative for Tuscarawas County Title Company. They reside at 126 Bob Ed Harris Ave. S.W., New Philadelphia, OH 44663.

Beth Ann (White) and Jeff Conley announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah, on August 11, 2005 who joins sibling Sarah, 3.

Bob and Heidi Ollio announce the birth of a son, Marc Ramon, on July 24, 2005 who joins sibling Zachary. Paul is a vice president for Merrill Lynch Investment Managers. They reside at 98 York Dr., Princeton, NJ 08540.

Tom Puskar is chief photographer for the Ashland Times-Gazette.

Yvonne (Brown) and Captain Adam Brann announce the birth of a daughter, Chloe Marie, on January 21, 2005 who joins sibling Caron, 2. Adam is a logistics readiness officer in the United States Air Force. They reside at 14605 River Rd., Yellow Springs, OH 45387.

Sandy (Shepard) and Ed Brisbin reside at 7063 W. 130th St., APT. 216D, Parma Heights, OH 44130. She is a district operations manager for Therapy Support.

Shawnae (Nicholson) and Gregory Carlisle are the parents of Hunter, 1. They reside at 2209 Shamrock Arbor, Salem, OH 44460.

Wei Ko and Mika Cheng are the parents of Yuki, 3. They reside at 1-1-29-1111, Kominato, Nakaku Yokohama, Kanagawa JAPAN 221-0802.

Kathleen (Margo) and Jeff Davis announce the birth of a son, Edward, on August 29, 2004 who joins siblings Alyssa, 7 and Courtney, 4. They reside at 255 Blke Rd., Wadsworth, OH 44281.

Michael Dahlbaugh and Kristine Beckley-Huhn ’90 were married July 14, 2005. He is principal of Mary Irene Day Elementary School. They reside at 742 E. Lincoln Way, Minerva, OH 44657.

Dr. Kimberly Graziano and Matthew Jehs were married September 3, 2005. She is the owner of Pelican Pediatrics of Sebastian. He is a commercial real estate appraiser. They reside at 6131 Island Harbor Rd., Sebastian, FL 32958.

Gayle (Hess) and Joseph Lodato reside at 4645 Twin Pines Dr., Knoxville, TN 37921. She is a BSSW field coordinator for the University of Tennessee - College of Social Work. He is a lawyer for Joseph A. Baker Law Offices.

Steve Rake is a vice president and private banking manager for Union Federal Bank.

Shari (Sanor) and Frank Armstrong announce the birth of a son, Joshua Benton, on December 15, 2004 who joins sibling Eileen, 4. She is an entertainment editor for Hope for Women Magazine.

Jeff and Laura Bartolet announce the birth of a daughter, Zayna Elizabeth, on May 26, 2005 who joins sibling Zephan, 3. Jeff is pastor of Hunter Hills Evangelical Friends Church. They reside at 1201 Merritt Dr., Greensboro, NC 27407.

Shannon (Douglass) and Christopher George are the parents of Duncan, 2. They reside at 671 Fruitwood Dr., Bethel Park, PA 15102.

Ron Gregory and Deanna Egidi were married June 11, 2005. He is a physical therapist for Allegheny Chesapeake Physical Therapy, Inc. She is a physical therapist for Bradley Physical Therapy. They reside at 610 McGovern Rd., Houston, PA 15342.

Thad and Valerie Hinton are the parents of Tori, 8 and Brody, 6. Thad is a senior analyst of data administration for Nationwide. Valerie is a data integrity analyst for BMW Financial Services.
They reside at 7100 St. Rt. 159, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

**Anne (Smith) and Paul Hoerig** are the parents of Stephen, 10 and Cody, 6. She is an accounting manager for H & M Masonry. They reside at 2100 North Rd. N.E., Warren, OH 44483.

**Jody and Tammy McCollum** announce the birth of a daughter, Kennedy René, on July 4, 2005. Jody is a teacher and football coach for Monroe Public Schools. Tammy is a medical technologist for St. Charles Hospital. They reside at 8411 Whiteford Rd. Ottawa Lake, MI 49267.

**Phil and Karen (Girvan '93) Nussdorfer** are the parents of William, 6 and Jacob, 2. Phil is president of Edge Technology Consulting. Karen is a fourth grade teacher for Parkmoor Urban Academy. They reside at 2887 Bryn Mawr Dr., Lewis Center, OH 43035.

**Michael and Patty Saxion** are the parents of Sarah, 7 and Jack, 5. Michael is a technical specialist for Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. They reside at 299 Village Park Dr., Lebanon, OH 45036.

**Sarah Stevens** and Kevin Vick announce the birth of a daughter, Aliza Vail, on August 30, 2005. Sarah is an art teacher and Kevin is a history teacher for Doherty High School. They reside at 5118 Iron Horse Tr., Colorado Springs, CO 80917.

**Heather (Lucas) and Michael Szeman** are the parents of Mikayla, 6 and Tyler, 2. They reside at 415 Ranelagh Dr., Waxhaw, NC 28173.

**Don Williams** is in student services at Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School. He resides at 511 College St., East Liverpool, OH 43920.

**Laura Wilson** and Rick Stauffer were married September 17, 2005.

**Jason and Charlene Wood** announce the birth of a son, Michael Joseph, on April 15, 2005 who joins siblings Maddie, 8, Michaela, 5 and Molly, 2. He is employed by Wells Fargo Merchant Services. They reside at 1438 Mallard Dr., Johnstown, CO 80534.

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**1993**

Lisa Chamberlin is director of public relations for ProMedica Health System. She resides at 3056 Lexington Blvd., Monclova, OH 43542.

Susan (Miller) and Brad Kane reside at 815 Somerset S., Lakeland, FL 33813. She is a clinic manager for Kessler Rehabilitation. He is a research associate for the University of South Florida.

Brent and Christianne Lehman announce the birth of a son, Grey, on October 1, 2005 who joins siblings Rece, 4 and Briggs, 2.

Heather Platz-Rosenow and Michael Rosenow '94 announce the birth of a son, Matthew Gavin, on October 15, 2005 who joins sibling Faith, 4. Heather is an instructional specialist for the University of Phoenix. They reside at 1456 Easton Ave., Madison, OH 44057.

Michael and Jocelyn Rinebold are the parents of Andrew, 2. He is a medical licensing board director for the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency. She is a managing director for the NCAA.

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Karen (Segedi) and David Cheezan announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Davis, on September 20, 2005 who joins sibling Michael, 4 and Anthony, 2.

Julie (Runk) and Bryan '93 Coffelt are the parents of Kyle, 6 and Emmy, 4. They reside at 1205 Reins Cir., New Hope, PA 18938.

Darci Gerber resides at 8917 Lake Ridge Dr., Lewis Center, OH 43035.

Kimberly (Spangler) and John McGee, Jr. announce the birth of a son, Trevor Jace, on July 25, 2005 who joins sibling Connor, 4. They are the owners of Tennessee Off-Road, LLC. They reside at 129 Timber Trail Dr. Lebanon, TN 37090.


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**Four Join in Bonita Springs, FL**

Jen (Burke ‘94) Kiernan, Shannon (Haddox ’94) Yancsurak, Carie Glazer-Casey ’95 and Treena (Tennant ’95) Kackley got together for a “Girls’ Weekend” in August, joining in Bonita Springs, FL.
Farnhurst Rd., Lyndhurst, OH 44124.

**Jamie and Jill (Faulkner ’96) Schwartz** reside at 901 Castleburg Dr., Apex, NC 27523. He is a product manager for Schunk, Inc.

**Erin (Benczo) and Andrew Spellman** announce the birth of a daughter, Chloe Grace, on September 20, 2005 who joins sibling Sophia, 2. Erin is a fourth grade teacher for Springfield Local Schools. Andrew is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Publicis Selling Solutions. They reside at 11162 Romsey Ave. N.W., Uniontown, OH 44685.

Matthew and Becky (Dixon) Stinson are the parents of Brendan, 5. Matthew is an administrator for The Oaks Foundation of Copeland Oaks. Becky is an elementary music instructor for West Branch Local School District. Matthew recently earned a master of business administration degree with entrepreneurial focus from Jones International University.

Jeremy and Jacqueline Tiermini are the parents of Calogero, 5 and Francesca, 3. Jeremy earned a master of sciences degree with a concentration in sports medicine with highest honors (4.0) from the United States Sports Academy. He is an instructor and certified athletic trainer for Finger Lakes Community College and an assistant instructor for Sports Medicine Concepts, Inc. They reside at 94 Seneca Dr., Canandaigua, NY 14424.

Mutsumi Uranishi is an office manager for Brain Child, Inc. She resides at #201 King Heights Station, OH 44028. She is a customer of commercial services for Earth Lawn Care Inc. He is a self-employed roofing contractor.

**Alice (Hurst) Jarrett and John Hurst** were married August 25, 2005. They reside at 5228 Turning Branch Way, Rockford, OH 44116.

**Erika Pribanic-Smith and Jason Smith** reside at 5100 Old Birmingham Hwy., Apt. 116, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404. She received the Robert Lance Outstanding Student Paper Award at the American Journalism Historians Association annual convention where she was also elected chairwoman of AJHA’s Graduate Student Committee. She is a research and teaching assistant and pursuing her doctoral degree at the University of Alabama. He is an instructor for ITT Technical Institute.

**Catherine (Oakes) and Shaun ’98 Rock** reside at 3035 Lincoln Ave., Parma, OH 44134. She is an athletic trainer for Summit Rehabilitation. He is an assistant treasurer for Barberton City Schools. They reside at 7770 Kitner Blvd., Northfield Center, OH 44067.

Heather Philpott and Mitch Walma were married October 10, 2005. The wedding party included Jeannie Robinson, Deirdre (Philpott ’01) McDonald and Michael McDonald ’01. Heather is employed by the American Red Cross and Mitch works for the YMCA. They reside at 600-B Forest Edge Rd., Woodland Park, CO 80863.
City Schools. He is a welder for The Lincoln Electric Company.

Michael Smith is an athletic trainer for the Houston Astros Baseball Club. He resides at 9851 Navarre Rd. S.W., Navarre, OH 44662.

Julie (Robinson) and Larry Swartz reside at 456 Eastland Rd., Berea, OH 44017. She is a certified athletic trainer for University Suburban Sports Medicine Center.

Farrah Thomas earned a doctor of psychology degree from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She is a health psychology fellow for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation – Mellen Center. She resides at 590 Solon Rd., Bentleyville, OH 44910.

Mandy (Merriman) and Ron Tweedy are the parents of Allyson, 3. Mandy is an early intervention specialist for Harrison County MR/DD Preschool. Ron is a carpenter superintendent for Patton Construction. They reside at 401 Co. Rd. 396, Bloomingdale, OH 43910.

Melody (Lawrence) and Jonathan Yoder announce the birth of a son, Jacob Ryan, on October 5, 2005 who joins sibling Candace, 3.

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Steve and Amber Agresta announce the birth of a daughter, Angelina Ellis, on July 27, 2005. He is a project manager for Skanska-Shook/SBC of Cleveland. She is co-artistic director for Sharron’s School of Dance. They reside at 7754 Gresham Ln., Hudson, OH 44236.

Jillian (Henkle) and Richard Ahrens reside at 9394 Gettysburg Dr., Twinsburg, OH 44087.

Daniel Bartula and Jackie LaPilch were married November 6, 2004. She is a veterinary health technician for Medvet/CVES. They reside at 5989 Thunder Quill Dr., New Albany, OH 43054.


Class of 1985

First Row (l-r): Jenny (Svete) Branisel, Kimberly (Hanna) Barker, Shari (Moran) Trotter.

Class of 1995

First Row (l-r): Arlene Roble, Cherrymae Aromas, Anne (Zimmer) Graffice, Carie Glazer-Casey.
Second Row (l-r): Chris Purdum, Rebecca (Millikin) Parkhurst, Jamey Stuart ’94, Anne Marie (Pasek) Stuart, Treena (Tennant) Kackley, Steve Casey.

Class of 2000

First Row (l-r): Jennifer (Showers) Maley, Kristina Stroia, Mandy (Secrist) Lavriha, Michael Andric, Aaron Swartz.

Alumni Softball

First Row (l-r): Sara Tharp ’02, Stacy Benson ’97, Jodie Holava ’01. Second Row (l-r): Cara (Grisola ’00) McPherson, Becky Shreffler ’02, Becca Michelli ’04, Kate Lust ’05.

Alumni Baseball

First Row (l-r): Rick D’Amico ’98, Joel Steiner ’02, Rick Oyster ’00, Bob Atkinson ’73, Bob Buchs ’54, Ryan Armstrong ’00, Jonathan Jewell ’01. Second Row (l-r): Denny Lutton ’70, Corey Hannah ’99, Kiko Martja ’97, Bill Sanders ’00, Keith Solar ’02, Mike Force ’91, Joe Zelasko ’55, Josh Baker ’01, Assistant Coach Eric Bunnell ’03, Head Coach Paul Hesse.
Third Row (l-r): Mark MarLett ’81, Chris Liptak ’05, Dave Fleischer ’05, Josh White ’97, Tyson Ware ’05, DJ Gross ’05, President Richard Giese, Vince Obmann ’55, Paul Dunleavy ’90, Doug Jefferies ’93, Roman Pocztar ’05, Tim Newman ’05.

Alumni Swimming

First Row (l-r): Misti Miller, Caleb Miller, Ryan Miller ’01, Kristen (Schmidt ’97) Bugara, Jen Malone ’05, Rachel Torgersen. Second Row (l-r): Steve Miller ’84, Jocelyn (Stari ’83) Miller, David Joachim ’73, Bill Mackin ’96, Marc Torgersen ’02.
Celia Cone resides at 1340 Worton Blvd, Mayfield Heights, OH 44124.

Michael and Christa (Rapp) Cook announce the birth of a son, Elliott, on September 15, 2004 who joins sibling Megan, 3. Michael is a master teacher for OHDELA of Akron.

Mark and Jennifer (Herrmann) Foster announce the birth of a daughter, Eva Rose, on August 31, 2005. They reside at 16538 St. , Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221.

CJ and Chante Harkness are the parents of Cydney, 2. They reside at 24388 Staghorn Dr., Bedford Heights, OH 44146.

Brandon and Joonna (Schock) Keck announce the birth of a son, Kyler Ethan Curtis.

Megan Malinoski-Scott is a hairstylist for John Davis Salon. She resides at 910 W. Third Upper, Jamestown, NY 14701.

Shawn Mendham and Jamie Ayoup were married July 23, 2005. He is a tax manager for Zion, Synect & Associate. She is a sales executive for SBC Communications. They reside at 713 Whippoorwill Ln., Wadsworth, OH 44281.

Kapil and Anita Patel reside at 1419 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02135. He is a senior hedge fund analyst for Hemisphere Global.


Matthew and Natalie (Olenik '97) Shenigo announce the birth of a son, Luke Ryan, on December 6, 2004 who joins sibling Lillian, 2. He is an account executive for GenPath Bio-Reference Lab. They reside at 2968 Sourék Rd, Akron, OH 44333.

James Wearer and Jamie Sauer were married October 1, 2005. They reside at 844 Tallmadge Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221.

Claudia (Asbun) and Jeremy '00 Yoder announce the birth of a son, Caden Michael, on August 8, 2005 who joins sibling Sophia, 2. Claudia is a pharmaceutical sales representative for GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals. Jeremy is a pharmaceutical sales specialist for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. They reside at 1408 Wisteria Ave. S.W., Hartville, OH 44632.

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Megan (Fries) and Tom Bauer are the parents of McKenna, 1. She is an administrative assistant and he is a vice president for Affinity Consultants, Inc. They reside at 2633 Deibel Dr., Clintonville, OH 43216.

Kelly (Brown) and Max Chesney reside at 2118 14th St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223. She is a call center supervisor for Infusion Management Corporation.

Amie (Winzenreid) and Ray Cope announce the birth of a daughter, Madison Faith, on April 22, 2005 who joins sibling Cody, 2. They reside at 4233 Grafton Rd., Leetonia, OH 44431.

Thomas Crowe is a seminarian for the Diocese of Arlington. He resides at Mount Saint Mary Seminary, 16300 Old Enmitsburg Rd., Enmitsburg, MD 21727.

Barry Davidson resides at 3814 Prospect Ave., #305, Cleveland, OH 44115.

Chad Gayhart and Andrea Doyle were married September 24, 2005. The wedding party included maid of honor Jessica Simon, Alexis Gayhart ‘03, Keith Yonally ’99 and John Vogt. Chad is an accounting supervisor for Nationwide Financial Services. Andrea is an accountant for American Health Holding. They reside at 3952 Chandle Pl., Columbus, OH 43230.

Lindsay Haupt and Erik W. Johnson were married May 21, 2005. She is president of Fresh Horizons Marketing Solutions, LLC. They reside at 3595 Vineyard Ave. N.W., Canton, OH 44708.

Cari (Readinger) and Ron Henegar reside at 224 Wilmingon Dr., Broadview Heights, OH 44147.

David Kaufmann is a fourth grade teacher for West Jefferson Local Schools. He resides at 5586 Mercer Ridge, Columbus, OH 43228.

Jamie Lepera and Dave Smith were married June 26, 2004. She is a licensed mortgage broker at Lynnmark Lending Corporation. He is owner of D &B Landscaping. They reside at 9415 Gableton Ln., Port Richey, FL 34668.

Tracy Kennedy and Michael McDaniel were married January 8, 2005. She is a human resources assistant at Ilen Industries. He is owner of Exterior Experts. They reside at 1639 W. 7th St., Ashtabula, OH 44004.

Michelle Manning is head softball coach at Albion College. She resides at 1122 Arms St., #8, Marshall, MI 49068.

McGee M Ginny is an ATC/LAT at Orthopaedic Associates. She resides at 5140 Literary Rd., Cleveland, OH 44113.

Deana (Allen) Milford is an office manager at National City Bank.

Sarah Paulett and Reza Samadi are the parents of Angelica, 4 and Cameron, 2.

Justin Police is the owner of Police Mortgages, L.L.C. He resides at 152 S. 20th St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

Martha Powers is a proofreader and quality control member for American Marketing & Publishing. She resides at 1522 Grand Dr., Unit 5, DeKalb, IL 60115.

William Sanders and Emily Mackey were married August 6, 2005. They reside at 109 King Rd., Wickliffe, OH 44092.

Greg and Jenn (Holbrook) Shooby announce the birth of a son, Matthew Thomas, on September 20, 2005. They reside at 1542 Rush Rd., Wickliffe, OH 44092.

Jessica (Sanders) and Robert States reside at 8590 Wolf Run Ln., Morrow, OH 45152. She is a protective services worker for Warren County Children Services.

Becky Taussig and Troy Lybarger were married April 16, 2005. She is an IS purchasing assistant and he is a senior financial analyst for ProQuest Business Solutions. They reside at 3609 Torrey Pines Dr., Fairlawn, OH 44333.

Josiette White earned a master of science in social administration degree from Case Western Reserve University. She is a community organizer for Voices & Choices. She resides at 2140 W. 38th St., Cleveland, OH 44113.

2001

Laura Bixler earned a master of business administration degree from the University of Akron. She is a financial analyst for The J.M. Smucker Company.

Brian Davenport is employed by Stoelze Oberglass.

Staci-Lyn (Knox) and Lucas Dillow announce the birth of a son, Lucas Warren, on December 21, 2004 who joins sibling Evelyn, 2. She is a teacher for White Hat Management. They reside at 17940 Owen Rd., Middlefield, OH 44062.

Nicole Edwards earned a master of library and information science degree from Kent State University. She is head of extension services for Rodman Public Library. She resides at 347 W. Simpson St., Alliance, OH 44601.

Melissa (Poole) and Timothy ‘00 Engleman reside at 1212 Haden Dr., Waxhaw, NC 28173.


Mandy Gingerich resides at 3823 N. Southport, Apt. 3, Chicago, IL 60613.

Jennifer (Graham) and Michael Brown announce the birth of a daughter, Daphne Zoelle, on May 31, 2005. He is associate pastor of Junction City Church of the Nazarene. They reside at 1060 Cedar St., Junction City, KS 66441.

Nicole Herman earned a master of business administration degree from Malone College. She is a tax accountant for Cohen & Co. She resides at 370 Applegrove St. N.E., North Canton, OH 44720.

Adam Irgang is a regional sales representative for Zurn Industries. He resides at 155 Park St., Jamestown, NY 14701.

Nia Imani Jackson was named “Assistant Property Manager of the Year in Michigan” and has been chosen to be a member of Equity Residential’s Diversity Council.

Mike and Terri Mayle are the parents of Steven, 9, Brandon, 8 and Dylan, 5. Mike is a groundskeeper at Bethany College. Terri is an assistant manager at WalMart. They reside at 221 N. 8th St., Martins Ferry, OH 43935.

Lindsey McFarren earned a master of aeronautical science degree with concentrations in aviation safety and airport operations management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She is manager of research and special projects at National Air Transportation Association. She resides at 850 N. Randolph, #1709, Arlington, VA 22203.

Dawn O’Dee earned a master of science degree from Miami University. She is a research specialist at the University of Pittsburgh. She resides at 6606 Dalzell Pl., Apt. #2, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

Jill Panek resides at 37936 Third St., Willoughby, OH 44094.

Tory Peterson is a program coordinator for Steps to a Healthier New York. She resides at 155 Park St., Jamestown, NY 14701.

Beth Schaefer is a student loan representative for Fifth Third Bank. She resides at 8665 Scenicview Dr., Apt. #201, Broadview Heights, OH 44147.

Corleen Schall and Nathan Santamaria reside at 1513 Northwoods Lake, Duluth, GA 30096. She is a second
grade teacher for Rocky Mount Elementary. He is a project manager for AlQ Insurance.

Emily Schmucker resides at 880 Amli Ct., Apt. 823, Aurora, IL 60502.

Karie Greathouse-Shaffer and James Shaffer announce the birth of a son, Alexander James, on May 20, 2005.

Nikki Smith and John Johnson were married June 25, 2005. She is a case manager for Job and Family Services. They reside at 2849 Evanston Rd., Columbus, OH 43232.

Penelope (Beachy) and Michael ‘98 Snider announce the birth of a son, Christopher Jay, on August 15, 2005.

Ed Black is a sixth grade science and history teacher and football and basketball coach in Charlotte, NC.

Sarah Bond earned a master’s degree in information architecture and knowledge management from Kent State University. She is a senior market intelligence analyst at Ernst & Young, LLP.

Rachel (Feisley) and Chad Brinker reside at 3979 Easton Way, Columbus, OH 43219. She is an independent sales director for Mary Kay. He is a medical representative for Merck.

Erin Barker and Jeffrey Brown were married August 6, 2005. The wedding party included Kristen Barker ‘05, Gina (DeVault) Ney, Meredith (Garman ‘00) Brown, Kevin Hinkle, Kevin Brown ‘99, Josh Cochran and Joel Steiner. Erin is pursuing a juris doctor degree at The Ohio State University. Jeffrey is a senior representative of continuity marketing operations at Verizon Wireless. They reside at 842 Stalywood Cl., Worthington, OH 43085.

Cynthia Cluster and Craig Hendricks were married August 20, 2005. She earned a master’s degree in marriage and family counseling from the University of Akron and is a therapist for Pathways Caring for Children. They reside at 1895 Beechwood Ave., N.E., #D2, North Canton, OH 44720.

Josh Cochran is a capital markets analyst for SunTrust Robinson Humphrey. He resides at 3501 Chesterbrook Ct., #632, Richmond, VA 23233.

Marisa Danese resides at 2995 North Bay Dr., I-9, Westlake, OH 44145.

Amy Duncan resides at 3723 Hilliard Station Rd., Hilliard, OH 43026.

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Sarah Edwards '02 resides at 5455 Larkshire Ct., Hilliard, OH 43026.

Heather Esson and Brian Phlipot were married June 18, 2005. She is an assistant regional director for AIM Healthcare Services, Inc. They reside at 6023 Hollywood Dr., Parma, OH 44129.

Gretchen Francis resides at 9107 Briarbrook Dr., Warren, OH 44484.

Jennifer (Maholm) and Terry Howard are the parents of Kyle, 2. They reside at 519 Eastbury Ave. N.E., North Canton, OH 44720.

Michael and Lyndsie (Henderson ‘03) Ihrig reside at 1245 Ellwood Ave. S.W., Canton, OH 44710.

Lindsay King and Mark Kloepping were married August 20, 2005. They reside at 984 Ponderosa Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

Barbara (White) and Andrew Purdum ’01 announce the birth of a daughter, Aylaah, on a cloudy day, July 2005. They reside at 25066 Sunset Oval, North Olmsted, OH 44070.

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Douglas Robinson resides at 261 Malden Str., Akron, OH 44313.

Beth (Baswell) and Thomas Schrick reside at 353 W. Oxford St., Alliance, OH 44601. She is a fragrance manager for Elder Beerman and substitute teacher for Marlington Local Schools. He is a landscape crew member for DeHoff’s Landscaping.

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Emily King resides at 1900 Edgwick Cir., #208, Sanford, FL 32771.

Rachal King resides at 1900 Edgwick Cir., #208, Sanford, FL 32771.

Cassia Humphreys and Ryan McCammon ’02 were married

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Donald Alexander ’46: DEA@EandK.com

Ted Bender ’54: tcb28@att.net

Julie King ’53: Douglass@eandK.com

Sam Douglas ’55: samdouglas@EandK.com

Jane (Douglas) ’59: skaylee@esb.com

Richard Tafell ’57: dfbr@madison.net

Lisa Crone is a financial analyst at BISYS. She resides at 4828 Legare Ln., Columbus, OH 43230.

Michael Demster and Stephanie Loker ’05 were married July 29, 2005. She is a sales representative for Landmark Interiors. They reside at 8820 Meadow Grove Way, Apt. 202, Charlotte, NC 28216.


Jennifer Fraser and Rob Schule were married July 17, 2004. They reside at 2564 Davidson Rd., Hilliard, OH 43026. She is a legal assistant for Eichenberger & Associates. He is a systems administrator for Hilig, Rogal & Hobbs.

Carrie (Butler) and Sedric Gerber reside at 4538 Twp. Rd. 422, Sugarcreek, OH 44681. She is a credit analyst for The Commercial & Savings Bank.

Laura (Somo) and Shawn Hall announce the birth of a son, Rowan Thomas, on November 14, 2004.

Jason Hillkirk is employed by Johnson Controls and Cooling. They reside at 606 Rt. 44, Hartville, OH 44632.

Dana (Navratil) and Adam Zorn resided at 3007 141 Wyley Ave., Akron, OH 44303.

Lisa Gerber reside at 4538 Twp. Rd. 13, 2005. The wedding party separately in this section and will no longer be listed within Class Notes.

Kristin Daugherty and Bob Copeland were married August 13, 2005. The wedding party included Anne Krafick and Deann Girscht.

Mark and Cooling. They reside at 606 Rt. 44, Hartville, OH 44632.

Dan Carr was a recycled massage therapist at The Home Loan

Behavioral resources. Matthew is an HVAC technician for Peters’ Refrigeration, Heating and Cooling. They reside at 606 Carver Rd. Sarver, PA 16055.

Jenny Campobenedetto resides at 5534 Landover Ct., Parma, OH 44134.

Morgan Cooper is an assistant athletic trainer at East Carolina University. She resides at 401 B Bridge Ct., Winterville, NC 28590.

Peter Couch resides at 715 W. Market St., Apt. 104, Akron, OH 44303.

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Trina McKelley is a graduate assistant in the teacher education department at Youngstown State University.

Nikki Scarpitti earned a master of science degree in public relations from Syracuse University. She is a consumer advocate at Skidmore Corporation.

Krista McClaren and Corey Clay ’05 were married June 18, 2005. The wedding party included Ryan Bell ’02, Rachel Schmidt ’04, Josh Leary ’04 and Stephen Klinger ’05. Krista is the music director at Marlinton High School. Corey is a database administrator at General Commercial Corporation. They reside at 1140 Winding Ridge Ave., Louisville, OH 44641.

Ashley Price and Brandon Livengood were married on October 1, 2005.

Brent Weatherly is a software developer for PC Guardian Services. He resides at 1000 Conway Dr., Apt. 104, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Lainey White resides at 254 Mahle Rd., Clarksville, PA 15322.

Deaths

1932

Doris (Kimpton) Bauhof of North Canton, OH died September 2, 2005. She is survived by her son, Ned Bauhof, Jr.’61.


1934

Jean (Bates) Hart of Prescott, AZ died August 10, 2005.

1938

Dr. Charles Derthick of Salem, OR died August 23, 2005.

1939

Dr. Cornell McFadden of Chapel Hill, NC died June 14, 2005.

1941

Robert Tarr of Carmel Valley, CA died November 2, 2005.

1942

Florence (Peet) Allison of Alliance, OH died September 12, 2005. She was a retired music teacher for Marlinton Local Schools and a music faculty member at Mount Union.

Dorothy Stone of Tucson, AZ died September 18, 2005.

Dorothy (Cheney) Benjamin of New Philadelphia, OH died October 22, 2005.

Maxine H. George of East Lansing, MI died September 10, 2005.

Carol (Wenz) Rea of Wellesley, MA died October 7, 2005.

Clarence Valencourt of Dorr, MI died July 22, 2005.

Atty. Donald C. Mackall of Alliance, OH died May 31, 2005. He earned a juris doctor degree from Western Reserve University. He practiced law in Ohio and worked for the U.S. Army Air Corp.

1951

George Findley of Cleveland, OH died November 11, 2005.
(Not provided in the image)
LEGACY luncheon


First row (l-r): Tiffany Topper ’08, Kathy Ciszewski, Jenn Ciszewski ’08, Jessica Eggan ’08, Linda (Meister ’73) Eggan. Second row (l-r): David Topper ’82, Rhonda (Ryan ’76) Topper, Mike Ciszewski, Ed Ciszewski ’77, Jim Eggan.

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- Year of graduation
- Spouse's name
- Year of graduation (if from Mount)
- Home address
- Telephone number
- E-mail address

Occupation

- Your occupation (title)
- Employer (full name)
- Business address
- Telephone number
- E-mail address

Birth Announcement

- Child's name
- Date of birth
- Sibling's name
- Date of birth
- Sibling's name
- Date of birth
- Sibling's name
- Date of birth

Marriage Announcement

- Date of marriage

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- Recent honor or achievement

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Dr.  Rev.  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss
Dr.  Rev.  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss
Dr.  Rev.  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss
Dr.  Rev.  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss

## Statements of Financial Position

**Years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004**

### Assets

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### Liabilities and net assets

#### Liabilities

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#### Net assets

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### Total liabilities and net assets

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## Statements of Activities

### Years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004

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### Expenses and Losses

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| Change in net assets before investment return designated for operations | 3,831,289 | (4,270,099) | 1,249,658 | 810,848 |
| Investment return less amounts designated for operations | 3,157,479 |                        | 3,157,479 | 0 |
| Reclassifications of assets   |                        |                        |                       | 0 |
| Increase in minimum pension liability |                        |                        |                       | 0 |
| **Change in net assets**      | 6,988,768    | (4,270,099)           | 1,249,658              | 3,968,327   |
| **Net assets, beginning of year** | 123,774,654 | 10,137,714            | 52,202,142             | 186,114,510 |
| **Net assets, end of year**   | $ 130,763,422 | $ 5,867,615           | $ 53,451,800           | $ 190,082,837 |
### Operating activities

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<td>$8,795,153</td>
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<td>Items not requiring (providing) operating activities cash flows</td>
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<td>Realized and unrealized gain on investments</td>
<td>(6,081,457)</td>
<td>(7,153,264)</td>
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<td>Pension liability</td>
<td>215,146</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>3,958,394</td>
<td>3,268,374</td>
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<td>Loss on uncollectible pledge</td>
<td>2,490,336</td>
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<td>Change in uncollectible accounts, accounts receivable and pledges receivable</td>
<td>315,586</td>
<td>(268,697)</td>
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<td>Contributions and investment income restricted for long-term investment</td>
<td>(1,249,658)</td>
<td>(1,601,688)</td>
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<td>Changes in</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accounts, loans and contributions receivable</td>
<td>(95,867)</td>
<td>(258,443)</td>
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<td>Inventories of books and supplies</td>
<td>(10,561)</td>
<td>(6,478)</td>
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<td>Other assets</td>
<td>(75,286)</td>
<td>(47,020)</td>
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<td>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</td>
<td>(521,124)</td>
<td>(1,236,086)</td>
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<td>Annuity obligations</td>
<td>78,111</td>
<td>(247,925)</td>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in advances from government for student loans</td>
<td>(72,647)</td>
<td>24,381</td>
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<td>Changes in annuity and life income funds held in trust and beneficial interests in perpetual and charitable remainder trusts</td>
<td>(1,009,240)</td>
<td>1,672,271</td>
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<td>Deposits and other</td>
<td>(8,929)</td>
<td>104,104</td>
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<td><strong>Net cash provided by operating activities</strong></td>
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<td>3,259,828</td>
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### Investing activities

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<td>Purchase of property and equipment</td>
<td>(4,005,093)</td>
<td>(7,508,981)</td>
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<td>Purchase of investments</td>
<td>(56,094,125)</td>
<td>(85,401,246)</td>
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<td>Proceeds from sales of investments</td>
<td>57,838,738</td>
<td>89,849,084</td>
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<td><strong>Net cash used in investing activities</strong></td>
<td>(2,260,480)</td>
<td>(3,061,143)</td>
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### Financing activities

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<td>Payments on bonds and notes payable</td>
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<td>(228,060)</td>
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<td>Proceeds from notes payable</td>
<td>126,000</td>
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<td>Contributions and investment income restricted for long-term investment</td>
<td>1,249,658</td>
<td>1,601,688</td>
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<td><strong>Net cash provided by financing activities</strong></td>
<td>1,160,658</td>
<td>1,373,628</td>
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### Increase in cash and cash equivalents

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<td>1,572,313</td>
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### Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year

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<td>9,102,953</td>
<td>7,530,640</td>
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### Cash and cash equivalents, end of year

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<td>$9,689,116</td>
<td>$9,102,953</td>
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### Supplemental Cash Flow Information

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<td>Fixed assets in accounts payable</td>
<td>$340,662</td>
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The Mount Union Choir will present a Welcome Home Choir Concert on January 8, wrapping up its annual holiday tour.

**January 8**
Welcome Home Choir Concert
Presser Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**January 19**
“The Call to Public Service: The Future of Our Nation and State” Speaker Series featuring David Gergen, former advisor to presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton
Timken Physical Education Building, 8 p.m.

**January 19**
Stark County Teacher Appreciation Reception
Stables Restaurant, 4-6 p.m.

**January 19**
Timken Physical Education Building, 8 p.m.

**January 31**
Naples Alumni Reception

**February 1**
Sarasota Alumni Luncheon
Hyatt, noon

**February 20-22**
Education on the Run
The Inn at Honey Run, Millersburg, OH

**March 21**
Schooler Lecture featuring Tim Russert, moderator of “Meet the Press”
Timken Physical Education Building, 8 p.m.

**March 25**
M Club Reverse Raffle

**April 6**
“The Call to Public Service: The Future of Our Nation and State” Speaker Series featuring Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House
Timken Physical Education Building, 8 p.m.

**June 9-10**
Alumni Weekend 2006

**July 9**
M Club Golf Outing
Tannenhauf Golf Club, Alliance, OH

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We want to hear from you...

As part of the redesign of Mount Union Magazine, a new feature story based on alumni feedback will appear in each issue beginning with Issue II, 2006. The feature topic for each issue will be announced in the preceding magazine and submissions from alumni and friends will be selected for inclusion in the story.

The topic for the feature story for Issue II, 2006 will be... the faculty member who made a lasting impact on your life.

Was there one faculty member that perhaps helped you pave your way, gave you special assistance in a course or simply provided support when needed? If so, let us know. We will be accepting your submission for this story through February 15, 2006.

Submissions will be included and edited at the discretion of Mount Union Magazine’s editorial staff. Due to space constraints, it will not be possible to include all submissions. Those not printed in Mount Union Magazine will be posted on Mount Union’s website – www.muc.edu – and readers will be directed to the site in the magazine.

Submissions should be mailed to Mount Union Magazine, Office of Public Affairs and Marketing, Mount Union College, 1972 Clark Ave., Alliance, OH 44601. Submissions will also be accepted via fax at (330) 821-0425 and e-mail at information@muc.edu.

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We're looking for some great students who would benefit from the college experience that only Mount Union can provide.

And who is better positioned to know future Purple Raiders when they see them than our loyal alumni?

The admission staff needs your help in obtaining information about students who may be great matches for Mount.

- Go to www.muc.edu and click on the Alumni Link.
- Click on Prospective Student Referral Form (on the left)
- Provide us with information about students (at least freshmen in high school), including your own children!

We’ll respond to your student with a general information mailing and place him or her on the mailing list to receive appropriate literature on an on-going basis.

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For alumni who have signed the Graduation Pledge Alliance, please remember the pledge you've made:

“I _______ pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will work to try to improve these aspects of any organization for which I work.”
An elaborate reception welcomed Rev. William Henry McMaster on April 9, 1909 when he arrived at Mount Union College to assume his official duties as fourth president. An 1899 graduate of the College, McMaster arrived on campus in a beautifully decorated carriage. It was certainly no ordinary carriage ride. Instead of being pulled by a team of horses, it was actually pulled by Mount Union students. The carriage was followed by the band, cars, members of the student body and friends as it processed down Main Street to Union Avenue and back to Mount Union.

McMaster was selected as fourth president upon the resignation of President Riker in 1908. He dutifully met the problems that faced the College during that era and transformed Mount Union into a new college within the first decade of his administration.