Wellness
A top priority for today’s college students
The core reason students are at Mount Union College is because of the academic program and all that it offers. Yet, if we are to continue to be an outstanding residential campus with 24/7 services, we must continually strive for excellence and meet students where they are in three other distinct areas – eating, sleeping and recreation.

During the past two years, we have made significant progress on the first two necessities. The renovations to the Hoover-Price Campus Center coupled with the products and services of AVI FoodSystems have changed the dining experience, allowing students more flexibility and choices.

This summer we are putting the finishing touches on apartment-style housing that will accommodate 170 students. The townhouse arrangement on Hartshorn Street and the manor arrangement on Union Avenue will dramatically change how our upperclass students live. For those of you who remember the traditional residence halls – Elliott, Miller, King, McMaster, Ketcham, Cunningham and McCready – all of them have been renovated, and two of them feature primarily single rooms.

So students now have the opportunity to experience the traditional residence hall during the freshman year and then “graduate” to the suite-style provided by Hoiles-Peterson, Bica-Ross and Shields halls and then move on to the more independent apartment-style housing.

With eating and sleeping well cared for, we are now faced with addressing the recreation part of the equation. As many of you will recall, the Timken Physical Education Building was constructed in 1970 and was followed in 1981 by the dedication of the Peterson Field House. Then, in 1996 the McPherson Center for Human Health and Well-Being was opened. Also during the ’90s, additional outdoor recreational fields were added to the west side of campus. These fine facilities were excellent in their day, but given the boom in interest in wellness among college-aged youth, we are rapidly falling behind our competition.

In my years as a faculty member and administrator at Mount Union our facilities were the envy of the Ohio Athletic Conference institutions. But over time, each of our competitors has built facilities that are more up-to-date and flexible than ours. Moreover, nationwide, wellness centers have overtaken campus centers as social outlets for students. The “Coke dates” you may remember in the snack bar have been replaced by “fitness dates” in the weight room.

Also, given the 21 athletic teams we sponsor coupled with the desire for recreation from those not on athletic teams, we are having to schedule practices for indoor facilities at 6 a.m. and as late as 10 p.m. What we thought was more than adequate space just 10 years ago is now over-crowded.

In fairness to the next generation of Mount Union students, we have contracted with Hastings and Chivetta, a national firm specializing in wellness facilities, to prepare plans that would expand our facilities. The preliminary plans are exciting and dramatic. More importantly, the execution of these plans would provide optimal experiences and opportunities for all of our students.

To meet the aforementioned eating and sleeping needs of our students, many people have generously given significant gifts to make it all happen. In the months ahead, you will be hearing more about the wellness project and we will be presenting opportunities for support by our alumni and friends. We will need significant commitments before we can begin to implement our plans.

If you have not been to campus recently, please take the opportunity to visit and witness for yourself these exciting changes. This year our Alumni Weekend will coincide with Homecoming on October 19-21. The campus will be buzzing, and I trust you will be pleased with what you see.
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New Technology on Campus

Mount Union has launched A New Global Environment for Learning (ANGEL), a learning/course management system that gives faculty and students a new set of innovative tools. ANGEL provides users with the opportunity to meet online and share course content, discussions, materials and information while extending class contact hours.

This new course management system is a secure location for teaching and learning activities such as the course syllabus, class content and activities postings, course calendars, class announcements, a digital drop box for student assignments, interaction and communication via e-mail, debate forums and class chat sessions. Such interaction may be between students and faculty or among students. This may include peer tutoring, online office hours or class discussions.

In addition to ANGEL, Mount Union received a grant from AT&T and the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) for faculty development. The grant is entitled “PostcastU.” A foundation for this grant was created in spring 2006 when the College entered into an agreement with Apple Computers for participation in their iTunesU program.

iTunesU makes it possible for Mount Union’s faculty to record and broadcast audio or video from lectures and speakers. Students will be able to go to a special iTunesU (or ANGEL) website for Mount Union to access and download these resources to their iPods, mp3 players, computers, laptops or cell phones.

Recognition and Awards

Numerous members of the Mount Union community – including students, faculty, staff and friends – were recognized on campus this year as recipients of various awards.

This year’s Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Student Awards were given to Marcus Jackson, a junior from Columbus, OH and Victoria Snyder, a junior from Monaca, PA. Also receiving Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards were community members Rev. Bobby and

HAUPT HOUSE

Known as the President’s House since its opening in 2002, Mount Union’s facility at 1304 S. Union Ave. was officially named the Fred J. Haupt President’s House during Commencement weekend.

“It is humbling to have a building named after you on a campus. especially when you are still alive,” said Haupt. “I am so grateful especially since I am an Alliance native, son of a grocer and feel passionately about this place.”

Haupt is director and chairman of the corporate section of Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths and Dougherty Co., L.P.A. An Alliance native and 1963 graduate of Mount Union with a bachelor of arts degree in history, Haupt earned his juris doctor degree from Western Reserve University School of Law, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif legal honorary.

He is a member of the National Health Care Lawyers Association and is a Fellow of the Ohio Bar Foundation. Recently, he was selected by his peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America (2007).

Active in College and community affairs, he has served on Mount Union’s Board of Trustees since 1978 and was chair of the Board from 1992 to 2002. In 1997 he was recipient of the College’s Alumni Service Award. In 2002 he was the Commencement speaker and was conferred an honorary doctor of laws degree.

He is past president and board member of the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce and received the 1997 Outstanding Chamber Member Award. He was also the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, past chairman of the Hall of Fame Festival Enshrinees Civic Dinner Committee, past president of Congress Lake Club and immediate past general chairman of the Wilderness Center Auction and Dinner. He serves on the Regional Board of Directors of Sky Bank.

He and his wife of 40 years, Victoria, reside in Hartville, OH, and they are the parents of three grown children Erika, Jason and Lindsay (Haupt ’00) Johnson.

NOTEWORTHY

Mount Union sophomore Luke Messner, a political science and philosophy major from Dalton, OH, received the prestigious Ohio Campus Compact 2007 Charles J. Ping Award for his outstanding leadership and contributions to community service and service-learning on campus and within the community.

Sandra Ekstrand, assistant professor of economics, accounting and business administration was named the College’s 2007 Great Teacher.
Joyce Williams and Mount Union faculty and staff members Susan Denning, director of stewardship and grants; LaTashia R. Reedus, director of multicultural student affairs; Fendrich R. Clark, assistant professor of communication; and Dr. Peter Schneller, associate professor of education. The award is given annually to those who exemplify the character and life of Dr. King.

Karen Petko, associate dean of students, and Leland Spencer, a senior communication studies major of Massillon, OH, were honored with the Jane Weston Chapman Award. The award, named for the first female graduate of Mount Union College, has been a part of Women’s History Month at the College since 1997. It is awarded to faculty, staff and students – male or female – who spread women’s history and address women’s issues on campus.

Brittany Mirizio, a senior early childhood education major of West Middlesex, PA and Alexander Darr, a senior political science major of Port Clinton, OH were named Outstanding Senior Sorority Woman and Outstanding Senior Fraternity Man respectively at Mount Union College’s annual Greek Awards ceremony.

Mount Union senior Heather Ann Keating was named Student Employee of the Year. The writing major of Minerva, OH was recognized for her hard work and dedication as a student employee in the library.

Christina Zitko, a senior early childhood education major of Chardon, OH was named Outstanding Senior Woman and Chad Johnson, a senior accounting major of Ashtabula, OH was named Outstanding Senior Man at the annual Mount Union Spring Recognition Banquet.

The Word of God Upon my Lips...A Messenger Speaks
by Dr. Michael Olin-Hitt, professor of English
(Council Oak Books, 2006)

His first published book, The Word of God includes both Olin-Hitt’s personal story and his exploration of many of the religious questions being wrestled with by Christians today. He provides new perspectives on a wide array of timely topics.

The Words and Music of David Bowie
by Dr. James Perone, professor of music and chair of the Department of Music
(Praeger Publishers, 2007)

Perone explores the many styles that Bowie has developed throughout his career. He begins with a biographical introduction, then discusses Bowie’s work and ends with a bibliography. This is one in a series of books Perone has written on influential musicians.

Civic Engagement: Social Science and Progressive-Era Reform in New York City
by Dr. John Louis Recchiuti, professor of history
(University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007)

In his book, Recchiuti weaves together intellectual, educational and political history to reconstruct the history of a vibrant community of men and women who built an expansive network of reform organizations in the late 19th and early 20th centuries that not only changed a city but to a considerable extent, the nation as well.

Rhetoric of Western Thought: From the Mediterranean World to the Global Setting, 9th Edition
by Dr. William E. Coleman, professor of communication and assistant to the president for diversity affairs
(Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2007)

The ninth edition, written by Coleman, two of his professors from graduate school at The Ohio State University and one of his former classmates, continues to enhance the strengths of The Rhetoric of Western Thought while presenting the material in a way that reflects both the unity and diversity of rhetoric’s evolving history, theory and practice.

Who’s In Charge Around Here?
by Dr. Christopher Saffici, assistant professor of human performance and sport management
(Franklin Publishers, 2007)

Saffici shows readers how to overcome negative habits and take control of their own lives. Through its action-oriented formulas and proactive techniques, the book helps readers develop strong decision-making skills, learn how to deal with fears, change and uncertainty and realize dreams of a better life.
Elliott Hall Renovation

As the result of a three-year facility audit, Elliott Hall was renovated prior to the beginning of the 2007 Spring Semester, offering all single rooms to its residents. The new, contemporary look includes fresh interior paint in shades of pale green and sand offering a relaxing backdrop to the hallways and common area, and new lighting fixtures, adding a fresh change. Carpeting throughout the building has also entirely been redone, including all of the new rooms.

Enlarged closets and new furniture accent the rooms, and the bathrooms no longer give a vintage vibe. Everything from the technical plumbing to eye-appealing showers and privacy stalls has been replaced. The bathrooms resemble more of a hotel than that of a residence hall.

On the more technical side, boilers were replaced, and all new wiring was installed.

Miller Hall is currently undergoing a similar renovation and will offer a mix of singles and traditional-style rooms. McMaster also is being renovated this summer as a traditional residence hall, and King and Ketcham halls are scheduled to follow in the summer of 2008.

Apartment-Style Housing

Those who have visited the College in the past few months may have noticed new construction on Hartshorn Street and Union Avenue. This construction is part of a three-year plan to renovate all of Mount Union’s existing residence halls and construct apartment-style housing for upperclass students.

Construction on two styles of independent-living facilities is well underway. The first is manor-style housing on Union Avenue, and the other includes a “village” on Hartshorn Street. Both types of apartment-style housing will offer single bedrooms, a common living area and shared bathrooms with air conditioning and convenient parking.

Teach-In for Freedom

Following in the footsteps of faculty members at the University of Michigan in 1965, Mount Union held its first “teach-in” in honor of the 40th anniversary of the Michigan event that showed constructive protest for the Vietnam Conflict by discussing the issue with students in class.

The two-day event at Mount Union focused not on war and conflict but on the idea of “freedom.”

Many members of the Mount Union faculty incorporated ideas of freedom into their classes. A film festival also was part of the event as was a Fireside Freedom Chat.

Scholars’ Banquet

The Fourth Annual Scholars’ Banquet provided an opportunity for the College community to celebrate the achievements of students while honoring the generosity of alumni and friends.

The annual banquet brings together donors who fund scholarships at Mount Union and the recipients of those scholarships to recognize the importance and meaning of giving. Ranging from memorial and departmental specific scholarships to need-based and unrestricted scholarships, each endowed fund is dispersed according to the wishes of the donor.

Hoover-Price Campus Center Dedications

Renovations to the Hoover-Price Campus Center this past year were made possible by three leadership gifts. To recognize those gifts, dedication ceremonies were held on campus.

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**Schooler Lecture**

“Without knowing where we’ve been, we can’t possibly know where we are going. Without a past, we have no future.” Ken Burns, documentary filmmaker, said at the Mount Union Schooler Lecture.

While Burns said no film can reflect the whole story, his next documentary, *The War*, is a seven-part, 15-hour series that retells the history and horror of World War II from the perspective of a few individuals. The documentary will be broadcast on PBS in September.

Thousands of hours of research were put into the documentary in addition to two and a half years of editing. First-person narration, newspaper clippings and letters were used to capture an intensely personal sense of how the people of four towns viewed, and were changed by, the Second World War.

After producing a previous documentary on the Civil War, Burns vowed to never film another war again. However, after years of deflecting requests, he decided to produce another on World War II because he realized thousands of veterans were dying every day without their stories being told.

“If we neglect to hear them, we are guilty of historical amnesia and we cannot do that,” Burns said. “Their memory is their most valued aspect and our most prized possession.”

In his film, he said there is the presence of one theme, a truth as old as history, but one we always forget. In *The War* documentary, however, this truth is revealed in every frame.

“The truth,” Burns said, “is our country’s glorious promise: there are no ordinary lives.”

Burns has been making documentary films for more than 30 years and has produced and directed some of the most celebrated documentaries ever made.

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**Other Lectures on Campus**

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John L. Frazier has been named vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Mount Union. He comes to Mount Union from Baker University in Kansas where he served as vice president and dean for student development.

Country duo The Wreckers – Michelle Branch and Jessica Harp – performed at Mount Union as part of SpringFest 2007, sponsored by the Student Activities Council and Student Senate.

Dr. Charles McCluggage, professor of biology, John D. Brumbaugh chair of Environmental and Ecological Sciences and director of the Brumbaugh Center for Environmental Science earned the Finlay-Johnson Award from the Environmental Education Council of Ohio.

systems; the Hoover Foundation of Canton, OH; and the late Basil and Betty Strong of Atwater, OH. The north lounge of the Campus Center has been named Payiavlas Lounge, the sun room at the south end is now Hoover Garden Room and the snack bar area is now known as the B & B Café.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Raider Rally

Several hundred faithful Mount Union football fans braved the winter elements and turned out to celebrate the Purple Raiders’ 2006 Division III National Championship at the Raider Recognition Rally, presented by the Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce and Mount Union.

Fans lined the hallways of the Hoover-Price Campus Center for autographs from players and coaches. Fans also had the opportunity to purchase National Championship memorabilia and were among the first to see the 2006 highlight video It’s Hard Work.

### Relay for Life

Mount Union raised over 58 thousand dollars for cancer research through the Mount Union/Alliance Area Relay For Life event.

The event was hosted by the College in the Peterson Field House and lasted all night with Relay committee members hosting fun activities each hour.

Also during the weekend, the College held a Relay for Life Benefit Sale, liquidating furniture and other items to benefit the area Relay for Life event.

### ACROSS THE COUNTRY

#### ECC Student Literary Awards

Two Mount Union students were honored at the East Central College’s 16th Annual Student Literary Competition.

John Gallo, a sophomore English: literature major, was awarded second place in the creative nonfiction division. Gallo, who is from Lisbon, OH, received the award for The Fundamental Things Apply. He was also awarded an Honorable Mention for his poem entitled Kathleen.

Jennifer Casne, a senior Japanese major from Pittsburgh, PA, received an Honorable Mention for her fiction short story entitled Strong One.

#### CIC Historic Campus Architecture Project

Mount Union was recently included in the Council of Independent Colleges’ (CIC) Historic Campus Architecture Project (HCAP) website.

The website provides extensive information about significant buildings, landscapes, campus plans and heritage sites of American higher education. Supported by two generous grants from the Getty Foundation, the HCAP website documents nearly 2,000 campus sites of historical significance that have been provided by nearly 370 institutions.

The CIC Historic Campus Architecture Project can be visited at www.cic.edu/hcap.

#### Spring Break on the Gulf Coast

For some Mount Union College students, spring break meant more than having a few days away from classes. It meant traveling to the Gulf Coast to help in the rebuilding since Hurricane Katrina.

During their week-long stay, the 12 students of the group stayed at Camp Coastal Outpost in Kiln and worked in the towns of Waveland, Pass Christian, Bay St. Louis and Pearlington.

The volunteers joined in a number of activities, including food preparation, clean-up efforts, working with rescued animals and after-school programs and facility improvements.

For more news, visit www.muc.edu/news.
RODHE’S RECORD-SETTING NATIONAL TITLE HIGHLIGHTS TRACK NATIONALS

Mount Union College senior Justin Rodhe of Garrettsville, OH won the individual national title with a Division III season-best and JJ Keller Field record-throw in the shot put (59’ 3.5”) at the Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Rodhe’s shot put toss was also a personal career best and set a new Raider record – breaking the old mark of 57’ 10.5” set by Vaughn Davis in 1969. It was also the longest toss ever by an Ohio Athletic Conference performer. Rodhe was also honored as the ’07 Division III Outdoor Track Nationals Field Athlete of the Year.

“Justin showed signs of being able to put together a special performance leading up to Nationals,” noted Raider Head Coach John Homon. “He set a new OAC Championship Meet mark prior to Nationals and he had some excellent throws leading up to his record throw at the national meet.

“I am very happy for him,” Homon added. “He was an outstanding performer for us for four years. Justin was a real student of the sport and worked hard at refining his skills. It certainly paid off for him in the end with a great performance at Nationals – both in the shot and discus.”

Rodhe had earned All-American status by placing second in the discus throw (168-4).

Mount Union finished with 20 total points at the Division III Outdoor Track Nationals – good for an eighth place finish. This was the 10th time the men’s outdoor track team finished in the top 10 at Nationals.

HOMON RECOGNIZED

Mount Union Men’s Track and Field Head Coach John Homon was inducted into the NCAA Division III Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Homon, who is in his 28th year at Mount Union, has won more Ohio Athletic Conference Championships (50) than any coach in conference history, including 12 cross country, 20 indoor track and 18 outdoor track titles along with 10 Division III indoor track top-10 finishes and nine Division III outdoor track top-10 finishes. He has coached over 180 All-Americans and 32 NCAA National Champions. In 2006, he won the Men’s Division III Outdoor Track Coach of the Year Award.

“IT IS A REAL HONOR TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD,” noted Homon after the induction. “I was very proud and humbled when I was told about the induction. I have been fortunate to work with many outstanding student-athletes in all my years at Mount Union. They certainly share in this award. If it wasn’t for them, I would not be receiving such an honor.”

STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED

Senior Ryan Garro of Mogadore, OH earned All-American status by finishing eighth (1:54.48) in the 800 meters at the 2007 Outdoor Track Nationals.

Freshman Judd Lutz of Bloomville, OH earned All-American honors by finishing eighth (150-02) in the discus at the 2007 Outdoor Track Nationals.

Junior Lindsey Royer (.426 BA/2.01 ERA) of Alliance, OH earned 2007 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) First-Team All-Central Region honors.

Senior Eleni Halkias of Warren, OH completed her tennis career second on the all-time win list (90 total/42s/48d) and first in career doubles victories (48). Senior/pitcher Shawn Kerek of Stow. OH earned Third-Team All-Mideast Region honors in 2007 as a member of the Raider baseball team.

For more on athletics, visit www.muc.edu/athletics.
Mount Union College held its 161st Commencement Ceremonies on Sunday, May 6.

The Commencement speaker, Maria Antonieta Collins, one of the best known personalities on Spanish-language television, called upon the 414 graduates of the Class of 2007 to never forget that, “You can do it! ¡si se puede!”

Challenging them to find their passion, Collins said “If you have passion for the profession you have chosen, you will be grateful that you have a job you love and that you get paid for it.”

She also advised them to set short and realistic goals and be a team player. “Life is like a baseball game,” said Collins. “It is not important to hit a homerun but rather to get a hit every day.”

Collins declared that she will never forget this day because her own daughter, Antonietta Gonzalez-Collins, is a member of the Mount Union Class of 2007. “Antonietta, my daughter, gracias!” she said. “Without you, I would not have had the opportunity to stand here today on this podium, an immigrant Hispanic woman, a journalist and a mother.”

Not only will Collins never forget this day, she advised the students to never forget it either. “In hard times, just close your eyes and remember this special day, this day when anything is possible, this day when you have the world at your fingertips. Let your mind come back to the wonderful sanctuary and the memorable times you had here at Mount Union College.”

A top journalist and author of several books, Collins, who possesses a unique charm that captivates viewers, has almost three decades of professional experience. She has received several awards for her work including the prestigious Emmy and Edward Murrow awards. She is the host of the innovative morning program Cada Dia which offers the latest news, entertainment and sports as well as the tools that help Hispanics tackle the different obstacles of every day life.

Jessica Nola, the senior class president, spoke on behalf of the graduates. The Heaton W. Harris and Corrine Harris Smith Prize was presented to seniors Beatrice Petzinger of Poland, OH, Christina Robison of Louisville, OH and Leland Spencer, IV of Massillon, OH. Spencer also received The Good Citizenship Award.

The day’s activities concluded with a post-commencement reception across from the Dewald Chapel.

Prior to Commencement, the 161st Baccalaureate services were held, featuring a number of Mount Union community members – graduates, faculty and staff – who presented readings, musical selections, meditations and reflections. For the second consecutive year, the ceremony was student-organized.

Commencement Speaker Maria Antonieta Collins posed with her daughter, Antonietta Gonzalez-Collins ’07, who earned her degree during the Commencement ceremony.
Petzinger is Fifth Generation Graduate

Beatrice Petzinger’s connection with Mount Union College began long before she was born – in fact, it started when her great-great-grandfather the late Harry A. March graduated from the College in 1885. According to Yost Osborne’s A Select School: The History of Mount Union College, March was a fullback on the first Mount Union football team who was later named the “father of professional football” by famed sports writer Grantland Rice.

At this year’s Commencement, Petzinger made her own mark in Mount Union history as she joined the long line of graduates in her family, becoming the fifth generation of March-Petzingers to walk across the stage to receive a degree from the College. Not only did she earn her degree during the 161st Commencement, she earned it summa cum laude, achieving a perfect 4.0 average while a student. This accomplishment resulted in her being named one of the recipients of the Heaton W. Harris and Corrine Harris Smith Prize during the ceremony.

Petzinger has been surrounded by all things Mount Union since a young child. Given her family legacy with the College which includes her great-great-grandfather, her great-grandfather the late Edgar March II ’38, her grandmother the late Jean (March ’53) Petzinger, her grandfather Thomas Petzinger ’52 and her aunt Elizabeth (Petzinger ’88) Holter, this comes as no surprise.

“I had always had Mount sweatshirts and other College merchandise growing up and we would visit the College for football games and other events,” said Petzinger, whose family is well-known for running the Run-A-MUC 5K race during the annual Homecoming celebration on campus. “I really never felt any pressure to go to Mount Union, though. They simply encouraged me to look at the College. I did, and I liked it.”

Mount may be Petzinger’s legacy, but music is her passion. In the end, the College’s music program was the pivotal factor in her decision to carry on the family tradition. “When I first started looking at colleges, I was not thinking about majoring in music at all,” said Petzinger. “I always loved and enjoyed singing but never thought about it as a career.”

At that time, law school was her ambition. She applied to colleges close to her home of Poland, OH – Mount Union being one of them because of the family legacy. As the time came closer for her to make a decision, a change in her future plans started her on her path toward Mount Union.

“I decided that I couldn’t let music go because it was what I really wanted to do,” said Petzinger. “Mount was the only place where I had auditioned, and I had met Dr. Scott Dorsey and Dr. Patricia Boehm. I really liked them and decided I would come to Mount Union and major in music education.”

Dorsey, associate professor of music, and Boehm, assistant professor of music, are just two members of the Department of Music faculty that Petzinger considers “wonderful.” She believes that the individual attention they provide is invaluable.

“Whenever people have asked – whether prospective students or anyone else – what my favorite part of Mount Union is, I always tell them it’s the faculty,” said Petzinger. “I was very ill at the end of last year, and the faculty responded with cards and other gestures of goodwill. They always know what is going on in your life, but at the same time, they challenge you.

“They are so knowledgeable,” she added. “Any time I had a question, I always knew there was someone who could answer it. The faculty members are just always willing to help in any way – personally and academically.”
Breaking from tradition is not always easy to do, or the most popular choice, but according to Anne (Zimmer ’95) Graffice, director of alumni and college activities, the administration thought long and hard before making the change. There were many reasons why they came to the decision to join the two weekends.

“Over the past few years, there has been a decline in the number of people attending Alumni Weekend in the summer,” said Graffice. “I have heard many reasons as to why this has been the case – summer vacations, graduations and other conflicts were the primary concerns. It is our goal to create an event that allows as many alumni as possible to attend.”

In addition, alumni visiting campus over the summer have limited interaction with current students since the academic year has culminated. By combining the two events and holding Homecoming and Alumni Weekend in the fall, the administration hopes to create a family-oriented schedule – combining traditional events with new activities – that allows alumni to see Mount Union’s campus when it is most active.

Class reunions, the Alumni Luncheon and Greek reunions of Alumni Weekend, as well as Homecoming traditions including the carnival, football game and Run-A-MUC, will all be part of the festivities. The schedule of events will also include a number of new events, including Camp MUCaw and an inclusive party for all alumni of the College.

Camp MUCaw will provide alumni with a better opportunity to bring their children to campus for the celebration, offering fun and innovative programming for the kids and allowing the parents to enjoy reunions and a football game without worrying that their children are becoming bored.

Created with kids ages 2 through 12 in mind, Camp MUCaw will offer a fun-filled day of activities on Saturday. Student organizations on campus will sponsor the event, and pre-registration is required.

What was once two separate events – Alumni Weekend in the summer and Homecoming during the fall – has now been joined into one weekend. Mount Union College is “Bringing it All Together” in 2007 as the events of both traditional weekends mesh for one fun-filled event to be held on campus October 19-21.
The Alumni Luncheon, a major highlight for the weekend, will be held on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. under a tent in the King Parking Lot.

“This luncheon is very special because we honor our Dodie Davis Alumni Service and McKinley Fellow award winners at this time,” said Graffice. “We are hoping that many will join us for lunch and then go on to the football game or the various other events scheduled for the afternoon.”

The alumni party, to be held at the Alliance Country Club, invites all alumni – whether celebrating a reunion or not – to join for a buffet dinner and entertainment that includes a DJ.

“We have never had an all-encompassing alumni gathering during Alumni Weekend or Homecoming,” said Graffice. “We will obviously recognize reunion classes, but all alumni are invited and encouraged to attend. I am very excited about this event. It should proves to be a great time for all.

“There really is a sort of ‘theme’ to each day of the Alumni Weekend and Homecoming 2007 schedule,” added Graffice. “Friday’s events will provide alumni with a flavor of today’s campus and plenty of opportunity to interact with current students. Saturday’s activities are family oriented but also focus on traditional alumni events including the Alumni Luncheon, with its annual recognitions.”

More detailed information about Alumni Weekend and Homecoming 2007 will be mailed in the upcoming months. Updates also are provided at www.muc.edu/alumni.
The campus center used to be the hub of student socialization and activity on college and university campuses. Coffeehouses and snack bars were common gathering spots that played host to numerous events and informal gathering spaces invited students to socialize with one another at various times during the day.

But today’s health-conscious students have found a new social outlet – the recreation facility.

“I’ve begun trading junk food for fitness,” said junior sport management major TJ Tabor of Solon, OH. “My college schedule is busy but that doesn’t mean I can’t do something to promote my health in the spare time that I do have.”

Health and fitness is an ever-growing aspect of daily life. At Mount Union, there are programs in place that not only promote wellness, but also create a positive social atmosphere for the campus community. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the recreational options that are available to them.

Intramurals provide students with the opportunity to participate in sports and being a varsity athlete is not a prerequisite.
Intramural activities include basketball and volleyball tournaments, flag football, wrestling and bowling. Outdoor recreation, such as canoeing or backpacking, provides students with the chance to enjoy non-traditional activity while experiencing nature.

The RaiderRobics program is also a fun way to stay active and get in shape. Classes are free and open to all students, faculty and staff despite fitness level with offerings that span from kickboxing to yoga. Not only is this activity good for students’ health, it is also a fun way to interact with others after a long day of classes.

“The RaiderRobics program really allows me to stay physically active on campus,” said Jillian Townley, a senior media studies major of Broadview Heights, OH. “I took dance classes through high school, and the aerobics classes offered use many of those same techniques that I enjoyed for years.”

RaiderRobics classes are held in the aerobics room, located in the McPherson Center for Health and Well-Being. The current on-campus recreation complex consists of this building and the Timken Physical Education Building and Peterson Field House. These facilities are home to weight and cardio and equipment as well as basketball and volleyball courts. A racquetball court, swimming pool, indoor track and tennis courts are also located in the complex.

Gulling Training Center is an additional multi-purpose wellness facility that is available for use by athletes at the College. Athletes have consistently used this building for their specific sport needs. In addition, outdoor activity is encouraged with Whitehill Tennis Courts available for play as well as basketball and sand volleyball courts and an all-weather eight-lane track.

Although all excellent buildings for wellness, the space offered by Mount Union’s fitness facilities no longer meets the needs of a larger student body. With a growing enrollment, Mount Union is in need of an updated recreation complex.

“Sometimes, the cardio room is completely full, and it forces me to delay my workout,” says Dianna Hyde, a junior international studies major of Cadiz, OH.

In addition, Christina Cunningham, a senior business administration major of Steubenville, OH, cites outdated equipment as an issue. “If the facilities were updated, there is no doubt in my mind that I would work out more.”

With many positive aspects of recreation found at the College, such as intramurals and an aerobic exercise program, an update to the facilities would make a profound impact. Not only would a wellness renovation aid current students and staff, but the change would also be attractive to prospective students.

At a time when some institutions of higher education are providing students with rock-climbing walls and elaborate leisure pools, Mount Union must meet the expectations of students in order to compete. Although the College’s plans will be careful to not be “trendy,” improved recreation facilities are a must.

“The College has the opportunity to not only support healthy life choices but to encourage them through the development of newer, more improved recreation facilities,” said senior business administration major Kelly Lammers of Westlake, OH. “It would be a positive change for students, whether seniors or freshmen.”
Coming Full Circle
Dr. Richard “Mac” McPherson ’50 and his wife, Dorothy “DJ” (Wrestler ’49) have come full circle. Once classmates, where they met in Professor Robert Powell’s religion class, the McPhersons continue to make a major impact on the campus of their alma mater.

The McPhersons have been consistent supporters of Mount Union for many years. In 1996, they provided a major gift to name the McPherson Center for Human Health and Well-Being. Recently, they established the Dr. C. Richard and Dorothy J. McPherson Endowed Scholarship, first awarded to a student during the 2006-2007 Academic Year.

Looking back, they are very proud of their connection to Mount Union. “Mount Union gave me focus and direction and the opportunity to pursue many different disciplines,” said DJ. “The College offered me the chance to seek my professional career as a high school teacher.”

It is no secret that the McPhersons have dedicated their lives to helping those around them. Mac served as a surgeon at the Lafayette, IN, Arnett Clinic for more than 42 years while DJ has been a volunteer in the Lafayette community, holding leadership positions in education, at their church and in hospital services. They decided to support the Wellness Center at Mount Union because its purpose was so similar to that of Arnett Clinic. Thanks to the McPhersons, the McPherson Center has offered Mount Union students, faculty and staff the opportunity to achieve good health and overall well-being for more than a decade.

Philanthropy is nothing new to the McPhersons since years ago, in their community of Lafayette, they established the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra Youth String Scholarship Fund, which awards 15 scholarship annually. Also, near Lafayette, they endowed a YMCA Camp Tecumseh Summer Camp Nurse program and provided a cabin at Camp Tecumseh in honor of their children – son Gregg who lives in Muncie, IN and daughter Kim who lives in Larned, KS.

Mount Union appealed to DJ because it was so close to her hometown of Hartville, OH. She had been searching for a small, church-related college. “I graduated from high school in a class of 24 students,” she said. “I could not see myself going to a large school.”

When Mac served in the U.S. Maritime Service from 1944 to 1946 as a pursuer/pharmacist mate on a liberty and victory ship, he decided to become a physician and chose Mount Union because of its close proximity to his hometown. He commuted to college from North Georgetown, OH, where his parents owned and operated a small country store. In 1995, he was honored as an Outstanding Alumni Member by the Goshen High School Alumni Association.

“Mount Union set the foundation for my continuing education,” said Mac. “My hope is that many more students from Mount Union will be motivated to go into advanced fields of medical study to serve the nation’s future health needs.”

Mac offered praise for the many quality professors across the spectrum of liberal arts disciplines from whom he learned. Chemistry professors Dr. Louis A. Pappenhagen and Dr. William M. Morgan were among those most influential in his decision to go on to medical school. At Mount Union, Mac served as a chemistry lab assistant for Morgan.

Other professors who significantly impacted Mac included biology professors Ohmer H. Engle and Dr. Arne V. Hunninen as well as Dr. Eric A. Eckler, professor of English.

“Professor Eckler was responsible for improving my writing skills,” said Mac. “I credit him with molding me into a good grammarian.” Mac fondly recalled one particular day outside Memorial Hall when Dr. Eckler, who was driving past, stopped just to let Mac know he had received an “A” for his semester grade.

It was during Mac’s first semester at Mount Union that he and DJ initially crossed paths. Mac was piling on the credit hours in order to catch up (he completed all but six hours of required courses in two-and-a-half years).

“I met Mac in Professor Powell’s The Nature of Study and Worship class when I was a second semester sophomore,” said DJ. “The classroom was on the west side of Chapman Hall in the afternoon; we were seated alphabetically, and I was sitting directly in the sun. I asked the professor to change seats, and, since someone whose last name began with an ‘M’ had recently changed classes, Mac and I were seated together.”

The two soon began talking and spending lots of time together. “Mac impressed me by taking me to see the Ink Spots in Youngstown and Harry James at Idora Park in Youngstown as well as to my first drive-in movie in Canton,” said DJ. They became inseparable and, after both graduated from Mount Union, they were married on June 10, 1951.

DJ’s first teaching position was at East Canton Osnaburg Schools. When Richard was accepted into medical school at The Ohio State University, they relocated to Columbus, OH. DJ then taught at Indianola Junior High School while Mac attended medical school. Mac earned a master’s degree in physiology in 1953 and a medical degree in 1954.

When he was called into the Air Force, Mac took DJ and their young son along to Turkey, where he served from 1957 to 1959 in Ankara and Izmir. For much of his stay, he was the only Armed Forces surgeon in Turkey.

Having completed his internship in Akron, OH and an additional four years of general surgery residency at The Ohio State University, he earned a master of medical sciences degree in 1960. Mac then served as a faculty member at the University of Louisville Medical School Department of Surgery in Kentucky. Wanting to enter into private practice, the McPhersons relocated to Lafayette in 1963, where Mac devoted his career as a surgeon to the Arnett Clinic until his retirement just last year.

During the 2007 Commencement ceremonies, Mac was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree. “One becomes a member of the Mount Union family by receiving this degree,” said Mac. “To be associated with the great people of the past, who have received an honorary degree at Mount Union, is indeed a great honor.”

Now, through the McPhersons’ generous gifts to the College, they are continuing the tradition of a liberal arts education by offering present and future students the opportunity to become physically, mentally and socially sound to achieve their dreams.
Robert Wakeham

When Robert Wakeham ’68 began running seriously at the age of 40, it was to lose weight and get back into shape. He never imagined he’d become a marathon runner – let alone a member of the elite group of only 929 marathoners in the world who have completed marathons in all 50 states and Washington, DC. He has even conquered five continents as well.

What began as a quest for fitness became an opportunity for Wakeham to see the world, establish new friendships and achieve goals few people ever dream possible. He has even run 18 of his 70-plus marathons with his wife, Karen.

When he began running, it was slowly, first in a 5k race, then a 10k and eventually his first marathon about 20 years ago. “It wasn’t planned,” said Wakeham. “I wanted to go to new places, and this was a great way to see them.”

The goal of running a marathon in all 50 states wasn’t exactly planned either.

“While I was running a marathon, I saw another runner wearing a t-shirt that read ‘Fifty States + DC Club.’ I asked him what that meant and he told me about a club he was in whose members had participated in marathons in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia,” said Wakeham. “I hooked up with them and got more serious. I set a goal to finish by 2000.”

He actually reached his goal on Thanksgiving in 1999, completing his 50th state marathon in Atlanta, GA.

Once he completed “the circuit” (running in all 50 states plus DC), he began to pick and choose his races and explore marathons overseas. He began running abroad, competing in the 100th anniversary of the modern Athens Marathon, a marathon in Venice on his honeymoon, the Machu Picchu Inca Trail marathon in Peru and, on January 1, 2000, he ran the first marathon of the new millennium in New Zealand.
These Mount Union alumni and spouses that share a passion for curling are members of the Mayfield Curling Club, which is located at the Mayfield Country Club in Cleveland, OH.

Curling, described by Dr. Kunkel as “bowling or shuffleboard on ice,” is a team sport played on rectangular sheets of carefully prepared ice by two teams of four players each. The teams take turns sliding heavily polished granite stones, mined on one island off the coast of Scotland, along the ice toward a target area called the “house.” The stone both spins and arcs across the ice toward the “house” or target. Two sweepers with brooms accompany each rock and use timing, equipment and their best judgment along with direction from the captain or “skip” to help direct the stones. The complex nature of stone placement and shot selection has led some to refer to curling as “chess on ice.”

The Mayfield Curling Club has three sheets of ice; others have as many as 8 or 10. Some clubs even rate people, similar to golf. Bonspiels, which means “good game” in German, are curling tournaments.

Kunkel took up curling in 1966 while in the U. S. Army stationed in Anchorage, AK in an attempt to combat cabin fever. He and his wife, Brenda, have been curling as a couple since 1982. He and his wife participate in several Bonspiels each year, going to Toronto, Chicago and Philadelphia to compete.

“It has become more popular in recent years and is now an Olympic event,” said Kunkel. “We have become friends with players from as far away as Canada and get together with them on and off the ice.”

Smith, an area managing partner for Tatum CFO Partners, LLP, has also been curling since 1985. He and his wife started curling as a couple, and Smith still competes.

“Curling is a very social game,” said Smith. “After every game, you ‘stack the brooms’ and get together at the club. It’s a great way to spend time with and meet new friends.”

The Drakes took up curling when they moved to Cleveland from Cincinnati, OH several years ago and are actively involved.

“We got involved through the New Clevelanders Club,” said Cheryl Drake. “They hold open houses in the fall and give five free lessons. You can then sign up if you are interested in joining. The Kunkels sponsored us for membership to the club.

“Curling gives us something to do in the wintertime,” she said. “It gets us up off the couch.”

The Drakes attended a Fantasy Curling Camp in Oakville, Ontario, Canada. Cheryl’s coach at fantasy camp, Glenn Howard, won the “Brier” (the equivalent of the Curling “World Cup”).
Jonathan Scott, Brandon Sheafor and Martin Horning

Although a marathon is 26.2 miles, it is the .2 that is the “heartbreaker,” said Dr. Jonathan Scott, professor of biology and chair of the Department of Biology, about the last one fifth mile in a marathon. He said after previously running 26 miles, the .2 makes the marathon feel endless.

However, there is nothing like crossing the finishing line.

“It’s incredible,” Scott said. “We realize we are going to do this. There was no way we were not going to do this.”

Scott’s running partner, Dr. Brandon Sheafor, also a professor of biology, agrees. “To know you are healthy and your heart and lungs are working, it is a terrific feeling,” Sheafor said.

Both professors said they are exhausted after running for three-and-a-half hours.

“If feels really good when you stop running,” Scott said. “It’s a completely different kind of tired. You are just totally spent.”

Scott has run three marathons, and Sheafor has run two. Both Scott and Sheafor have run marathons in Cincinnati, OH and Columbus, OH. They have also run in several half marathons.

They said training is the hardest, yet most important part of getting ready to run a marathon. “You train, and then there is one race,” Scott said.

Scott said the marathon runner must have a plan and needs to slowly build up to that plan. When beginning to train for a marathon, the duo starts out slow and runs during their lunch break. They eventually increase to running 20 miles a week. Sheafor said they usually go for one six- to eight-mile run and then several shorter runs. Three weeks before the marathon, they usually try to run 40 miles a week with 22 miles being their longest run.

After they build up to their longest run, they begin to taper. “You want to cut back to make sure you are healthy,” Scott said.

Scott says he runs marathons because it is a great sense of accomplishment. “Someday I’ll be really old, so for now I want to be fit and do something,” Scott said.

Scott and Sheafor, however, are not the only Mount Union professors who participate in marathons. Dr. Martin Horning ‘71, professor of economics, accounting and business administration, has run 13 different marathons since 1998 and has completed several of these more than once. Horning has run marathons in Ohio in Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Cincinnati; out of state in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Washington, DC and Illinois and overseas in Japan.

Horning said the Lake Kawaguchi Marathon in Japan was one of his most memorable races. He was on sabbatical in Japan during the 1999 Fall Semester and was teaching at Kansai Gaidai University near Osaka when he decided to run the race.

“Lake Kawaguchi is one of five lakes at the base of Mount Fuji,” Horning said. “So it was a beautiful setting for the race. I took pictures along the way.”

Another memorable race for Horning was the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC in October 2001. The race took place a month after the tragedies of September 11, and many people carried flags or wore running shirts with patriotic sayings or symbols.

“There were marines all along the course at the water stations and handing out medals at the end, but there were also many marines and veterans running in the race along side the rest of us,” Horning said. “At mile eight or nine we circled the Pentagram. The gaping hole in the side of the building from the terrorist attack was visible to all of the runners.”

During a race of 26.2 miles, Horning said one witnesses many inspirational moments. In the Columbus Marathon, he saw two men running side by side.

“They needed to run in perfect synchronization one hand on another because one person was blind and the other was his eyes for the race,” Horning said. “It’s inspirational moments like these that kept me returning year after year,” Horning said. “Now I find inspiration in the daily runs of shorter distances.”

Michael Sessor

When Michael Sessor ’86 was at Mount Union, he wrestled at 126 lbs. It was not until after graduation that he began to focus on weightlifting and bodybuilding.

He and fellow alumnus Mark Loy ’86 had been lifting weights together. Sessor shared with Loy that he wished he had gotten involved in weightlifting earlier and felt it was too late to get started. Loy convinced him that it wasn’t too late – and the rest is history.
Now Sessor lifts competitively against people half his age. He has competed in Mr. Canton as well as the Mike Francois Classic in Columbus, OH.

“It’s never too late to get started,” said Sessor. “With hard work and dedication, anything is possible.”

Sessor, who owns Mike Sessor Agency, an insurance business in Canton specializing in healthcare insurance, also pointed out how insurance companies are becoming increasingly focused on wellness.

“I am in the healthcare insurance business and I just attended a seminar focusing on wellness,” said Sessor. “More and more businesses are recognizing the significant savings incurred from promoting wellness among their employees.”

Paul Tidman

“We saw a helicopter come in and fly off with the body of the injured climber trailing in the wind in a basket below the copter. That must have been quite a ride. It was a very sobering moment as we were beginning up Rainier.”

This is how Dr. Paul Tidman, associate professor of philosophy and religious studies at Mount Union, described an accident which happened about 12,000 feet up on Mount Rainier in Washington.

Several climbers were injured in a bad crevasse fall, but fortunately no one from Tidman’s team. Tidman said, though, climbers always have to be prepared for the worst.

“You could be walking along and, poof, the first climber disappears because he was walking across a snow bridge over a hidden crevasse without even realizing it,” Tidman said. “The other climbers need to know how to arrest the climber’s fall by digging in with their ice axes, and then there is the laborious work of getting the climber back up out of the crevasse after rigging up a pulley system.”

This fear of falling, however, doesn’t stop Tidman from trying to reach summits of mountains or climb cliffs attempted by world class rock climbers every year. He says fear is a challenging aspect of climbing he enjoys and learns to appreciate.

“If you are up there focusing on the fact that you may fall, you will fall,” Tidman said. “You have to assess the risk, push the fear aside and just climb.”

Tidman said he started rock climbing about eight years ago after attending a seminar of philosophy scholars where he met a professor who was a climber. He then started going to local climbing gyms and got more serious about the sport. He says he mostly practices in Lisbon, OH at a place called Log Town.

“I started climbing there, and that’s when I really got hooked,” Tidman said.

Yosemite is where Tidman said he completed his longest and highest climb, which was 17 pitches or full rope lengths, with each rope being 200 meters. Tidman said at Yosemite, every day would be a new adventure.

“Yosemite is the center of the climbing universe,” Tidman said. “It is an awe inspiring place with huge rocks and domes.”

Tidman said he hopes to continue the sport for a long time.

“It’s a challenge, something you can get better at,” Tidman said. “It’s something I really enjoy.”

Sean Sweeney

Nearly 30 years after graduating from Mount Union, Sean Sweeney ’79 is in top physical condition.

Jogging, swimming and biking are all parts of his workout routine, but it is not just for self-satisfaction. Sweeney is an active participant in triathlons.

His motivation to compete began while he was an undergraduate. A member of the Mount Union basketball team, Sweeney played guard alongside teammate and center Art Kunkle ’78. After basketball season, Kunkle decided to train for the Cleveland Marathon. Sweeney also took up the challenge but was less of a consistent trainer than Kunkle; he dropped out at mile 16 while Kunkle went on to complete the race.

“This failure haunted me for years,” said Sweeney. “I swore to myself that someday I would run more than a marathon.”

In 1993, he decided to compete again. This time, it was his first triathlon in Belfast, Ireland. “Upon completion,” Sweeney said, “I caught the ‘tri-bug.’”

After finishing his first Olympic distance, Sweeney’s next goal was to complete an “IronMan” distance triathlon. Together, a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike course and 26-mile run create a total grueling distance of 140.4 miles.

“IronMan distance is the pinnacle of the sport,” said Sweeney. “After doing business with IronMan, our CEO, Jamie Maguire, and members of the management team completed several races. I decided to give it a try and join them.”

An estimated eight months were designated as Sweeney’s training time. He purchased Be IronFit, by Don Fink, which provided an intensive training program. “I downloaded it to my Outlook calendar and followed it regularly,” said Sweeney. “I averaged between 10 and 18 hours of training per week for eight months,” said Sweeney.

Having kept in touch with many fellow Mount Union alumni, his former classmates were an invaluable source of inspiration and support.
for him. After his failed 1978 attempt to run a marathon, they were well aware of the amount of dedication and training it would take to compete in an IronMan triathlon.

On race day, November 5, 2005, Sweeney’s goal was to finish the event in less than 13 hours. Surpassing his expectations, he completed the triathlon in 11 hours and 35 minutes.

Still active, he also competes to raise money for charity.

Patricia Matthews

Outside of the normal workday, professionals try to keep physically fit, engage in activities that are fun and relaxing and enjoy time with their families.

When not teaching business classes at Mount Union, Dr. Patricia (Foley ’73) Matthews can be found doing all three simultaneously on her farm. Grandview Paso Fino Farm in Alliance, OH has been her passion since its opening in 1993. Not just any farm, it is home to 37 horses, 18 of which are owned by Matthews. Specializing in the Paso Fino variety, the farm offers services that include sales, breeding, training and riding lessons.

After her daughter became interested in horses more than 17 years ago, the Matthews decided that they could start a business out of something they already loved.

“My husband always wanted something that he could do with his daughter, and I had always been interested in horses,” said Matthews, “but as a child, my family could never afford it. We started off with three horses, and it just grew from there.”

Specializing in trail horses, which are very smooth, endurance horses, Matthews has been given another opportunity to teach, by giving lessons to students and being able to watch their growth.

“The most gratifying relationships I have are with the kids,” she said. “I have had the joy of watching them grow from being really nervous around horses to being really good riders.”

Not all of her students are of the younger generation. Some are adults, most of whom have some fears about horses. Matthews herself had an accident with a horse and was petrified of riding for over a year. She knows to start these students off more slowly, allowing them the time to become comfortable around their horses.

“When this happens,” she said, “it’s a win-win scenario.”

Sometimes special occasions also call for the farm’s services. Last summer, one of Matthew’s students was planning on getting married and expressed interest in having a horseback ceremony. Matthews took the horses to the location and some of her riding students were handlers. The minister, bride and groom were all on horseback. Even the flower girl was not left out, making her entrance on a miniature horse.

“It was a lot of fun,” Matthews said.

Another special event of Grandview Paso Fino Farm is a Halloween party where the students are allowed to dress the horses in costumes.

“It’s all in learning what you can and cannot do with a horse,” commented Matthews.

What are Matthew’s plans after Mount Union? Being with her horses is physically demanding as she is the sole person responsible for cleaning and caring for the horses. The hours she spends on horseback can also be challenging because riding does require substantial muscle control. But, because of the fun she has, riding is an activity that is also relaxing and enjoyable.

“It keeps me sane during tough times,” she said. “It is truly a passion and is what I plan on doing for the rest of my life.”

Michael Jarrett

Michael Jarrett ’87 began weightlifting while a nose tackle for the Mount Union Purple Raiders.

“I was very fortunate,” said Jarrett. “I had the unique opportunity to play for both Coach Wable and Coach Kehres. They inspired me to be the best football player I could be and that meant hitting the weights and hitting them hard.”

At first, he lifted in order to become a better football player, but he discovered he was really good at it and began competing in powerlifting tournaments over the summer while still in college.

His competitive desire has remained strong over the years. Although he has taken a few years off to develop businesses in the transportation and logistics industry, he has maintained his competitive edge. For 20 years he has competed in the Open Division at powerlifting meets and the state and national levels. He has won the Ohio Powerlifting Championship in Cleveland numerous times. On the national level, he has placed as high as fourth.

Now he competes in the Master’s Division, for contestants over 39 years of age. In 2006, he qualified for the nationals in the Master’s Division and finished second.

“It allows me to stay in a competitive mode,” said Jarrett. “My motivation for lifting has changed over the years. It has transitioned into a stress reliever and a way to keep my life balanced.

“When I was younger, I simply wanted to be the best. Now, it is more about having a well-rounded life.”

Still highly competitive, he has no plans to slow down any time soon.
Rising in the Ranks

Mount Union sport management alumni are climbing the ladder of corporate success in one of the world’s fastest-growing career fields.

Brent Stehlik

In the spring of 1999, Brent Stehlik punched his student work study time card inside the Mount Union College Office of Sports Information for the last time.

He parlayed the knowledge and experience he gained under Sports Information Director Michael De Matteis and a connection and nudge from Dr. Jim Kadlecek, assistant professor of human performance and sport management, into his first position as an account executive on the group sales staff for the St. Pete Times Forum, home of both the National Hockey League’s Tampa Bay Lightning and the Arena Football League’s Tampa Bay Storm. He quickly moved up the organizational chart, gaining a promotion within six months to group events manager. Less than a year later, he moved up to director of group sales. Over the following three years, he advanced to vice president of ticket sales.

By April of 2006 – one month shy of the seven-year mark of his graduation from Mount Union with a bachelor of arts degree in sport management with a marketing concentration and a double minor in business administration and information systems – Stehlik made another career move, one that took him halfway across the country to Frisco, TX and a giant step up the corporate ladder.

For more than a year, Stehlik served as chief operating officer of the Frisco RoughRiders Baseball Club, a Double-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers owned by Mandalay Sports.

These days, the name plate on Stehlik’s door reads vice president of ticket sales and service of the Arizona Diamondbacks of Major League Baseball, a position he accepted in late June.

“I’ve been lucky and fortunate to move up so quickly,” said Stehlik, who managed a multi-million dollar budget and oversaw all aspects of ticket sales, marketing, game entertainment, concessionaire relations and game operations for the Rough Riders, who led all of AA baseball in attendance for the past two years.

“I always remind students who want to ‘run away and join the circus’ of that,” continued Stehlik, referring to a career in sport marketing and management. “The key in this business is to work hard and be patient. I always warn them that they shouldn’t base their progress on me. I’ve gotten some great breaks and then worked very, very hard to make the best of those opportunities.”

Those were the key points that Stehlik made on two recent trips to Ohio to mentor Mount Union students – once as a guest speaker in the classroom and again as part of a sports sales workshop panel.

Stehlik was also scouting out new management talent, hiring two 2006 Mount Union graduates to positions within the RoughRiders organization, including Mike Dellosa in sales and Brian SanFilipo, who served an eight-month internship with the team the previous summer into baseball operations.

“I don’t give preferential treatment to Mount Union students,” explained Stehlik. “I want to hire good people. If someone has worked hard and well enough to impress Dr. Kadlecek, or (professor of human performance and sport management) Dr. (James) Thoma, or
especially Micheal De Matteis, then that’s a pretty good screening process. The two Mount Union graduates I hired this year are both top notch. Mike Dellosa has blue chip written all over him and Brian SanFilipo set the standard for what I expect out of a Mount Union student when he interned here.”

By hiring the two, Stehlik was practicing what he preaches on his return trips to campus, which includes tips on networking, standing out among a crowd of applicants and coping with that first job.

“I still have a lot to learn and I’m gaining knowledge within a great organization,” explained Stehlik. “This is the best place for me to gain the experience I need before taking another step further in my career and I’m having fun at work. How many people can say that?”

Cari (Readinger) Henegar

Cari (Readinger ‘00) Henegar fully comprehends her position in the workplace.

“I am fortunate to be one of only 30 people in the country to be doing what I’m doing,” said the sport management graduate.

As the manager of corporate services for the Cleveland Cavaliers, Henegar is the organization’s liaison with corporate advertisers.

“We handle such things as in-game promotions, out of arena sweepstakes, player events and contests all geared toward integrating our corporate partners’ brands with the Cleveland Cavaliers,” she said. “I always wanted to work in sports at the professional level. The bonus is I get to work close to home being from the Cleveland area.”

Henegar has actually worked in the field since 1996.

“I worked four years in Mount Union’s Office of Sports Information – from my freshman year to graduation – and I interned with the Cavaliers while I was a student,” she added. “Interning with the Cavaliers got me in the door and eventually led to a full-time position.”

Henegar, who began as a corporate sales intern with the Cavaliers in September of 1998, was quick to emphasize the importance of gaining hands-on experience while in college.

“There is no substitute for experience in the field,” she emphasized. “There are so many students graduating with degrees who only have their GPA to show potential employers. It is imperative you do well in the classroom and you also have practical experience that sets you apart from others.”

Henegar mentioned specific traits needed to be successful in today’s ever-changing sports world.

“You must have good organizational abilities, excellent time-management skills and a strong work ethic to make it,” she said. “You also need to understand that you will put in a lot of hours. On game-days for instance, you are likely to work from early in the morning to 10 or 11 p.m. at night. And when the clock strikes 5 p.m. on Friday, while the rest of the working world relaxes, you will likely be expected to work through the weekend. Pro teams don’t take the weekend off – it’s one of their busiest periods.”

And what does the future hold for Henegar?

“I am learning more and more every day,” she said. “Working with our corporate partners is very gratifying for me. Perhaps one day I might like to see what it is like being on the other side – working for one of those partners. But for now, I certainly can’t complain. I am doing what I love to do and am very thankful to Mount Union for preparing me so well for my chosen field of study.”

Alumni Return for Sport Sales

Mount Union College, in conjunction with the college’s sport management program, the Cleveland Cavaliers and Flash Seats, held its third annual Sport Sales Workshop at the Westfield Group’s Blair Center in Westfield Center, OH.

More than 80 students from six colleges and universities participated in the sold out one-day training workshop, including Brock University (Canada), Kent State University, Memphis University (Tennessee), Mount Union, Robert Morris University (Pennsylvania) and Slippery Rock University. The Sport Sales Workshop is designed to provide participants with valuable insights and proven successful sales techniques from some of the most successful professionals in the industry.

“The idea for the workshop was to provide students with an opportunity to experience first hand what sport sales is all about,” said Dr. Jim Kadlecék, assistant professor of human performance and sport management and chair of the Department of Human Performance and Sport Management.

“The best portal of entry into professional sports is through ticket sales and the industry is looking for candidates who are ready to hit the ground running,” he added. “The opportunity to be trained by sport industry sales executives provides students with valuable insight into sales – more than just attending a conference or listening to a speaker. At the Sport Sales Workshop they are being trained the same way that these sales executives train their own staffs.”

Successful sales professionals conducting the sales training included Mount Union graduates Brent Stehlik ’99, then chief operating officer for the Frisco Rough Riders, a property of Mandalay Sports; Todd Fleming ’00, director of inside sales for the New Jersey Nets; Jordan Taylor ’00, assistant general manager of the Mahoning Valley Scrappers; David Melfi ’01, director of ticket sales for the Columbus
An unusual beginning to life after college may have been the best thing for Todd Fleming '00.

Fleming, who earned a degree in sport management from the College, left soon after to join the Internet world in Atlanta, GA during the dot-com boom.

“I thought my career path would be more along the lines outside of sports,” said Fleming. “I had opportunities to jump into sports right after college but I passed on that and took the Internet gig because I thought it was more ‘corporate America’ at the time.”

Unfortunately, the dot-com boom was short-lived, leaving Fleming without a job.

“I had a good time in Atlanta, but I was a part of something that went from 68 employees one day to none the next,” he added.

Fleming then headed back to his roots in Ohio and got in contact with Dr. James Thoma, professor of human performance and sport management and Dr. Jim Kadlecek, assistant professor of human performance and sport management and let them know he was back and looking to get into sports.

Fleming’s first opportunity came with the Cleveland Cavaliers’ organization in ticket sales, where he spent the next three years.

Even working for a professional sports entity such as the Cavaliers, the situation wasn’t quite ideal for Fleming or any other ticket sales member until the first pick of the 2003 NBA draft came along.

“It went from a 17-win team, with very few people in the building, to a packed house every night,” said Fleming reflecting on the influx of sales caused by the drafting of LeBron James.

However, before the conclusion of James’ rookie season, another opportunity with the Miami Heat organization arose, giving Fleming a chance to manage his own sales staff – an opportunity blocked in Cleveland because of an established staff.

“The appeal of Miami, outside of the city and the sun, was that the Miami Heat at the time was not a good team,” he said. “They were one of the worst teams in producing revenues and ticket sales. It was a challenge to go down there, but it gave me an opportunity to implement some of my ideas about how ticket sales should be run.”

It wasn’t long after that things began to turn around in Miami as another large scale change occurred, this time for the Heat.

“I was playing in the M Club Golf Outing that summer when news broke that Shaq (O’Neal) was coming,” said Fleming. “I got the call and immediately left the golf outing and hightailed it back to Miami.”

When Shaquille O’Neal (Shaq) arrived in town, it was Fleming and his previous experience in Cleveland that led the charge.

Currently, Fleming is the director of inside sales for the New Jersey Nets of the NBA, and any time he has the opportunity to give back to Mount Union or to stay in touch, he is always available.

For the past three years, he has been actively involved as a sales trainer at the Mount Union Sports Sales Workshop headed by Kadlecek and his students as well as an annual stop for Kadlecek’s Seminar in Careers class one-day trip to New York.

“Mount Union gave me a chance to further my education, which has allowed me these opportunities and opened up doors for me in the market place,” he said. “This is a way for me to give back.”

Conference

Crew: Ryan Robbins ’00, manager of ticket sales for the Cleveland Browns; and Mike Zatchey ’02, manager of group sales for the Pittsburgh Penguins. Also, Jennifer Farrell ’06, tourism account representative for the Orlando Magic, assisted the workshop staff with event coordination.

“This workshop gives sport management majors a tremendous opportunity to meet professionals in the field who bring years of experience and a tremendous amount of knowledge to the table,” said Stehlik. “It also gives us a chance to meet and answer questions from a prospective employment pool. Dr. Kadlec esk’s Sports Sales Workshop is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for all involved.”

“I am so grateful for the sacrifice and commitment made by these industry professionals to be part of the Sport Sales Workshop,” noted Kadlecek. “Their willingness to give back really impacted all of those in attendance.”
Mount Union’s Class of 1957 celebrated its 50th class reunion during Commencement weekend. The alumni had a chance to relive their Commencement ceremony by marching as part of the academic procession at this year’s Commencement.

ALUMNI UPDATE

KALAHARI WATERPARK
About 300 alumni and their families, as well as friends of the College, traveled to Sandusky, OH to the Kalahari Waterpark Resort and Convention Center. The fun didn’t stop at the waterpark but continued with a dinner including kid-friendly food and beverages.

ALUMNI GATHERINGS
On February 6, alumni gathered in Washington, DC at the Metro Center. On March 6 through 8, alumni were in Naples, FL and Sarasota, FL and attended an Orlando Magic’s Game and on March 15, they gathered in Chicago, IL.

CACTUS JAM TOURNAMENT
Supporters of the Purple Raider men’s basketball team traveled to Phoenix, AZ at the end of December. Alumni, friends and family enjoyed a Phoenix Suns game and a team dinner at Gordon Biersch in Tempe and then cheered on the Purple Raider basketball team.

EDUCATION ON THE RUN
Mount Union alumni and friends joined together recently to take part in the “college-like” experience of the 10th Annual Education on the Run event at the INN at Honey Run in Holmes County, OH.

M CLUB GOLF OUTING
The M Club held its annual golf outing on Saturday, July 7 at Tannenhauf Golf Course. Participants had the opportunity to compete in a senior division and regular division. Both included an 18-hole round of golf with a cart, a Nike golf shirt and a steak dinner afterward.

1934
Martha (Robbins) Black resides at 1550 Westbrook Ct., Avalon 6301, Richmond, VA 23227-3327.

1949
Lorin Millard resides at 1801 Buckeye St. N.W., Mogadore, OH 44260.

1950
Jeanne (Resler) Bay resides at 98-351 Koauka Loop #801-C Aiea, HI 96701.

Carl Longociu resides at 8691 U.S. Highway 22 E., New Holland, OH 43145.

William Martin resides at 600 Fox Run Rd., Apt. 12 DK Findlay, OH 45840.

C. Palmer Means resides at 452201 Northpoint Blvd., Apt. 219, Utica, MI 48315.

1956
Jim and Nora (Cavanaugh) Obney reside at 1992 Darby Pl., The Villages, FL 32162.

Shirley (Barrick) and George Weimer ’54 reside at 800 S. 15th St., #1812, Sebring, OH 44672.

1957
George “Sam” and Peggy Ditch reside at 827 Union Pacific Blvd., PMB 71-575, Laredo, TX 78045-9452.

Janice (Moore) Hinkle resides at Parkside Villa, Room 102, 7040 Hepburn Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130.

1959
Darlene (Howard) Lambert resides at 4435 N. 78th St., Apt. 168A, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

1960
James Barclay resides at 3400 S. Ironwood Dr., Lot 196, Apache Junction, AZ 85220.

James and Jocelyn Landis reside at 20264 Country Club Dr., Estero, FL 33928.

David and Connie Senften reside at 4337 Austin Pass Dr., St. Charles, MO 63304. He is employed by Architectural Control Systems, Inc.

1961
David Brubaker resides at 6601 Castlelawn Pl., Naples, FL 34113.

1963
Saundra (Schwartz) Watts-Noyer and Richard Daniel Noyer were married June 10, 2006. They reside at 430 Moray Pl., Melbourne Beach, FL 32951.

1964
Marcia (Logee) Slum resides at 2052 Eagle Pass, #7, Wooster, OH 44691.

Jim and Dorothy Herman reside at 668 Almeda Ct. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702. He is a probate specialist for Progressive Property Specialists and a sales associate for Nick Ferraro Homes. She is the registered nurse clinical manager for The Hospice Of The Florida Suncoast.

1965
Claire (Ward) Kondig is the secondary coordinator of the Professional Development School Program at Hood College.

Dr. Harold and Caroline Schmul reside at 6705 S. Granite Ave., #7, Wooster, OH 44691.

1966
Thomas Flanigan was elected to the New Britain Museum of American Art Board of Trustees. He resides at 12 Overbrook Farm Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002.

Martie (Todd) and Jon McKown reside at 156 Manchester Dr., Aurora, OH 44202. She is a realtor and he is the North American sales manager for Biospace Mesures.
J. Fred Stergios recently joined Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs.

*1967*
Dr. Bob Gotshall was awarded the College of Applied Human Sciences Superior Service Award in 2006. He is a professor and the graduate program director at Colorado State University. His wife, Barbara is the summer session director at Colorado State University.

*1968*
Linda (Frederick) and Joseph Leigh reside at 6138 Pinewood Way, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336.

Thomas and Carol “Corky” (Stratford) Old reside at 101 Twilight Ct., Surf City, NC 28445. She is employed by Mystic Treasures and he recently retired as judge of the Newton Falls Municipal Court after 18 years of service. He is an assistant district attorney for the District Attorney Fifth Prosecutorial District of North Carolina.

James and Van Smith were married June 24, 2006. They reside at 407 Elm St., Canal Fulton, OH 44614.

Edward Turner is the vice president of the conveyor division at Martin Sprocket & Gear.

Robert and Karen Wakeham reside at 2615 Brittany Dr., Canfield, OH 44406. He is the regional vice president for McGraw-Hill.

Mary Wingerson resides at 352 Millennium Dr., Tallmadge, OH 44278.

*1969*
William and Jean Esposito reside at 1924 S. Lincoln Ave., Salem, OH 44460.

Randy and Mary Padavick reside at 418 S. Fulton St., Salisbury, NC 28645. He is a PGA golf professional at the Country Club of Salisbury.

Connie (Cloyd) and Thomas Weyrick can be reached at P.O. BOX 2035, Staunton, VA 24402.

Anton and Catherine Zurburg reside at 822 State St., Culver, IN 46511.

*1971*
Janelle Brittain is the president of Dynamic Performance Institute, LLC. She resides at 7325 N. Oakley Ave., # 2, Chicago, IL 60645.

*1973*
John Lunsford was recently re-elected as president of the medical staff at Hangover Hospital.

*1974*
John Feather resides at 3120 McGuffey Rd., Columbus, OH 43224.

*1975*
Janice (Conrad) and J. Rickey Gibson reside at 3235 Elizabeth Dr., Unit L4B, Perry, OH 44081.

Jeff Gross is the manager of information technology at Primary Health in Boise, ID.

Thomas Hoyle is the director of finance for the City of Grandview Heights.

Dennis Rose resides at 2333 Garyhill Rd., Uniontown, OH 44685.

*1976*
Kathleen (Harrington) Duerr is a senior business analyst at Fidellis Care New York.

Gary and Lynette Frost reside at 1133 Waring Ave., Bronx, NY 10469. He is executive director of the Metropolitain New York Baptist Association.

Paul and Shelly Gray are the parents of Lauren Elizabeth, S Paul Emerson, 3 and Alexandra Elise, 1. Paul is employed by the Cleveland Clinic Health System. They reside at 31016 Logan Ct., Westlake, OH 44145.

Larry Kelley resides at 10355 Paradise Blvd., #114, Treasure Island, FL 33706. He is a freelance music arranger and visual designer.

*1977*
Nancy Ostrander and Tom Bloss were married May 6, 2006.

Debbie (Kendig) and Steven Heida reside at 32 Tanglewood Ln., Rome, GA 30161.

Amy (Maurer) and Jacob Heidt reside at 2928 Poplar N.W., Massillon, OH 44647.

Kathleen (Stafford) and Dennis ’76 Judge reside at 15992 Kensington Pl., Dumfries, VA 22025.

Phyllis (Horton) and Tim Michaud reside at 1427 Cherry Stone St., Norman, OK 73072. Phyllis is a school counselor at Norman North High School.

John Milazzo resides at 10750 Carolina Trace Rd., Harrison, OH 45030.

*1978*
Glenda (Ward) and Owen ’77 Edwards reside at 3128 Border Creek Rd., Crestview, FL 32539.

Pamela (Roberts) Gauntner resides at 6218 N.W. 35th St., Gainesville, FL 32653.

Dr. Vicki Schaeffer resides at 2801 Trailridge Dr., Norman, OK 73072.

Susan Tiffany is a publishing specialist at Thomson West.

*1979*
Ellen (Huey) and Sterling Cassel reside at 601 E. Lakeshore Dr., Cocoa, FL 32926.

*1980*
Barbara Grubbs and James Cox were married April 2, 2005. She is an office manager for Winkle Industries and he is a driver trainer for Dart Trucking. They reside at 5173 W. Middletown Rd., Canfield, OH 44406.

Daryl Hastings residences at 4980 Arquilla Dr., Richton Park, IL 60471.

*1981*
Chandra Rudolph resides at 2682 Twin Creeks Dr., Copley, OH 44321.

Michele (Zamagias) and Steve Valentine reside at 2739 Aylesbury N.W., North Canton, OH 44720.

*1982*
Antonio Cardona is a professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey.

Linda (Startzell) and Lee Ellis reside at 11271 Island Creek Dr., Beloit, OH 44699.


**COUNCIL message**

A Message from Your Alumni Council President

Greetings from Mount Union College. I hope this message finds you and your family enjoying each other’s company as summer begins. While things may be settling down for summer at your home, this is anything but the case at Mount Union.

In May, not only did Mount Union celebrate Commencement with 414 students obtaining their bachelor’s degrees, but nearly 50 individuals – including members of the Class of 1957 and their spouses – returned to campus for their Golden Anniversary Reunion. In addition to the annual luncheon at President Giese’s home, members of the Class of 1957 also took part in a 1950s-themed dinner complete with food, décor and music from that era. Also, members of the golden anniversary class took part in Commencement by walking with this year’s graduating class.

This summer provides numerous opportunities for alumni to get together at some very unique spots both on campus and off.

- The Office of the Admission will be hosting the Rising Senior Summer Picnic on Saturday, July 21, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Mount Union College Day at Cedar Point will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2007. Look for the NBC ticket booth to obtain your discounted tickets.
- The annual Lakeside Luncheon, in beautiful Lakeside, OH, will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at noon.

Finally, your Alumni Council is busy, putting the finishing touches on plans for this year’s first ever combined Homecoming/Alumni Weekend. So mark your calendars now for October 19-21 and get ready to take part in numerous events.

- Alumni gathering at Haupt House
- Homecoming-Fest 2007 including floats, rally and fireworks
- Camp MUCaw
- The Mount Union Carnival in the Field House
- Alumni Party at the Alliance Country Club
- The annual Alumni Luncheon

If you are looking for a getaway with family or friends, make Mount Union College a destination this summer and visit for an afternoon and check out the construction of the new campus housing or the new dining facilities. I hope to see you on campus soon.

Best regards,
Scott M. Zurakowski ’94 Alumni Council President
Sharrie (Bond) Stephens earned a master of arts degree in education with an emphasis on music education in 2006. 

Bill and Alicia DeSantis reside at 2363 Springside Oval, Brecksville, OH 44141. He is the vice president controller for The Sherwin Williams Company. Pam Hickson-Stevenson is an assistant director at Akron-Summit County Public Library. Cynthia (Newman) Summit is an associate at Flagstar Bank and she is employed by Green Acres Elementary School. Laura (Roth) and Steven Thompson announce the birth of a daughter, Lindsay Anne, on March 26, 2006 who joins siblings Christian, 9 and Jordan, 7.

Cynthia (Hilger) and Kirk Barnum reside at Brarakasten 7c, 5911 Alversund, Norway. She is an adjunct professor at Regent University in Virginia, and he is an English teacher at Levende Ord Grunnskole in Norway.

Joseph and Stacy Graziosi reside at 203 S.E. Camino St., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. He is the chief of passenger operations at Cyril E. King Airport.

Jeffery and Renee Chenevey are the parents of Hunter B. Luke, 6, Blake, 4 and Hayden, 1. They reside at 216 Avian Ln., Madison, AL 35758. Katie (Kolke) and David Gill announce the birth of a son, Evan Abraham, on March 20, 2006 who joins siblings Molly, 4, and Luke, 6. They reside at 111 Golf View Dr., Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Doug and Bart Beline reside at 1283 Alanton Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454.

Boo Hock Koho and Pinky Ong reside at 14, Jalan SS22/46, Damansara Jaya, Selangor 47400. He is a principal consultant at RAM Consultancy Services Sdn Bhd.

Pamela (Weaver) and Terri Miltering reside at 10778 Northwood Ave. N.E., Bolivar, OH 44612. She graduated from the Stark State College of Technology Nursing Program and is a registered nurse.

Megan (Sprang) and Doug ’90 Nelson reside at Forest Manor, #1-83, 588 Jin Feng Rd., Hua Cao Town, Minhang District, Shanghai, China. Doug is employed by The Timken Company.

Steve Rake is a senior vice president and private banking manager for Sky Bank.
Coleen (McGuckin) Dagge is pursuing a master’s degree in finance at Webster University and is employed by Orlando Utilities Commission.

Amy (Kirchmeyer) and Brian ‘93 Friedman are the parents of Samantha, 8 and Vanessa, 4. Amy joined the law firm of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP as an associate attorney in the trusts and estates practice group.

Tonya (Woytowich) and Leon Gendin announce the birth of a daughter, Aviva Bua, on October 11, 2006. They reside at 1800 N. Oak St., Apt. 1801, Arlington, VA 22209. Both are foreign service officers for the foreign service

George announce the birth of a son, Lincoln Armstrong, on October 11, 2006. They reside at 1800 N. Oak St., Apt. 1801, Arlington, VA 22209. Both are foreign service officers for the foreign service

Vicky Mirakian and is employed by Orlando finance at Webster University.

Gunananthan Nithyanantham and Yen Leong announce the birth of a son, Dava Xi, on May 29, 2006 who joins siblings Emma, 6 and Samuel, 3. They reside at 2403 Queensbury Rd. N.E., Alliance, OH 44601.

Kacy and Staci Kern were married June 24, 2006. They reside at 2451 Beverly Hills Dr., Lancaster, OH 43130. He is the Midwest district sales manager for Heine USA, Ltd. and she is employed by Fairfield National Bank.

Jeff and Laura (McAllister) Kurtz adopted Eliza Faith RuFang on November 7, 2005 who was born in China on October 28, 2004. They reside at 758 New Burg St., Granville, OH 43023.

Steve and Julie McLeod reside at 321 Dow Highway, South Berwick, ME 03908. He is a senior business analyst for Liberty Mutual Insurance.

Wyatt and Candice Monteith reside at 5108 Katrina Ct. N.W., Canton, OH 44709.

Patricia Price is a physical education teacher at St. Tammany Junior High School.

Noel Shepard was recently promoted to partner in the law firm of Frost Brown Todd LLP.

Tahia (Howard) and Wayne T. Wilkins reside at 7418 Chapel Ridge Rd., Charlotte, NC 28269.

Melissa (Gallipari) and Doug Woods are the parents of Shane, 12; Ashley, 11 and Cody, 9. Melissa earned a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction technology from Grand Canyon University.

Cristine (Hackney) and Brian Boyd are the parents of Daniel, 5. She is the director of public relations and marketing at Lake Erie College, and he is a recording arts and technology instructor at Cuyahoga Community College.

Patti (Katronick) and Michael Cross announce the birth of a son, Caleb Anthony, on October 2, 2006.

Nicholas and Julie DiPietro announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Hayden, on November 13, 2006.

Karla (Jackson) and Rich ’95 Dine announce the birth of a son, Jacob Richard, on July 17, 2006 who joins siblings Emma, 6 and Samuel, 3. They reside at 2403 Queensbury Rd. N.E., Alliance, OH 44601.

Matthew and Trista (Heeter ’97) Durchik are the parents of Kira Laine, 5 and Jaxon Wade, 3. They reside at 9948 Riverchase Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34655.

Amy (Lavy) and James ’00 Kohmann reside at 8827 Stone Lane N.W., North Canton, OH 44720.

Danielle (Penturf) and Michael Lammers announce the birth of a son, Griffin Michael, on November 7, 2006 who joins siblings Nicholas, 6 and Connor, 3.

Sharon Lim resides at 4571 Risinghill Dr., Plano, TX 75024.

Jim and Amy (Statler) Macy are the parents of Mitchell, 5, Morgan, 3, Sydney, 1 and Megan, 1. They reside at 2371 Springside Oval, Brecksville, OH 44141. He is a manager for C.H. Robinson Co. Worldwide.

Dena (Shackle) and Robert McKee announce the birth of a son, Maxwell Harmon, on August 2, 2006. She is an accounting research manager for FirstEnergy, and he is a relationship manager at Key Bank. They reside at 558 Bobwhite Tr., Green, OH 44439.

Michael Rosenow and Heather Platz-Rosenow ’93 are the parents of Faith, 6 and Matthew, 2. He earned a master’s degree in health administration from the University of Phoenix.

ALUMNI

Crowe Commissioned Ensign

Thomas Crowe ’00 was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy by Lt. Col. Oliver North, USMC Ret. He is part of the Navy chaplain track and seminary.

Crowe was at St. William of York parish in Stafford, VA this past summer and went back to seminary in the fall. He has the option of requesting Navy assignments in subsequent summers through ordination in 2011. Crowe will then have three years in a parish assignment in the diocese of Arlington and then be released for service with the Navy Chaplain Corps.

Haag Receives Award

Attorney C. Andrew Haag ’77 received the Pro Bono/Public Service Award from Ohio Northern University.

Haag is a partner in the law firm of Regas & Haag, Ltd., a firm that focuses on social security disability, worker’s compensation and employment law.

Weaver Named Assistant Attorney General

Joshua Weaver ’01 has accepted the position of assistant attorney general of Guam. While at Mount Union, Weaver participated in the study abroad program at Goethe Institute in Frieburg, Germany.

Weaver earned a master’s degree in international relations from Warwick University in Coventry, United Kingdom. He then went to The Ohio State University Law School and earned a degree in international business law transaction, specializing in contracts and securities.

Clossin Recognized by Aurora High School

Todd Clossin ’84 was recognized as a 2006 Distinguished Alumnus by Aurora High School. After graduating from Mount Union, Clossin went on to The University of Akron and now serves as president and chief executive officer of Fifth Third Bank in Northeastern Ohio.
Donny Williams ’99

Donny Williams ’99 is currently making his mark in the national government by helping others in need. He has served on the Senate Committee for Homeland Security and Government Affairs, chaired by Senator Joseph Lieberman, for five years. Williams was a professional staffer on the committee, researching and writing legislation and investigating the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) until March 15, 2007, when he was named the staff director for the Subcommittee on Disaster Response and Recovery.

Williams’ experience on the issues of destruction and disaster is vast. His first taste was in 2004, a time when four hurricanes ravaged the state of Florida. Williams was appointed to investigate a possible unfair distribution of aid to the state.

“This was my first intense experience with disaster response and recovery issues,” he said.

Hurricane Katrina was probably his most life-altering experience. He had just finished questioning employees at the Federal Emergency Management Agency when one of their lawyers pulled Williams aside. He asked Williams, “Do you know what would happen if a big one hit New Orleans? If a category four or five hurricane hit, the levees would crumble and the city, built under sea level, would flood like a bowl.”

Williams recalls this quotation because the aftermath of the storm became the “focus of [his] life for the next year.” He participated in the investigation into the failed response to Katrina and interviewed many government officials.

“I saw the city in the early weeks after the storm, while water still covered houses and bodies still floated,” he said. “The investigation and the subsequent legislation to improve our disaster response mechanism became a major part of my life.”

Williams has proven to be serious and successful in his career. When he is not on Capitol Hill helping others in need, Williams enjoys playing in a rock band, spending time with his sons and reading. In regards to his career he said, “you have to be willing to work harder than you ever thought possible for as long as it takes to help people.”

Brian (Drault) and Jerad Harper reside at 2835 Falling Leaves Dr. Valrico, FL 33594.

Megan (Draulit) and Jerad Harper reside at 2835 Falling Leaves Dr. Valrico, FL 33594.

Treena (Tennant) and Jason Kackley announce the birth of a daughter, Annalee Rose, on June 20, 2006 who joins siblings Kyla, 7, Reece, 6 and Mykah. 4. Treena is a third grade teacher for Canfield Local School District, and Jason is an insurance agent for Kackley Insurance Agency.

Julie Lautenschlager recently wrote her first book, Food Fight! The Battle Over the American Lunch in Schools and the Workplace. It was published in October of 2006 by McFarland Publishers.

Bob Malinowski resides at 893 Pebble Beach Cove, Painesville, OH 44077.

Brian and Leigh Ann Martin reside at 1428 Stone Castle Tr., Salem, OH 44460. She is a library media specialist at West Branch Schools.

Lori (Keller) and Bret Palmer reside at 986 Woodcreek Dr., Milford, OH 45150. She is a curriculum specialist/interventionist at Lebanon City Schools.

Jon and Alicia Palmiero announce the birth of a son, Evan Jonathan, on September 2, 2006.

Rebecca (Milliken) and Jon Parkhurst announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Richard, on June 13, 2006 who joins sibling Jackson Rife, 3. They reside at 986 Countryside Dr., Medina, OH 44256.

Cheryl (Lipscomb) and Jay Sanders announce the birth of a daughter, Calla Renee, on June 29, 2006 who joins sibling Patrick Ryan, 2.

Chris and Samantha Snyder announce the birth of a daughter, Calla Renee, on June 29, 2006 who joins sibling Patrick Ryan, 2.

1995

Terri (Birch) and Adnan Araz announce the birth of a daughter, Sofia Lynn, on February 16, 2006 who joins sibling Rania Lynn, 3. Terri is a star recruiter for Mary Kay Cosmetics. Adnan is an attorney for Alholm, Monahan, Klaueke, Hay and Oldenberg. They reside at 123 W. St. Charles Rd., Lombard, IL 60148.

Bob and April Burns announce the birth of twin sons, Blaise Oliver and Presley Cole, on July 3, 2006. He is a self employed business owner of Awards Plus, and she is the vice president of American Hospitality Academy. They reside at 802 Silvercrest Dr., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579.

Ron Fraracco resides at 949 McMinn St., Pickerington, OH 43147. He is employed by Maronda Homes.

Beth (Cody) and Greg Graybill announce the birth of a daughter, Lane Lauren, on August 28, 2006 who joins sibling Alexander, 4. Beth is an administrative assistant for Hannan and Associates. They reside at 5350 St. Andrews St. N.W., Canton, OH 44708.

1996

Elissa (Calzada) and Rich Agnew announce the birth of a daughter, Malya Elise, on May 10, 2006. They reside at 4219 W. 56 St., Cleveland, OH 44144.

Adam Altweis is the operations manager for Bellagio Hotal and Casino. He resides at 1035 Yellow Marigold Ct., Henderson, NV 89015.

Gina (Dominick) and Jason Bannevich announce the birth of a son, Dominick Jason, on October 9, 2006.

Kerry (Cope) and Chris Barks reside at 506 High St., Fairport Harbor, OH 44077. He is a client finance manager for SilkVA and was recently named president of Fairport Harbor School board.

Eric and Amy Biggs reside at 1512 Apple Valley Dr. Howard, OH 43028. Eric is a senior analyst for Nationwide Financial and earned a master of business administration degree in executive management from Ashland University. Amy is the director of graduate programs in education at Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Jennifer (Young) and Brook Bowyer announce the birth of a son, Aidan Michael, September 19, 2006 who joins sibling Kayla Rose, 9.

Kevin and Christina Callahan are the parents of Maren, 5 and Aidan, 2. Kevin is a territory manager for Gurus/ACMI. They reside at 4379 Aylesford Rd., Uniontown, OH 44685.

Kimberly (Mateyko) and Jason Cross reside at 6053 Hampton Corners S., Hilliard, OH 43026. She is a business project management consultant for Nationwide Insurance.

Lisa Currut resides at 2413 Bunker Ln., Unit A, Willoughby, OH 44094.

Casey J. Fish is the co-owner, president and chief executive officer of ACI Holdings, LLC.

Katherine Freisen resides at 6723 Loreto St., Ashtabula, OH 44004.

Robert Hambor is employed by Basic-PSA, Inc. He resides at 5625 Aurora Crest Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89139.
Kelly (Hammerstrom) and Nate '97 Hoellein are the parents of Reilly, 5, and Declan, 3. They reside at 7358 Hart St., Mentor, OH 44060.

Heather (Durbin) and Tom Lash announce the birth of a daughter, Grace Rebecca, on July 11, 2006. Heather is a math consultant for Seeds of Knowledge Math Consulting.

Scott and Mindy (Rohr '98) Lenigan announce the birth of a son, Reid Scott, on September 15, 2005 who joins sibling Brooke Marie, 4. They reside at 4503 Baunach St. N.W., Canton, OH 44708.


Jennifer (Ringle) Neff announces the birth of a daughter, Renee Nicole, on May 3, 2006.

Dean and Jennifer (Fuller '99) Petersen are the parents of Hannah, 4 and Deana, 2. They reside at 1256 Bark Rd., Magnolia, OH 44673.

Karen (Beers) and Judson Roszman Jr. announce the birth of a daughter, Mackenzie Rae, on August 12, 2006.

Danny Trieff is a customs and border protection officer at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport and is a reserve medical veterinary entomologist in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. He is pursuing a master of science degree in international security management at Michigan State University.

Jennifer Weaver is a staff radiologist at Medical Center Radiologist. She resides at 3962 Aeries Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

Heidi 'Ross (Ross) and Brent Bach announce the birth of a son, Carter Joseph, on August 5, 2006. She is a first grade teacher for Plain Local Schools, and he is a partner and dentist at Buckeye Dental. They reside at 8772 Eastlyn Rd. N.W., Massillon, OH 44646.

Dan Chain is the father of Daniel Jr., 2, and Dylan, 1. Dan is a consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton. He resides at 902 Sunset Dr., Englewood, OH 45322.

Nathan and Lindsay Chutas reside at 3212 Kenen Rd., Durham, NC 27704. He is a research associate at Duke University.

James Eller and Shannon Pemberton were married May 7, 2005. They reside at 180 Eaton Ridge Dr., #207, Sagamore Hills, OH 44067. He is a personal trainer and owner of J&S Personal Training.

Michael Foster is a Southern California regional sales director for VyoTech Nutritional. He resides at 1401 Ambassador St., Apt. 309, Los Angeles, CA 90035.

Amanda (Hardy) Frayer works in financial services. She resides at 86 Goodhue Dr., Akron, OH 44313.

Ryan Fry and Marika Skarl were married on October 21, 2006. They reside at 25110 Armstrong Ln., Plainfield, IL 60585. He is the director of internal communications for OfficeMax. She is the transfer credit coordinator for DeVry University.

Steven and Jamie Kenneally are the parents of Joseph, 1. They reside at 1311 Lambert St. N.E., Alliance, OH 44601. Steven is an instruction/reference librarian at Mount Union College.

Angela (Grigsby) and Dr. Kenneth '96 Lute announce the birth of a daughter, Ava Caroline, on September 16, 2006 who joins siblings, Abigail Grace, 5. Kenneth is an immunologist for the University of North Carolina, and Angela is an educational software trainer for Study Island Inc. He earned a doctorate degree in immunology from The Ohio State University. They reside at 5 Woodbine Ct., Durham, NC 27713.

Jessica (Williamson) Mrozek is the manager of the college card program at Palm Beach Community College. She resides at 798 Cotton Bay Dr. W., #1410, West Palm Beach, FL 33406.

Dr. Stephen and Nancy (Rhodes '96) Passerini are the parents of Nicholas, 4 and Olivia, 2. Stephen recently his residency in radiology at The Ohio State University and is now employed by Radiology Associates of Canton. They reside at 9251 Hunters Chase St. N.W., Massillon, OH 44646.

Kim (Miller) and Rick Rofe announce the birth of a daughter, Emily, on October 4, 2006 who joins siblings Ryan, 5 and Alyssa, 3. They reside at 34021 Hickory Ct., Avon, OH 44011.

Robert Roll is an accounting assistant at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He resides at 105 Timber Hollow Ct., Apt. 229, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

Meta Ruckstuhl and Scott Cristiano were married June 28, 2005. She is a research specialist at Emory University, and he is a unit manager for Safeco Claims. They reside at 3489 Davenport Park Ln., Duluth, GA 30096.

Wendy Snyder is employed by University Hospitals. Dr. Daniel and Ellen (Kreager '98) Van Dussen are the parents of Aidan, 2. Daniel earned a doctoral degree in gerontology and sociology. He is currently an assistant professor at Youngstown State University. They reside at 1465 Fredricksburg Dr., Boardman, OH 44512.

Kristen (Vazzano) and Jim Zurbuch were married June 10, 2006. She is an assistant director of admissions at Kent State University, and he is an accountant at Miller Transfer. They reside at 4248 Wrens Dr., Stow, OH 44224.

Michelle (Anderson) and Robert '96 Vettorel reside at 3047 Sedillo Rd., Washington, PA 15301.

Jill (Edick) and Ben Vogel announce the birth of a daughter, Isabella Joanne, on September 4, 2006. They reside at 1205 17th St. N.W., Canton, OH 44703.

Heather White and Christopher Ranalli were married December 10, 2006. They reside at 182 Thurman Ave., Columbus, OH 43206.

Mike and Erin Baker announce the birth of twin sons, Caleb Glenn and Jacob Kurtz on December 14, 2006 who join siblings Hannah, 4 and Aiden, 2. Mike is employed by Green Local Schools. They reside at 9731 Smucker Rd., Orrville, OH 44667.

Steven Borkowski Schubert and Melanie Vlid reside at 17, Abington Dr. N.W., Warren, OH 44481. He is the president and owner of Premier Builders and Remodelers Inc.

Eric Bortmas resides at 251 Parklawn Blvd., Columbus, OH 43213. He is a certified athletic trainer at Licking Heights High School.

Toby Boyle is a realtor for Disbennett Real Estate Company.

Jonathan and Sarah (Ringler '99) Cooper announce the birth of a daughter, Melanie, on June 25, 2006 who joins siblings Rachel, 5 and Hunter, 3. They reside at 900 Sawgrass Dr., Greensburg, PA 15601.

Aaron and Tricia Frank announce the birth of a daughter, Reece Hera, on January 6, 2006 who joins siblings Anthony Michael, 10, Alyssa Theresa, 8 and Lily Marie, 2. Aaron is the owner of Clutch Landscaping. They reside at 175 Marko Ln., Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131.

Amanda Friedman is a field employment specialist at Sterling Jewelers Inc. She resides at 424 Harvest Dr., Ravenna, OH 44266.

Andrae and Keturah Hampton announce the birth of twin daughters, Palmer Samon and Pilar Samiah, on December 8, 2006 who join sibling Samara Jade, 2.

Alan and Suzie Harold reside at 3625 Darlington Ave. N.W., Canton, OH 44708.

Brian and Maria Heddleston announce the birth of a son, John Jeffrey, on October 15, 2006. Brian is the director of career services at ITT Technical Institute and was recently added to the Board of Directors of Steel Valley School District.

Rockell (McKinney) and Andy Hutchison announce the birth of a son, Drake Michael, on June 2, 2006 who joins sibling Drew Tyler, 7 and Darin Dezul. Rockell is the office manager for Rocky’s Inc. They reside at 310 F Mohawk Dr., Malvern, OH 44644.

Gail Lamp and Roy Simcox were married July 15, 2006.

Heather (Weseleh) and Jeff Lee reside at 1802 Biscayne Dr., Springfield, OH 45503. Jeff is a pastor at Faith in Christ Lutheran Church.

Elena Lobaeva is the financial director for LAT-Neft, Moscow.

David Sartin is an offensive graduate assistant at Grand Valley State University and is currently assistant football coach at Grand Valley State University. He resides at 1102 Pinecreek Ct., Alliance, MI 49401.

Mason and Carrie Seachrist reside at 9506 New Buffalo
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Rd., Canfield, OH 44406. He is a seventh grade teacher at Beaver Local Schools, and she is a speech therapist for Austin Woods Rehab Facility.

Bryan and Katelyne (Lundquist) Sell reside at 4860 Brent Knoll Ln, Suwanee, GA 30024. Bryan is a senior associate II at The Siegfried Group and Katelyne is a partner at Kolbe Media Consultants.

Tatiana (Lobaeva) and Valery Sugak are the parents of Anastasia, 5 and Ekaterina, 1. Tatiana is a business planning analyst for ZAO Caspian Pipeline Consortium-R, and Valery is a deputy head of department for the Ministry of Taxation of RF. They reside at 32, Rechnikov str., Moscow, Russia 115142.

R.J. Van Almen is the owner of Portage Beverage and resides at 1421 Wisteria Ave. S.W., Hartville, OH 44632.

Stacy Wicinski resides at 1537 W. 32nd St., Cleveland, OH 44113.

Jennifer M. Zimmerman resides at 56 State Route 61 E., Norwalk, OH 44857.

Manuel and Irene Alvarez reside 7712 Stow Acres Pl., Pickerington, OH 43147. He is a strategic sourcing analyst for American Electric Power.

Megan (Daugherty) and Jason ’00 Ball announce the birth of a daughter, Lauren, on October 3, 2006. Megan is a senior marketing analyst for Windstream Communications, and Jason is a middle school teacher for Wadsworth City Schools. They reside at 2614 N. Haven Blvd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44857.

Jennifer M. Zimmerman were married July 1, 2005. Johnna (Schrock) and Brandon Keck reside at 1234 County Highway 56, Nevada, OH 44849. Brandon is a minister at the United Methodist Church.

Kristin Kerr and Patrick Zupancic were married July 29, 2006. They reside at 2253 Hoch Dr., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221.

Chris and Kate Kiec reside at 204 Brookberry Rd., Holly Springs, NC 27540.

Darcy Thorne-Leonard and Mike Leonard reside at 1601 Lewis Rd., Salineville, OH 43945. Darcy is a first grade teacher at Carrollton Elementary, and Mike is the owner of Leonard’s Lawns.

Steve Briggs is a sales representative for Zimmer Midwest. He resides at 75 Orville Ct., Springboro, OH 45066.

Nicholas and Nicole (Voytek ’00) Cardinal announce the birth of a son, Zachary Nicholas, on June 25, 2006 who joins sibling
Elmwood Ave., Baltimore, OH 43105. Janet is a physician extender at Children's Hospital.

Deborah (Lecker) and Leo Reed announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth, on June 15, 2006 who joins siblings Katrina, 5 and Grant, 3. Leo is a specialist in the United States Army.

Trisha (Ross) and C.J. Shamp announce the birth of a daughter, Cecelia Marie, on October 3, 2006. They reside at 1567 Goshen Valley Rd. S.E., New Philadelphia, OH 44663.

Elizabeth Shively is an associate at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, LLP. She resides at 1809 W. 50th St., Cleveland, OH 44102.

Kimberly (Lewis) and Keith Spering announce the birth of a son, Kyle, on April 16, 2006.

Claudia Asburn-Yoder and Jeremy Yoder '00 reside at 10379 Middlebranch Ave. N.E., Hartville, OH 44632.

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Chad and Emily Baddeley announce the birth of a daughter, Eden Grace, on August 5, 2006.

Kelly Bauman and Freddie Stewart Jr. were married June 26, 2006. Kelly is employed by Newport News Public Schools. They reside at 30A Williamson Park Dr., Newport News, VA 23608.

Melanie (Jones) and Bill Bridenthal announce the birth of a son, Ryan, on September 21, 2006 who joins siblings Danny, 6, and Matt, 3. They reside at 552 Aaron Ave., Jackson, OH 45640.

Katherine Carnell is the director of student involvement and leadership at Mount Union College. She is currently working on a doctoral degree at Kent State University in higher education administration. She resides at 1122 Overlook Dr., Alliance, OH 44601.

Kelly (Brown) and Max Chesney announce the birth of a daughter, Alison Cesia, on October 24, 2006.

Dr. Bryan Cicuta is a general surgery resident at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. He resides at 147 Sparrow Rd., Hummelstown, PA 17036.

Angela Colwell is a product development specialist for Middle Oak. She resides at 252A Hebron Ave., Gaston, CT 06033.

Amie (Winzenreid) and Ray Cope announce the birth of a son, Chance Austin, on August 9, 2006 who joins siblings Cody, 3 and Madison, 2. They reside at 14993 Stratton Rd., West Salem, OH 44287.

Jennifer (Griswold) and Tony DeNiro reside at 7617 Huntington Dr., Boardman, OH 44512.

Marianne (Oyster) and Timm Drexler reside at 5519 Sunlight Dr., #206, Durham, NC 27707. She is a staff specialist for the office of registrar at Duke University.

Amy (Stewart) Grayson resides at 5465 Wood Hollow Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46239.

Vince and Meredith Gula announce the birth of a son, Jackson Lee, on September 10, 2006 who joins sibling Brooke, 4. They reside at 700 Laurelwood Dr. Warren, OH 44484.

Tucker Ellingsworth is a paramedic for University Hospital Case Medical Center. He resides at 2820 State Rd., Medina, OH 44256.

Katy (Schaefer) and Kevin Kazee are the parents of Delila, 2. Katy is employed by Middle Eastern State University Library. They reside at 1510 Huntington Dr., Apt. A2, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

Kristin Klaybor is a research assistant at Lowell Observatory. She recently earned a master's degree in applied physics from Northern Arizona University in 2006. She resides at 1717 N. Center St., Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

Melissa (Bloor) and Brian Lippaitt announce the birth of a daughter, Samantha, on February 6, 2006 who joins siblings Brian Jr., 7 and Tyler, 5.

Jessica (Welker) and Justin Loveless reside at 22701 Circle Dr. Minerva, OH 44657. Justin is a finisher for The Timken Company.

Amy (Jordan) and Jim MacLearie reside at 4442 Pioneer Tr., Mantua, OH 44255. Amy is employed by KeyBank.

Michelle Manning is the head softball coach at Transylvania University.

Molly (Meihling) and Carl Nim announce the birth of a son, Carl Johann, on May 13, 2006. Molly is employed by Miami University.

Marla Presley resides at 10284 Twin Hill Rd., Wexford, PA 15090. She is employed by Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote.

Donna (Dercol) and Daniel Rogers reside at 401 E. Earl St., Holly Springs, NC 27540. She is a teacher for Lee County Schools.

Jaymee Rosenberger earned a master's degree in biotechnology and is a product manager for Bio-Rad Laboratories.

Kara (Presto) and Mike Shadedreside at 3961 Falcons Walk Ct., Stow, OH 44224. Kara is employed by Bruner-Cox LLP. She recently earned her CPA professional license and was promoted to supervisor at Bruner-Cox LLP.

Wendy Snyder is employed by University Hospitals.

Samantha Stephens and Jason '99 Walter reside at 77 Robbins Ave., Toronto, ON M4L 1X1.

Melissa Trapp is a senior sales representative for Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals. She resides at 9831 Aldridge Dr., Columbia Station, OH 44028.

John Vogt and Jen Racine were married June 16, 2006. John is a controller for Republic Plastics and is the treasurer of Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum.

Tera Wetzel resides at 2341 W. 7th St. DN Front, Cleveland, OH 44113.

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Andalyn Adrian is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Eli Lilly. She resides at 3 Lattavo Dr., New Bern, NC 28560.

Rev. Jay Peter and Rev. Leslie Burkardt reside at 120 Cole St., Corpus Christi, TX 78404. Jay is the assistant rector for the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

Tami (Cindea) and Chris Bongiorni announce the birth of a daughter, Ava Marie, on September 21, 2006. She is a media planner for Malone Advertising and he is a pilot for Flight Options. Tami recently earned a master of business administration degree from Kent State University. They reside at 926 Admoic Dr., Kent, OH 44240.

Kerry (McCombs) and Beau Brillhart announce the birth of a daughter, Regan Paige, on April 4, 2006. They are teachers for Elyria City Schools. They reside at 380 Sonesta Rd., Elyria, OH 44035.

Kelly Brunstetter and Adam Orr were married October 1, 2005. She is a practice manager for Shipman, Eucker & Feaklo, Inc.

Carri Buck and David Conaway were married February 18, 2006. They reside at 18441 Der Ave., Beloit, OH 44617.

Rev. Jay Peter and Rev. Leslie Burkardt reside at 120 Cole St., Corpus Christi, TX 78404. Jay is the assistant rector for the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

Brian and Julie Condit reside at 235 S. Harmony St., Medina, OH 44256.

Stephanie (Galati) and Tony Courtney can be reached at P.O. Box 301, Lowell, OH 45744. She is a case manager at Washington County Juvenile Center.

Elena (Cook) and Shawn Eaken reside at 433 Redbud Cr., Chesapeake, VA 23325.

Emily George and Rob Hardie were married September 9, 2006. He is a fifth grade teacher at A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School. They reside at 8404 Old Ponderosa Cr., Raleigh, NC 27603.

Julie (Randles) Hunter is a sixth grade science teacher at Wickliffe Middle School.

Stephanie Kite is employed by Kite Delivery and Courier Service. She resides at 3868 St. Paris Pike, Springfield, OH 45504.

Heather Kolega earned a master of arts degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2006. She resides at 1502 Weymouth Cr., Apt. 306, Westlake, OH 44145.

Michelle McCabe is a professional counselor at Solutions Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

Megan (Sauner) and Chuck Moore reside at 308 Lisa Ave., Hartville, OH 44632.

Dawn O’Dee resides at 6632 Northumberland St. Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

Dayna Ann Quartini-Fusco earned a master of education degree in special education from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 2006.

Lisa Reiheld is the program director of The Little Gym. She resides at 4460 Hodges Blvd. 1110, Jacksonville, FL 32224.

Gina Rhome is a fifth grade band teacher for Alliance City Schools. She resides at 2118 S. Linden Ave., Alliance, OH 44601.

Kim (Evans) and David ’03 Shirley announce the birth of a son, Evan Reese, on January 29, 2006. Kim is a kindergarten teacher for Canton Local Schools, and David is a seventh and eighth grade Title I reading teacher for Waterloo Local Schools. They reside at 6845 Beridge Ave. N.E., Louisvile, OH 44641.

Penny (Beachy) and Mike ’98 Snider announce the birth of a son, Matthew James, on September 26, 2006. Mike was recently ordained a transitional deacon in the Episcopal Church. They reside at 302 A N. College St., Cowan, TN 37318.

Todd Tatark is the operations manager for The PGA Tour. He
resides at 4460 Hodges Blvd. 1110, Jacksonville, FL 32224.

Kelly Teal and Tom Miller were married August 5, 2006. They reside at 4280 Beechwood Ave., Alliance, OH 44601.

Joshua J. Weaver is the assistant attorney general of Guam.

Jared West is a sales executive for Cellular Central/Verizon Wireless and a radio DJ for Classic Hits 100.5 WKOA. He resides at 157½ Plymouth St., Bucyrus, OH 44820.

Rebecca (Fecich) and Michael White reside at 110 Walnut St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. She is an associate at Western Reserve Partners, LLC.

Marie (Novotny) and James Williams reside at 2635 Blenheim Ave., Alliance, OH 44601.

Ryan Williams and Dr. Decinda Law were married July 8, 2006. Ryan is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual, and Decinda is a pharmacist for CVS. They reside at 5523 110th Ave. N., Apt. 207, Pinellas Park, FL 33782.

Kacey Yates and Eliot Gable were married July 9, 2005. He is an exploration analyst for Ernst & Young, LLP. She resides at 3335 Arthur Dr., Wooster, OH 44691.

Marci Colantoni is an instructional supervisor for Buckeye On-Line School for Success. She resides at 214 N. Avalon Dr., Wintersville, OH 43953.

Alison Cox and Shane Berger were married July 15, 2005. They reside at 4819 Lincoln Ave., Parma, OH 44134.

Heather Drake is a senior report analyst for Sterling Jewelers Inc.

Abbie (Starrett) Dueble resides at 7032 VanDemark Rd., Lodi, OH 44254.

Scott Faniola and Amy Bowser were married September 17, 2005. He is a quality systems coordinator for Aliris Rolled Products. They reside at 419 E. 3rd St., Rear, Dover, OH 44622.

Brooke Fisher and Joseph Rowe Jr. were married June 18, 2005. The wedding party included maid of honor Jayla Hughes and groomsman Robert Graham ’04. Brooke is employed by the Beaufort County School District. She is currently pursing a master’s degree in educational administration at the University of South Carolina. Joe is a massage therapist at the Daufuskie Island Resort and Breathe Spa. They reside at 32 Hidden Lakes Ln., Moncks Corner, SC 29461.

Brianne Kagasire and Charles Sykora were married July 8, 2006. She is a Spanish teacher for Cellular Central/Verizon Wireless and a radio DJ for Classic Hits 100.5 WKXA. He resides at 76 Buckeye On-Line School for Success, and he is a manager for Reserve Partners, LLC. They can be reached at P.O. Box 125, Stahlstown, PA 15687.

Holly (Coleman) and Matt Heikkenen announce the birth of a son, Matthew Graham, on July 15, 2006 who joins sibling Hannah, 3. They reside at 1421 S. Ocean Blvd., Apt 315, Pompano Beach, FL 33062.

Lindsay Heppe and Joe Kieffer were married June 10, 2006. They reside at 122 Meadowvale Ln., Moncks Corner, SC 29461.

Angie Kersmarki and Josh Marvin were married March 25, 2006.

Melissa Mahan is a staff assistant engineer for CITGO/ Roux Associates. She resides at 3131 Meetinghouse Rd., Apt. W6, Boothwyn, PA 19061.

Shannon Markel earned a master of education degree in elementary education from Lesley University. She is a third grade teacher for The Willows Community School. She resides at 5316 San Vicente Blvd., # 137, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

Shannon McCarthy was married September 5, 2006 who joins step-siblings Amber, 13 and Dominic, 3. They reside at 2334 Miller Ave., Alliance, OH 44601.

Matthew and Robin Hogan are the parents of Kendall, 2. They are both directors for OakLodge LLC. They can be reached at P.O. Box 125, Stahlstown, PA 15687.


Six members of Delta Delta Delta from the classes of 1971 and 1972 traveled to Wilmington, NC for a reunion weekend. Pictured (l-r) are Bonnie (Jarrett) ’72 Fields, Judy (Anderson) Sleek, Debbie (Singerman ’71) Gornic, Marcia Takacs-Jarrett ’72, Joan Burroughs ’72 and Donna (Daniell ’72) Barley.

Four friends from the Class of 1986 joined for a pool party reunion with their families in Chagrin Falls, OH at the home of Laura (Gligor) and Marty ’83 Palumbo. Pictured (l-r) are Jil Tennyson-Yoder, Caroline (Engle) Strumbly, Susan (Pelini) McGalla and Laura (Gligor) Palumbo.

Kelly Teal and Tom Miller were married August 5, 2006. They reside at 4280 Beechwood Ave., Alliance, OH 44601.

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Kacey Yates and Eliot Gable were married July 9, 2005. He is an operations engineer at Broadvox. They reside at 76 Hawthorne Ave., Apt. 2, Akron, OH 44303.

Allison Zupan is the membership administrator at The Founders Golf Club.

Celeste Adduci and Jeffery Conklin were married September 3, 2005. She is a communication specialist for Hospice of the Western Reserve, and he is a manager for American General. They reside at 1592 Laughton Cr., Norseman, Western Australia 6443.

Dustin Bope and Rebecca Tuffnell were married January 16, 2005. He is an exploration geology tech for Croesus Mining and she is a Japanese teacher at Norseman High School. They reside at 127 Goodliffe St., Norseman, Western Australia 6443.
Painesville Township Schools, and he is a pipe fitter for Reliance Mechanical. They reside at 35502 Beachpark Ave., Eastlake, OH 44095.

Jamie McMillen is a legislative director for Congressman Bob Ney.

Katie Menhar and Tom Bowman were married June 17, 2006. She is an athletic trainer and teacher at Appomattox County High School, and he is an athletic trainer and professor at Lynchburg College. They reside at 3800 Faculty Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24501.

Karen Moseley resides at 3900 Crosby Dr., Apt. 312, Lexington, KY 40515.

Phillip Norton resides at Highway 212, #8854, Roberts, KY 40515. He is a self-employed hunting guide and blacksmith.

Kimberly O’Kelley is an account manager for the Bank of America. She resides at 183 Colonial Dr., Painesville, OH 44077.

Tory Parm and Stephanie Doyle were married July 15, 2006. The wedding party included Damon Abraham, Darin Chiester, Tyler Crockett, Joel Donehue and George Eget. They are the parents Tayonna sofa, 1.

Sandra Porter and Neil DelCorso were married June 24, 2006. She is a children’s naturalist at Lake Metro Parks and he is a mechanical engineer at ESCO Turbine Technologies. They reside at 443 Acacia Dr., Willowick, OH 44095.

Jason Richards is an inventory service coordinator for Advanced Drainage Systems. He resides at 1290 N. Ridge Blvd., Apt. 1124, Clermont, FL 34711.

Yvette (Clayton) and Kris Rickert reside at 9 Mine St., Stoneboro, PA 16153. She is a quality control officer for USIS.

Alessia (Webb) and Kevin ’00 Rowles reside at 11310 Villa Grande Dr., North Royalton, OH 44133. She is a relationship manager for Key Bank, and he is a software developer for Westfield Group.

Amanda (Saepic) and Todd ’01 Rusher announce the birth of a son, Jakob Alexander, on April 16, 2006.

Sara (Hendrickson) and Brian Shemansky reside at 41860 Inspiration Terr., Alde, VA 20105.

Rebecca Shreffler and Kenneth Haney were married September 16, 2006. She is a research technologist for the Cleveland Clinic. They reside at 236 Oakgrove St., Ravenna, OH 44266.

Jamie Snyder is a family advocate for Portage Area Transitional Housing. Jamie resides at 19092 W. Middletown Rd., Beloit, OH 44609.

Dallas and Mindy Vickers reside at 257 S. Greengate Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601. He is a branch manager for Enterprise Rent a Car, and she is a teacher for Hempfield School District.

Brian Webb resides at 5738 Blendonbrook Ln., Gahanna, OH 43230.

Irene Wiedemann resides at 1895 Beechwood Ave., #D4, North Canton, OH 44720. She is a behavioral health counselor at Greenleaf Family Center and earned a master’s degree in marriage and family therapy counseling from The University of Akron.

Mary (Ringler) and Steve Wilmert announce the birth of a son, Gabriel Steven, on June 16, 2006. They reside at 6421 N. Robinwood Dr., Peoria, IL 61614.

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Sarah Adkins is pursuing a master of fine arts degree in creative writing at Chatham College. She resides at 5800 Fifth Ave., Tower D, Apt. 32, Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

Janet August is a second grade teacher at Selma Elementary School. She resides at 211 Barden St., Apt. 8, Princeton, NC 27569.

Joni Barker and Nicholas Jackson were married July 9, 2006. They reside at 226 S. Union Ave., Alliance, OH 44601.

Cheree Bell is an eighth grade language/literacy specialist and a teaching assistant for Oberlin City Schools. She resides at 1129 Packard Dr., Akron, OH 44320.

John Michael Benner is a help desk technician at Salem Community Hospital. He resides at 19092 W. Middletown Rd., Beloit, OH 44609.

Robbie Jake Blackburn can be reached at P.O. Box 182, Dillonvale, OH 43917.

Jennifer Bradley is a USA swimming coach for the University of Arkansas. She resides at 3220 Van Teylingen Unit C, Colorado Springs, CO 80917.

Joshua Church and Stephanie Reynolds reside at 2201 Ramsgate Dr., #614, Henderson, NV 89074.

Joshua Coates is a senior financial analyst for Diebold. He resides at 1300 38th St. N.W., Canton, OH 44709.

Lisa Crone resides at 6416 Walnut Fork Dr., Westerville, OH 43081.

Pat Deville earned a master of arts in teaching with a concentration in integrated social studies from Miami University and is a social studies teacher at T.C. Williams High School. He resides at 5673 Derby Ct., #120, Alexandria, VA 22311.

Samuel Dimmerling is employed by the United States Air Force. He resides at 1656 G St., Box 324, Andrews AFB, MD 20762.

Shawna Ehr and Mark L’Italien were married August 4, 2006. Shawna is an attorney for Harrington, Hoppe & Mitchell, Ltd. Mark is the information system director at Salem Community Hospital. They reside at 617 Bricker Farms Ln., Salem, OH 44460.

Amanda Farley and Omar Vega were married July 30, 2006. Amanda was recently awarded the 2006-2007 Graduate Women in Science Ruth Dickie Scholarship. They reside at 3941 Mammoth Tr., Madison, WI 53719.

Kimberly Gennaro is a first grade teacher.

Laura (Somoles) Hall announces the birth of a son, Gavin William, on June 18, 2006, who joins sibling Rowan, 2.

Christopher Hunt, a graduate of Case Western Reserve University, earned a juris doctor degree from the Case Western Reserve School of Law in and passed the state of Ohio Bar Association. He is a lawyer for Keugiak, Wilkins, Griffiths and Dougherty Co. LPA. He resides at 8657 Amherst Dr., Sagamore Hills, OH 44067.

Anna Jaggers resides at 2414 Lake Garden Dr., Memphis, TN 38134.

Autumn Kaufman earned a master of science degree in behavior analysis and therapy from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. She is a behavioral consultant at Kavartha-Haliburton CAS.

Niki Kokiko and Josh Cochran ‘02 were married July 29, 2006. Their wedding party included maid of honor Marcy (Frank) Anderson, bridesmaids Theresa (Yankie) Solar, Launa Klinger, Lauren (Kuretz) Barbarruta, Kristen Hisey, best man Joel Steiner ‘02 and groomsman Keith Solar ‘02 and Kevin Hinkle ‘02. Niki is a student at Virginia Commonwealth University. Josh is a commercial banking assistant and vice president of Sun Trust. They reside at 3501 Chesterbrook Ct., #632, Richmond, VA 23233.

Wilmert announces the birth of a daughter, Ayanna, on November 20, 2006.

Peter Rosenko is a senior financial analyst at Reckitt Benckiser.

Jason and Kacie Miller announce the birth of a daughter, Kylie Nicole, on July 5, 2006. Jason is an operations manager for Nel Rental, and Kacie is an LPN at CareAll. They reside at 5800 Central Ave. Pike, Knoxville, TN 37912.

Angela Obery and Jeffrey Marotta were married July 21, 2006. Their wedding party included maid of honor Amber Obery and bridesmaids Alexis Gayhart, Julie Cerimele and Michelle (Mocarski) Legan. Angela is a second grade teacher for Triway Local Schools, and Jeffrey is a security forces officer in the Air Force. They reside at 310 S. Water St., Loudonville, OH 44842.

Luci Paxton is a teacher for Gaston County Schools.

Casey (Moore) and Kevin Phillips announce the birth of a daughter, Madelyn Renee, on November 23, 2005. Casey is a wellness leader at Spectrum Therapy & Wellness and Kevin is employed by Summit Racing Equipment. They reside at 3800 Grove St., North Canton, OH 44721.

Mandy Presto is an outreach behavior consultant for the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism. She resides at 7604 Treetop Ct. B, North Royalton, OH 44133.

Rebecca Purdum resides at 443 E. 78th St., Apt. 4B, New York, NY 10021.

Christy Reedy earned a master of science degree in molecular, cellular and developmental biology from the University of
Kelly (Heinzman) Colorado, Apt. 105 B, Gunnison, College. She resides at 400 N. of biology at Western State.

Rebecca Sears is a professor at 43015. Ernst & Young LLP. She resides in state and local tax consultant by State University Moritz College.

Carly Swab earned a juris doctor degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She is employed as a state and local tax consultant by Ernst & Young LLP. She resides at 237 Waterside Dr., Delaware, OH 43015.

Kelly (Heinze) and Craig Stuntzman announce the birth of a son, Luke William, on July 10, 2006.

Carly Swab and Dylan Barnes ’05 were married July 15, 2006. She is a teacher at Central Avenue Elementary School, and he is a retail sales merchandiser for Advantage Sales and Marketing. They reside at 3870 Hickory Hill Blvd., Titusville, FL 32780.

Theresa Yankie and Keith Solar ’02 were married November 24, 2006. Their wedding party included bridesmaids, Marcy (Frank) Anderson, Niki (Kokiko) Cochran, Laura Klingler, Kristen Hisay, Lauren (Barbarotta) Kuretz and groomsmen’s Josh Cochran ’02, Joel Steiner ’02 and Brandon Slater ’02. Theresa is a special education teacher for Madison Local Schools, and Keith is the director of ticket operations for the Akron Aeros. They reside at 1165 SOM Center Rd. # 109, Mayfield Heights, OH 44124.

Nicole Yanik resides at 1670 Char! Ann Dr., Alliance, OH 44601.

Jennifer (Rinehart) and Chad Zehnder announce the birth of a son, Jackson, on July 20, 2006. They reside at 1511 Willard Dr., Orrville, OH 44667.

Audrey (Shoup) and Jordan Zuercher announce the birth of a daughter, Zoey Elizabeth, on September 9, 2006. They reside at 4880 S.W. Lebanon Rd., Dalton, OH 44618.

2004
Douglass and Jessica Brown reside at 11941 Scout Rd., Frazeysburg, OH 43822. He is a disability claims adjudicator for the State of Ohio.

William “Buzz” Edwards is a teacher and offensive line coach for Dinwiddie County High School. He resides at 19723 Wrenn Dr., Dinwiddie, VA 23841.

Laura Fauss resides at 16447 Hollow St. S.E., Minerva, OH 44657.

Collin Furey resides at 706F Shadybrook Ave., Akron, OH 44312.

Kristen (Cole) and Zach Gallion announce the birth of a daughter, Zoe Marie, on May 6, 2006.

Sarah M. Gray is a production engineer for National City Corporation. She resides at 1278 W. 9th St., #723, Cleveland, OH 44113.

Kelly Herb is an account coordinator for Lesic & Camper Communications.

Kathryn Lambert resides at 767 Dandrea Dr., Akron, OH 44333.

Rachel (Rokosky) Larson resides at 1301 Woodward Pl., Canton, OH 44709.

Andrew Lattanner is a field director for Joe Donnelly for Congress. He resides at 51223 Hunting Ridge Tr., Granger, IN 46530.

Stephanie Miller is pursuing a master’s degree in history with a concentration in museum studies at the University of North Carolina. She resides at 3019 Pisgah Pl., Apt. D, Greensboro, NC 27455.

Rachael Moser is a fifth grade teacher at Alderman Elementary. She resides at 4113-303 Hearthside, Wilmington, NC 28412.

Ryan Price is a running technical representative for Adidas Corporation. He resides at 3 Inglewood Terr., Methuen, MA 01844.

Marissa Ristau and John Karls were married July 7, 2006. She is a teacher at Valley Forge High School. They reside at 4333 W. 225th St., Fairview Pk., OH 44126.

Christy Rodenberger resides at 4402 Clark St., Dublin, OH 43017.

Richard and Rachael Schmock reside at 9220 E. Vereda Solana Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85255. Richard earned a master of business administration from Thunderbird, the Garvin School of International Management. He is a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch.

Stephanie (Liambeis) and Dave Schneck reside at 3407 Taylor St., Honolulu, HI 96818.

Sarah Stein is a prospective research assistant for the Ohio Presbytery Retirement Services.

Justin and Janelle Todd reside at 319 Greenacres Dr., Howard, OH 43028. Justin is a physical education instructor at East Knox High School.

Kristin Ward is a reading and English teacher at South Fort Myers High School.

Ashley Wilcox is a wedding and special events manager for Hawk’s Cay Resort and Marina. She resides at 61 Hawks Cay Blvd., Duck Key, FL 33050.

Nicholas Youzi resides at 16065 N.W. 64th Ave., Apt. 218, Miami Lakes, FL 33014.

2005
Kristen Barker resides at 1699 Redwood Ave., Akron, OH 44319.

Carolyn Brawner resides at 4851-C Mockingbird Ct. N., Columbus, OH 43229.

Jessica (Schneider) and Thomas Brockman were married July 2, 2006. They reside at 2800 Stantonsburg Rd., Apt. 2E, Greenville, NC 27834. She is a teacher for Pitt County Schools.

A group of alumnae from the classes of 1994 and 1995 and their children joined for a reunion in Copley, OH. Seated on the couch (l-r) are Trena (Tennant ’95) Kackley with Mykah Kackley, Jennifer (Burkey ’94) Kiernan with her nephew Nicholas and Reece Kackley (seated in front). Carie Glazer-Casey ’95 with Eddie Kiernan; and Dana Hricko-Salamone ’94 with Jim Salamone. On the floor are Annalee Kackley and Layne Grafice, daughter of Anne (Zimmer ’95) and Jeff Grafice.
Ernie Sheetz

Ernest A. Sheetz, who left an indelible mark on Mount Union College during his 40 years in various administrative capacities, died Saturday, September 16 in Alliance after a short illness.

A 1951 graduate of the College, he returned in 1955 to work as the alumni secretary and retired in 1994 as a senior vice president. During his career, he established friend-raising and fund-raising strategies that brought Mount Union to prominence among small colleges in the region. While he was a valuable resource at Mount Union, he also was an active community leader and “cheerleader” for the Alliance area.

Between graduation and his return to Mount Union to begin his career in higher education, he served in the U.S. Army from 1952-55 as a sergeant in the Army Security Agency stationed in Frankfurt, Germany.

At Mount Union, his fund-raising strategies and abilities took Mount Union into the modern era, allowing the campus to expand significantly.

He received the Alumni Service Award in 1991 and was a founding member of Independent College Advancement Associates (ICAA). He was honored with the naming of the ICAA’s Ernest Sheetz Mentor Award in 2002. He was also an active member in the national higher education body of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and served on the District V Board of CASE. His work on behalf of the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) was also noteworthy as he served as the representative for the Youngstown, OH area for 20 years.

Locally, he had been serving as the executive director of the Greater Alliance Community Foundation since 2003 and as a Board member of the East Ohio Area United Methodist Foundation.

He was a 50-year member of Christ United Methodist Church, chaired an Alliance School Levy Committee, chaired the Board and the Campaign for the Alliance Area United Way and was the Wapakonachee District Volunteer of the Year in 1983. He also served on numerous boards and was a member of numerous Alliance, OH and Canton, OH area committees.

Born June 23, 1929, he married Betty Ann Hixenbaugh of Massillon, OH in 1956. They are the parents of three sons – Craig, Ken and Brian – and they have nine grandchildren.

Deaths

1927

Warren G. James of Magnolia, OH died December 27, 2006. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers in the Philippines and New Guinea during World War II. He and his wife, Sally, were honored as Magnolia’s Outstanding Citizens in 1981. He was the owner of James IGA in Magnolia.

1929


1932

Martha (Barnard) Potts of Allison Park, PA has died.

1933

Millie D. (Bovard) Albright of West Newton, PA died August 5, 2006.

1934

Hilda J. (Jones) Coni of Alliance, OH died October 9, 2006.

Dr. Lloyd E. Herdle of North Branford, CT died February 14, 2006. After graduating from Mount Union he earned a doctoral degree from The Ohio State University and worked for Eastman Kodak in New York. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca; six children: 10 grandchildren; two sisters, Esther (Herdle ’39) Wells and Marjorie (Herdle ’45) Kunz and nephew Allen Herdle ’62.

Helen E. (Hewitt) Quilligan of Canton, OH died October 1, 2006.

1937


Suzanne L. (Mussleman) Murphy of Alliance, OH died November 2, 2006.

1938

Christine H. Hutson of Sebring, OH died in December 2006.


1939

Ilene (Hanna) Hart of Perrysburg, OH died August 19, 2006. After graduating from Mount Union, she earned a master of education degree from the University of Toledo. She was a math teacher for DeVilbiss High School.

2006.

Dorothy (Harris) Haynes of Eaton, OH died in January 2007.

John D. Klein of Burlington, NJ died October 7, 2006. He was a retired United Methodist pastor.


Richard J. “Dick” Long of Alliance, OH died August 13, 2006. After graduating from Mount Union, he earned a master of arts degree in education from Kent State University. He was a former teacher at Rockhill and Riley elementary schools and a former principal at Riverside, Freedom and Liberty schools in Alliance.


Suzanne Crum of San Antonio, TX died December 5, 2006. After graduating from Mount Union, she earned a master of public administration degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She served in the Air Force for 25 years.

Linton R. Honaker of Boardman, OH died June 10, 2006. While a student at Mount Union, she majored in English, won the English Department's award and was a member of the Delta Delta Delta national sorority. She was involved in many activities at the Boardman United Methodist Church and was an active alumna of Mount Union. She was preceded in death by a son, William. She is survived by her husband, Tom ‘52; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth (Petzinger ’88) and Stephen Holter; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Lisa Petzinger and Thomas and Paulette Petzinger; six grandchildren, Beatrice Petzinger ’07, Chase Petzinger, Evan Petzinger, March Petzinger, Janis Petzinger and Sam Holter; a brother, Patrick March; and a sister, Edith Prendergast.

Herbert R. Shollenberger of Sierra Madre, CA died January 23, 2006.

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Herbert R. Shollenberger of Sierra Madre, CA died July 6, 2006.


Richard J. Scullion of Mineola, TX died in November of 2006.

Dorothy J. (Gabriel) Binau of Upper Sandusky, OH died January 13, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Donald.


Charles P. Johnson of Crystal Lake, IL died October 8, 2006.


Steve M. Yajko of East Liverpool, OH died in October 2006.

Tom Barth of Lorain, OH died October 30, 2006.


Irene (Stock) Burbach of Muskego, WI died February 7, 2007.

Robert C. Holstein of New York, NY died in December 2006.


Josephine (Kinsey) Paterson of Wallingford, CT died November 1, 2006.

Roy Albert Russi, Jr. of Dayton, OH died August 26, 2006. After graduating from Mount Union, he completed law school at The Ohio State University. A 30-year member of the United States Air Force and a member of the Alaska bar association, he worked most recently for Boeing as a NASA lawyer. He is survived by his wife, Peg, his son and his daughter.

Patricia J. (Kapral) Boegseman of Middleburg Heights, OH died in February 2007.


William J. Dolbow of Lantana, FL died in November 2006.

James P. Lapham of Tampa, FL has died. Following college, he worked for Kroger and in the advertising department of the Alliance Review and United Co-Op.

Donald E. Sigrist of Wadsworth, OH died August 5, 2006.

William G. Hettler of Stevens Point, WI died in October 2006.

James S. Fauver of Fort Myers, FL died September 16, 2006.


Lee A. (Elliott) Schaefer of Dover, OH died in October 2006.

Barbara A. Smith of Girard, OH died in December 2006.

Friends


Angelo Daniels of Parma, OH died in January of 2007.

William Gardner of Poland, OH died in February of 2007.

Earl Gascoigne of Deland, FL died in July of 2006. After teaching business at Mount Union College, he worked as general manager of Cedar Point's Breakers Hotel. He was president of Funtime, Inc., a group that bought and restored Geauga Lake Park. He is survived by his wife, Ava; a son, Jim; a daughter, Jan; and three grandchildren.


Maxine M. Hammel of Hudson, OH died in November 2006.


Jeffrey D. King of Berea, OH died in December 2006.

Jim Maher of Somerdale, OH died in December 2006.

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Willard F. Schroeder died in November 2006.

Floyd W. Shore of Canton, OH died November 12, 2006.

Margaret Stuffer, wife of Nick Stuffer ’45 of Sebring, OH died December 22, 2006.


Courtney Webber of Plano, TX died in November of 2006.
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Name first last maiden Year of graduation

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Spouse’s name first last maiden Year of graduation (if from Mount)

Home address box/house number and street city state zip

Telephone number ( ) E-mail address

Occupation

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Your occupation (title)

Employer (full name)

Business address box/house number and street city state zip

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Spouse’s occupation (title)

Employer (full name)

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Birth Announcement

☐ The information I am providing is new.

Child’s name ☐ male ☐ female Date of birth month day year

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Marriage Announcement

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Date of marriage

Honor or Achievement

Recent honor or achievement

Alumni Recognition

My nomination for Alumni Council

My nomination for Alumni Service/McKinley Fellow awards

Other Information

An update about you and your family is always requested by fellow alumni...and we’d like to know here at the Office of Alumni Activities as well! If you have any news for us, please complete this form and send it to:

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 Calling all International Alumni

We are looking for you!
If you attended Mount Union College as an international student, we would like to update our records and get in contact with you!

We are planning an International Reunion for Homecoming Weekend 2007.

Come back and see former classmates, professors and friends. Check the Mount Union website – www.muc.edu – for more details.

E-mail the Office of Alumni and College Activities at alumni@muc.edu or call us at (800) 992-6682, ext. 2030 to update your information.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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 Union.

• 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.

Be sure to have the complete name, address and year of graduation before you go to the website. You’ll need it to complete the form. Year of graduation is especially important to our ability to send appropriate communications. Any other information that you can provide is wonderful, but not essential for us to make contact! We appreciate your help as, together, we build the loyal Mount Union alumni ranks of the future!
“We hear a lot about brains, brains, brains; let us now hear more about brawn as well. The better the brawn, the better the brains. Let us then have at Mount Union a gymnasium and athletic sports and a professor of physical science,” stated new President of the College Dr. Tamerlane P. Marsh during his inaugural address in 1888.

Prior to President Marsh’s enthusiastic approach to physical culture, Mount Union lacked any exercise facility of athletic organization. Plans for a new gymnasium began to take shape within a few years, but only a modest facility was expected to be constructed. In 1891 when Morgan Gymnasium was dedicated, college members were awed to see a magnificent building which included an indoor track.

The sport of basketball gained popularity nationwide, and Morgan Gymnasium became the site of one of the first intercollegiate games west of the Allegheny Mountains. Just as the game of basketball secured the building’s place in history, it also served as its eventual downfall.

As athletic events began to flourish in many college communities, other larger and more modern facilities were built and Morgan Gymnasium was at a disadvantage because of its small courts. After serving as a women’s gymnasium for half a decade, the facility was razed in 1972.