Mount Union looks to the future with new master’s level program and undergraduate majors
If you have not been to campus recently, I hope you are following the exciting things that are happening at Mount Union College via our web site at www.muc.edu. There is so much activity that periodic publications are unable to do justice to everything that is taking place. Our website, which is updated several times each day, provides a timely way to stay in touch at your own pace.

Among the many changes that have taken place recently are the modifications in our curriculum, the programmatic heart of our students’ educational experience. You may recall that one of our strategic initiatives is to “develop the curriculum for the future.” While this is an ongoing initiative, I would like to summarize what has happened in this area recently and give you a glimpse into the future.

Most recently, a program with an exciting future was created to take advantage of our strength in the natural sciences. We are in the accreditation process and are hopeful that we will be accepting students into a Physician Assistant Program by the fall of 2009. As our faculty members implement this master’s level program, we will be offering post-graduate degree work for the first time since 1912.

Through the excellent work of Vice President for Academic Affairs Pat Draves and many dedicated faculty members, the decision to move forward was met with unanimous approval from our faculty as well as our Board of Trustees. As you will read elsewhere in this issue, we have hired a highly qualified individual, Sharon Luke, to direct this program. The research supported our belief that there is a great demand for the foreseeable future and independent consultants indicated that we had most of the tools in place to pursue such a program.

With the precedent set, we are confident that we can pursue and swiftly implement quality programs that will play to our academic strengths. In creating new programs or combining existing programs we have set forth criteria to safeguard against trendy programs that may come and go. These are compatibility with the College mission, sufficient student interest, significant career opportunities, attractiveness to academically prepared students, financial viability and program sustainability.

During the past two years, prior to announcing the Physician Assistant Program, we implemented several new majors: intervention specialist (special education), environmental science and medical technology, and minors in database management, internet computing, public service and web design. Moreover, at the February faculty meeting, the faculty unanimously passed the establishment of a major in criminal justice, a highly sought-after field. We have also added Chinese and Russian to our foreign language offerings following the recent addition of Japanese as a major.

As mentioned earlier, we will continue to resist the temptation to be trendy, yet we must be sensitive to the marketplace and offer programs that not only provide the basis for a quality liberal arts education but offer our students the practical tools to deal with the demands of an ever-changing world.

Mount Union continues to evolve as an outstanding comprehensive liberal arts college but we have not forgotten nor will we forget who we are.

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### APARTMENT-STYLE HOUSING

On Friday, October 19, Mount Union held dedications for its new apartment-style housing complexes. Offering upperclass students independent living in four bedroom apartments, the facilities opened at the beginning of the fall semester.

The Village on Hartshorn Street is now home to two courts with a third currently under construction. Grove Court has been named for Alliance, OH residents Charles and Carol Grove. Grove Court is made up of 10 houses, including Barret House, in honor of E. Duke Barret ’51 by the Barret family; Shields House and Hatton House, in honor and memory of Walter E. and Mae A. Shields and Clinton D. and Mary E. Hatton respectively by Dr. Clifford D. ’43 and Betty (Hatton ’44) Shields; Wintzer House, in honor of Katherine Ruby (Wintzer) and Guy Hoover by Fred and Mary Alice Wintzer; Untch House by the late Michael A. Untch ’55: Bica-Ross House, in honor of the Mount Union Office of College Advancement and Bica House, in honor of her parents by Violet G. Bica-Ross ’44; Cunningham House by the Dawson ’68 and the late Patricia (Barnes ’73) Cunningham family; Kindig House by Warren V. Kindig ’60 and Linda N. Kindig; and Kibler House, in honor of Dr. Daniel A. Kibler ’50 by the John and Roene Klusch Foundation.

Orwick Court, currently under construction, has been named in honor of Carl ’42 and Martha “Nickie” (Nicholson ’46) Orwick of Alliance, OH.

Adams Court bears the name of Gary ’75 and Connie Adams of Hudson, OH. Adams Court contains six houses, including Snod-Flynn House, in honor of Melvin ’40 and Marilyn Snod and memory of John and Josephine Flynn by John J. ’71 and Connie (Snod ’70) Flynn; Kolesar House, in honor of the Kolesar family by Edward M. Kolesar ’84; Hunt House, in honor of Ralph E. and Gunhild E. Hunt by Randall C. ’75 and Ann Marie Hunt, Darrah House, in honor of William C., William R. ’61, Matthew G. ’84 and Amanda ’05 Darrah by Matthew and Patricia Darrah; Lenney House, in memory and honor of parents Elwood and Mildred and brothers Tom and Denny by Ronald E. Lenney ’77; and Mastroianni House, in honor of Joseph and Charlotte Mastroianni by the Mastroianni family.

The Union Avenue Village has been named the David M. Brown Village in honor of David Brown ’54 of Phoenix, AZ. Within Brown Village are three new manors. Jae Manor has been named in honor of the late Hugh Jae ’54, Keller Manor has been named for Daniel ’72 and Laura Keller of Sandusky, OH; and Clutter Manor was named in honor of Ronald ’80 and Tracy Clutter.

### ON CAMPUS

#### Student Satisfaction

In 2007, Mount Union announced the results of a Student Satisfaction Inventory administered during the fall of 2006 in conjunction with Noel-Levitz. While the results indicate that there are a few areas where improvement is needed, overall, it showed that students are satisfied with their Mount Union experiences. Better yet, Mount Union’s results are significantly better than national averages for other four-year private colleges. Students displayed particular satisfaction in the areas of campus life, academic experience, faculty, helpfulness of campus community and technology. In the spring, the task force – including representation from students, faculty and staff – began analyzing certain issues that exist on campus and much progress has been made to address the concerns students expressed in the survey.

#### Matriculation Convocation

New students, numbering more than 650, unpacked their bags on campus in August in preparation for a host of events that were part of 2007 Fall Orientation. During the weekend, they had the opportunity to participate in one of the institution’s most time-honored traditions as the College community welcomed the Class of 2011 at the annual Matriculation Convocation.

#### Connect-ED

In the fall, Mount Union launched and tested Connect-ED, its new mass communication system that allows representatives of the College to reach all members of the campus community with information during unforeseen events or emergencies within minutes. The service includes telephone, cell phone, text messaging and e-mail components.

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**Dr. Charles McClaugherty**, professor of biology, Brumbaugh Chair in Environmental Science and director of the John T. Huston-Dr. John D. Brumbaugh Nature Center, was chosen as Alliance’s 2007 Citizen of the Year.

**Katrina Hermetet**, a senior psychology major, was named a finalist for the 2007 AmeriCorps Spirit of Service Award which pays tribute to the most outstanding volunteers in Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America.
Dr. Robert S. Kunkel Jr. ’55, long-time member of the Board of Trustees of Mount Union College, will be inducted into the 2008 Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) Hall of Excellence at its Evening of Excellence to be held Wednesday, April 9 at Columbus Renaissance Hotel.

Kunkel is one of the nation’s leading voices in the study of headaches. His leadership roles in his profession are extensive. Highlighting his commitment is his service to the National Headache Foundation Board of Directors, for which he served as president from 1994-2005 and vice president from 1983-1994. He also served as president of the Ohio Headache Association from 2000-2005 and was acting chairman from 1996-2000. A fellow with the American College of Physicians, Kunkel is also a member of the American Medical Association, the Cleveland Academy of Medicine, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Great Lakes Interurban Club and the International Headache Society.

Kunkel has served on the editorial board of *Headache Quarterly* since 1990 and has served as associate editor of *Pain Management* and as a member of the specialty advisory board of *Modern Medicine*. He has also served as the United States Representative on the Committee to Reclassify Headaches of the International Headache Society, serving as chair for two subcommittees.

After graduating from Mount Union, Kunkel attended Western Reserve University and earned his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He joined the Cleveland Clinic as an intern in 1960 and went on to complete his residency in internal medicine. Later, he served in the U.S. Army as a physician stationed at Fort Richardson, AK. Upon his return to the Cleveland Clinic, Kunkel served as staff physician in the Section of Headache in the Department of Internal Medicine and in the Section of Headache in the Department of Neurology. Currently, he maintains his practice and has acted as a consultant for the Section of Headache since 1999.

Ralph Regula Honored with NAICU Advocacy Award

The 15th Annual National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) Advocacy Award was presented to Congressman Ralph Regula ’48 by Dr. Richard F. Giese, president of Mount Union, at an awards ceremony in Washington, DC. The award was in recognition of Congressman Regula’s lifetime commitment to higher education.

“As our congressional representative, board member, alumnus and friend, it is an honor for me to present the Honorable Ralph Regula with this award,” said Giese. “Throughout his 33 years on the House Appropriations Committee, Ralph has made federal funding for education, and especially the core student aid programs, a top priority.”

A 1948 graduate of Mount Union, Regula earned his L.L.B. degree from William McKinley School of Law in 1956. He also holds an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Mount Union. He has served on the Mount Union College Board of Trustees since 1964.
Jane Weston Chapman Awards
Sandy Douglas, senior women’s administrator and head softball coach; Rev. Marty CashBurless, chaplain of the College; and Anna McClaugherty, a senior English major of Alliance, OH, were honored with the Jane Weston Chapman Award during the 2008 Women’s History Month celebration on campus. The award, named for the first female graduate of Mount Union, 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.

SCHOLAR Day
Mount Union will hold its first SCHOLAR (Student Celebration Honoring Our Latest Academic Research) Day on Thursday, April 24. The event will offer the opportunity to spend an afternoon learning about undergraduate research projects completed by Mount Union students.

Two types of presentations will take place. Formal talks will be given by students nominated by faculty members in their disciplines at one of three sessions held during the day. Other students will offer poster presentations, answering questions and discussing their projects during a poster reception.

IN THE COMMUNITY
1846 Society
A dinner recognizing members of Mount Union’s 1846 Society for their generous support of the College’s Annual Fund was held at Glenmoor Country Club. Randy Hunt ’75, chair of the Development Committee of the Mount Union College Board of Trustees, was master of ceremonies for the evening.

Hunger Awareness Month
Mount Union students, faculty and staff pitched in during November to lend a helping hand to those in need at a number of events honoring Hunger Awareness Month. The month-long series kicked off in October during Make a Difference Day and continued with an LS 100 Food Challenge, trick or treating for canned goods, Homemade Hearts craft circle, Bookstore canned food drive, Fair Trade Night and Oxfam Dining Hall Fast and Hunger Banquet. The culmination of Hunger Awareness Month was observed with a carnival in campus grounds featuring WKDD 98.1 FM’s Matt Patrick. During the event, non-perishable food items were collected for the Long Haul Against Hunger and a Constraction competition featuring “can” sculptures by Mount Union art students was held.

Martin Luther King Jr. Awards
This year’s Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership and Diversity Awards were presented to Judge Robert Lavery, who received the community award; Dr. Ivory Lyons, associate professor of philosophy and religious studies and director of African-American studies, who received the faculty award; Dr. Judith Jones, professor of psychology and Tiffani N. Tribble, assistant director of the Academic Support Center and resident director of Hoiles-Peterson Residence Hall, who received diversity awards; and Rachel Camargo, a junior psychology major, who received the student award for her work with the Hispanic Food Festival and Hispanic Heritage Month and encouraging cultural awareness and diversity on campus. Also honored was Camargo’s sister, Rosana, a freshman psychology major.

ACROSS THE COUNTRY
U.S. News and World Report
Mount Union College has once again been named by U.S. News and World Report as one of America’s Best Colleges, only this time in a different category. For the past 16 years, Mount Union has been ranked in the Top 15 in the Midwest among regional comprehensive or liberal arts colleges. In 2007, the College was informed that Mount Union had been promoted to the “Best Liberal Arts Colleges” category, placing Mount Union among the top 248 colleges and universities in the country in a category that is a rung above the previous one. In the “Best Liberal Arts Colleges” category Tier 3, Mount Union is joined by other colleges including Westminster College and Grove City College in Pennsylvania, Alma College in Michigan, Simpson College, Wartburg College and Central
**Lecturers on campus**

**Eckler/Wolf Lecture**
Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, award-winning novelist and poet, presented a combined Eckler/Wolf Lecture on campus. Her works have been published in over 50 magazines including the *New Yorker* and her writing has been published in over 30 anthologies. In addition, her works have been translated into 11 languages.

**Faculty Lecture**
Dr. John Recchiuti, professor of history and director of the American studies program, presented the Faculty Lecture, speaking about *Scholarship and Public Life in Progressive-Era New York City*. He is the author of *Civic Engagement: Social Science and Progressive-Era Reform in New York City*.

**Heffern Lecture**
Marty Adams, retired president and chief operating officer of Huntington Bank and a member of Mount Union’s Board of Trustees, presented the Gordon Heffern Business Ethics Lecture. He joined Huntington following the merger with Sky Financial Group, where he had served as chairman, president and chief executive officer.

**Kershaw Lecture**
Kenneth Huff, an interdisciplinary visual artist working in a variety of traditional and new media, presented the annual Kershaw Lecture. In addition, digital images of his works were on display in Crandall Art Gallery throughout the month of February.

**LINC**
LINC, a new community luncheon series, began last September. To date, the series has allowed faculty presenters Dr. Charles Mc Claugherty, Dr. Jim Kadlec, Dr. William Coleman, Dr. Jeffrey Draves and Dr. Rebecca Stevens to educate the audience on a variety of topics. The final session will be April 15 featuring Dr. William Cunion, assistant professor of political science and chair of the Department of Political Science, who will present *Election 2008: At What Cost?*

**Dewald Lecture**
Jeremy S. Hyman, co-author of *A Professor’s Guide to Getting Good Grades in College* was the speaker for the Dewald Honors Lecture. His book, co-authored by his wife Lynn F. Jacobs, was selected as the summer reading book for this year’s entering freshman class.

**Black History Month**
Author and hip-hop historian Kevin Powell was the featured speaker for Black History Month. He has published seven books and will release his childhood memoir in 2010. In addition, the month featured the Monty Alexander Trio as the guest performance.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Mount Union kicked off its Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration with a keynote address by Dr. Na’im Akbar. Recognized as a great thinker and orator, he is a faculty member in psychology at Florida State University. In addition, Renee Powell, a member of the LPGA, gave the address during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Luncheon and Awards Ceremony.

**Women’s History Month**
Dr. Gail Dines, one of the authors of *Pornography: The Production and Consumption of Inequality*, was the keynote speaker for Women’s History Month.

**Schooler Lecture**
James Carville and Mary Matalin, political consultants, will present the Schooler Lecture on Tuesday, April 8 at 8 p.m. in Timken Physical Education Building. This year represents the 20th anniversary of the Schooler Lecture.

Carville and Matalin hold true to the old saying “opposites attract.” Carville is America’s best-known political consultant. His long list of electoral successes shows a knack for steering overlooked campaigns to unexpected victories and for re-making underdogs into upset winners.

Matalin formerly served as assistant to President George W. Bush and counselor to Vice President Dick Cheney and was the first White House official to hold that double title. President Bush also named her the deputy campaign manager for political operations.

Carville and Matalin represent both sides on the political scale but together they have accomplished many great feats in their lifetime.

Both Carville and Matalin share a passion for sharing their views in the mass media. In the fall of 2003, they put a fresh and critically-acclaimed spin on political consulting and on television in the HBO series *K Street*, a political drama based on the lives of Washington political consultants. In addition, Carville can be seen regularly on television as a CNN commentator and contributor. Before joining the Bush/Cheney White House, Matalin hosted CNN’s debate show *Crossfire*. She then took her sharp wit and free-spirited political repartee to *The Mary Matalin Show*, a three-hour afternoon radio program.

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alumni and friends traveling to Virginia for the game had the opportunity to attend a Stagg Bowl party at the Wyndham Hotel. Other gatherings across the nation included parties at Stamper’s Grill Pub and Playmaker’s Sports Bar and Grill in the Cleveland, OH area, Champps Americana Restaurant at Crosswoods near Columbus, OH, Buffalo Blue’s in Pittsburgh, PA and Four Peaks Brewery in Tempe, AZ. Alliance area alumni and friends had the opportunity to join on campus to watch the game in the Campus Grounds of the Hoover-Price Campus Center.

**Kappa Delta Pi**
The Omega Iota Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi international honor society in education at Mount Union received the ACE Award (Achieving Chapter Excellence) at the 46th Biennial Convocation. Established in 1995, the ACE program recognizes Kappa Delta Pi chapters that exhibit outstanding programming in support of the Society’s mission and strategic goals. Mount Union’s chapter is one of only 22 out of 567 chapters nationally to receive this distinction.

**Model UN**
Mount Union College Model United Nations students competed at the American Model United Nations Conference in Chicago, IL. The Mount Union Model United Nations team received two awards for Outstanding Delegation for its representation of Rwanda in the Second and Third General Assembly Committees. This is Mount Union’s fourth time participating in the American Model United Nations Conference.

**Community Service Honor Roll**
Mount Union was named to the United States President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, acknowledging excellence in community service in the Alliance community by members of the Mount Union community. This is Mount Union’s second consecutive year to be listed on the Honor Roll. In addition, the College has moved up a level from last year and is being recognized with distinction for exemplary service efforts and, in particular, service to disadvantaged youth.

**Stagg Bowl Gatherings**
Alumni near and far gathered at various locations across the country to cheer on the Purple Raiders during their Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl quest. Those

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Keane Toney has been named director of campus safety and security. His new appointment represents a change in reporting structure that places him under the direction of the Office of Student Affairs.

Richard Jackson has been named director of multicultural student affairs. Prior to this appointment, Jackson served as the coordinator of multicultural recruitment in the Office of Admission.

Tiffany Watson, a senior exercise science major from Ashtabula, OH, received the Ohio Campus Compact 2008 Charles J. Ping Award for her outstanding leadership and contributions to community service and service-learning.

For more news, visit www.muc.edu/news.
ROGERS SERVES DOUBLE DUTY

Mount Union graduate Mark Rogers ’07 is good at juggling responsibilities – he has to be.

Rogers, the assistant swimming and diving coach at Mount Union, joined the Air Force National Guard immediately upon graduating from Canton Central Catholic High School in May of 2002. One month after graduation, he was off to basic training ending up as part of the 179th Air Lift Wing at Mansfield Lahm Air Force Base in Mansfield, OH, where he would eventually serve as a crew chief working to get C-130 airplanes ready to fly.

According to Rogers, his first six-year commitment to the Air Force National Guard enabled him to attend Mount Union College. “I joined partly because my uncle served in that same unit, and it was also a way to off-set the cost of attending college,” said Rogers. “Joining the Guard allowed me to attend Mount Union, obtain my degree in biology and compete on the swim team, all the while serving my country. It was definitely the right decision for me to make. I wouldn’t change a thing.”

While at Mount Union, Rogers was a team captain and multiple All-Ohio Athletic Conference performer as a sprinter on the Purple Raider swim team. “I loved being part of the swim team at Mount Union and swimming for coach (Kathie) Lavery,” he added. “And when the opportunity to join the coaching staff arose with coach (Eric) Mojock taking over this year, I jumped at it. I thought I could help the new coach in that first transitional year since I was familiar with most of the student-athletes in the program – having been a part of it myself. It’s been a great experience.”

“Mark’s enthusiasm for the sport and this team make him a valuable factor in the successes we have had this season,” said Mojock. “He possesses a personal interest in every member of this team and is willing to do whatever is necessary in order to better prepare our swimmers. As we transition into a new era of Mount Union swimming, Mark provides a bridge to the rich history of the program.”

The experience has had some twists and turns however.

In September of 2007, Rogers was called to active duty, serving three months at the Bagram Air Force Base in Bagram, Afghanistan. Rogers had been deployed on two other occasions since 2002 – in a support capacity at Mansfield Lahm during Hurricane Katrina in September of 2005 and a two-week stint in Puerto Rico in June of 2007. However, heading to a war zone was much different.

“That’s where all the training is really put to use,” he noted. “I’m mostly responsible for flight control, landing gear and the emergency exit and exit doors. I serve one weekend out of each month back home as part of my commitment.

“However, at Bagram (Afghanistan), it was the real thing” he added. “It was definitely intense and stressful. It was a real-world experience that is hard to describe, but also very satisfying because we were doing what we were trained to do. People depended on us and hopefully we made a difference in the process.”

In fact, Rogers will continue to make a difference, as he recently re-enlisted for another six-year commitment with the Air Force National Guard.

“I am doing what I really love to do,” he said. “I am able to help as an assistant coach with the swim program here at Mount Union and also serve in the Guard.”

Speaking to Rogers, one gets the sense he is more mature than your average 23 year old, but then again, he’s seen and done more than most people his age. “I don’t know about being more mature,” Rogers said. “I was fortunate enough to know what I wanted to do and it has worked out for me so far. I wouldn’t change anything in terms of the decision I made to join the Air Force National Guard coming out of high school or my decision to attend Mount Union.”

The legacy continues, as his younger brother, Aaron, 21, just recently enlisted in the Guard following in his brother’s and uncle’s footsteps.

“If that is what Aaron (Rogers) wants to do, obviously, I support him in that decision,” Mark (Rogers) said.

The ability to support others is one thing Mark Rogers doesn’t lack – whether it be as an assistant coach with the Purple Raider swim program, his C130 support responsibilities in the Guard or backing his brother’s decision to follow his footsteps.

For more on athletics, visit www.muc.edu/athletics.
Drive for Distinction

The Drive for Distinction, the most ambitious campaign in the history of Mount Union College, is an effort to raise $80 million to meet the strategic initiatives of the College. The Board of Trustees approved the campaign in May 2003, which kicked off the campaign’s “silent phase.” The campaign’s “public phase” was launched in September 2007 with the announcement that $53.6 million in gifts and pledges had been raised to that point. As of March 1, 2008, the total raised toward Drive for Distinction’s $80 million goal is $65.3 million.

Mount Union College Strategic Initiatives

The goals of Drive for Distinction are in sync with Mount Union’s strategic initiatives.

1. Develop the curriculum for the future
2. Improve the residential nature of the campus
3. Grow our enrollment
4. Expand the diversity of our College
5. Enhance our financial strength
6. Improve our reputation and name recognition

Campaign Priorities

Capital Goal   $46 million
Raised to Date $38.1 million

Eight buildings have been constructed during Drive for Distinction and another, the Hoover-Price Campus Center, has been significantly renovated. Two new facilities are currently in the design stages and funds are being raised for those facilities.

Endowment Goal   $22 million
Raised to Date  $17.4 million

The campaign also plans to provide endowed support for students through scholarships, faculty members through professorships and chairs, and academic programs. During Drive for Distinction, 65 new endowed scholarships have been generously donated. One endowed chair has been significantly enhanced and The John and Helen Saffell Chair in the Humanities has just been announced.

Annual/Current Giving Goal   $12 million
Raised to Date  $9.8 million

As a “comprehensive” campaign, Drive for Distinction includes all gifts to the Annual Fund, which has grown from $1 million in 2003 to a goal of $1.35 million this year. Annual fund gifts provide immediate, direct support of the College’s current projects and priorities.

DRIVE FOR DISTINCTION GOAL   $80 million
RAISED TO DATE $65.3 million

Drive for
Distinction

Capital Projects

Bracy Hall was the first of an extensive list of capital projects that would be completed during Drive for Distinction. To date, the campaign has seen the construction of eight facilities and the renovation of another.

Keller Manor
Opened in 2007

Bracy Hall
Opened in 2003

Clutter Manor
Opened in 2007

Sigma Nu House
Opened in 2005

Jae Manor
Opened in 2007

Hoover-Price Campus Center
Renovated in 2006

Grove Court
Opened in 2007

Brown Village
Opened in 2007

Adams Court
Opened in 2007

Long-time Faculty Member and Alumnus Endows Chair on Campus

John ‘37 and Helen (Weaver ‘44) Saffell spent their lifetimes at Mount Union College imparting perhaps the best gift a person can get – classroom learning that can be transformed into life skills.

One could walk into Chapman Hall on any given week day, smell the aromatic pipe smoke and know that John was in the building either teaching western civilization to a roomful of students or having a one-on-one discussion with a student who wanted a little more help. Chapman Hall was also where Helen called home and she was readily identifiable with her infectious laugh that took the edge off grueling grammar exercises.

Their styles were different but their passion and sincerity were unmistakable. They were experts in their respective fields and what they shared was a deep love of teaching – and their students knew it. Generations of students have benefited from lessons taught by the Saffells, and now John, who at the age of 91, still smokes the pipe and engages former students in intellectual discussions from his apartment at Copeland Oaks in nearby Sebring, OH, has established a gift that will continue to give.

He has established the John E. and Helen Weaver Saffell Endowed Chair in the Humanities at Mount Union. The chair will be awarded to a “disciplined scholar who by imaginative and creative teaching is revered for making historical and/or literary studies meaningful in the lives of students. It is preferred that, periodically, the holder be a specialist in state and local history.”

According to Saffell, the gift was motivated by the desire to allow the humanities to continue to make an impact in the world. “We have reached a point in human history where we can destroy the world by pushing buttons but we don’t seem to have the buttons to push to make this a better world,” Saffell said. “The world seems to be running a little short of wisdom.”

Saffell said that many of the great faculty members at Mount Union during his era shared a common characteristic – unselfishness. It is a characteristic he hopes the holder of the endowed chair will carry forward.

The Saffells and the Weavers have been a part of the fabric of Mount Union almost from the beginning. John’s parents, Byron and Isabella Saffell, attended Mount Union in 1913 and 1910 respectively and Helen’s lineage stretches back to the 1870s including great grand-parents and great uncles. Her father Harry Weaver, a successful physician, spent several years as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1950 to 1970.

The Saffells themselves were also Mount Union graduates. John in 1937 and Helen in 1944. They were married in 1955. According to John, the two families were such good friends that there was no magical moment that prompted John and Helen’s courtship that led to marriage. John anchored the Department of History at Mount Union from 1948 until his retirement in 1982. He was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from the College in 1996.

Helen was a vital part of the Department of English from 1946 to 1950 and again from 1955 until her retirement in 1985. Both were very active at the College – John delivered the first Faculty Lecture in 1959 and Helen gave the Faculty Lecture in 1985.

Unfortunately, Helen died in January of 2001. Meanwhile John continues to impart wisdom on colleagues, friends and former students and makes occasional treks to the campus.

“Our most pleasant Mount Union memories revolve around the students who became our friends,” Saffell said. “I believe Mary Eckler may have summed it up best when she said, ‘You don’t have to travel to learn a lot – just stay at Mount Union.’”

Students of the Saffells certainly would agree.
Health and fitness are ever-growing aspects of daily life. Today’s health-conscious students view exercise not only as a means of staying well, but as a way to socialize with others. The new outlet for such mingling is the recreation facility.

“The campus center used to be the hub of student activity and socialization on college and university campuses,” said Dr. Richard F. Giese, president of the College. “Today, though, students tend to gather in the recreation center instead of coffeehouses and snack bars, essentially ‘feeding two birds with one crust’ as they nourish both their social and wellness needs.”

As part of Drive for Distinction, Mount Union plans to expand its primary health and wellness facilities. Built in 1970, the Timken Physical Education Building has served the College well. However, it was built when the College’s enrollment was about 1,000 and before the expansion of women’s recreation and athletic programs.

There is a great need to increase the space dedicated to health and wellness. Today, more than 25 percent of Mount Union’s 2,200 students participate in varsity athletics, many of which use the Timken facility for practices and games. In addition, more than 75 percent of the study body competes in intramurals or fitness activities.

To meet this growing demand, the new health and wellness center project will include the addition of more than 41,000 square feet and renovation of 31,000 square feet of our primary student health, recreation and fitness facilities. Also planned is the expansion and renovation of the Peterson Field House to accommodate a regulation 200-meter indoor track (the current track is 160 meters).

During 2008, a special phase of Drive for Distinction, aptly labeled “In Mount We Trust,” has been launched to promote and encourage planned gifts, in particular Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRTs).

More than 10 percent of Mount Union College’s $144 million endowment is made up of CRTs, which are part of the long-term assets of the College. Certainly, CRTs are investments in the future of Mount Union.

When a donor establishes a CRT, he or she receives many benefits and ultimately makes a meaningful gift to Mount Union College, to be designated as the donor prefers. Advantages include:

- Increasing current income
- Avoiding capital gains
- Earning a current income tax deduction
- Saving on estate taxes
- Providing a meaningful gift to Mount Union College
In addition to lacking adequate space, student health and wellness facilities on campus have fallen behind what competitors now offer. Some institutions are providing students with recreation opportunities including rock-climbing walls and elaborate leisure pools complete with waterfalls and slides. Although Mount Union’s plans are careful to not be trendy, the College must improve its indoor fitness and recreation facilities to remain competitive.

“The changing landscape of student expectations dictates that small college campuses provide such optimum facilities and opportunities for students,” said Lee Ann (Johnston ’83) Thorn, chair of the Mount Union Board of Trustees. “Thus, it is imperative that Mount Union upgrade its facilities as soon as possible to fulfill the needs of its students and maintain its strong competitive position in the higher education marketplace.”

Expanding the health and wellness facility, though, is not just about providing additional access to exercise equipment and opportunities. The renovation also will include expanding classroom, laboratory and office space for some of the most popular majors on campus.

The current recreational facility houses the Department of Human Performance and Sport Management with majors in athletic training, exercise science, sport management, physical education and health.

“These programs are already considerable student draws, but as the demand increases for quality candidates in these growing career fields, it will be important to provide adequate space for classroom and hands-on learning,” said Dr. Patricia Draves, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. “We were very strategic during the planning of the facility to balance the need for both academic and recreation space. The resulting renovated facility will be one that will focus on educating the whole student – mind and body.”

Current plans for the renovation project include breaking ground in the summer of 2008 and opening the facility by the late fall of 2009.
Mount Union College held the first ever combined Alumni Weekend and Homecoming celebration, creating one fun-filled weekend of activities on campus.
The weekend kicked off on Friday, October 19 with campus tours and an International Tea followed by an International Mixer. Friday evening, a parade round-up of campus was held. A Street Fair and Pep Rally with fireworks over the Campus Lakes rounded out the evening.

Saturday featured Camp MUCaw where student organizations sponsored a day full of fun and activities for children of alumni and friends. Camp MUCaw participants also had the opportunity to visit the third annual Carnival, enjoying a DJ, clown, caricatures, bounce house and games.

“Camp MUCaw’s first year was an astounding success,” said Anne (Zimmer ’95) Graf- fice, director of alumni and college activities. “Nearly 100 children joined in the fun, which included the carnival, photos with MUCaw, craft projects, games and lunch. It is certainly an event that we plan to continue.”

Alumni College 101 sessions were held featuring Dr. William Cunion, assistant professor of political science and chair of the Department of Political Science and Sandra Ekstrand, assistant professor of economics, accounting and business administration, the past two recipients of the College’s Great Teacher Award.

The 23rd Annual Run-A-MUC 5k Race and 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk began in front of the Timken Physical Education Building. For children 7 years and under, there was a Kid’s Race following the Run-A-MUC. This race consisted of one lap around the track and each participant won a prize.

The annual Alumni Luncheon featured the awarding of the Dodie Davis Alumni Service, McKinley Fellow and Young Alumni awards (see related story) and sorority gatherings took place for Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi celebrating 60 years and Delta Delta Delta. A Black Student Union Welcome Reception took place at the Black Cultural Center.

Other events on Saturday included the Homecoming Football Game where the Purple Raiders defeated Baldwin-Wallace College 35-0 and Post-Game Alumni Reunions at various locations followed by an Alumni Party at the Alliance Country Club. The Alumni Party, which brought alumni from all graduating years together at one celebration, was the first of its type.

“We have never had an all-encompassing alumni gathering during Alumni Weekend or Homecoming,” said Grafice. “This event was well received and provided an excellent opportunity not only to gather with fellow classmates but to celebrate Mount Union’s rich tradition with alumni of all generations.”

Sunday featured an International Breakfast followed by a Liturgical Celebration in DeWald Chapel.

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**Award Recipients Honored**

Mount Union College honored the recipients of the Dodie Davis Alumni Service Award, Young Alumni Award and McKinley Fellow Award during the Alumni Luncheon of Alumni Weekend and Homecoming 2007.

The recipient of the 2007 Alumni Service Award was Daniel Keller ’72. Established in 1942, the Alumni Service Award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding achievement in a chosen or professional field and for service to the College or to the community. The award represents the highest non-academic honor an alumnus/alumna can receive from Mount Union. In 2003 the award was renamed in honor of Dodie Davis ’62 for 35 years of service and dedication to the institution.

Keller is the president of KELLCO Investments, LTD and past corporate vice president of Cedar Fair, L.P. He earned a master of business administration degree from Bowling Green State University after attending Mount Union. He is active in Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He and his wife Laura reside in Sandusky, OH and have three sons, Jeffrey, Kevin and Brian ’04. He serves on the Mount Union Board of Trustees.

The Young Alumni Award honored Aaron Swartz ’00. The Young Alumni Award, established in 2006, honors and recognizes those who at very early stages in their chosen careers or callings exemplify what Mount Union hopes all alumni will strive to achieve upon leaving the College.

Swartz is senior manager of assurance and advisory business services at Ernst & Young. A member of the Mount Union Alumni Council, he earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration with concentrations in finance and quantitative analysis from Mount Union and a master of science degree in accountancy from Notre Dame University. He is a certified public accountant in the State of Ohio.

Jacquelyne Bailey was presented with the McKinley Fellow Award. Initiated in 1993, the McKinley Fellow Award honors a non-alumnus/alumna who has demonstrated significant involvement with the College above and beyond expectation.

Bailey is the national vice president of INROADS, Inc., an organization that places minority youth in business and industry. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Notre Dame College of Ohio, a master’s degree from Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland University and is pursuing a doctoral degree in applied management and decision science with a concentration in organizational change and leadership from Walden University. She serves on the Mount Union Board of Trustees.
Building a CURRICULUM
As Mount Union plans for the future, it is important not to be stagnant. At the same time, the College cannot fall prey to fads and gimmicks. “As we consider a curriculum for the future we must craft it with care – sensitive to our tradition, but smart enough to adapt appropriately,” said Dr. Richard Giese, president of the College, in his inaugural address in 2006.

As the College works toward building a curriculum for the future – one of six strategic goals set forth since Giese returned to serve as president – the smaller size of the College will be an advantage, allowing for more adaptability than its larger counterparts. “In the late 80s, few anticipated the rapidity of influence from technology,” emphasized Giese. “Mount Union was committed to embracing technology and was able use it to the advantage of its professors and students. Today, technology is a way of life on campus.”

Likewise, there are rapid advances taking place in the working world that call for adaptability in Mount Union’s curriculum. Fields of study that never could have been anticipated have become a way of life.

According to Amy Tomko ’81, vice president for enrollment services at Mount Union, the College currently offers 15 of the 25 majors preferred by the 2007 ACT tested population of prospective students. This data, provided by EIS, indicates that although Mount Union is meeting the educational needs of many prospective students, there are other potential career fields that need to be explored.

In an effort to ensure that potentially new majors are stable benefits to the Mount Union curriculum, the College has set a number of criteria for such programs – compatibility with the College mission, sufficient student interest, significant career opportunities, attractiveness to students who are academically equivalent or better than the current student profile and financially viable.

Progress has come quickly and five new programs that meet these criteria have been approved by the Mount Union faculty recently. In the fall of 2007, the College began to offer majors in medical technology and intervention specialist (special education). Approved programs for the fall of 2008 include environmental science and criminal justice, and in May of 2009, Mount Union plans to offer its first master’s program in nearly a century through its new Physician Assistant Program.
Making History

Mount Union, which last offered a master’s program in 1912, began contemplating the reintroduction of graduate programs last year when Dr. Patricia Draves, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, and the faculty were charged by Giese with moving forward with the strategic initiative of building a curriculum for the future. After much research, the program was approved by the faculty and members of the Board of Trustees and planning has begun in an effort to welcome the first class of students to the program in May of 2009.

“The Physician Assistant program supports our mission to prepare students for meaningful work, fulfilling lives and responsible citizenship and is a natural extension of our long tradition of priming students for medical school,” said Giese. “The role of a physician assistant in medical practice is to be a caring, compassionate advocate for the patient and to spend more time with the patient than the physician can in providing patient education. Mount Union has a tradition of preparing students to be good communicators and compassionate, caring humanitarians, and this will be the foundation of the program here.”

Physician assistants are health professionals licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision. A field that was first developed in the 1960s during the Vietnam War, it has grown into one of the most in-demand professions in the State of Ohio and across the nation. The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics projected a 49 percent increase in the number of physician assistant jobs between 2004 and 2014, making it the third fastest-growing profession in the country.

According to the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA), Ohio ranks 40th in per capita employment of physician assistants, indicating that there is much potential for growth in the profession within the state. In addition, Ohio is suffering from a shortage of physicians, adding to the increased need for quality health care providers such as physician assistants.

“We also have been seeing an increasing number of our Mount Union graduates entering into physician assistant master’s programs at other institutions,” said Draves. “This is just one of numerous positive indicators telling us that it is the right time to implement the program on Mount Union’s campus.”

According to Draves, Jennifer Hillyer, instructor of biology, is currently working with 10 Mount Union students who plan to pursue careers as physician assistants after graduation, and nearly as many students majoring in athletic training and exercise science show a similar interest.

“Although not all area hospitals currently employ physician assistants, many are looking into the possibility of having them on staff in the future,” said Giese. “In addition, physician assistants are currently employed by a number of private medical offices in the area.”

The Physician Assistant Program will enroll 25-30 students each year, who will earn master of science degrees upon completion of 24 months of coursework and clinicals. The clinical phase of the program is designed to provide instruction in the in-patient and out-patient setting so that students are prepared for clinical practice.
At the Helm

Upon approval of the program, one of the first steps toward making it a reality was hiring a director to build the program from the bottom up. As a result of a national search, Mount Union has named Sharon Luke program director of physician assistant studies.

“This is an exciting time for us at Mount Union College,” said Giese. “Not only are we planning for this innovative program that allows us to meet a growing demand across the nation, but we have the opportunity to do so while preparing students to be good communicators and caring humanitarians. I believe Sharon Luke will instill in our students the importance of being both skilled medical practitioners and caring advocates for the patient, allowing us to fulfill our mission of preparing students for meaningful work, fulfilling lives and responsible citizenship.”

Luke comes to Mount Union from Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) where she has served as director of its Physician Assistant Program, a collaborative effort with Cleveland State University’s Master of Science in Health Sciences Program. Prior to joining the faculty at Tri-C, Luke built an impressive résumé, combining years of teaching experience with hands-on knowledge gained as a practitioner. She has served as a faculty member at Tri-C and as a clinical preceptor, both for the Physician Assistant Program, and taught Board Review Courses through the institution’s Continuing Education Program. In addition, she taught microbiology courses at the University of Akron.

Prior to entering the classroom, Luke gained practical experience in a number of medical settings. She began her career as a phlebotomist at Plasma Alliance in Akron, OH and then joined the staff of the Cleveland Clinic, serving as a neurosurgery research technologist, DNA research technologist and cytogenetics technologist. After completing the Physician Assistant Program at Tri-C, Luke was a physician assistant for Dr. Adolph Harper, Jr. in Akron and then returned to the Cleveland Clinic as a physician assistant in the Department of Palliative Medicine.

“We are extremely fortunate that Sharon Luke has agreed to come on board and lead our proposed Physician Assistant Program at Mount Union,” said Draves. “She definitely brings invaluable experience in program direction to the table. More importantly, though, our students will benefit immensely from her experience as both an educator and a practitioner.”

Mikki (Cannell ‘98) Kanagy enjoying career as physician assistant

Michele "Mikki" (Cannell ’98) Kanagy, who is a physician assistant with Salem Pediatrics and Carnation Clinic, credits her liberal arts education at Mount Union College with easing her transition into graduate school. Kanagy attended Chatham College, earning her master’s degree in 2001.

“My experience at Mount Union allowed me to learn how to learn,” said Kanagy. “My master’s program was a problem-based learning curriculum. I have relied upon sources for learning that I discovered while a student at Mount Union. In addition, the excellent science faculty from whom I had the fortune to learn laid the foundation for my future career.”

Kanagy decided to pursue a career as a physician assistant because she wanted to work in the medical field, allowing her to care for people. “I entered Mount Union and immediately followed the pathway for the pre-medicine program thinking I was going to be a physician,” said Kanagy. “After my second year, I realized that I really did not want to be a doctor.”

She then began researching careers in medicine and becoming a physician assistant “sounded great based on the career for which I was looking.” Kanagy was attracted to many elements of a career as a physician assistant including job diversity, ability to diagnose and treat patients with the added support of a supervising physician and a strong emphasis on patient education and compassionate care. “I followed a physician assistant around for a day, and that was it,” she said. “I knew that this was the career for me. I love what I do!”

According to Kanagy, the thing she likes best about her job is her ability to spend time with her patients. “This allows me to ask a lot of questions and perform a complete physical,” said Kanagy. “Because I have the time to spend with my patients, I am able to more accurately diagnose and treat them.” The added bonus of being a physician assistant is that, if she needs assistance with any part of her patient’s care, her supervising physician is there.

“Mount Union will benefit in many different ways from a master’s program in physician assistant studies,” said Kanagy. “This new group of students will spur current faculty to develop additional programs and enhance the learning experience, which will benefit the entire student body.”

In addition, Kanagy thinks that the new instructors with expertise in physician assistant studies will enhance and broaden the horizons of the program’s students as well as other students not directly involved in the program. “Hearing this new program will educate students and the entire community of Alliance about the important role played by physician assistants,” she added.

“This new program will expose many new students to our immediate community,” said Kanagy. “This exposure will be seen in area health clinics, doctor’s offices and area hospitals and will give our students the opportunity to directly interact with citizens of our community. I am confident that this will be a positive experience for all involved and will serve to enhance Mount Union’s reputation as a fine institution of higher learning.”
Luke earned a bachelor of science degree in the natural sciences (biology) from the University of Akron in 1986. After completing some graduate-level coursework in microbiology and molecular biology at the University of Akron, she earned an associate of applied science degree from the CAAHEP-accredited Physician Assistant Program at Tri-C in 1996 and a master of science degree in health sciences from Cleveland State University in 2006.

A member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants and Ohio Association of Physician Assistants, Luke is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCA) and licensed by the State of Ohio Medical Board as a physician assistant.

As the program director at Mount Union, Luke will be charged with the development and implementation of the curriculum for the new program. Initial efforts will include working through ARC-PA accreditation, admitting the first class of students and providing leadership for all aspects of program development. Luke also will be responsible for some classroom and laboratory instruction, student advising, program evaluation, small group facilitation, scholarly activity and committee involvement.

“I can’t think of an opportunity more exciting than my new role at Mount Union, which allows me to be involved in the development of a new program from the ground up,” said Luke. “I have spent the majority of my professional career in the medical field, and the demand and potential I have seen for physician assistants is incredible. Mount Union seized a phenomenal opportunity to be the first to bring this program not only to the Stark County area, but to a liberal-arts based college in northeast Ohio. I am extremely grateful to be part of it.”

**Offering Support**

Since one of the primary components of the Physician Assistant Program includes clinical rotations, representatives of the College are currently discussing the possibility of hands-on education with the area hospital systems, as well as the Cleveland Clinic. In addition, a number of alumni serving in the medical field have stepped up to congratulate the College on this addition to the curriculum and to offer guidance and service as needed.

“Mount Union is doing the right thing in responding to the need for physician assistants by offering this master’s level program,” said Charles Campbell ’66, chief of cardiac surgery at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, IL. “This is a field that is poised for growth and Mount Union is responding to a need. Like all of the other programs Mount Union offers, this one will be challenging while preparing students for a meaningful life.”

Board of Trustee member Dr. Walter Wichern ’43, retired chairman of the Department of Surgery at St. Lukes-Roosevelt Medical Center in New York, agrees.

“The physician assistant program is a logical next step for Mount Union College since it has had a strong tradition of educating students in the natural and health sciences,” said Wichern. “The medical field is changing rapidly and it is good to see that Mount Union has responded to the changes. Physician assistants will continue to play a relevant role in patient care for generations to come.”

Other alumni have agreed to serve in an advisory capacity on a new council that will offer guidance to Draves and Luke during the planning phase of the program.

“Members of the Physician Assistant Advisory Council not only will provide advice and counsel, but will discuss and review the program as it develops, open doors to clinical opportunities, help to introduce the program to the medical community, serve as ambassadors for the College and the program and participate as speakers and resources,” said James Piatt Jr., vice president for college advancement.

Serving as co-chairs of the council are Dr. Robert Kunkel ’55, consultant in the Department of Neurology at The Cleveland Clinic and Dr. James Magisano ’53, retired general surgeon for Fairview Hospital Systems in Cleveland.

“It would appear that this is a good time for Mount Union College to develop a master’s degree program in physician assistant studies,” said Kunkel. “Not only is this a rapidly growing professional field, but commencing January 1, 2008, the state of Ohio requires that all PAs have a master’s degree in order to obtain a license to practice in Ohio.”

Magisano agrees. “Physician assistants are playing an increasingly vital role in the process of providing quality health care...” he said. “Nationwide, there is a growing need for these well-trained health care workers. Mount Union’s PA program comes at a critical time and offers the perfect combination of classroom and hands-on learning with the added benefit of a liberal arts foundation. Mount Union certainly prepared me well for my career in medicine, and I believe this new program will result in skilled physician assistants entering the workforce at a much needed time.”

Other members of the council include Dr. Seth Brown, cardiologist for Stark Medical Specialists, Inc. in Massillon, OH; Dr. M. Richard Drake ’72, head of the Anatomy Department at The Cleveland Clinic; Dr. Edward Farnham ’55, general surgeon for Surgical Associates of Medina in Medina, OH; Dr. Jan Hedin ’74, physician for Southcoast Family Practices in Bluffton, SC; Dr. Leonard Kuretu ’72, assistant director of surgery at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA; Dr. Thomas Salmon ’59, retired oral surgeon for Oral Surgeons of Mid-Florida in Longwood, FL; Dr. Louis G. Shaheen ’82, general internist for Mansard Medicine in Canton, OH; and Mr. Eugene Thorn ’80, vice president and chief financial officer at Union Hospital in Dover, OH.

“The support this program has received from alumni physicians, area doctors and local hospitals is promising.” Giese added. “We have the great fortune of a broad medical community from which to draw for clinical rotations and the philosophy of the physician assistant profession is a strong fit with our focus on developing compassionate and caring professionals.”
Intervention Specialist

The intervention specialist major will lead to a career teaching learners with special education needs. The candidate will major in intervention specialist and minor in an area of their choice, leading to licensure.

The early childhood intervention specialist teaching license is valid for teaching learners with mild/moderate/intensive education needs from ages 3 through 8 and prekindergarten through grade three.

The mild/moderate intervention specialist teaching license is valid for teaching learners with mild/moderate education needs from ages 5 through 21 and kindergarten through grade 12.

Medical Technology

The Mount Union College - Cleveland Clinic 3 + 1 Medical Technology Program allows students interested in the medical field to obtain a degree that will give them both a broad liberal arts background and extensive clinical training.

Students will spend three years at Mount Union, and their fourth year of school will be spent completing 2,000 hours of intense training at the Cleveland Clinic School of Medical Technology. After completing the training, students must pass a comprehensive examination and meet the requirements for the Senior Culminating Experience, resulting in a bachelor of science degree in medical technology.

Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for certification examinations given by the Board of Registry of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, the National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel and/or equivalent certifying agencies.

Environmental Science

Environmental science majors learn to address environmental issues from an interdisciplinary perspective with an emphasis on hands-on experiences. Majors experience in-depth training in one selected field of science – chemistry, geology or biology – in preparation for a career in a number of areas including natural resources and conservation, public health, environmental monitoring, industrial environmental management, research and higher education.

Students will experience the combination of an integrated core in environmental science, depth in a particular science and breadth in environmentally-related classes across the liberal arts in preparation for career success and entry into graduate school.

Criminal Justice

Driven by student interest, Mount Union is developing its concentration in criminal justice into a major program. First implemented as a concentration in 1997, the interdisciplinary program has drawn students from a number of majors and will now offer two majors – applied criminal justice and research criminal justice – as well as a minor.

The major in applied criminal justice will prepare students for work at organizations such as the FBI, CIA and Secret Service, as well as employment at the state and local levels in corrections, probation and parole. The major in research criminal justice will prime students for graduate school.

Not only does this program fulfill student interest, but it will provide potential employees for a growing field. Trends indicate that a large number of federal employees may opt for early retirement in the next few years, creating a plethora of open positions.
As Mount Union College forges ahead in developing a curriculum for the future, it is important to recognize the remarkable progress the College has experienced over the past several decades as well. Mount Union has a long-standing tradition of support for the advancement of the College. Being a smaller college with a supportive administration, members of the faculty have been aided and awarded in their efforts to anticipate the future needs of Mount Union students, recognize innovations and be proactive in incorporating technological advances into the curriculum.

Following are reflections of four senior faculty members on the progress of the institution since they joined the faculty, each in the 1970s. These professors, who have been leading the College into the future for a combined total of 135 years, are but a few of the stellar examples of the academic excellence, active leadership and compassionate mentorship that distinguish Mount Union faculty.
Current senior faculty member Dr. Len Epp joined the Mount Union faculty in 1970. "The world of science had not changed much in 30 years when I originally came on board," said Epp. “Now it is constantly evolving to keep up with technology.”

Although Mount Union has a long-standing tradition of opening doors to medical school for its graduates, students just majored in biology or chemistry prior to the initiation of the pre-medicine pre-professional program. Dr. Art Murdoch, professor emeritus of chemistry, wrote the pre-medicine letters on behalf of the committee for applicants to medical school. The requirements kept evolving and Epp eventually became the advisor for nearly all of the students heading for medical school because of the increasing complexity. "I was the pre-med advisor for over 20 years," said Epp. "Now Ben Burlingham (assistant professor of chemistry) has taken over and is taking things in a new direction."

Classes were held in Lamborn Hall when Epp first came to Mount Union. Only the basics were offered and lab facilities were minimal. “We shifted from being a teaching institution to a research facility with the move to Tolerton and Hood in the early 80s,” said Epp. “We had more room and more budget for equipment and supplies. We experienced huge growth as an institution in the early 90s – to the point that we had to cut up classrooms and offices. We were quickly outgrowing the facility.”

The answer to that problem came with the construction of Bracy Hall, dedicated in the fall of 2003. “This is a state-of-the-art science facility,” said Epp. “And the labs are fantastic.

“The administration has always been supportive of new ideas,” said Epp. “They have always figured out a way to go ahead and get it done when a faculty member has a valid need or an innovative new idea.”

In 1975, when Dr. Patricia (Foley ’73) Matthews joined the faculty at Mount Union, the only major offered in the area of business was economics.

“It was under the guidance of Hugh Pinney that we began to branch out,” said Matthews. “We would not be where we are today without him. He was a great mentor.”

The first additions were the business administration major and concentrations in accounting and business management, followed by the accounting major. Minors in accounting and business administration were added soon after as well as concentrations in marketing, quantitative analysis and international business. In 1985, international business and economics became a major. The health systems concentration came on board in 1995, followed by the human resource concentration in 2003.

“A small school like Mount Union has that advantage,” said Matthews. “We can address the needs of our students and develop a curriculum for the future with less bureaucracy.”

In addition, internships and other programs including BEST, which allows students to “sit down at the table” with area business leaders for dialogue, have distinguished Mount Union and drawn the attention of the business world.

“I always felt that there was a passion among the long-term faculty,” said Matthews. “Mount Union is more than a job to me. I get up in the morning and love going to work. Most people can’t say that.”

Every year, Matthews takes students to visit the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Students have had the opportunity to experience commodities trading alongside the pit traders. The Chicago trip also includes a visit to the Federal Reserve Bank. In addition, the Investment Team, under the tutelage of Matthews, has become a winning tradition.

Matthews is also known for her “zingers.” These are problems she throws in on her examinations to test the ability of her students to apply the theories they have learned in class. “Teaching has to supplement the textbook,” said Matthews. “It’s not memorization, but application that is important. I teach my students to succeed in life after college.”
**Dr. Steve Kramer**  
Professor of Psychology

When Dr. Steve Kramer first came to Mount Union, all his psychology classes were lecture courses. Today, all of his courses are discussion-based except abnormal psychology.

Originally housed in van den Eynden Hall, the Department of Psychology only had one room in East Hall that was actually a lab, and this was largely constructed by psychology professor Don Ray. "Tolerton and Hood Hall is a dramatic improvement," said Kramer. "The renovations have provided well-equipped lab space and enhanced the Senior Culminating Experience (SCE) for psychology majors."

Service learning, now a major component of the education of Mount Union students across-the-board, had its roots in Kramer’s Social Responsibility class, which he started in 1990. It is an outgrowth of the Outward Bound Trip, which stems back to 1975.

"This course provides students with experience in service and a chance to travel abroad with the opportunity to serve in a third world country” said Kramer, who knows the value of this experience firsthand. He taught in Iraq from 1966-68. “It changed my life,” he said.

Service soon began to be incorporated into other courses on campus. Originally called "experiential education," this blossomed into service-learning in the mid-90s. "More than 60 classes now have a service learning component," said Kramer."In fact, more disciplines have adopted service learning into the curriculum than have not."

Kramer, along with professors Gene Petrus and Bob Baird, first took students on the Wilderness Trip in 1976. The trio began by taking a group to the Adirondacks for two weeks in August. Now the trip is a 10-day experience. Kramer has kept it going for more than 30 years, recently turning over the reins to psychology professors Dr. Sarah Torok and Dr. Kristine Turko.

Kramer has also been actively involved in the development of Integrative Experience courses. Courses like *War and Peace* incorporate elements from multiple disciplines and illuminate the correlation between them that lies at the core of a liberal arts education.

In addition, internships were non-existent in the early 1970s and Kramer was among the first to start such a program at the College.

**Dr. John Kirchmeyer**  
Professor of Computer Science and Information Systems

The first computing major at Mount Union was created in 1976 by Jim Rodman and Bill Sloan, and was housed in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. There were only seven computer science courses in the catalog, including independent study and internship. The major was called applied computer science and included a required concentration in another discipline.

Dr. John Kirchmeyer joined the faculty in 1978. In 1981, applied computer science became a separate department with Kirchmeyer as the first chair, and the program grew rapidly.

“By 1992, there were 27 CS courses and four full-time faculty in the department,” said Kirchmeyer. “Applied computer science was replaced by two majors: computer science and information systems.”

The World Wide Web, which we all take for granted now, was created in 1993. “In 1994 Jim Klayder was telling us the web would be a big deal, and he was right on,” said Kirchmeyer. “By 1994, there were only about 2,700 web servers in the world, one of which was the Mount Union campus web server located in Jim’s office, which was soon followed by a web server in my office.”

By 2006, there were more than 100 million web servers. “We helped lead this explosive growth,” said Kirchmeyer.

In April 2000, Yahoo Internet Life magazine named Mount Union one of America’s Most-Wired Colleges. “We were ranked 1st in Ohio and 3rd in the nation among the 637 Baccalaureate II category colleges and universities,” said Kirchmeyer.

In 2000, in collaboration with Joel Collins in the Department of Art, the interdisciplinary media computing major was added. The program was partly inspired by Louise Moses’ (professor of computer science and information systems) international travels, and still is somewhat unique among small colleges.

“Our computing programs continue to evolve and grow,” said Kirchmeyer. “We now offer three computing majors, five minors and 46 courses.” There are six full-time faculty in the department, along with art faculty who also teach media computing courses.

“Our students are well prepared for successful careers and meaningful lives,” said Kirchmeyer. “We have more companies seeking our students as interns than we can provide. Frequently, internships result in offers of positions after graduation. Sometimes these offers come as early as a year before graduation. We expect computing enrollments will soon begin to rise as they did in the late 90s. We will be ready.”
**CLASS notes**

Alumni and friends had the opportunity to learn from the expertise of Mount Union's very own AVI chefs during **Cooking 101** – a series of four cooking classes offered through the Office of Alumni and College Activities.

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**ALUMNI UPDATE**

**KALAHARI WATERPARK**

More than 200 alumni, family and friends turned out for a fun-filled event at Kalahari Waterpark Resort and Convention Center. Participants enjoyed the indoor waterpark and the opportunity to join with fellow classmates for an alumni dinner in the evening.

**FLORIDA GATHERINGS**

Sarasota and Naples were the sites of two alumni gatherings held in Florida during the month of March. Participants had the opportunity to join for a great luncheon featuring Dr. Patricia Draves, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College.

**COOKING CLASSES**

A number of alumni and friends have joined Mount Union and its very own AVI chefs for Cooking 101. Four sessions were held beginning in December, offering participants the opportunity to explore a variety of cooking tips. Sessions included Holiday Cooking 101, Cook Away the Winter Blues and Tapas – The New Innovative Form of Dining. The series wrapped up in March with an Alumni Iron Chef Competition.

**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 Golf Outing will be held Saturday, July 19, 2008 at Tannenhausen Golf Club. To register or learn about sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Office of Alumni and College Activities at (330) 823-2030 or alumni@muc.edu.

For more alumni news, visit www.muc.edu/alumni.

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**1960**

Ann (Reeves) and Robert Burton reside at 852 Knightsbridge, Akron, OH 44313.

**1961**

Lynn (Wagner) Dawson resides at 3819 W. Ghost Flower Ln., Anthem, AZ 85086.

**1962**

Carol (MacDonald) Gillette resides 409 Scott Ln., Venetia, PA 15367.

**1963**

Claudia (Hess) Theriot and Dr. Kenneth Drake were married on May 20, 2006. They reside at 6676 Coral Falls Cir., Las Vegas, NV 89108.

**1964**

Warren and Barbara (Smith ‘65) Cain reside at 880 Club Dr., Keswick, VA 22947.

William “Ed” Hoag has been named vice president of Global Metals Procurement.

Nancy (Hohmann) and Bob King reside at 29422 Spotted Bull Way, San Juan Capishana, CA 92675.

Linda (Oriin) McCourt resides at 3766 Clear Falls Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339.

**1965**

Madelyn (Rinehart) and Stephen Pular reside at 5535 Reef Rd., Mentor, OH 44060.

**1966**

Susan (Battles) and Franklin Brown reside at 13179 Fred-Amity Rd., Fredricktown, OH 43019.

Margaret (Stickley) and Robert Eiland reside at 5917 Lacebark Ln., Durham, NC 27713.
Greetings fellow alumni,

For us Ohioans, March certainly lived up to its reputation of marching in like a lion. Let’s hope that we can welcome a mild spring.

Soon we will induct the newest alumni class of Mount Union College. The bonds that they’ve created with classmates, professors, administration and the College are something that we, as alumni, all have in common. We are fortunate to have experienced such a memorable and valuable college education.

It is always an exciting time at the College, and especially now as we approach the 162nd Commencement, anticipate new facilities and the possibilities they will bring, grow as a diverse community and welcome a new class.

I am proud to be a graduate of Mount Union College and find it rewarding to give a bit back to a college that gave so much to me. The sense of community that Mount Union creates is one of the things that make it so special.

Our goal is to continue to sponsor rewarding ways to engage alumni of Mount Union and their families. We are grateful for your support of all of the events thus far and in particular, for your support during Alumni Weekend and Homecoming 2007. We hope that you include this weekend in your plans for 2008 to reconnect with the College and friends near and far.

A few initiatives underway for this year are formal alumni networking and a series of alumni service projects. For instance, if you own a small business and need some accounting expertise, you would be able to search for a Mount Union grad who may be able to help. Our education has given us things that make it so special.

The College and its community is one of the things that make it so special.

Happy spring,

Mary Lou Horwood ’98
Alumni Council President
Kathryn (Gentithes) and Craig Cumberworth reside at 2040 Celestial Dr. NE, Warren, OH 44484.
David Williams resides at 48342 Long Ln., Lexington Park, MD 20653.

**1981**
Mark and Cindy Brislin can be reached at P.O. Box 14894, Nairobi, Kenya 00800.
Beverly Day resides at 50 Whetstone, Irvine, CA 92604.
Mark and Sherry Franklin reside at 2000 Keystone Rd., Parma, OH 44134. They are the parents of Finnian, 4 and Natali, 3.
Linda (Couts) and George Salsberry reside at 529 E. Washington St., Apt. H, Wellerboro, SC 29484.
Randall Smith resides at 1588 Keene Troy Pike, Versailles, KY 40383.

**1982**
Sandi (Guy) and Stan Broadway reside at 3677 Peel Rd., Radnor, OH 43066.
Cheryl (Jagta) and Peter Sherrard reside at 213 Lirope Ct., Matthews, NC 28105. Cheryl is vice president for the South Region Board of the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA).
Andrea Vale resides at TASIS American School, OH 9626 Montagnola, Switzerland.

**1983**
Bonnie Bowman and Steve DePasquale reside at 7356 Kingstown St. NW, Massillon, OH 44646.
Jim and Tammy Karmie reside at 161 Arthur Ave., Clarksburg, WV 26301.
Todd Morrow resides at 4179 Locness Cir. NW, Canton, OH 44718.
Terence Walker resides at 69F. Main St., Plymouth, NH 03264. He has become certified as a diamontologist with the Diamond Council of America.

**1984**
Diana Mayer resides at 173 Westfield Dr., Nashville, TN 37221.
John and Peggy (Vogler) Millet reside 982 Lancewood Dr., Macedonia, OH 44056.
Steve and Anna (Pachan) Zamagias reside at 212 Thomas Paxton Ct., Loveland, OH 45140.

**1985**
Robert Frey has been appointed campus safety supervisor at Olivet College.
Richard Gershom resides at 2542 Hard Rd., Dublin, OH 43016.
Randy Gluck resides at 1607 S. Main St., Apt. B. North Canton, OH 44709.
Troy Starr has been named director of football operations for the University of Florida.

**1986**
Lisa (Hartman) and Michael Barker reside at 6986 S. Newland St. Littleton, CO 80128. They are the parents of Tanya, 3.
Lynne (Michel) and Budd Blackburn reside at 17569 Frances Farm Pl., Hamilton, VA 20158.

**1987**
Shawn Douglass resides at 6550 N. Glenwood, #2S, Chicago, IL 60626.
Sigmund and Dawn VanDamme announce the birth of a daughter, Vivian, on July 30, 2007 who joins siblings Gunnar, 4 and Helen. 2. They reside at 856 Kraeg Rd., Pittsford, NY 14534.

**1988**
Kevin and Karen (Turowski) Scarborough reside at 1202 Bower Ln., The Villages, FL 32159.
Barbara (Quigg) Shreve resides at 141 Grand Ave., Swuance, GA 30024.

**1989**
Heather (Ackley) and Rodney Clements announce the birth of a daughter Amanda Mae, on June 8, 2007 who joins siblings April, 17 and Anna, 12. They reside at 3312 Winterhaven Dr., La Verne, CA 91750.
Stephanie (Pace) Brown was named executive director of the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association.
Molly Miller and Tracie Culler and are the parents of Thomas, 3. They reside at 15651 E. Tepee Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.
Melanie Samay and Tony Ngo were married on December 29, 2006. The wedding party included graduates Micheile (Samay) ’85 Coss and Mindy Samay ’86.

**1990**
Sanjay (Upadhyay) and Anuja Adhikari reside at 2010 SE 26 LN. Homestead, FL 33035.
Thomas and May Beard announce the birth of a son, Bryce Carl, on November 13, 2006.
Jeffrey Berdysz resides at 6234 Glenwood Dr. Mentor, OH 44060.
Kate (Munro) and Jay Hartland announce the birth of a daughter, Anna, on February 17, 2006 who joins siblings Ryan, 10; Stephanie, 7; Justin, 5 and Natalie, 3. They reside at 60 Greenbriar Dr., Aurora, OH 44202.
Lori (McCalmroch) and James Karasek reside at 209 S. Prospect Ave., Hartville, OH 44632. She was named branch manager for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Northeast Ohio.
Andrew Small resides at 743 Hunt Club Way, Avon Lake, OH 44012.
Helena (Uber) and Darren Warnel reside at 4028 Suimatanga Rd. Gallant, AL 35972.

**1991**
Wei-Ko and Mia Cheng reside at 2-7-1, Himuro-cho, Hyogo-ku, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan 652-0054.
Sharon Evanich earned an associate degree in applied science in hospitality management at Columbus State Community College. She was selected as a recipient of the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Michael E. Hurst Student Forum and Salute to Excellence Award.
Darlene Glass has been named a Woman of Triumph by the Women Work! Organization.
Melissa (Miller) and Shawn Krizan announce the birth of a daughter, Ava Gabriella, on April 2, 2006 who joins siblings Evan, 2.
Chris (Rodich) and Doug Kuhlke announce the birth of a son, Cole Geoffrey Alan, on December 30, 2006 who joins siblings Elizabeth, 10; Lauren, 7; Rachel, 6 and William, 3. They reside at 1386 Kingsgate Dr. Carmel, IN 46032.
Kim (Schaffner) and Doug Latham announce the birth of a son, Cole Geoffrey Alan, on December 30, 2006 who joins siblings Elizabeth, 10; Lauren, 7; Rachel, 6 and William, 3. They reside at 1386 Kingsgate Dr. Carmel, IN 46032.

**1992**
Paige (Bragg) and Mike Donahoe announce the birth of a daughter, Reese Ann, on February 22, 2007.
Tonya (Woytowich) and Leon Gendin announce the birth of a daughter, Aviva, on October 11, 2006.
Shannon (Douglass) and Christopher George are the parents of Duncan, 4 and Lincoln, 2. They reside at 671 Fruitwood Dr., Bethel Park, PA 15102.
Jennifer Louthan resides at 9055 E. Catalina Hwy. # 10106 Tucson, AZ 85749.
Marylou (Arke) and Keith Mohr reside at 3104D Uphur Ave. 29 Palms, CA 92277. She earned a master of education degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Shelley (Kern) and Bill Reinacher reside at 6660 Lake Clark Dr. Lakeland, FL 33813. She is owner/president of a Mad Science Franchise.
Kim Simons is a relationship manager for Allegiant Asset Management.
Denny and April Snyder announce the birth of a son, Eli, on November 30, 2007 who joins siblings Conner, 4 and Jacob, 2.
Jennifer Portaro Speer and Mark Marando reside at 6545 Cline Coe Dr., Brecksville, OH 44141.
Lisa VanDelinder resides at 1745 Auburn Rd., Secona Falls, NY 13148.
Becky (Skeels) and Chuck Weaver announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Grace, on February 19, 2007.

**1993**
Carol (Welling) and Jim Boltz announce the birth of a son, Chase James, on July 21, 2007. They reside at 209 N. Bridge St. Stone Creek, OH 43840.
Christine (Ess) and Timothy Canan reside at 118 Van Buren Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221.
Lisa Chamberlin resides at 10361 Foggy Bottom Rd., Pensacola, FL 32507.
Jack and Nichelle Cunningham reside at 1448 Homestead Dr., East Liverpool, OH 43920.
Sean and Melissa Egan announce the birth of a daughter, Kaitlin Michelle, on March 17, 2007. They reside at 608 Humiston Dr. Bay Village, OH 44140.
Todd and Joann (Hentsch ‘94) Fisher reside at 1548 Demorest Rd. Columbus, OH 43228. They are the parents of Benjamin, 8; Evan, 5 and Caralyn, 3.
Kendra (Grahl) and Rod Smith announce the birth of a son, Bren Jensen, on March 27, 2007 who joins siblings Dane, 6. They reside at 511 Main St., Box 563, Castalia, OH 44824.
Kendra is an assistant principal at Clyde-Green Springs School and Rod is an assistant principal at Fremont City Schools.
McMaster and Team Win Championship

Dr. Robert McMaster ’61 recently competed in the U.S. Masters Basketball Championship in Coral Springs, FL. He and his teammates, all over 65 years of age, won for the third consecutive year. In addition, in August they won the World’s Maxi Championship for the second time in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

McMaster returned to campus in February to play in the men’s basketball alumni game, competing against current Mount Union basketball team members.

“There is something special here at Mount Union,” he said. “That was part of the reason why I came here as a student. I wanted to go where I could play basketball for all four years instead of going to a Division I school and not playing until my senior year.”

McMaster practiced obstetrics and gynecology in his hometown of Sun City, AZ before retiring in 2001. Since his retirement six years ago, McMaster has enjoyed refereeing high school basketball games in Arizona along with maintaining his own athletic career.

Lane Visits China on Mission Trip

Kathy (Roth ’67) Lane recently participated in a medical mission to China with the Alliance for Smiles.

This organization was born out of Rotary Clubs in San Francisco and Hong Kong and sponsors missions to repair cleft lips and palates for Chinese children. Since Lane’s return, the organization has opened a training and treatment center at Jiujiang University Hospital.

In a diary she kept during her trip, Lane provided an example of the types of cases she dealt with while there. One child in particular, little Sun, was a favorite of the volunteers and staff.

“He had so many problems,” said Lane. “His cleft lip and palate had caused some serious side effects. He had a rough time the first day, but improved steadily. On the last day his grandparents, who raised him, presented the doctors with a banner recognizing the Alliance for Smiles Bring Spring (New Life) to Our Family. It doesn’t get better than that.”

Lane is the retired director of the Suburban O’Hare Commission. She resides in Bensenville, IL.
OH 44903. She is a physician assistant for Kidney Associates, Inc.

Melanie (Maruschak) and Delbert Sullivan were married July 14, 2007. They reside at 717 S. Cassingham Rd., Bexley, OH 43209.

Matthew and Tricia Stamp announce the birth of a son, Austin, on December 22, 2006 who joins sibling Andrew. They reside at 3911 Wedgewood Pl. Dr. Powell, OH 43065. Matthew is a director of state and local taxes with GBQ Partners, LLC.

Dr. Michael and Dr. Heather (O'Shea) Wayt are the parents of Ireland, 6; Kenadee, 6 and Brooklyn, 2.

James Wojcik resides at Carl Bosch Str. 14, Ludwigsafen/Rhein Germany D-67063.

1996

Kerry Agins was selected to the Ohio State Bar Foundation’s 2007 Fellows Class.

Amy (Zuercher) and William Bell announce the birth of a son, Brady Harrison, on April 9, 2007.

Juliet (Blackford) and Bob Drotleff announce the birth of a son, Brandon, on April 26, 2007 who joins sibling Nicholas, 3.

Casey Fish resides at 1853 South James Gregarie Rd., Mount Pleasant, SC 29466 and is president and chief executive officer for ACI Holdings, LLC.

Katherine Freisen resides at 7986 Plains Rd., Mentor, OH 44060.

Amity Hartmann can be reached at P.O. Box 1076, Marietta, OH 45750.

William Mackin can be reached at P.O. Box 129, North Eas, PA 16428. He recently earned a master’s degree in organizational leadership from Mercyhurst College and is a Peace teacher for Our Lady of Peace School. He is a financial analyst for Dickeld Diebold.

Heidi (Ross) and Brent Bach announce the birth of a daughter, Amelia Jane, on August 1, 2007 who joins sibling Carter, 2. They reside at 8772 Eastlynn NW, Massillon OH 44646.

Vincent Contrucci resides at 19 Barnett Street, Apt. E21, New Haven, CT 06515. He is director of community service at Quinnipiac University.

Amy (Thompson) and Derrick Cope announce the birth of a son, Jacob, on August 14, 2006 who joins siblings Joshua, 6 and Kyle, 4.

Danielle (Strainer) Danburg and Curtis Danburg reside at 4578 W. 214th St. Fairview Park, OH 44126. They would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah, on January 3, 2007 who joins sibling Tyler, 5.

Brian and Andie Dietz reside at 1200 Academy Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006.

Elizabeth (Bailey) and Jason Dolly announce the birth of a son, Vincent Carter, on July 3, 2006. They reside at 4685 Allenwood St., SW, Canton, OH 44706.

Tonya (Scott) and Benjamin Durkin reside at 1705 N. Ola Vista Apt. # H, San Clemente, CA 92672. Tonya was honored with the SCHOTT Accelerated Sales Award for Outstanding Sales.

Brian and Sheri Flinn announce the birth of a son, Austin Cestone, on July 8, 2007.

Heather (Armstrong) and Brian Saus announce the birth of a son, Luke Tyler, on April 30, 2007 who joins siblings Jake, 7 and Logann, 6.

Amanda (Shepherd) and Samuel Shaffer announce the birth of a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, on March 13, 2007 who joins siblings Samuel, 7 and Jackson, 5.

Emily Ushiyama and Ryosuke Takahashi were married July 7, 2006. They reside at # 1004, 1200 Creekside Dr. Apt. # 1721, Pickerington, OH 43147. Emily is a technology program manager for JP Morgan Chase.

Deborah (Hughes) and Christopher Rowland announce the birth of a daughter, Madison Irene, on February 23, 2007 who joins sibling Emilee, 3.

Dr. Dan and Ellen (Kreager) Van Dussen announce the birth of a daughter, Maya Danielle, on September 17, 2007 who joins sibling Aidan, 3. They reside at 1465 Fredericksburg Dr., Boardman, OH 44512. Dan earned a doctoral degree in gerontology from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

Michelle (Morris) and Dan Wilson announce the birth of a daughter, Gracie Elizabeth, on June 9, 2007.

Chad and Sarah (Krisher) Wyckoff reside at 316 Edgewood Dr. Dalton, OH 44618.

1998

Julie (Andes) and Rick Angione reside at 4522 Middlebranch Ave. NE, Canton, OH 44705. She is a health and fitness teacher for Our Lady of Peace School. He is a financial analyst for Diebold.

Jennifer (Channels) and Craig Ayala announce the birth of a daughter, Zoe.

Nicholas Beckloff resides at 9501 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda MD, 20814. He is a scientific information specialist for NCBI.

Toby Boyce was recently elected state director by the Delaware County Board of Realtors.

Jennifer (Dale) and Jeffery Breckenridge reside at 1098 Harley Run Dr., Blacklick, OH 43004. She is an adoption subsidy caseworker for Franklin County Children Services.

Shawna (MacCurdy) and Doug Bryan reside at 4725 Webb Dr., Andover, OH 44003.

Marcia (Renwick) and Don Burch reside at 521 Walden Pl. Pompton Plains, NJ 07444.

Jason and Kristen (Walchil) Burkey announce the birth of a son, Joshua, on March 21, 2007 who joins sibling Allison, 4.

Joe and Jessica Buttari announce the birth of a son, Joe, on March 12, 2007 who joins sibling Allison, 4.

Li Shing Cheah resides at 1200 Creekside Dr. Apt. # 1721, Folsom, CA 95630.

Fred and Jennifer Fiscus are the parents of Ella, 5 and Calla, 2.

The bridal party included graduate Mariah (Firkpatrick) Miller. They reside at 13164 West South Range Rd., Salem, OH 44460.

Jaime (McLain) and Shawn Fredritz announce the birth of a son, Owen James, on February 9, 2007 who joins sibling Brady, 5. They reside at 1420 Owens Rd., Wellington, OH 43968.

Jennifer (Hyland) and Gary Gorby announce the birth of sons, Dalton Patrick and Kendall Ashlyn, on September 10, 2007.

Holly (Coleman) and Matthew Heikkinen announce the birth of a son, Graham, on July 15, 2006 who joins sibling Hannah, 4. They reside at 10307 Birdwatch Dr., Tampa, FL 33647.

Michele (Cannell) and David Kanagy announce the birth of a daughter, Allison Marie, on August 14, 2007 who joins siblings Samuel, 5 and Michael, 3.
Tyler and Susan Nicholson are the parents of Hendley, 2. He is a financial service professional for New York Life. They reside at 36022 Shining Tree Ln., Salem, OH 44460.

David Sartin is an assistant offensive line coach at Grand Valley State University. He resides at 11022 Pine creek Ct., Allendale, MI 49401.

Michelle Shaheen-Wires and Timothy Wires announce the birth of a son, Michael, on March 12, 2007 who joins sibling Grace, 4.

Tracy Sutherlin and Jason Macedonia were married June 15, 2007. She earned a master of arts degree in biological sciences and is a fifth grade teacher of math and science at Reynoldsburg City Schools. He is a prosthetist-orthotist for Hanger Orthotics and Prosthetics. They reside at 1353Doten Ave., Columbus, OH 43212.

Julie (Robinson) Swartz resides at 414th Ave., Berea, OH 44017.

Dr. Farrah Thomas is a clinical psychologist. She resides at 590 Salon Rd., Bentleyville, OH 44022.

Amy (Sindyla) and Nathan Tulenson announce the birth of a daughter, Nora, on May 27, 2007. They reside at 6842 Weathervy Dr., Mentor, OH 44060.

Kevin and Kimberly Usciowski reside at 798 Maple Vista Dr., Delaware, OH 43015.

Stefanie (Boehm) and Adam Albright announce the birth of a daughter, Gracie Rose, on February 28, 2007.

Kristine (Adolph) and Richard Baker announce the birth of a son, Richard Aiden, on February 8, 2007. They reside at 1154 Glenview Dr., Suffield, OH 44260.

Megan (Dougherty) and Jason Ball ’00 announce the birth of a daughter, Lauren, on October 3, 2006.

Ashley (Pouch) and Jamie Bente ’00 announce the birth of a son, Tate Douglas, on July 28, 2007 who joins sibling Rogan, 3. They reside at 17820 Isel Ave., Lakeville MN 55044.

Ashley (Bright) and Thomas Bird reside at 569 Kelso Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15243.

Shana Black resides at 3621 Winchell Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122.

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Miracle (Conrad) and Dan Mallett ’98 announce the birth of a daughter, Addison Sophia, on August 17, 2007.

Janet (Miller) and Eric McClaskey reside at 204 W. Elmwood Ave., Baltimore, OH 43105. She is a physician extender for Children’s Hospital.

Alicia Moranz is a senior business analyst for Wachovia Bank. She resides at 430 Queens Rd. 632, Charlotte, NC 28207.

Amber Nile and Brett Hartmann announce the birth of a son, Mars Avery, on May 9, 2007.

Linda Spangler and Christine Arnold Osacio were married February 17, 2007.

Liz (Pugh) and Erik Raeburn ’94 announce the birth of a daughter, Reese Evangeline, on November 28, 2006 who joins siblings Cade, 4 and Elle, 3. Liz is a special education teacher for Cedar Rapids Community School District and Erik is the head football coach at Coe College. They reside at 430 Prairie View Dr., Fairfax, IA 52228.

Deborah (Lecker) and Leo Reed reside at #9 1st Cavalry Rd., Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027. He is a specialist in the United States Army.

Erica Rosenberger is a research associate at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. She resides at 156 Queensbury Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27104.

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Let us know about your new bundle of joy by sending in an update form (found in the back of each issue of Mount Union Magazine) or submitting it online at www.muc.edu/forms/alumni_update_form. Upon receipt of a birth announcement, we will send you a baby tee to welcome your child to the Mount Union family. Return a photo of your child wearing the tee, and we will include it in a future issue of Mount Union Magazine.

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Daughter of Jennifer (Channels ’98) and Craig Ayala

Bryce Beard
Son of Thomas ’90 and May Beard

Ellie and Lena Brem
Daughters of Kim Megyesi-Brem ’98 and Jeffrey Brem

Mason David Crysler
Son of Matt ’01 and Diana Crysler

Palmer and Pilar Hampton
Daughters of Andrae ’98 and Keturah Hampton

Anderson Todd Hurst
Son of Todd ’97 and Jamie Hurst

Luke Wren Jones
Son of Bryan ’99 and Hong Huang Jones

Addison Mackert
Daughter of Jennifer (Mezak ’99) and Brian Mackert

Carson Miles McMullen
Son of Amanda (Martin ’94) and Thomas McMullen

Jack Michaelis
Son of Kristen (Wojcik ’03) and Kurt Michaelis

Jonathan and Brandon Mitchner
Sons of Carrie (Albee ’98) and Jonathan Mitchner

Brendan Joseph Morreale
Son of Maureen (Mudra ’00) and Paul Morreale

Bren Smith
Son of Kendra (Grahl ’93) and Rod Smith

Andrew Stehura
Son of Carrie (Hennon ’99) and Bryan ’98 Stehura

Helen, Vivian and Gunnar VanDamme
Children of Sigmund ’87 and Dawn VanDamme

Michael Wires
Son of Michelle Shaheen-Wires ’98 and Timothy Wires

Alaina Wodzinski
Daughter of Renee (Antolik ’01) and Todd Wodzinski
reside at 4310 Holderman Ave.,
Louisville, OH 44641.

Andrea (Hahn) and Paul
Sullivan ’96 announce the birth of
a daughter, Abigail Kieran, on
April 10, 2006 who joins siblings
Jacklyn, 7 and Payton, 4. They
reside at 1826 Cadney St. N.E.,
Canton, OH 44714.

Tyler Sutton and Jessica Simon
were married May 12, 2007. He is
a software engineer for Apteryx,
Inc. She is an optometrist with
Western Reserve Vision Care.
They reside at 4300 Eagle Ave.,
Stow, OH 44224.

Suzanne (Zovko) and Eric
Switzer reside at 740 Van Buren
Rd., Lorain, OH 44052.

Greg Walker and Erica
(Williamson ’01) announce the
birth of a son, Trent, on April 10,
2007. They reside at 1726
Edgewater #106, Lakewood,
OH 44087.

Laura (McKay) and Eric
Bergman reside at 1975 E.
Washington Rd., Macedonia,
OH 44056.

Lauren Ball
Daughter of Megan
(Daugherry ’90) and Jason Ball

Son of Aimee (Hudok ’01)
and Victoria Lindsey

Daughter of Megan
Son of Jason ‘98
Lauren Lindsey

and Victoria Lindsey

Thompson Hine, LLP.
They reside at 1211 Tallmadge Rd.,
Kent, OH 44240.

Donna (Dercoli) and
Robert Vincent
announce the birth of a
daughter, Janie, on July 28,
2007. They reside at 320 W.
Washington St., Chardon, OH
44024.

Andrea (Blake) and
Eric Hauk reside at 1700 E.
13th St., Apt. 5
Cleveland, OH 44114.

Jennifer (Chapman) and
Eric Johnston announce the
birth of a daughter, Riley Rae,
on May 21, 2007. Kelly is a 5th
grade teacher for Kenston
Local Schools and Eric is a
physical education teacher at
Western Reserve Racquet and
Fitness. They reside at 121
Tinkers Rd., Chardon, OH
44024.

Audrey Kolozi is the
procurement transplant
coordinator for LifeBanc.
She resides at 1700 E. 13th St.,
Apt. 5 S, Cleveland, OH
44114.

Erin Lyden resides at 12055
Edgewater #106, Lakewood,
OH 44107 and is employed by
Thompson Hine, LLP.

Michelle Manning is a
professor and head softball coach
at Transylvania University.
She resides at 2441 Rockaway Pl.,
Lexington, KY 40511.

Jason and Emily Martin
announce the birth of a
son, Cooper, on April 6, 2007.
Jason is a vice president of
construction for The J M
Group, Ltd. and Emily is a store
manager at Talbots. They reside
at 613 W. 8th St., Williamstown,
WV 26187.

Maggie McGinty is an assistant
athletic trainer at the Ohio State
University Medical Center. She
resides at 4339 Union Square
Blvd., Dublin, OH 43016.

Cara (Grisola) and Rob
McPherson ’98 announce the
birth of a son, Jack Robert, on
May 4, 2007. They reside at 1795
Lockwood Oval, Twinsburg, OH
44087.

J.P. Moran resides at 140
Meadowlands Dr., Apt. C8,
Chardon, OH 44024.

Jennifer (Allder) Morgan earned
a master of education degree in
school counseling from The
University of Akron on May 12,
2007. She is a school
French teacher for Nordonia
City Schools. She resides at
1009 Concord Dr., Medina,
OH 44256.

Maureen (Mudra) and Paul
Morreale announce the birth of
a son, Brennan Joseph, on
February 28, 2007. Maureen
is an optometrist with the U.S.
Marine Corps Forces Europe in
Stuttgart, Germany.

Karen (Samuel) Boley is a
teacher for Inter-Community
Schools. She earned a master
of science degree in language
education from Indiana
University. Dr. Aaron Boley
‘02 earned a doctoral degree in
astrophysics from Indiana
University. He is employed by
the University of Zurich.

Felicity Ashbrook-Watts and
Greg Watts announce the birth
of a son, Corbin Gregory, on

Andrew Barone is stationed
with the U.S. Marine Corps
Forces Europe in Stuttgart,
Germany.

Tami (Cindea) and Christopher
Bongiorni reside at 926 Admore
Dr., Kent, OH 44240. She
earned a master of business
administration degree from Kent
State University and is an
advertising manager for the
Office of Student Media at Kent
State University. He is a pilot for
Parker Hannifan.

B. J. Boyle earned a master of
business administration degree
from Point Park University. He
is a director of customer care for
Resource Systems.

Heather (Lewis) and Bob
Brumbaugh reside at 1222 NW
23rd Ln., Ankeny, IA 50023. She
is executive producer of the
morning news show at WHO-
TV.
Rev. Jay Peter Burkardt is chaplain at Canterbury School.

Jennifer (Weingart) and Jason Caccamo announce the birth of a son, Hunter, on June 30, 2006. She is an administrative secretary at the Cleveland Clinic.

Emily (Gadd) and John Colontrelle announce the birth of a son, Dominick William, on December 31, 2006. They reside at 2223 4th Ave. SE, Vero Beach, FL 32962.

Amanda Crist earned a master of business administration degree from Ashland University. She is an AOT teacher for the Department of Youth Services of the State of Ohio. She resides at 2122 Mt. Vernon Blvd., NW, Canton, OH 44709.

Matt and Diana Crysler announce the birth of a son, Mason David, on October 24, 2007. Matt earned a master’s degree in computer science from Johns Hopkins University. He is a software developer for the United States Federal Government. Diana is an exercise physiologist at the Howard County General Hospital. They reside at 11980 Little Patuxent Pkwy. APT. 1, Columbia, MD 21044.

Brian Davenport resides at 2 Moore Dr., Charleston, SC 29407.

Kristina (Calabrese) and Keith Denman ’00 announce the birth of a daughter, Ellie Catherine, on September 4, 2007 who joins sibling Cole, 1.

Christi Mitchell and Weston Dodds were married April 21, 2007. She is a second grade teacher for Bellefontaine City Schools. They reside at 32 Co. Rd. 57 W. Bellefontaine, OH 43311.

Aaron and Rebecca Gibbons announce the birth of a son, Isaac Gabriel, on June 15, 2007 who joins sibling Cassidy, 5. Aaron is a computer programmer for Top Echelon Network. They reside at 2220 Cherry Ave., Alliance, OH 44601.

Amanda Gingerich earned a master’s degree in elementary education from DePaul University. She is a teacher for Chicago Public Schools. She resides at 3803 N. Wilton Apt. 3, Chicago, IL 60613.

Colleen McLaughlin and Stephen Heinbaugh ’03 were married June 30, 2007. She is a fourth grade teacher for Massillon City Schools and he is a manager for Petco. They reside at 3145 Rowmont Ave., SW, Massillon, OH 44646.

Christa (Strimple) and Daniel Hladky announce the birth of a son, Isaac Josef, on December 28, 2006 who joins sibling Ethan, 4. They reside at 180 Columbus St. Bedford, OH 44146.

Aimee (Hudok) and Dan Beisner announce the birth of a son, Henry James, on July 19, 2007. They reside at 2690 Tr. 165, Tiffin, OH 44883.

Nick Huskins is a title one reader teaching for Sandy Valley Schools. He resides at 9320 Maple Ave. SE, East Sparta, OH 44626.

Michele Javorek is a professional clinical counselor for Bayshore Counseling Services.

Jessica (Jonela) and Ryan Sedlaczek announce the birth of a daughter, Reagan Annely, on April 2, 2007. Jessica is an exercise physiologist at St. John West Shore Hospital. They reside at 8561 Bentley Dr., Kent, OH 44240.

Aimee Hudok and Dan Beisner announce the birth of a son, Henry James, on July 19, 2007. They reside at 2690 Tr. 165, Tiffin, OH 44883.

Nick Occhionero is a project manager for Century Contractors, Inc. His wife, Nicole, is a first grade teacher for Nordonia Hills Schools.

Kimberly (Goodall) ofobike resides at 5041 1st St. NW 3, Washington, DC 20011.


Dayna Quarti-ni-Fusco announces the birth of a daughter, Isabella, on July 22, 2007. Dayna is a special education teacher for Southington School District.

Dr. Takahiro Sato and Ayako Kaibuki were married September 3, 2006. Dr. Takahiro Sato is an exercise physiologist at the Howard County General Hospital. They reside at 11980 Little Patuxent Pkwy. APT. 1, Columbia, MD 21044.

Kari (Greathouse) and James Shaffer announce the birth of a son, Nicholas, on February 19, 2007 who joins sibling Alexander, 2. They reside at 710 E 10th St., Charlotte, NC 28202.

Emily Schmucker and Randy Gloria are married April 21, 2007. She is a marketing assistant for STERIS Corporation and he is employed by Squire Sanders & Dempsey, LLP. They reside at 1540 Forestbrook Ln., Painesville, OH 44077.

Karie (Greathouse) and James Shaffer announce the birth of a son, Nicholas, on February 19, 2007 who joins sibling Alexander, 2. They reside at 710 E 10th St., Charlotte, NC 28202.

Emily Schmucker and Randy Gloria are married April 21, 2007. She is a marketing assistant for STERIS Corporation and he is employed by Squire Sanders & Dempsey, LLP. They reside at 1540 Forestbrook Ln., Painesville, OH 44077.
Elizabeth Bushey is a mentor program coordinator for East Canton and Lake Middle Schools. She resides at 234 N. Wood St., East Canton, OH 44730.

Keri (Canning) and CJ Dennison announce the birth of a son, Jaden, on January 1, 2007 who joins sibling Alexiis, 2. They reside at 311 Zeller Ave., Akron, OH 44310.

Joshua Miller and Lindsay Dimon ‘04 were married August 5, 2006. He is a territory manager and sales representative for Neuro Matrix and she is a high school mathematics teacher. They reside at 5018 Common Good Pl., Dublin, OH 43016.

Heather Drake resides at 820 Oakwood St. S.E., North Canton, OH 44720.

Bethany Garr earned a master of science degree in community counseling from Youngstown State University. She is a family development specialist for Meridian Services, Inc. She resides at 20 Shady Side Dr. Apt. 2, Boardman, OH 44512.

Andrea (Fleming) and Noah Hager reside at 1 Avalon Dr. Apt. 3, Marlborough, MA 01752. He is a senior community manager for AvalonBay Communities.

Beth Halicki and Dan Tollis were married June 30, 2006. The wedding party included graduates Beth Chojnacki and Sarah (Hrush) Goriuc. Beth earned a master of education degree from Baldwin Wallace College. She is a social studies teacher and Dan is an investigator.

Sarah Hyde and Jay Weisberger were married October 28, 2006. Sarah is an associate director of marketing and communications at Wingate University. They reside at 14301 Shale Ct., Pineville, NC 28134.

Tyreone Jimmison is an admission counselor at Texas Christian University. They reside at 3701 Tulsa Way Apt. G, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

Annemarie (Higgins) and Matthew Kish reside at 4119 Oxford Dr., Brunswick, OH 44212. She earned a master of education degree with licensure in mild/moderate special education from Notre Dame College of Ohio. She is a high school special education teacher and he is a history teacher for North Royalton City Schools.

Susanne MacMillan resides at 1250 Sawburg Ave., Alliance, OH 44601.

Josh Mazanetz is a senior specialty sales representative for Azur Pharma. He resides at 1427 Orchard Grove Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107.

Ryan McCamon resides at 14619 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20905.

Dana (Navratil) and Jeremy Menegay ‘01 announce the birth of a daughter, Mina Sophia, on August 23, 2006 who joins sibling Molly, 3. Jeremy is a territory sales manager for Ecolab. They reside at 1630 Hawthorn Dr., Mogadore, OH 44260.

Rosemarie Ousley resides at 2018 Valentine Ave., Cleveland, OH 44109.

Nicole (Chapman) and Sanjay Parker reside at 4840 Bradley Rd., Westlake, OH 44145. She is an international adoption assessor and he is a global technology account manager for Affiliated Computer Services.

Torey and Stephanie Parm announce the birth of a son, Tayshawn, on January 20, 2007.

Douglas Peterman is a vice president for Peterman Plumbing & Heating, Inc. He resides at 1116 Oak St., Dover, OH 44622.

Sara Phelps and Chris Ambrose were married July 15, 2006. The wedding party included graduate Sarah Wilson. Sara is a preschool teacher and Chris is a track foreman for CSX Transportation. They reside at 38215 Poplar Dr., Willoughby, OH 44094.

Sarah (Samay ’85) Coss and Tina (Moran ’85) Buckingham.


Emily (Griffith) and Mike Studeny announce the birth of a daughter, Audrey Nicole, on August 3, 2006. Emily is a third grade teacher for Coventry Local Schools. They reside at 214 Millview Pl. SW, Canton, OH 44708.

Carlye Rhodeback and Chad Martin were married March 11, 2006. The wedding party included graduates Jessica (Sedlacek ’01) Jonela and Becky (Blything) Godec. They reside at 1940 Suffolk Rd., Columbus, OH 43221.

Dave and Susan Ross reside at 3650 Magadore Rd., Mogadore, OH 44260. He is an integrated business and computer teacher for Mogadore Local Schools. He is also the head boy’s track and head co-ed cross country coach.

Katie Schnurrenberger earned a master’s degree in school administration from Ashland University. She is a seventh grade social studies teacher.

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Katie Sterling is an intervention specialist for Stark County Education Service Center. She resides at 1329 Cascade Cr. W, Canton, OH 44708.

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A chance meeting of a group of Delta Delta Delta Sorority members took place at the Alliance Country Club. Front row (l-r): Patty (Crowell ’77) Sopko, Julanne (Sera ’60) Klippert and Lynne (Bonnes ’77) Clunk. Back row (l-r): Ewasanne (Caton ’77) McKean, Paula (Gligor ’77) Whetstone, Phyllis (Fulier ’46) Krabill, Judy (Lechleitner ’61) Speer, Diana (Gray ’77) Fitzner, Michelle (Charriere ’77) Forman, Vernita (Chalker Chaffee ’46) Nail, Josephine (Hoiles ’40) Peterson, Ginny (Saffell ’46) McCready.
A renaissance of sorts is taking place at Mount Union College, home of Epsilon chapter of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. After enduring a board of inquiry, the loss of half the chapter's members, and the insight and vision the young man showed for his chapter captivated Clunk. He decided it was time to get involved, meet the chapter and search for a way to help. He had his first chance soon after, during a board of inquiry.

During the board of inquiry to determine the direction of the chapter, Resident Council members met with Clunk and fellow Epsilon alumni Michael Furcolow '91, Dave Crawford '88 and John Bouloubasis '89. Men who were committed to the principles, ideals and creed of the fraternity maintained their membership, but the chapter still felt fractured, discouraged and directionless.

The board of inquiry was tough on both the undergraduates and alumni, but Clunk saw the promise that existed in the remaining members. He wanted to help the chapter become the best on campus because he believes in the importance of fraternity in a man's life. After all, he is a third generation Phi Tau.

A Legacy Continued

Clunk initiated into Phi Kappa Tau at Mount Union following in the footsteps of his father, Judge Robert R. (Denny) Clunk '48 and his grandfather, Dr. Roy H. Clunk '19. Dr. Clunk returned to the chapter as the leader of the Board of Governors (BOG) two decades after first joining the fraternity. He left his mark by securing the Ramsey mansion as the chapter's living quarters. Listed as a historical landmark, the house had a third-floor ballroom, a bowling alley in the basement and a carriage house in the rear. Clunk’s name went on the mortgage and the chapter resided there for the next 30 years.

It was there that Judge Clunk would join the chapter in 1948. “I lived in the house my dad signed for,” he remembered. “Interesting how that worked out.” The Judge, as he is best known, said, “My dad always spoke glowingly of Phi Tau, and it was a foregone conclusion I would go to Mount, but I didn’t join because he was a member.”

However, once involved with the fraternity, Judge Clunk decided to remain committed much like his father. Four years after graduating, he continued the tradition by leading the chapter as its BOG chairman, and he held the post for the next 15 years. “Things started to really change in the mid-60s and early 70s,” he said. He noted that there was a negative attitude toward Greek organizations at Mount Union during that time, and that many men within the chapter were there for the wrong reasons.

Slightly more than 10 years later, Roy attended Mount Union, joined Phi Tau and lived in the Ramsey mansion. But the decision was all his. “I’m glad I joined and I made lifelong friends,” he said. But like so many alumni, he didn’t remain involved with the chapter following commencement. “It was 27 years before I got involved again,” he said.

The positions he eventually garnered were BOG chairman and chapter advisor.

The lineage is obvious, the legacy undoubtedly important to the survival of the chapter, and the Clunk name interwoven for a near 90-year history.

Commitment Rewarded

This past spring, Clunk’s efforts were recognized at the annual Mount Union Greek Awards Ceremony, where he was named Chapter Advisor of the Year. “It was a great moment,” he said.

Chapter President Ryan Shannon ’06, says he is proud to know Clunk and believes he is a living example of what it means to be a Phi Tau. “He never hesitates to give to the chapter, whether it be financially or just a few words of advice,” he said.
Clunk’s unofficial title is “jack of all trades,” and the undergraduates appreciate the effort he puts forth to help and guide them. “Roy was always there for us,” McInturf said of his time as chapter president. “He was available to talk anytime I had a problem.”

A sampling of Clunk’s volunteer tasks include sitting at recruitment tables, organizing alumni events, dipping into his wallet to bring pizza and food to meetings, conferencing weekly with various college officials and helping organize the first senior banquet dinner in years. Plus, he’s attended every chapter meeting since he took on the advisor role two years ago.

His participation in the Centennial Convention furthered his education as a fraternity volunteer in 2006. “I never realized how service-oriented we are nationally. Convention was an eye-opener,” he said.

Soaking up the experience by networking with other volunteers and getting to know the two Epsilon undergraduate delegates even better, Clunk’s attendance was the first for an Epsilon alumnus since the 1980s. “I realized our chapter is a microcosm of the national fraternity,” he said, referring to the daily challenges Epsilon faces in relation to other chapters.

Clunk makes obvious his commitment to Phi Kappa Tau is more than a volunteer position. He brings the same dedication to his advisor role as he does to his business and his community. He is the founder and owner of Roy’s Wash and Lube, maintains strong ties through the College and is involved in various civic organizations. He loves where he lives and views his involvement at Mount Union as an extension of his commitment to the area, and more specifically, to the people.

**Responsible for a Chapter**

Clunk’s strength as a volunteer is fostering a working relationship with the College, mostly due to his home being blocks from Mount Union.

“Communication with the College is big,” he said. “It helps to live right down the road.” His meetings with the dean of students, director of student involvement and leadership and other administration officials have shown his dedication, and in return, the College has begun to assist where they can. After losing the chapter house at 1385 Union Ave., the College agreed to house the members in an overflow residence for freshmen. Over the past two years, the chapter has grown and the house is now nearly full of Phi Taus.

Aside from working with the College, Clunk and his family have opened their home to the chapter for impromptu meetings, dinners and even a Ritual ceremony. Without a house to hold their first initiation following the reorganization, the brothers looked to the College for space. But due to a last-second scheduling conflict, they turned to Clunk, literally. Without hesitation, the chapter marched to his house and asked if they could use his basement.

“I looked outside and there were the guys dressed in suits standing in our driveway,” Clunk’s wife, Lynn, laughed. “There were these guys all over our house, and they did the initiation in our basement.”

Although Clunk is recognized for his recent success with the chapter, he is not alone in his efforts. The Board of Governors has grown and emerged as a stable entity to assist the chapter and they lead in several fundamental efforts to strengthen the alumni base. Furcolow was the lone BOG member and chapter advisor for several years prior to Clunk’s ascension. Each man serves as an example of how Phi Tau volunteers can influence a chapter’s direction.

**Still More to be Accomplished**

Clunk doesn’t gloat about the legacy he is part of, be it his family or the chapter. Not to say he doesn’t appreciate his genealogy and the Clunk tradition at Mount Union, but his focus now is on the future of Phi Kappa Tau. His entrepreneurial experience influences his life and, as an extension, his newest business venture: the Epsilon chapter. Much like a shareholder, he has a stake in this group’s success.

He, along with other alumni, saw a chapter that was struggling, so he came forward and made an investment in the Resident Council. Clunk’s title, advisor, speaks to his volunteer philosophy – he advises, but doesn’t dictate. If the chapter stumbles, he’s there to help, but the undergraduates make the decisions and, he hopes, act in the chapter’s best interest. As President Shannon said of Clunk, “His selfless actions have inspired the men of the chapter. He sets a standard for life as an alumnus.”

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A 1949 photograph in the living room of the Ramsey mansion shows Roy Clunk’s father as an undergraduate. (Back row from left to right) Jack Paul ’48, Art Oberster ’48, Jack Skidmore ’48 and Jim Elder ’48. (Front row from left to right) Walter (Gene) Knisely ’49, Bob Freshley ’48, Jim Williams ’48, (Santa) Jim Hill ’48, Denny Clunk ’48 and Earl McLoney ’48.

A 1977 photograph of Epsilon chapter members shows Roy Clunk as an undergraduate. (Back row from left to right) Al Butch ’74, Bob Machovec ’74 and Don Montgomery ’74. (Front row from left to right) Phil Kostyo ’75, Frank Pytlik ’74 and Roy Clunk ’75.
Mount Union Music Majors Join to Offer Masterclass

Three generations of music graduates of Mount Union College recently joined to hold master classes in voice for East Canton high school and middle school students of Jolene (Wade ’82) Moody.

Rachel (Eggers ’61) Shaffer taught in the Mount Union Department of Music for 40 years. One of her outstanding students early in her career was Moody, who has been teaching vocal music at East Canton’s high school and middle school for 24 years.

Becky (Griffith ’03) Carter, who graduated from East Canton High School where she was a student of Moody’s, also studied under Shaffer when she enrolled at Mount Union as a music major. Carter, too, went on to follow in the footsteps of her mentors. She has been teaching vocal music and drama at Malvern High School for five years.

Michael and Jen Zatchey reside at 411 Farrington Dr., Seven Fields, PA 16046. He is a manager of group ticket sales for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

2003

Emily (Karcher) and Chris Adkins announce the birth of a son, Noah, on October 23, 2006. She is a school counselor for Lakewood City Schools. They reside at 31981 Grove St., Avon Lake, OH 44012.

Sarah Adkins resides at 3232 Parkview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Christopher Allen is employed by CBS Radio Cleveland. He resides at 1434 Rio St., Apt. 4, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Danny Anderson is a claims generalist for Progressive Insurance. He resides at 1242 Bonniebiew Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107.

Phil Anderson resides at 5897 Cantwell Rd., Mayfield Heights, OH 44124.

Carly (Swab) Barnes resides at 719 Montana Ave., Saint Cloud, FL 34769.

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

Emilia Boehm is an assistant curator for the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. She resides at 613 N. Taylor Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

Jessie (Kihm) and Peter “Drew” Canavan ’00 are the parents of Kiernan. 2 They reside at 3024 Falleen Dr., Cortland, OH 44410.

Olga (Kokiko) and Josh Cochran ’02 reside at 3501 Chesterbrook Ct., Apt. 632, Richmond, VA 23223.

Lisa Crane and Jeff Pyles were married April 14, 2007.

Patrick Deville was awarded the Presidential Citation for Outstanding Educator by the summer residential Governor’s School for Humanities and Visual and Performing Arts at the University of Richmond. He resides at 711 Day Ln., Alexandria, VA 22314.

Katie Dillon earned a master of divinity degree in pastoral counseling.

Michelle Glaser has been ranked number one in her medical school class at Pikesville College School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Robert Graham is a lance corporal in the United States Marine Corps. He is currently serving in Iraq.

Laura (Soomes) and Shawn Hall announce the birth of a daughter, Hayley, on September 15, 2007 who joins siblings Rowan, 3 and Gavin, 1. They reside at 10424 Buckeye Rd., Concord Twp., OH 44077.

Jason McElhaney is head football coach for West Middlesex High School.

Trina McKelley earned a master of science degree in educational technology from Youngstown State University.

Airyn Mealey resides at 723 Allison Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

Jason Morris has been elected national vice president for student affairs of Kappa Kappa Psi for 2007-2009. He is a band director for Fairless Local Schools. He resides at 2825 Heritage Ave., NW, Canton, OH 44718.

Julie Orris and Jacob Kosker were married August 5, 2006. She is a counselor for Cascade School District. They reside at 785 18th St., NE, Salem, OR 97301.

Rebecca Purdum resides at 602 West 139th St., Apt. 31, New York, NY 10031.

Christy Reedy is an application specialist for Fisher Scientific.

Joe Ries is a customer service administrator of home finance for Chase Bank. He resides at 15704 Foxglove Ln., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130.

Jennifer Rockwell is an administrator for On Assignment Nurse Travel. She resides at 6240 Girard Ave., Apt. 3, Cincinnati, OH 45213.

Anthony Salvino is a system analyst for Mercy Behavioral Health. He resides at Alleigheny Center, Apt. 325, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

Dr. Carrie Staley earned a doctoral degree in forensic psychology from Alliance International University and is a forensic/clinical psychologist for CSATF State Prison in Corcoran California. She resides at 4124 W. Fig Tree Ln., Fresno, CA 93722.

Jill Stoneburner is a circulation desk supervisor for the University of Indianapolis. She resides at 1419 S. Illinois St., Indianapolis, IN 46225.

Jennifer Stuchell resides at 3505 SW 11th St., Topeka, KS 66615.


Jason Hillkirk is a refactory sales representative for Allied Mineral Products. He resides at 2412 Magnolia St., Portage, IN 46368.

Christopher Hunt has been named an associate with Kruglak, Wilkins, Griffths & Dougherty Cpa. Lpa. focusing in the areas of professional and general corporate law, business planning and income tax law. He is a member of the Ohio and Stark County Bar associations.

Jessica Lapham and Jarred Hricovec were married October 14, 2006. She is a business training specialist for KeyBank. They reside at 1375 Kenilworth Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107.

Trina McKelley and Lemuel Carlisle were married October 13, 2007.

Cassia (Humphreys) McAmmon resides at 2101 16th St., NW Apt. 703, Washington, DC 20009.
Anne Walters is employed by Delta Group Electronics. She resides at 1135 N. Wickham Rd., Apt. 83, Melbourne, FL 32935.

Ashley Wilcox is an activity director for Cay Clubs Resorts and Marinas. She resides at 321 25th St. Ocean, Marathon, FL 33050.

Kendra (Yackey) and Dave Wolgamott announce the birth of a son, Logan Andrew, on April 13, 2006. Kendra earned a master’s degree in elementary reading and literacy from Walden University and is a second grade teacher for Strasburg Schools. Dave is a police officer with the Canton City Police Department. They reside at 469 Oak Ave. SW, Strasburg, OH 44680.

2004

Liz Adair is a call center supervisor for Infocision Management Corporation. She resides at 1550 Cost Ave., Unit #9, Sonewood, WV 26301.

Julian Alden and Kenneth Tilger were married August 4, 2007. They reside at 1513 Marvin Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH 43130.

Ian Andrews resides at 12030 Lake Ave., Apt. 508, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Zachary Bolitho earned a juris doctoral degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, graduating summa cum laude and in the Order of the Coif, the top 2% of the graduating class. He passed the Ohio Bar examination and is a judicial law clerk for the United States Ct. of Appeals in Lansing, Michigan. He resides at 6268 Ridge St., Haslett, MI 48840.

Doug Brown is an adult protection unit investigator for the Muskingum County Department of Job and Family Services and a lieutenant with the Frazeysburg Fire Department.

Elizabeth Burgess and Kevin Schrock were married May 12, 2007. The wedding party included Tiffany (Zimmer) Schrock, Erin Fowler and Rosa Detweiler.

Krista (McClaren) and Corey Clay ’05 announce the birth of a son, Gavin Scott, on September 21, 2007. She is a director of vocal music for Lake Local Schools. They reside at 1140 Winding Ridge Ave., Louisville, OH 44641.

Lindsay Dimon and Joshua Miller ’02 were married August 5, 2006. The wedding party included graduates Jim Fitori ’03, Tom Morabito ’02, John Muirhead Gould ’02, Brian Rutherford ’02, Stephanie (Barille ’05) Angeloni and Sarah (Stein) Sigler. She is a high school mathematics teacher for South Western City Schools. He is a regional manager for NeuroMetrix, Inc. They reside at 5018 Common Good Ln., Dublin, OH 43016.

Becky Eagle and Joseph Libster were married July 28, 2007. They reside at 5770 Navarre Rd. SW, Canton, OH 44706. She is a teacher for Perry Local Schools.

William “Buzz” Edwards resides at 1734 Randolph Ave., Peters堡, VA 23803.

Carrie (Naumoff) and Shane Foy reside at 156 5th St. NE, Barberton, OH 44203.

Natalie Giantos resides at 1116 Oak St., Dover, OH 44622.

Gina Grisola and Adam Minick were married July 22, 2006. She is a product analyst for Progressive Insurance. They reside at 181 Eaton Ridge Dr. #103, Sagamore Hills, OH 44067.

Leslie Holloway resides at 12231 Clifton Blvd., Apt. 5, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Katie Jones serves as special assistant to the chief of staff for Governor Ted Strickland.

Kelly Kiraly is an office manager for Bury Financial Group. She is pursuing a degree in integrated marketing communications at West Virginia University. She serves as marketing chair for the Mahoning Valley Professional 20/30 Club and on the marketing committee for the Children’s Museum of the Valley.

Andrew Lattanner is a legislative assistant for Congressman Joe Donnelly. He resides at 610 N. West St., Apt. 408, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Joshua Learn and Michelle Mohr ’05 were married July 29, 2006. The wedding party included graduate Matthew Learn ’07. Joshua is a band director for Bloom Vernon Local School District. Michelle is a music teacher for Franklin Local School District. They reside at 59 East First St., Apt. B, The Plains, OH 43780.

Katie Meeker is a special education teacher for North Canton City Schools. They reside at 409 Mohawk Dr., Malvern OH 44644.

Ryan Price and Jen Bradley ’03 were married July 14, 2007. They reside at 176 East St., Apt. 311B, Methuen, MA 01844.

Trisha (Winogardner) and Christopher Reynard announce the birth of a son, Christopher James, on April 23, 2006.

Greg Reynolds is a store manager for Marc’s. He resides at 4310 Woodway Ave., Parma, OH 44134.

Marissa Ristau and John Karl’s were married July 7, 2006. She is employed by Valley Forge High School. They reside at 4333 West 223rd St., Fairview Park, OH 44126.

Mike Rodano earned a master of business administration degree in labor relations and human resources from Cleveland State University.

Courtney Sattler is a ninth grade teacher and cheer and dance coach for Dover City Schools.

Members of the Orwick-McCamon family reunited in Salem, VA for the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl. Pictured (l-r) are Ryan McCammon ’02, Gary McCammon ’75, Nancy Orwick ’76, Marissa Ristau, John Karl’s, Trisha Reynard, Marissa Ristau, Kelly Kiraly, and Mike Rodano ’06. Carl Orwick ’42 and Martha “Nickie” (Nicholson ’45) Orwick.
She resides at 320 W. 9th St., Dover, OH 44622.

Stephanie (Liambies) and David Schibek reside at 3407 Taylor St., Honolulu, HI 96818. She is a nail technician at NEX Beauty Salon and he serves in the United States Navy.

Sam and Jennifer (Boyd) Simmons reside at 1011 Crestview Cir., Kent, OH 44240.

Emily (Hill) and Kory Swope announce the birth of a son, Kadan Riley, on August 28, 2006. Emily is a substitute teacher for Stark County Schools. Kory is a tenth grade biology teacher for Louisville City Schools. They reside at 4116 Homeland Ave., Louisville, OH 44641.

Justin and Janelle Todd reside at 3195 Apple Valley Dr., Howard, OH 44318. He is a physical education and health instructor for East Knox High School.

Allyson (Shultz) and Mark Tomko reside at 2620 Queensbury Rd., Alliance, OH 44601.

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Chad Kimmel resides at 1717 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221. He is a NLM fellow at the University of Pittsburgh.

Daniel Leising can be reached at P.O. Box 1160, Dilwyn, VA 23936. He is a group leader for Discovery School of Virginia.

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TRUSTEE

Gordon Heffern

Gordon Emory Heffern, the former chairman of the board of the Society Corp., was noted for his commitment to business ethics in a 37-year career. The 83-year-old former Akron, OH resident died August 20, 2007.

After years of working in Akron, he relocated to the Cleveland area and resided in Highland Heights. When he retired in 1987 at age 63, he spent winters in Bonita Springs, FL.

Heffern established the first code of ethics for Society National Bank in 1974, which was used as a national model for all banks by the American Banking Association.

“A code of ethics is only a piece of paper if not put into practice from the top CEO,” he told students at Mount Union College in a lecture in 2004. “A code of ethics must be a high priority in an organization.”

He emphasized to students entering the business world that integrity and character are the most important principles in life.

A strong supporter of higher education, he served as the Goodyear Executive Professor of Business Administration at Kent State University, was a trustee of Mount Union College and chairman of the board of trustees of John Carroll University.

Heffern grew up in Cooperstown, PA. After high school, he joined the U.S. Navy during World War II. He attended the Stevens Institute of Technology and graduated from the University of Virginia with a bachelor of science degree in commerce.

Heffern served as president and chief executive officer of the former Goodyear Bank in Akron for 11 years before joining Society.

Heffern was a founder and leader of faith-based endeavors that impacted Northeast Ohio, including the Leadership Prayer Breakfast in Cleveland. He also was instrumental in bringing a Billy Graham Crusade to Cleveland in 1994.

He served on the Great Lakes and Cleveland Board of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), and helped form the In His Steps Foundation, which helps Christians with stewardship and offers guidance on giving.

Heffern was a member of Mount Union’s Board of Trustees since 1972 and endowed the Gordon Heffern Business Ethics Lecture, offering the inaugural address during the 2003-2004 Academic Year.
survived by her sisters, Betty Lou Honaker ’48 and Ella J. Taber.

Joyann (Stevenson) Miller of Alliance, OH died June 22, 2007. She and her husband, Jack E. Miller ’50, owned Jack & Joy Shoppe in Alliance for 31 years. She is survived by her husband.

Lillian Specht ’51 of Akron died June 12, 2007. A member of the National Cabinet of Mount Union Women and a sister of Delta Delta Delta sorority, she remained active in all

1952

1953
Thomas J. Campeau Sr. of Pittsburgh died July 12, 2007. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a director of physical therapy for the Veterans Administration. A member of the M Club, he played baseball, basketball and football while at Mount Union and was on the Dynamo staff.


Jean Belden (March ’53) Petzinger, a resident of Youngstown and spouse of Thomas V. Petzinger ’52, a long-time member of the Mount Union Board of Trustees, passed away on June 10, 2007. Born in Colon, Panama, her father was a United States Army officer. Growing up in a military family, she lived in many U.S. cities and in Germany, where she attended the U.S. Army High Schools in both Frankfurt and Munich. While a student at Mount Union, she majored in English, won the English Prize and was a member of the Delta Delta Delta national sorority. In 1952, the Petzingers were married and resumed life in the military. She lived in Honolulu while Tom served missions in the South Pacific and Incheon Harbor. The Petzingers then settled in Youngstown and later in Boardman. She leaves her husband, a retired captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve; a daughter, Elizabeth (Petzinger ’88) Halter; two sons, Charles and Thomas, Jr; six grandchildren, Beatrice (Petzinger ’07), Chase, Eva, March, Janis and Sam; a brother, Patrick March; and a sister, Edith Prendergast. She was preceded in death by a son, William March Petzinger.

1954
Mary (Williams) Miller of Milford, OH died August 8, 2007. She was a registered nurse and participated in the world’s first successful kidney transplant at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, MA. She was a nursing professor at El Paso Community College.

1955
James L. Bolton of Vista, CA died October 20, 2007.

1956

1957
Lynn (Briggs) Branfield of Port Richey, FL died May 8, 2007. While a student at Mount Union she was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. After graduating she served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at the Army Chemical Center in Edgewood, Maryland. He was the chief chemist at Ashtabula Rubber and later employed by R.T. Vanderbilt. He is survived by his wife, Nancy.

1958
Mary (Hinton) Sanner of Houston, TX died April 3, 2007. While at Mount Union she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

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Charles H. Boehm Jr. of Mansasquan, NJ died May 3, 2007. While a student at Mount Union he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

1961

1962
John Durey died October 18, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Marti.

1963
Sandra (Fike) Burris of Alliance, OH died May 17, 2007.

1964
John Calvin Jensen of Mineral City, OH died July 22, 2007. He was an environmental manager for the Belden Brick Company of Sugarcreek. He is survived by his wife, Jo Maureen Jensen.

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1971
Eric Parks of Columbus, OH died June 29, 2007. He was a retired commissioner with the State of Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Traci.

1976

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1981
B. James Moline of Columbus, OH died March 7, 2007.

TRUSTEE death
William Eells


He earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1946 from Ohio Wesleyan University in political science and fine arts. He went on to earn a master of arts degree and complete doctorate work at The Ohio State University (1950) where he received the Outstanding Alumni Citizenship Award. He also was the recipient of a Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) from Kent State University and an Honorary Doctor of Public Service (D.P.S.) from Bowling Green State University.

Eells was a retired executive of the Ford Motor Company having given 28 years of service, after being personally hired by Henry Ford II after Mr. Ford had heard of Eells’ lectures on business and government at Princeton University in the summer of 1959. Prior to joining Ford, Eells served Ohio Wesleyan as executive director of the institute of practical politics and as a faculty member in the Department of Political Science.

In 1948, he was named assistant to Dr. Ben A. Arneson to help pioneer the Institute of Practical Politics designed to encourage young men and women to become active in public affairs. He left Ohio Wesleyan in 1950 to serve for one year on the faculty of Mount Union College, and then returned to Ohio Wesleyan as associate director of the institute under a grant from the Maurice and Laura Falk Foundation, becoming acting director and then executive officer.

While serving as acting director the institute was honored with awards for its work from the Freedoms Foundation and the American Heritage Foundation.

Eells was especially active as a patron of the arts. He was a member of the Cleveland Orchestra’s Board of Trustees since 1964, a national trustee since 1983, and an international trustee since 1994, and was one of the founders of its summer home Blossom Music Center.

Eells was a member of the Mount Union’s Board of Trustees from 1984 to 2005. The William H. Eells Art Center is named in his honor.
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**October 17-18**
Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2008

**The Class of 1958 will be the honored guests at the Golden Anniversary Reunion held on campus May 10, in conjunction with Commencement.**

**April 8**
Schooler Lecture
James Carville and Mary Matalin, political consultants
Timken Physical Education Building, 8 p.m.

**April 12**
Men’s and Women’s Soccer Alumni Games
1 p.m.

**April 24**
SCHOLAR Day
In conjunction with the annual Senior Recognition and Honors Convocation, SCHOLAR Day will feature the undergraduate research of Mount Union students.

**May 10**
Golden Anniversary Reunion for the Class of 1958

**May 11**
Baccalaureate and Commencement
South entrance of Chapman Hall, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**July 19**
M Club Golf Outing
Tannenhauf Golf Club, 1 p.m. shotgun start

**September 20**
M Club Hall of Fame Day

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The **MOUNT UNION CHOIR** is accepting invitations for its 2009 concert tour, tentatively scheduled for January 3-11. There is no charge for a performance. The **MOUNT UNION CHOIR** travels simply to share great music, meet treasured alumni and friends and perhaps interest a student or two in the College. Hosts are asked to provide an evening meal for approximately 50 students and overnight accommodations in host homes.

The **MOUNT UNION CHOIR** is among the oldest collegiate choirs, tracing its roots to 1896. Having performed concerts in Ireland in 2007, the group has long enjoyed an international reputation. The **MOUNT UNION CHOIR** also has a long history of recording and was among the earliest U.S. college choirs to release its concerts on record.

For further information, contact Scott Dorsey in the Department of Music at (330) 823-2181 or dorseysw@muc.edu

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

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

The admission staff needs your help in obtaining information about students who may be great matches for Mount 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!
As Mount Union embarks on planning for its new master’s level program in physician assistant studies, it is interesting to note that this is not the first time that the College has offered such degrees. Nearly a century ago, graduate programs were common at small colleges. This all changed, however, in the early 1900s.

In order to secure recognition from accrediting associations and build up a sizeable endowment, the entire makeup of Mount Union was revamped under the guidance of President William Henry McMaster and Dean John Brady Bowman.

In the winter of 1911 the faculty decided that Mount Union was to be known solely as a college of liberal arts, as was the trend at many smaller institutions in the country. By 1912 the normal, commercial and graduate departments were discontinued.

The leadership and service of McMaster and Bowman gave the College stability and gained for it respect and admiration. As a result of the reorganization, Mount Union was able to secure accreditation from several associations and increase endowment.

Mount Union has carried its tradition of remaining a competitive and innovative force throughout the years and today, continues to develop its curriculum to match the needs of a demanding workforce. The resurgence of graduate degrees is just one example of how the College continues to evolve.