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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Almost a year ago, Sue and I made the decision to travel one week out of every month to visit alumni and friends outside of the state of Ohio. Since last May, we've made 11 trips to various cities across the United States where we have a concentration of alumni and friends of the College. The visits that we make are sometimes as simple as a cup of coffee with one or two people or larger gatherings of many alumni and friends of the College over a meal or libations. The time we are able to spend at each event is a blessing to both Sue and I because it reaffirms the importance of Wilmington College in the lives of many people. Sue and I are often humbled by the stories that are told – many times, these stories recount personal difficulties and tragedy but often end with an anecdote of the personal attention of faculty and staff that made the difference in the lives of the student. There are stories of persistence, of transformation and of joy in the experience that our alumni and friends had as part of the campus community.

I think what Sue and I have come to realize after these past several months is that, when we gather with people connected with the College, we expect to hear the “Story of Us.” Our institution is often defined by these iconic stories – the Randall program, Marble Hall, the 1970s yearbooks, peace marches, athletic victories, the “Rock.” Each time we hear the familiar names of faculty and staff from the past, we remember with the storyteller what that person felt and Wilmington College comes alive through the recounting of the story. It's hard to describe – at that moment, it feels like the distance through the years collapses and the past becomes the present. We are living the story along with the storyteller and it makes the work that we do feel that much more important.

There is a lot of excitement on campus because this past January, on a cold and blustery day, we broke ground for the renovation and expansion of Kettering Hall to convert it to the Center for the Sciences and Agriculture. Although there isn't a lot of activity as of yet, the construction will begin in earnest during the summer and, in August of 2015, the faculty and students will move into a LEED-certified facility with dedicated classroom and research space for our science and agriculture majors. LEED certification is a measure of the environmental friendliness of a building and the plans for the new facility provide for a number of improvements in energy use, air flow and sustainability measures that make this new building a showcase of the right use of resources and positive relationship with the environment. We are all anxious to get started and finished, and begin other new building projects that we have the opportunity to bring to fruition in the near future.

The past 11 months have been an incredible experience for Sue and I. Your stories have sustained us and entertained us during our visits and the excitement on campus is palpable. I hope that, when you are asked to be partners with us on the many projects now and in the future, you'll help us by contributing your time, talent and treasures. We need your support and the College is made infinitely better when you help us to write the new chapters in the “Story of Us.”

With great respect for you all,



Jim Reynolds
President



President Jim Reynolds welcomes new freshman Monique Altvater at a picnic lunch he and Sue Reynolds hosted for freshmen and transfer students during the New Student Orientation program in August.

cover story



Quakeman was stylin' with a new look when mascots from Ohio's independent colleges and universities met in October at the State House in Columbus. The new Quakeman made its debut days earlier at Homecoming. See page 12.

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College breaks ground for

The groundbreaking ceremony Jan. 24 for the Center for the Sciences and Agriculture represents a milestone in the nearly 144-year history of Wilmington College.

Construction will begin this spring on a 13,500-square foot addition to the 34,000 square-foot Kettering Hall. Also, the more than half-century-old Kettering Hall will undergo a comprehensive renovation. Expected completion of the \$13 million project is summer 2015.

President Jim Reynolds described it as “a real special time” for the College.

“This has been a long time coming,” he said about the building project. “I really believe in this place and I believe that together we can do remarkable things. Today, I am asking you to believe. This place is worth your belief.

“We’re going forward as an institution and I want you all to be part of it.”

A 40-minute program in Heiland Theatre culminated with Reynolds offering the 300-plus members of the audience a choice: join him in traversing

the campus through a sub-zero wind chill to watch the actual shoveling of dirt at the soon-to-be building site or view a live video feed of the proceedings in the comfort and warmth of the auditorium.

Surprisingly (or not) 90 percent of the crowd lined the sidewalks and stood in the snow to watch 11 selected stakeholders throw dirt. Then, scores of the crowd grabbed the shovels and hard hats for their own photo op and piece of this historic day.

With the day’s harsh weather forecast in mind, the dirt used in the ceremony was stored indoors all week.

Robert Touchton, a 1965 alumnus, adjunct faculty member and chair of the Board of Trustees, said, “We’re ready to write a new chapter” in the history of Wilmington College.

“This is important because we have something special to offer at Wilmington — I hear it from alumni and I hear it from students,” he said. “My own life was transformed by my experience here. We want to make

sure the Wilmington experience will be available for generations into the future.”

The new facility is designed to transform the teaching of math, science and agriculture at Wilmington College.

Fellow trustee Robert Chason, Class of ’65, has co-chaired the Center’s fundraising steering committee that helped secure some \$6 million raised from 260 donors toward the project in the past several years.

“This is an opportunity for me to give something back to the College that has done so much for me,” he said, noting that trustees have contributed \$1.5 million. “Because of the generosity of so many through the years, Wilmington College is a wonderful place and will continue to be.”

The new addition and renovated structure will house 10 laboratories, three research labs, 10 classrooms, two conference rooms and 30 offices. It has been designed to achieve a silver or gold LEED certification as an environmentally friendly “green”



new science and ag facility

building in its design, construction, operation and maintenance.

The existing part of the facility will be reconfigured and upgraded for optimal use of space with a special consideration placed upon the building infrastructure.

Bill Kincaid, professor of mathematics, has been teaching at WC since 1969, “when Kettering was practically new,” he recalled. Kincaid mentioned some of the amenities it offered then, such as private offices for faculty, a telephone shared by the math department and state-of-the-art science labs.

However, time has taken its toll and the old building is in need of an upgrade, expansion and modernization. “There’s only one women’s restroom in Kettering and it’s on the third floor,” he lamented. “In 1969, women didn’t go into science and math (and agriculture).”

While that fact has certainly changed, one thing hasn’t in his 45 years at WC — and that’s how each year starts with the promise of a transforming experience for students.

“Every fall, you don’t know what’s

coming — you don’t know who’s going to shine in your classroom,” he said about one of the great joys of teaching.

One of those students that has shone like a diamond is senior biology major Sarah Sinclair, who praised the mentoring and opportunities for student/faculty research she has received during the past four years.

While she will graduate this spring and no longer be a student when the new building opens, Sinclair expressed her excitement for her College and its future students.

“This project will bring WC’s (science and agriculture) facilities up to par and will help attract additional bright and motivated students,” she said.

“Wilmington is a place for opportunities to establish personal and professional friendships,” Sinclair added. “It is a great place to find yourself as a student, a person and a professional.”

The College will proceed immediately with the building project as a result of a \$20 million, low interest loan awarded

by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which was represented by Tony Logan, the USDA’s Ohio state director of Rural Development.

“A vibrant agriculture sector is a stimulant to the economy,” Logan said, noting there’s “never been a more exciting time” in which to be involved in agriculture. “This new agriculture (facility) is the consummate rural development project.”

Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony are, from the left, Robert Touchton, chair of the Board of Trustees; Robert Chason, campaign co-chair; Bill Kincaid, professor of mathematics; Sarah Sinclair, senior biology major; Tony Logan, USDA; President Jim Reynolds; Sandy Neville, Board vice chair; Mike DiNardo, architect/principal with The Collaborative; Erika Goodwin, vice president for academic affairs; Ashley Kelly, USDA; and Wilmington Mayor Randy Riley.

Expansion/renovation will learning at WC



An architect's aerial view of the building plans displays the shared wall between the renovated building and the new wing, also how the new facility is positioned on campus.

The project for the new science and agriculture facility will transform the teaching of math, science and agriculture at Wilmington College. WC broke ground January 24, 2014, for a 13,500-square foot addition to its 34,000 square-foot present facility, which will undergo a complete renovation. Expected completion is Summer 2015.

Combined, these will become the new Center for the Sciences and Agriculture, where teaching and learning will be taken to new levels with special emphasis placed upon opportunities for hands-on learning, including student research and other student/faculty interaction.

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three research labs, 10 classrooms, two conference rooms and 30 offices. It has been designed to achieve a silver or gold LEED certification as an environmentally friendly “green” building in its design, construction, operation and maintenance.

The existing part of the facility will be reconfigured and upgraded for optimal use of space with a special consideration placed upon the building infrastructure. The new wing will feature additional student-focused amenities and will offer a stunning view from the campus mall.

The facility will accommodate the record numbers of agriculture and science students enrolling at the College. Wilmington is known for having excellent students and faculty in these areas, as well as up-to-date

instrumentation. Now, WC will have a facility to match these outstanding individuals in the sciences and agriculture.

This direct benefit to Wilmington’s students will, in turn, result in graduates that are better able to attain good jobs and excel in their fields, enroll in graduate and professional schools, and embark upon successful and self-actualizing careers.

Erika Goodwin, vice president for academic affairs, expressed the excitement felt by students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends at the groundbreaking ceremony held in January.

“The Center for the Sciences and Agriculture will be a core building for us on campus as every student that

transform teaching and



(TOP) The architect's rendering of the east facing addition provides an exciting view from the interior of campus. (BELOW) This view features the north facing side of the building, which incorporates both the facility's renovation and expansion.



comes to WC will have courses in that building,” she said, noting that, while it will serve to highlight the College’s agriculture, natural science and math

programs, in actuality it will serve all of WC’s academic programs.

“The new building will better represent the strength of our academic

programs and is just one of many new and exciting things happening on campus.”



New brand highlights WC's hallmark for 'Hands-On'

On the threshold of the new academic year, Wilmington College rolled out its brand identity highlighting its hallmark for experiential learning and the multitude of learning opportunities outside the traditional classroom that make a WC education so distinct.

Hands-On Learning. Hands-On Living.

That's WC's new mantra that is reflected in the institution's new visual identity. Look closely and see the WC and the hands in the logo.

President Jim Reynolds introduced the graphic and tagline at the annual faculty-staff gathering at the start of the fall semester.

He said the College's penchant for providing powerful, outside-the-classroom experiences is nothing new. Rather, the institution's marketing efforts will feature this singular focus that is manifested in students' field experiences,

internships, work opportunities, community interactions, research with faculty, study trips and other learning-by-doing opportunities.

"Hands-On Learning. Hands-On Living. That's what Wilmington College has always been," Reynolds said. "We're Wilmington College. We're proud of who we are and what we do. We believe in this institution and the often transformative affect it can have on our students."

The College worked with global brand consulting firm Landor Associates to put a contemporary and more

compelling face on the institution's marketing efforts.

As part of the branding initiative, Landor created a new visual identity with graphics and a color palette featuring dark and lime green, and complementing colors, as well as a new tagline that sums up WC's promise to students: *Hands-On Learning. Hands-On Living.*

The tagline zooms in on one of

noting it is their responsibility to listen for the truths that already exist in the brand and bring the most compelling story to the foreground.

"From the day I was introduced to the team at Wilmington College, they were sharing stories with me: stories of individual student's lives that were transformed and stories of interactions between students, faculty and staff that embodied the culture on campus.

"Each story was so incredibly rich and powerful," she added.

Flood said the positioning that personified the true difference Wilmington makes in the lives of its students is *Hands On Learning. Hands on Living.*

"It is the personalized attention and each student's ability to engage actively in the learning process, versus being a passive receiver of knowledge, that changes lives," she said. "It is the call to action that

you give every student — that they need to live 'hands-on' in the world after they graduate in order to make the impact they were born to."

Flood added that Landor feels the new logo "telegraphically brings this positioning to life" and does it in a way that will connect with students by enhancing school pride and enable potential students to better see themselves as part of the Wilmington community.

"Landor didn't create your story," she told the faculty and staff. "We listened and created a unified way to portray it to the world.

"So raise your hand and let the world see the WC in each of us!"



HANDS-ON LEARNING. HANDS-ON LIVING.

the College's hallmarks — the many opportunities for experiential, hands-on, out-of-the-classroom learning experiences. This specifically dedicated mantra replaces the more broadly focused "Preparing Students to Make a Living, Make a Life and Make a Difference" used for the past 10 years.

Landor's Noelle Flood, global executive client director, and her team have worked closely with representatives from the College's faculty and administration led by Reynolds.

"At Landor we are given the amazing responsibility of being the visual and verbal brand storytellers for our clients," she said,



#WCPride

Show your Quaker Pride by sending us photos of you, your friends, family and colleagues using the WC hand sign.



WC students attending the Spring Lobbying Weekend in Washington D.C. show their Quaker Pride in front of the Capitol.

Photos will be showcased on WC social media, the Website and in marketing materials. Each person that submits a photo will receive a Wilmington College key chain with grand prizes awarded periodically for top entries.

How to submit photos:
Visit www2.wilmington.edu/student-life/show-your-quaker-pride.cfm
Or scan this QR code.





Hundreds of tomato lovers flock

Tomato lovers young and old enjoyed viewing, touching and
grandson, Coen Besser, both of whom are from Wilmington.





to 4th 'Tomadah Paradah'

tasting some 230 varieties at the fourth annual Tomadah Paradah, including 90-year-old Velma Hillard and her nine-year-old . The Agriculture Department invited visitors to peruse the tomato plantings and help themselves to the summer's bounty.

They came in all shapes, sizes, colors, tastes and textures with names like Black Prince, Lemon Bug, Linda, Marglobe, Charger, Cherokee Purple, Caspian Pink, Black Truffle and Box Car Willie.

Tomatoes—southwest Ohio's favorite summer fruit — took center stage Aug. 17 as hundreds flocked to Wilmington College's academic farm for the fourth annual Tomadah Paradah sponsored by WC's Agriculture Department and Swindler & Sons Florists.

Some 230 varieties of tomatoes were on display to view, touch, smell and taste and, if visitors didn't get their fill of tomatoes, they could pick their own to take home from the rows and rows of the fruit.

Phil Swindler, who with WC's Monte Anderson, professor of agriculture, founded the Tomadah Paradah in 2010, was thrilled to see scores of tomato lovers at the event.

"There's a real genuine interest in tomatoes. I joke that people are stupidly passionate about tomatoes — they all have their favorites," he said, noting

that the 230 varieties featured at the Tomadah Paradah barely scratched the surface of the 10,000 known varieties of tomatoes.

"It's the number one grown backyard fruit in the United States," he added. "They are easy to grow and everybody can grow them. People feel good about tomatoes because they've had success with them in their backyard gardens."

Before staging the first event four years ago, Swindler was confident a parade of tomatoes would become a popular summer attraction in Clinton County.

"I knew people would have an interest in this — it was one of those things, if you build it they will come."

Those attending the Tomadah Paradah also had an opportunity to see the Agriculture Department's new hi-tunnel greenhouse, irrigation system and a rainwater collection structure, the latter of which yields 2,200 gallons of water for every inch it rains on the barn roof. The water is pumped to a hydrant in the greenhouse and available to irrigate the nearby vegetable crops.

Also, several competitions were featured.

Swindler & Sons provided prizes for the largest tomato, a 3.595-pound behemoth Super Steak submitted by Carol Templin, as well as for best tasting tomato and cherry tomato. Adam Popson's Mr. Stripey won best tasting tomato while Allison Black won best tasting cherry for her Patio variety.

Black was one of the College agriculture students that tended the 230 varieties throughout the summer. The senior agri-business major worked with several local restaurants that used fresh tomatoes in their food preparation, in addition to doing everything from planting, staking, weeding, watering and harvesting the fruit, much of which was donated to local food pantries.

"It was a lot of work this summer but it was worth it having a night like this with so many people here," Black said.

Ironically, in spite of spending three months surrounded by tomatoes, she likes everything about them — except their taste.

"I don't like eating tomatoes at all."



Quakerman shows off new outfit at Ohio's Mascot's wardrobe paid for by Adventure Run proceeds, sale of

Wilmington

College's Quakerman met with his colorful counterparts from Ashland, Ohio Northern, Marietta and two-dozen of Ohio's other independent colleges Oct. 9 to illustrate to state legislators the rich and diverse nature of higher education in the Buckeye State.

College Mascot Day was the brainchild of the Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Ohio (AICUO), which orchestrated the gathering at Ohio's State House, where state senators, representatives and others in the capital received a visual message to go along with AICUO's work of promoting Ohio's independents.

C. Todd Jones, the organization's president and general counsel, said the idea for Mascot Day came from

WC's Quakerman spars with Ashland University's Tuffy the Eagle on the State House grounds. The event was part of a gathering of independent colleges and universities got together in October to impress upon legislators the vitality of Ohio's independent colleges.

the adoration and fanfare Ohio State University's Brutus Buckeye receives when making visits outside the confines of Ohio Stadium.

"We came up with this idea after seeing the crowd swarming to see a rather famous mascot from a university in central Ohio," he said.

"We thought, 'What if we got together a number of our mascots on one day. What kind of mass excitement could we create at the State House?'"

Their instincts were right as Ohio Wesleyan's Battlin' Bishop, Ashland's Tuffy the Eagle and Ohio Northern's Klondike, as well as WC's Quakerman, wowed legislators and visitors inside and outside the State House.

"Many legislators have gone to college or represent districts that have colleges," Jones said. "They love their colleges and universities — and they love getting their picture taken."

One can only surmise as to whether Quakerman is a constituent of Rep. Cliff Rosenberger (District 91), who represents Wilmington and the surrounding area, but the Republican from Clarksville was a gracious host to his visitor from Wilmington College. He invited Q-man into the House chamber for a photograph.

"It's great to have all these independent college mascots here at Ohio's capital today," Rosenberger said.

"This is a great opportunity to really



State House of obsolete sports gear

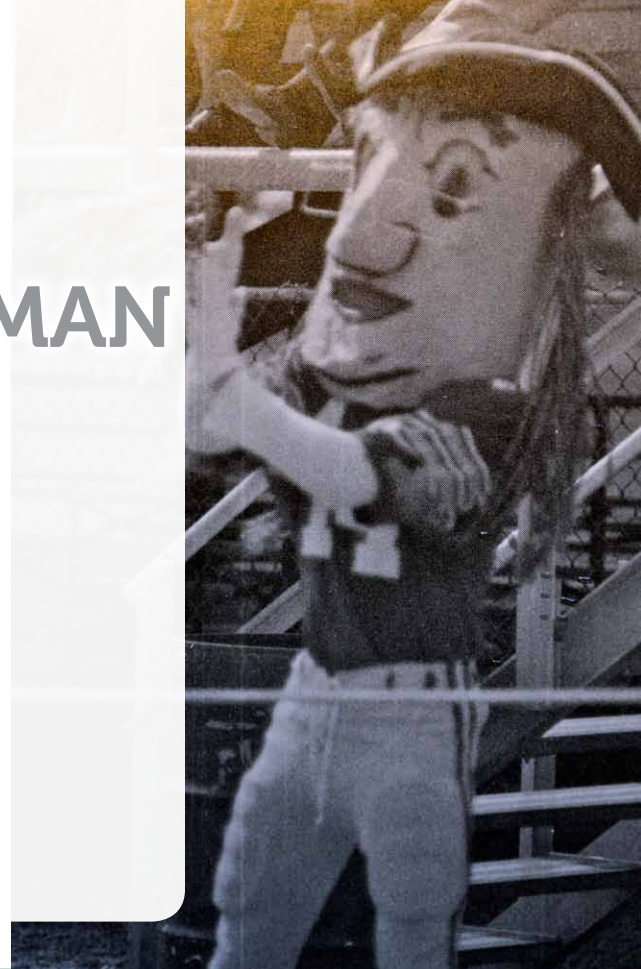
use lawn as mascots from Ohio's
slators the impact their institutions have

show the diversity of our state and show the strength of our state, especially from the perspective of independent higher education.

"Also, I am especially proud to welcome Wilmington College's Quakerman at the State House today."

The Quakerman wore his Sunday best for the occasion. Indeed, the new mascot costume had its debut only four days earlier at the College's Homecoming. Funds raised from the sale of obsolete WC logo apparel and used sports uniforms last spring and at Homecoming, along with registration fees for the Homecoming 5K Adventure Run covered the several thousand-dollar cost of the costume.

FORMER QUAKERMAN SHARES STORY OF 1980s MASCOT



Dear *LINK* editor:

I read the recent article in *The LINK* magazine about the need to purchase a new Quakerman costume. There may be some history of the Quakerman that may need to be passed on.

In the mid-1980s, I started and/or re-started the Quakerman mascot. I was a senior and then my girlfriend was a football cheerleader. I thought we needed a mascot. What a great way to impress my girlfriend! Over the summer before my senior year, I constructed a Quakerman head out of chicken wire and paper mache. I used an old coat hanger to fashion the wire rim glasses and my mother sewed a tri-corner hat.

My roommate was an athletic training student and he "borrowed" an old football uniform and pads from the equipment room for me. When the afternoon of the first home game arrived, I sneaked into the academic building, where I had hidden the costume, and changed.

I walked down the mall to the football field, greeting fans, cheering on the team and giving hugs to kids. I cheered

with the cheerleaders and encouraged the students to go nuts. As the season progressed, rumors abounded around campus: "Who is the Quakerman?"

There was even an article in the *Hourglass* with suggestions from students on how the Quakerman should be crazier. (This was in the day of the San Diego Chicken). Slowly, my friends began to figure out that I was the Quakerman, but we never formally announced it to campus.

At the end of the season, I turned the costume over to the cheerleading adviser and, I believe, it was used for many years to come. To my surprise, I was quietly awarded a varsity letter, which I used in my resume for many years.

So, there is the missing history of the Quakerman as I know it. I married that cheerleader and we have four beautiful children.

With Quaker pride,
The Quakerman of the 1980s

John Keene points out some of the pop art intricacies associated with the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album to Wilmington College Cincinnati Blue Ash students Scott Parsley and Frances Allen.



WC course highlights The Beatles' impact on popular culture

Trailblazing Group Burst upon the American Scene 50 Years Ago

BY RANDY SARVIS

Who would have guessed a half century ago in February 1964, when the Beatles first arrived in the United States, that the four lads from Liverpool singing “She Loves You (Yeh, Yeh, Yeh)” and “I Want to Hold Your

Hand” would change the world?

And that, 50 years later, college students would study the impact that John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr would have on contemporary society?

Wilmington College students at the institution’s Cincinnati Branch in Blue Ash are delving into “50 Years of the Beatles” in a Saturday morning class this semester instructed by John Keene, a recognized authority on socio-



enduring

musicology.

Keene's course is no love fest for all things Beatles; rather it takes a scholarly approach to many of those entities that got caught in The Beatles' vortex: musical boundaries, anti-authoritarianism, Western romanticism, radical utopianism, fashion, teen rebellion, fan worship, religion and philosophy, war and peace, drug use, Eastern mysticism, culture/counterculture, universal

love, figures in 1960s popular culture, crossing into numerous musical genres, et al.

Keene believes that, once his students are armed with facts, insight and critical thought, the Beatles' greatest contributions to popular culture and their lasting legacy will become readily evident.

"My students are encouraged to find that out for themselves," he said, noting that those cadres have ranged in age from Generation X to Baby Boomers. "I lived through that era (the Beatles and the 1960s), so my view wouldn't be the same as someone who came of age in the 80s."

Keene also instructed the course last fall as part of WC's academic program at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

He has been impressed with the response from students of all ages. They are required throughout the term to select Beatles-related, essay topics and drill down through the veneer to the roots, substance and ramifications of their subject matter.

"The biggest surprise was the tremendous improvement in critical writing skills between the first week and final week of class," Keene said. "It confirmed my belief that many students have profound and important things to say, but their writing technique can get in the way of their ability to communicate. I try to help solve that problem."

Several students shared their thoughts after completing Keene's Cincinnati State class.

Michael A. Leber, 48, was born in 1966, a transitional year for the Beatles. The frenzy that was Beatlemania began to change when the group stopped touring and, with the releases of the *Rubber Soul* and *Revolver* albums, their music took on more serious tones and gained critical acclaim as breakthroughs on the precipice of their seminal accomplishment of 1967, the album

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

Leber wrote a critical essay on film director Richard Lester, who directed the Beatles in their movies *A Hard Day's Night* and *Help!*

"Lester would go on to influence modern music videos with the style and innovative techniques he used in these films," Leber said, noting MTV deemed the director the "Father of the Music Video" in 1984. Indeed, many of the early videos of the MTV era resemble the Beatles' musical sequences in those 1964 and '65 films.

Leber noted that the murder of John Lennon in 1980 ignited the then 15-year-old's interest in the band.

"That's when I really began exploring their music in depth," he said.

Keith Green, 45, was born the year the Beatles recorded the classic, seven-minute, "Hey Jude," which, like so

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— JOHN KEENE

many Beatles innovations, challenged the norm — in this case, what was played on singles-oriented, Top 40 radio.

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He spoke of how enthusiastic class participation, along with “breaking down” the meanings of the music and Keene’s passion for the subject matter, made for a “very intense yet laid back” academic experience.

“I left each class with the desire to research deeper material on the Beatles,” he said.

At 58, Deborah Day is old enough to have seen the Beatles’ American TV debut on *The Ed Sullivan Show* Feb. 9, 1964, however, her strict father saw that she was not among the 73 million Americans that tuned in that Sunday evening 50 years ago.

“My father would not allow me to listen to them or any other rock-and-roll music, so I didn’t have the exposure to the Beatles that other kids my age did at the time,” she said. “My mother did sneak and buy me their first album, which I listened to occasionally when I came home from school, so I was a bit familiar with the early Beatles music.”

Day appreciates the greater understanding she gained for the life and times of the Beatles all these years later.

“Learning about their individual struggles and how they transitioned their music throughout the years was interesting,” she said. “I feel that John Lennon’s utopian viewpoint of how the world should be and George’s religious inspirations definitely influenced the culture of the United States, particularly college-age, young adults.”



John Keene spoke of Bob Dylan’s influence on John Lennon’s songwriting in the Beatles’ classic album, Rubber Soul.

Keene admits that the Beatles’ continuing popularity is fueled, in part, by the fact they are “frozen in time” and forever young in our collective imagination much like John F. Kennedy, James Dean and other giants whose meteoric popularity and sudden demise left their fans wanting more.

That’s the stuff of legend for future generations to glom onto.

Lora D. Hamilton, 33, was born a decade after the band’s break-up in early 1970 and shortly after Lennon’s shocking death.

“I bought my first Beatles album when I was 16 (the 1967-70 greatest

hits package),” she said. “I remember one of my friends making fun of me for buying the album, but I do recall really enjoying it.”

Since her course of study at WC requires a music appreciation course, Hamilton gravitated to Keene’s fall offering since, “I thought it would be more interesting than something on classical music.”

She found Keene both “knowledgeable and engaging” and enjoyed his connecting the Beatles to the history of the time, the social climate and other important musical figures of the 1960s.

“I find it pretty impressive that the Beatles can still touch the lives of people who were born decades after they disbanded,” Hamilton said, noting that she hears their influence in musical acts as diverse as Tori Amos, Pink Floyd and David Bowie.

“I even heard one of their songs sampled in a hip-hop song recently.”

In the weeks leading up to the 50th anniversary of the Beatles’ Feb. 7, 1964, arrival in the United States, she recalled “seeing and hearing them everywhere” — from commemorative issues on grocery store, magazine racks to television specials and the heralded reunion of McCartney and Starr at the 2014 Grammy Awards.

“It’s great to see that their legacy has persevered and I’m glad I have the knowledge to recognize and enjoy it — thanks to John’s class!”

Ron Rembert revives his Socrates one-man show

PLATO'S *THE APOLOGY* CHRONICLES SOCRATES' DEFENSE OF HIS LIFE

BY RANDY SARVIS

When Socrates was placed on trial to defend his life as a philosopher in 399 B.C., he was found guilty and sentenced to death — he was forced to drink poisonous hemlock.

Some 2,412 years later, in 2013, Wilmington College's Ron Rembert portrayed the classical, Greek Athenian philosopher and his audience had an opportunity to serve as the jury.

Rembert, professor of religion and philosophy, presented a one-man show featuring dialogue from Plato's *The Apology* for two performances in November.

Rembert, who last gave his popular Socrates portrayal more than 10 years ago, reworked the presentation and added dialogue on human virtue from Plato's *Meno*, "to show a little more of Socrates in action" before his trial.

"It shows Socrates' way of engaging in discussion and why that might be worrisome," said Rembert, who created the show as a result of a Texas Humanities Council grant while teaching at Texas Wesleyan University in the 1980s. He first performed *The Apology* at WC during his first year on the faculty in 1989.

He said the use of the word apology in this sense refers to a defense of one's actions rather than a statement of remorse or petition for forgiveness. Plato, one of Socrates' students, wrote *The Apology*, which is believed to be an accurate account of what Socrates said

at his trial, although not necessarily verbatim.

"It's Plato's words put into the mouth of Socrates. It's Socrates' defense of his life as a philosopher," he said. "I want my students to hear the words of Plato in our own time and place — the text still has meaning for us.

"It's meant to be an educational experience, not just entertaining."

Rembert, who reworked the presentation with new material during his faculty sabbatical last spring, expressed how "meaningful" is has been for him to revisit *The Apology* after a decade-plus hiatus.

"I'm growing older and closer to Socrates' age, which was 70 at the time of his trial," he said. "I bring new experiences to it myself. I'm not 70, but I'm closer to it than I was the last time I did it."

Rembert wants to impress upon his students that "old can be good" even in a contemporary society that often places an emphasis upon youthfulness.

"In this case, an ancient text can be relevant," he added. "The emphasis always seems to be on newer, better, faster — I believe something ancient can be good too."

Rembert invited his audience to be ready to act as jurors.

"The question is not whether Socrates is guilty or innocent, but is he persuasive? His defense seems worth considering."



Milestones, promotions and transitions

As with all dynamic organizations, change is always in the air and Wilmington College is no exception. This story offers an update on faculty promotions, a mid-year retirement, position change and persons that have left WC.

The College awarded two faculty members tenure and promotions. Effective upon the start of the 2014-15 academic year, **Corey Cockerill** will become an associate professor of communication arts and **Ursula McTaggart** an associate professor of English.

President Jim Reynolds said both of these honors are well deserved.

"Both Corey and Ursula have made some really significant contributions to our campus community and the community-at-large," he said.

"I am especially grateful to them for their commitment to the values and mission of the College as they work with our students to provide opportunities for their success," Reynolds added.

In other updates, **Tammy Shadley-Hutton '90**, a WC employee since 1997, moved from her position in Academic Affairs back to the Advancement area, where she took the new position in January of director of development research and operations.

Jan Blohm, director of development and an advancement staff member since 2001, was inducted into Outstanding Women of Clinton County in March.

Leaving the College to pursue other interests and opportunities included:

Ann Venable, director of planned giving/major gifts officer and a member of the Advancement staff since 2005, left in January to join her husband in the Baltimore area. She accepted the position of director of development with Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Tony Staubach '07, project manager for Grow Food, Grow Hope since 2012, left in March to serve as project manager

for The Ohio State University's pilot STEM program with Cincinnati Schools. He was a GFGH VISTA worker at WC from 2007 to 2009.

Whitney Cosler, account resolution coordinator with One Stop during 2008 and '09 and since 2011, left in January to be a stay-at-home mom for her young son.

John Moore, visiting professor of mathematics and director of the Math Center, retired in December after serving in that capacity since 2012. He previously was an adjunct instructor since 2002 and taught high school math for 46 years.

Scott Warren also left in December after serving as part-time student success coordinator for the past three years to take the position as Antioch University's chair of the graduate philosophy program. He continues to teach a history course this semester.

Jim Canaday, network operations coordinator since 2012, left the College in September.

Angie Davidson '10, an employee since 2002, left the position of director of advancement services in December.

Gina Beck '91 moved from her position as assistant director of admission to become a transfer counselor at Wittenberg University. She joined the staff as an admission counselor in 2010.

Kailyn Books Forthhofer '09 transitioned from her position as conference services coordinator in January to be a stay-at-home mother for her newborn child. She joined the staff in 2011.

Also, **Scott Farkas**, director of human resources since 2002, left the



Gina Beck '91



Jan Blohm



Kailyn Books Forthhofer '09



Corey Cockerill



Angie Davidson '10



Ursula McTaggart



Tammy Shadley-Hutton '90



Tony Staubach '07



Ann Venable

College this spring, and **Robert C. "Chip" Harrod**, vice president for Advancement since 2011, departed in April.

College recognizes faculty and staff for service milestones



Robert C. "Chip" Harrod



Tina Marshall Garland '87



Vinton Prince



Hal Shunk

The College honored more than three-dozen members of its faculty and staff for 575 years of service to the institution at a campus gathering Sept. 26.

President Jim Reynolds noted how, when he travels throughout the country meeting with alumni, they speak of faculty and staff whose impact literally transformed their lives while they were at WC.

"As our current students will go out into the world, they one day will be mentioning the names of persons in this room — names that are synonymous with their success.

"All of you make a difference in the lives of our students."

Leading the parade of employees recognized for longevity were **Becky Haines '72**, who has served WC for 40 years as fine arts secretary and theatre technician, and **Elizabeth Haskins '73**, assistant professor of music, who has been on the faculty for 35 years.

Haines' and Haskins' affiliation with Wilmington College even supersedes those numbers, as each is a WC alumnus.

Three employees earned 30-year recognition, including **Vinton Prince**, professor of history; **Mary Ellen Batiuk**, a professor of social sciences that started

with WC's Project Talent program in the 1980s and later became dean of its corrections program; and **Rhonda Burton**, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs. Burton also worked with Project Talents and in the financial aid area.



President Jim Reynolds congratulates Elizabeth Brookie Haskins '73 (LEFT) and Becky Heiland Haines '72 for their respective 35 and 40 years of service to the College.

Other recognition included:

25 years of service — **Larry Howard '86**, professor of athletic training; **Hal Shunk**, professor of art; **Iris Kelsen**, originally dean of the Cincinnati Branches and current vice president for external programs; and **Tina Marshall Garland '87**, who has advanced from admission counselor to assistant and associate director to her present position as director of admission.

20 years: **Edward Agran**, professor of history; **Catherine Roma**, professor of music and former director of the College Chorale and UMOJA Men's Chorus; and **Lorie Watts**, who started as student accounts manager and is currently associate director of Student One Stop.

15 years: **Ron Combs '93**, head coach for cross country and track & field, and intramurals director; **James "Trip"**

Breen, director of aquatics and head swimming coach; **Tara Lydy '96**, director of the Center for Service and Civic Engagement, who started as director of the Campus Village and later coordinator of Service Learning; **Ken Lydy '97**, associate vice president

for student affairs, who originally held the position of Campus Village manager and later director of student activities and associate dean of students. Also, **Mary Burnell**, specialist in public relations

and Copy Center coordinator, who originally was secretary in student life; **Carl Coatney**, athletics equipment manager; and **Kenna Edwards**, switchboard operator and clerk in human relations.

10 years: **Lisabeth Bauer**, associate professor of education; **Michael Goldcamp**, associate professor of chemistry; **Martha Hendricks**, associate professor of education, who recently served as interim associate vice president for academic affairs; **Stephen Potthoff**, associate professor of religion and philosophy; **Jennifer Judy Walker '97**, assistant professor of athletic training.

Also, **Ruth Brindle '99**, curator of the Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage

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Center, who originally was an adjunct faculty member in history and later associate director of the Peace Resource Center; **Randy Gerber**, coordinator of the Barrett Farm; **Sylvia Stevens**, associate vice president for external programs, who started as director of the Cincinnati State degree completion program; and **K.C. Hunt**, head

basketball coach, who originally served as assistant coach.

Five years: **Corey Cockerill**, assistant professor of communication arts; **Charles Dick**, assistant professor of business; **Kim Miller** '05, assistant professor of athletic training; **Marlaina Leppert-Wahl**, assistant professor of social science; **Ursula McTaggart**, assistant professor of English; **Dan Kasztelan**, campus minister; **Debra Myrick** '12, enrollment specialist at Blue Ash; **Leslie Nichols**, assistant to the president; **Heath Whittamore**, network manager and network/PC support; **Cindy Dawson**, specialist in accounts payable; and **Shari Rolston**, administrative secretary in student life.



Larry Howard '86



Iris Kelsen



Lorie Watts

Dawson, specialist in accounts payable; and **Shari Rolston**, administrative secretary in student life.

Anderson selected as Ohio's 'Ag Educator-of-the-Year'

The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation selected Wilmington College's Monte Anderson for its "Distinguished Agricultural - Cooperative Educator Award."

Anderson, professor of agriculture, was honored for his lifetime contributions to education, Ohio agriculture and service to the Ohio Farm Bureau during the OFB's 95th annual meeting banquet Dec. 5 in Columbus.

A member of WC's faculty since 1985, Anderson earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Southern Illinois University and a Ph.D. in agricultural education from The Ohio State University.

He and his wife, Diane, are the parents of four sons, Scott (deceased), Jeff, Brian and Brik, and they have two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren.

Several of WC's agriculture alumni shared the impact Anderson has had upon their lives.

Sara Campbell, a Class of 2008 member and a district sales manager for agriculture products, said he works to ensure his students' success through a multitude of out-of-classroom, hands-on experiences.

"Monte was always willing to stay late or come in early to help a student," she said. "I also appreciate his willingness to help students beyond college. Once you're a student of Monte's, he will remember you for a lifetime."

Local farmer Vincent Fisher '98 said Anderson was his faculty adviser throughout college.

"He is meticulous about ensuring that students do not fail to meet their goals," he said. "He is great at guiding someone with a big goal by breaking it down into smaller steps."

Abigail Watson McClain '09, a soil conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said teaching comes naturally to Anderson.

"Monte believes in a hands-on approach to teaching," she said, noting that all first-year agriculture majors must learn how to build a fence, shear a sheep and drive a tractor.

"It's been five years since I graduated from WC, yet Monte's lessons are something I think about on a daily basis," McClain said. "Monte did not just teach agricultural lessons — he taught life lessons."

"Also, believe in people even when they do not believe in themselves, support those in need, give everyone an opportunity to prove themselves and, most of all, take time for others even when you have a complex schedule."

"To that, I say, 'Thank you, Monte for sharing your gift as a teacher.'"



Monte Anderson

GCCCU award lauds Cockerill's dedication to WC's mission

Corey Cockerill arrived at Wilmington College in 2008 bursting with dynamic personality and youthful idealism. During the subsequent five years, those attributes have manifested into a reputation as an outstanding teacher and mover and shaker for new ideas.

The Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities honored Cockerill Nov. 8 as Wilmington College's outstanding faculty member at the GCCCU's Celebration of Teaching luncheon.

Cockerill is an associate professor of

communication arts. She earned her PhD from The Ohio State University in 2006 in the areas of environmental sociology and communication, and, prior to her academic appointment, served as the electronic communications manager at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife.

Erika Goodwin, vice president for academic affairs, praised her as a faculty member that is “clearly dedicated” to the College and its mission.

“Corey has completely immersed herself in her teaching, service and scholarship in her time here at Wilmington,” she said, noting that, this year, she is teaching in both the communication arts and

agriculture areas.

“In addition to new and innovative ideas she uses in the classroom, she provides a huge amount of service to the College and has an impressive level of scholarship,” Goodwin added. “She is always ready to pitch in and has come up with some really amazing ideas.

“Corey is outstanding!”

Cockerill is a co-founder of the Wilmington Institute for Stewardship and Engagement, a co-curricular certificate program at WC designed to appeal to values-driven student leaders that seek to engage positive social change. The institute



Corey Cockerill

is set to launch next fall.

Cockerill resides in Leesburg with her husband, Tate '03, and their two children.

SOCHE honors 4 faculty for excellence

The Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) recognized four Wilmington College faculty members Nov. 8 at its annual teaching awards banquet in Dayton.

Charlotte Fairlie, assistant professor of English; Larry Howard '86, professor of athletic training; Terry Miller '70, associate professor of education; and Marta Wilkinson, associate professor of English received accolades for their teaching excellence, along with faculty members from SOCHE's 20 other member institutions.

Fairlie, a WC faculty member since 2000, is known for developing courses that appeal to non-English majors, such as her “Environment and Rural Life” course that attracts agriculture majors.

She further builds the English/agriculture connection through participation in Grow Food, Grow Hope, WC's Food Symposium and the Women in Agriculture program.

Erika Smith Goodwin '95, vice president for academic affairs, also cited Fairlie's work as director of Global General Education.

“Charlotte has been totally dedicated to these endeavors,” she said. “She upholds a high standard.”

Howard, who is in his 26th year of teaching at WC, directs the College's athletic training program, which has

become one of the institution's largest majors and earned national prominence under his leadership.



Terry Miller '70



Marta Wilkinson

It's won five Ohio AT Quiz Bowl titles and seven Outstanding Undergraduate Research awards. Equally impressive is 100 percent of graduating seniors passed the AT Board of Certification exam on their first attempt during each of the last three years — the national average is nearly 60 percent.

Howard received the Ohio Senate's “Outstanding Achievement Award” in 2010 and was named the Ohio Athletic

Trainers' Association's “Athletic Trainer of the Year” in 2009.

Goodwin credited Howard, who is a WC alumnus, as a “trailblazer” of the College's AT program.

“Larry is completely devoted to this program and has such a passion for teaching students to become Certified Athletic Trainers,” she said, noting Howard also serves as area coordinator for the sport sciences area and is adviser for both the AT Quiz Bowl Team and Sports Medicine Leadership Council.

Miller, also a WC alumnus, has served on the education faculty since 1999. He is currently director of Graduate Studies and holds a doctor of education from National College of Education.

His primary goal in teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses has been getting students to see the “big picture” as it's involved with their subject matter — whether it's related to larger policy issues in education reform or the meaning of culture as it affects communication patterns and international relations.

His courses have ranged from “Comparative Religion” and “Theories

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of Personality” to “Special Education Assessment” and “Teaching Foreign Languages.”

“Terry is a highly competent faculty member who is incredibly well versed in various administrative issues in higher education,” Goodwin said. “I regularly seek his counsel and will truly miss him when he retires in July 2014.”



Charlotte Fairlie



Larry Howard '86

Wilkinson, who joined the faculty in 2006 with a Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, believes in keeping the individual learning needs of her students at the center of her courses.

She is known for engaging students at all levels and guiding them through the demands of introductory and upper-level courses. Wilkinson also is a faculty mentor for the Writing Across the Curriculum program and has established a regular series of faculty development workshops in which she shares current practices and techniques with her colleagues.

“Marta is truly an amazing professor for us in the English Department,” Goodwin said, adding that, in the last several years, she has “really transformed” what the College does with writing through such areas as workshops and an assessment structure.

“She has raised the expectations for both our students and our faculty in terms of learning and teaching writing skills.”

Three new trustees join Board

Wilmington

College’s Board of Trustees welcomed three new members at its October meeting. They include 1995 alumnus Renee LaPine, Pamela McCoy and Peggy J. Roads Sturdivant '82.

LaPine has been president and CEO of EMSAR in Wilmington since 2005.

Equipment Management Service and Repair, Inc., is a nationwide franchise organization providing service and installation support to a variety of medical device manufacturers. She served as the company’s chief financial officer from its inception in 1993 until 2005.

LaPine holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wilmington College and currently serves on the Clinton County Business Advisory Council for the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center and the Wilmington-Clinton County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

McCoy is director of brand strategy for Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus.

She has more than 30 years of experience in the creative development and leadership of marketing and communications campaigns. McCoy served in positions ranging from product development officer to executive director of marketing and marketing communications for employers in the financial, high-tech, higher education and healthcare sectors.

Her former employers include Foster School of Business at the University of Washington, Milliman Care Guidelines, Philips Medical System, Telecommunications Systems and First Interstate Bank.

The daughter of the late Robert and Helga McCoy, secretary emeritus of the College and emeritus professor of modern languages, respectively, McCoy is a graduate of Westtown Friends School

and Lake Forest College, in addition to earning her master’s degree at Seattle University.

Following her graduation from WC, Sturdivant began her professional career in the higher education field as the associate director of admission and financial aid at Wilmington College.

In 1987, she joined the Cincinnati ATP Championship (now the Tennis Masters Series Cincinnati) as marketing and ticket manager. Several years later, she started independent business consulting in the areas of marketing, budgeting and operations, with a specialty in the use of technology solutions to enhance systems and increase efficiency.

She consulted exclusively with the Oral Care R&D group at Procter & Gamble from 1997 until her retirement in 2012. Sturdivant, who also is continuing to serve as a member of the WC President’s Advisory Council, holds a Master of Business Administration from Xavier University.



Renee LaPine '95



Pamela McCoy



Peggy Roads Sturdivant '82



College holds activities, new and old, tried and true

Jamal McClendon and Paige Newman view Mary Beth Thorngren's Harcum Gallery exhibit of paintings inspired by Aesop's fables.

The fall 2013 semester and spring '14 term through spring break in early March witnessed a myriad of programs and events designed to engage, enlighten, enthrall and entertain Wilmington College students and the greater community.

ART EXHIBITS VARIED FROM ENCAUSTIC AND ACRYLIC TO PHOTOGRAPHY AND LANDSCAPES

In a literal A to Z of activities, art held a center stage beginning with the Harcum Gallery season opening "Sabbatical Exhibition" presented by Hal Shunk, professor of art.

Shunk, who completed much of the work during his faculty sabbatical in early 2013, explained elements of his artistic motivation and creative process.

"I'm always searching for something different: a thought, a feeling, an

emotion," Shunk said.

"I paint non-objective pieces of life. If I painted a boat on a lake, everyone would see a boat on a lake. (Rather), I paint the sense of freedom you feel when you're on that boat," he said, noting that, ideally, when viewing his work, no two persons have the same experience.

Subsequent exhibits featured Mary Beth Thorngren's large-scale acrylics on canvas, which were inspired by Aesop's fables she enjoyed as a child. Cleveland artist Charles J. Mintz looked at changes in the socio-economic make-up of 12 neighborhoods in which he's lived in a social comment-infused photographic exhibit.

Mintz's exhibit, titled "Every Place I Have Ever Lived," contained images of a foreclosed home in the 12 neighborhoods in which he's spent his life. Each of the dozen pieces featured two photos of the foreclosed property, one base photo on fabric screwed into

a piece of plywood with a second photo fashioned as a workable window shade that pulls down over the first photo.

A drive down the street when he photographed his childhood home "yielded a stream of boarded up properties punctuated by now empty lots," he said, noting that, when he visited this area again in 2011, his former home had been torn down.

Also, married couple Ivan Schieferdecker and Laurin Notheisen shared an exhibit in early spring.

Notheisen said her landscape work "involves creating the illusion of a place, a beautiful but somewhat disquieting place." They are usually natural, interior spaces framed by sky, land and foliage.

Schieferdecker, who grew up in a small, Mississippi River town surrounded by agriculture, noted that his "Patch" series of paintings is an abstract expression of these childhood

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The cast of Edges performs "Be My Friend," also known as "The Facebook Song," during a final rehearsal. Featured from the left are: Nick Hutson, Bekah Muchmore, Josh Beck, Victoria Canby, Ellen Short, Ryan Macella, Kylee Bristol, Megan McDonough, Phoebe Davis and Kevin Wall.

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memories and the "Land Parcels" series references the fields, creeks and river from various distant viewpoints.

WC THEATRE PRESENTS FALL MUSICAL, *EDGES*, OF 'THE FACEBOOK SONG' FAME

Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, then theatre undergraduates at the University of Michigan, wrote a song cycle about coming-of-age, growth and self-discovery they called *Edges*.

"It's a show about 20-something, burgeoning adults asking classic coming-of-age questions," said director Wynn Alexander, noting that characters deal with confronting emotions, escaping expectations and deciphering complicated relationships.

"Beyond its youthful appeal, the show is a compelling and emotive ride that gets audiences of all ages reflecting on their younger years — where mistakes define who you became, love seemed to last forever and reality hadn't hit yet," he

added.

WC Theatre will present Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit* in mid-April.

The College's Theatre Department brought to campus a live theatre performance of David Mamet's comedy, *The Duck Variations*, in which actors Jonathan Putnam and Geoffrey Nelson of A Portable Theatre portrayed two elderly men that met in the park.

Their chance encounter quickly became a comic battle of wits. George and Emil are stubborn, highly opinionated and hilariously misinformed. Who is the wiser of the two? Imagine George Burns versus Jack Benny.

On the music front, the threat of inclement weather postponed the annual Winter Holiday Concert from its normal early December time to mid-January.

The College-Community Chorus presented a program of carols in honor of the 100th birthday anniversary of composer Benjamin Britten while the College Chorale presented a set of pieces looking at the holiday season from different perspectives, including

sacred selections from both Christian and Jewish traditions, and secular pieces of winter and the holiday season.

Collegium Musicum presented its semi-annual noon-hour mini-concert, titled "Celebrate with Song and Dance," which included instrumental arrangements of 16th century Italian and French dances, a Dutch song, a piece by Henry VIII of England and Christmas carols from Germany and Austria.

ISSUES & ARTISTS SERIES PRESENTS 'COMPUTING AND THE LAW,' ILLUSIONIST MIKE SUPER AND DOKTOR KABOOM

C.L. Lindsay's expertise in legal aspects of the Internet opened the 2013-14 Issues & Artists Series when he presented "Computing and the Law," which covered legalities of such issues as social networking, cyber-bullying and online plagiarism.

Lindsay left his New York City law practice to found CO-STAR, The



Doktor Kaboom revels in the science learned in an attention-getting explosion while (INSET) C.L. Lindsay speaks of the legal concerns and pitfalls inherent in the use of social media.

Student Coalition for Student & Academic Rights, for which he serves as executive director. He built CO-STAR into a national students rights organization that helps thousands of college students with their legal problems.

"I have somehow become the attorney-at-large for every college and university student in the country," Lindsay said. "I teach you guys how to stay out of trouble. If you wouldn't do something offline, don't do it online."

He especially cautioned students to be careful what photos they share on social media.

"All the laws in the world will not suck that photo back into your phone," he said.

Winner of NBC's reality show *Phenomenon*, Mike Super shocked and amazed with his magic, illusion and mind-bending abilities. He has pioneered a new form of magic with his own inimitable, down-to-earth style and personality. Super has brought the art of magic back to the people. He is known for transcending the "trick" and

connecting personally with his audience.

In his presentation, "Look Out, Science Is Coming," Doktor Kaboom (a.k.a. David Epley) creatively blended theatre arts with the wonders of scientific exploration. His science experiments combined humor and comedy while demonstrating applications of the physical sciences — and yes, there was an abundance of fire and explosions!

"In science, it doesn't matter if you're right or wrong — what matters is learning the truth," Epley said, noting the nation must reverse the trend that has placed the United States globally 12th in science and 25th in math.

"We have to change this," he added. "In the next 20 years, 80 percent of new jobs will require a base in math and science."

Epley said his performance was designed to emphasize the importance of science to college students, although a significant portion of his audience that evening was comprised of school kids mesmerized by the good Doktor's scientific exploits.

"When we are very small, everyone

loves science," he said. "About the time of middle school, students begin to think it's for someone else — science is for everybody!"

QUAKER HERITAGE CENTER PRESENTS EXHIBITS HIGHLIGHTING PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center continues to present enlightening gallery exhibits that highlight history and Friends' values.

The fall semester featured the exhibit, "A Show of Respect: A Body of Work Painted for the Children of War."

QHC curator Ruth Brindle '99 noted the first Article of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights presents the words: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience, and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."

These words inspired Helen Broadfoot to create "A Show of Respect" in which

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Grow Food, Grow Hope sustains momentum using WC students

More than 150 guests enjoyed a late summer bounty of locally produced foods Sept. 12 at Wilmington College. It was an event that benefited Grow Food, Grow Hope's community gardening initiative to the tune of \$5,000.

The College and Sodexo Campus Services sponsored the fifth annual Farm-to-Table Benefit Dinner at the new outdoor pavilion, which is within view of the 40 raised bed vegetable plots on the eastern edge of campus. The Friends of Hope Garden constitutes the centerpiece of Grow Food, Grow Hope's mission of expanding food access in the community.

WC President Jim Reynolds hearkened a visit he made to Tanzania and the hardships faced by many in that African nation as he asked those in attendance "to appreciate the bounty we have here." He also thanked them for supporting a program that has become an important part of the "rebirth" of Wilmington College.

Tony Staubach '07, GFGH project manager, said the community gardening initiative has expanded over five years from serving persons that might be unemployed, underemployed or on fixed incomes to include anyone that might benefit from learning gardening skills.

Indeed, GFGH worked last year with several Cincinnati churches in helping them start gardening projects and this year will work with youth at a women's shelter and victims of urban and rural poverty and those that might benefit

from the therapeutic aspects of gardening.

Staubach introduced the mother/son combo of Mickie and David Keller as persons that "impacted the lives" of their fellow gardeners. They represented the 40 families that had plots this summer at WC's Friends of Hope Garden.

"This opportunity has helped us become more self-sufficient in many ways," David Keller said, noting they not only maintained their garden plot at the College during the spring and summer, but they also added another 4x12-foot raised bed garden and made an additional garden in a children's swimming pool at their home.

The Kellers canned much of their harvest for future use.

Staubach also introduced several of the summer associates, all of whom are WC students, that assisted with the program after the AmeriCorps* VISTA grant expired and those staff members left in mid-June.

"We never had a summer of Grow Food, Grow Hope without VISTAS the entire time," he said. "These students took the program and ran with it. They proved that Grow Food, Grow Hope can stand on its own at Wilmington College."

Joshua York, a sophomore from Philadelphia majoring in chemistry, spoke of what the experience meant to him.

"I could have gone back to Philly and worked in the deli, but I wanted to learn something new and help people," he said.

(LEFT) Posing among the scarecrows that adorned the Farm-to-Table Benefit Dinner are, from the left, gardeners Mickie and David Keller, and event committee members Tony Staubach, Tara Rhinehart, Tara Lydy and Peggy Sturdivant.

(RIGHT) Gavin Hubbard, a junior at East Clinton High School, catches a carbon dioxide bubble in the High School Chemistry Night demonstration called "Drippy Faucet." Dry ice is added to a container of hot water at the base of a six-foot tube. Carbon dioxide makes it way up the tube where a paper towel drenched in soapy water is fastened to the end of the tube, capturing the CO2 inside bubbles.

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she paired each visual media piece in the exhibit with text from the Universal Declaration and a reflection by the artist.

"We cannot undo this horror [of war]," Broadfoot says, "but with determination we can possibly prevent such horrendous crimes from happening again."

Brindle said, "With its focus on the United Nations and areas of conflict around the world, the exhibit ties beautifully to Wilmington College's Quaker-inspired values of peace, social justice and respect for all persons, as well as the College's academic focus on global education."

Carrying into the early fall from the summer was the spectacle of more than 1,500 origami paper cranes suspended from the gallery ceiling. Colorful cranes were an inspiration for artist Craig Dove, whose exhibit artwork included drawings of both Sandhill and Red-crowned cranes.

"Journey Stories," a winter exhibit at the Center, looked at how mobility has shaped American culture.

Brindle said the United States'



transportation history is much more than the individual modes for movement throughout the past several centuries: horseback, boats, buses, cars, wagons and trucks.

“The development of transportation technology was largely inspired by the human drive for freedom,” she said, noting that “Journey Stories” examined the “intersection” between modes of travel and Americans’ desire to feel free to move.

“The story is diverse and focused on immigration, migration, innovation and freedom,” she added. “It is a complicated story, but it tells us much about who we are — people who see our societal mobility as a means for asserting our individual freedom.”

The Ohio Humanities Council was responsible for the exhibit’s run at WC. “Journey Stories” is part of the Museum on Main Street’s collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils nationwide.

**SOMETHING OLD,
SOMETHING NEW**

Wilmington College’s Education Department and Watson Library teamed to sponsor the annual Banned Books Read-In as part of the National Library Association’s 31th anniversary observance of “Banned Books Week.” Books ranging from the *Holy Bible* to *Harry Potter* to *Charlotte’s Web* and *To Kill a Mockingbird* have been censored, suppressed, hidden, given limited access and outright banned some place in the world at some time.

New this year was an evening of “Hermann Madness” in November, which sport management students devised under the supervision of new program director Daniel Kelly. Against a backdrop of introducing the men and women’s basketball teams, the students in this popular academic program held numerous competitions and exhibitions with prizes for everything from shooting free throws and three-pointers to cheering and drawings.

Sandwiched between the season premiere of TV’s *Walking Dead* and Halloween, Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society

thought the time was appropriate to bring the author of *Zombie, Ohio* to campus.

Scott Kenemore read passages from his book, *Zombie, Ohio: A Tale of the Undead*, which is among the course reading requirements in James McNelis’ English class, *Zombie Literature*.

Students from five area high schools had a taste of college chemistry at the Chemistry Department’s 26th annual High School Chemistry Night.

The students viewed chemistry demonstrations — many featuring visual effects like fireballs, smoke, ghost-like vapors or erupting foam. They had names like “Elephant’s Toothpaste,” “Drippy Faucet,” “Dancing Flames” and “Burning Hands.”

WC chemistry students from the WC Science Society conducted the demonstrations and later instructed the high school students in small group settings on how they did it.

SERVICE TAKES CENTER
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Lambda Chi Alpha members, from the left, Frank Ellington, Noah Harris and Jordan Steinke sort through the group's haul of canned goods and other nonperishable items, which they later delivered to Your Father's Kitchen food pantry. (INSET) Angela Phillips shows her Quaker spirit during Hermann Madness, which sport management students put on in conjunction with the opening of basketball season.



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STAGE AT WC

More than two-dozen members of Wilmington College's faculty gained insight into Ronald Reagan famous quotation, "There's nothing so good for the inside of a man as the outside of a horse."

Smiles, laughter and high spirits were in ample supply in mid-October when a group, normally more comfortable in the front of a classroom, found themselves on the top of horses.

WC's Equestrian Team and Club held its second annual Faculty Horse Show at the Equine Center, featuring a host of activities geared toward those whose experience with horses range from novice horsemen to, "I rode a pony when I was seven" or "I remember seeing some horses in a Clint Eastwood Western."

The egg and spoon competition was a hit when WC's equestrian students led horses around the arena as faculty members balanced an egg on a spoon while the horse walked and trotted,

and the faculty received instruction regarding the direction in which they were to extend their arms with the egg and spoon.

While the event was designed to give faculty insight into a unique corner of the campus that they might not have otherwise experienced, it also benefited Sugartree Ministries, as all contestants paid a registration fee of canned goods for the food pantry.

That's just the tip of the iceberg of service provided by the campus community. A sampling includes Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity's annual food drive and Delta Theta Sigma Lil Sis sorority's Princess Party.

The fraternity collected some 1,500 pounds of canned goods and other nonperishable food items from local residents in November for its annual fall food drive.

Lambda Chi Alpha donated three-quarters-of-a-ton of items to Sugartree Ministries' Your Father's Kitchen food pantry. This year's haul of nonperishables eclipsed the group's 2012 food drive total by more than 400 pounds.

Also that month, little girls from the community took on the trappings of royalty at Wilmington College when they donned crowns and other adornments at the second annual Princess Party hosted by DTS Lil Sis.

Nearly three-dozen children, accompanied by their parents, had their fingernails painted, along with putting on bracelets, necklaces and rings featuring giant gemstones.

Also, the sorority members — many dressed in gowns themselves — led the children in royalty-themed games.

It was all for fun — and a good cause, as the cash proceeds benefited the Child Life Department at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. In addition to monetary donations, the sorority presented craft items, including coloring books, crayons, markers, colored pencils and non-toxic modeling clay, to the hospital.

The annual Cardboard Village raised

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Peace Corps selects College for prep program

Wilmington



College has entered into a partnership with the Peace Corps in which select students will engage in a unique combination of community service, experiential learning and academic coursework designed to prepare them for international service.

WC is among six colleges and universities newly selected for the Peace Corps Prep program based upon the institutions' demonstrated interest in promoting international learning and service opportunities to their students.

Carrie Hessler-Radelet, acting director of the Peace Corps, said the partnership is an example of its growing efforts to "foster stronger collaboration" with schools like Wilmington in preparing civic-minded students for international service.

Students with sophomore class standing and higher can apply to WC's new Peace Corps Prep program beginning with the fall 2014 semester. It's being administrated by Eric

Guindon, coordinator of the Peace Resource Center at WC, and Tammy Fraser, director of Career Services.

They indicated that the College had much of the Peace Corps' desired criteria already in place.

"Wilmington's commitment to service and a global focus in our general education requirements align perfectly with the Peace Corps' mission to provide trained service while promoting intercultural understanding," Guindon said.

He noted that the College has "historically strong ties" to the Peace Corps. Indeed, two faculty members are Peace Corps returned volunteers and will be part of the campus committee that will review and select applicants.

Guindon spoke of a "values alignment" that exists between the College and Corps, and added that many WC students have been meeting most of the requirements by virtue of their taking advantage of the College's hallmark for hands-on learning.

Requirements for Peace Corps Prep at WC include a minimum of 100 hours of service as an undergraduate, coursework featuring Spanish and global awareness, experiential learning and a focus upon content knowledge in

agriculture, education or health care. Also, other outside-the-classroom programming will be featured.

Students completing the Prep program will be recognized at their WC Commencement ceremony, in addition to earning priority consideration for opportunities in the Peace Corps.

Fraser said a stint in the Peace Corps not only can be a personally rewarding experience but also one that enhances one's career preparation and opportunities.

"Peace Corps provides its volunteers with high level work experience, as well as the opportunity to make a difference in the world," she said, noting they often lead projects, make critical decisions and work under limited supervision in their fields.

Additionally, the communication skills and cultural literacy they develop as a result of their international work experience provides them with unique qualifications when they return to the U.S. workforce, she added.

"How many job candidates can say they have successfully lived in and learned to navigate a new culture for two years, collaborated effectively with diverse community partners in solving critical problems and conducted business in a language other than English?" she posed.

"In our increasingly diverse global market, it can be a huge asset to have employees that bring not only a different cultural awareness, but also a fresh perspective from what they have learned in other parts of the world," she said. "Plus, a candidate that has dedicated two years of their life to service also demonstrates an ability to commit to working toward a challenging mission."



Signing the agreement March 11 are (left) Peace Corps Cincinnati representative Katie Sylvester and Erika Goodwin, vice president for academic affairs. Looking on are: Tom Stilwell, associate professor of agriculture and a Peace Corps veteran; Tammy Fraser, director of career services; Mark Denniston, director, WC Work Program; Eric Guindon, director of the Peace Resource Center; Al Conklin, professor of chemistry and agriculture and a Peace Corps veteran; and Ron Rembert, professor of philosophy.

(PHOTO BY JON ASHER '14)



Carillon wrap

The Simon Goodman Memorial Carillon received somewhat of a facelift this year when WC alumnus Bruce Neeld '94, senior vice president of new products with Circle Graphics, Longmont, Colo., donated to the College several building wraps. This innovative product at Circle Graphics literally clings to glass surfaces like Hermann Court's windows and is anchored on the Carillon to provide a colorful and eye-catching new look for these venerable facilities.

Student ref Wilmington

College senior Megan McDonough spoke of how the generosity of donors helped pave the way to the life-transforming experience she's had over the past four years.

"I am so grateful that I made the choice to attend WC because the experiences I've had and all the people I have encountered here have helped to mold me into the person I am today," she said noting that academic scholarships made it possible for her to attend.

"These scholarships helped to close the gap between what we could afford and the cost of a college education at Wilmington," she added. "Because of the generosity and service of others, I was able to achieve my goals. I wish to thank all those donors like you for the incredible service you've given to students like me."

McDonough shared her WC experience at the annual dinner in



Farm Credit's \$50K grant to help fund ag classroom COMPANY EMPLOYS NUMEROUS WC GRADS

Farm Credit Mid-America presented a \$50,000 check to Wilmington College during this year's Homecoming football game. Pictured from the left are: Andrew Wilson '94, FCMA Board member; FCMA's Tara Clark Durbin '01, Bob Foster, FCMA's regional vice president; Jim Reynolds, WC President, Bob Touchton, WC's Board of Trustees chair; FCMA's LeAnn Topp '13; FCMA's Brandi Fornshell '13, FCMA's Cristin Moone '11; Dick Poe, FCMA's senior vice president; Hollie Bunn FCMA's regional vice president; and Shannon Bywaters '14, FCMA ambassador at WC.

lection affirms value of giving



WC senior Megan McDonough chats with Sam Marble Society members Muriel Specht Hiatt (left), emeritus trustee and former dean of students; and Margaret Montgomery Larson '55.

October that recognized philanthropic leaders and Sam Marble Society members.

Among those dreams she realized was studying for a semester in Oviedo,

who has excelled academically, is a social/political studies and communication arts major from Batavia.

She has been involved with such campus activities as the Honors

Spain, where, in addition to taking classes, she volunteered as a tutor at a local school.

"My time building relationships with those students and serving them as a mentor was an incredibly rewarding experience," she said.

McDonough,

Program, theatre productions, Issues & Artists Series Committee, Green Key Honor Society, Faith in Action, Service Leader Executive Board and the Washington D.C. Lobbying Weekend, in addition to serving as director and cultural chair of Activities Programming Board and as the student director for the New Student Orientation program.

"I feel my time here has prepared me very well," she said. "The faculty and staff have invested in me and have been sources of so much direction and wisdom during my time here — I will never be able to thank them enough.

"I believe that their investment in me is proof that the entire Wilmington community truly cares about each student and is here to serve and lead us as we step into our futures."



Wayward deer visits Watson Library

The sound of a deer crashing through a picture window broke the Tuesday morning silence of Wilmington College's Watson Library in October.

A reported eight-point buck may have seen its reflection in a four-by-four foot window and, thinking it was another deer, lunged at it and broke through an east-facing window gaining entrance into the College's Media Center.

Since the center is a half story below the window, the deer took out a ceiling light fixture before landing on a desk.

Mary Beth Corcoran, Media Center manager, was sitting at her desk near the window.

"I heard an explosion and felt something hit me, which I later realized was glass," she said. "I thought the TV behind me blew up. Then I saw the deer, which stopped for a moment and stared at my student worker from two feet away before racing around the room."

The deer, which was bleeding from losing its antlers, scurried around the Media Center, knocking a laptop computer and other materials off desks

before exiting the building through a back door.

The College's Campus Safety officer and Physical Plant personnel arrived quickly at the scene, according to Jean Mulhern, library director.

"It was a good test of our emergency response to an unexpected event," she said, noting the library stayed open throughout the ordeal and subsequent cleanup. Also, no equipment was damaged.

"He's back on the street, a little less handsome without his antlers," she added.

This event caught the interest of numerous persons, as the story and Mary Beth's photo appeared on the front page of the Wilmington News Journal and were featured on Cincinnati WLWT-TV and Dayton WDTN-TV. Also, within an hour of the story appearing on WC's Website and Facebook/Twitter, it was re-tweeted to 3904 followers.



2013 alumnus Aphrodis Rafael speaks at the African Village program about growing up in the war-torn African nation of Rwanda, while taking inventory of the Murphy Theatre's collection of movie posters are, from the left, Marcus Benson, Lashonda Furman and Brianna Burks. They are pictured with a poster from the classic film, *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*. Also featured is Alicia Reece, the 2013 Day program keynote speaker.

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more than \$800 for the Clinton County Homeless Shelter, but, more importantly, it raised awareness that a sometimes-marginalized segment of society too often doesn't have a warm bed and hot meal on a regular basis.

MLK DAY WAS A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF

Several dozen Wilmington College students and staff members took to heart the Martin Luther King Day theme, "A Day On, Not a Day Off," when they spent Jan. 20 engaged in community service in downtown Wilmington at the Murphy Theatre.

The group, which worked under the supervision of the College's Center for Service and Civic Engagement, marshaled its forces for what director Tara Lydy '96 described as "a massive cleaning" of the venerable, 95-year-old institution.

They polished brass railings, mopped floors, cleaned windows and mirrors, inserted program labels, hung signs



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around town, and basically cleaned the house, balcony, dressing room and concession stand so that not a stray piece of stale popcorn could be found.

One of the work teams even conducted an inventory of the Murphy's collection of movie posters.

That evening State Representative Alicia Reece (Ohio's 33rd District) presented the keynote address at the College's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day community observance.

Always a highlight of the program, musical interludes were provided by Cantabile, a newly formed, 65-voice, local choir directed by Steven Haines '73, and MUSE Cincinnati's Women's Choir, which was founded by music professor Catherine Roma.

Reece, a Democrat from Cincinnati in her second term in the Ohio State House, is the newly elected president of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus.

She shared her experience of speaking at last summer's 50th anniversary celebration of MLK's immortal "I Have a Dream" speech at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC.

The 2013 event drew 200,000 to the Nation's Capital.

"This (MLK's speech) was something I had only read about — to be able to stand where he stood, and to honor the legacy and the fight," she said, noting her father was among the participants of the 1963 March on Washington for civil rights.

Reece recalled that, while she was a student at the historically African-American Grambling University, segregationist and Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke called for transforming that institution into a prison. In response to that overtly racist proposition, she started a voter registration campaign that mobilized 7,000 young people.

Reece urged Wilmington College students to make a difference as students did from her generation and those during the height of the Civil Rights Movement.

"It was young people that stood up bold and unafraid to take action," she said. "It's time to make Martin Luther King's dream real."

Culminating Black History Month

was the annual African Village program sponsored by Black Student Initiative. This year's event highlighted music spanning eras from genocide in Africa to the American Civil Rights Movement to the current generation.

The program, titled "Music that Motivates," featured an evening of storytelling, refreshments and cultural dancing, as well as the music that served as the soundtrack to generations in both Africa and America.

1,000-PLUS COMPETE IN AGGIES' 56th LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

More than 1,000 high school students from around Ohio and neighboring states honed their skills at agronomy and judging swine, sheep, equine and beef and dairy cattle in mid-February at the Wilmington College Aggies' 56th annual Livestock Judging Contest.

The 1,009 students in attendance came from nearly 50 schools in Ohio,

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BELOW, Aggies' livestock judging contest.

BELOW RIGHT, Jenna (LEFT) and Josie Rhoads share their Christmas wish list with Old St. Nick during the Alumni Council's annual Cookies with Santa event in December. Dozens of children of alumni and WC employees enjoyed the opportunity to create holiday crafts, decorate cookies and take home treats. The girls are the daughters of Jimmy '12 and Jessica '11 Rhoads.



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Indiana and Kentucky.

Billed as the largest competition of its kind east of the Mississippi, WC's Livestock Judging Contest, held annually at Roberts' Arena, is one of the largest such attractions in the country and typically among the first competitions of the year.

Aggies' president Alexis Moser is pleased to have the opportunity to share knowledge she's gained with her younger peers.

"We want to do everything we can to encourage their continued involvement in agriculture," said the senior agriculture production major from Bluffton. "This contest represents real life application and a hands-on learning experience."

Harold Thirey, assistant professor of agriculture, said bringing more than 1,000 high school students to Wilmington is a result about building credibility over the years and becoming recognized for staging a high quality event.

"The Livestock Judging Contest is well

known by high school teachers, advisers and students involved in 4-H, vocational agriculture and Future Farmers of America," he said.

Thirey said the competition represents one of the distinct components of Wilmington's agriculture program, which was established in 1948 and has become WC's largest academic offering.

"Where else can you find 1,000 students having a good time all in one place," he said. "It's a great thing seeing them doing something that is constructive, educational and fun."

Also, most of WC's 250 agriculture majors were involved in some facet of the event.

The WC Aggies, with help from the Collegiate 4-H Club, host the annual competition as a community service in which they share their animal judging expertise in an event in which high school students seek to hone their skills for upcoming livestock judging contests sponsored at their county and state fairs, and by 4-H clubs and Future Farmers of America organizations.

Moser said the contest is a hands-on

learning experience for WC's agriculture students, as much preparation work is needed for everything from promoting the event to securing the animals, sponsors and judges.

"We're in charge of 1,000 kids here today," she said. "It's a huge eye-opener as to how important planning is — this is a great opportunity for us, as well as the high school students."

PROGRAMS LOOK AT THE WORLD OF ISLAM, 'COMING ALIVE' AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The College sponsored a four-month dialogue series on the world of Islam, "Pathways of Faith," that included lectures and book discussions between November and February.

The series was made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the National Library Association.

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Enjoying the Quaker Heritage Center's gallery exhibit, "Journey Stories," are, from the left, QHC curator Ruth Brindle '99, Kelsey Swindler and Leslie Whitford.



College earns 'gold standard' continuing accreditation

The Higher Learning Commission accepted the recommendation of the site visit team and granted Wilmington College continuing accreditation for the maximum 10-year period.

The notification in February capped a 30-month endeavor that featured the gathering of information and data for an exhaustive self-study report. A site visit team spent several days on campus in late October meeting with students, alumni, faculty, staff, trustees and persons from the community.

President Jim Reynolds said this Reaffirmation of Accreditation is a vital component of the College moving forward.

"This is really wonderful news and represents a vote of confidence by the HLC on the vitality and value of Wilmington College," he said.

"I also want to offer my great thanks to the Self-Study Steering Committee and to Wynn Alexander and Laura Struve who co-clerked the Self-Study process and produced the final document that was submitted to HLC for their review," he added. "Each of these individuals made a commitment to stay with the task until it was finished."

While the College will submit interim reports in 2016 highlighting its strategic planning and assessment of student learning processes, the next reaccreditation visit will not be until the 2023-24 academic year.

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Programs in the series included a panel discussion on the commonalities of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, as well as dialogue on selected books, poems and films related to the world of Islam.

Marlaina Leppert-Wahl, assistant professor of political science, described the "Pathways of Faith" series as seeking to "build community bridges through sharing and understanding, modeling civil discourse and deepening personal faith through reflection."

In this year's Quaker Lecture Series, Christina Repoley spoke on her lengthy, personal process of spiritual discernment that came to fruition with the founding of Quaker Voluntary Service in a campus presentation titled "Coming Alive." Repoley serves as executive director of Quaker Voluntary Service, which is described as "boldly and deeply Quaker — grounded in worship and forming leadership for the present and the future of Friends."

The 21st annual Wilmington College/ Daughters of American Colonists Endowed History Lecture featured a

talk on "Abraham Lincoln, War Powers, and the 13th Amendment" in October.

Dr. Stephen Middleton, chair of the African-American Studies program at Mississippi State University, contends that Lincoln "embarked upon the path" of emancipation for enslaved persons a year prior to his inauguration.

"Every move he made brought him closer and closer to the abolition of slavery," he said, noting that the Civil War set the stage for that to transpire.

"When the Southern states seceded from the Union, that unwittingly armed President Lincoln with the power to abolish slavery," he said, noting that, in reference to his Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln realized that ending slavery was the quickest way of ending the rebellion.

"The Emancipation Proclamation was revolutionary, it was a game-changer," he added. "Abraham Lincoln believed he was acting on the guidance of Providence."

Wilmington College Selected Among Ohio's Safest Schools

Wilmington

College has been rated as Ohio's second safest four-year institution in a ranking system that examined 50 institutions based upon campus crime statistics.

StateUniversity.com utilized data from the FBI and Clery Center for Security on Campus in formulating its

"We want our students and their families to be assured that safety concerns are incorporated into all of our programming, as well as the campus infrastructure."

— SIGRID SOLOMON

annual state-by-state and national rankings, which examined information from more 1,400 American colleges and universities.

In the state rankings, Wilmington College trailed only Fortis College-Cincinnati, which is not a residential institution.

The assigned ratings are based upon the criteria of: number of weapon occurrences, drugs, burglary, vehicle theft, arson, larceny, robbery, forced and non-forcible rape, murder and non-negligent manslaughter, and aggravated assault.

Sigrid Solomon, vice president for student affairs, said safety on campus is of paramount importance at the College.

"We are committed to working as effectively as possible in providing our students with a safe and secure



environment for living and learning," she said. "We want our students and their families to be assured that safety

concerns are incorporated into all of our programming, as well as the campus infrastructure."

Some of WC's safety measures include: passkeys to enter residence halls, remote emergency telephones, campus escort service, well lighted parking lots and common areas, video cameras in select locations, a comprehensive emergency alert system and trained Campus Safety officers working via vehicle and foot patrols.

"Also, students realize that, from the time they first enroll, there are explicit expectations for them to behave in a civil and safe manner, and with respect toward all individuals," she added.

WC named to top 10 for best lifetime ROI

Wilmington

College gained a top 10 spot in a ranking of Ohio colleges and universities with regard to the greatest lifetime return on investment.

AffordableCollegesOnline.org, a resource for college affordability and financial aid information, said graduates from these schools enjoy the largest earnings gap between non-degree holders, over a 30-year span.

In analyzing more than 300 Ohio institutions and ranking 44 colleges and universities, ACO selected Case Western Reserve University for the top position with Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan and the University of Dayton joining Wilmington in the top 10.

"These are important lists for prospective students to consider," says ACO founder Dan Schuessler. "We've sifted through comprehensive data sources to find colleges and universities in Ohio that offer a high quality education with consistent, long-term payoffs in the workplace."

WC President Jim Reynolds was very pleased with the recognition. He believes the College's blending of hands-on, experiential learning opportunities with the classroom experience results in more marketable graduates.

"The career success our alumni enjoy is



a testament to the often transformative education they received at Wilmington College," he said.

"More and more, prospective employers see the experiences students engage in outside the classroom — internships, field experiences, service, work, leadership development — as indicators of their future success," he said. "Wilmington College excels at making these opportunities available to complement students' work with faculty in the classroom."

Marble Hall historical marker project earns state award



MARBLE HALL

After World War II, colleges across the country struggled to house students following surges in enrollments made possible by the G.I. Bill. Wilmington College was no exception. The College's enrollment doubled compared to pre-war levels. On April 13, 1948, the president of Wilmington College, Samuel Marble, called a student rally and unveiled a plan to build a much needed men's dormitory entirely with volunteer labor and materials. Ground was broken that very day. In the months that followed, there was a great outpouring of public support and donations as faculty, students, and community members worked together to build the dormitory. The building was dedicated in honor of President Marble's leadership on October 27, 1950.

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College's story for the ages — students building Marble Hall more than six decades ago — received an accolade for the multi-faceted program that brought an Ohio Historical Marker to campus last spring.

The Ohio Local History Alliance's Outstanding Achievement Award was given to the College this fall in recognition of the student-focused process that involved a history class and student internship, and ultimately brought together alumni and others involved with building the dormitory in the late 1940s.

Ruth Brindle '99, curator of the Meriam R. Hare Quaker, accepted the award on behalf of the College at the Alliance's awards ceremony in October.

Marble Hall — built largely by

voluntary student labor — is a nationally acclaimed example of voluntary service and self-help. The end of World War II and the subsequent G.I. Bill resulted in an influx of male students, which created an urgent need for a new residence hall. Some 65 years ago, WC's president, Samuel D. Marble, rallied the campus to build it.

Brindle explained how the College's second Ohio Historical Marker came to be.

Her sophomore Historical Research Methods class in 2012 conducted research for the marker project application, which included drafting questions for participants based upon the Ohio Historical Marker criteria.

"The students then researched everything from the names of

individuals that worked on the building to the broader context of the impact of the G.I. Bill on colleges and universities in the United States after World War II," she said.

Kyle Pitzer, a 2012 graduate in history, undertook an internship project that culminated with drafting the narrative for the Marble Hall story for the application.

Brindle described his work as a "daunting task," as he had to verify all the original sources, follow-up on unanswered questions posed by the class and clarify a number of research points.

"Once that was done, Kyle had to turn the facts and figures into a compelling story — and be concise enough to stay within the one page limit," she said. "It was Kyle's narrative that convinced the

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'Friendships were strengthened and a few romances nurtured under the afternoon sun as the walls of Marble Hall rose.'

To The *LINK* editor:

I was especially interested in your articles about the 65th anniversary of the Marble Hall project because, as (Wilmington) *News Journal* campus reporter, I was one of the students invited to the president's home where he pre-flighted the idea he would sell to the student body at the next day's convocation.

As I remember, I had some reservations about his concept of a student-built men's dorm, such as whether students would have the time and know-how to do construction work, and would the needed materials be secured; but, of course, I didn't have the nerve to voice them in the presence of Sam Marble's enthusiasm.

Fortunately, enough students put in enough hours and the team of Marble and Dr. Pyle was spectacularly successful in obtaining contributions from industrialists, such as Charles Kettering, so the rest is history!

I remember that April 13 was cool and rainy, so that the grounds were very muddy for the ceremonial dig. Dr. Pyle and some of his students had surveyed the site and marked the locations of

where the holes were to be dug for the footings with wooden stakes and strings. A fine and inspiring time was had by all attending.

Two persons should be added to the list of those specially recognized for their contributions.

Menzo Stark, industrial arts professor, oversaw the handling of the building materials as they arrived on campus, storing them undercover until providing them as needed on the building site. Clifton Warren, a local builder, did a lot of the training and supervision of the student labor, teaching them the proper proportions of cement, sand and water, and how to mix them in a trough; also, how to lay up cinder blocks in a straight line using a spirit level and stretched string.

Friendships were strengthened and a few romances nurtured under the afternoon sun as the walls of Marble Hall rose.

Congratulations to new President Jim Reynolds and best wishes for all present and future Wilmingtonians.

Richard Sapp '49

Ohio Historical Society that Marble Hall was worthy of an Ohio Historical Marker and that we should receive a partial grant to help fund the marker.

"He did a fabulous job."

Pitzer, who was recognized for his work at last April's marker unveiling ceremony, is in his second year at Wright State University working on a master's degree in public history.

Brindle said the Ohio Local History Alliance's Advocacy Committee, which served as judges for the award, was "particularly impressed" with how the College was able to use the marker "to connect WC's past to its present and future" through the focus on service.

Emerald splendor

WC MARKS HAZARD ARBORETUM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Nearly a half century to the October day when friends and family planted three saplings in memory of Frank O. Hazard at the edge of what was then a cornfield in 1963, the College observed the 50th anniversary of the now 13.4-acre arboretum that bears the late biology professor's name during a Homecoming ceremony.

Concurrently, the College named the adjacent 19-acre natural area in memory of S. Fred Anliot, the emeritus biology professor that died in late 2012. Also, the Lytle Creek League of Conservators gave Hazard posthumous recognition as its 2013 Pioneer Conservator.

Douglas Burks, professor of biology, spoke of Hazard and Anliot and their legacies at WC. "I can think of no two more deserving individuals to recognize today who built the arboretum and biology program," he said, noting that

Anliot served as arboretum director for many years.

The arboretum hosts more than 230 wood plants, shrubs and trees and serves as "a peaceful, beautiful place to visit and a working lab for students," Burks added.

Adding to the inventory, a Princeton Elm and Overcut Oak were planted in memory of Hazard and Anliot, respectively.

While many students and alumni will recall spending peaceful moments communing with nature, the arboretum and natural area also contains one of the most beautiful and beloved cross country courses in Ohio.

Cross country coach Ron Combs '93 describes "The Arb" as a great place to train and a course so popular with competitor teams that nearly 40 showed up for the team's home meet in

October.

"Also, I think the beauty of the area makes it easier mentally to deal with tough workouts," Combs said.

Cross country standout Patrick Carroll '12 concurs and describes the arboretum as a "running sanctuary."

"It was a privilege to have such a well-maintained, peaceful environment in which to perform our most difficult workouts," Carroll said. "Hundreds of hours spent in 'The Arbo' defined each cross country season and gave me my most valuable memories at Wilmington College."





Hazard Arboretum forms a scenic backdrop for the start of this year's #JENNASTRONG Fall Cross Country Classic. The 13-acre arboretum provides an artist's palette of colors throughout the year.



Business prof opens popular

Steven Stovall: I want to be seen as someone

Steven

A. Stovall recalled reading an article in *USA Today* several years ago about which octogenarian men looked back upon their lives. He was struck by a common denominator among their responses, the regretful lament: "I wish I'd taken more risks in my life."

Those sentiments presented him with a heightened sense of urgency as he considered the timeline of his own longtime dream to open a restaurant.

"I want to be one of those persons that tried something — whether it failed or succeeded, I tried it," said Stovall, Ph.D., an associate professor of management and member of Wilmington College's faculty since 2002.

"I didn't want to be at that point in my life when I *wished* I'd tried something. I wanted to roll the dice."

Stovall followed that dream and in early September opened a downtown Wilmington restaurant, Austin's Casual Eatery & Bar, which, after its initial several months, has been not only the talk of the town but is among the city's most successful new business starts — all in the face of a community that is still emerging from an economic recession.

"I thought that, with good food, good service and a super clean restaurant, the economy didn't matter," he said. "I believe Clinton County people are sophisticated enough to appreciate real food made with love and passion."

From the start, Stovall's plan called for meals prepared fresh with natural ingredients. Indeed, most of the 32

items on the menu feature no more than eight ingredients — "and you can pronounce all of them," he noted.

"This is food your grandmother would make. This is real food, not overly processed or frozen," he added. "We don't even own a microwave."

A sampling of Austin's menu, which is designed to change every few months, includes Firecracker Shrimp and Apple Butter Chops from Austin's Test Kitchen, favorite entrees like New York Strip, Grilled Salmon and Pan-seared Chicken Marsala, and signature side orders: Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Mac-n-Cheese and Dirty Rice.

Pita & Hummus and Margarita Flatbread are popular appetizers, along with chicken wings and salads, while the Cuban, Fajita Wrap, Fried Bologna and Philly Cheesesteak are among the top sandwiches. Dessert choices might include Austin's (giant) Brownie and an apple crisp dish featuring fruit from a popular WC faculty member's family orchard.

Stovall, who mentioned his chef enjoys "free reign to be creative," hinted that the debut of a dish called Pesto Steak is in the offing.

Creative license aside, Stovall has long had a finger on the pulse of the industry's best practices and proven success strategies. Even though he is new to the food and beverage industry as an owner, Stovall is a 20-year National Restaurant Association member and regularly writes management-related articles for trade publications.

"Being close to the industry, I saw what was working and where the trends were heading," he said.

Stovall's interest in all things food goes all the way back to his upbringing in east Texas as a seventh generation Texan. By the way, Austin is his middle name and Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of Texas," is his namesake.

His mother was well known in the Lone Star State for her culinary expertise — she won Best of Show at the 1987 Texas State Fair — and be it "canning, pies, jelly, cake, whatever there was, she won tons of blue ribbons," he said, noting her success landed her guest appearances on both *Good Morning America* and *The Today Show*.

"I got my interest in cooking from her," Stovall said. "I'm a foodie, always have been."

The self-described gourmand is taking his family heritage to new heights, but Austin's eclectic menu, attractive fixtures, competent staff and sparkling clean facility didn't happen overnight.

Stovall said the concept was "in my head" for 10 years and he worked on his business plan regularly for the past three. The "green light" occurred when the building on S. South St. became available last spring.

"Suddenly, it was a reality," he said.

Stovall put his ambitious timeline to open in late summer on a fast track, as the fulltime faculty member only had a few short months to complete the building renovation, obtain the necessary equipment and licenses,

Wilmington restaurant that practices what they teach'



Steven Stovall is pictured in his new downtown Wilmington restaurant, Austin's, on a typically jam-packed Friday evening.

assemble a qualified staff and open for business by the start of the College's fall classes.

"I worked 12 to 18 hours a day, seven days a week, this summer to create this," he said.

Those not-too-distant memories make seeing the lines of customers spilling out the door waiting to get a table on Friday and Saturday evenings all the more satisfying. Indeed, Austin's has become a popular spot for lunches and dinners seven days a week, and is enhanced with a pub section with sports on television.

"We've been packed! It's a relief, it's exciting and sometimes scary — but it feels good, really good. It's probably even more powerful for me after literally

the benefit of his newfound personal insight and experience into such courses he teaches as Human Resources Management, Strategic Management and Entrepreneurship.

"It's been a decade since I've been in the workforce. This venture has made me a far better professor," he said. "I don't mind pointing out (my) mistakes and successes. It makes my classes that much more real."

Stovall laughed as he mentioned, in his Entrepreneurship classes, he previously recommended entrepreneurs add a 10 percent contingency to the predicted expenses of starting a new business. "When I teach this course in the spring, I will change that to 20, even 25 percent!"

spending the summer here," he said. "In a way, it's also vindicating. It's vindication that, with effort, thought, time and physical labor, you can be rewarded."

Stovall's business students also are being rewarded, as he can offer

That's especially true when the venture involves renovating an old building whose previous iterations included being a hardware store, restaurant and video arcade.

One thing Stovall definitely will *not* change when teaching that course is how the successful entrepreneur must be willing to do all those little things that lead to a new business' success. He's been seen performing everything from ductwork to cleaning the bar, clearing tables and filling cole slaw dishes.

"To be an entrepreneur, you have to be prepared to do anything," he said. "I have a Ph.D. and I don't mind doing those things. I want to be seen as someone that practices what they teach."

During the business' early weeks, Stovall was present for literally every meal served at Austin's, but, as his staff acquired experience, he gained confidence in their ability to get the job done without his constant supervision. That translated into the restaurant running almost like clockwork with him in Texas for a week over Christmas.

"I needed to be here to get it started — it's my baby," Stovall said, noting that the progression of sharing responsibility and building a loyal clientele is right on schedule. "I've got such an incredible team that I've been able to step back from time to time.

"Sometimes I enjoy just coming in and *not* managing — just enjoying being here."

BY RANDY SARVIS

Edward Agran, professor of history, shares memories of John F. Kennedy with WC sophomores Louis Williams (left) and Jesse Buhrman as they look through LIFE magazine's iconic memorial edition.

November
22, 1963

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Donald

Mercer vividly recalls Nov. 22, 1963, being an unseasonably warm Friday his senior year at Wilmington College.

Mercer, a member of the Class of 1964, heard muffled voices from a distant car radio as he waited on second floor College Hall for his 1 p.m. Money and Banking class to begin.

"Walking to one of the open windows in our classroom, I noticed several students gathered around an older sedan parked below in the gravel lot," he said. "It seemed curious to me, but I didn't think much of it — at first."

Mercer then noticed a friend "running at full gallop" from Pyle Center and a classmate sobbing while she took her seat. Also, the normally chatter-filled hallways were "dead silent" as students approached their respective classrooms.

Money and Banking professor Martin Giesbrecht then entered the room, placed his "big leather briefcase" on the desk and addressed the class.

"He scanned the classroom and, as I remember, uncharacteristically, instead of popping the clasps open on the case and pulling out texts and class materials, he leaned backwards against the blackboard and surveyed his thoughts before speaking. After what seemed like several minutes, he cleared his throat."

Giesbrecht delivered the news of Kennedy's death in Dallas, noting it was important they persevere and not give up hope for the nation and themselves.

"He spoke of the flexible and resilient system of government we enjoyed as a people," he said. "He talked of the enduring nature of institutions which were built to survive some very troubling and disturbing events. He spoke about dedication through adversity."

"His speech was inspiring and was a serious and deliberate attempt to keep the flame of hope alive in our hearts as we were rapidly approaching graduation," he added.

Mercer admitted that Giesbrecht's

words had a profound affect upon his life, and complemented Kennedy's immortal message from his 1961 inaugural address: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

"It helped me reset my goals in life," Mercer said. "And Kennedy's words guided me for the rest of my life, up to the present moment."

Ralph Zucker '66 was a sophomore at WC.

"I walked into the student lounge, which was relatively crowded — but absolutely silent," he recalled. "I asked someone what had happened and was told about Kennedy."

Born during World War II and having grown up in the idyllic 1950s, JFK's assassination was the "first major negative event" he experienced — surely the watershed tragedy for his generation.

"Upon hearing what had happened, I felt suddenly empty, like everything just dropped out of me," Zucker said. "I didn't know what to say or think. It was a very intense, strange feeling."

It also was Miriam Venger's ('64) senior year. She was preparing for a teaching career ("that would never get off the ground") and was engaged in a field experience at Wilmington Junior High School.

"I was sitting in a study hall when the news came on the intercom: 'President Kennedy was shot in Dallas, Texas, and died a few minutes ago.'"

Ruth Ledermann '54 had moved to San Diego only days before the assassination to start a new job with the County Welfare Dept., where, at 2 p.m., on Nov. 22, she was scheduled to interview her first client in an open floor office.

"Paul Phillips, who was on my right, hung up the phone and said, 'That was my wife. The president has been shot.' A radio was located in the investigators' unit," she said, noting that moments

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later an alert reported the president was dead.

"They closed the office and I went home," Ledermann said. "I knew no one in San Diego. I sat in front of the TV in my beach cottage and cried and cried.

"Kennedy was the first president I ever got to vote for after obtaining my (American) citizenship in 1958," she added, noting that, fewer than five years later, she would relive those moments with Robert Kennedy's assassination in Los Angeles. "In a long life, too many disasters to remember."

Tom Hegland '68 remembers sitting in psychology class as a senior in high school that day, just over a year removed from the Cuban Missile Crisis that had the world on the brink of nuclear war.

"It came over the loud speaker that the president had been shot. That was all — he had been shot. All was quiet for the longest time," he said. "I was hoping that this man, the man we all trusted to protect us from the Russians and do the right thing, would be just injured.

"Then, 20 minutes later, we heard that he died. One student said, 'Ah, no.' It was quiet. You could hear some sniffing. Heads and eyes were down," Hegland added. "The worry I had was that, without President Kennedy, we were a weaker nation and our enemies could take a quick shot at us."

Aldwin Zim '64, who also was in his senior year at WC, was working on a 1958 DKW station wagon at Sports Car Body Shop on W. Main St. in Wilmington.

He recalled all those in the shop "paused to listen" as the news came over the radio, but the usually talkative "close group" didn't say much upon learning of Kennedy's demise.

Several years later, he and his wife took their first trip to Dallas.

"There was a red and white sign which read 'Impeach Earl Warren' signed by the Ku Klux Klan," said Zim, who now resides in Bedford, Tex. "Unfortunately,

Dallas was the Wild West at that time. Fortunately, everything has changed for the better and I am proud to live in this area."

NASA pioneer John Fisher '51, who was stationed in Alabama in 1963, recalled some in the deep South celebrated Kennedy's assassination.

"I was dumbfounded, absolutely shocked," he said of JFK's death. "I thought that was something that happened in other countries, not the United States."

Fisher said a colleague from the South was surprised Kennedy would open himself up to such an attack (riding in

from school that day, the bells from St. Augustine's Parish Church began to toll the death knell, "letting the whole neighborhood know" the president was dead.

"In that heavily Irish/Italian Catholic community, the grief was especially intense," she said, adding that a service club known as the Kennedy Corps was formed in the aftermath of the assassination.

David S. Broxterman '89, U.S. Army (Ret.), was five years old when his father called his mother to turn on the family's 19-inch black and white Sylvania television.

"She was crying and I wanted to know why. She couldn't tell me at the time," he said. "As we watched the news reports come in, Dad came home from work early. He hugged Mom and that was the first time I ever saw my dad cry.

"We watched Walter Cronkite tell us the president was dead. He took off his glasses and wiped a tear — and that made me cry. I still didn't understand exactly why, though," he said, recalling that he asked his parents questions pertaining to the type of gun and wounds.

"I went to bed that night sad and confused as to why anyone would want to kill the president."

Broxterman woke up early to watch his customary Saturday morning cartoons, but all three networks aired nonstop assassination coverage.

"Mom told me that things would be different in our country from now on," he said. "A few days later, I saw where they caught (Lee Harvey Oswald), and I watched in horror as a man in a hat shot him in the stomach right there on TV.

"We had Thanksgiving at my grandparents' house later that week," Broxterman added. "It wasn't our normal festive Thanksgiving feast that year. Before dinner, we prayed a bit longer than usual."

BY RANDY SARVIS

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— DAVID S. BROXTERMAN
'89

an open motorcade) "in territory where his successor is from."

Ruth M. Olmsted '72 was at Knickerbacher Junior High School in Lansingburgh, N.Y., when word circulated at her school the president had been shot.

"Transistor radios were what cool kids had and they were not allowed in school, but our eighth grade math teacher asked if anybody had one," she said. "Someone did and he was allowed to turn it on so we could hear updates. I remember I had been teaching myself shorthand — it seemed like a cool, secret language — and I practiced my shorthand by taking notes about the unfolding story in the margins of my math homework."

Olmsted recalled, while walking home



Ag Policy class presents its own Farm Bill to Congress

As the rest of the class looks on, Agricultural Policy students, from the left, Shannon Bywaters, Bailey Hefner and Kevin Carr present the class' version of the Farm Bill to Sherry Stuckert, caseworker for U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers' Wilmington office.

The lack of a comprehensive Farm Bill to pass the U.S. Congress this fall gave the Agricultural Policy class at Wilmington College a golden opportunity — to create one themselves and present it to U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers (R-15th District).

As part of the class' final examination, some 30 students and their professor, Corey Cockerill, associate professor of communication arts, made the trek to Stivers' Wilmington office Dec. 10 to present the document.

The class is comprised predominantly of students majoring in agriculture with a sprinkling of those representing other academic areas. They spent the fall semester researching and analyzing the legislation proposed in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

While Stivers was in Washington, D.C., his local caseworker, Sherry Stuckert, asked questions and took detailed notes on the students' concerns during their hour-long visit.

Stivers said the students' initiative and passion for their positions impressed him after he learned about their project.

"I would like to thank the Wilmington

Agriculture Policy students for taking the time and effort to create their own version of the Farm Bill," Stivers said. "It is always good to see the next generation of policy leaders sharing their perspective on the important issues."

While the House and Senate were at an impasse on the Farm Bill, the students employed give-and-take and compromise as they successfully crafted their own.

Cockerill divided the class between members of the House and Senate. The students gained additional insight into the role of agriculture in Ohio. Indeed, agriculture and the food industry contribute more than \$107 billion to the state's economy annually and one out of every seven jobs in Ohio is connected to growing, processing or distributing food.

She said the students didn't dwell on their differences; rather, they built upon areas in which they found a common ground.

"Even though we don't agree on everything, we were able to come up

with a consensus and pass the bill," said junior Brianna Knisley, one of the non-agriculture students.

Kevin Carr, also a junior, has a farming background. He said a major area of agreement among all the students is the idea of conservation.

"Production and conservation are linked," he said. "Conservation is a very important aspect of farming."

He supported a soil and water conservation drainage strategy in which subsidies would support the installation of field tile. Carr found support for that measure from junior Ellen Short, an environmental sustainability major, who came to gain a greater appreciation for the crucial role of so-called corporate farms in feeding an ever-growing world population.

"Both sides came to an agreement on conservation," Short said. "Even the most liberal and conservative persons agreed on this. If we don't pay for it through the Farm Bill, we'll end up paying for it in other (likely more expensive) ways."

Chris Abani speaks of combining poetry, theatre and literature with political activism in his native land, Nigeria.



Peacemakers seek solutions

BY RANDY SARVIS

President

Jim Reynolds described the 23rd annual Westheimer Peace Symposium as an opportunity “to engage in conversation to change a culture of violence.”

The College’s signature event Oct. 16 featured presenters addressing the topic, “Africa’s Blood, Sweat and Tears: Non-Violent Solutions.”

Presenters during the all-day event included grassroots activist Lisa Shannon, author of *A Thousand Sisters: My Journey into the Worst Place on Earth to Be a Woman*, and Chris Abani, an author/activist that was imprisoned in Nigeria for his writings.

Also, Eden Grace and Diane Randall spoke on what their respective Quaker organizations have done to prevent election violence in Kenya. The Wilmington College Chorale, under new director Tim Carpenter, presented a musical interlude to the day with a repertoire related to the symposium’s topic.

In addition, the films *Blood Diamond* and *Blood in the Mobile* were shown to accentuate the role of “conflict minerals” in war-torn regions of Africa.

Reynolds said the Peace Symposium reflects the College’s Quaker heritage, which places peace, nonviolence and

social justice “at the heart” of the institution’s mission.

“These values shape what we do and inform who we are,” he said. “These values are fundamental to teaching and learning at Wilmington College.”

ABANI: ‘WE FACED BULLETS AND TEARGAS WITH NOTHING MORE THAN WORDS AND SONGS’

Nigerian author Chris Abani drew from his acclaimed body of works that combines poetry, theatre and literature



WESTHEIMER PEACE SYMPOSIUM

to violence in Africa

with political activism.

For most of the audience, they heard well-crafted series of words depicting a search for freedom and end of tyranny in his native land. In Nigeria of the 1980s and 90s, they represented a volatile mixture that landed him in prison and ultimately on death row.

A 16-year-old Abani published his first novel, *Masters of the Board*, in 1985. The political thriller was a thinly veiled depiction of the real-life takeover of the Nigerian government. It led to his being imprisoned for six months.

He later spent a year in prison after publishing his subsequent novel, *Strocco*,

and was placed on death row after he composed several anti-government plays that were performed publicly to the embarrassment of the regime. Friends bribed for his release after which he moved to Great Britain and then the United States.

"We need to pull all the courage, kindness, hope and darkness into the light," Abani said about his art. "I was engaged in a righteous, righteous war. We hoped that performing revolution would lead people to enacting revolution.

"We faced bullets and teargas with nothing more than words and songs."

He shared the story from his childhood

of a friend teaching him how to kill a goat, which for many children was a first step in their evolution of becoming child soldiers.

"I didn't want to kill the goat," he said. "I wanted to hide behind the woodshed, drink Coca-Cola and smoke cigarettes. With one hand I covered the goat's eyes and slit its throat. I began to cry and Emmanuel (his more hardened friend) said, 'It will always be hard to kill, but, if you cry every time, you will die of heartbreak.'

"I learned the terrible intimacy of killing. We as humans stand on the

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Oprah Winfrey's O Magazine named Lisa Shannon among "The 100 Most Influential Women on the Planet."

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edge of this terrible abyss."

Abani is encouraged that democracy has begun to take hold in Nigeria during the past 15 years and "the nation is on an upswing" that will soon become a stable place for international investment. He emphasized the role of grassroots activists — be they poets, organizers or others seeking change — in bringing about more promising futures everywhere.

"The world is changed everyday not by large things," he said. "It's changed by an accumulation of small things."

QUAKERS ESTABLISHED SAFEGUARDS FOR NONVIOLENCE IN ADVENT OF KENYA'S 2013 ELECTIONS

A delayed announcement of Kenya's 2008 election results turned parts of the country into a powder keg as protests led to looting, police violence, 1,133 deaths and the displacement of 300,000 members of the country's 42 tribes and ethnic minorities.

Quakers took quick action in the immediate aftermath with humanitarian assistance and bringing together Christian and Muslim leaders in an attempt to ease the tensions.

Religious Society of Friends organizations like Friends United Meeting's Africa Ministries Office, the Nobel Peace Prize-winning American Friends Service Committee and the Quakers' political arm, Friends Committee on National Legislation, were resolute in their belief the next election could be peaceful — but preparation was the key.

"The world sees an inevitability for a cycle of violence," said Eden Grace, director of Global Ministries

with Friends United Meeting. "Violence is not inevitable. We can make a difference."

While seeking peaceful solutions throughout the world, Quakers hold a special place in their collective psyche for the nation of Kenya, as there are more Friends in Kenya than in the rest of the world combined.

The groups took to the streets in a grassroots effort to monitor hate speech and potential violence, and embark upon a campaign of civic education.

Grace reported the March 2013 election was deemed as "mostly peaceful and credible" with little of the turmoil witnessed in 2008.

"One measure of success is persons with alternative views felt safe and empowered to cast their votes," she said. "Pessimists predicted a spiral of violence, but that's not what happened."

FCNL executive secretary Diane Randall said her organization helped impress upon the American government the importance of peaceful elections in Kenya, which she described as "a frontline state in the war on terror."

She noted the significant investment the United States has in Kenya, yet significantly more funds are spent on military options than diplomatic ones and the U.S. government provides "little

oversight" with regard to its military funding there.

Randall said youth unemployment and poverty are problems plaguing Kenya and its future. She called for long-term "investment and engagement" that extends well beyond elections.

SHANNON: 'THE REAL SURPRISE IN CONGO WAS THE WOMEN'S UNBELIEVABLE HOPE AND JOY'

Lisa Shannon recalls learning about what she describes as "the most deadly war since World War II" on television's *Oprah*!

It's a war that relatively few persons are aware of, she said, yet more than 5.4 million have been killed since 1998 and as many as 400,000 women raped during a two-year period in Africa's Democratic Republic of Congo.

She also learned that the West's love of cell phones and other technological devices fuels the war.

"Inadvertently, we are helping to fund this conflict," said Shannon, who is the first American grassroots activist to raise awareness of the protracted humanitarian crisis in mineral-rich Congo.

Armed with new knowledge of this war, Shannon attempted to convince her friends to join her in bringing to light this human tragedy, but to little avail.





Members of the Wilmington College Chorale are pictured performing at this year's Westheimer Peace Symposium. They are, from the left, Michael Short, Elijah Eicher, Nicholas Hutson and Gary Smith.

"When millions of people die and no one is talking about it, we are sending a message that these people don't matter," she said. "What is it about this issue that wasn't getting traction?"

A seasoned journalist friend told her, "Americans don't have room in their psyches" for more than one international conflict at a time. And Americans already had two — Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It was obvious I was going to have to do something extreme to get their attention," she said.

Shannon in 2005 decided to organize Runs for Congo Women to raise awareness and funds. These 5Ks to marathon events started small. Indeed, one of her earliest ones was held in freezing rain with a single registered runner, but they began to catch on and even Wilmington College held a run this fall several days after the Peace Symposium in which 52 participants braved damp and chilly conditions in finishing the 5K.

Shannon was especially devoted to

the innocent women victimized by the conflict in which militant groups rampage throughout the country running illegal mining of so-called "conflict minerals," and murdering and raping with impunity.

She traveled to Congo to meet some of these women, the result of which was a book she wrote titled *A Thousand Sisters: My Journey into the Worst Place on Earth to Be a Woman*.

One of the women she befriended in Congo, Jennarose, shared a harrowing story in which her family paid militants blackmail money, yet they killed her husband and cut off her leg, which they proceeded to cut into six pieces — the number of her children that witnessed the horror. The savages forced her children to eat a piece of her leg and, when her nine-year-old refused, they shot him.

"Jennarose has lived through torture designed to kill the human spirit," Shannon said about this remarkable woman that actually participated in a Run for Congo Women staged in that country. "They could take her leg, but they couldn't take her spirit."

Shannon visited a village in which 90 percent of women had been raped yet she was amazed with their resilience — and their

their plight.

"The real surprise in Congo was the women's unbelievable hope and joy, celebration with dance and singing," she said.

Oprah Winfrey invited Shannon to tell her story on *Oprah!*. Within a week, Shannon raised \$6 million. Today, she has raised more than \$12 million in support of Congolese women.

She is currently promoting the labeling of tech products so consumers are aware that, indirectly, persons are murdered and raped in Africa because of conflict minerals. She claims it would cost a penny to label these products as such, yet these companies refuse to expose themselves to such scrutiny.

Shannon, whom Winfrey's *O Magazine* selected as one of the "100 Most Influential Women on the Planet," spoke of how a grassroots movement has made tech manufacturers nervous to say the least.

"As grassroots activists, all we have is our message. I discovered empathy equals power," she said, noting that anyone that cares can make a difference. "My greatest credential before writing this book was ordinary TV watcher. I think the future of the world depends on ordinary citizens showing up."



Peace Symposium presenters, pictured from the left, are Diane Randall, Lisa Shannon, Eden Grace and Chris Abani.



Hundreds of alumni ret

Alumni threw the dice with the weather and won as rains held off and Wilmington College's Homecoming activities commenced Oct. 5 under mostly dry skies.

Clarksville resident Bekah Muchmore and Isaac Garrison of Eldora, Iowa, reigned as king and queen over the festivities.

Other members of the Homecoming

court included: senior attendants Megan McDonough, Lisa Feters, Nate Godby and Corbin Hellwarth; juniors Timmy Wiederhold and Angela Phillips; sophomores Louis Williams and Rachel Drake; and freshmen Jason Prible and Kortni Marshall.

Another highlight was the debut of the new Quakerman mascot, who led the football team onto the field. The mascot

costume was paid for in part from the sale of obsolete logo apparel and old sports uniforms, and the Homecoming 5K Adventure Run, both of which were hits with alumni.

More than 80 men, women and children took on the trails around campus, Lytle Creek and manmade obstacles in the College's first Adventure Run. Taylor Clark, an alumnus from



Turn for Homecoming

the Class of 2007, won the 5-kilometer course followed by senior Tony Goodrich.

While the Adventure Run is the College's newest Homecoming event, one of its long-held traditions is the Greek Bed Race, which was won by the Gobbler-Delt team with Delta Theta Sigma and DTS Lil Sis finishing second. Lambda Chi Alpha won the banner

An enthusiastic Homecoming crowd nearly filled Williams Stadium for the Fightin' Quakers' matchup with Muskingum. Under a threat of rain, Homecoming revelers renewed ties with their alma mater, met fellow alumni and enjoyed the College's time-honored fall ritual.

contest with runners-up Collegiate 4-H and DTS Lil Sis.

The resume of the 2013 class of inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame included a national champion, 14 All-American designations, an NCAA

record holder and a student-athlete that brought enhanced legitimacy to a new sport.

They include Kerri Fortman Orszula,

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Class of 2002, a standout on the swim team; Jimmy Wallace '03, 2002 national wrestling champion (157 pounds); Kyle Wolf '03, a six-time All-American track and field athlete; Megan Woodruff Slivka '03, All-American women's basketball player; and Donald Sizer '88, a three-time football All-American.

"This is a great class with five very deserving inductees," said Terry Rupert, vice president for athletics administration.

The annual Lytle Creek Day featured a distinctly Wilmington College flavor as two deceased biology faculty members earned posthumous recognition on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of WC's arboretum.

Frank Hazard, WC's Hazard Arboretum's namesake that died 50 years ago, was named as the Lytle Creek League of Conservators' Pioneer Conservator of the Year, while the College formally named the 19-acre natural area adjacent to the arboretum in memory of S. Fredrik Anliot, who died last year.

"I can think of no two more deserving individuals to recognize today who build both the arboretum and the biology program," said Douglas Burks, professor of biology.

The Fightin' Quakers football team lost a heartbreaker 35-28 to visiting Muskingum, while the volleyball team also went down in defeat to the Muskies. On the road in New Concord, both the





men and women's soccer teams won decisive victories over Muskingum.

For WC students, activities started on Thursday with the Mud Volleyball Tournament won by the six-man student team called The Average Joes and with Friday's illusionist/magician Christopher Carter. Homecoming concluded with the Homecoming dance, which utilized a "masquerade" theme.

Pictured clockwise from the top left: seniors Isaac Garrison and Bekah Muchmore reigned as king and queen over WC's Homecoming festivities. Isaac comes from Eldora, Iowa, while Bekah is a local product from just down the road in Clarksville. Senior swim team member Corbin Hellwarth leaps high from the primordial ooze to spike the ball in the Mud Volleyball Tournament, which traditionally opens Homecoming weekend on Thursday. Taylor Clark '07 and senior Tony Goodrich placed first and second, respectively, in the first Homecoming 5K Adventure Run that featured such unique obstacles as the mud pit and creek crossing on the 5,000-meter course. Pictured maneuvering its bed-on-wheels over the Greek Bed Races course are Tau Kappa Beta and Alpha Psi Omega members, from the left, Britney Lipps, J.R. Lunsford, Lexy Mitchell (Omega pladge), Bradley Montgomery and Emily Ashbacher. Not deterred when the back wheels broke on the first leg of the race, the TKB guys (including Dan Bunnell, who is not pictured), carried it throughout the duration of the race.



2013 inductees amassed 15

Terry Rupert noted Vince Lombardi's famous quote, "The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have," as being especially appropriate when considering the 2013 inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame.

"This is a great class with five very deserving candidates," said Rupert, vice president for athletics administration.

President Jim Reynolds added that the inductees "helped us be the type of institution we want to be."

They include: Kerri Fortman Orszula '03, swimming trailblazer; Don Sizer '88, three-time football All-American; Megan Woodruff Slivka '03, basketball All-American and Academic All-American; Jimmy Wallace '03, national wrestling champion; and Kyle Wolf '03, six-time track and field All-American.

Swim coach Trip Breen described **Kerri Fortman Orszula** as the "consummate team player" — and more.

"She cared more about her teammates' success than her own," he said. "Not only did she shape the Wilmington College swim team but she helped shape me as a coach."

Orszula was a three-time Ohio Athletic Conference champion in the 50-meter freestyle and won the 100-freestyle twice. WC's provisional status as a new member of the OAC when she won the 50 during her

freshman year prohibited her from becoming only the third four-time champion in the same event since the conference started swimming in 1937.

She graduated from WC with six school records, two of which remain a decade later.

"Wilmington College for me was the perfect fit," she added. "I had a great time and great teammates and coach."

Orszula and her husband, Tim, reside in Waynesville. She is the microbiology team lead at Alkermes in Wilmington.

Don Sizer is one of only three student-athletes in WC football history to be a three-time All-American selection. He recorded 393 tackles, which is third most in the program's record books.

His son and daughter, Wil and Mary, presented him at the banquet.

"I played with great athletes and I don't think I was the best player on our defense," he said, noting he received outstanding support during his days at the College. "Wilmington's faculty, staff, administrators, coaches and other persons in the Athletic Department were some the best people I've ever been around."

The Quakers qualified for the NAIA postseason his freshman year.

Sizer is head football coach at Batavia High School and teaches at Western Brown High School. He and his wife, Ann (Adler) '92, reside in Mount Orab

with their two children.

Women's basketball coach Jerry Scheve calls **Megan Woodruff Slivka** hands-down "the best player I ever coached."

"She was a perfectionist. Her workouts were 365 days a year," he said, noting she shot 100 free throws every day before practice — and by her senior year once made 100 in a row.

Slivka was a first team All-American, two-time Academic All-American and 2003 Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-American-of-the-Year, as well as winner of a 2003 NCAA Post Graduate Scholarship.

She still holds WC's three-point shooting record (39 percent) and the NCAA Division III career record for free throw shooting (85.3 percent). Slivka is second in school history with 580 assists and sixth in scoring



Don Sizer '88



Kerri Fortman Orszula '03



Megan Woodruff Slivka '03



Don Sizer, Kerri Fortman Orszula, Megan Woodruff Slivka, Jimmy Wallace and Kyle Wolf.

All-American titles



Jimmy Wallace '03



Kyle Wolf '03

with 1,536 points. Her 64 successful three-pointers and 209 assists in 2002-03 remain season records.

"Coming to Wilmington College was the best decision I ever made," she said.

Slivka's teams advanced to the Elite 8 and Sweet 16 rounds of the NCAA Tournament her junior and senior years, respectively, setting the stage for the program's ultimate success, the run for the 2004 national championship.

She and her husband, Dustin, reside in Omaha, Neb., with their daughter, Claire. Slivka manages data for Employee Health Promotions and teaches fitness classes at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Jimmy Wallace was known for his smile — his infectious, disarming, charming smile, but as his former wrestling coach, Jim Marsh, recalled, "Jimmy would lure his opponents —

then he would let them have it!"

Wallace won the 2002 NCAA national championship in the 157-pound weight class and was named as that tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. He finished third the year before and completed his stellar career as a four-time All-American.

Marsh recalled his consistency and wrestling prowess were of national repute from as early as his freshman year, as he led the nation in technical falls for three seasons.

"Jimmy impacts everybody he touches. He taught me everything I know about the sport," Marsh said, noting that Wallace transferred that work ethic to his studies as well. "He worked just as hard in the classroom as he did on those mats."

Wallace recalled the drive he felt after coming so close to the title as a junior.

"I was dying to get that national championship and I was willing to do anything it took," he said. "For a whole year, I felt I was going to win."

Wallace, a six-time National AAU Champion in Greco-Roman wrestling, helped coach the Quakers after his competitive career's storybook ending.

He is the father of four, Bailey, Brady, Mercedes and Bo, and lives in Germantown. He works with special needs children at Montgomery County Educational Learning Services.

Track and field coach Ron Combs '93 described **Kyle Wolf** as the "best natural

athlete I ever had in track and one of the fiercest competitors — I saw him clear six feet in the high jump in jeans!"

The six-time All-American was national runner-up in the 2002 pole vault competition, losing only to a member of the U.S. Olympic team. He scored more points in Division III national championships than any other male student-athlete from WC.

Wolf recalled being recruited to come to Wilmington.

"What really sold me wasn't the track program, although it was getting better," he said. "It was the people that really sold me. When I left (from my campus visit), I told my parents, 'I want to go to Wilmington.'"

Wolf claimed eight of his 10 OAC championships in the pole vault with the balance coming in the hurdles. His sophomore year, the men's team won both the conference indoor and outdoor championships.

Following his graduation, Wolf served as an assistant coach at WC, sharing his knowledge of the pole vault with Ashley Johnson '07 — a future national champion and his future wife.

The couple resides in Wilmington with their two children, Miles and Lydia.



Sibling swimmers form family within

Freshman triplets follow older brother to WC

Wilmington

College offered a magnetic mix of motivation and mojo for a group of four siblings that considered not swimming collegiately after their accomplished high school careers in the sport.

Michael Spraul, 22, transferred to the College last year as a junior, only to be followed this year by his 18-year-old triplet brothers and sister, Erik, David and Elyse — much to the pleasure of swim coach James “Trip” Breen III.

“Mikey, Elyse, David and Erik have been individually incredible members of our team,” Breen said. “We’d have been very lucky to have any one of them here, but, to get four unique individuals that bring something so special to the team, that is *very* special.”

Michael, now a senior at WC, recalled his

final moment in competitive high school swimming four years ago as a senior member of Cincinnati Princeton High School’s swim team. He and his freshman brother, Erik, were competing in the state championship, the 4x100-meter relay finals, when their team was disqualified for a false start.

That disheartening conclusion to a stellar run in club and high school swimming played into his initial decision not to continue the sport on the collegiate level.

“I stepped away from the sport for awhile,” he said. But while continuing to coach a youth team, the Evendale Eagles, as he started his sophomore year at the University of Cincinnati, he decided to give the prospect of collegiate swimming a fresh look.

“The swimmers I was coaching rekindled my love for the sport,” Michael said. “I realized my career didn’t feel complete yet.”

He remembered Breen recruited him in high school so he contacted the coach to inquire if WC still had an interest.

“I came up to Wilmington for visits that February and March — the team was awesome,” Michael said. “I was so impressed with how they supported one another. I decided Wilmington College was where I wanted to be the next two years.”

That spring, he started training three or four days a week. “That first month of training was incredibly tough,” he recalled.

Breen remembered how Michael, upon starting his junior year at WC in fall 2012,



a family

Pictured from the left are triplets Elyse, David and Erik, and older brother Michael Spraul.

immediately meshed well with the team.

“He didn’t miss a beat after not really swimming competitively for two years,” Breen said. “He was motivated and ready to go. Mikey has a great work ethic; he really understands the sport.”

Breen said Michael’s presence on the team “complemented others” and, from a competition standpoint, it was readily evident when he was part of school record setting relay teams (400 freestyle and 200/400 medley relays). Last year, he also set individual school records in the 100 freestyle, 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke, and capped off his junior season by setting the Ohio Athletic Conference record in the 200 backstroke at the 2013 OAC

Championships.

Meanwhile, the triplets witnessed the success Michael was having at Wilmington College as they completed their senior years in high school. Elyse attended Mount Notre Dame and David and Erik, Princeton, which is not only the alma mater of Michael, but of their eldest brother, Doug, and their father. (Doug swam collegiately at Indiana University).

“We had a knack for the water,” Elyse said. “Apart from soccer, we weren’t very good at land sports.”

Erik mentioned that he and David had several coaches while at Princeton and, “Each coach had very different philosophies. Some coaches took swimming more seriously than

others.”

While both were talented swimmers, the brothers considered taking off a year from competitive swimming. Elyse, who, along with the brothers, also enjoyed success playing water polo, essentially had her mind made up not to continue swimming in college.

Then came visits to Wilmington College.

“Once I was able to see Mikey in action, that made me decide to want to swim collegiately,” David said, noting that, after their official campus visit, he and Erik returned numerous times last spring semester.

Erik echoed those sentiments: “Coming

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here, I feel I can do it for four more years.”

Elyse was impressed when practically the entire women’s team showed up to meet her during her campus visit.

“It clicked with me how much fun the girls’ team has together,” she said. “With that atmosphere, I felt the whole team wanted me here. Now, I love being here so much!”

Breen wasn’t surprised to hear of the great turnout for Elyse’s visit.

“You can give people brochures and direct them to Websites, but there’s no better representative of what your program is about than the actual team members,” Breen said. “I say a thousand times a season how fortunate we are because we have such a great group.”

Indeed, a common denominator of the program’s attractiveness for all four Spraul siblings is Breen’s accent on *team*.

“There’s always a ‘team-first’ mentality here,” Michael said.

Elyse added, “He really encourages team spirit and sportsmanship.”

“This is a team sport,” Breen said. “It’s not your success or my success — it’s our success. When you train with your teammates and they’re there to motivate you, it makes the work exponentially easier.”

Each is impressed with the attention all members of the team receive from Breen and assistant coaches Paula Stewart and Kenny Holter, and how they are able to determine what best motivates individuals.

“That’s why I enjoy swimming with Trip so much,” Erik said.

David added, “With Trip’s practices, you swim with a purpose. He’ll tell you why this set is helping you.”

“He definitely knows how to motivate us,” Michael added. “Trip’s a great guy.”

So what’s it like having close family members at the same small school, on the same team, sometimes in the same classroom? According to all the siblings, it definitely has its advantages.

Since David and Erik followed Michael’s lead and also are majoring in biology/health sciences, the freshmen share all the same classes, which “cuts down on textbook costs,” Michael joked. Elyse is studying business management.

Also, they enjoy a “family meal” together each week at Michael’s Campus Village apartment, thanks to the presence of dinners in



Erik Spraul competes in the butterfly during WC’s home meet with John Carroll University.

his freezer prepared by their mother.

But swimming together has been the most fun and gratifying of family activities, especially realizing that this was Michael’s last year and their parents’ last opportunity to see four of their children compete in the same venue. It’s undoubtedly been a family affair — the Spraul family interacting within the swim team family.

“We really push each other in the pool,” Michael said (no pun intended). He recalled an early season meeting in which WC fielded two relay teams in the same event, each one anchored by a Spraul brother.

“Before the start, I looked over at Erik and laughed that we were competing against one another,” Michael said, adding that their familiarity did not affect each wanting to win the race.

The Spraul brothers in 2014 helped rewrite Wilmington College’s record book

This winter, Michael repeated as OAC champ with a conference and school record performance in the 200 backstroke and David won the championship in the 100 backstroke.

Michael also set new school records in the 100 backstroke and 100 freestyle. He and Erik competed on the school record-setting 400 medley, 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams. Also, David was a member of the record-setting 200 freestyle relay team and he and Michael were on the team that broke WC’s 800 freestyle relay record.

Michael looks back on his two seasons at WC as a time of satisfaction and fulfillment.

“It was great to get back into the sport of swimming and enjoy it as much as I did,” he said, noting that a combination of excellent coaching, personal motivation and the team atmosphere helped lead to his success.

“It’s the first time in my swimming career I was challenging myself everyday and was constantly monitored on my progress,” he said, noting this resulted in his success both athletically and academically.

He described swimming with his brothers in high school and college as “a real treat.”

“Not only have we been able to swim together on relays and be successful, they are also beginning to reach goals that they never thought were possible,” Michael added. “As for the team experience and having four Sprauls on the team, I like to believe it added to the competitive nature of the team and added to good team chemistry— it helped not only push me, but also my teammates.”

He credited his teammates with swimming “lights out” as the record-setting men’s team placed fourth in the OAC.

So after a long campaign of spending nearly every day training and competing together, studying together and running in many of the same social circles, will the siblings see less of one another once the swimming season concludes?

That’s not likely. Michael, Erik, David and Elyse are all members of the College’s water polo club team this spring. The ties that bind...

BY RANDY SARVIS



'Wilmington College: A Place Called Home'

STUDENT IMPRESSED WITH CAMPUS SPIRIT IN AFTERMATH OF JENNA PARLETTE TRAGEDY

BY GUS SEVASTOS

"Wilmington College is something truly special. This is a campus that cares, and a school that is so much more than just a school."

— GUS SEVASTOS

With the tragic events of the past week (Aug. 31 to Sept. 5), this is already shaping up to be a very different semester for everyone. For the sophomores, juniors, and seniors, a member of our family has been lost and it breaks our hearts. However, for the freshmen, all this does is prove a promise you were made two weeks ago at your orientation; Wilmington College isn't just a school, this is your home and your family. When good things happen, the campus joins together to celebrate. When tragedy befalls us, we stand together and hold one another up. If you're homesick, no need to worry, you are home, even if you don't know or believe that.

Let me paint a picture for you: 4 years ago, a tired high school senior gets out of a car for a college visit. He's had a few before so he isn't looking forward to it, in all honesty he could care less... a three-and-a-half-hour car ride to a place he had never even heard of, he was just ready to be home. But the second I got out of that car and walked out onto the middle of campus, something immediately was different. I know it sounds cheesy and cliché, but it felt like it was fate, like I

belonged here, like it was meant to be. I visited other colleges, but none made me feel as comfortable or welcome like Wilmington did. Over the past four years I've called Wilmington College home, and that isn't said lightly.

True, nine months out of the year I'm here, but that's not why I call this place home. Wilmington College is my home for so many different reasons. I call this place home because of the amazing friends I've made living in the residence halls and from my classes. I call this place home because my professors take interest in who I am outside of their class, as well as in it. I call this place home because of the staff that is always friendly and helpful, quick to give a minute of their time to help me with a problem or laugh at one of my jokes. I call this place home because everyone builds me up and congratulates me when I'm doing well. I call this place home because everyone bands together when tragedy strikes and it feels like the whole world is crumbling. That's why I call Wilmington College my home.

In the three full years I've spent here so far I've gotten to see and do some amazing

things, meet some amazing people, and made some memories that will stay with me for my entire life. Some of you may be reading this and understand exactly what I'm talking about. Some of you haven't yet found it out for yourself, and some of you may never feel the same way. Regardless of how you feel the reality is this: Wilmington College is something truly special. The food may not always be amazing, the classes may not always be easy, and things may not always be going well for you. Whatever the case, whatever the circumstances, this is a campus that cares, and a school that is so much more than just a school.

To the freshman, I hope that you soon discover what it is I am talking about. To the upperclassmen, I hope you enjoy what time you have left here and make the best of it, and make the most of your remaining time. If you feel differently than I do, I hope you discover something here that makes this place your home too.

My name is Gus Sevastos, and Wilmington College is not just where I go to college... it is a place I call home.

(See story on Jenna Parlette, pgs. 62-63.)

#JennaSTRONG

Campus community rallies around fallen runner's 'amazing Jenna

Parlette's welcome message to visitors to her Instagram account admonishes them to, "Get off Instagram and start chasing your dreams."

She never stopped chasing her dreams even as she collapsed within 30 meters of winning a cross country meet Aug. 31 at Franklin College in Indiana. Parlette died three days later at a hospital in Indianapolis.

Members of her family joined the campus community in filling WC's 420-seat Heiland Theatre for a "Celebration of Life" service honoring the 20-year-old junior that touched the lives of so many.

Cross country teammate Sarah Murphy, also a junior, described Parlette as a happy person and a dreamer that "always looked on the bright side. Jenna was the type of teammate you always wanted to be around."

Another teammate, junior Tricia Steffen, said Parlette was an "amazing, kind and loving person. She made you

want to be a better person. Not only was Jenna one of my best friends, but she was one of the best people I've ever met."

Ron Combs '93, Parlette's track and field and cross country coach, spoke of how she profoundly touched his life and that of his family.

"She stood out above everybody," Combs said, noting she was a "fierce competitor" that often befriended her competition after the race. "She had this amazing spirit and was such a positive force on campus.

"Training, nutrition, sleep, studies — outside of riding a skateboard, she did everything I asked of her," he added. "She came into this year so strong and focused — I sensed she was approaching elite runner status by the end of track season last spring. I believe she would have run at Nationals this year."

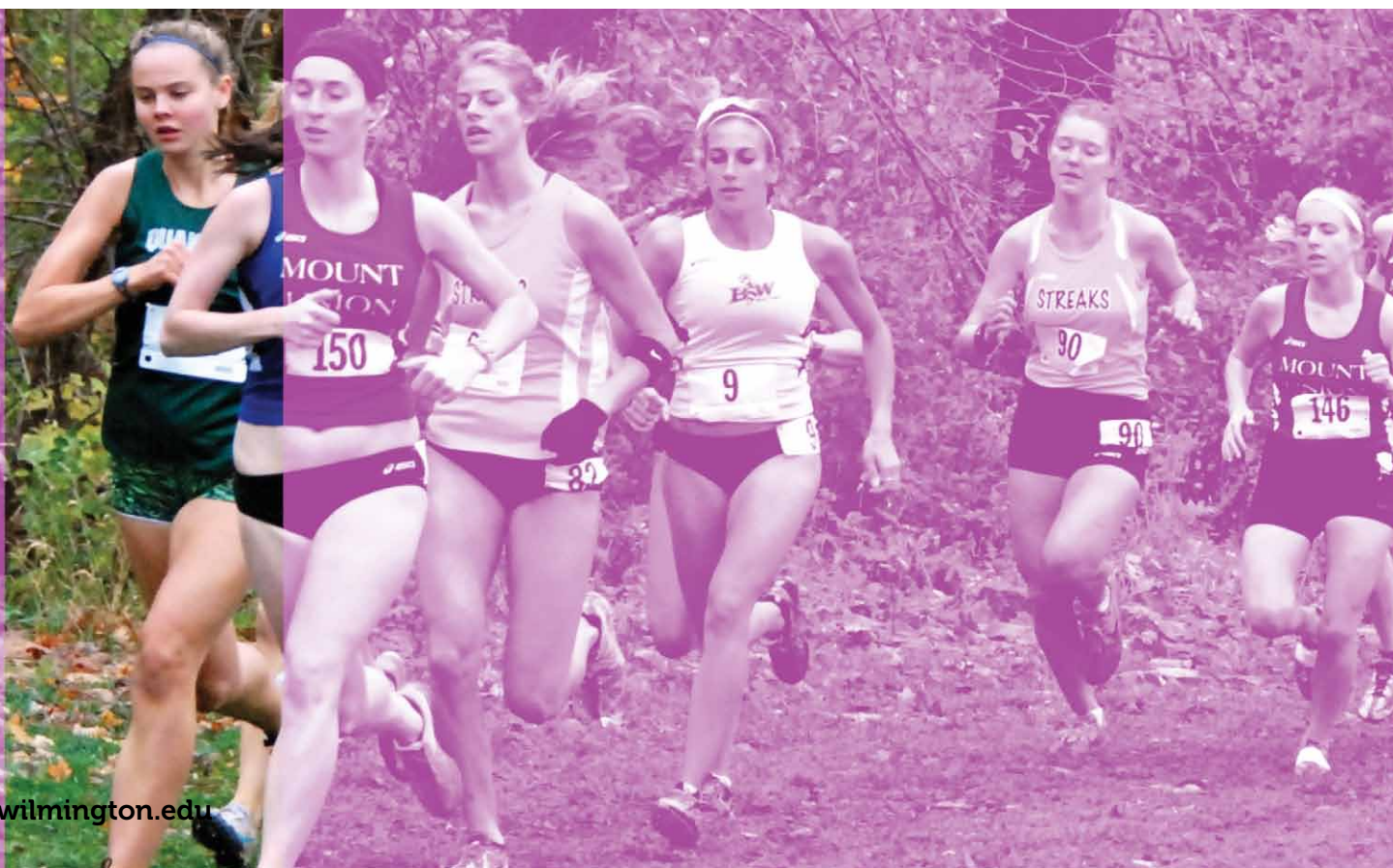
The coach noted how Parlette's mother, Lisa Parlette, told him and

those team members that traveled to Indianapolis to see their teammate during her final hours that she had "no regrets" about her daughter running at such a high level, in spite of being epileptic and having a pacemaker that corrected an irregular heartbeat.

"Jenna was doing what she wanted to do — run," Lisa Parlette told the team. "We couldn't stop her even if we wanted to."

Combs announced at the service that the team's Oct. 18 Fall Classic Cross Country Meet, one of the largest in the state, was renamed the #JennaStrong Invitational. He said that is one way they will honor her memory. Nearly 1,000 runners from 45 teams competed in the event.

Also, all cross country runners in the Ohio Athletic Conference wore #JennaStrong bracelets throughout the season in solidarity with WC and its lost runner.



Jenna Parlette moves to the front of the pack in a 2012 cross country race on WC's home course. Coach Ron Combs believed she was on the threshold of breaking through to nationally elite status.

"I'm going to miss her dearly," Combs said.

Another friend, Sam Krobath, shared his interpretation of #JennaStrong, the popular Twitter hashtag and rally cry since news of the tragedy emerged.

"It's about Jenna's kindness, her sense of humor and her hard work ethic and competitiveness," he said.

As is the Quaker tradition, a period of open reflection gave those attending an opportunity to share their feelings. Two of them were former classmates of Parlette's at Miamisburg High School. One spoke of how, since she came to WC, she was so thrilled to have met so many great friends and teammates.

"She would go one and on about how much she liked Wilmington College," he said.

WC President Jim Reynolds said he is the type of person that tries to fix things and make them run smoothly again.

"I've been looking for the words to fix this (a life lost so young and grieving family and friends) — I can't," he said. "We will always have a hole in our hearts when we think of Jenna."

"We're here to express our joy and love for a person we cared about," he added. "Let's live the life Jenna lived, a life of being committed and joyful with purpose and perseverance."

Mary Rose Zink, associate professor of psychology, later described Parlette as a "terrific, dedicated" student that studied as hard as she ran.

"Jenna was clearly engaged, took great notes and often supported other students by sharing her notes," Zink said. "Her sense of humor always guaranteed a laugh from her as she put up with my silly examples of psychology in real life."

Campus minister Dan Kasztelan, who officiated the service, said Parlette was a daughter, granddaughter, friend, teammate, classmate and fellow

competitor, but she was much more, as evidenced by the outpouring of support and love — by many that didn't even know her — from the Wilmington College campus and far beyond.

"Jenna was more things to more people than we will ever know," he said.

Parlette, after only two years competing at WC, holds school records in both the 5,000 and 10,000-meter runs in track, and is a five-time All-Ohio Athletic Conference designee in indoor/outdoor track and cross country. She was named All-Great Lakes Region after the 2012 cross country season. Also, she earned Academic All-OAC status and was an All-Academic selection by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association.

BY RANDY SARVIS



#standwithme

INDY FILMMAKER GRANT PELLE '99 CO-DIRECTS SLAV

Most

independent filmmakers are pleased to have an audience for their movies, but Grant Pellee wishes for more. He wants his films, especially his latest, *#standwithme*, to change the world.

#standwithme shines a light on slavery. Indeed, an estimated 30 million persons are enslaved throughout the world via forced labor and sex trades — many are the most vulnerable: impoverished children.

“We feel that a story well told will change the world,” said Pellee, a 1999 Wilmington College graduate that several years ago embarked upon a dramatic change in life to follow his dreams and become a storyteller through the medium of film.

The latest story for Pellee started with his production studio learning of a nine-year-old, California girl selling lemonade.

Vivienne Harr saw an exhibit of compelling photographs titled “Slavery” by world-class photographer Lisa Kristine. Those images of child slavery motivated Vivienne to set up a lemonade stand with the goal of raising funds to free 500 enslaved children. Her organic product is now bottled under the brand Make-a-Stand Lemonade.

Vivienne’s endeavor caught the eye of

the Portland, Ore., based independent film studio, Stillmotion, which Pellee joined in late 2012 and serves as filmmaker/creative director.

“We originally thought it would be a three-to-five minute film of a little girl selling lemonade,” Pellee said, noting that, the more they learned about slavery in the 21st century, Vivienne’s story quickly became a eureka! moment for the studio.

“It created a call to action for us. We *needed* to tell Vivienne’s story. She’s effecting change through selling lemonade. We quickly realized, ‘We just found our next documentary!’”

Stillmotion put a hold on two films in pre-production to pursue *#standwithme*. Their journey took co-director Pellee and a crew literally around the globe to Namibia, Ghana, Nepal and Dominican Republic.

“It’s weird to use words like ‘abolitionist movement’ in 2014 but that’s what it represents,” Pellee said. “Slavery will be eliminated the moment communities say, ‘No more.’ *#standwithme* is a social invitation for people to spread that awareness.”

#standwithme embarked upon a 30-city screening tour in the United States and Canada Feb. 1 that included a stop at Wilmington’s Murphy Theatre in mid-March. Pellee has discovered that being an independent filmmaker also includes promoting and distributing their work. Many of the stops featured workshops on storytelling and filmmaking the day after showing the documentary.

“It’s like being in a band touring,” he added.

Life on the road and working often thousands of miles from his family represent a significant departure from where Pellee was

only a few short years ago when he realized he wasn’t setting a good example for his sons with regard to pursuing dreams and living life to its fullest.

A theatre major at WC, Pellee initially worked for an equity company in Florida and became engaged to his future wife, Carrie. They returned to be close to their families in his native Wilmington, where, he caught the “entrepreneurial bug” and tried his hand at video production, real estate, auctioneering and cabinetry.

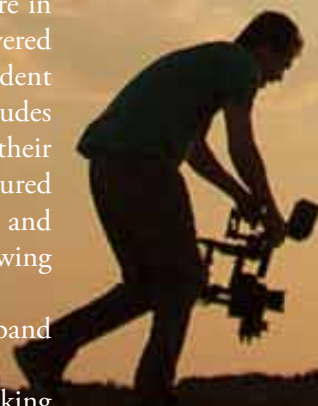
The birth of their two boys, Elijah and Aiden, now seven and four, respectively, caused Pellee to examine his life.

“I realized what I wanted for them was a life of adventure and passion, and I wasn’t modeling that,” he said.

In early 2012, he called several friends and said, “I want to make a film.” The group traveled 10,000 miles in a van for 42 days creating what became an autobiographical story highlighting his need to fight complacency.

They filmed stories of persons that triumphed over complacency during the ultimate buddies’ road trip. This became the film *I’m Fine, Thanks*.

“Why do so many of us willingly compromise our dreams and passions in exchange for a routine, scripted life?”



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he said. "I believe if you push your creativity everyday magic will happen."

I'm Fine, Thanks captured some of that magic and proved cathartic for Peelle, who realized his life was now closer to being on his desired track. With tons of footage, Peelle turned to the cutting edge, event cinema studio, Stillmotion, to do the editing work.

The company had been on his radar for some time. In fact, he was so fascinated with its filmmaking process that he imported their films into the home filmmaking software Final Cut and "reverse engineered" their movies to study what they were doing.

"I was voracious in consuming the material they were putting out," he added. "I started a great conversation with them."

Peelle traveled to Chicago at his own expense when Stillmotion needed a production assistant for a shoot. They used him again in that capacity to cover a Navy vs. Notre Dame football game, followed by work on the same project at West Point and Annapolis.

He was included in the credits of Showtime's *A Game of Honor*, the Emmy Award-winning film for Best Sports Documentary that depicted the historic Army-Navy football rivalry.

Stillmotion hired him full time in late 2012 as filmmaker/creative director.

The studio produced two major pieces for CBS that ran on Super Bowl Sunday in 2013 followed by a feature that aired during the network's coverage of that year's NCAA March Madness.

"I told them (Stillmotion) they should get into original programming," he said. "*#standwithme* is our first foray into exclusively original work in which we find and tell stories that will impact the world. Once the documentary was a go, we put together a team and we did it."

Peelle is convinced that *#standwithme's* tour is just the beginning when considering the popularity of cable networks, Netflix and new online means like tug.com for distributing films.

"I see the 30-city tour not as the life of this movie, but as the seed of this movie, a seed that creates action, impact and global conversation," he said.

Peelle also is pleased with how his work has intersected with his home life, as Carrie and the boys had the opportunity

to meet Vivienne even though his family continues to reside in Wilmington.

"It's very exciting to think that, over the next several decades of my storytelling, I will be able to create friendships for my boys with people like Vivienne," he said. "It's awesome the stories we get to tell bring with them people that become family friends."

"Aiden and Elijah very clearly know I make movies and they understand we are fighting slavery," he added, noting he feels fortunate to be so actively involved with such an important issue as fighting slavery, yet he eagerly looks forward to other stories on the horizon.

"As storytellers, we're always looking for the next story, looking for stories that present themselves like *#standwithme*. I was always hopeful to be a storyteller — it's in my fiber."

BY RANDY SARVIS



Against a backdrop of Stillmotion's crew filming in Namibia at sunrise are Grant Peelle '99 joking around with one of the Namibian children, former child slave Ebenezer at the chalk board in school and Vivienne setting up her lemonade stand. (Photos courtesy of Stillmotion)





Quakers enjoy winter success

BY JAYSON AMEER RASHEED '00

MEN'S BASKETBALL CAPTURES OAC TOURNEY TITLE

The 2013-14 season will long be remembered for several firsts – the first victory over a Division I team, hosting the OAC tournament championship for the first time and landing the program's first post-season NCAA Division III All-American.

The National Basketball Coaches Association and D3hoops.com named senior Malcolm Heard II (Wilmington, OH/Wilmington) to its All-American second and fourth teams, respectively.

"Becoming an All-American is

an incredible accomplishment and something every college player dreams of," said Wilmington head coach K.C. Hunt. "This honor comes from Malcolm's extreme talent, and more importantly, his amazing work ethic. I am extremely proud of the player and person that Malcolm has become."

The All-American honors came days after the NABC named Heard first team All-Great Lakes Region and d3hoops.com selected him as the Great Lakes Region Player of the Year. Also, Heard was named the Ohio Athletic Conference Player of the Year after leading the league in both points (18.6) and rebounds (7.8).

He helped lead the Fightin' Quakers to the 2014 OAC Tournament championship and the automatic berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament. The 6-5 forward earned first-team honors from the OAC for the last three seasons.

He finished his collegiate career as the school's all-time NCAA-era scorer, and is third all-time in scoring with 1,577.

Wilmington finished the season 19-9 after falling in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to No. 2 Washington University in St. Louis.

Wilmington started the season by becoming the first NCAA D3 school since 2004 to knock off a DI team when



The Fightin' Quakers' men's basketball team celebrates its OAC championship (photo by John Swartzel) while (INSET) All American and OAC/Greak Lakes Region Player-of-the-Year Malcolm Heard II moves to the basket (Photo by Randy Sarvis).

they recorded a 65-63 win over Miami in Millett Hall in December. However, the win was a single highlight in a tenuous 4-4 start for the Fightin' Quakers.

As the calendar flipped to 2014, WC went on a run winning nine of 11 games that put them in position to win the OAC regular season. A couple of stumbles down the stretch may have prevented a regular season crown, but Wilmington stormed through the tournament – including recording a 69-63 victory over John Carroll in the finals.

More than 2,300 fans filled Hermann Court to witness the first-ever OAC men's basketball tournament

championship held in Wilmington. The title qualified the team for its second NCAA Division III Tournament appearance. Senior Taylor Wellman (Norwood, OH/Norwood), who scored 17 points, pulled down a career-high 11 rebounds and dished out three assists, was named tournament MVP.

Hunt said the team's hard work and perseverance throughout the season paid big dividends in the championship run.

"This senior group deserved this opportunity, and they took full advantage of it," Hunt said. "They really could have easily played in three or four OAC championships in their career. For them to come out and win it to advance

to the NCAA Tournament is absolutely fantastic."

The season came to a heartbreaking end as No. 2 Washington eliminated WC in the first round, 100-69. It marked the final game for seniors Malcolm Heard II, Taylor Wellman, Ben Vonderhaar, Christian Patterson, Klarke Ransome and Ben McGriff.

Heard capped a fantastic career by earning OAC and Great Lakes Region Player of the Year honors after leading the league in scoring and rebounding. He also became a three-time first-team All-OAC selection. Heard was joined by junior R.J. Leppert on the All-OAC

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Senior Haley Howard, pictured driving to the basket, is the first player to lead the women's team in scoring, rebounding and assists for a season.

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team, earning second team honors.

McGriff was honored for his work in the classroom, earning Academic All-OAC honors.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MAKES PROGRESS IN 2014 CAMPAIGN

It was a season of ups and downs for the 2013-14 Fightin' Quakers, but a lot of positives can be taken from the end results.

"I was really happy with the progress our team made this year," said Wilmington head coach Jerry Scheve.

"We had a lot of holes to fill, but by the end of the year I felt we could play with anyone in the league. Our four seniors were the key to our success."

One of the highlights of the season came as WC fought back from down 10 with 37 seconds remaining to record a 103-102 victory over Marietta on January 25. It marked the sixth win in a seven-game stretch. But Wilmington went on to lose seven of its last 10 games, including a 57-53 loss to eventual OAC tournament champion Capital. The team finished with a 13-14 mark.

Senior Haley Howard became the first player in school history to lead the team in scoring (13.7), rebounding (5.3) and

assists (3.7) en route to earning second-team All-OAC honors. She also earned Academic All-OAC honors.

Senior Mackenzie Wippel was named honorable mention All-OAC.

Senior Bethany Ahrens and sophomore Kirsten Glick also earned Academic All-OAC honors.

PATTERSON'S ALL- AMERICA PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

The men's track and field team had six All-Ohio Athletic Conference winners as they finished sixth of 10 teams.



Senior Christian Patterson high jumped his way to his third All American designation, in spite of spending 95 percent of the winter playing basketball. (INSET) Green men and a high spirited student cheering section added to the excitement at Fred Raizk Arena this winter.

"I thought we had a strong indoor season for the men," said Wilmington head coach Ron Combs. "We were ranked as high as fifth in the USTFCCCA Great Lakes Region Poll and we competed well all season winning two meets and finishing second in another."

Sophomore Jeremy Duncan set a new school record in the 200 meters (22.22), and senior Christian Patterson finished seventh in the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships to earn All-American status in indoor for the first time in his career.

Patterson, a two-time outdoor All-

American, only competed in one indoor meet because he was also a member of the men's basketball team.

Earning All-OAC honors were the 4x200 relay team (Jake Sydnor, Derek Kilgo, Chase Manica and Duncan), the distance medley relay team (Alek Erwin, Jake Simpkins, Ethan Rudd and Brad Kline), Sydnor (400), Simpkins (800) and Erwin (1500).

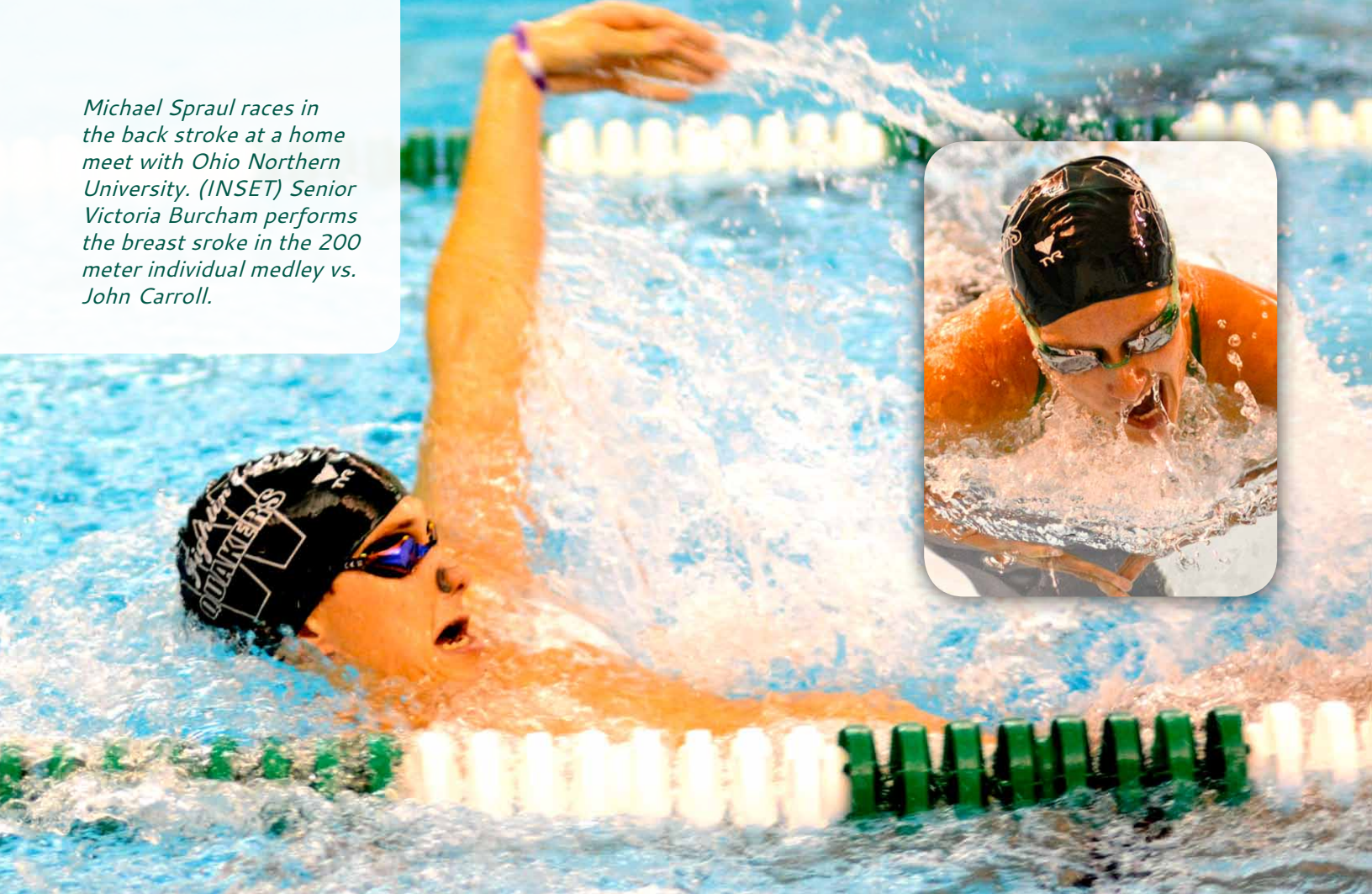
**WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK
LACKING NUMBERS BUT
NOT SPIRITED HARD
WORK**

Sophomore Marissa Bolen set two new school records during the OAC championships. She established marks in the shot put (42'10.75") and weight throw (45'1.5")

"The women fought hard through the season," said Wilmington head coach Ron Combs. "We are not where we want to be in the OAC right now, but I think we are close to being a competitive team again in the OAC. Right now it's just a numbers game in certain areas that is a struggle for us. You can't score points unless you are putting people on the track."

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Michael Spraul races in the back stroke at a home meet with Ohio Northern University. (INSET) Senior Victoria Burcham performs the breast stroke in the 200 meter individual medley vs. John Carroll.



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Several athletes – junior Tricia Steffen, junior Sarah Murphy and sophomore Jadie Riewoldt – all performed well during the indoor season.

SENIOR SPRAUL CONCLUDES MEN'S SWIMMING CAREER WITH SEVEN WC RECORDS

Senior Mikey Spraul capped a phenomenal two-year career by establishing seven school records – three individual and four relay.

He added an Ohio Athletic Conference record in the 200 backstroke. Individually he holds the 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke and 100 freestyle records.

Although he holds the school record in the 100 backstroke, it's his younger brother, David, that claimed the OAC title in the event.

The relay records broken were the 400

and 200 medley (M. Spraul, Corbin Hellwarth, Erik Spraul, David Hawk), 200 freestyle (Hawk, Alex Fout, David Spraul, Jason Prible) and 800 freestyle (D. Spraul, M. Spraul, Mason Harris, Jason Prible). The 800 freestyle team earned All-OAC honors.

Harris added a school record in the 200 freestyle.

Hellwarth, Hawk and Eric Belash were named Academic All-OAC.

The team's fourth place in the OAC tied the program's best finish. Coach Trip Breen was pleased with the team's performance at the conference meet.

"I thought we had a great weekend," Breen said. "We were enthusiastic from wire to wire this season. It's a grueling and long season. Obviously we go into events expecting success. The seniors have been incredible leaders. We had an outstanding group of seniors."

For the second straight year, the men's coaching staff of head coach Trip Breen and assistants Paula Stewart and Kenny

Holter were named OAC Staff-of-the-Year.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING GARNERS ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Senior Victoria Burcham was a part of three school records as she wrapped up her stellar career.

She established new marks in the 100 and 200 backstroke and joined Liz Miller, Addie Roberts and Haley Rowland to set a new mark in the 800 freestyle relay.

The women's team was well represented on the Academic All-OAC team, sporting seven of Wilmington's 15 student-athletes. Senior Rebecca Scherer led the way with a 4.0, and was joined by Leslie Stiffler, Burcham, Lisa Feters, Roberts, Rachel Drake and Rachel Routzong.



Jada Brown overcame adversity on, off court

STUDENT-ATHLETE FINISHES BASKETBALL CAREER ON HIGH NOTE

The night before Jada Brown expected to return to the court for only her second game in two years, she woke up in the early morning and remained awake.

"I don't know if it was just something I felt," she said.

She later learned that the eerie feeling she couldn't shake might have been a subliminal message as her mother was passing away from a brain aneurism that caused a seizure. On Oct. 27, 2013, Debra Brown died unexpectedly at the age of 50.

With the team preparing to play Ohio University in a scrimmage, Brown's brother and boyfriend drove to Athens, and her father delivered the heartbreaking news via a phone call.

"It was a terrible ride back," she said. "Three hours back to Wilmington, and another hour back to Cincinnati."

The devastating news was yet another difficult hurdle the guard had to overcome if she were going to end her college basketball career on a high note. This came a little over a month after Brown was finally medically cleared to resume her playing career.

She tore her ACL during open gym prior to her sophomore season and missed all of her sophomore and junior seasons. Early on, the already small Brown lost 15 pounds "because I was depressed about not being able to play."

The process of being medically cleared to play was protracted to say the least; her hopes were dashed nearly 10 times before finally getting the doctor's OK last fall.

"Being able to condition and knowing I could play was good enough for me. I didn't want to rush back into it and hurt myself," she said. "Last year (I thought about quitting) when I couldn't play. I cried numerous times in practice because I couldn't play. I wasn't really progressing. I knew college was my last step in basketball, and I have been playing since the third grade. I had four years, and two of them — I sat out.

"It hurt a lot."

Nearly three months following her mother's death, Brown was on the court for her greatest WC basketball moment. She hit three three-pointers, including two down the stretch as Mount Union was making a charge. Brown finished

with a career-high 12 points and the WC senior class had secured the first win in their careers over the Purple Raiders.

"I was just thinking of her the whole game," she said. "I knew I had to step up — I didn't work hard for two years just to sit. I had to give it my all every time I stepped on the court."

Brown dedicated her season to her mother's memory so that milestone game and earning a spot in the playing rotation were especially gratifying. Yet, despite being surrounded by family and friends, the season often was a struggle emotionally.

"It's been hard because girls have a closeness with their mothers," she said. "Everybody always talking about their mom, or calling their mom," she said. "Just being able to talk to their parents. Just to hear them say 'mom', and know they can get a response back, is very hard.

"In the locker room, we always have a moment of silence, and I take that moment to talk to her. I tell her that, every moment on the court, I play for her."

BY JAYSON AMEER RASHEED '00



Quakers fight through challenging

BY JAYSON AMEER RASHEED '00

It was a difficult season for the Wilmington College Fighting' Quakers, both on and off the playing surfaces. Wilmington suffered through the loss of a student-athlete early in the year, and then failed to reach the Ohio Athletic Conference tournament in any sport. Despite the lack of team success, the Fighting' Quakers still managed to find rainbows through the dark clouds.

CROSS COUNTRY

With the death of junior Jenna

Parlette following the first meet of the season, the cross country team showed toughness, resilience and fortitude in performing during the rest of the season.

"It was a very difficult season dealing with the loss of a beloved teammate," said head coach Ron Combs. "I was incredibly proud of how our team handled an incredibly difficult situation. The women's team hung in there all year and battled the best they could. I thought that Tricia Steffen made a big jump this year. I think the experience

she gained this season will benefit her greatly next year; she is becoming a strong leader for the women's team."

Senior Alek Erwin and junior Tricia Steffen both earned All-OAC honors after finishing eighth and 15th, respectively, in the Ohio Athletic Conference meet. The men's team finished fifth in the OAC, while the women's team was 10th.

Erwin also recorded a school record during the renamed #JennaStrong Fall Classic. Erwin has been the consistent



fall season

(LEFT) Senior Alek Erwin crosses the finish line in school record time on WC's course at the #JENNASTRONG Fall Classic. He also earned All-OAC status by placing eighth in the conference meet. (ABOVE) Freshman Sidney DuBois (CENTER) runs in a crowd at the #JENNASTRONG Fall Classic.

leader of a men's team that had contributions throughout the lineup.

"I thought the men's team had a strong year—we wanted to be top four in the OAC and finished fifth — only 14 points out of fourth," said Combs. "We had some young guys step in and contribute more this year, including Dominic King, Jake Simpkins and Scott Blubaugh."

Academically, Jacob Boehm and Anna Benton recorded a 4.0 GPA's, and were named Academic All-OAC. The other

four honorees were juniors Tricia Steffen (3.94), Sarah Murphy (3.82) and Brad Hamilton (3.77), along with sophomore Mary Krebs (3.84).

MEN'S SOCCER

Coming into the season with very high aspirations, the men's soccer team fell short of its lofty goals. While they were able to perform well against some of the top teams in the conference, they couldn't string together enough solid matches to reach the OAC tournament.

"Our 6-12-2 season record does not tell the whole story of our 2013 season," said head coach Bud Lewis. "We had high hopes for a very successful season and a serious run for the OAC championship and NCAA tournament. In soccer the final score may not always reflect how the game was played, but it is score that counts. Our tendency to give up soft goals combined with a lack of finishing our good scoring chances kept us from realizing our real

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Senior Henrik Hornnaess moves the ball in the Fightin' Quakers' victory against Marietta, which featured the final match on Charlie Gilhart Field.

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potential. In our last two games versus the top two teams in the conference, Ohio Northern (0-1) and John Carroll (0-0), our senior goalkeeper, Anton Niklasson, and senior centerback, Jeff Graham, were outstanding and both games reflected the quality of our play and our competitiveness."

Wilmington had five seniors – Henrik Hornnaess, Caleb Betz, Erik Hammar, Graham and Niklasson – that played their final collegiate games.

"We are going to miss our seniors and are thankful of the many contributions of our graduating seniors," said Lewis, adding Betz was "one of the hardest working and committed players in our program."

Junior Martin Holmquist became just the second Quaker to earn Defender

of the Year honors, and earned first-team All-OAC honors for the second straight season. He spearheaded a WC defense that registered four shutouts. In addition, he added two goals and one assist.

Niklasson earned second team All-OAC laurels, while junior Daniel Wicks and freshman Markus Tornberg earned honorable mention.

The team, along with the women's soccer team, was one of 182 schools nationally, that earned the National Soccer Coaches Assn. of America Academic Award for the 2012-13 academic year. The team finished the year with a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team fell short of qualifying for the OAC tournament, but

they proved they could play with some of the best teams nationally.

"The 2013 season was about big wins and disappointing losses," said head coach Steve Spirk. "This team proved it could win big games on the road and at home with victories over Capital at home and Ohio Northern on the road as two of the highlights of our season. Capital competed in the NCAA Division III Final Four, falling in the national semifinals. Record-wise we finished at 11-7-1, and could have easily had five more wins with a few plays made here and there. That's the way soccer goes! Overall we are very proud of our team for their hard work, commitment and competitive spirit."

Four players earned All-OAC honors, with three of them – senior Rachel Gutowski, junior Camille Gentile and



Senior Sammy Koerner fights for the ball in women's soccer action against Mount Union.

sophomore Rachel Bowen – earning second team honors. Senior Jenni Marck was named honorable mention.

The seniors were Gutowski, Sammy Koerner, Bonnie Grace, Pajj Shelton and Marck.

“Our seniors have been great these four years and will be missed,” said Spirk. “They have set the standard on the field and in the classroom for all to follow.”

The women's soccer team led the Wilmington Academic All-OAC contingent with six student-athletes. Senior Bonnie Grace (3.96) posted the highest GPA on the team. She was joined by juniors Camille Gentile (3.59), Lauren Hamrock (3.75), Angela Phillips (3.65), Caroline Guindon (3.71) and sophomore Erika Good (3.50). They also earned the NSCAA

Academic Award for the sixth straight year, and 11th overall.

VOLLEYBALL

The 2013 season was about change for the volleyball team as Beth Floyd took over the reigns of the program. While the progress didn't equate to more victories, one thing was evident.

“The young ladies worked very hard throughout the season striving to get better everyday,” said Floyd.

Volleyball finished the season 1-19 overall, 0-9 in the OAC. Molly Hirtzinger was the lone senior for the Fighting' Quakers this season.

Three juniors volleyball student-athletes - Tabby Biegler (3.59, Sport Management; Columbus, OH/Briggs), Emily Regan (3.89, Education; Columbus, OH/Briggs), and Natalie

Sparks (3.63, Agriculture; West Jefferson, OH/West Jefferson) earned Academic All-OAC this season.

FOOTBALL

While the 2013 season didn't go as hoped or planned, the foundation for the success in the football program has been laid.

“I believe that the 2013 season was a year of change and adaptation,” said head coach Stacey Hairston. “We changed our offensive and defensive philosophies to a more aggressive style with multidimensional pieces and variations. We changed our overall approach to how we prepare for our opponents each week. We had to change some personnel where we could. Our players had to adapt to the new coaching style

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Defending a spike by Ohio Christian are, from the left, Caitlin Pauley, Elizabeth Carter and Courtney Hurley.

"I believe that the 2013 season was a year of change and adaptation. Our players had to adapt to the new coaching style and expectations of our new coaching staff."

— STACEY HAIRSTON
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

and expectations of our new coaching staff. With all of that said, we made tremendous strides and improvements as we were more competitive in games. We were able to move the ball consistently through the air and defensively, we were able to get more pressure on opposing quarterbacks. Lot of improvements, but we are still a long way away from being the team that expects to win each and every week.

"Offensively we must be able to run the ball in the future and score points when we are in the red zone," Hairston continued. "Defensively we must eliminate the big plays and force teams to attempt field goals rather than allow them to score touchdowns. As this team matures and we increase our depth at every position, we will become that team that expects to win. We will make the plays down the stretch that will allow us to win the close games. The experience

our players received this year will only help us in the future."

Sophomore Jeremy Duncan had a career year in earning first team All-North Region by D3football.com. In addition, he was named the Ed Sherman Receiver-of-the-Year award winner in the OAC and first team All-OAC. Duncan was the only receiver in the league to amass more than 1,000 yards in the regular season.

Sophomore Tarrell Starckey, who led the league in tackles, also earned first team honors from the league. Senior Aaron Day was named second team, while seniors Donnie Ary and Brandon Arehart were named honorable mention.

Arehart (3.97), senior Kyle Akers (3.65), junior Scott Duncan (3.55) and junior Jeremy McCoy (3.55) were named Academic All-OAC.



Senior Brandon Arehart looks for an open receiver in football action. He was a All-OAC honorable mention selection in addition to making the Academic All-OAC team.



NCAA selects WC to host D-III cross country Nationals in 2014

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) announced in December that Wilmington College, in conjunction with the Warren County Convention and Visitors Bureau, will host the 2014 Great Lakes cross country regional and NCAA Division III Championship meets.

The regional meet will be Nov. 15 and the national race will take place the following week on Nov. 22. Both races will take place at the Golf Center at Kings Island in Mason. It marks the second time WC has hosted the regional and national meets, which were held

in 2005 at Voice of America Park in Mason.

"It is a privilege to get the opportunity to host an NCAA Division III National Championship," WC's head coach Ron Combs said. "I think Wilmington College and our partnership with Warren County CVB can produce a high quality championship event that the athletes, fans, and people of the greater Cincinnati area will never forget. The facility at The Golf Center at Kings Island and the adjacent world class tennis center gives us a chance to host the championship in a unique setting."



Swedish student plays on American

SPORT POPULAR IN EUROPE, DESCRIBED AS 'HOCKEY WITHOUT THE ICE'

Football, basketball and baseball are the big three sports in the United States. In Sweden, it's soccer, ice hockey and *floorball*.

Yes, floorball — “hockey without the ice” — is the craze from youth competition through senior leagues.

Patrick Dousa, a sophomore majoring in marketing at Wilmington College from Stockholm, Sweden, earned a spot on the National Floorball Team, not Sweden's, but America's.

You see, he had the good fortune of being born in the United States before his family returned to Sweden.

Possessing dual citizenship, he met the nationality qualification, in addition to impressing a national team scout with his

floorball skills during a tournament this fall in Westchester, New York.

“My family is Swedish. I'm the only one with American citizenship,” Dousa said, noting his family resided in Dallas until he was four years old. His father, Lars, Dousa, is a 1985 WC graduate.

“My dad is an alumni here,” he said. “He told me such good things about the school — he loved it here and so do I.”

Dousa was especially pleased to learn the College already had eight Swedes when he arrived in January 2013.

He explained he was “pretty late” to floorball as a youth, but, once he learned the game, he was hooked. “Like most Swedish children, I played soccer and also ice hockey, but when I saw my

brother play floorball, I thought it was really cool.”

He initially used floorball for off-season training for hockey.

“I tried to practice hockey in our basement, but I was really practicing floorball. I thought floorball was a lot more fun than hockey — plus I was better at it, so I chose it over hockey. I got my dribbling skills from hockey.”

In Sweden, schools do not sponsor athletic teams as they do in the United States, so leagues in the major sports provide youth and teens with structured environments for training and competition.

Dousa continued to embrace the game and, as a 17-year-old junior player, a



National Floorball Team

senior league team drafted him, which gave him an opportunity to compete with players predominantly 19 and older.

“That’s when I got serious,” he said.

Sweden, Finland, Switzerland and Czech Republic constitute the upper echelon of floorball teams, Dousa added. It is a fall/winter season sport played on a semi-soft surface about two-thirds the size of a hockey rink with goals similar in size to that sport. The rubber ball is close to the size of a tennis ball.

He said the “fast game” features a contact level similar to that of soccer and only the goalie wears a mask.

“If you have indoor shoes and a

stick, you’re good to go,” he said, noting his position is right forward, where he is expected to be a goal scorer.

Dousa has enjoyed explaining his sport to his American peers at WC, but the first question is how he’s on the *American* team.

“Most don’t understand why I have American citizenship, but they think it’s cool I made the team — even if they don’t really know much about what floorball is,” he said.

Dousa said most of his national team counterparts, some of whom are of Swedish decent, reside in larger U.S. cities where they regularly play on floorball teams, so, since Wilmington is not one of those, he was encouraged to simply, “Stay

in shape — come prepared.” Indeed, he occasionally worked out this fall with the College’s men’s soccer team.

Dousa said his ultimate floorball dream would be for his American team to play Sweden in the biennial World Cup finals in December in Gothenburg, Sweden.

That dream became closer to a reality when Dousa and the U.S. team defeated Canada and Jamaica in the qualifying round played in Toronto in January.

“It will be an honor to wear the American National Team’s jersey.”

BY RANDY SARVIS

About Class Notes...

The LINK is interested in learning more about your accomplishments and other newsworthy items. Please direct information and photographs to: Class Notes, Pyle Center Box 1313, Wilmington College, Wilmington, OH 45177, or via email to: alumni@wilmington.edu. When reporting the death of an alumna/us, please send a copy of the obituary, which should include the date of death. If possible, include the names and class years of any survivors who attended Wilmington College. Deadline for the next issue is June 1, 2014.

1950

WILLIAM "BILL" BICK was honored with a reception at the school that bears his name, William Bick Primary School, for his 90th birthday.

1951

Our sympathy to the family of former WC administrator and trustee JOSEPH E. BALMER Jr., 83, who died Aug. 4, 2013, in Dayton, Ohio. He and his wife, Patricia '59, have two children, daughter Teresa and son Joseph III. Joe served as WC's director of alumni relations from 1955 to 1961, public relations director from 1961 to '64 and College trustee from 1981 to '87.

1955

BARBARA WINANDI ROUSH wishes to announce that she has written a book, *The King & I — Mysteries of the Christ*. This book is based on her journey seeking the mysteries of life after retiring from teaching for nearly 29 years.

1958

WC extends its sympathies to the Berger family on the loss of Kip T. Berger. Kip was the son of DAVID ('58) and MARILYN (BURNS '59) BERGER, brother to BRENDA (BERGER) PRESSER '86 and JULIANE (BERGER) CARTAINO '02, nephew to LOISANNE (BERGER '60) and ROBERT ROCKWELL '61 and THOMAS BERGER '68.

1959

JEWELL ROARK MATTHEWS chairs the Pearl S. Buck birthplace in Hillsboro, W.Va., for the Women's Club of Huntington. Buck, the author of more than 100 books, is one of only two American women to win both the Pulitzer Prize and the Nobel Prize. Jewell shared her excitement that a previously unpublished manuscript completed just prior to Buck's death in 1973 was recently discovered and published in October.

1962

SARA ROWLEY BLOEDOW and husband, Wilfred (Paul) Bloedow, celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on Aug. 25, 2013. They live in Covington, OH.

1963

DIANE GARRETT RUDER was named interim president of the Fairfield Community Foundation in January. The former alumni director and annual fund director at WC also has a consulting business. A longtime development executive, Diane also has served as vice president of development for Otterbein Homes, executive director of the former Middletown Regional Hospital Foundation and vice president of development for what is now Atrium Medical Center. She is a member of WC's President's Advisory Council.

1967

Resistance, a play LAWRENCE BLOOM began writing while attending Wilmington College in the mid-1960s is getting closer to being seen by an audience in its entirety. In October, his manuscript was read by the theatre troupe, Theatre-by-the-Bay at the Bay Terrace Jewish Center in Bayside, NY. The play is set in 1946 Palestine and is based on a freedom-fighter's efforts to establish Israel as a free state.

1968

ANDRE DE SHIELDS starred as King Louie last summer in *The Jungle Book* at Boston's Goodman Theatre. Also, he was featured in the arts and entertainment section of the *Chicago Tribune*.

1971

WC extends its sympathies to

HAROLD THIREY, assistant professor of agriculture at WC, whose mother passed away Aug. 4, 2013.

1973

RON HINTON won his 300th game as a high school head coach in October when his Chillicothe High School team defeated visiting East Clinton 28-0. He previously coached at Amanda Clearcreek High School.

1974

ED FIELDS earned his fourth nomination for a Primetime Emmy Award for 2013's *The Men Who Built America* on The History Channel. He won an "Outstanding Informational Series" Emmy in 1996 for Time/Life's *Lost Civilizations*. His 2013 nomination was for "Outstanding Writing for Nonfiction Programming," as were his nominations for The History Channel's *Gettysburg* in 2011 and *America: The Story of Us* in 2010.

1975

WC extends its sympathies to ROB DENSEN, Summitt, NJ, on the passing of his wife, Barbara Densen, on July 17, 2013.

1979

CRAIG ADAMS has been re-elected to his third three-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. Craig, who farms with his family, grows corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, straw and has a beef cow herd. He and his wife, Kim, are the parents of three children and reside in Leesburg, OH.

In September, Ohio Gov. John R. Kasich appointed RON RUDDUCK to fill a vacant seat on the State Board of Education.

1986

DANA ENGLE has been named CEO

of the Madison County Hospital in Ohio. Engle is a native of Springfield and resides there with his wife and three children. He is active with the Springfield/Clark County Chamber of Commerce, Clark County Combined Health District and Rotary International.

JEFF LINDESMITH is the new head football coach at Canton Central Catholic High School. The longtime assistant coach is a guidance counselor at CCC and holds a Master of Education degree in school counseling and social services from the University of Dayton. He and his wife, Karla, are the parents of two sons, Beau and Zachary.

1990

DEAN LYNCH was hired as superintendent of the Blanchester School District, effective Jan. 1, 2014. His contract will run through July 31, 2016.

1992

MICHELE KEGLEY graduated in August 2012 from Antioch University with a Ph.D. in leadership and change.

1996

MARK MALINOWSKI has been named as the new boys' basketball coach at Bowling Green High School.

1997

DENNIS NIPPER, JR. has been promoted to patrol sergeant for the Greene County Sheriff's Dept. He was also named Deputy-of-the-Year in 2013. Dennis, his wife, Sheena, and their two children, Lauren and Landon, reside in Xenia, OH.

1999

BOB WATKINS is the new executive director for the Lifetime Wellness Center in Marion, VA.

2001

TARA DURBIN assumed leadership of Farm Credit Services Mid-America's new Utica region as regional vice president in January 2014. She has been with the company for 13 years.

2002

RICHARD WILDNEHAUS has been

hired as the athletic director and assistant principal of Erie High School in Erie, CO.

2003

DAVID SATTERWHITE is president and CEO of the Cincinnati Saints Soccer Club, which joined the National Premier Soccer League's Great Lakes Division for the 2014 season.

2005

GLORIA HURWITZ, certified fundraising executive, announced that she has been appointed as vice president of advancement at the central office of United Church Homes in Marion, OH.

ADAM CARNEY was promoted to director of season and premier sales with Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew. He has been with the organization since 2006 and has received numerous MLS awards for excellence in sales.



Physician assistant K E V I N H I L G E N B E R G joined the medical staff of Clinton Memorial Hospital Regional Health System in Wilmington and the practice of Dr. Michael Griesser of Performance Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine. Kevin graduated *magna cum laude* with a Master of Science degree in physical assistant studies from the University of Kentucky. While at WC, he had an internship with the Cincinnati Reds.

2006

MARK LANE has been named as head football coach at Milton-Union High School. Lane previously was an assistant football coach at Wilmington College.

The Collegiate Sports Video Assn. named RICKY PALMER as the Big East Conference's "Video Coordinator-of-the-Year" for the second consecutive year. The Bob Matey Award is presented to the video coordinator that displays innovation, determination, perseverance and technical skills on scale with the award's namesake from Texas A&M. Ricky has worked with Rutgers University's football program since 2010 and has previous

experience with the Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Bengals.

2007

ANDREW STROUD, graduated from Northeast Ohio Medical University in Akron on May 18, 2013. He was awarded a Doctor of Medicine degree. He will pursue a residency in internal medicine at Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, OH.

2009

BRAD HEIMERL has been named as one of the newest members of Ohio Farm Bureau Federation's Young Agricultural Professionals Advisory Team. He will help develop and conduct activities that provide opportunities for young people to become involved in Ohio Farm Bureau programs.

MATT SOUTHWORTH has taken a new position as a major gifts officer with Friends Committee on National Legislation, which is a lobbying organization in the public interest founded in 1943 by members of the Religious Society of Friends. Its work currently centers around the peaceful prevention of conflict, the protection of the environment, the creation of a compassionate federal budget, nuclear disarmament, and a shift towards a peaceful foreign policy.

WC extends its sympathy to the family of JOSHUA A. FRALEY, who, along with his two-year-old son, Easton, was killed in a two-vehicle crash in Union County Feb. 23, 2014. His wife, Jennifer, and four-month-old daughter, Payton, were injured in the accident. Joshua farmed and worked at ASE Feed and Supply Store in Plain City.

2010

ROBERT LOWREY is a reporter for WDTN Channel 2 in Dayton, OH.

2012

Wilmington College hired GARY STOVER III to the new position of

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Guindon '72, Chris Shomo '10, Don Guindon '80, David Satterwhite '03, Eric Schultz '07, Chad Garman '07, Aaron Hunter '06, Ross Garber '08, Greg Staten '05, David Benedict '07, Todd Woolum '11, Kris Duff '13, Andy Szucs '01, Drew Hansen '11, Nick Kinder '10, former assistant coach Brian Page, Steve Spirk '82, Mike Evans '03 and Coach Bud Lewis.

CROSS COUNTRY ALUMNI TAKE ANNUAL 'ARBO' RUN

Cross country alumni pictured from the left are: Front Row – Ron Combs '93, Jessica Unger Lucius '01, Anna Foote '08, Sarah Huggins '10, Mary Huggins '13, Brittany Gibbons '13, Katie Milbower '13, Elise Bernhard '13, Laura Wagner '07; BACK ROW – Mike Schreiner '01, Tony Erwin '86, Mike Chatfield '92, David Warren '10, Chris Sprowl '08, Randy Frame '07, Pat Carroll '12, Kyle Wolf '03 and Matt Combs '96.



MEN'S BASKETBALL ALUMNI MEET THE 2014 FIGHTIN' QUAKERS

Pictured from the left are: FRONT ROW: Eric Stirling '06, Fred Harrison '08, Brandon Candella '13, Miles Bankston '13, Justin Gaines '09, Tyler Ledford '10, Brandon Rogers '10; BACK ROW – Dylan Kiley '06, Tim Carlier '05, Ryan Huffman '00, Tim Dicke '91, Kevin Colson '09, Bob Touchton '65 and Carlos Hamilton '59.



WOMEN'S SOCCER ALUMNI HOLD ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

Returning to Gilhart Field for the Alumni Game in August are, from the left: FRONT ROW – Jenna Curcio Harrison '10, Margaret Fox '10, Alex Hesson '10, Lauren Mumaw '12, Amy Johnson Carter '12, Alison Erney Wade '95; MIDDLE ROW – Britney Beck '12, Katie Skaleski '11, Kiley Compton '12, Ashley Garcia Boswell '13; BACK ROW – Jane Tuke Johns '96, Kortnie Kulis Fair '10, Sarah Watters '13, Erin Moore '12, Coach Steve Spirk '82, Kayla Falkenbach '13 and Jessi Hignite '98.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALUMNI RETURN TO FRED RAIZK ARENA

Alumni helped the women's basketball team kick off their season Nov. 2 when they viewed a Green & White intra-squad scrimmage before taking on the 2013-14 version of the Fightin' Quakers. Pictured from the left are: FRONT ROW – Katie Streck '08, Gina Hyle '08, Margaret "Pat" Patterson Daily '48, Sam Hood '07, Marianne McGoran '10; BACK ROW – LeAnn Topp '13, Olivia Waters '11, Brianna Peters '13, Stephanie Prechtel '10 and Amy Bricker '11.



Wilmington College commemorated the "Season for the Ages" during halftime ceremonies Dec. 30 when the Fightin' Quakers defeated visiting Mount St. Joseph. Members of the 2004 NCAA D-3 National Championship women's basketball attended the event and gathered at Damon's with fans and family following the game for a time of reminiscing about that watershed moment in Wilmington College athletics history. Pictured holding a copy of the Wilmington News Journal from March 2004 are team alumni, from the left, Shawna Thomas '06, Amy Kincer '05 and Amy Eichner-McConnaughey '07. The championship team and their head coach, Jerry Scheve, will be inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in May.



Baseball alumni, from the left, Zach Stakely '00, Austin Newman '12 and Jason Iles '09 catch up with each other prior to the alumni baseball game Homecoming morning.

(Photo by Ameer Rasheed)



ALMUNI MEET FOR SARASOTA LUNCHEON IN FEBRUARY

Pictured from the left are: Charles Seipelt '57, Lee Seipelt, Edward Wildman '62, Sharon Wildman, Walter Hobbie '51, Hester (Zeigler) Hobbie '52, Terry Smith '60, John Neloms '87, Cheryl Kraynek, John Kraynek '59, Verna "Dutch" (Reynolds) Johnson '66 and Martha "Marty" (Sauerbrey) Snapp '68.

FLORIDA ALMUNI MEET IN DESTIN

A host of alumni residing or wintering in the Destin, Fla., area got together with visitors from Wilmington College in February. Pictured from the left are: FRONT ROW — Linda (Irons) Wiggers '66, Amanda (Barrera) Couser '04, Ruth Ann (Cochran) Faris '61, Jean (Murphy) Gravlin '70, Roger Kauffman '67, Jim Faris '60; BACK ROW — Bill Mason '61, Betty (Cochran) Germann '60, Bob Germann, Anne Mason, Sue Reynolds, President Jim Reynolds, Donna (Powers) Kauffman '69, John "The Duke" Wayne and Fred Wiggers '66.



Mary Katherine Hilberg congratulates Roy Joe '48 and Ruth (Starbuck) '52 Stuckey on the occasion of the couple's 65th wedding anniversary in August.

WC Cincinnati Branch alumni Dan '99 and Peg '01 Montgomery, owners/operators of Verona Vineyards in Verona, KY, shared their expertise and the fruits of their labor at a wine-tasting event for Cincinnati-area alumni in November. Peg shows Cheryl Thomas '12 a map featuring Kentucky's ever-growing number of vineyards.



Steve Leibel '86, Nancy Sanborn Herron '86 and Wendy Drysdale '86 visited Xavier University's head athletic trainer David Fluker '86 at a Xavier men's basketball game this winter. Pictured from the left are Steve, David, Nancy and Wendy.

CAROLINA ALUMNI GET TOGETHER IN GREENSBORO

At a July gathering in Greensboro, NC, hosted by Mike and Lisa Vaught are, from the left — Lisa Vaught '00, Mike Vaught '00, Sue Reynolds, President Jim Reynolds, Trudy Whitacre '66, David Whitacre '65, Edna Landon '61, Matt Wahrhaftig '93, WC's director of leadership giving and Jim Landon '58.



While

a 16 under par score of 54 won the event, the real winners will be future Wilmington College students that receive the Sharon Sims Endowed Scholarship.

The College's Alumni Association held its second annual Sharon Sims Alumni & Friends Golf Scramble Aug. 10 at Snow Hill Country Club.

Kathy Milam, director of alumni and parent relations said more than 20 foursomes took to the links with all proceeds raised from the event beyond expenses going toward an endowed scholarship at WC in Sims' name.

"Fun, fellowship and good times on the links were the order of the day," she said. "I want to thank all our sponsors and the players that are supporting this scholarship drive in the name of Sharon Sims. She is a beloved former faculty member and coach at WC."

Combined last year's proceeds, more than \$5,000 has been raised for the Sims Scholarship. A total of \$10,000 is required to qualify for an endowed fund that can be awarded each year.

Sims retired in 2012 after serving the College for 34 years. In addition to being a professor of health and physical education, she coached women's basketball and golf for many years.

"I'm awaiting the day when I shake hands with that first young man or woman that receives the scholarship," Sims said. "My heart leaps with love for Wilmington College."

She was especially moved that a number of her former golf team members participated in the outing.



16 under par wins WC/ Sharon Sims Golf Scramble

Tangy Shell Thomas '04 putts for a birdie on hole 11 as she is cheered on by teammates Greg Shell, Mike Thomas and Bill Thomas.

Winning the men's division with the scramble's best score of 54 was the team of Joel Sims, Wayne Bowman, Josh Newkirk and Chad Hodson, followed in second place, with a 56, by the team of Jerry Scheve, Chris Kraftick, Brian Neal and John von Benschoten.

The mixed team of Bob Henderson, Bobby Henderson, Amy Soder and Jeff Muerer shot a 57 to win the mixed division followed by the team, shooting a 59, of Nick Hoover, Tony Hoover, James Hoover and Kathy Milam.

Special prizes went to Nate Boldin and Tangy Shell Thomas for longest drives by a man and woman on hole 3, Matt Combs and Katie Streck for longest drives on #13, Ed Blohm for closest to the pin on #6, Amanda Weisel for closest to the pin on #15, Nick Hoover for longest putt on #9 and Bobby Henderson for longest putt on #13.

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Website manager. He started in February and is responsible for the College's Website and social media program.

2013

MELISSA MEYER has joined the Life Learning Center (LLC) in Covington, KY. Meyer brings over 20 years of non-profit, health and education experience to the LLC. Previously, she provided consulting and training services to non-profit organizations and academic institutions in curriculum development, evaluation and staff development. She also was vice president of the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Wilmington College hired JAMES ATTINGER to the Information Technology Department as its customer services coordinator, in which he trains the student Help Desk staff and presents training classes to faculty and staff on technology issues.

WHITNEY McMANUS was sworn in as the newest member of Wilmington Police Dept. Feb. 20. After interning at the department in spring 2013, she attended the police academy and completed WPD's requirements. Attending the ceremony was WPD Chief DUANE WEYAND '09.

EMERITI TRUSTEES

Emeritus trustee chair and co-founder of Ferno-Washington, Inc., ELROY BOURGRAFF, was inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Business Hall of Fame on Oct. 10, 2013. He was honored for exceptional career and contributions to the quality of life in our community. He served on the Board from 1984 to 1996.

MARK POLICINSKI, also an emeritus trustee, published his first book, a Washington D.C. political thriller titled Castooli to D.C.: Monster Hunt. One critic raved about Policinski as a "first-rate storyteller" and knowledge of all things an inside-the-D.C. Beltway. The book is available on Amazon.com. He served on the Board from 1994 to 2006.

MARRIAGES

1963

DAVID YOCKEY and Pat Lang were united in marriage October 6, 2013, at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church of West Chester.

1992

MICHELE KEGLEY married Ed Romanchek July 6, 2013.

2004



MELISSA HUDELSON married Nathan Walters on Nov. 9, 2013 in Piqua, OH. The couple now resides in Troy, OH. They were joined by several of their WC friends. Left to right: MICHELLE (REEVES) LAWSON '04, CARLA (REEVES) FITE '04, EMILY (ADAMSON) MYERS '04, MELISSA (HUGES) CHUVALAS '03, CHRIS HUGHES '11, MELISSA (HUDELSON) WALTERS '04, Nathan Walters, SARAH FANGMANN '03, and CARRIE (MARCOU) WARE '04.

MELISSA HUDELSON and Nathan Walters exchanged vows on Nov. 9, 2013, in Piqua, OH.

2005

DAVID THOMAS KESSLER and Ann Michelle Neumann were united in marriage on Aug. 3, 2013, at Saint Dominic Church in Cincinnati.

2009

KYLE and Amyleigh BABCOCK wed June 8, 2013, in Bellville, OH.

KAILYN BOOKS and Mark Forthofer exchanged vows on Sept. 6, 2013, at Cox Arboretum in Dayton, OH.

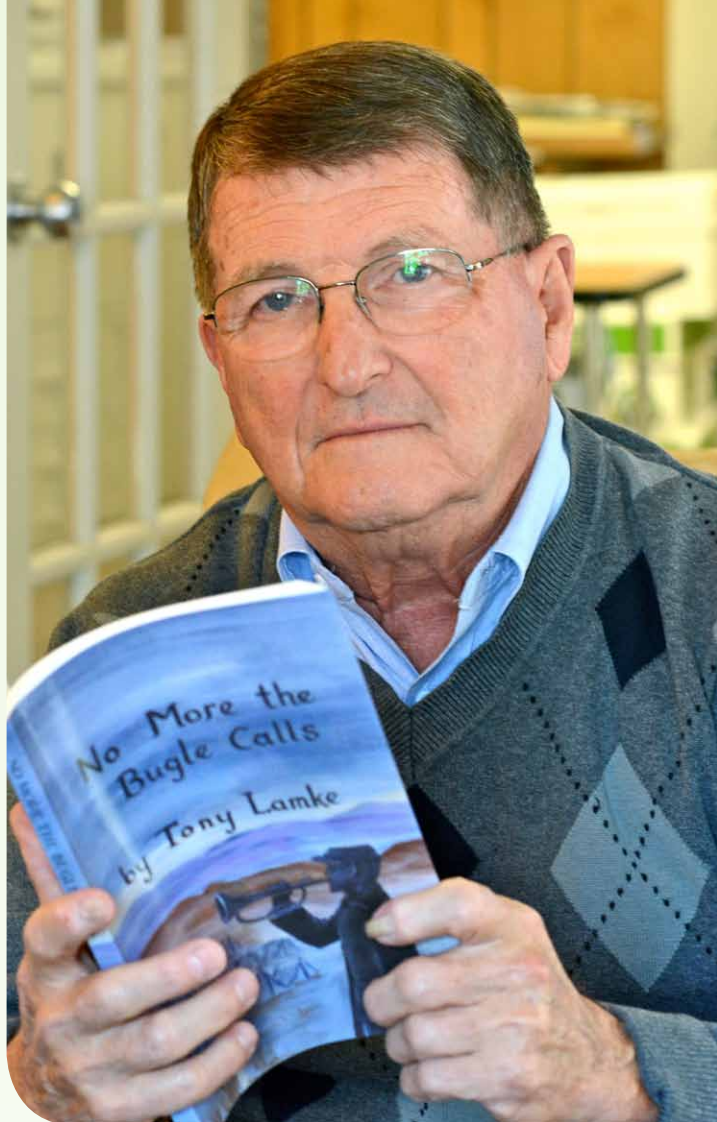


ELIZABETH HEIDLER and Derek Lautenslager were married April 27, 2013, in Cincinnati, OH.

2010

JESSICA LUNGER married Adam Early at St. John Nepomucene Church in Cleveland, OH, on June 29, 2013.

Tony Lamke '60 pens Civil War-era novel



The American Civil War sesquicentennial coupled with a pack of family letters from the mid-19th century provided Tony Lamke '60 with an opportunity too tempting to resist.

Lamke continues his love for writing with a historical fiction novel, *No More the Bugle Calls*. The book features the plight of his wife's (Barbara Sue Allen Lamke) great-grandmother and the trials and tribulations of her Union soldier husband. He described it as a "50/50" mix of fact and fiction.

Ohioans James and Jemimah Allen married at the start of the Civil War. He joined the 91st Ohio Volunteer Regiment and the couple exchanged letters that included news on the Battle of Lynchburg and James' capture and incarceration at the notorious Andersonville prison.

Lamke weaves a fascinating yarn in which she learns of a James Allen that was

recovering from battlefield wounds in a Tennessee hospital. Jemimah travels from Chillicothe to Tennessee on horseback in search of her husband, but is faced with a startling discovery at the hospital.

Lamke explained the family letters included poetry and news of the day, which was enough to set his mind wandering through the mid-1800s in creating a story of love and perseverance against a backdrop of a divided nation's fate in the balance.

"I had a ball writing this," Lamke said. "It was done for family."

He noted that the book's title comes from a line in J.H. McNaughton's Civil War song, "Faded Coat of Blue." Sue Lamke painted the cover art.

The book is \$20 and can be purchased by contacting Lamke at tlamke@cincinnati.rr.com.

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MANDY (MCDONOUGH) GEYMAN'S wedding included a number of her WC friends. Pictured from the left are: FRONT ROW – ANGIE SARVER '10, KATIE MURRY '11, MANDY (MCDONOUGH) GEYMAN '10, RACHEL KING '10 and TRISTANN JONES '11; MIDDLE ROW – BRIANNA (TRUBEE) ELWERT '12, MEGAN MCDONOUGH '14, MELISSA (MILLER) LYKINS '10, SARA DOUGLAS '11 and TONY STAUBACH '07; BACK ROW – ADAM SARVER '12, ALEX RHINEHART '09, the bridegroom, Matt Geyman, and TRAVIS LYKINS '09.

MANDY McDONOUGH and Matt Geyman exchanged vows Aug. 23, 2013, at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Milford, Ohio, with the reception at The Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio.

2012

SHELBY LEIGH JONES and Ronald Levi Schelling exchanged vows Oct. 5, 2013.



MERCEDES NORRIS and Ernest "James" Reese, Jr. were married May 18, 2013, in Hillsboro, OH.



KALI WILT and P.J. WIEDERHOLD were united in marriage on Oct. 12, 2013, in Washington Court House, OH.

2013



AMANDA BIEDKA and Nathan Kelly were united in marriage on June 15, 2013, in Minerva, OH.

BIRTHS

1995

JANETTE (BLACK) O'NEILL and husband, Jason O'Neill, welcomed a baby boy, Matthew Shane, on May 10, 2013. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 ½ inches

long. He was welcomed home by big sisters Madison, Natalie and Elizabeth.

2000



and 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by sister, Madeline, and brother, Rylan.

2001

MINDY (MASON) and Jason GOLDSMITH shared the exciting news of the birth of their son, Spencer Dean Goldsmith, 8 lbs. 7 oz. on Dec. 8, 2013.



MATTHEW and Tami MILAM and big sister, Marlia, are pleased to announce the arrival of Mattison Jean on Oct. 30, 2013. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz.

ANDREW SZUCS and MICHELLE (FALTISCO '02) SZUCS welcomed Ella Michelle, 7 lbs. and 21 inches long, on Sept. 1, 2013. She joins sister, Nola.

2003



AMANDA (BRENTLINGER) and CRAIG CONLEY '04 welcomed their son, Lucas James Conley, on Nov. 27, 2013. He arrived six weeks early and weighed 4 lbs. 10 oz. and was 18 ¾ inches. The Conley family resides in Columbus, OH.



MELISSA (HUGHES) and Brandon CHUVALAS announced the birth of their son Keegan Anthony Chuvalas on Nov. 11, 2013. He weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and 21 ½ inches long.

ADAM HUGHES and HEATHER (ANDERSON '04) HUGHES, with big brothers Liam, Patrick and Morgan, are pleased to announce the birth of Anderson

James on May 21, 2013, weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. and 21 ½ inches long.

KYLE McCONNAUGHEY and AMY (EICHNER '07) McCONNAUGHEY are excited to announce the birth of their son, Bailey James McConnaughey, born on Sept. 12, 2013, 6 lbs. 11 oz. and 19 ½ inches long.

2007

BONNIE (CASTRO) WILHELM and Zack Wilhelm announce the birth of their son, Colton Maverick, on Dec. 13, 2013.

2008

DIONNE WILSON and her finance, Brandon Weems, announce the birth of their son, Carter A. Weems, on Dec. 27, 2013, in Springfield, OH. He was 22 inches long and weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz.

2014

COURTNEY MARTIN and Daniel Crowe announce the birth of their daughter, Karsyn Leigh, 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 19 ¾ inches long, on Sept. 19, 2013.

IN MEMORIUM

1939

ALBERT R.L. STARKE Cincinnati, OH Nov. 4, 2013

1940

REBECCA CATHARINE MIARS COLLETT Yellow Springs, OH Sept. 25, 2013

LOWELL "JOE" NEWBERRY Wheelersburg, OH Oct. 27, 2013

1942

BERYL "BUCK" CARTER Sabina, OH Nov. 9, 2013

WILLIAM R. HIATT Huron, OH Sept. 10, 2013

1945

MARGERY ALLEN GROSSMAN Dayton, OH Jan. 7, 2014

ROBERT C. TATMAN Chillicothe, OH Jan. 14, 2014

1947

MARY ELIZABETH COCHRAN
Wilmington, OH Aug. 24, 2013
WILLIAM F. HOFFMAN
Montgomery, OH June 13, 2013

1948

DAVID W. MORGAN
Darien, CT Jan. 20, 2014

1949

LENORE CUMMINGS RICHARDS
New Madison, OH Sept. 7, 2013

1950

WILLIAM W. HILGEMAN
Kettering, OH Sept. 19, 2013

1951

JOSEPH E. BALMER
Centerville, OH Aug. 4, 2013
BILLIE ANN HAWK
Edgewood, KY Oct. 30, 2013
JOAN MCCONNAHA MCKAY
Clarksburg, OH Sept. 30, 2013

1954

MAUDE PARKER DENNIS
Columbia, MD Sept. 27, 2013
PHILIP D. FIGGINS
Daytona Beach, FL Sept. 10, 2013

1955

GERALD A. SMITH
Baltimore, MD Sep. 9, 2013

1956

KENNETH F. CHANEY
Middletown, OH Dec. 20, 2013

1957

WARREN G. HOHWALD
Erie, PA June 7, 2013

1959

CHARLES H. ELLISON
Waynesville, OH Jan. 28, 2014
LARRY D. LONGSTRETH
Wilmington, OH Dec. 8, 2013

1960

REV. JOSEPH E. HENSON, SR.
Washington C.H., OH Nov. 21, 2013
MARY JOAN STILES CASSIDY
Waynesville, OH Dec. 29, 2013

1961

PEARL COMPTON COURTNEY

Searcy, AR March 19, 2013

1962

JAMES "FRED" BROWER
Fremont, CA Dec. 24, 2013
DONALD B. DESERISY
Middletown, OH Oct. 11, 2012
HUBERT RUFFER
San Pedro, CA Aug. 10, 2013
WILLIAM P. RYAN
Fort Collins, CO May 27, 2013
MARY IONE KIBBEY SHEROD
Wilmington, OH July 16, 2013

1963

SHIRLEY RAIZK ELLIS
Xenia, OH Sept. 12, 2013

1965

LARRY K. FOLTZ
Ypsilanti, MI Jan. 8, 2014

1966

ANN MIDDLETON MILLS
Troy, OH July 18, 2013

1972

JOHN RAY TRANSUE
Binghamton, NY Aug. 21, 2013

1975

PAUL JAMES GROTE, JR.
Berea, KY April 30, 2013

1976

LARRY S. LINDSEY
Hamersville, OH Nov. 9, 2013

1978

STEPHEN L. CARTER
Galion, OH March 3, 2013

1982

WILLIAM W. SEYFRIED
Wilmington, OH Nov. 22, 2013

1991

BARBARA DEAN MCCARREN
Waynesville, OH Feb. 6, 2014

1995

HEATHER MOON CLINGENPEEL
Richmond, TX Oct. 22, 2013

1998

CATHY BURCHETT WILLIAMS
New Vienna, OH July 13, 2013

2006

JOSHUA A. FRALEY
Mechanicsburg, OH Feb. 23, 2014

FORMER FACULTY/ STAFF/TRUSTEES

FRANCES HALL KING, 104, died July 25, 2013, in Hendersonville, N.C. She was an assistant professor of English from 1930 to 1935 and was married to WILLIS KING '29, who also taught at WC.

JOSEPH E. BALMER JR., 83, a member of the Class of 1951, died Aug. 4, 2013. He served as director of alumni relations from 1955 to '61, public relations director from 1961 to 1964 and on the Board of Trustees from 1981 to '87.

SUSAN CHASEY SCOTT, 67, of Tuscumbia, Ala., died Aug. 1, 2013. She was the wife of former director of athletics Richard Scott and served as assistant registrar and director of the Evening College program from 1990 to 1998.

KELVIN VAN NUYS, 99, emeritus professor of religion and philosophy, died Sept. 2, 2013, near Rapid City, S.D. He served on the faculty from 1963 through his retirement in 1979. (See story on pg. 89)

T. CANBY JONES, 92, emeritus professor of religion and philosophy, died Feb. 13, 2014, near Philadelphia. He was a faculty member from 1955 through his retirement from full-time teaching in 1987. (See story on pg. 90)

J. STEPHEN SMITH, 72, emeritus trustee, died Jan. 20, 2014 in Cincinnati. He was a Board of Trustees member from 1994 to '98 and 2004 to 2013. Also, he served as interim vice president for College advancement in the late 1990s. (See story on pg. 88)

MICHAEL R. RENSHAW, 57, died Jan. 29, 2014, in Wilmington. He served as lead office for Campus Safety from 2005 to 2013, when he left the College to start a new business in Wilmington, Rimshot Sports, offering conceal/carry firearms training and the sale of his personally designed and fabricated holsters.

MARJORIE KELLEGREW STARR died Oct. 28, 2013, in West Alexandria, KY. She served for 22 years as the College nurse.



Steve Smith was dedicated trustee

J. Stephen

“Steve” Smith was a local businessman that understood the distinct value of having a four-year college in his community. He served as a College trustee from 1994 to 1998 and from 2004 through 2013.

Smith, 72, died Jan. 20 in Cincinnati after a lengthy illness. A native of Wilmington, he was a long-time top executive of Smith-Feike-Minton Insurance and most recently served as its chairman of the board.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Barbara, along with three children, Becky, Brian and Meg, and their families that include nine grandchildren.

President Jim Reynolds praised his service to Wilmington College, which also included a stint as volunteer interim vice president for College advancement.

“Steve was a member of our Board for many years and was a person of integrity who cared very much about the forward movement and success of the College,” Reynolds said. “He provided good counsel to me and others at times when we needed a person who could help us sort out the issues and think expansively about the future.”

A number of trustees shared reflections on the friendships that resulted from Smith’s time on the Board.

David Harcum ’51 said he “had the pleasure” of knowing Smith during the latter’s entire life.

“Steve was a true gentleman and a giver of time and talent to many worthwhile organizations,” he said. “He was a friend that many will truly miss.”

Paul Neumann recalled the important role both Smith and Harcum played upon his joining the Board.

“I learned a lot from both of them, in terms of the welcome they provided to everyone, their generosity of spirit, the appreciation for a good joke and the love and commitment they had for Wilmington College,” Neumann said. “Steve was a wonderful person to learn how to be a trustee from.”

Sidney Mishkin ’59 noted that, while Smith was not a WC graduate, “He consistently supported the College in word and deed.

“Steve was an innovative thinker whose

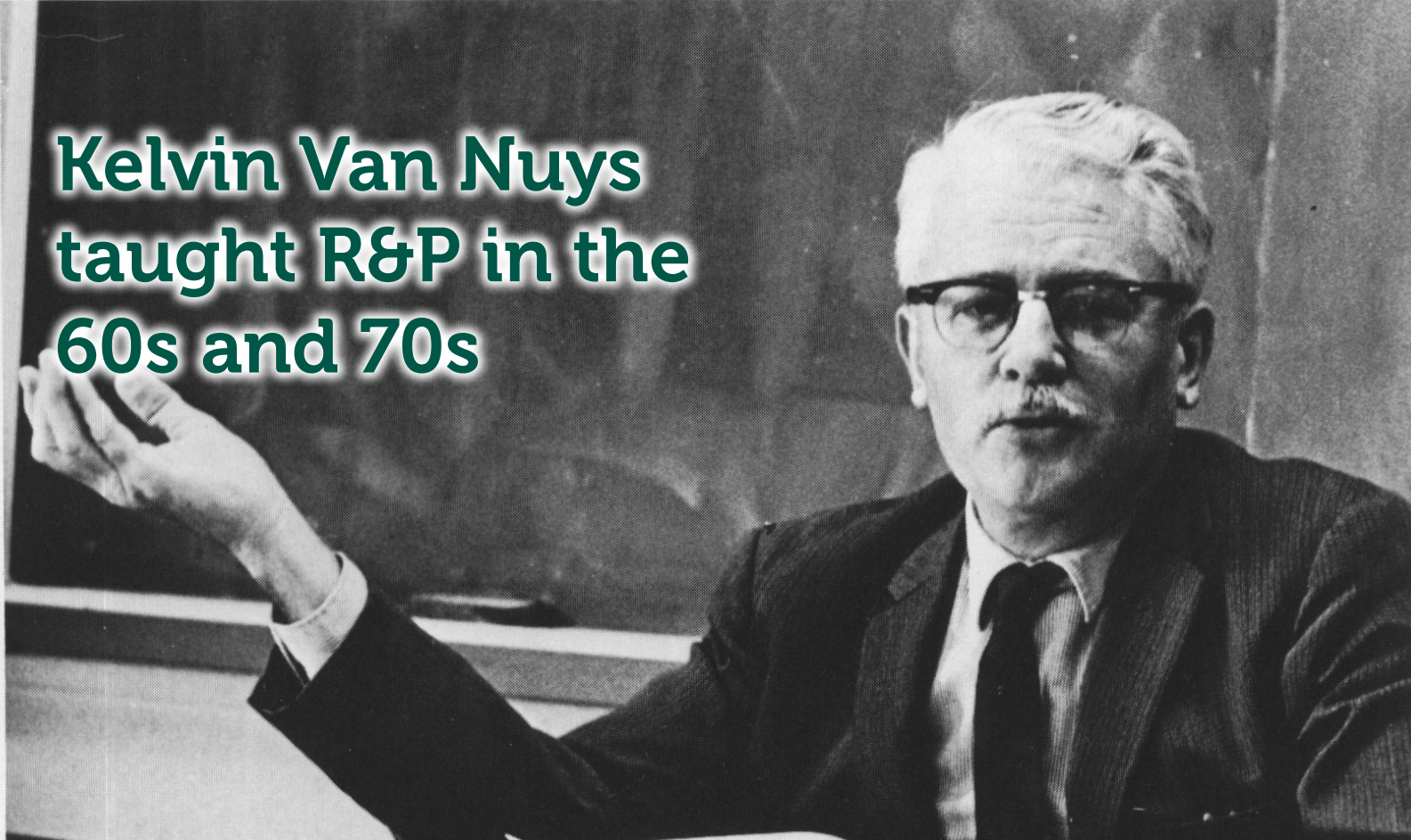
carefully chosen, insightful words were invaluable to the work of the Board of Trustees during his many years of service,” he added.

Roy Joe Stuckey ’48 expressed his appreciation for “the many services which Steve Smith contributed to Wilmington College over many years, with two of the most important being money raising and constant advocacy for institutional excellence.”

William D. Shoecraft ’79 is a new member of the Board that only knows of Smith by reputation.

“Although I never got the opportunity to personally meet him, the trustees’ reflections of Steve — caring, compassionate and giving — give me a sense of who he was and the principles that he stood by,” he said. “I’m sure his legacy will live for years and years.”

Kelvin Van Nuys taught R&P in the 60s and 70s



Kelvin

Van Nuys died Sept. 1, 2013, at the age of 99 near Rapid City, S.D. He was an emeritus professor of religion and philosophy and a member of the faculty at Wilmington College from 1963 to 1979.

A native of South Dakota, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Oberlin College, master's degrees in religious education and divinity from Union Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D.

"He was a kind and gentle presence in the classroom but he had very definite philosophical convictions which he wasn't afraid to share with students."

— TERRY MILLER '70

in philosophy from Columbia University.

Van Nuys taught at Long Island University, Moravian College and Whittier College before coming to WC in 1963. After his retirement in 1979, he and his wife, Rena, returned to Rapid City. Rena, who was an instructor in English at WC, died in 2011.

Survivors include the couple's three children, Frank and WC alumni Laura Tonkyn '75 and James '78.

Van Nuys was the author of three books, *Science and Cosmic Purpose* (1947), *Is Reality Meaningful?* (1963) and *A Holist Pilgrimage* (1980). He had a lifelong love of trains and was an amateur musician, composer and artist. Among his affiliations were the Religious Society of Friends, American Philosophical Assn., Herbert Weiss Philosophy Club and ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Club.

Terry Miller '70, associate professor of education at WC, was an R&P major in the late 1960s and fondly remembers Van Nuys.

"With his white hair and mustache, I always thought he personified the

archetype of a philosopher/philosophy professor," Miller said. "He was a kind and gentle presence in the classroom but he had very definite philosophical convictions which he wasn't afraid to share with students."

Miller recalled Van Nuys wrote about a concept known as "philosophical dynamism" and how it shaped his worldviews.

Becky Heiland Haines '72 of WC's Theatre Department knew him as both a teacher and neighbor, as the Van Nuys family lived near the Heilands on Fife Ave.

"My being a faculty brat, I also had a chance to be with him outside the classroom. I loved that guy and his wife, Rena—we called her Reenie. They were a great family," Haines said. "He was so interesting and could be very funny."

She mentioned that the Walt Disney film from the late 1960s, *The One and Only, Genuine Original Family Band*, was based on Van Nuys' mother's family.

T. Canby Jones, a Wilmington classic

Mentor

, master teacher, guide, friend, fierce intellect, twinkling eyes, delightful laugh, light-heartedly mischievous and evangelical eyebrows were some of the words and phrases that came to mind when some of Thomas Canby Jones' former students reflected upon learning of his death in February.

T. Canby Jones 92, a Wilmington College original, died Feb. 13 in suburban Philadelphia, where he resided since failing health contributed to his leaving Wilmington last August. He had been struggling with pneumonia in his last days.

Jones, emeritus professor of religion and philosophy, was a member of the Wilmington College faculty from 1955 through his retirement in 1987, after which he continued to teach part time for eight additional years. Also, as recently as 2011, he was a popular fixture at Alumni Weekend reprising some of his favorite class lectures.

Noted author and Quaker minister J. Brent Bill '78 studied under Jones at WC and Earlham School of Religion.

"Things I remember are his fierce intellect, passion for vital, alive Quaker faith and practice, his twinkling eyes, his Old Testament prophetic glare in the face of injustice, and his delightful laugh — rising in pitch the more amused he got," he said.

Bill noted it was Jones that encouraged his first efforts in public writing.

"I sent him a rough manuscript of a book I was doing on Quaker silence," he recalled. "Canby called me up to talk about it. Then he sent me pages of notes, including my grammatical errors! It was like almost 30 years had fallen away and I was back in class with him again.

"Delightful."

Terry Miller '70, associate professor of education at WC, was a religion and

philosophy major for which Jones served as academic adviser.

"There was a mystical air about him, but he didn't miss a thing and he had high expectations for you as his student," Miller said.

During a semester in which he was enrolled in Jones' Old Testament course, Miller missed several Friday afternoon classes to take some time off from academic pursuits.

"I didn't think he would notice but, when I returned to class the following week, he peered over his glasses and asked me, in only a slightly disapproving way, 'Where do you go on Fridays?' I never missed another Friday class."

Iris Kelsen, vice president for external programs, enjoyed seeing Jones on campus, often riding his bicycle, but especially recalled sitting next to him at a dinner recognizing donors to the College several years ago.

"I naturally enjoyed our conversation, but, as an animal lover, I especially enjoyed how Canby very carefully gathered all the leftovers from our table into plastic Baggies that he brought with him to create 'doggie bags' to take home to his beloved dog (Taffy and later Jett the Pet)."

Monte and Diane Anderson were neighbors of the Joneses near campus. He recalled how everyday Jones would jokingly introduce them to the dog — and then let loose that memorable laugh.

"So it was like this," said Monte, professor of agriculture. "'Taffy, these are the Andersons. The Andersons, this is Taffy,' followed by a laugh/giggle — what an enjoyable neighbor."

College trustee Roy Joe Stuckey '48, founder of the agriculture program, said, "T. Canby Jones believed in the Wilmington

College Agriculture Department when many others still did not, but much more monumentally, he brought to the College an unprecedented level of international awareness of Biblical Quakerism."

The Rev. Dennis Williams '88 called Jones mentor, teacher, guide, friend and "a giant of the faith."

"He was not only a great man but a great friend — with incredible discernment and the ability to offer counsel that I had never before received before meeting Canby," he said.

"He once told me that I was a 'great human doing' but he wasn't sure about me as a 'human being,'" Williams added. "From Canby, that meant that I needed to chill or 'be still and know that God is God.' That was some of the best insight into my life that I had received up to that point as a 20-something.

"I will surely miss him, but I know on this day he sings with angel choirs alongside Eunice."

Indeed, Jones' wife of 58 years preceded him in death in 2004.

In sharing word of his father's death, their son, Timothy, noted that, while Friends were well aware of "his profound pervasive faith and deep piety," he also had a strong irreverent streak that was "usually humorously ironic."

"In that spirit, we note that the snow storm during which he died today is bigger than the one during which Eunice died back in January of 2004, and we think he will enjoy telling Mom that when they reunite," he said. "She will smile but also look like she just ate a lemon."

Larry Bloom '67 shared a poignant memory of his former professor.

"When my dad suddenly passed away in 1965, it was Canby who sat with me all

A portrait of an elderly man with white hair, smiling, wearing a white turtleneck and a dark jacket. He is standing in front of a red brick building with a white door frame. The text "now for the ages" is overlaid in a large, dark green font on the left side of the image.

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night in my dorm room and comforted me in my grief," he said, noting he recalls the College's business manager Brooke Morgan arranged for his plane ticket home to New York City for the funeral.

"The ticket was there for me without my saying a word to anybody — that was 40-plus years ago, but I never forgot their kindness."

Bloom also appreciated Jones' interest in his religion, Judaism, and enjoyed learning about Jones' mentor, Quaker theologian Thomas R. Kelly.

"There was a period when Canby and I would meet on certain mornings to talk about religion and worship together," he added. "Over the years, we stayed in touch — I treasure the notes of encouragement and support and friendship I would receive from him."

"Rest in peace and God bless you my teacher, mentor and beloved friend, Canby."

Sharon Sims, emeritus professor of health and physical education, spoke of Jones as one for whom she possesses unconditional respect.

"When I hear the name, Canby Jones, I immediately think: a man of God, a prophet during his journey in life, an outstanding theologian and philosopher, a caring passionate man, a servant-leader, a soft-spoken man of convictions — and a friend," she said. "No matter the venue, when he talked to me, he made me feel special."

Sims shared a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson as neatly summing up Jones: "Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force, that thoughts rule the world."

"I will miss the earthly man but know he is having a philosophical discussion with his maker," she said.

Michael Birkel '76, professor of religion at Earlham College, recalled being with Jones at a Quaker retreat in 2007.

"Canby was only 86 at the time, so he still had lots of fire as he vividly brought George Fox's presence into the room," he recalled.

Birkel also wished to share his initial experience with Jones, which illustrates the "light-heartedly mischievous" side he first witnessed during a new student orientation activity for students interested in religious life on campus.

"Canby was there, of course," Birkel said, noting an ice-breaking activity involved everyone holding hands in a line and then twisting the line into something representing a Gordian knot.

"Someone then had the task of untangling this mass of humanity without breaking the line — or anyone's arm," Birkel said, noting that he was chosen for this mission. "As I diligently pursued my assignment, I could see out of the corner of my eye that, as I was disentangling the knot at one end, Canby was playfully re-entangling folks at the other end!"

"As I looked back on this in later years, I came to recognize that evening as my introduction to theological method: as soon as we think we've figured out one side of the problem, the other side becomes thoroughly complicated once again!"

Born in Japan to missionary parents, T. Canby Jones grew up on the campus of Fisk University in Nashville, graduated from Westtown (Pa.) School (1938), Haverford College (1942), and Yale University (Bachelor of Divinity in 1952 and a Ph.D. 1955), where he specialized in the subject of Quaker founder George Fox.

A lifelong pacifist, he served during World War II as a conscientious objector pouring concrete in the construction of farmsteads.

Jones was a spiritual leader for the Religious Society of Friends and the author of numerous books and publications, including *George Fox's Attitude Toward War* and *The Lamb's Peacemakers*.

Neil Snarr, emeritus professor of sociology, co-edited a festschrift dedicated to Jones in 1994 and published by Friends United Press. The title is *Practiced in the Presence (Essays In Honor of T. Canby Jones)* and features 16 contributors, mostly Quakers, that are major actors in the religious domain.

Under a strong concern throughout his life to visit among Quakers for ecumenical purposes, Jones travelled all over the United States, to Europe, to Africa and four times to East Asia.

The College recognized Jones as an educator, Quaker theologian, mentor, scholar and peacemaker at a program held in his honor in October 2007, at which time it named the newly constructed addition adjacent to the Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center as the T. Canby Jones Meetinghouse.

Also, the College conferred an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters upon him in 1995 at its 119th Commencement, at which Jones was guest speaker and presented an address titled "The Lamb's War."

Survivors include a son, Timothy, and his wife, Mary, who reside in the Philadelphia area, as well as a sister, Catharine J. Gaskill of Orange City, Fla.

Campus Friends Meeting held a memorial service April 5. Condolences can be sent to: Tim and Mary Jones, 431 Lake George Circle, West Chester, Pa. 19382-2193.

BY RANDY SARVIS

ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND June 6 & 7, 2014

Class of 1964 **50-YEAR REUNION**

Relive your remarkable years at Wilmington College

Renew ties with your alma mater

Reacquaint yourself with classmates

Members of the Class of 1964 have led remarkable lives. Here is just a sampling of what your classmates have been doing during the past half century.

Ruth Sidney Charney — highly respected education consultant and author. Author of *Habits of Goodness* and the groundbreaking book *Teaching Children to Care — Classroom Management for Ethical and Academic Growth, K-8*.

William Konkrite — NASCAR car owner, pit chief associated with racing greats like Dale Earnhardt Sr.

Howard Burman — noted playwright of more than 30 plays and author of 10 books. Howard has written a number of popular books, including *Paradise by Paradise*, *A Story of Two Liars*, *The Secret of the Sad Red Door* and the sports-related books *Season of Ghosts: The '86 Mets and the Red Sox*, *Willie, Mickey & the Duke*, and *Gentlemen at the Bat: A Fictional Oral History of the New York Knickerbockers and the Early Days of Base Ball*.

Rosa Heimbold Watson — outdoor sports enthusiast. While Rosa had a successful career as a reference librarian, project manager and marketing manager with Atlas Chemical Co., her leisure time activities are the stuff of an outdoor enthusiast extraordinaire. She learned skiing, windsurfing and white water kayaking. Her travels took her on African safaris, as well as climbing glaciers in Norway, tracking Orca whales by kayak in Western Canada and flying an ultralight over the Great Barrier Reef.

Richard "Dick" A. Gamble — internationally renowned underwater photographer. Talk about an interesting career path, Dick spent 30 years working for the Department of Defense and was a professional race car owner/driver until serious injuries sent him in another direction: SCUBA diving and underwater photography.

Lorraine Goings Powers — longtime educator. Lorraine was involved in education for some 46 years as a teacher, speech therapist, elementary school principal, college faculty member and now as a leader of organizations in support of children.

These are just a few of your classmates. Can you guess which other ones: Joined a village of sheep farmers in northern Wales? Taught a course in Transylvania for Romanian librarians? Worked with advanced technology programs for modern aircraft?

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND. We'd love to see you!



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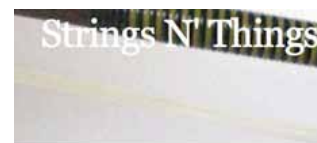
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Through April 26.... Harcum Gallery presents an exhibit featuring the work of Ivan Schieferdecker and Laurin Notheisen, open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Through May 2.... Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center presents the gallery exhibit "The Long March: A Traveling Exhibit from the Herb Block Foundation," weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by special appointment. Extended hours will include April 5, noon to 5 p.m.; April 21 through April 25, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for National Campus Museum Week; and April 26, noon to 5 p.m.

Through April 16.... Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center presents the gallery exhibit

"Freedom Riders: A Traveling Exhibit from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History," weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by special appointment. Extended hours will include April 5, noon to 5 p.m.

Thurs., Fri. and Sat., April 10, 11 and 12.... WC Theatre presents Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*, 7:30 p.m., Heiland Theatre. Contact the Theatre Box Office for reservations weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at (937) 382-6661 ext. 267.

Wed., April 23.... Food Symposium

Sat., April 26.... 21st Quake Day of Community Service.

Wed., April 30 through May 10.... Harcum Gallery Senior Thesis Exhibit, open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reception, April 30, 6 to 8 p.m.

Thurs., May 1.... Research Symposium, Hermann Court, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thurs., May 1.... Collegium Musicum presents Spring Mini-Concert, 11:30 a.m., Harcum Gallery.

Sun., May 4.... Music Department's Spring Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m., Heiland Theatre.

July 17, 18, 19 and 20.... Wilmington College/Community Summer Theatre; Thurs., Fri. and Sat., 7:30 p.m., Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Heiland Theatre.

WILMINGTON COLLEGE • ALUMNI WEEKEND • 2014 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 6

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Bookstore Open** Pyle Center

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration** Boyd Lobby

• "See What's Changed: A Campus Tour" by WC students, Boyd Lobby.

6:30 p.m. **President's Welcome Reception** at Firbank Fell, 844 Elm Street, hosted by President Jim & Sue Reynolds. Hors d'oeuvres.

After the reception **Alumni Community Gathering** Hospitality Room at the Hampton Inn, 201 Holiday Dr., Wilmington.

Saturday, June 7

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Registration** Boyd Lobby

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** Boyd Lobby

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Alumni College: First Session** (subject to change)

• "Masterpieces of Classic Jazz" with Larry Gara, professor emeritus of history.

• Class of 1964 alumni presenter - TBA

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Bookstore Open** Pyle Center

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Refreshment Break** Boyd Lobby

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Alumni College: Second Session** (subject to change)

• "Why We Struggle: The Natural Origins of Our Economical Behavior" with Martin Giesbrecht, former professor of economics.

• "See What's Changed: A Campus Tour" by WC students, Boyd Lobby.

Noon **Alumni Weekend Luncheon** Top of Pyle Center

Honoring the Class of '54. Alumni Award winners will be recognized and President Jim Reynolds will give his "State of the College" remarks. All alumni, friends and family invited.

Alumni Citation for Distinguished Professional Achievement - Barbara Burnett Vater '74

Alumni Citation for Distinguished Contributions to Education - George O. Kegode '88

John Frazier Award for Distinguished Volunteer Services - Penelope Mott Thompson '64

2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m. **Alumni College: Third Session** (subject to change)

• "Gardening with Monte" with Monte Anderson, professor of agriculture, start in Kettering 103 before moving to the greenhouse.

• "See What's Changed: A Campus Tour" by WC students, Pyle Center Lobby.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Alumni/Faculty Reception** Kelly Center, McCoy Room.

6:00 p.m. **Class Reunion Dinner** Boyd Lobby

Honoring the Class of 1964. All alumni, friends and family are invited to dinner. **All members of the Class of 1964 will be inducted as Quaker Emeriti and receive medallions.**

After dinner **Alumni Community Gathering** Hospitality Room at the Hampton Inn, 201 Holiday Dr., Wilmington.

Sunday, June 8

10:00 a.m. **Quaker Meeting** T. Canby Jones Meeting House, Boyd Cultural Arts Center

Check the Alumni Weekend Website for updated information @ www.wilmington.edu

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Milam at (937) 382-6661 ext. 336.