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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Alumni and Friends,

This fall marks my eighth year at Wilmington College, my fourth as president. Each fall, I have marveled at how we are able, in a short period of time, to build a new community on campus. Certainly, there are returning students, faculty and staff members who make up the core of our community. But what often garners my attention is the new students who join us for this experience each year. They come to us with a sense of excitement, awe and even a little trepidation about their new home. There is a bit of chaos when they move into their residence halls and some bewilderment when they start classes as they learn to negotiate a new environment and decipher some of the institutional jargon that we have. Relatively quickly though, they get into a new rhythm and begin to assimilate into their new routine.



It's at that point, when they've developed their rhythm, that I know we will begin to change their lives.

Every year, since the founding of the College in 1870, dedicated women and men have joined together to create a campus community that is supportive and caring for our students. There are important lessons to learn inside and outside of the classroom, and for almost 145 years, staff members, coaches and faculty have made a difference in the lives of those individuals who have come to Wilmington College seeking a new beginning and a supportive place to call their home for the next several years. For many of us, each new academic year is a time to reaffirm the calling that we have answered – to be in partnership with students and to guide them to a better future.

This will be an exciting year for Wilmington College – two new buildings under construction, a record number of new first year students on campus and new partnerships developing. But, the most important business we will conduct this year is to create new family trees. As student lives are changed by the transformative nature of a college education, the future of many families will be changed for the better going forward. It is a powerful calling for many of us — and a privilege to be a part of it.

When I'm asked why I have chosen this profession, it's a pretty simple question to answer. I get the honor of being there when the magic begins for our students. Whether it's at a dinner for first year students at the President's House or on a lobbying trip in Washington, D.C. with students who want to have a positive influence on the world as we know it, I get to be there when the light comes on and they see the future as they have never before seen it.

Let me close by saying how grateful I am for your continued support of the College. Without you, we can't continue to educate students for lives of purpose and service. I hope that you will consider contributing to the "Leave Your Mark" campaign this year so we can continue building on the legacy that so many have left us. Come back to campus as often as you can – especially this year as we change the physical landscape. It's going to be a great year!

With great respect for you all,

A handwritten signature of Jim Reynolds in black ink.

Jim Reynolds  
President



*Jim Reynolds listens to junior Leah Simmons during the FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend Trip in Washington D.C. Jim and Sue Reynolds accompanied more than 40 students on the trip to the Nation's Capital in March and participated in the intensive training sessions that prepared select students from across the nation to lobby their elected representatives on Capitol Hill. Friends Committee on National Legislation sponsored the event.*

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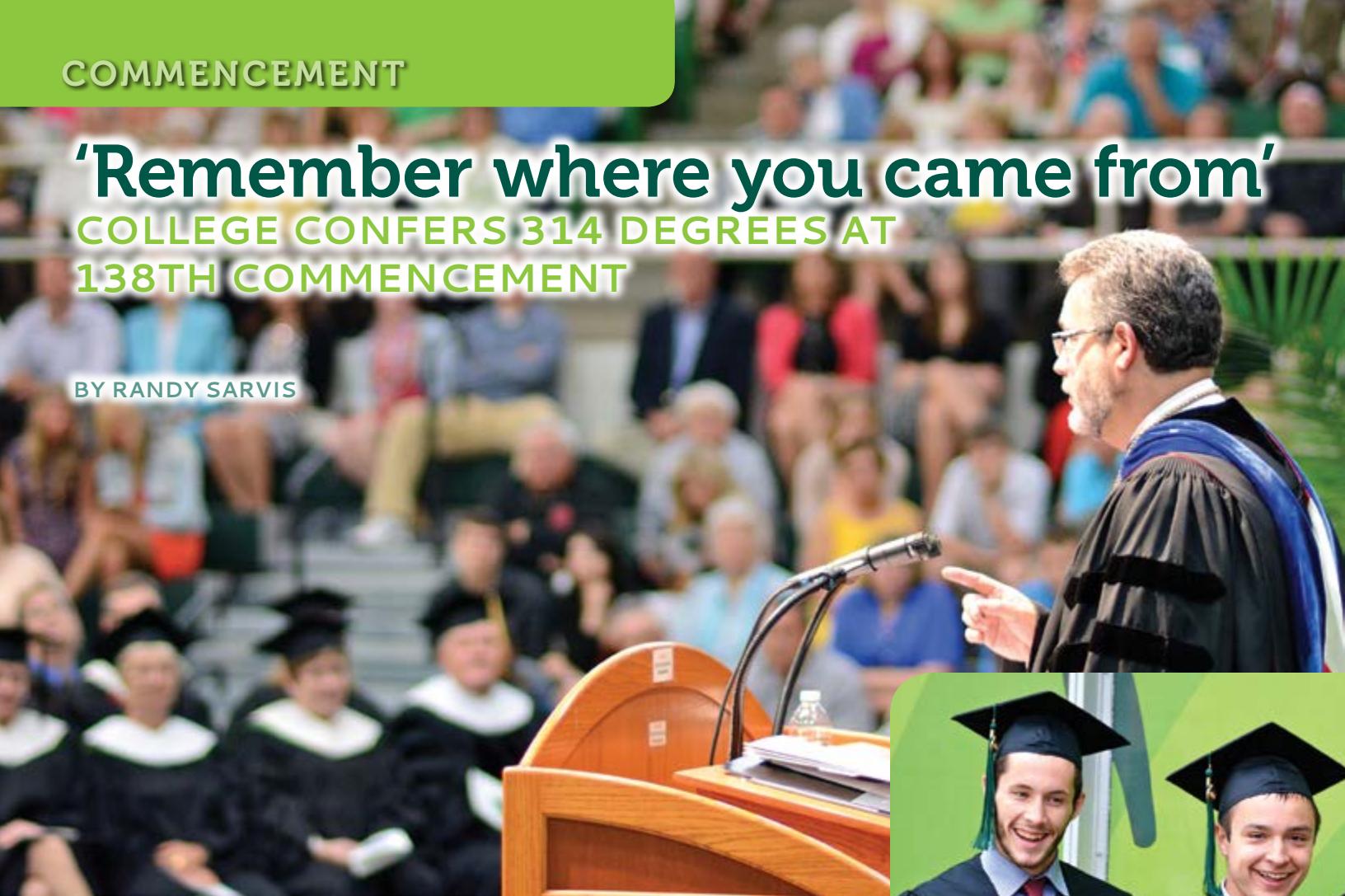
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# 'Remember where you came from'

## COLLEGE CONFERS 314 DEGREES AT 138TH COMMENCEMENT

BY RANDY SARVIS



## President

Jim Reynolds urged the graduates at Wilmington College's 138th Commencement May 10 to remember where they came from as others — friends, family and even relatives generations removed — played a role in their success.

"We all stand on the shoulders of giants and we should honor what they've done for us," he said. "I know your families and your friends have given a lot for you to be here today — they deserve your gratitude and affection."

Reynolds shared a story in which he was suspended for three days and not allowed a prominent role in his high school graduation due to an undisclosed "really dumb" prank. His father, a "salty" ex-Marine that served in the Pacific Theater in World War II, took off the next three days in which he subjected Reynolds to a "physically

taxing" regimen.

Also, his father spoke with him about their family's struggles during the Great Depression and he impressed upon him how one's actions serve to honor or dishonor past, present and future generations.

"At the end of our talk, he kissed me on my forehead, looked me in the eyes and said it was time for me to remember where I came from," Reynolds said.

"My dad knew what it meant to forgive someone. He had high standards but he also knew how to be compassionate," he added. "I made a serious mistake but I got to determine how I would recover. Sure, I had punishment given to me and I had to atone for what I'd done, but, in the end, I had to choose how to go forward."

"Remember where you came from."

The president described how, for him, Commencement is often a bittersweet

occasion.

"We are both glad and sad at the same time today," he said. "We're glad for your accomplishments and our ability to witness them, and sad at the realization that our time together is coming to a close."

"I am thankful for what you've given the College during your time here and I speak for all the faculty and staff and say, 'Thanks for giving us the opportunity to know you and be a small part of your exceptional lives.'

"I will miss you but I will rejoice in knowing you will make a difference in

the lives of others."

In presenting the welcome, Class of 2014 member Jacob Spirk said he experienced "four years of growth, knowledge, service and a lifetime of friendships that we will always hold in our hearts."

Rebekah Muchmore, the student speaker from the main campus, inserted music into her address. Her message was accentuated with lines from songs — ranging from The Beatles and Michael Jackson to country music and the theme from *Friends* — that allude to introspection, self-actualization, ambition and friendship.

"The perfect thing about this place is that we are all so different but we mesh so well together," Muchmore said. "Just like there are different genres of



music, the diversity a college graduate.

"It doesn't matter that it took me over 40 years to get here," Finegan said. "What matters is that I embraced what

makes me tick. I found new ways to express my thoughts to make a difference and to engage a larger audience.

**"We all stand on the shoulders of giants and we should honor what they've done for us."**

— JIM REYNOLDS

However, she felt differently and added. "What matters is the journey of continually investing in what you believe to be true and right."

music, the diversity and uniqueness of us represents the entirety of the Class of 2014."

Muchmore joined two fellow graduates, Megan McDonough and Katie Watson, in singing Phil

Collins' composition, "You'll Be in My Heart."

Gwendoline Finegan, the Cincinnati Branch's speaker, spoke of coming from a family in which her father and grandfather "considered higher education wasted on women."

However, she felt differently and added. "What matters is the journey of continually investing in what you believe to be true and right."

*(CLOCKWISE FROM THE LEFT) President Jim Reynolds shares a personal story of failure and redemption in his address to the Class of 2014. Jacob Spirk '14 welcomed the graduating class, their families and guests, faculty, staff and trustees to the College's 138th Commencement. Graduating seniors Jon Asher and Megan McDonough pose for a graduation selfie moments before processing to Hermann Court for the ceremony. It's thumbs-up for Nate Godby '14, who provided a compelling address at Baccalaureate. He is processing to Commencement with Tony Goodrich '14 and Kelly Gates '14.*





# Grads share their WC experience

STUDENTS SPEAK AT BACCALAUREATE, SENIOR LUNCH

## When

then-freshman Isaac Garrison met President Jim Reynolds within minutes of the new student arriving on campus in 2010, he couldn't have known that he would graduate with the president as both a valued friend and mentor.

Reynolds, who noticed Garrison's Iowa license plate when welcoming new students that were on the verge of moving into Austin-Pickett Hall, initiated the bond by sharing that he once lived in Des Moines.

"He then asked me the first hard question of my college career: 'Isaac, did you do your summer reading assignment?'" Garrison recalled, noting freshman were expected to read a book that would be discussed during New Student Orientation.

He admitted he had not, to which Reynolds replied that he was among the discussion leaders.

"Somehow I had been in college for less than an hour and I was already failing as a student," Garrison said.

Their paths crossed numerous times over the next few years and the two bonded over what Garrison described

as "the greatness that is the State of Iowa." Ultimately, early in his senior year, Garrison cajoled the president into hiring him as a student worker in his office. One of his duties was setting

up a Twitter account for Reynolds and getting his wife, Sue, comfortable navigating through Instagram.

"While I have been able to teach him the world of social media, he has been able to teach me a lot more," Garrison said.

"He has taught me to be able to hold my head high in the middle of chaos; to live a life of forgiveness, understanding and

compassion; to be a person who works hard in my personal and business life; and he has taught me how to grow up — even when I don't want to.

"On the last day of my college career, I am lucky to be able to say that Jim is my friend," Garrison said as he introduced the president as the Commencement speaker.

Chemistry education graduate



Nathaniel Godby told his fellow graduating seniors at Baccalaureate that their years at WC have been every bit as much a part of the so-called "real world"



## AND COMMENCEMENT

*(CLOCKWISE FROM THE LEFT) Bekah Muchmore '14 makes her way to the stage as the representative of the main campus. Her speech featured sung lines from occasion-appropriate popular songs. Talk about perseverance, Gwen Finegan's ('14) graduation culminated a 43-year college career. Isaac Garrison '14 accepts Jim Reynolds' words of congratulations.*

as anything that comes after graduation. in international studies/ “Moments are life,” he said in communication arts, said vehemently dismissing the popular notion of the real world as an almost futile reality. “We talk about the real world as if we’re not living in it.

“We talk about the real world as working for the man, about finding a job we tolerate so we can buy the clothes we need for that job and pay for a car we need to drive to that job, only to be away from a house we cannot afford.

“Let me tell you, that is not the real world. The real world involves suffering, starving children, tyranny and terrorism — we cannot isolate ourselves from this reality.”

Godby also sees one’s role in the real world as involving compassion, caring and love in our day-to-day lives.

“That is where we need to step in — it is our responsibility to share these attributes. The difference we make in the lives of others is what truly counts,” he said. “We have a choice to live in the real world or simply exist. I’m challenging you to chase your dreams before you lose sight of them. Follow your passion.”

Megan McDonough, who majored

at the Senior Lunch that their graduation will be “one of the most hashtag moments” of their lives.

“We have all grown together and our time here has helped form us into more unique individuals,” she said. “We’ve given each other our best, funniest and most cherished moments.”

At Commencement, Jacob Spirk, a business administration major that grew up in Wilmington, said he initially wanted to go elsewhere to college, but after attending a program for soccer recruits, “I quickly fell in love and decided to come to Wilmington College just like my mother and father (Steve '82 and Kathi Manges '87 Spirk) did.

“Wilmington College represents this community at its best and has prepared us for what life has in store for each and every one of us,” he added.

Rebekah Muchmore offered a musical message to the graduating class highlighting their shared journey.



“Thank you for all the memories I have made over the past four years,” she said. “You have made this an amazing home and I am so happy we have made it together.”

Her counterpart from the Cincinnati Branch, 61-year-old Gwendoline Finegan, spoke of the unique environment offered to working adult students.

“What I liked about Wilmington was its philosophy of inclusion, its emphasis on peace and justice, woven through every course,” she said. “The professors, staff and my fellow students always welcomed me and made me feel valued.

“They created a sense of community,” Finegan added. “My experience at Wilmington reinforced what I knew to be true on many levels and what I valued about myself.”

*Pictured at the Cincinnati Branch Senior Banquet are, from the left, BACK ROW – Iris Kelsen, vice president for external programs; Bob Sandman, assistant professor of business administration and Outstanding Faculty Award recipient; and three featured graduating seniors: Danielle Sucher, Robin Maynard and Lawrence Jones; FRONT ROW – Distinguished Student Award finalists Chuck Neack and Gwen Finegan from Blue Ash and Melissa Buckley from Cincinnati State.*



## Cinci Branch grads take long and 'IT'S A JOURNEY I'M GLAD I'VE TAKEN'

**I** came here because I was told I needed a degree for a promotion." "We paid for one-on-one attention and we received it in every class." "When you're younger, you don't realize the opportunities you have." "My husband stood by me the whole time."

"I've had great teachers and great classmates I can now call friends." "My son counted down the days until graduation." "It was really a journey." "I want to thank you for sharing your journey with me." "We all have a story and we're leaving Wilmington with a greater story."

These were a few of the comments by

graduating seniors at the Cincinnati Branch Senior Banquet May 2 when invited to share feelings about their Wilmington College experience.

Iris Kelsen, vice president for external programs said she and the faculty and staff were "privileged to share the journey with you."

Bob Sandman, assistant professor of business administration, who was selected for the Outstanding Faculty Award, congratulated them and spoke about the special sense of pride he feels for their accomplishment.

"We have graded your quizzes, read your papers and listened to your presentations," he said. "We've

seen you become masters of your disciplines and we've seen you grow into your roles as global citizens."

While many of the challenges among nontraditional students are universal — juggling family, employment and community responsibilities with being a student — all students have navigated their own personal journeys. In the case of 61-year-old Gwendoline Finegan, her college journey lasted 43 years!

Robin Maynard's parents couldn't afford to send her to college at the traditional age so, after being transferred to Cincinnati, she came to WC in 2009 after spending two



# winding road

years enrolled at a popular for-profit university. "I thought that was my only option, but I realized online learning was not the best style for me," she said. "I was excited about going to a traditional college with a campus and a football team."

She was especially impressed when Kelsen kept tabs following her cancer diagnosis. Now cancer-free, Maynard is a college graduate some 34 years after finishing high school.

"I truly enjoyed my experience at Wilmington," she said. "I'm proud to graduate as a Fightin' Quaker."

Lawrence Jones came to WC in 2012 after attending two other

schools in Cincinnati. Admitting there were aspects of his life he wanted to change, he felt the best way down that ambitious path was by becoming an outstanding student.

"Just like no one wants a simply competent lawyer or doctor, I didn't want to be just a competent student at Wilmington," he said, noting that the work he put in to graduate with honors was worth it. "The road at times was a difficult one to travel, but Wilmington wanted me to be successful."

Danielle Sucher came to WC in 2011 from the previously mentioned for-profit university and immediately

found a supportive, nurturing environment.

"Wilmington is full of people who cherish me," Sucher said, noting she found a "second family" at the Cincinnati Branch. "My time at Wilmington has provided me with more than a piece of paper to hang on the wall — I'm a better, more rounded human being. My life is more full of meaning and I am surrounded by people I treasure."

BY RANDY SARVIS



## Joel Salatin: 'Know your food!'

### 5<sup>TH</sup> FOOD SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS 'RETHINKING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD'

## "Knowledge

is imperative." "Eating is about as intimate as it gets." "Our relationship with food should be transparent." "There should be a level of trust and integrity." "We are intoxicated by our own techno savvy." "Go visit a farm."

"Know your food."

When Food Symposium Committee member Corey Cockerill, associate professor of communication arts, invited the audience to Tweet during this year's symposium presentations, she realized the potential danger of losing part of the audience to Web surfing when college students are encouraged to get out their iPhones.

But, no worries, the closest she got to opening a can of worms with her invitation was the Tweet of Joel Salatin's

*WC students flocked to the tasting event after the Food Symposium cake-baking judging was completed. Social media played a key role in attracting 68 entries in the competition.*

quote about toxins in foods: "Why would you eat something that worms wouldn't eat?"

"Food and farm icon" Salatin attracted some 1,500 to his keynote address, "Holy Cows and Hog Heaven," April 23 for the fifth Food Symposium that also featured a panel discussion on the theme, "Beyond Nutrition: Rethinking Our Relationship with Food," and a cake-baking contest that attracted 68 entries — and a room full of volunteer tasters.

An alternative farmer with a sizable national following, Salatin said, "We should be dancing with nature" — instead of trying to manipulate it



*Barbara Utendorf speaks about health concerns with food while her fellow panelists, from the left, Steve Berk, Julie Kramer and Rachel Tayse Baillieul listen.*



Salatin said we need to think about our food and have a healthy relationship with eating, which he described as “one of the most intimate things we do. We need to be interested in how food feels and smells, squishes and gishes.”

He noted that, 35 years ago, food constituted 18 percent of an American family’s monthly budget and health care 9 percent — today, food is 9 percent and health care is 18 percent. Salatin contends this is no coincidence as processed foods and genetically modified organisms (GMOs) have become more widely consumed.

Salatin said agriculture is at a crossroads as the average farmer is 60 years old and half of all American farms will change hands in the next 15 years. He urged the audience to devote the time and participation required to gain knowledge of food systems and show a commitment to becoming supporters of nature and stewards of sustainability.

“Turn off your TV, cancel your Disney World vacation and go visit a farm,” he said. “Nature is screaming to us: ‘enough!’”

The panel discussion featured four speakers representing diverse interests related to the day’s theme, which focused on the socio-cultural, spiritual, ritualistic and community-building aspects of food consumption and production.



*Joel Salatin*

Panelists included: urban homesteader Rachel Tayse Baillieul, whose family produces essentially all of its food at their Columbus home; Steve Berk, who works with small farmers as an area Farm Bureau director; Julie Kramer, publisher and creative director of *Edible Ohio Valley*; and Barbara

Utendorf, a doctor of naturopathy that teaches students in nutrition, wellness, and holistic and integrative health.

“I feel my body is better at fighting off disease because I’m consuming a diversity of food,” Baillieul said. “Kale, Swiss chard, collards, that was never on our table. Now my family eats these greens three or more times a week.”

Berk added that we’re seeing “an erosion in public trust” in food systems that are caught in a spider’s web of government regulations.

Utendorf noted the connection between spending less on food and more on health care. “There’s no way I can see as separate the health of the environment and the health of humans. Food can contribute to or be a detriment to (good) health.”

Kramer said her publication attempts to empower the consumer by incorporating available resources into one’s lifestyle.

“Can we talk to people about making a 5 or 10 percent shift in their food habits?”

On the heels of last year’s pie-baking competition, social media helped generate 68 entries in a cake-baking contest that featured student and non-student categories for sheet cake, layer cake, gluten-free cake and ugliest cake (consider “Plumber’s Nightmare” and “Kitty Litter Cake”).

Judges selected sophomore Nicholle Fiore’s “Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing and Pecans” as grand champion.

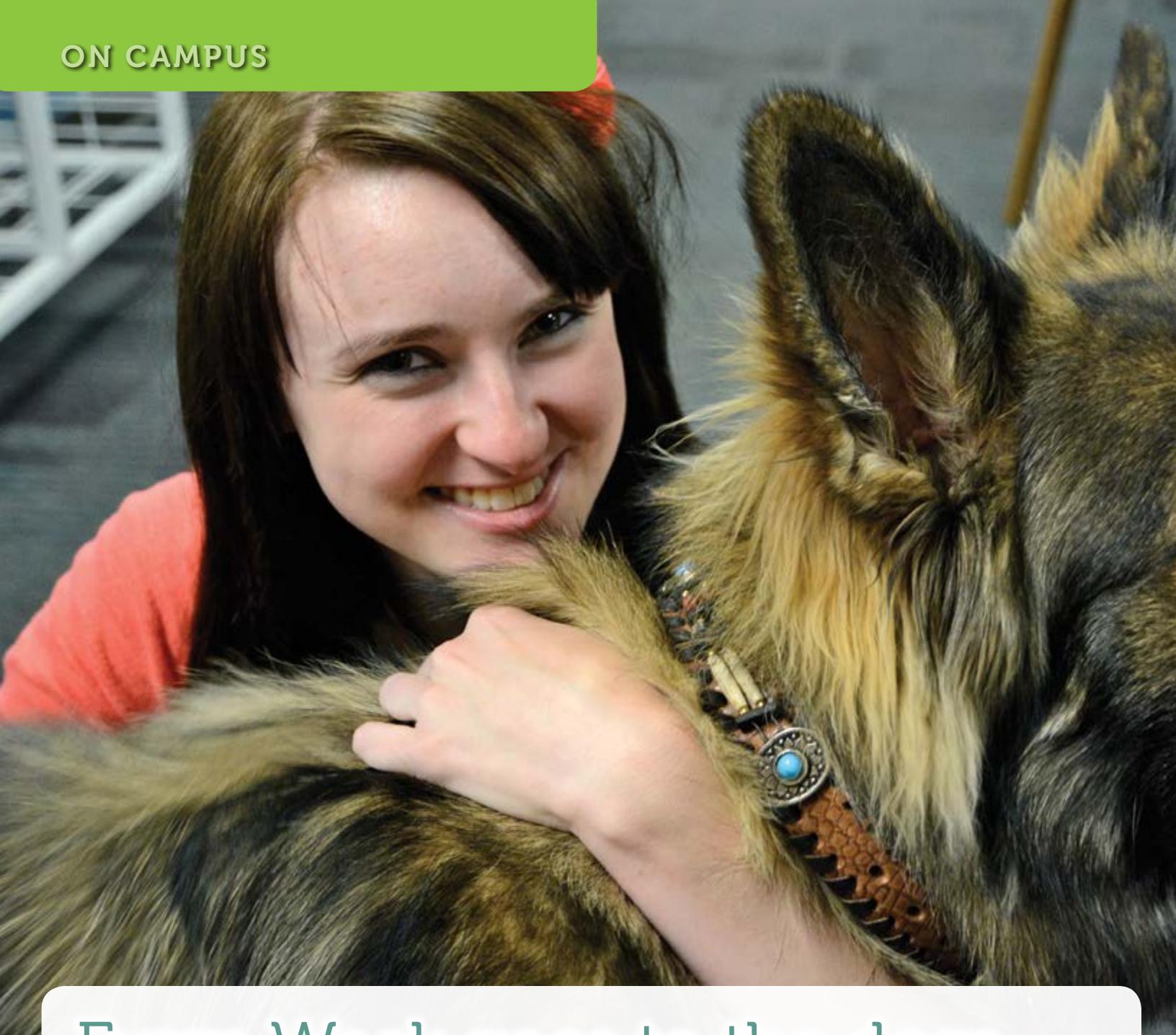


*Senior Jacob Boehm engages Joel Salatin with a question at the cake-tasting event as Michael Snarr ’86, professor of political science, and junior Jessie Mass look on.*

in order to extend the shelf life of Velveeta Cheese to over a year and create a tomato that better withstands the “jiggling” transportation from California to the East Coast — but “tastes like cardboard.”

“We’ve made our food sterile yet transportable,” said the passionate advocate for small farms, local food systems and the right to opt out of the conventional food paradigm.

**BY RANDY SARVIS**



## Exam Week goes to the dogs

**STUDENTS ENGAGE IN STRESS-RELIEVING INTERACTION**

### Wilmington

College students had an opportunity to deal with the stress of final exams and spring semester-ending papers and projects with a little help from man's best friend.

Therapy dogs and other friendly canines were stationed in the Robinson Communication Center lobby where students could drop by for a relaxing dose of Rosie, Atticus,

Betsy, Henry or Curtis.

These are either registered service dogs or ones whose owners were confident their history ensures them to be friendly and non-threatening in normal situations.

Junior Shelby Jeffries spent a half hour petting and hugging Rosie, a Shiloh Shepherd.

"She's comforting and shows so much affection," she said, noting that exam

week can be stressful and a brief respite in the presence of dogs can put a more pleasant spin on the day.

"Students can relax a bit — the dogs get their mind off exams," Jeffries said. "I feel in a much more positive mood. I'm not dreading going into exams, so I can go on with my day on a much happier note."

Therapy dogs are trained to provide comfort and affection to persons in



*(CLOCKWISE)*  
Junior Shelby Jeffries cuddles with Rosie in a welcome respite from exam week, while freshman Jalyn Thomas spends some time on horseback at an event sponsored by the equestrian team with team member Kelsey Stone assisting. Also, junior Kurt Fortkamp plays with Atticus, a Shiloh Shepherd.

hospitals, nursing homes, retirement homes, hospices and disaster areas. Their penchant for friendliness to strangers and often calm and gentle demeanor has resulted in enhancing relaxation, lowering blood pressure and relieving stress in many.

Finals week on college campuses is known for heightened levels of stress in many students. The College wanted to provide students with an opportunity to take a break from their studies — and anxiety — to experience the calming effect of interacting with these canine good citizens.

Richard McCarren, who earned a Master of Education from WC in 2008, brought Curtis, a Labrador/Golden Retriever mix that is a retired pet therapy service dog. He is a dog trainer and raises puppies to become service dogs.

“A large portion of the service dog industry is a Golden, Lab or mix,” he said. “They want to please and they like to work.”

Curtis, who came to him knowing 40 commands, includes among his skills an ability to turn on and off lights, close doors and pick up items as small and thin as a credit card.

Judy Harvey, assistant professor



of English and coordinator of the Writing Center, organized the event and wished to thank those that volunteered their dogs.

“I’m pleasantly surprised with the number of students that came this week and how appreciative they’ve been,” she said. “Many students said, ‘Great idea. We need to do this all the time.’”

One of those was Kurt Fortkamp, a junior who is studying to become a veterinarian. He enjoyed spending time with Curtis.

“The dogs are calming and have a real carefree attitude,” he said, noting he has a Golden Retriever/German Shepherd mix at home. “I came here after finishing two exams this morning with one more to go tomorrow. This gave me a chance to forget about exams for a while.

“I love being with animals.”

The presence of therapy dogs comes on the heels of a similar opportunity offered a week earlier by the College’s equestrian team.

Ronald Reagan said, “There’s nothing better for the inside of a man than the outside of a horse.” The team took that to heart May 1 by offering an afternoon of pony rides at the Equine Center for students, faculty and staff.

Freshman Jalyn Thomas said spending 10 minutes on horseback provided a welcome break from the hectic end of the semester routine.

“That was my first time riding in awhile,” Thomas said. “Just doing something different like that really changed up my day — I’m definitely happier. You can really connect with horses.”

BY RANDY SARVIS

# Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame inducts 2004 championship team

## COACH JERRY SCHEVE ALSO HONORED WITH INDUCTION

### Wilmington

College's team for the ages returned to the spotlight May 19 when the 2004 women's basketball team and its coach, Jerry Scheve, were inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame.

Their induction linked them with such Buckeye State immortals of the hardwood as Jerry Lucas, Bobby Knight and Oscar Robertson at a ceremony held before a packed house at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Wilmington brought — by far — the largest contingent to the induction banquet with more than 100 family members, WC faculty, administrators and other supporters of Scheve and his team. Also included in the celebration were 15 of Scheve's assistant coaches from WC and his prior teams.

"It was a great honor for the team to be recognized by the Hall of Fame," Scheve said. "It was a really special time for us in 2004 and a special time for us at the induction banquet. I was happy to see so many were able to come back."

Indeed, some two-dozen players and coaches from the championship team returned for the event.

Amy Kincer, a senior starter, said it took several years for her to fully appreciate the impact of winning the national championship.

"Ten years went by super fast," she

said. "It really makes you value those memories and the people that were in it with you. It's a great feeling to know you have that — and nobody can take it away."

Emily Cummins, another senior starter, echoed those sentiments.

"Winning the national championship means more to me now than it did at that moment," she said. "Then it was new and fresh, but now, 10 years later, the on-going relationships with teammates and the coaching staff make it even more special."

Another senior, Brittney Morris Overman, injured during the Lady Quakers' tournament run, was selected to speak on behalf of the team at a Final Four event in Virginia Beach in 2004. Her edgy, motivational declaration to the other three teams — "We're here to beat you" — became part of the team's legend and lore.

In 2014, the team selected Overman to speak on its behalf at the Hall of

Fame induction.

"As we come together today after all the roads we've traveled since 2004, we will always remember what brought us here," she said.

"This team did something nobody could have imagined. It wasn't an easy road we traveled that season, but we were motivated, we worked hard, we dreamed big and we were able to overcome every obstacle in front of us."

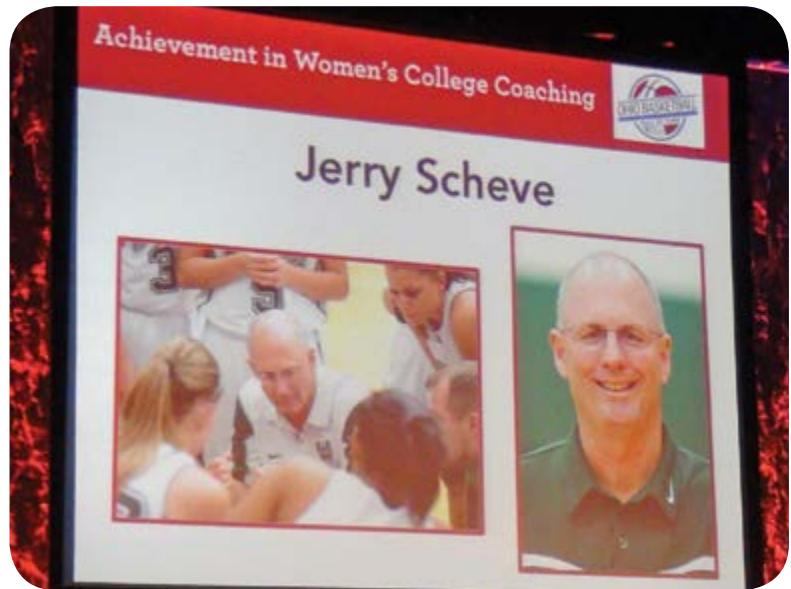
"There's not a day that goes by that I don't think about it," she added. "What we did together, the hard work and the dedication, those are things I carry with me every day of my life."

Siobhan Zerilla, a starter as a junior, said that team's tournament run is "a blur, a flash" in her memory.

"I remember a giant pile of people on the court after we won the semifinal," she said. "Everybody just jumped on each other. We hadn't even won it all then, but we knew we got there (the championship game) and had a chance to win — we knew we made it."

And make it they did.

*(LEFT) Reliving their glory days at the Hall of Fame induction reception are, from the left, Siobhan Zerilla '05, Amy Kincer '05, Brittney Morris Overman '04 and Alyss Hart '07. (ABOVE) These images of Jerry Scheve were projected on the screen as the coach spoke during his induction.*





## 2004 National Champions



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**FRONT ROW (L-R)** Melissa Headley Stork '07, Tricia Erford Drake '06, Jenny Andrea '05, Emily Cummins '04, Samantha Hood Rohrbacher '07, Assistant Coach Bill Newland, ballboy Scott Liermann, Head Coach Jerry Scheve, Assistant Coach Scott Reule; **MIDDLE ROW** — Brittany Morris Overman '04, Kara Robinson '09, Siobhan Zerilla '05, Amy Kincer '05, Shawna Thomas '06, Chasity Poling '07;

The Lady Quakers, which finished the regular season with a 16-8 mark didn't look like a team that would be playing well into March. But heroes emerged on a nightly basis as the peaking Wilmington team defeated Capital and Otterbein in the Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament and roared through the NCAA Tourney with wins over Albion, Franklin, Thomas More, Puget Sound, Rochester and, in the finals, previously undefeated Bowdoin College.

Scheve often hearkens 2004 when speaking to more recent teams about tenacity, hard work, perseverance and what it would take to elevate their game to a higher level.

"That team could have quit many times through the year, but they really stayed with it and learned how to become champions during the tournament run," he said.

Scheve was the 2004 National Coach-of-the-Year and his WC teams since 1990 have won an average 19 games a season while winning eight regular season and

seven conference tournament titles. His teams have played in six NCAA Division III national tournaments.

The coach said he was "honored, excited and humbled" to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"My parents gave me a love for sport from an early age," he said, noting that watching the University of Cincinnati Bearcats win the 1961 and '62 Division I titles "laid the groundwork for my interest in coaching."

Scheve can't help but be reminded of WC's championship season whenever he conducts practices or coaches games in Fred Raizk Arena. The banner hangs next to the American flag and it's an obvious point of interest on any tour with recruits.

"You don't have to win a national championship to be proud of what you've accomplished, but it's a very good feeling to know that you did," he said. "It was a really special time."

Ten years simply melted away as the players looked back to that special time with each other.

Zerilla said it was fun to relive those moments from a decade ago.

"It's like we haven't skipped a beat," she said. "This team has the ability to pick up exactly where we left off with one another."

Kincer said she hadn't seen some of her former teammates in 10 years while she speaks with some on a regular basis.

"It's amazing to be surrounded by people and feel like it's yesterday or just a few months ago — not 10 years!" Kincer said, noting she expects that will be the case for the rest of their lives. "Regardless of how often we see each other, when we get together, it will be like yesterday for us when all this happened."

Overman added, "It seems like just yesterday because of the feelings and emotions we had at that time. As soon as I saw them today, I remembered everything we went through. There will always be a special place in my heart for this team."

BY RANDY SARVIS

# Coming full circle

**DAUGHTER OF 12<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT RETURNS FOR SEMESTER AT WC**

## Rebecca

Dresser admitted to becoming “swept up in the Wilmington feeling” when she attended the May 2013 dedication of the Ohio Historical Marker that recognizes the building of Marble Hall by WC students.

There it was: the building that bears the name of her father, Samuel D. Marble, the campus that was an endless source of entertainment for her as a young girl, the alumni in attendance that so fondly remembered the Marbles. All evoked long-stored memories of her family’s time at Wilmington College from 1947 to 1959.

“Mother and I wanted to come,” she said about Rebecca Marble Bonnell and their prominent role at the dedication, adding that the occasion prompted her to review her father’s autobiography, which further hearkened her childhood.

“It was such a lovely weekend and everyone was so generous and accommodating.”

Dresser, the youngest of the three Marble daughters born while the family lived in Wilmington, that weekend mentioned how she would enjoy teaching at the college that meant so much to her family.

Coincidentally, Edward Agran, professor of history, was planning a faculty sabbatical during the spring 2014 semester and Dresser is an adjunct faculty member in history at Hunter College near her home in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. She

also teaches at Bedford (NY) Correctional Facility for Women.

“It all kind of lined up. When you get a chance like this, take it — especially much of my youth to a place where I was when you’re over 60,” Dresser said. “I was working and trying to do a good job,” she couldn’t say no. It meant so much to have the opportunity to come back. I knew it would be good for me personally.”

Dresser, who with her husband, Richard, and son, Sam, lived on the West Coast before returning to the East several years ago. She has enjoyed several careers over the years, from social worker and psychotherapist to — upon earning both a master’s degree and Ph.D. (2010) in history in Los Angeles — now college history faculty member.

“I am a late comer to the academic party,” Dresser joked.

She taught two sections of American History: Civil War to Present and the upper level course, The Gilded Age and Progressivism.

“I had some very good students,” she said. Spending four months at WC brought her life full circle in many ways, but the perspective provided by more than 50 years removed from those idyllic days of youth — plus “the most brutal winter in memory” — gave her a chance to “adjust



*Another trip down memory lane for Rebecca Dresser was visiting her family’s former home, located at 107 College St., which is currently known as Kelly House and houses several Advancement offices. “A rite of passage for us was to be allowed to cross College St. and walk over to College Hall and get my father at the end of the day,” she recalled.*



*Rebecca Marble Dresser dressed in academic regalia for Baccalaureate.*

women, and Roy Joe ’48 and Ruth ’52 Stuckey.

She left Wilmington in May with new friends and a newly found appreciation for Wilmington College.

“Not every day was filled with sunshine and light, but this was very, very worthwhile and I will remember it fondly, always,” Dresser said. “What a rare thing to be able to do something like this. I’m very grateful I had the chance.”

**BY RANDY SARVIS**

# Trailblazer

## PROCTOR DEAN WAS AT FOREFRONT OF COMPUTER EDUCATION



## Wilmington

College hired Carl Proctor Dean to teach mathematics at a time when corporations were acquiring large computers to perform their finances and recordkeeping computations.

Dean quickly realized in the mid-1960s that computer use would only grow and expand — and a liberal arts college with a leaning toward career preparation needed to embrace this phenomenon as it prepared its students for successful lives.

Dean is an emeritus professor of mathematics and computer science that served on the faculty from 1965 to 1996. He and his wife, Patsy, reside at Cape May Retirement Village in Wilmington.

The College recognized Dean's 30-plus years of service and his visionary actions in bringing computer science to WC by naming the help desk outside the computer labs in Robinson Communication Center in his honor.

Soon after the corporations installed computers, so-called "mini-computers," such as those produced by DEC, (Digital Equipment Corp., a predecessor of Hewlett-Packard), became available to organizations with smaller needs. In either case, the seller provided technicians to write appropriate software, provide service

and repairs, and teach the buyer's staff operation and programming.

Seeing the future in electronic computing and its potential for the applied mathematical fields, Dean spent his first two summers at WC taking courses — at his own expense — at the University of Kansas learning Basic, Cobol and Fortran, the programming languages used by business and science.

When the College began considering mini-computers to perform administrative computation, it turned down an offer by NCR (National Cash Register) to provide programming and, instead, opted for a DEC with Dean handling the programming.

Dean worked with the Business and Records offices while also continuing to teach math courses and offer new courses in Cobol, Fortran and Basic. He even held an evening course in Basic for interested faculty colleagues and the general public.

All this was happening at Wilmington College in the late 1960s when so-called prestigious colleges wouldn't offer programming because it didn't fit into the liberal arts model — mathematics departments wouldn't offer it because computation was not math and language departments wouldn't because it wasn't verbal.

Therefore, WC was among the first liberal arts colleges to offer computer programming. The College purchased eight keyboards and two printers so students would have access to the mainframe. This led to the institution's first computer lab, which became a classroom for computer science courses and, ultimately an academic major and minor.

Soon academia changed and programming became a requirement for master's and doctoral degrees in the physical and social sciences, often replacing requirements for a reading knowledge of French and German.

The evolution continued and, when desktop PCs became powerful enough to become a commodity, all the useful applications had been written, meaning that "computer user" now meant "program user" rather than "programmer."

Soon programming courses became less popular. Although the College dropped its academic program in computer science following the 2004-05 school year, it continues to recognize C. Proctor Dean's significant role as a pioneer in bringing the future to Wilmington College.

# MILESTONES AND TRANSITIONS

## STUDENTS HONOR FACULTY/STAFF FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

**Faculty** and staff earned promotions, recognition and accolades as the 2013-14 academic year concluded. Also, it was a time for transitions as several retired or moved on in their careers.

The Student Government Assn. presented awards at the Senior Lunch to Monte Anderson, professor of agriculture, as the 2014 recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award, while Trip Breen, swimming coach and aquatics director, received the Van Black Award, which recognizes non-Student Life staff members for their support of the student experience.

At the Cincinnati Branch's Senior Banquet, students selected Bob Sandman, assistant professor of business administration, as recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Award.

Faculty promotions were awarded to Charlotte Fairlie from assistant to associate professor of English, and Linda Tecklenberg '96 and Jennifer Judy Walker '97 to associate professors of athletic training, while those earning both tenure and promotions from assistant professor were Corey Cockerill, associate professor of communication arts, and Ursula McTaggart, associate professor of English.

At the Cincinnati Branch, Iris Kelsen, vice president for external programs and an administrator since 1988, is changing positions as she transitions into retirement in July 2015. She became associate vice president in July and will focus on enrollment growth while Sylvia Stevens, who has held various positions at the Cincinnati Branch during the past 10 years, will

serve this year as interim vice president for external programs.

Retiring following the 2013-14 academic year were: Steve Allen, associate professor of accounting and a faculty member since 1997; Joyce

Dozier, associate professor of criminal justice (1991); Terry Miller, associate professor of education and director of Graduate Studies (1999); and Donna Myers, assistant professor of education (1997).



Charlotte Fairlie



Trip Breen



Monte Anderson



Bob Sandman



Jennifer Judy Walker '97



Linda Tecklenberg '96



Ursula McTaggart



Vinton Prince



Steve Allen



Joyce Dozier



Jan Blohm



Catherine Roma

# Winds of change blow through Advancement

## Exits

and entrances have changed the face of the College's Advancement area this year, but its mission to engage alumni and friends, cultivate positive relationships and generate support for the institution remains the same.

Matt Wahrhaftig '93, major gifts officer since 2011, was named interim vice president for advancement following the April departure of Robert C. "Chip" Harrod after nearly three years at WC.

President Jim Reynolds expressed his confidence in Wahrhaftig's leadership abilities and vision for the department.

"I have appreciated Matt's attention to detail as I have worked with him over the past two years and I believe he has the ability to help to guide our Advancement and Development group to meet the challenging goals that we have set for ourselves in the fundraising arena," Reynolds said.

Another departure this spring, that of Jan Blohm, director of development and a member of the advancement staff



Corey Cockerill



Terry Miller '70

President Jim Reynolds expressed his appreciation and thanks to the retiring faculty members.

"Each has made a significant contribution to the College," he said. "I appreciate how you've worked with students and modeled professionalism."

Also, as previously mentioned in *The LINK*, Catherine Roma, professor of music, retired from full-time teaching last year and finished her service to the College teaching part time during the

2013-14 academic year, while Vinton Prince, professor of history, also completed teaching on a full-time basis last year, but will not officially retire until this December.

In addition, Jan Blohm, director of development and a member of the advancement staff since 2001, left the College in April and Chasity Coleman, assistant professor of biology and a member of the faculty since 2012, left this summer to continue her career in Florida.



Donna Myers



Chasity Coleman



Matt Wahrhaftig '93



Dan Lyon



Beau Slater

since 2001, provided an opportunity for restructuring the fundraising wing of the department.

Amie Denkenberger, director of the annual giving since 2012, was promoted to director of leadership giving, and

Shari Lewis, part-time institutional grant writer since 2010, now holds the title as director of planned giving and corporate relations.

Lewis replaces Ann Venable, who left the planned giving position in January. Lewis will continue to provide the College with grant-writing support.

Denkenberger oversaw a 32 percent increase in annual fund giving during the past two years as The Wilmington Fund topped \$1 million for the 2013-14 academic year.

The College also hired a pair of new staff members, Dan Lyon, development officer, and Beau Slater, director of annual giving.

Lyon possesses extensive experience in fundraising, marketing and program management. He most recently served as special gifts manager with the U.S. Air Force Museum Foundation in Dayton.

Slater is a 2013 graduate of Bowling Green State University. Since graduating, he was alumni relations coordinator with Dayton's Chaminade Julienne High School.



Amie Denkenberger '12



Shari Lewis

# Vinny Prince explored international cultures with his students

*Vinny Prince is surrounded by his students in front of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris in 2013.*



**Vinton** Prince once considered attending law school and his paternal grandfather wanted him to go into the sciences, but, in the end, his love of history won the day—and the career.

Prince, professor of history, will retire this fall from Wilmington College's faculty after 30 years.

"I've been interested in history as far back as I can remember," he said. "It's what I enjoyed."

Born in Portsmouth, N.H., Prince grew up in New England and later the Philadelphia/south Jersey area. He attended the academically rigorous Quaker boarding school, Westtown, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Guilford College in 1965, followed by a Master of Arts and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

"I didn't major in history to be a professor or teacher," Prince said noting that being a historian, as opposed to a classroom professor, is often a solitary and non-collegial endeavor, yet, looking back, he could have lived that professional life.

"I'm painfully happy spending an entire day alone doing research in a university library or British museum," he said. "You're not learning to teach, you're learning how to advance the frontier of knowledge in your field."

Yet, teaching came both naturally and by necessity as his family continued to



grow. He and his now ex-wife, Judy, have three adult daughters, Katherine, Sarah and Julie '99, each of whom is accomplished in their careers.

Prince, who is a Quaker, taught at Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln, Alcorn A&M in Natchez, Miss., Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., and in a visiting faculty position at Campbell University, Lewis Creek, N.C., before coming to Wilmington in 1983.

"When I came here, Wilmington had two history slots, U.S. history and non-U.S. history," he recalled. "If it doesn't deal with the United States and it's been taught in the last 30 years, dollars to doughnuts, I taught it," he said.

Prince also taught geography, American government and the Civil War, along with War in the Modern World, Modern Russia and Modern East Asia — be it on the main campus, during summer school, at the Cincinnati Branch or in the prison program.

Also, his presence was felt throughout campus beyond the confines of the academic classroom.

Soon after he came to Wilmington, he became Bud Lewis' assistant men's soccer coach for five seasons, including three in which WC was in the NAIA top-12.

"I played soccer in high school and college, and was glad to get a chance to

get back to the game," he said. "It was instructive to wear two hats (academic and athletic)."

In addition, Prince was the primary author for the 1994 accreditation self-study, which marked the first time the College earned the gold standard, maximum 10-year continuing accreditation.

"As Caralee (Capone), Wynn (Alexander) and Laura (Struve) will tell you, it's a lot of work," he said in referring to those faculty leaders of the 2004 and 2014 self study reports. "With three kids and teaching, I did so much of it between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m."

Prince also served as adviser for Gamma Phi Gamma fraternity for 30 years.

Initially "appalled" when he learned that a Quaker school had fraternities, he agreed to accept the Gobblers' invitation, never expecting it would last three decades.

"I got to know a lot of alumni that passed through here before I got here," he said. "Also, you get a different kind of relationship than you have with your students. I enjoyed it—it's been fun."

During the past decade, Prince has regularly led spring break study trips to Europe. He is adamant that these excursions have great value as hands-on learning opportunities that provide students with a "measure of worldliness."

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# Terry Miller shared his love for education



Terry Miller '70 chats with Doug Woodmansee and Patricia Thomas at a spring reception for retiring faculty members.

## Terry Miller

'70, associate professor of education, retired this summer after 15 years on the education faculty and as director of Graduate Studies.

He was a student at Wilmington College majoring in religion and philosophy during the turbulent late 1960s. Shocked by the shootings at Kent State University in May 1970, he was among the dozens of WC students, faculty and staff that marched to Columbus for a peace rally with other colleges.

The 1970 graduate went on to earn Master of Art and Master of Education degrees from the University of Cincinnati and Antioch New England Graduate School, respectively, prior to receiving a Doctor of Education from the National College of Education

Prior to Miller's return to WC, he served pre-kindergarten through high school students as a school psychologist in several Chicago schools and taught as an adjunct instructor at National

College of Education.

He joined the education faculty at WC in 1999 teaching both undergraduate and graduate level courses, as well as directing the College's first graduate program, which offered a Master of Education degree in special education.

Miller is reluctant to share any definitive plans for his retirement since they are in an "amorphous" state at this point.

However, in the initial days of his retirement, Miller intended "to turn the alarm clock off and maybe those first few days go for long walks with the dog and pull weeds in the yard — after that, it's anybody's guess," he said.

He may consider continuing his career in education since he has licensure as a K-8 teacher, K-12 French instructor and school psychologist. An even more likely possibility is he and his partner, Dale, will do some traveling, likely to locales where Miller can polish his French and Spanish language skills.

Other possible activities include

volunteer tutoring and a more regular routine for swimming, yoga, bicycling, walking and kayaking "in a kayak I have yet to use two years after purchase."

Having lived in Cincinnati, Boston and Chicago, he considers himself an urbanist and "would love to participate in the revitalization of the urban core in Cincinnati, my hometown and the place where many members of my extended family still call home."

Indeed, Miller possesses an interest in urban gardening and the greening of city environments.

"Also, I would love to do more writing, something that, ironically, I found hard to do while working full time as an academic. I have a real and continuing interest in the questions surrounding school reform initiatives," he said.

"What I can say for sure is that I will have no trouble filling the hours of my days."

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"I have final papers since 2006 and I defy anybody to read those papers and tell me they didn't have a legitimate educational experience," he said, noting for many it's been their first time flying, let alone traveling outside the country.

"Those travel classes are some the *best* educational experiences," he added.

While some health issues have slowed him down in recent years, Prince

expects to be able to lead a 2015 spring break trip to Greece. In spite of that still intact WC connection, clearing out his office this summer really made the concept of retirement sink in.

"I had no idea I was going to spend the rest of my professional life here," he said about coming to WC in 1983. "I never felt the slightest need to get out of Wilmington like I did Mississippi, which I left to get my kids in a better

school situation.

"It's fair to say, as I look back on various places I've worked, every place was in better shape 10 years after I left than when I got there," he said. "I have every reason to believe that will be the case with Wilmington College."

"We're good at doing what we do."

BY RANDY SARVIS

*Catherine Roma receives a standing ovation at the Spring Choral Concert honoring her 20-plus years at WC.*

## Cathy Roma continuing music ministry after WC retirement

### Catherine

Roma believes Wilmington College provided one of her life's greatest gifts — the opportunity to teach music in prisons.

She's made a career of bringing together diverse groups of people through music, but her passion for channeling a sense of hope and love to one of society's most marginalized, albeit disreputable, populations via a sharing of music is self-defining.

And she's just fine with that.

"I am a strong fan of choral singing and people coming together through music," she said. "Singing is accessible to everyone. We need to be singing together to show we're more alike than different."

Roma, a professor of music, retired this summer after teaching more than 20 years at Wilmington College.

She is a product of Quaker schools in Philadelphia from kindergarten through 12th grade and later taught at a Friends school there. After earning her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Music degrees from the University of Wisconsin, she completed a Doctor of Musical Arts in choral conducting at the University of Cincinnati.

About that time, Warren Correctional Institution opened near Lebanon and WC sought an adjunct faculty member for its prison program that was thriving at nearby Lebanon C.I.

"I thought it was a miracle! Here's a Quaker college within driving distance of Cincinnati," she said. "I've always had a deep commitment to Quaker education and teaching the whole student."

Roma taught part time at Warren starting in 1990 — her inaugural course was African-American Music — before becoming a full-time faculty member in 1993 and splitting her time between the prison programs and main campus.

When she became full time, the College asked Roma to start choirs at Lebanon and Warren. She spent two years at Lebanon and, "with things starting to gel and grow" at Warren, concentrated her efforts on that location and her main campus work.

Concurrently, state and federal funding for correctional education began to dry up as controlling factions of the government took on a more punitive stance toward the incarcerated. Roma said that was a naïve and "mean-spirited" approach when, for inmates that would eventually be released, studies indicated the recidivism rate for those with a two-year degree decreases by 40 percent.

While Wilmington remained committed to having a presence in the prisons when many other schools bailed out with the advent of funding cuts, Roma started the UMOJA Chorus at Warren, which went on to record three CDs.

"Winter, spring, summer and fall, I went to Warren every week," she said. "The culmination was a performance and competition in the World Choir Games in 2012."

UMOJA won gold medals yet that victory and its positive media coverage,

ironically, coincided with Ohio Gov. John Kasich's announcement of the state's discontinuation of prison education funding. WC was forced to terminate its presence in the prisons.

In spite of her pending retirement from teaching at WC, Roma was not ready to pull up stakes on her music ministry. In late 2012, the chaplain at Madison Correctional near Columbus called Roma with a plea: "There are a lot of men here who want to sing and some sang with you at Warren."

The inmate population at Warren had been changing in recent years with an influx of young gang members, resulting in many older inmates given the opportunity to change institutions.

"I have 25 amazing singers at Madison — it's working!" Roma said, noting she is continuing to direct UMOJA at Warren.

It seems that, as Roma retires from directing one group, she takes on another. She recently retired as founding director of the acclaimed MUSE, Cincinnati's Women's Choir, as well as the Martin Luther King Day Chorale after 22 years, yet she took on forming a women's choir at Dayton Correctional and the 80-voice World House Choir in Yellow Springs.

Also, Roma is in her final year as minister of music at St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church in Cincinnati.

"I've retired from teaching on

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# Students WISE up

## HANDS-ON LEARNING OPPORTUNITY REPRESENTS 'COLLEGE'S MISSION IN ACTION'

### Wilmington

College is redefining the term "wise guys" with a certificate program designed to combine a meaningful work experience and internship with academic courses in leadership.

The Wilmington Institute for Stewardship and Engagement (WISE) started this fall with an initial cadre of 10 students engaged in a distinct hands-on learning program.

They will take 11 credit hours of academic courses complemented by a leadership-driven internship and work opportunity that could result in as much as \$3,000 in institutional grants applied directly to their financial statements.

Corey Cockerill, associate professor of

communication arts, helped develop the program for which students will graduate with a Certificate in Leadership & Sustainable Change that will become part of their official College transcripts.

"WISE is an infusion of curricular and extra-curricular courses, work and internship, plus a two-hour capstone," she said. "We're graduating from this program future community builders."

Ruth Brindle '99, curator of the Quaker Heritage Center; Michael Snarr '86, professor of political science; and Mark Denniston, Green Chip coordinator; also comprise the program's leadership team.

Brindle received positive responses from more than two-dozen area businesses and organizations that could offer internship or work opportunities for students enrolled in

WISE.

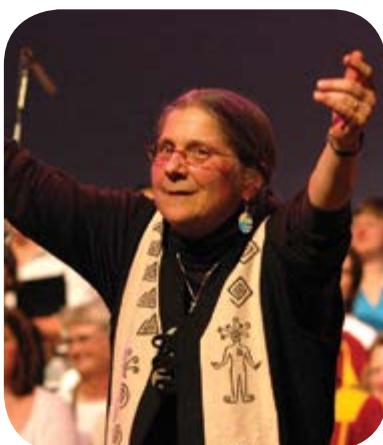
Snarr said WISE will be especially attractive to the "high energy, leadership-style students we attract." He noted how participants can set themselves apart in the job market while becoming agents for change and defining their role in contributing to the public good.

"It concludes with a capstone portfolio to present to prospective employers," Snarr said.

Cockerill said they are working closely with WC's Career Services, Center for Service and Civic Engagement, Work Program and Green Chip (Creating High-Impact Portfolios).

Denniston added, "I believe in the mission of this College and its uniqueness. This is the mission in action."

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WC's main campus and my Cincinnati groups, but I'm teaching three prison choirs every week," she said. "I still consider myself a Wilmington professor even though I'm not getting

paid anymore. I approach my work as an academic choral director with my connections to Wilmington College."

While Roma's work in the prisons and in Cincinnati received well-deserved media coverage, her music ministry also touched many students at Wilmington College for 20 years, as director of the College Chorale and in courses ranging from Music and World Cultures and Global Pop to Music of African Diaspora and Introduction to Rock and Roll.

"I loved working with the Chorale —

I had some amazingly talented young people," she said. "It was an opportunity to connect music and my musical interests with the mission of the College. Students learned about music and cultural diversity through musical study."

Roma also gave some top students an opportunity to work with MUSE or her church choir in music-based travels. Nine WC students went to Eastern Europe in 2001, four to China in 2010 and Bekah Muchmore '14 sang with Roma's church choir in Hungary and Romania this summer.

"The importance of music and connecting it to the College's curriculum and mission, and the mission of awakening students to the world," she said. "Music teaches you in a different way than just words alone."

"It's been very important, to me in Cincinnati and at Wilmington College, to really bring people together through the art of choral music," she added. "It enables people to focus on something outside themselves, people working together with persons that are different from themselves

toward a common goal."

In recent years, Roma has received numerous accolades and awards for her music ministry. Two of the most recent are the Cincinnati YWCA Award for Career Women of Achievement and the University of Cincinnati's Mosaic Award given to distinguished alumni for bringing people together, particularly those from underserved communities.

In early May at the annual Spring Choral Concert, Roma's fine arts colleagues presented a tribute in both words and music.

There, President Jim Reynolds said Roma's greatest gift transcends her considerable musical talent and teaching prowess.

"Cathy sees the best in all of us, from college students to inmates," he said. "She is one of the people at this College that lives our values. I can't begin to tell you how much Cathy Roma has meant to this College."

BY RANDY SARVIS

# Building projects changing campus

## CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY FOR CENTER FOR THE SCIENCES AND AGRICULTURE

### Wilmington

College's \$13 million expansion and renovation project that will become the Center for the Sciences and Agriculture is underway and on track for completion and occupancy in summer 2015.

The first floor has been gutted and initial phase work completed as the renovation commences on the 34,000 square-foot, half-century-old Kettering Hall. Construction began in August on the 13,500 square foot addition.

The expanded and renovated facility 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" building in its design, construction, operation and maintenance.

The existing part of the facility is being 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 for hands-on learning opportunities.

The facility will accommodate the record numbers of agriculture and science students enrolling at the College.

President Jim Reynolds said 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.

He said the 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.

"This will be one of several exciting new projects the College is planning in the near future as it moves forward in meeting the needs of its students and reinforcing the value of preparing liberally educated professionals," Reynolds added.

Erika Goodwin, vice president for academic affairs, expressed the excitement and anticipation felt by students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends during the ensuing months since 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 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."

The College has raised some \$6.2 million in gifts toward a \$7 million goal for the \$13 million project. Also, The U.S. Department of Agriculture

*Construction got underway this summer for the renovation and expansion of Kettering Hall.*

awarded WC a \$19.7 million rural economic development loan, which made commencing with the project this year feasible. The long-term, low-interest USDA loan was finalized earlier this summer.

The renovation is being conducted in phases so the academic building can be utilized as efficiently as possible during the year's construction. Indeed, chemistry and biology faculty will occupy different parts of the building as determined by the renovation schedule.

Also, this summer, on the other side of campus, Bailey Hall underwent extensive renovation in transitioning from a residence hall to an academic building designed to accommodate a dozen offices, three new classrooms and areas that this year will be utilized for the Math Center and Physics Laboratory. Agriculture, mathematics and physics faculty moved from Kettering and have their offices in Bailey this year before returning to the Center for the Sciences and Agriculture next summer.

Bailey Hall, which was originally the College's first science facility when built in 1909, will become a permanent classroom and office facility for other academic areas in 2015.

# landscape for hands-on learning

## CENTER FOR SPORT SCIENCES IS 'TOTAL SPORT FACILITY'



### Wilmington

College is building an \$8.4 million facility that blends academic, athletic, recreational and commercial components in developing its Center for Sport Sciences.

Construction on the 36,000 square-foot complex began in early August at the site of the former Charlie Gilhart Soccer Field just south of Hermann Court and the YMCA. It is on track for completion in summer 2015.

The Center for Sport Sciences will not only be home to WC's nationally prominent athletic training program, but will accommodate training for essentially all of the College's 21 sports teams, in addition to giving students additional options for recreational activities.

Furthermore, the Center will host a one-stop shop for the area's sports medicine needs as world class orthopaedic, physical therapy and hospital imaging services will all be under one roof and available to the campus and greater community.

Indeed, Beacon Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, Drayer Physical Therapy and Clinton Memorial Hospital will each have satellite branches at the facility.

President Jim Reynolds described it as a "great example of public/private partnership" that will greatly benefit students' hands-on learning

opportunities.

Terry Rupert, vice president for athletics administration, said the Center for Sport Sciences will be "a total sport facility like no other" at the NCAA Division III level.

"The Center will directly impact well over half of our student body as they engage in their academic, athletic and recreational pursuits, and will be an especially appealing attraction for prospective students," he said. "It will provide a 'hands-on' facility for student-athletes and athletic training students to develop their skills in their quest for excellence."

Larry Howard, director of WC's athletic training program, stressed how the commercial endeavors will complement teaching and learning.

"Having such strong College partners as Beacon, Drayer and CMH, these sports medicine-related businesses provide value added to an outstanding facility," he said. "These will provide athletic training majors with access to multiple on-campus clinical sites for additional hands-on learning."

Howard called the Center "a dream come true" for him and the AT program. It coincides with Beacon's Dr. Timothy Kremcheck as WC's new medical director.

"Dr. Kremcheck has also been the Cincinnati Reds' medical director for over 10 years," he said. "Our students now have the opportunity to learn from

*This architect's rendition features a frontal view of the Center for Sport Sciences.*

one of the best orthopaedic surgeons in the nation thanks to this new partnership and building project."

Howard added that the new facility will also provide the much needed room to "grow the AT program" and to explore adding additional academic programs.

The 3,000 square-foot, athletic training facility will feature state-of-the-art classrooms and labs — and provide space for this "marque program" to expand, Rupert said.

The facility, which is located within easy access of WC's contiguous sports venues, will offer such amenities as two in-ground hydrotherapy pools, electrical muscle stimulators, and cryo-compression and ultrasound units.

The Center's 17,400 square-foot sport training facility will provide for an all-indoor area with artificial turf playing surface. The complex's west end will open to an outdoor, lighted training field with an artificial turf surface for multiple sports and intramurals.

*(NOTE: The groundbreaking ceremony was scheduled in mid-September after The LINK went to press. Look for highlights of this new facility in the Fall/Winter issue.)*

# Great Biltmore ash witnessed 100 years of WC history

## EMERALD ASH BORER WREAKING HAVOC ON CAMPUS TREES

*Becky Heiland Haines poses next to the trunk of what was the College's largest tree, a towering piece of the campus landscape present throughout her entire life. (PHOTO COURTESY OF WATSON LIBRARY ARCHIVES)*

The once majestic, white ash tree that towered over the center of campus like the Empire State Building on the Manhattan skyline met the same, sad fate as more than 200 million other ash trees in North America.

A victim of the invasive Emerald Ash Borer, WC's goliath was felled this summer and not even its chopped-up remains could be enjoyed in a backyard campfire.

The late Fred Anliot, emeritus professor of biology, featured the Biltmore ash in his and Nathan Hale's publication that highlighted the largest trees of Clinton County. With a five-foot trunk diameter and height of more than 150 feet, the ash — estimated to be as many as 100 years old — was the largest tree on the tree-laden campus.

Its ultimate demise at the hands of a professional tree removal service elicited a crowd of campus onlookers reminiscent of when the Fine Arts Building was razed a decade ago. Becky Heiland Haines '72, attended both of those events.

"I remember that tree all my life," said Haines, fine arts secretary and theatre technical support staff since 1973. Indeed, the tree stood within a stone's throw of Boyd Cultural Arts Center, her

professional home for 40-plus years, as well as an epicenter of her campus life as a student and, before that, a regular hangout for the self-described, "campus brat" daughter of legendary theatre faculty Hugh G. Heiland.

Haines admitted the Biltmore ash's demise elicited a flood of campus memories.

"That tree was part of my life," she said.

Sadly, there was no saving it, nor the 40-plus other, predominantly ash trees removed from campus this summer. The Emerald Ash Borer is the scourge of ash trees around the world. But, since its discovery in North America in 2002, it has ravaged more than 200 million trees in Canada and the United States.

The beetle, which originated in Asia and eastern Russia, is believed to have first come to America from China on a shipping skid or wooden packing crate.

"Just follow the interstates," said Monte Anderson, professor of agriculture, about how it made its way to Ohio. Indeed, persons transporting infested firewood likely introduced the highly invasive insect into new locales. Also, consider the fate of wooden packaging material: it often gets ground into mulch and

transported across the country with beetle larvae intact.

"This is a great example of why we should use recyclable crates and packing materials made of plastic that can be reused," Anderson said, noting the beetle burrows between the tree bark and wood, damaging the conductive tissue that transports water and nutrients from the root system to the leaves.

"The campus looks different without those trees," Anderson said about this summer's removal project.

The good news is trees can be replaced, albeit 150-foot high ones might take a few decades, but the College is investing in both its present and future by planting young trees to replace the venerable and once-august departed ones. After this summer's heat subsides, the College will plant a number of eight-to-10-foot tall saplings in accordance with its master landscaping plans.

Alumni and friends that appreciate these splendors of nature and the aesthetic beauty they bring to WC's campus are invited to support their purchase by sending a tax-deductible gift designated for campus trees to: Wilmington College, Office of Advancement, 1870 Quaker Way, Wilmington, OH 45177.

Christian Patterson won the national championship in the outdoor high jump, capping a stellar career as a four-time All-American.

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## Patterson captures NCAA high jump championship

BY JAYSON AMEER RASHEED '00

### Christian

Patterson capped his outstanding career this national championship," Patterson said. "I think back to three years ago to celebrated student-athletes in late May the day (competing as a freshman at with a national championship in the outdoor high jump (6-11.50). It also represented his fourth All-America status in track and field, and came on the heels of placing seventh at the indoor championships in March and being a member of the OAC champion men's basketball team.

The May 2014 graduate from Cincinnati's Norwood High School defeated two of the previous three national champions at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field Championships held at Ohio Wesleyan University.

"Words can't explain how I feel to win

this national championship," Patterson said. "I think back to three years ago to the day (competing as a freshman at the outdoor championships also held at OWU) and it's an amazing feeling. I couldn't ask for a better opportunity."

After passing on the opening height (6-2.75) and clearing the second height (6-4.75) on his first attempt, Patterson missed the first two attempts at 2.0 meters, 6-6.75. Undeterred, he cleared the height easily on his third attempt and then cleared 6-8 on his first attempt.

After four heights, 14 of 20 jumpers still remained. Patterson cleared 6-9 on his second jump and clinched at least All-American honors by clearing 6-10.25 on his third attempt. The four remaining

jumpers at 6-11.50 all missed on their first jump, but Patterson, jumping first, cleared the height his second attempt and just had to wait.

One by one, the remaining jumpers missed. Patterson was hoping he would be challenged at 6-11.50 so he could attempt clearing 7 feet at the pinnacle of his career.

"I always want someone to make it to keep challenging me," Patterson said, but no one could match his winning jump — and he was the national champion. He attempted 7-0.25 but, with no one chasing him and the title already at hand, it simply gave an appreciative crowd an additional opportunity to applaud the new champion.

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*Austin Johnston battles for the ball in men's lacrosse action while (INSET) Eric Balash moves to the goal in water polo.*



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Coach Ron Combs '93 was thrilled to have another national champion and the first male for the program that now boasts six.

"It looked like he was going to go out early at two meters and he just persevered," Combs said, noting the experience of competing at the national level was a factor in Patterson keeping his composure. "One of the things we have been working on the last couple of years is his mental approach. Early in his career, he would let misses bother him."

#### MEN'S LACROSSE MAKES STRIDES IN SECOND CAMPAIGN

The Wilmington College men's lacrosse team finished its second season as a varsity sport with a 4-11 record, but the progress falls deeper than wins and losses.

"We definitely got better with every game," said head coach Domenic

Marzano. "The guys were extremely competitive in every game and that helped us improve on our goals per game and goals against per game."

This marked the inaugural season in which the Ohio Athletic Conference had enough teams to hold a post-season tournament.

Sophomore Jalen Jackson (Hilliard, OH/Bradley) was the lone WC player to earn all-conference honors, tallying first-team laurels. He led the conference with 69 points and was tied for first with 46 assists. His 2.58 assists per game ranked 17th nationally and he was 65th nationally in points per game.

Sophomore Alexander Gossard (Hilliard, OH/Bradley) also had a stellar season, finishing third in the OAC with 33 goals. Freshman Paul Koerbel (Maineville, OH/Kings) withstood a lot of pressure between the pipes, recording a league-high 226 saves on the season. He was fourth in save percentage with 56.9 percent.

Freshman Reid Delaney (Wooster,

OH/Wooster) also had an impressive first college season, finishing tied for second with 23 goals and 33 points on the season.

"We had a very tough year with injuries, but they never let that be an excuse and continued to work very hard on a daily basis," Marzano said. "A lot of guys stepped up this year and improved tremendously throughout the season. We took a huge step in building our team identity and character."

Jordan Steinke (Botkins, OH/Botkins; 3.68, Sport Management) earned Academic All-OAC honors.

#### SUPER SOFTBALL SENIORS MONNIER AND SHILLING EARN TOP ACCOLADES

One season after setting a new watermark with 20 wins, the Wilmington softball team posted the most Ohio Athletic Conference victories in school history this spring.

"I am very pleased how hard the

*Caitlin Schilling, an All-Central Region and All-OAC selection, and finished her career as the program's greatest hitter in fast-pitch softball.*



softball team worked this fall," said Wilmington head coach Beth Floyd about her team that finished 8-10 in the OAC, 17-20 overall. "They left everything on the field, and it showed in winning more conference games this year than we ever had."

Senior Catlin Shilling (Waverly, OH/Waverly) earned first-team All-Central Region, while senior Danielle Monnier (Houston, OH/Houston) earned third-team All-Central Region honors.

Wilmington's power source in the last two years, Shilling concluded her career as the school's all-time leader in doubles (37), homeruns (24) and RBI (86). Shilling also holds single-season records in batting average (.482) and homeruns (10). Her 53 hits were the second-most

in any season. Shilling was named first-team All-OAC as a shortstop.

Monnier, the OAC Pitcher of the Year, led the OAC in earned run average (2.24) and strikeouts 142, and was tied for second in the league with 13 victories. The win total established a new single-season record for Wilmington, and Monnier leaves as the school's all-time leader in that category as well. She also posted the top three single-season strikeout performances en route to establishing a new career record.

The 2014 season marked the conclusion of eight careers, Shilling, Monnier, Stacy Lunsford (Wilmington, OH/Clinton-Massie), Nikki Tolson (Monroe, OH/Lemon-Monroe), Kaylee Cox (Elgin, OH/Elgin), Lina Larsson

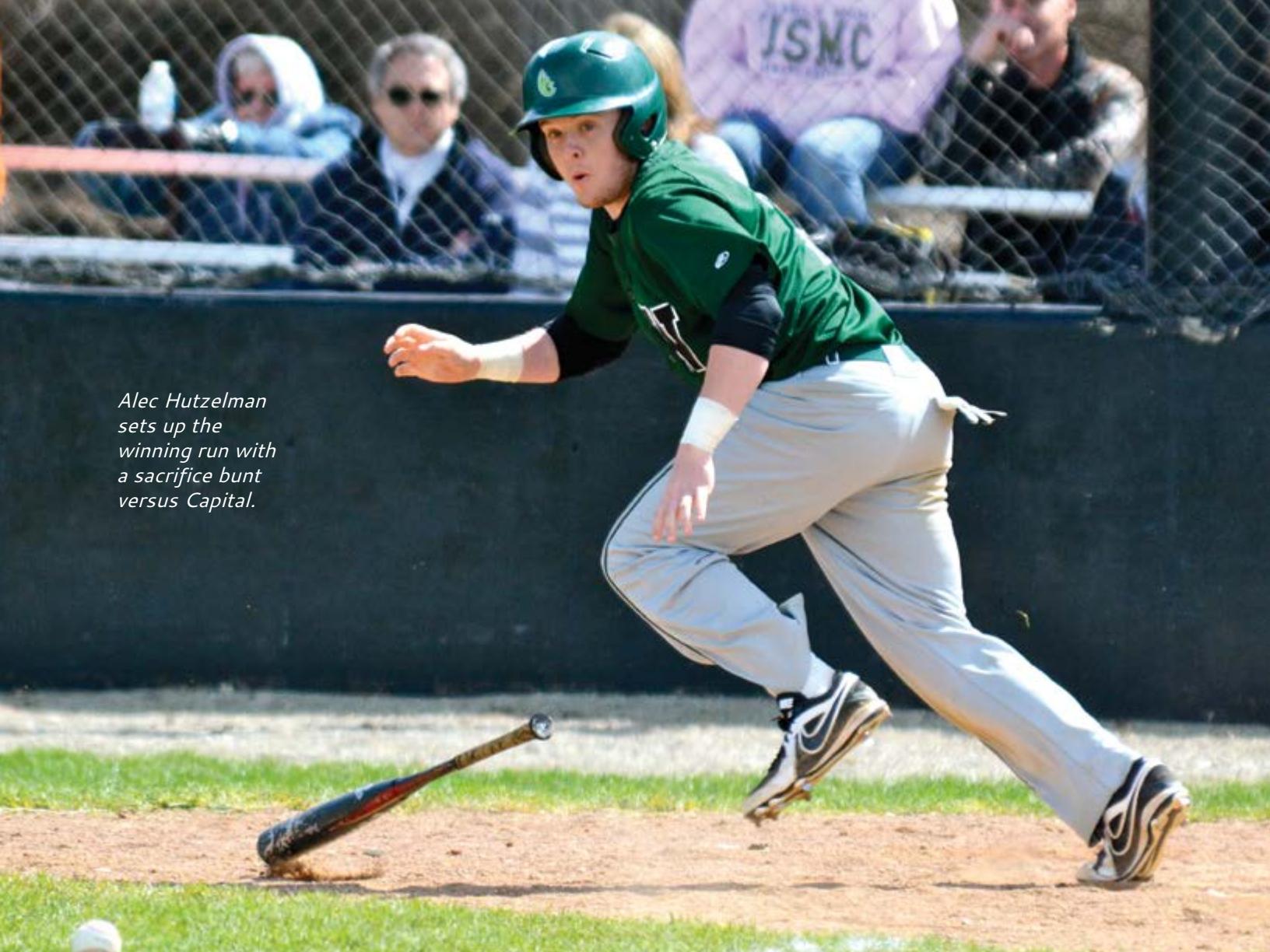
(Skovde, Sweden/Kavelbrogymnasiet), Olivia Hutchison (Mason, OH/Mason) and Erika Lee (Blanchester, OH/Blanchester).

Three players — junior Jess Clutter (Englewood, OH/Northmont; 3.94, Psychology), senior Danielle Monnier (Houston, OH/Houston; 3.69, Education) and sophomore Jessie Stewart (Fredericktown, OH/Highland; 3.51, Business Administration) — earned Academic All-OAC honors.

## TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES EARN OAC LAURELS

While senior Christian Patterson's (Cincinnati, OH/Norwood) journey in

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*Alec Hutzelman sets up the winning run with a sacrifice bunt versus Capital.*

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becoming the first male track athlete at Wilmington to win a National Championship was the highlight of the outdoor season, six other track and field athletes earned All-OAC honors during the outdoor season.

"I thought both teams did some good things this year, but we are not where we want to be in the OAC," head coach Ron Combs '93 said. "Our goal is to be a top three team in the OAC and we fell well short of that this year.

"Seeing Christian finish his career with a national championship was a big highlight for the program at the end of the season," he added. "I'm excited about the future with the athletes we return next year and the group of new recruits we have coming in."

Sophomore Marissa Bolen (Gibsonburg, OH/Gibsonburg) finished second in the shot put to earn All-OAC honors, while junior Sarah Murphy (West Liberty, OH/West Liberty Salem) placed third in the 400-meter hurdles for All-OAC status.

On the men's side, the 4x800 relay team of Tony Goodrich (Bethel, OH/New Richmond), Alek Erwin (South Vienna, OH/Northeastern), Brad Kline (Circleville, OH/Circleville) and Jake Simpkins (Germantown, OH/Valley View) earned all-OAC honors with a third place finish.

Erwin was a top-finisher in both the 1500 and 5000, while Patterson was second in the high jump, Kline placed third in the steeplechase and Simpkins was third in the 800 to earn All-OAC honors.

Senior track runner Anna Benton (Xenia, OH/Dominion Academy, Agriculture), who earned a perfect 4.0 GPA, garnered Academic All-OAC recognition along with junior Tricia Steffen (Baltimore, OH/Liberty Union; 3.95, Sport Management/Education), junior Sarah Murphy (West Liberty, OH/West Liberty Salem; 3.79, Biology-Health Science) and sophomore Mary Krebs (Dayton, OH/Kettering Alter; 3.89, Education).

#### BASEBALL BUILDING PROGRAM WITH YOUNG TEAM

The win-loss tally didn't quite tell the story for the Wilmington baseball team in 2014. Playing mostly underclassmen,



*Freshman Kiki Hall was a standout on the women's lacrosse team as it built a foundation for the future.*

the Fightin' Quakers managed just four victories.

"We had a productive season relative to our goals to grow the program," head coach Dan Cleaver '97 said. "We were much more competitive this year as a result of a more disciplined, goal-oriented approach.

"We were certainly young, and our roster of primarily freshmen and sophomores will benefit from this year's experiences," he added. "We are growing and expectations for our 2014-15 season will be higher. We've got to get better and we will."

Senior Brandon Arehart (Wilmington, OH/Wilmington) was the only baseball player named All-OAC, bringing home honorable mention honors. He finished the season with hits in 16 of the last 19 games, and hit .278 on the season. The team's only senior started the season on a six-game hitting streak and ended the season strong, hitting .317 over the last 19 games.

The senior was also Wilmington's male Clyde Lamb award winner and recorded the highest male GPA, earning a 3.98 in Biology-Health Sciences to earn Academic All-OAC honors.

Sophomore Clay Cleaver (Pleasant Plain, OH/Little Miami; 3.73, Education) joined Arehart for academic accolades.

Sophomore Alec Hutzelman (Centerville, OH/Centerville) led the team in hitting with a .280 batting average, while Cleaver was third with a .261 average. Freshman Samuel Cranor (Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle) led the pitching staff with a 4.24 ERA, while sophomore Corey Walker (Hillsboro, OH/Hillsboro) led the staff with 36 strikeouts in 47.1 innings.

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM CONTINUES TO GROW

The Wilmington College women's lacrosse team finished the 2014

campaign 0-14 overall in their second varsity season yet their record doesn't represent its progress and growth.

Senior Sammy Koerner (Fairfield, OH/Stephen T. Badin) was the lone WC player on the All-OAC team, earning honorable mention laurels. She led the team with 31 goals, six assists and 37 points.

Three teammates — Angela Phillips (Dayton, OH/Northmont; 3.70, education), Abby Jude (Lancaster, OH/Fairfield Union; 3.68, Biology) and Rachel Routzong (Urbana, OH/Urbana; 3.66, Agriculture/Business Administration) — earned Academic All-OAC honors.

Last year's leading scorer (19 goals, two assists), senior Rachel Gutowski (Petoskey, MI/Petoskey), was second on the team with 26 goals, five assists and 31 points, while freshman Kiki Hall (Westerville, OH/Central) was third with 16 goals.

# Essence

TODD JOYCE'S '30-DAY PORTRAIT PROJECT' CAPTURES SUBJECTS

*"Steve Haines is one of the great mentors in my life who taught me a great deal about music and confidence."*

## "OK, today's the day."

It was the coldest, snowiest January in recent memory and Todd E. Joyce '85 was experiencing a bout of cabin fever. He was mired in the daily routine of repeatedly fueling the wood-burning stove in his family's country home.

He'd lost a bid on a big photography project and, well, the depth of winter typically is a slow time for professional photographers in the Midwest. But he had an idea, an idea that got his creative juices flowing.

Joyce challenged himself to a

personal project in which he would photograph environmental portraits every day for the next 30 days — and he would start that day. A friend was coming over to use his photo-printing equipment.

"He's my first subject," Joyce said.

Quickly the project became much more than merely an escape from the winter doldrums for an inherently creative person. It was a mission.

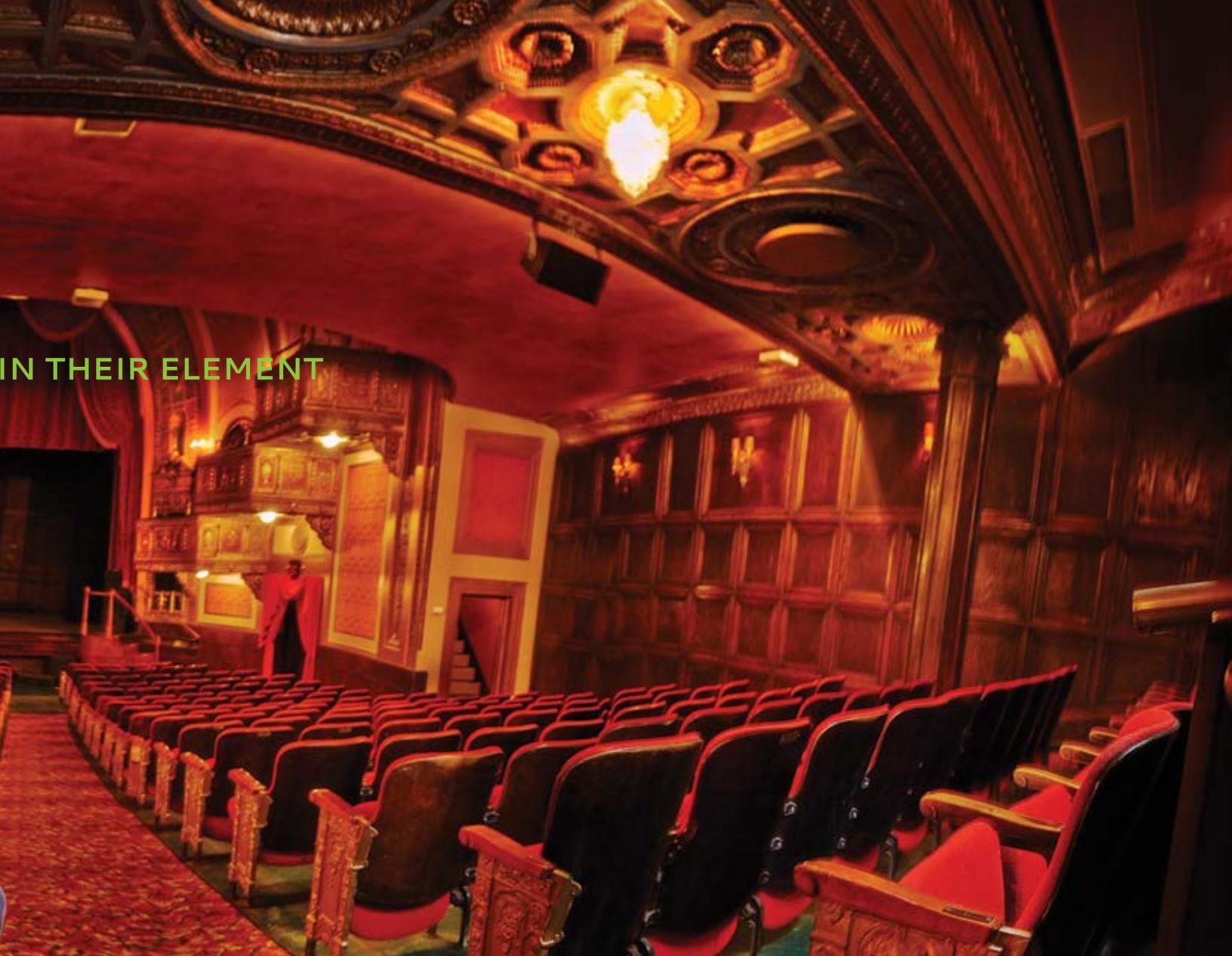
"There were many days I could have said, 'no,' because of the weather, but I never let up," he said. "Many were subjects I always wanted to photograph and this was the impetus to do it. I committed myself completely and ran

with it."

Subjects quickly came to mind: mentors, former classmates, family, friends, the unexpected and random.

Indeed, Joyce scheduled a session with Wilmington College mentor Terry Inlow, assistant professor of art, and shot some amazing images. Sophomore Alex Koyfis, a Swedish student of Greek descent, serendipitously happened to arrive early for art class and became Joyce's next, albeit unexpected, subject.

He returned to Wilmington to photograph another mentor, Steven Haines '73, whom he shot at seven locations in the historic Murphy



## IN THEIR ELEMENT

Theatre. Other subjects included an

Ohio State Trooper, a farmer, the owner of The Trading Post at Fort Ancient and former WC classmate Valerie L.K. Martin '86.

"I've always been fascinated with persons with numerous tattoos, so I drove to Clifton (in Cincinnati) and walked into the first tattoo parlor I saw," he recalled, noting that, after overcoming some logistical challenges, this became one of his most enjoyable experiences associated with the project.

"I photographed the tattooed people like sculptures," he added. "You want to tell a story. There's got to be information and depth to the

scenario."

Ironically, photographing his mother, Mary Ellen Day Harris, Class of '78, provided a unique challenge.

"I was so nervous about photographing my own mother," Joyce said. "You're in front of CEOs and professional models, but you can't put on airs with your mother, and I didn't want to do any disservice to my mom."

Some people had to be convinced

**"There's such a beautiful way to communicate something quickly — that's a still photograph."**

— TODD JOYCE '85

and even badgered to pose, while a handful of others that Joyce knew well simply were not comfortable with him photographing them. Also, there were subjects that wanted to dictate their poses and, as Joyce said, "Some were like putty in my hands and the portrait became a great discovery of who they were."

When all was said and done, Joyce photographed 52 people, in addition to his regular business

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*"The man with the lantern is one of the owners of The Trading Post at Fort Ancient near Lebanon, Ohio. As you can tell, the store is not heated."*

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assignments, during those 30 days. He even produced several self-portraits, which reflected the harshness of the winter, and shot "experimental stuff I always wanted to play with."

Those 750 gigabytes of images "choked" his hard drive as he shot, edited, processed and posted on his Facebook page each day.

"Some days were very successful, but I learned the most from days that were not — the days I was unprepared, the days when I had not done my research or wasn't of the best mind to be creative. I'm a better photographer due to my failings.

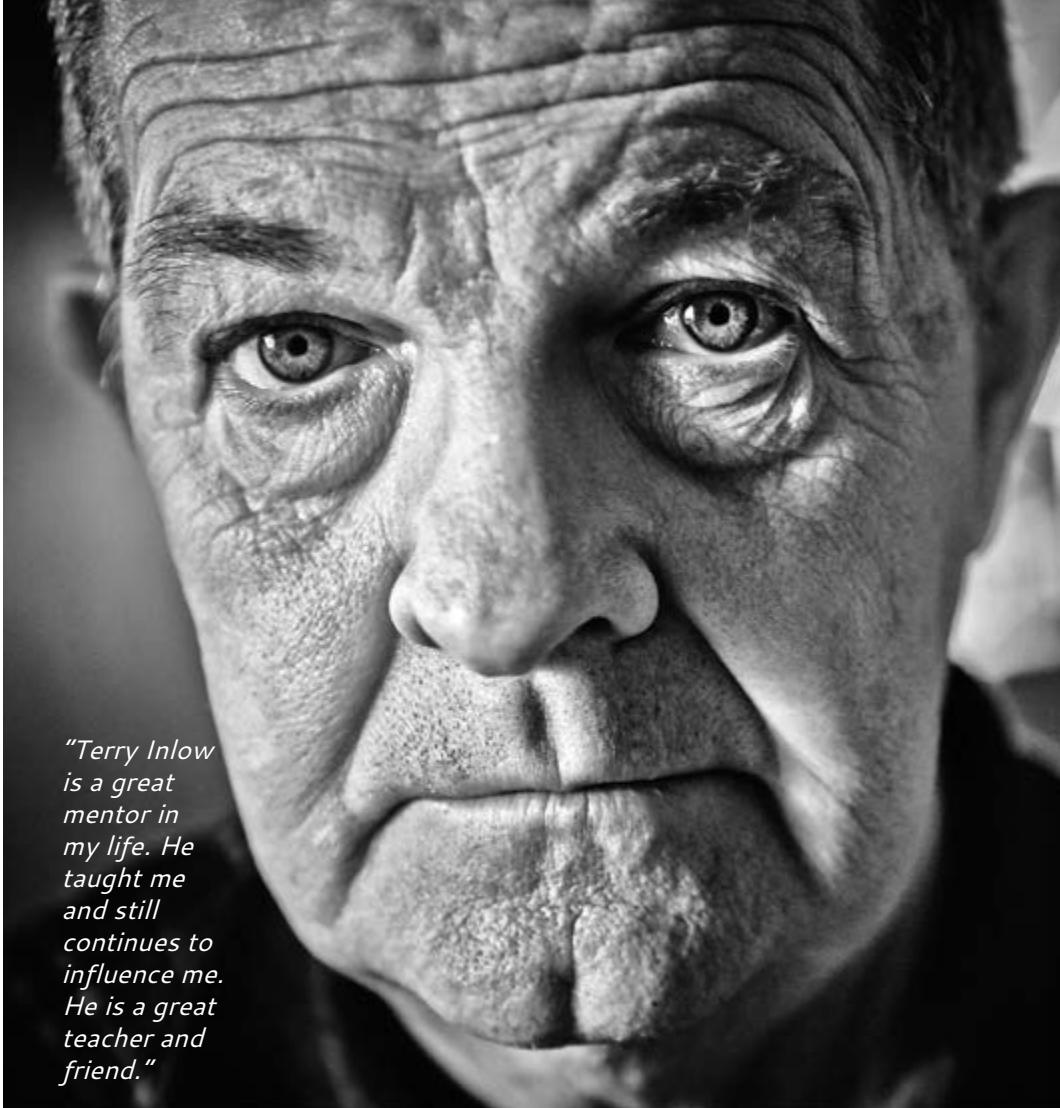
"The experience was incredibly stimulating to my creative and

organizational process," he added. "You have to be creative whether Guthrie, and Dorothy Gurtzweiler you're in the mood or not. I learned being "nice enough" to teach him how how to bring my creative energies to develop film before he took the up. The lessons that came from my first of every photography course WC failures mean more to me than my offered.

successes — if you're not failing, the Admission Office gave him you're not learning."

Those additions to his portfolio and an opportunity to take campus the valuable lessons learned from the photographs for student recruitment 30-day project are a long way from publications. He remembered when Todd Joyce as a young boy that scheduling the shots when the first composed a photographic image College brought in a professional looking through the top of his parents' photographer. Argus twin lens reflex camera.

"I worked him to death," he said, Joyce was active in photography as adding that particular memory has a student at Wilmington College in resurfaced repeatedly when he was the 1980s. He fondly recalls taking given nearly unrealistic workloads as public speaking with Hugh Heiland, a professional freelance photographer.



*"Terry Inlow is a great mentor in my life. He taught me and still continues to influence me. He is a great teacher and friend."*

"I really wanted to be a commercial photographer," he said about his 23 years as an independent pro. Indeed, even while in college, he regularly purchased Sunday newspapers to look at the photographic composition of advertisements.

"I found out pretty quickly that I had to be an entrepreneur if I was going to be able to do what I wanted to do," he added, in accentuating the uncertainties that go with running a personal business. "I've never had a paid day off in my life and don't know for certain when the next check is coming."

Based in Lebanon, Joyce works throughout southwest Ohio specializing in advertising photography, editorial photography, lifestyle, industrial and people, commercial location photography and studio work. He also is transitioning into video work.

"There's such a beautiful way to communicate something quickly — that's a still photograph," he said.

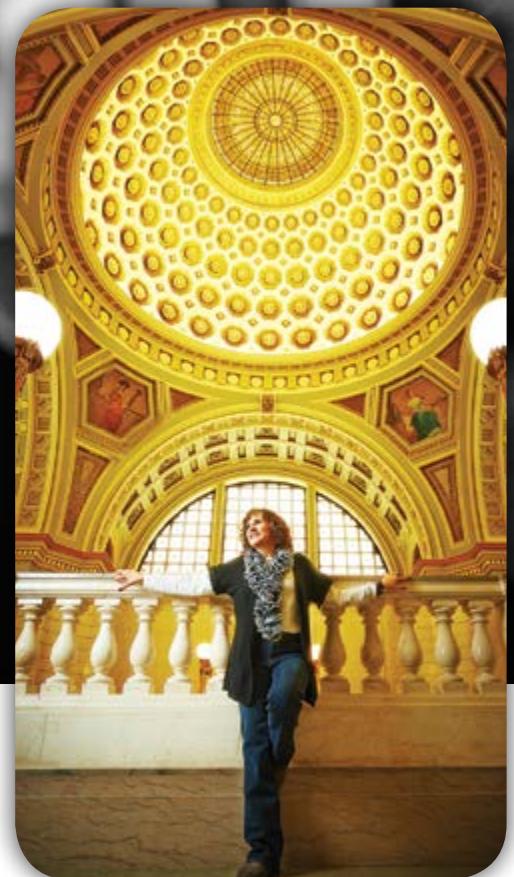
Undoubtedly, many beautiful images resulted from The 30-day Portrait Project. Joyce believes persons in all professions could benefit from such a stretching of one's creative comfort zone.

"Everybody does something creative," he said, noting that anyone from a salesperson to electrician, farmer and hair stylist has a creative way of thinking within their respective environments.

"If everybody applied a creative excursion and really pushed themselves with goals — and planned to fail. If everybody did that in their own creative way, they'd think about things differently.

"I know I do."

BY RANDY SARVIS



*"Kim Ball was a classmate from high school and a Facebook friend. She saw the series on Facebook and volunteered."*

*Todd Joyce and his wife, Teresa, are the parents of a son, Ryan, 21, a graduate of Ohio State University in mechanical engineering, and a daughter, Leah, 23, a student at the University of Tampa. In addition to his mother, who's mentioned in the story, his father, Wayne Joyce '56, is a WC alumnus. The College's Harcum Gallery plans to feature an exhibit of The 30-Day Portrait Project in fall 2015. To view the entire 30-Day Project, visit <http://joycephotography.com>*

# Get back

## ALUMNI RETURN TO ALMA MATER, SHARE MEMORIES OF GLORY DAYS AT WC

BY RANDY SARVIS



**Scores** of alumni, including more than four dozen from the Class of 1964, returned to Wilmington College to relive memories of that special time in their lives during the annual Alumni Reunion Weekend June 6 and 7.

Early arrivers on Friday found an idyllic, blue-sky summer day as they toured the campus before joining a welcome reception at Firbank Fell hosted by President Jim and Sue Reynolds.

Activities began early Saturday when, following a continental breakfast in the lobby of Boyd Cultural Arts Center, Larry Gara, emeritus professor of history, presented the day's first Alumni College program in sharing his love for classic jazz.

Other sessions included Matt Wahrhaftig '93, interim vice president for advancement, giving a presentation on the College's "Facilities for the Future" and Martin Giesbrecht, who taught economics at WC from 1958 to 1987, gave an often-humorous lecture titled "We Struggle: The Natural Origins of Our Economical Behavior."

Also, agriculture professor Monte

Anderson gave an update on his department, as well as the battle many campus trees are facing with invasive insects, landscaping projects accomplished by his horticulture classes and his plan to grow more than 200 varieties of tomatoes for the 5th annual Tomadah Paradah in mid-August.

Several classes held special reunions, including the Class of 1964, which commemorated the 50th anniversary of its graduation and the classes of 1954 and '74, in recognition of their 60th and 40th, respectively.

The College's Alumni Council honored three persons with special awards.

It presented Barbara Burnett Vater '74, who recently retired from a career in records management and library science, with the Alumni Citation for Distinguished Professional Achievement while George O. Kegode '88, a faculty member in agriculture at Northwest Missouri State University and renowned researcher in crop science, received the Alumni Citation for Distinguished Contributions to Education, and Penelope "Penny"

Mott Thompson '64, whose voluntary efforts have been felt as far away as Korea and Japan and as close as Cincinnati and Wilmington College, earned the John Frazier Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service.

Thompson played a key role in attracting so many former classmates to their 50-year reunion.

Also, at the awards luncheon, Reynolds presented his state-of-the-College address that highlighted plans, with construction beginning this summer, for the new Center for the Sciences and Agriculture and Center for





*(CLOCKWISE FROM THE LEFT)*  
*Senior Breanna Cloutier leads a*  
*campus tour while alumni from*  
*the early 1970s enjoy reminiscing:*  
*(FROM THE LEFT) Leanore Lumpkin*  
*Regensburger '74, Nellie Holloway-*  
*Mixon '74, Gregory Mixon, Debbie*  
*Ford '81, Christine Luskin, Eric*  
*Luskin '74 and Lillian "Lee" Taylor*  
*Denham '74. Also, Class of 1964*  
*organizer Penny Mott Thompson*  
*chats with former classmates Dale*  
*Minnich and James Schairbaum.*  
*Viewing alumni artifacts from 50*  
*years ago are Edward Mayo '64 and*  
*Al Zim '64.*

#### Sport Sciences.

The former will entail a renovation of the 55-year-old Kettering Science Hall and the addition of a new wing, while the latter will be a training facility with

space devoted to academics, athletics and recreation, in addition to a unique feature for commercial, sports medicine-related facilities.

“These new buildings will change the landscape of the College for many years,” he said, noting that these concurrent construction projects represent the “most significant” building program at WC in half a century.

Reynolds added that agriculture constitutes the largest academic area with nearly 25 percent of main campus students enrolled in that popular major, followed by education, athletic training, the sciences and business administration.

Also, he announced the College earned the maximum, 10-year continuing accreditation after a 30-month self-study that culminated with a campus visit by a team from the Higher Learning Commission in late October.

“They found Wilmington College to be a compelling place,” he said, noting that, while very labor-intensive, such an exhaustive self-study process forced the College to acknowledge what it does well and address areas for improvement.

“We have such a powerful purpose

here in educating students for a life of success and service,” he added.

The president also noted that, as when alumni were students at WC, a significant number (45 percent) of incoming freshmen in 2014 are the first in their families to attend college. Reynolds said the rich Wilmington experience also remains intact.

“The way you remember Wilmington College, the close relationships with students, faculty and staff, and the supportive, nurturing campus, will never change,” he said. “For me, it’s been a privilege to be part of a college that places such an emphasis on its students.

“Sue and I continuously hear from alumni that, ‘Wilmington College changed my life. It gave me purpose.’ I want you to know how special it is to have you back on campus. We’re really glad you’ve come back home — come back as often as you can.”

The lunch program closed with the Alumni Council president, Jill Henry Naylor '06, passing the gavel of leadership to 2014-15 president Tim Frazier '94.



## Alumni trio receives special awards RECIPIENTS INCLUDE EDUCATOR-RESEARCHER, RECORDS SPECIALIST, VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE

### Alumni

Council recognized with special awards three graduates whose careers epitomize Wilmington College's hallmark for "Hands-On Learning. Hands-On Living."

Barbara Burnett Vater '74, who recently retired following a career as a records specialist and librarian, received the Alumni Citation for Distinguished Professional Achievements, while George O. Kegode '88, a crop science researcher and university faculty member, was awarded the Alumni Citation for Distinguished Contributions to Education, and Penelope Mott Thompson '64 received the John Frazier Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service.

**Barbara Burnett Vater** graduated magna cum laude from WC in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in art education followed by a Master of Arts degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin.

She held positions in records management with the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Wisconsin Power & Light Company and, when she and her husband, Robert, moved to Alaska, SOHIO Alaska Petroleum.

Their daughters, Ruth and Katherine, were born in Anchorage.

Highly regarded for her work in

micrographics and records management, Vater was requested as a speaker for more than 30 events around the country. She received the nationally prestigious William Olsten Award for Excellence in Records Management and her peers with the Assn. of Records Managers and Administrators selected her as its 1984 Member-of-the-Year.

Parents' health issues influenced their move back to the Midwest in the mid-1980s and, upon Robert's accidental death in 1992, Vater changed the course of her career by joining the staff at the Middleton (Wis.) Cross Plains Area School District as its library media specialist. She held that position for nearly two decades until her retirement in 2012.

Vater has complemented her career work with voluntary efforts with her school, church and community. Retirement also has given her additional opportunities for pursuing her passion for painting.

She also has remained close to Wilmington College and her mentor/friend, emeritus professor of history Larry Gara, in whose honor she funded the Larry and Lenna Mae Gara Endowed Scholarship. She also is a member of WC's Sam Marble Society.

"Saying that Wilmington saved me sounds dramatic, but it's had a huge influence on my life," Vater said.

President Jim Reynolds presents Barbara Burnett Vater '74 with the Alumni Citation for Distinguished Professional Achievement.

"Teachers looked me in the eye, asked their questions and wanted to hear my answers — what I believed as my individual self-worth was validated at Wilmington College."

**George O. Kegode** came to Wilmington College from Kenya, Africa, in 1986 after having served three years as an extension agriculturalist with Kenya's Ministry of Agriculture.

While at WC, he had an internship with Monsanto Corp. and received the 1987 National Collegiate Agricultural Award. He graduated with a major in agriculture and concentration in agronomy, which he followed with a Master of Science in plant and soil science from Alabama A&M University.

Kegode conducted research on the germination of shattercane and giant foxtail seeds in his doctoral research program at Iowa State University, where he also taught weed science and agronomy courses.

With a Ph.D. in crop production and physiology, he spent the next three years conducting post-doctorial research, at the University of Minnesota, on weed ecology research in corn, soybean and wheat as affected by crop rotation and tillage systems.

Kegode joined the faculty at North Dakota State University, where he taught and continued extensive research in such areas as weed management and



Alumni Citation recipient George Kegode '88 renews ties with his former agriculture professor, Monte Anderson.

herbicide efficacy. After seven years, he left Fargo in 2006 to become a member of the faculty at Northwest Missouri State University.

He's been there ever since teaching both undergraduate and graduate students, and conducting research on alternative crops and invasive species. Kegode has published and presented his research extensively.

He and his wife, Redempta, have two children, Fadhili and Amani.

Kegode thanked Neil Snarr, emeritus professor of sociology, for nominating him.

"Neil was a mentor," he said. "He didn't teach me agriculture. He taught me something more important — how to become a better world citizen. Wilmington College helped shape my mind and made me think beyond agriculture."

Kegode admitted he initially wanted to study in the United States and return to Kenya to a big-time government job and a new Mercedes. Today, as a college professor, he happily drives a 20-year old car and is pleased to be rearing his children in the United States.

"I started to change at Wilmington College. I don't know how it happened

but my goals in life changed," he said. "I started to look at the world and ask how I can make it a better place."

**Penelope "Penny" Mott Thompson** recalled being a young Girl Scout in New York that put together bags of toiletries and other convenience items for five Hiroshima Maidens that visited following World War II. They were women profoundly affected by the atomic bombing and were in New York City for surgery.

Today, she is assisting Korean children

she co-founded the Anderson Township Book Club and is a placement volunteer with American Field Service's global exchange program. She's taught English to Asian adults for 16 years and, this year, worked diligently to help make her Class of 1964's 50th reunion one of the largest ever at WC.

The citation noted that her "persistence, hard work and tenacity in helping to attract this great turnout of class members is based upon her love for Wilmington College and the great memories and affection she holds for her former classmates."

She and her husband, W. Patrick '64, reside in Cincinnati and are the parents of two daughters, Hillary and Megan.

Thompson noted how, as a high school student, seeing Martin Luther King give a speech inspired her to a life of service.

"There are many volunteer opportunities out there," she said. "Take an offer or make an offer."

Coincidentally, following the Awards Luncheon, Vater congratulated Thompson and inquired, "Are you my Miss Mott from Fairmont West High School in Kettering?" Indeed she was her high school teacher in the early 1970s.



Barbara Burnett Vater '74



George O. Kegode '88



Penelope Mott Thompson '64

learn English via Skype. In between, Thompson left a 15-year career in education as a teacher, coach and guidance counselor to devote herself full time to voluntary service.

Thompson has been a regular volunteer at Forest Hills Schools in its adult education program and as co-founder of its Career College Resource Room. Also,



## Alumni transported back to 1964

50-YEAR REUNION CLASS RECALLS GOING TO COLLEGE IN THE DYNAMIC 1960S

### When

Donald Mercer '64 offered the invocation before the Class Reunion Dinner that culminated Alumni Reunion Weekend, he alluded to, 'Fifty years ago we had so many dreams, hopes and aspirations.'

One's skimming through the book of accomplished, class member biographies, edited by Jan MacBrair Woodward '64, indicates that many of those dreams, hopes and aspirations were indeed realized. This class undoubtedly exemplifies WC's hallmark for "Hands-On Learning. Hands-On Living."

A sampling of the more unique careers and endeavors by class members touches upon NASA's Hubble Telescope, Dale Earnhardt's NASCAR career, the author of 30 plays and 10 books, and award-winning, underwater photography.

Nearly 50 members of the 138-member graduation class returned to WC for its 50-year reunion, an outstanding turnout largely engineered by the "relentless and persevering" Penelope "Penny" Mott Thompson.

President Jim Reynolds took the class on a trip down memory lane to their senior year — back to 1963-64 when John F. Kennedy was assassinated, The Beatles first appeared on the *Ed Sullivan Show*, the Sabin Polio Vaccine was first distributed and zip codes initially introduced; when bubble wrap was invented, the first Sony videocassette recorder placed on the market and Ford introduced its wildly popular Mustang.

One could buy that Mustang for \$3,500 while the price of actual necessities featured 5 cents for a first class postage stamp, 21 cents for a loaf of bread, 30 cents for a gallon of gas and \$1.25 for a movie ticket.

*My Fair Lady* won the 1964 Oscar for Best Picture and its star Rex Harrison took home the Best Actor Oscar while Julie Andrews won Best Actress for *Mary Poppins*. Henry Mancini's "Days of Wine and Roses" won the 1964 Grammy for Song and Record of the Year.

Meanwhile, at Wilmington College, Chris Parks '66 reigned as Homecoming queen and the Quakers

knocked off Defiance College 20-7. Dan Hagemeister '64 was senior class president and the first trees were planted in what would become Hazard Arboretum.

Enrollment was 848 students with men outnumbering women by a two-to-one margin. The most popular majors were government/history, physical education, business/economics and English, each of which had more than 100 students studying in those respective academic areas.

Also, the College had a pair of major construction projects underway that year, the expansion of Watson Library and Hermann Court. Tuition, room and board totaled \$1,660 for a year at WC.

Coincidentally, Alumni Day, June 7, was exactly 50 years to the day from when the Class of '64 had its Commencement exercises that featured guest speaker James J. Wadsworth, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Each year, a special part of the 50th class reunion celebration is the awarding of Quaker Emeriti



(OPPOSITE PAGE) Pam Bennett '64 accepts her Quaker Emeriti medallion from Neil Snarr, emeritus professor of sociology while (ABOVE) David Crawford '64 speaks with President Jim Reynolds about how his WC education continues to resonate in his life a half century after graduation.

medallions. These are accepted in the spirit of the College's traditional Quaker-influenced core values: community, excellence, integrity, diversity, peace and social justice, respect for all persons and service and civic engagement.

Reynolds conferred Quaker Emeriti status upon the class members while the medallions were presented by several emeriti faculty: Gloria Flaherty, emeritus professor of education; Larry Gara, emeritus professor of history; Philip Bayless, emeritus professor of chemistry; and Neil Snarr, emeritus professor of sociology; as well as Roy Joe Stuckey '48, trustee and founder of the agriculture program.

*Members of the Class of 1964 are, from the left: FRONT ROW – Penny Mott Thompson, Barbara Clark Hampton, Rosa Heimbold Watson, Linda Wiseby Slusher, Joyce Sherod Yarbrough, Jan MacBrair Woodard, Nancy Summers, Virginia "DeDe" Goheen Ryan, Peggy Keadle Wenrick, Phyllis Eakins Wisecup and Sue Stafford Shell; SECOND ROW – Ellen Harding Howard, David Crawford, Mike Anderson, Bob Hurm, Tom Schraffenberger, Warren Craig, Jim Schairbaum, Pam Geeting Bennett, Dianne Higginbotham Kiblinger, Genevieve Minnick Brownell, Betty West Brown and Kenny Stevens; THIRD ROW – Mark Sturm, Edward Mayo, Annlee Bodnar, Alexander "Sandy" Newman, Kenny Butterworth, Jerry Gasho, David Potter, Stephen Novak, Charley Albert, Dale Minnich, Phil Roush, Ken Brown and Bob Brownell; BACK ROW – Don Mercer, Al Zim, Bernard Froehlich, Barry Kuwatch, Jack Campbell, Ray Richardson, Ralph Shell, Ralph Wilt, Harold Bates, Lee Morris and Roger Reveal.*



# Summer Theatre stalwart directs *The Drowsy Chaperone*

**Long**-time summer theatre actor Cherie Cooper-Darragh took on a new role this year as guest director of Wilmington College-Community Summer Theatre's *The Drowsy Chaperone*, which played before large, enthusiastic audiences for four shows in July.

While this was Cooper-Darragh's directorial debut in Wilmington, she is no stranger to running the show. She most recently completed her fourth year directing at Lebanon High School, which featured a 60-person cast in *Anything Goes*.

Also, she has directed community theatre productions in southwest Ohio, including Dayton Playhouse's production of *Godspell*, which garnered six "Day Tony Awards" for outstanding shows in the Miami Valley.

Cooper-Darragh, a 1985 Wilmington College graduate, credited figures closely associated with WC Theatre for much of her knowledge of acting and directing. She learned the ropes from the late emeritus professor Hugh

G. Heiland, former summer theatre director Steven Haines '73 and the College's current director, Wynn Alexander.

"Having been on stage served me well," she said. "Much of what I learned as a director, I learned here."

As a WC student in the mid-1980s, Cooper-Darragh "practically lived" in the former Boyd Auditorium/Fine Arts Building studying and rehearsing theatre and music. Indeed, she fondly recalls "a sticky, old couch" where she and her friends often congregated.

"When you're a student and you're surrounded by people passionate about what they do, you get caught up in that," she

*Bryan Wallingford '02 as the Man-in-the-Chair is so engrossed and enamored with the show, The Drowsy Chaperone, that he appears on stage in the actual musical, which is a musical only in his mind as he plays an audio recording of the show in his apartment. He is pictured with Gina Beck '91 portraying the actress and prospective bride, Janet Van de Graaf.*



said.

Cooper-Darragh found that spirit remained when, a decade after graduating in 1985, she returned to summer theatre in Wilmington. She was hooked again and acted in a host of summer shows: Stephen Sondheim's *A Little Night Music*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Parade*,...

"It was like stepping back into your mother's house — you never forget it," she said about returning to the Wilmington College stage.

Although her 30-year history with summer theatre dates back to her student days, Cooper-Darragh says the common denominator is the quality and dedication of all those associated with College and community theatre in Wilmington.

"This community has such a pool of talent," she said, noting that so many auditioned for *The Drowsy Chaperone* she could have cast it twice. "The actors and the people backstage all have this passion. What a gift to the community to have excellent live theatre in their backyard!"

Cooper-Darragh first became exposed to *The Drowsy Chaperone* when she saw one of its big numbers produced at the Tony Awards. The show finds a man that loves Broadway musicals alone in his apartment speaking about how theatre can transport the audience.

"Then this 1928 musical comes to life — the Broadway show occurs in his apartment," she said, noting it becomes a play within a play. "It reminds us about what we all love about musical theatre."

"The show is completely silly and the cast is having a lot of fun with it. It's vaudeville, shtick and chamber drama. It distills what that period was in musical theatre."

"This is a complete treat for me to direct this show — it's an incredible gift and honor."

BY RANDY SARVIS

*Director Cherie Cooper-Darragh sits on the set of The Drowsy Chaperone days before the show's opening in July.*

## 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](mailto: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 December 1, 2014.

### 1967

BURT "FUZZY" McCOLLOM received a 2014 Roger Grooms Theatre Award presented at the Southwest Regional OCTAfest and Association of Community Theatres of Greater Cincinnati Convention held in June.



The late ROGER GROOMS '57, the award's namesake, was known for his wit, eloquence, charm and passion for theatre, and this award is presented in his memory to individuals dedicated to raising the artistic quality of community theatre. Burt who retired from teaching at Finneytown High School in 2001, founded Finneytown Area Summer Theatre and has been active in southwest Ohio theatre activities since the early 1970s.

### 1977

TAMARA WILSON ROLLINS was a 2014 inductee into Outstanding Women of Clinton County in March. She was lauded for her work with at-risk youth in the community and for sharing her music ministry, the latter of which she has done numerous times at Wilmington College.

### 1987

KEVIN KINCER recently completed the National Center for State Courts Institute for Court Management to become a Certified Court Manager. This is a 3-year program sponsored by the Supreme Court of Ohio. In addition, Kevin was recently named information technology administrator of the Warren County Probate-Juvenile Court. He continues in his capacity as the superintendent of the Mary Haven

Youth Center.

TIMOTHY DETTWILLER was promoted from treasurer/chief financial officer at Madison-Plains Schools to the system's superintendent effective Aug. 12. In addition to his bachelor's degree with a major in business management from WC, Tim holds a Master of Arts in educational administration from Ashland University.

### 1989



MARTIN D. FAHRER won his fifth and sixth Daytime Emmy Awards for outstanding achievement in Art Direction / Set Decoration/Scenic Design

in a drama series for his work on *All My Children* and *One Life to Live*. These represent Fahrer's 14th and 15th Emmy nominations. He previously received Emmy for outstanding achievement in Art Direction/ Set Decoration/ Scenic Design for the children's show *Between the Lions* in 2001 for *All My Children* in 2003, *One Life to Live* in 2007 and *All My Children* again in 2009. "It was an honor to be nominated with such talented designers. I am in shock and disbelief. Two Emmys in one category, I am humbled to be recognized by my peers in this way. I credit my family for their support in pursuing my dreams." Fahrer said. Fahrer, who resides in New York, recently finished production on *Annie* for Columbia Pictures and is currently working on *Peter Pan Live* for NBC.

### 1993

DAVID S. CASEY - After graduating from Wilmington College, I went to the University of Nebraska where I obtained a master's degree and then

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on to Iowa State University where I obtained a Ph.D. in animal breeding and genetics. I have been working at Pig Improvement Company for 11 years. PIC is a global pig breeding company, where I lead the global genetic services team, which is a group of geneticists that interact directly with customers. I have been married 20 years and have 2 boys, Caleb, 17, and Connor, 15.

## 1994

TIM FRAZIER accepted the ceremonial gavel during Alumni Reunion Weekend signifying his new position as president of WC's Alumni Council.

## 1998

RONDA JOHNSON was recently voted in and given a three-year contract as the treasurer for the Mason City School District. She has over 15 years of experience as a school treasurer, has earned several awards from the Ohio Auditor and Association of School Business Officials, among others, as well as Certificates of Excellence in Financial Reporting.

## 1999

DAPHNE D. REEVES, DVM, of Clinton Animal Care Center in Wilmington, spoke to Wilmington College's Class of 2014 at the annual Senior Lunch in May. In addition to sharing her journey since 1999 in which she became a veterinarian, she told them to appreciate their accomplishment because, in the past four years, some 4.5 million students dropped out of college.

ANDREW MCCREANOR has been appointed chief executive officer of Access Business Development & Finance Inc., a nonprofit economic development organization that serves Warren and Butler counties, as well as surrounding areas in Ohio. McCreanor previously served as executive director/CEO of Executive Service Corps of Cincinnati, executive vice president of the National Bank and Trust Co. of Wilmington and as senior vice president of Bank One. He has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Cincinnati.

Clermont College. He also received the Clermont Chamber of Commerce Pacesetter Award and the New Century Community Service Award from the United Way of Greater Cincinnati. McCreanor and his wife, Debbie, are life-long residents of Greater Cincinnati and live in Loveland.

## 2002

STEPHANIE WOODRUFF, a teacher at Little Miami High School, has been recognized for her excellence both inside and outside of her classroom. She was selected as one of the top 10 Greater Cincinnati Teachers of Excellence for 2014 by Cincinnati Christian University. The 12-year veteran is the mathematics department chair for grades 7-12 and teaches geometry, algebra II and honors algebra II. In addition to her classroom duties, she has served as a cross country coach, resident educator and student teacher mentor, and a talent show volunteer.

## 2003

GARY LEE CARMICHAEL's latest book, *Dream Crafters of Marimoor*, was published this summer. The Christian fantasy about two distinct civilizations and the unique relationship that bonds them is the follow-up to his self-published book, *Liverwurt Fables*. Check out Gary's Website at [www.dreamcraftersofmarimoor.com](http://www.dreamcraftersofmarimoor.com).

## 2005

ROB MAXSON received his Master of Science degree in business and technology management, with honors, from Stevenson University in Baltimore.

## 2006

JILL HENRY NAYLOR, as president of WC's Alumni Council, welcomed the Class of 2014 as the newest members of an alumni body of more than 16,000 members and reminded them they have a "responsibility and obligation" as representatives of their alma mater. Also, Jill completed her year as president by presiding over the Alumni Awards Luncheon during Alumni Weekend.

## 2009

DUANE WEYAND, police chief for Wilmington, was honored by Southern Hills Career and Technical Center for his career achievements and was named to its Wall of Fame. Taking advantage of both the Southern Hills' two-year criminal justice program and adult Police Academy, he obtained skills and knowledge needed to secure a job in his chosen vocation. While working he continued his education, earning an associate degree at Sinclair Community College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Wilmington College, and a master's in criminal justice at Urbana University. He has been in law enforcement for 23 years.

## 2012

BRANDI FORNSHELL joined the College's admission staff in April as a new admission counselor after working as a financial services officer with Farm Credit Mid America following her graduation. Brandi was a Student Ambassador while attending WC.

## 2013

WHITNEY McMANUS is the newest member of Wilmington Police Dept. Officer McManus is a recent graduate of the Southern Ohio Police Training Institute. McManus was an intern with WPD during her time at Wilmington College and chose to pursue a career with WPD over several other interested law enforcement agencies.

LUKE TEETERS was an athletic training intern this summer for the Kansas City Royals' AAA club, the Omaha Storm Chasers.

## MARRIAGES

### 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 (HUEDELSON) WALTERS '04, Nathan Walters, SARAH FANGMANN '03, and CARRIE (MARCOU) WARE '04.

MELISSA HUDDLESON and Nathan Walters exchanged vows on Nov. 9, 2013, in Piqua, OH.



## 2005

RYAN O'MALLEY married Chasity Coleman on July 20, 2014 in Beavercreek, OH. Chasity's son, Conor, is pictured with the couple, who reside in Boca Raton, FL.

## 2007

JEREMY CLINGNER and KATIE STRECK '08 were married June 7, 2014.



## 2010

JOSLYN WAIDELICH and Corey Stephens were married April 19, 2014, in Lancaster, Ohio.



## 2013

SAMANTHA LEMIEUX and SETH FAULKNER were united in marriage on May 25, 2014, at the Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City, OH.

## BIRTHS

### 1996

STEVE and Emily MATTISON announce the birth of their son, Stephen Carter, Oct. 14, 2013. He weighed 9 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 in. long. He joins his sister, Taylor (14), and brother, Logan (9). The Mattisons reside in Alliance, Ohio. Steve serves as deacon at Beechwood Christian Church in Alliance. Emily is the director of Student Financial Services at the University of Mount Union.

### 1997

SUSAN (GOSE) and Dan TRUBISKY welcomed Dylan Laird Trubisky on Jan.



14, 2014. He weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz. and was 22 inches long. Dylan is the first child for Susan and Dan and the first grandchild for the Gose and Trubisky families. They reside in Columbus, OH.



## 2001

JENNIFER (GREENE) and Matthew WILSON share the exciting news of the birth of their first child, Isabella Patricia Wilson. Isabella was born on April 10, 2014. She weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and was 20.5 inches long.



LUKE and CARRIE (MILLS '03) ARNOLD welcomed their fourth child, Roary Nathaniel, on March 5, 2014. He joined big sisters, Riley (9) and Reece (2), and big brother, Rowen (5). The family resides in Springboro, OH.



## 2002

KELLY (PHILLIPS) and Derek HEISS announce the birth of their third child, Tatum Brynn Heiss, on Jan. 13, 2014; weighing 7 lbs., 15 oz. and 20.5 inches long. She joins sister, Carly, and brother, Micah.

## 2003

JUSTIN and Carrie GIFFORD are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Rowe, on April 6, 2014. Thomas weighed 6 lbs. and was 19.5 inches.

DAVID and Erin SATTERWHITE welcomed Declan Hilliard on March 3, 2014, weighing 7 lbs., 12 oz. and 21 inches long. Big sister Audrey was thrilled to meet him.



KELLI (MCCALL) and Heath UNDERWOOD, along with big brother, Carter, announce the birth of Coraline Underwood.



## 2006

E M I L Y (BULACH) and ROSS GARBER '08 are excited to spread the news of the birth of their daughter, Addison Garber. She was born April 16, 2014, weighing 9 lbs., 5 oz. and was 21 inches long.



## 2009

KYLE and Amyleigh B A B C O C K announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Joy, on March 13, 2014. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 20.5 inches long.

KAILYN (BOOKS) and Mark FORTHOFER welcomed their daughter, Nora Marie, on Oct. 8, 2013. She weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. and was 20 inches long.

## DEATH NOTICES

### 1942

MARGARET HAWORTH HADLEY  
Wilmington, OH March 1, 2014  
REBA A. WEST  
Hillsboro, OH May 2, 2014

### 1945

ROSANNA PHILLIPS ALLEN  
State College, PA April 18, 2014

### 1946

MARY KATHRYN LYTLE APTOWITZ  
Commack, NY May 8, 2014  
DOROTHY JEAN ROOT ECKHARDT  
Trenton, OH April 5, 2014

### 1948

ANNA MAE MCADAMS KETRING  
New Richmond, OH April 7, 2004

### 1953

CHARLES L. "IGGY" HUNT  
Wilmington, OH June 24, 2014

### 1955

THEODORE J. "TED" KELLEHER  
Wilmington, OH May 23, 2014

### 1957

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CHARLES M. ANDERSON  
Loveland, OH March 21, 2014  
JUDITH A. PETERS SHAFFER  
Kentwood, MI February 13, 2014

## 1960

LARRY ROTHWELL  
London, OH May 12, 2014

## 1961

DALE W. DAVIS  
Wilmington, OH April 8, 2014  
BEATRICE TAYLOR REICHARDT  
Georgetown, OH April 15, 2014  
LUKE LEROY SICKLE  
Princeton, NJ May 16, 2014

## 1962

RALPH HAMRICK  
West Chester, OH May 16, 2014

## 1963

PETER EDMONDS  
Pittsburgh, PA September 19, 2013  
ROBERT E. KIBLINGER  
Springfield, OH July 6, 2014

## 1964

CHARLES W. FISHER  
Galloway, OH March 3, 2014  
JULIA ANN ROSEKRANS  
OTTEN  
Elmira, NY February 25, 2014

## 1965

JO ANN MOWERY CABRERA  
Ann Arbor, MI May 8, 2014

## 1966

THEONNE HARRIS  
Panama City, FL April 5, 2014  
ELIZABETH "BETH" M.  
SNIDER  
Hamilton, OH April 7, 2014

## 1967

RONALD C. NANCE  
Pittsburgh, PA March 2, 2014

## 1969

VIRGINIA GORDON WALKER  
New Vienna, OH June 12, 2014

## 1970

MARY ALICE BAILEY GOODWIN  
Greenville, OH June 9, 2014

## 1983

MARY ANNA GOINGS JACKSON  
Wilmington, OH April 19, 2014

## 2001

EDWINNA "PODS" or "EDDIE"  
BROOKS  
Wilmington, OH March 6, 2014

## 2005

KRISTIN N. LOWE TROWBRIDGE  
Urbana, OH April 26, 2014

## 2012

KYLE R. PITZER  
Clarksville, OH July 3, 2014

## 2017

ADAM SHARP  
Greenfield, OH July 20, 2014

## FORMER STAFF

GEORGIA HENRY, 82, an employee with the Campus Bookstore for 30 years, died June 20, 2014, in Wilmington. She was a dedicated fan of Lady Quakers basketball.

DONNA DAILY, Wilmington, who worked in the Physical Plant, Bookstore and as History Dept. secretary, from the 1970s to early 90s, died May 23, 2014.



### CLASS OF 1954 HOLDS 60TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION DURING ALUMNI WEEKEND

Members of the Class of 1954 are, from the left: FRONT ROW — Margaret Young Theiss, Naomi Boone Oetzel, Peggy Hanford Joslin; BACK ROW — Dick Vedder, Rex A. Nash, Harold Hanlin, Len Perkins and Charles Oetzel. NOT PICTURED: Don Wert.

### CLASS OF 1974 RETURNS TO ALMA MATER FOR 40TH YEAR REUNION IN JUNE

Members of the Class of 1974 are, from the left: FRONT ROW — Leanore Lumpkin Regensburger and Nellie Holloway-Mixon; BACK ROW — Dean Johnston, Barbara Burnett Vater, Lillian "Lee" Taylor Denham and Patricia Rose Brewer. NOT PICTURED: Deanna Rosen and Eric Luskin.



### WC ALUMNI AT OTTERBEIN HOMES ENJOY APRIL LUNCHEON

Pictured from the left are: FRONT ROW — Lenny Perkins '54, Mary Jane Peterson Fox '41, Mary Ruth Boyd Custis '45, Nelson Melampy '42 and Dorothy Melampy; BACK ROW — Bill Bercaw '52, Char Bercaw, Helen Strider, Clayton Strider '36, Harold Hanlin '54, Marilyn Gast Hanlin '56, Joyce Albert Van Hook '55, Norma Jean Dorn Pavlovic '54, Pat Matthews, Dale Matthews '56, John Kinsinger '53 and Becky Bowman.

### NATA REUNION

Wilmington College hosted a reception for athletic training grads attending the National Athletic Training Assn. Convention in Indianapolis in June.



**Through Dec. 12....** The Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center presents the gallery exhibit, "The Pity of War: Words and Images of World War I," weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and noon to 5 p.m. on the last Saturday of the month between August and November.

**Through Oct. 10....** Harcum Art Gallery exhibit, "Bold Abstractions," featuring the art of Nelle Ferrara, weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by special appointment arranged through Hal Shunk.

**Wed., Sept. 24....** Issues & Artists Series presents Adam Ellick, the *New York Times* correspondent

and filmmaker behind *Class Dismissed: Malala's Story*, 7:30 p.m., Heiland Theatre.

**Sat., Sept. 27....** Family Weekend.

100 Years of WC Football.

**Tues., Sept. 30....** Emeritus professor Neil Snarr presents "Friends Abroad: Wilmington Quakers in World War I," Quaker Heritage Center, 7 p.m.

**Sat., Oct. 11....** Homecoming.

**Tues., Oct. 14....** Westheimer Peace Symposium.



## Support WC alumni through "Business to Business" network

**Wilmington** College alumni are engaged in successful businesses throughout the United States and abroad. The world of business is undergoing rapid change and geographic boundaries often no longer limit the commerce of many goods and services. Many business transactions can easily transpire via such electronic media as Internet sites,

### Sample Listings

Candy and Confections



Alumnus:  
Rhonda Robinson Wheasler '84  
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(937) 383-7076

email, social media and telephone.

Wilmington College's "Business to Business" network will be featured on the new College Website ([www.wilmington.edu](http://www.wilmington.edu)) this fall. Alumni, friends and other visitors to the site can browse the listings and consider using those services. Would you like to draw interest to your business with a listing on WC's Website? As we start

### Insurance



Alumnus:  
Tim Buren '83  
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**Thurs., Oct. 23....** Wilmington College/ Daughters of American Colonists Endowed History Lecture featuring Quaker historian Paul Buckley, 7:30 p.m., McCoy Room.

**Sat., Oct. 25....** Women's Alumni Basketball Game

**Thurs., Fri. and Sat., Nov. 20, 21 and 22,** WC Theatre presents TBA, 7:30 p.m., Heiland Theatre.

**Fri., Dec. 5....** Cookies with Santa

**Thurs., Jan. 8....** First day of classes.

## Business to Business



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### THURSDAY - OCTOBER 9

4:30 p.m.....Mud Volleyball – Pizza and Drinks – Lower field  
8:00.....RSA Bonfire and activities

### FRIDAY - OCTOBER 10

Noon.....Student Government Association Banner Contest  
8:00 p.m.....APB Alumni Reunion – APB Office  
9:09.....APB Entertainment – Top of Pyle  
Michael Kent, Comedian and Magician

### SATURDAY - OCTOBER 11

9:00 a.m.....Adventure Run – Check in at Hermann Court  
9:30.....Alumni Swim Meet – Hermann Court,  
WC Natatorium  
10:00 .....Alumni Baseball – Delaney-Tewksbury Field  
10:00 .....Harcum Art Gallery & Quaker Heritage  
Center open – Boyd Cultural Arts Center  
10:00 .....Football Alumni Breakfast with the WC team –  
Pyle Center  
10:30 .....Greek Bed Races – Elm St.  
11:00.....TKB Alumni Association Meeting – Pyle Center  
11:00 .....Alumni Softball – Softball Field  
11:00.....Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon for 2014  
inductees – Open to all. Make a reservation  
through Judy Doyle at 937-382-6661 ext. 467,  
cost per person \$25.  
Noon – 2:00....Aggierville Alumni Luncheon –  
DTS Lil Sis Mum Sale, fried bologna, Smokey Pig  
– The corner of Elm and College St.  
Noon.....TKB Alumni Cookout (180 Quaker Way)  
Noon – 2:00....Quakerman Tailgate and WC logo apparel sale  
– The corner of Elm and College St. parking lot

### SATURDAY - CONTINUED

Noon – 2:30....Student Goverment Association Street Fair – Elm  
St. and inside Williams Stadium  
1:00.....Registration at the Stadium – Alumni & families  
admitted free  
1:00 – 3:30....Athletic Training Tailgate – behind Hermann  
Court  
1:00 – 3:00....Alumni Tent – Williams Stadium. Stop by for a  
free gift and register for great prizes from the  
Alumni Office  
1:00 – 3:00...DTS open house (780 Rombach)  
2:00.....Kick-Off Football Game vs. John Carroll  
Halftime.....Athletic Hall of Fame Introductions  
Jon Cain '03  
Curt Downing '84  
Emily Herring '03  
Tara Raush Maine '04  
Adam Ryan '03  
King & Queen Crowning  
After game.....Phi Alpha Psi Sweethearts house open (247 Linton Dr.)  
3:00 – 6:00 ...Delta Omega Theta open house (765 Fife Ave.)  
4:00.....Class of 1984 Alumni Reception – TBD  
4:00 – 6:00 ...Annual BSI/CBS/MSU Alumni Reception –  
Pyle Center, Underground  
5:30.....Alpha Phi Kappa Alumni Tea (Thomas Lounge)  
7:30 p.m.....Women's Soccer Game – WC vs. John Carroll.  
A 20-year reunion of the 1994 Women's Team,  
first to make a national appearance in the  
NCAA tournament.  
9:00 – Midnight APB Dance – Top of Pyle

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